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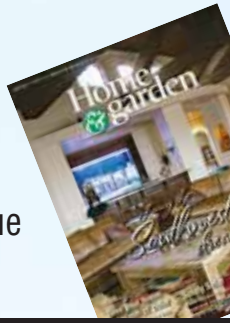
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Q: Did you feel the earthquake last week? Do you have any earthquake horror stories to share?



I did feel the earthquake last week and it was a surprise. My family and I have an earthquake kit at home that we made which would allow us to manage for a day; it includes water, tools, medicine and non-perishable items. When the 1989 earthquake hit, I was just getting off the Bay Bridge and I did feel it while driving.

J.P. Salgado
environment consultant



I was out of town for last week's earthquake, but my wife freaked out. I felt the 1989 earthquake though, I was in San Ramon. I think I am prepared for the next earthquake with plenty of water and propane.

Eric Jacobs
executive



I did feel the Northridge earthquake in Los Angeles, and another one in 1987 or 1988. We were driving on the freeway and started to see people rearing off to the side of the road thinking that they had a flat tire. When I was young, after an earthquake, all of my family would all sleep in the living room together and we called it "Camp Snoopy."

George Torres
IT manager



I wasn't here for last week's earthquake, but my mom felt it and said it was violent. She was very frightened. During the 1989 earthquake I was walking my dog with my friend and we started to see a van shaking and started to laugh until we realized we were having an earthquake. We saw the concrete move in oceanic waves.

Carmen Hart
sales trainer



Yes, I felt last week's earthquake. I was sitting in Starbucks and everything started to shake. I started to feel seasick. It was very scary. This was the first earthquake I have ever felt.

Matthew Stalbird
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can provide temporary relief and advance the child to the next grade; but, in the long run, it does more harm than good by giving parents a false sense of security. It delays him or her from receiving the right kind of help, which is desperately needed, and does nothing to fix the core cause of the problem, which will continue into adulthood if left untreated.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ He was so nice ...
but I still thought it
was sort of fishy. ”

—Channing Salamera, who was approached at her Danville home by a phony solicitor. See story, page 5.

Evan wins a-g-a-i-n

Danville's spelling sensation Evan O'Dorney, now 13, took home another first place spelling bee title at the Contra Costa Spelling Bee championship Saturday. The three-time reigning champion competed with 108 other top spellers from the county at the 31st annual county bee, acing "calyx," "simpatico" and "charisma" in the final round. Competitors completed both written and verbal rounds.

O'Dorney, who is home-schooled by his mother Jennifer, will now head to Washington, D.C., for the Scripps National Spelling Bee on May 30-31. Last year he was stumped at nationals in round seven over the word "mirliton," a tropical fruit, but took home a \$500 cash prize along with books and a \$100 savings bond.

Leave guns at home

East Bay Regional Park District police are cautioning parents against allowing their children to use Airsoft guns in public parks. The realistic-looking guns are considered toys by many, according to the district, and are popular with teens and adults. They are spring loaded and can fire plastic pellets at a high velocity.

"We want to impress upon the community the danger in bringing replica firearms to public places," said the District Police Chief Timothy Anderson. "Each year we receive many calls regarding weapons in the parks, and many cases turn out to be BB guns, paint guns or Airsoft guns. But until we can determine exactly what we are dealing with, we will appropriately respond as if we have an armed suspect."

In December, police were called to Bishop Ranch Regional Park when nine teens, ages ranging from 13 to 17, brought 18 Airsoft pistols and rifles to the park, along with 20,000 plastic pellets, according to the district. They were cited and their pellet guns were confiscated.

Under California law, a person must be 18 to purchase Airsoft guns.

Alamo reaching for the stars

Alamo Parks and Recreation is joining with Chabot Space and Science to present "Chabot to Go!" from 1-3 p.m., Saturday March 24, at the Swain House at Hap Magee Ranch Park, with hands-on experiments related to astronomy and space, and even some astronaut training.

The free community event is planned for families, or teachers can organize a special outing for their students. To register, call 451-9176 or e-mail alamorec@sbcglobal.net.

Nominate an 'older' worker for award

Experience Works is looking for mature persons in the workforce to honor, to raise awareness of the contributions made by older individuals and to break down barriers associated with hiring older workers. Last year, 104-year-old Waldo McBurney, a beekeeper and author from Quinter, Kan., was named America's Oldest Worker.

Nominees must be 65 and currently working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The honoree must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., in October for the prime Time Award events. The winner from California last year was Ruth Gottstein, 83, a resident of Volcano, Calif., who is the owner of Volcano Press. Find an online entry form at www.experienceworks.org. Deadline is May 1.

Corrections Danville is 18,128 square miles, not 18,128 as stated in the chart in last week's issue on Basic Danville Stats; also the new community center being constructed at Oak Hill Park will cost \$4 million.

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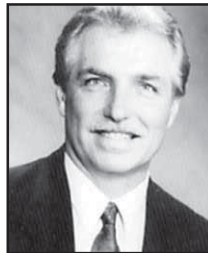
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Inviting the muse

Monte Vista High School junior Trenton Szewczyk looks at the green hills from the barn on Eugene O'Neill's Tao House estate and draws his impressions during Student Days organized by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation and the National Park Service. See story, page 8.

Federal charges filed against Danville man

Investors say they gave millions toward investment scheme

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Federal prosecutors charged a Danville businessman William Frances "Bill" Reimers on Monday with allegedly taking millions of dollars from investors but never investing their money, they said.

Reimers told potential investors various lies to get them to invest their money with him, according to the charges. He was charged with six counts of mail fraud and one count of money laundering.

The maximum penalty for each count of mail fraud is 20 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release. The maximum penalty for the money laundering count is also 20 years of imprisonment and a \$500,000 fine.

"We hope he goes to jail for a long time," said David Coombs, a

Danville resident who said he and about 25 other individuals lost \$10 million to \$15 million from his investment scheme. "We don't care to ever see him again."

Coombs said his family had been good friends with Reimer and his wife.

Reimers allegedly told potential investors that he had developed a "regression analysis program" that could predict when mutual fund values would rise and fall. He guaranteed them that their investments would earn at least 9 percent profit and told them he followed a conservative financial strategy through his investment company, the Advisory Services Group (ASG).

However, he never invested his clients' money, charges said.

Reimers diverted investor funds to support other businesses, which he controlled, prosecutors said. Among companies he owned were Plan Compliance Group (PCG) and Univest Capital Management (UCM).

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Beware the scam artists

Fake solicitors canvassing neighborhoods in Alamo and Danville

by **Natalie O'Neill**

College-aged scam artists posing as fundraisers targeted Danville and Alamo last week, asking for donations to help them go abroad, residents said.

A charismatic young woman in her early 20s claiming to be selling books to raise money for an internship at the British Broadcasting Corp. went door to door, while a

young man claimed to need money for a rugby tournament in New Zealand.

"If you come across a person like this, raising money for an exotic trip—watch out," said Alamo resident Rebecca Snyder, who fell for the scam last year while living in San Jose.

Last year, she donated \$60 to help a young man who said he was raising money for a baseball trip to Australia through San Jose State University. But when she called the school, they said they had no such team or fundraiser.

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Old West lives on in Alamo

Horseman's event brings out the cowboys—and their art

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Clad head to toe in authentic cowboy attire, Randy Griffith held up a black antique pistol with cream colored ivory paneling.

"You see that right there?" he asked with a playful swagger, pointing to a faded red blotch that stood out against the ivory.

"That's an old blood stain," he said wide-eyed.

The gun, which was used before the turn of the century in the Old West, was part of a western antiques display at Alamo's cowboy dinner last week.

East Bay Old West enthusiasts moseyed on down to an evening of cowboy poetry, tales, antiques and photography, put on by the San Ramon Valley Horsemen's Association last Friday at the Alamo Women's Club.

Some Alamo residents were avid equestrians, others belonged to gun clubs, and a handful were just looking to mingle among friends and enjoy food with a western theme. Event coordinator Heidi Koch said more than 100 people came from as far away as Berkeley and Livermore.

"The Old West was a simpler, more honest time. This is a night for

people who want to escape the 21st century," said Randy Bohannon, who wore a dried rattlesnake fastened to the side of his hat.

Acclaimed contemporary cowboy poets Lynn Owens and Susan Parker read aloud as after-dinner entertainment, touching on subjects like the rural lifestyle, simpler days and the American Civil War.

"I always have to keep a pad and pen with me in case I get a flash of inspiration," Owens said.

Owens has had two of his poems accepted by the Confederate Museum in Richmond, Va., and

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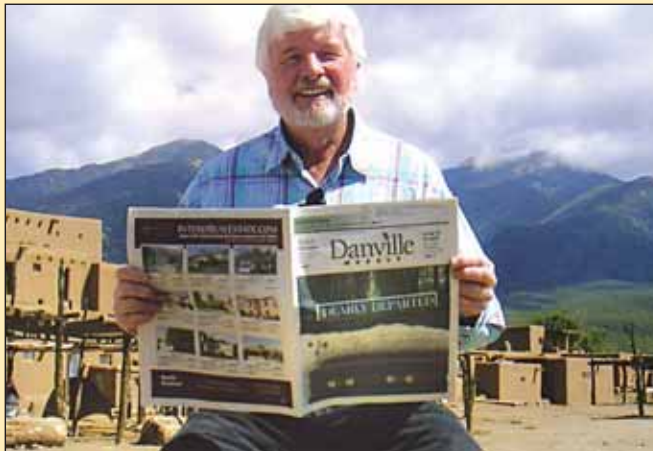


NATALIE O'NEILL

Randy Griffith and "Rattlesnake Bo" Bohannon talk about black powder cartridge rifles used in the Old West, at a cowboy dinner put on by the San Ramon Valley Horsemen's Association at the Alamo Women's Club. Bohannon sports a hat with a real rattlesnake shaker pinned to the side and carries an antique rifle.

Belated Happy Anniversary

Jeryl and Ron Abelmann of Alamo included their Weekly when they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in September at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland. Jerry taught the fifth grade at Green Valley Elementary School for 20 years.



High desert reading

Stan Wharton catches up on hometown news at Taos Pueblo after he and his wife Barbara bid highest on a house in Santa Fe at a fundraiser auction for Charlotte Wood Middle School where he is a teacher.



Gliding memories

Rosemarie and Alan Fahrenkrog included their Weekly on a trip down Memory Lane when they visited Die Wasserkuppe in Germany, a world famous soaring center. In the 1960s, they lived in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, where Alan was a glider pilot.



Cheers! to the Weekly

Danville residents Adriane and Travis Marsh raise a toast with former Danville residents and natives Adam and Melanie Monkowski at the Hofbrauhaus in Munich while touring Germany and Italy in August.

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2007 Fair theme is 'Sounds of Summer'

17-day free concert lineup being finalized

The 2007 Alameda County Fair has announced this year's theme is Sounds of Summer, a throwback to the old-fashioned lazy days of summer to help celebrate the Fair's 95th anniversary, said Fair spokeswoman April Mitchell.

The Fair will run June 22 through July 8 and includes 17 days of concerts that are free with admission. Some of the confirmed acts are:

- June 30—ConFunkShun is among the heroes of Funk's Upswing. With an unshakable commitment to strong

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- July 1—A wild disco stage show this Sunday features the Village People. The group is synonymous with '70s dance music, with hits "Y.M.C.A.," "In The Navy" and "Macho Man."
- July 2—Tommy Castro Blues was voted Artist of the Year 2006 by

readers of BluesWax, the largest subscribed blues publication in the world. From his humble start at small bars in San Francisco to opening up for B.B. King, San Jose native Tommy Castro is bringing his blues style and grace to the Fair.

- July 3—The Fair offers \$2 Tuesday and a night of laughs with 3 Blonde Moms. This top-notch, high-energy, standup comedy show is jam-packed with hysterical material about being a Mom, having a Mom, husbands, in-laws and more.

For more information, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com or call 426-7600. ■

Congress at our corner

U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D., Pleasanton) talks to Joel Nguyen and his daughter on a recent Saturday at the Camino Tassajara Safeway. He was there as part of his outreach program called Congress at Your Corner where he goes to public places to meet constituents in his 11th Congressional District. About 30 people stopped to talk to the Congressman in the hour he spent at the Safeway, and topics ranged from education to transportation funding to high speed rail.



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Republicans in Berkeley? You bet

Club president says party must harvest the young

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

The mid-term elections in November were a wakeup call and Republicans need to get back to their principles, said Josiah Prendergast, the president of the Berkeley College Republicans, speaking to the Blackhawk Republican Women on Monday.

Prendergast, 22, is serving his second term as head of the club at UC Berkeley, which spawned the free speech movement in 1964 and is known far and wide for its liberal politics.

Since Prendergast has been involved, the Republican group's membership has swelled to 650.

"I think it's such a strong club because it is in the 'Valley of the Beast,'" said Prendergast, who grew up in Fresno in a conservative family.

He chose UC Berkeley for his education because "I like to anger people, so why not?" He went to his first meeting of the club and thought, as an 18-year-old, it was pretty cool when they suggested going out for pizza and beer.

Prendergast regaled the 40-plus members and guests at Blackhawk Country Club with stories of his

club's activities on campus, such as its 2003 Affirmative Action Bake Sale, at which they charged African Americans 10 cents for a cookie and white students \$5. He also told about recruiting with a life-sized cutout of Ronald Reagan and how shocked he was at the rudeness of adults and their expletives.

"We've had people flip our table over," he said. "We've been spit on and pushed."

But Prendergast seems to enjoy the challenge and find new ways to make waves. He was featured in a Wall Street Journal story in October, which led to an interview on CNBC.

"We did a PETA barbecue for Bush," he recalled. "That got their attention."

Their barbecuing of hot dogs to give away ended up coinciding with a big event on campus sponsored by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

His group also held an Anti Antiwar Rally in San Francisco.

Prendergast, a political science major, turned serious when he talked about the future of the Republican Party and the importance of interesting young people in politics. Although the vote in 2000 was supposed to appeal to college students, there was just a small spike, he said.

"There is a huge disconnect



Berkeley College Republicans president Josiah Prendergast visits after his speech with (left) Pat Jenkins, president of the Blackhawk Republican Women, and Jennifer Gartung, first vice president.

between reality and college life," he said. "I'm interested in politics because we have the great potential to be productive, the opportunity to grow in leadership and political technology."

He wants to start with the students now so in a few years the party can yield a healthy return on its investments.

"Capitalize on the stupid energy of college students," he said. "We need to start creating a pool of candidates and managers who know how to run. There aren't enough kids learning these things right now."

"We need to find people who can run for office with integrity," he added.

He said he is conservative on all stands, fiscal and social.

Cowboys

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writes under the pen name of Waddie O.

Western-themed photography accompanied by music was also presented after dinner by Andreas Koch, who specializes in a unique combination of photos and music on a DVD titled "The Old West." Antiques including western saddles, worn cowboy hats and faded posters were on display as well.

Heidi Koch said the goal of holding the dinner was to get both equestrians and non-equestrians together to celebrate the country way of life and connect with other horse clubs.

"We love to look back and think what the area looked like before all the cars and houses," she said.

Groups of men and women in cowboy hats chatted about their experiences raising horses and going on horseback-riding trips, and some exchanged facts about the history of Alamo.

The San Ramon Valley Horsemen's Association goal is to promote interest in horses, their proper care and handling, and to cooperate with other groups in developing trails and maintaining them.

In a place like Alamo the rural lifestyle and love for horses is still well preserved, Koch said.

"Alamo has a huge equestrian community. The Old West is still alive here," she said. ■



JORDAN M. DORNILIA

Car enthusiast to the end

This yellow 1947 Ford was one of 22 classic cars that caravanned to the funeral of car enthusiast Bob Springfield on Friday morning, March 9. Springfield, 70, was a regular participant of Danville's Hot Summer Nights classic car show, which is held on three Thursday nights each summer. "He never had a bad day in his life," said Roger Campbell, his son. Hundreds of people gathered at St. Joan of Arc Church in San Ramon to remember his life, his love for his wife and family, and his enjoyment of cars and auto racing. "He's certainly a car aficionado," said his friend David Miller of Danville.

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Scam

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“They were really likable, personable young people so I never questioned it. But this time I was ready for them,” she said.

When the young woman approached her in Alamo, she told her she was duped the year before and wasn’t going to fall for it again. The solicitor then became flustered and left, Snyder said.

Alamo Deputy Elmer Glasser said he discourages writing checks and giving cash on the spot to solicitors.

“(If you want to donate) you can call the organization and verify later, then donate over the phone after you’ve looked into it,” he said.

The scammers also tried to con Channing Salamera, who lives in the Danville Oaks neighborhood. Salamera said she knew something wasn’t right when a young man with an athletic build and a shaved head rang her doorbell and asked her to donate money—without having any information or materials to back up his request.

“He had nothing in his hands. He was so nice ... but I still thought it was sort of fishy,” Salamera said.

The young man appeared to be about 19 years old, was about 5 feet 8, and told Salamera he went to high school in Danville.

In Contra Costa County, door-to-door solicitors must have a

solicitor’s permit and photo identification unless they are collecting money for a nonprofit organization. Even nonprofit fundraisers must carry proper documentation and a picture ID.

Residents should ask to see a copy of a county solicitor’s permit when approached by questionable solicitors and report suspicious persons to the county dispatch, Glasser said.

Similar cases were reported three weeks ago in Sacramento when “student” scammers, who claimed to attend Sacramento State University, manipulated residents out of money for more fake school trips overseas. The university got wind of the phony fundraisers when donors called them to ask if the trip was on.

Victims of the scam have typically not lost more than \$60-\$100 but there are more serious drawbacks to having illegitimate solicitors on your property.

“Residential burglars often put themselves out as solicitors and take it as an opportunity to look inside a house,” Glasser said.

He noted that he has seen cases where people posing as solicitors were invited into the home and then used it as a chance to scope out the house layout, then map a quick burglary.

If you write a check to illegitimate organizations you take other risks as well, Glasser said.

“They can get your name, address and bank information from the check. Then they can jump on the Internet and steal your identity,” he said.

Residents who think they may have been a victim of the scam can contact the sheriff’s dispatch at 646-2441 with any information.

“I don’t like to see people getting taken advantage of,” Snyder said. ■

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Kelly Sun sketches the view of Mount Diablo while sitting on a tree at Tao House during Student Days last week.

Student artists find inspiration at Tao House

by Jordan M. Doronila

High school students painted, acted and wrote together at Eugene O’Neill’s Tao House in Danville last week.

“It’s been an inspirational day for me,” said Kelly Sun, a senior at Campolindo High School.

More than 100 pupils from 12 high schools from throughout Contra Costa County convened at the estate to participate in the 2007 Student Days, a program put together by professional artists to help youths develop their talents.

The Eugene O’Neill Foundation and the National Park Service sponsored the event, which began with an art workshop March 7 and

included a drama session March 8. There were workshops this week on photography and writing.

At the art lecture, dozens of students listened closely and received information about sketching techniques from professional painters Debby Koonce and Roswitha Kress in the old barn, which is now a theater. Afterward, they explored and sketched several areas of the estate’s green and hilly landscapes.

They reconvened and critiqued one another’s work later in the day.

Students said they enjoyed the experience.

“It’s something new that we don’t normally do,” said Becky Kim, another senior at Campolindo.

Pulitzer Prize winning American playwright Eugene O’Neill wrote two of his most prestigious works, “The Iceman Cometh” and “Long Day’s Journey into Night,” while living at his home in the west hills of Danville from 1937-44.

The mission of the Eugene

O’Neill Foundation, Tao House, is to celebrate and promote the vision and legacy of O’Neill. It collaborates with the National Park Service in restoring and preserving Tao House.

The organization started the youth outreach program in 1991. The workshops explore four disciplines: art, photography, drama and writing. High school teachers select the students who attend the event.

The foundation staff said the serenity of O’Neill’s estate and his spirit helps bring their creativity to life.

“I love teaching young adults,” said Koonce, who is from Newark, N.J. “They are forming. This is such a unique opportunity for them.”

“The goal is to give them a great experience,” she said. “I give them several ideas, briefly.” ■

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Charges

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PCG handled third-party administration for school employees. UCM dealt with insurance for federal government employees. Prosecutors said Reimers invested money from his ASG clients to fund his other two companies.

Reimers allegedly used the cash flow from UCM and PCG to pay monthly dividends to his clients’ investments and cash out customers who asked to close their accounts. By 2005, this scheme had resulted in millions of dollars of losses, charges said.

Reimers used his client’s money to remodel his house and give his daughter an extravagant wedding at Diablo Country Club, said Coombs. Additionally, he noted that Reimers

used it to pay for trips to South America, Africa and Europe. He also used it to pay for his wife’s spa sessions in Mexico, Coombs said.

Much of the money taken was from retirement and pension accounts, Coombs said.

“He definitely was living the good life,” he said. “He simply used our money to live on.”

He added that Reimers made a significant contribution to the Tao House.

“The money never got to where it was supposed to go,” Coombs said. “Most of us believe there’s nothing left for us.”

Reimers is currently in North Carolina and is not in custody at this time. His court appearance has not been scheduled, said Luke MacAulay, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney’s office in Oakland. ■

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Crab and camaraderie for a good cause

What's the best thing about a crab feed? No, not the crab. The camaraderie. Plus the fact that the money usually benefits a worthy organization.

Recently I was one of more than 400 people at a crab feed held in the spacious gym at St. Isidore's Church in Danville, as a guest of my friends Judy and Dennis Steiner. His employer, Wilson and Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley, had bought a table to help out the good cause.

The fundraiser benefited Mary's House, located in San Pablo, which provides a home for pregnant women in crisis, who would otherwise be homeless. It was opened by the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Society in an old convent building in San Pablo with 12 bedrooms. The first mother-to-be came to the home nine months pregnant, and the first baby was born Nov. 29, 2002.

Women are allowed to stay six months after the baby is born, which

makes for a house sometimes full of babies. While there, the women work on their high school graduation equivalency diploma, or on some kind of certification.

"Whatever it takes for them to become self-sufficient," said program director Analyn Garcia.

They have a network of help for the women, including counseling, food banks, public health, information about housing and employment, and training in writing resumes, interviewing and budgeting.

In 2005, Mary's House began to take in women who are not pregnant, "just" homeless, said Garcia. They did not want to have the rooms unoccupied while waiting for a pregnant woman in need.

"Women were knocking on our door and wanted to come in," said Garcia. "They were also women in crisis. We said it makes sense, we don't always have a full house."

The women must have been clean and sober for at least a year.

"We know what our capabilities are," said Garcia.

Garcia said a large part of her job is fundraising. For the last three years, she was able to obtain grants but that avenue is tightening up. For one thing, she lost her administrative staff due to lack of funds. And she has also found that she is sometimes passed over for grants because Mary's House can only help 10 women at a time. So every year they hold a big fundraiser.

I asked why they didn't hold the fundraiser closer to Mary's House, and she told me the truth is that people in affluent communities have more to give. And, she said, the folks from around Danville, San Ramon and Pleasanton who attended after hearing about it at their Catholic churches gave generously.

Local merchants gave, too. There were long tables of donations for a silent auction, from sports memorabilia, to tickets to Role Players and Victoria's Hair

on Stage performances, to stunning jewelry, to Southwest Airlines tickets. Drawing tickets were sold for a special prize, a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Europe from Oct. 8-22 being sponsored by the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Society.

Garcia said last year's crab feed in Richmond only drew 100 while this year's brought about 425, the most ever, plus another 40 people were on a waiting list. They are hoping to show a profit of at least \$18,000, although Lou Santero, chairman of the event, was still finalizing the numbers at press time. Garcia said the Knights of Columbus Council No. 4060 who sponsor Mary's House were also a huge help.

The large numbers were a challenge but the volunteers coped with the crowds and made a fun evening. First of all, there was plenty of crab. Also, each table had an enthusiastic teen server, who made sure to keep the crab coming, as well as pasta and rolls. Another good thing about this crab feed was that we had the

option of eating steak. I like crab but extracting it is too much work. I opted for steak and thought it was cooked perfectly (pink in the middle) although Garcia tells me some folks wanted it well done. I wasn't about to be fussy after requesting steak at a crab feed fundraiser for 400-plus. And I still was able to enjoy the company of the crab eaters while admiring their dexterity as they diligently tore apart the claws and dug out the little bits of the delicacy. ■

Want to help?

Mary's House, telephone (510) 236-0383, is looking for volunteers in these areas:

- Development committee
- Volunteer coordinators
- Thrift store
- Help with newsletter
- Grant writing
- Info systems
- Maintenance of chapel



COURTESY MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY

Go back in time to de Anza days

Join Los Amigos de Anza as they travel south on horseback down the Iron Horse Trail at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 18, to visit the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Los Amigos de Anza are equestrians who provide re-enactments of the famous Spanish DeAnza expedition that came from Mexico to the Bay Area in 1776. They dress the part and work to promote knowledge about California's Spanish colonial period and the Anza Trail.

Led by Juan Bautista de Anza, the original expedition included the first colonist, who were soldiers and their families and Franciscan missionary Pedro Font. They founded the San Francisco Presidio and Mission Dolores. The National Park Service has a national trail, called the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, which begins in Mexico, comes through Contra Costa County and skirts the delta and strait.

The visit by Los Amigos de Anza is one of several special events being held in conjunction with the Museum's current exhibit "The Sword and the Cross." This display examines the clashes and interaction between the Spanish and the Indians in the San Ramon Valley during the period of 1769-1850. It runs through May 5.

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley is located in the restored train depot at 205 Railroad Ave. in Danville. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. There is no charge for admission but donations are encouraged.

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Keep a cool head in the car

One does not expect Alamo to be the scene of public violence in the evening, or any other time for that matter. Yet a middle-aged man was beaten up the week before last near Rotten Robbie gas station by two teens, apparently after the man confronted them for cutting him off in traffic. The injuries were bad enough that the man had to be transported by an ambulance to the hospital.

The lesson to be learned from this incident is not to stay away from Alamo after dark; the lesson is to not take it personally when someone does something stupid in traffic that affects you. Alamo Sheriff's Deputy Elmer Glasser pointed out that it is important to remember that not everything done by foolish people while driving is aimed at you. The only way out of a bad situation on the road is to keep calm and realize that the aggressive behavior probably had nothing to do with you so don't take it personally.

The lesson is to not take it personally when someone does something stupid in traffic

Glasser also noted that aggressive driving is usually what triggers road rage and causes car accidents. If you are not the aggressive driver, then you must remain cool because an accident can affect the innocent as well as the perpetrators. It's easy for tempers to flare over perceived insults on the highway or at the stupidity of some drivers. Road rage may also be exacerbated by the annoyance of more traffic on the roads, a long day at the office, or other frustrations in our daily lives. But road rage doesn't get you anywhere good—it landed one man in the hospital.

In the evening, one expects Alamo to be a tranquil scene, people returning home for an evening with their loved ones or perhaps heading out to socialize. Drivers must ignore those who cut them off or otherwise drive aggressively. They have nothing to gain by reacting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legal loophole for child abuse

Dear Editor:

While we applaud Assemblywoman Sally Lieber's political bravery in proposing legislation to protect children from violent punishments, her bill now appears to have become a double-edged sword. The unintended consequence of AB 755 (in its present form) may be that, by virtue of what it doesn't proscribe, it will establish a catalog of approved mistreatment of children. Consider these few examples:

1) The bill prohibits "vigorous shaking" of children under 3. Logically, then, one must assume that it condones mild shaking of infants and vigorous shaking of children over 3. How's anyone to know at what point legal behavior has morphed into the illegal? (Of course, when brain or spinal chord injury occurs, everyone will belatedly agree the line has been crossed.)

2) May a parent who intends to administer a spanking first duct tape the child's mouth shut out of consideration for neighbors? Since AB 755 prohibits interference with breathing, just leave the child's nose free.

3) May a parent who is intoxicated spank an infant? Many do. It's no crime in California.

4) May a father deliver a bare-bottom spanking to his teenage daughter? Stepdaughter? They're all legal as far as anyone can tell.

It seems to me that as long as we leave standing a statutory defense for assault and battery, merely giving it a cute name and applying it selectively to children, we have failed to live up to the standard of "equal protection under the law." My hope is that California will decide sooner rather than later to plug child abusers' legal loophole.

Jordan Riak, Alamo

Keep politics out of parade

Dear Editor:

Ever since moving to Danville several years ago, the annual Fourth of July parade has been one of our family's summer highlights. Last year, however, I was shocked and angered by the appearance of a participant that has long worked against the interests of the American family and against most of what America stands for: the ACLU. This communist-founded organization is constantly at work protecting social vermin instead of protecting us from their depredations. In addition to the ACLU, other overtly-political participants included delegations from the Democrat and Republican parties as well, with the Democrat party walking down the street holding anti-war posters.

A Fourth of July parade is a time to bring all Americans together, reminding them of this country's greatness. Inserting politics destroys this unity by pointing to our differences. (Of course, having elected officials parade is another matter entire-

ly.) The Danville Fourth of July parade should return to its roots as a strong symbol of Danville's unity and patriotism.

I encourage all who agree with my viewpoint to contact the parade organizers at parade@kiwanis-srv.org and ask them to not accept any applications from political organizations.

Nicholas Yakoubovsky, Danville

Nuremburg Trials needed again

Dear Editor:

Pete McCloskey in a recent news story missed an essential point regarding Watergate and what effect it has now. Before Nixon waved good-bye, he picked his own successor in Gerald Ford. Nixon was not indicted but was pardoned by Ford.

If Nixon was instead indicted and convicted for real war crimes, including bombing Cambodia and lying about it, then the current president would not so flagrantly violate the law.

In 2006 when asked about Nuremburg Trials for Bush et al, McCloskey said it was not in the cards and would not be good for the country. It is that kind of thinking during Watergate that left us with the remnants of that infection, bringing us to the insane state of affairs visited us by the Bush Empire builders, cheats and torturers.

Pete looks at this as merely corruption that has to be weeded out every so often. As long as the executive is above the law, we are headed toward empire and away from democracy. Nuremburg Now! Impeach, indict, commit war crimes, go to jail! The executive branch must understand that it's not above the law.

Ellis Goldberg, Danville

Dangers of trans-fats

Dear Editor:

For an eighth-grade project we studied trans-fats in fast food. We found out that eating fast food is pollution to your body. Trans-fats are used in foods that need to have a long shelf life. They are created when food manufacturers put hydrogenated oils into food. Many trans-fats are found in fast foods. New York City recently banned

artery-clogging fats such as trans-fats from being used in restaurants, becoming the first city in the nation to do so. Restaurants will have until July 2008 to eliminate their usage.

Eating trans-fats increases the risk of coronary heart disease. The arteries clog up from high blood cholesterol. This disease occurs when the arteries that supply the heart with blood become hardened and contracted. This happens because of the buildup of plaque. This all causes the blood flow to slow down so much that it can result in angina, which is pain or discomfort in the chest, or a heart attack or even heart failure.

The government has started to make us more aware of trans-fats. One thing they have done is made it mandatory to list the amount of trans-fats on the food label. This law was effective Jan. 1, 2006. Another thing they could do is ask restaurants to voluntarily phase out trans-fats from their kitchens or make them list the amount of trans-fats on their menu items. They could also put more health awareness commercials on television. With the amount of people that watch TV daily, people all around the country will be enlightened about the harms of trans-fat.

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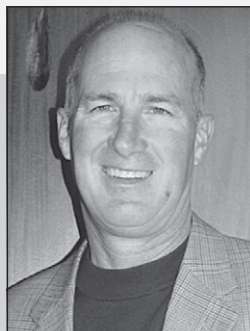
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POLICE BULLETIN

IRS probes Danville taqueria

The Internal Revenue Service served search warrants to several Taqueria El Balazo restaurants in the San Ramon Valley—including Danville—this past week.

The IRS Criminal Investigations of Northern California handed out a search warrant and inspected the Taqueria El Balazo restaurant at 480 San Ramon Valley Blvd., said IRS Public Information Officer Arlette Lee. It has also obtained search warrants for El Balazo eateries in San Ramon and Pleasanton.

"We are doing search warrants at their locations," she said.

She said the affidavits for the search warrants are sealed and could not reveal their contents.

"I can't discuss (them)," Lee said.

She said the IRS works alongside the U.S. Attorney's Office, which would determine whether to unseal the affidavits and make them public.

Managers of the Taqueria El Balazo in Danville could not be reached for comment by press time.

The IRS Criminal Investigations of Northern California is headquartered in the Federal Building in Oakland.

—Jordan M. Doronila

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OBITUARIES

Gregory Mark Molz

Danville resident Gregory Mark Molz passed away in Walnut Creek on March 8 at the age of 50.

Greg was preceded in death by his brother David Molz in 1981, and is survived by his parents, Harry and Pauline Molz; sisters Stephanie Steele and Christine Boehm; brothers Peter, Stephen and Christopher Molz; and 13 nieces and nephews.

A Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Danville. Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. The family prefers memorial contributions be made to Respect Life, St. Isidore Catholic Church, 440 LaGonda Way, Danville 94526.

POLICE LOG

The Danville Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

Monday, March 4

- Petty theft on Hartz Ave. at 12:54 a.m. and 12:55 a.m.
- Vandalism on Waingarh Way at 7:56 a.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on Wild Flower Ct. at 9:29 a.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Tunbridge Rd. at 3:03 p.m.
- Noise disturbance on Princeton Ln. at 6:11 p.m.
- Intoxicated subject, alcohol, on Town and Country Dr. at 7:13 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5

- Vandalism on Blackstone Dr. at 9:14 a.m.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 12:29 p.m.
- Vandalism on Quintera Ln. at 2:14 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Green Valley Rd. and Stone Valley Rd. at 7:08 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

- Petty theft on Del Amigo Rd. at 7:13 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Hartz Ave. at 8:21 a.m.
- Warrant on Westfield Cir. at 9:03 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Camino Tassajara at 9:45 a.m.
- Petty theft on Camino Tassajara at 10:57 a.m.
- Animal cruelty on Fostoria Way at 12:19 p.m.
- Petty theft on Rubicon Cir. at 2:16 p.m.
- Public nuisance on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:44 p.m.

- Suspicious circumstances on Zagora Dr. at 4:07 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 5:35 p.m.
- Music disturbance on Greenbrook Dr. at 9:33 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

- Vandalism on W. Prospect Ave. and Sonora Ave. at 4:28 a.m.
- Vandalism on Sonora Ave. at 7:52 a.m.
- Vandalism on W. El Pintado Rd. at 10:25 a.m.
- Identity theft on Marques Ct. at 10:28 a.m.
- Petty theft on Camino Tassajara at 10:53 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:09 a.m.
- Trespassing on Garden Creek Pl. at 1:05 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Cerro Blvd. and La Gonda Way at 3:34 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Leafield Rd. at 5:40 p.m.
- Public nuisance on Gold Poppy Ct. and Hill Meadow Pl. at 5:53 p.m.
- Auto burglary on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:07 p.m.

Friday, March 8

- Auto burglary on Matadera Cir. at 8:33 a.m.
- Warrant on Marigold at 8:38 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Matadera Cir. at 8:48 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Willow Dr. at 10:48 a.m.
- Disturbance on Del Amigo Rd. at 11:29 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. at 2:44 p.m.

- Suspicious circumstances on St. Francis Dr. at 7:55 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

- Vandalism on Boone Ct. at 12:22 a.m.
- Warrant on Santa Clara Dr. at 2:24 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and Cajon Dr. at 7:26 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Linda Mesa Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 11:56 a.m.
- Petty theft on Merrilee Pl. at 1:16 p.m.
- Battery on Diablo Rd. at 2:10 p.m.
- Vandalism on Love Ln. at 5:34 p.m.
- Public nuisance on Alta Vista Way and Tuscany Way at 6:20 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Valle Vista Dr. at 9:02 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Provence Rd. at 9:08 p.m.
- Vandalism on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:51 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

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Spring season baseball, softball open

by Rachel McMurdie

San Ramon Valley boys baseball team looked regal in the Crown Dublin East Bay Classic victory, beating Serra High School in the championship game Saturday, 3-1.

Despite the momentum built earlier in the tournament by Serra's pitcher Brian Belli, the Wolves (3-3) pulled the win and established themselves as contenders among the area's heavy weights.

Joe Southwick delivered the first of three runs for the Wolves with an RBI single in the first inning. The Wolves finished the first inning up 2-0. The Padres (5-2) pulled close in the fourth inning, earning their only run off an RBI double by Anthony Armanio. The Wolves answered back in the sixth inning, solidifying their lead when Vai Schierholtz batted a double for the wolves final RBI. Bret Harada, batting for the Wolves, had two hits and scored two runs during the game.

Wolves starting pitcher Mike Gibbons (2-0) recorded his second season win. He was relieved in the fifth by Keegan Bill, who earned his first save. Jake Whitney was catcher for the Wolves.

The Padres started Steven Lumpkins as pitcher, relieving him in the fourth with Rich Mirowski.

The Wolves faced tough competition throughout the tournament. The team lost to Campolindo and

Berkeley but won against Deer Valley, West, and ultimately Serra. Cross-town contender Monte Vista also played in the weekend's Classic. The Mustangs (3-2) earned a 7-0 win over West, an 11-1 win over Antioch, and a 14-5 win over Castro Valley, but fell 3-9 to Serra, and 0-7 to Logan.

Softball

Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley's girls softball is officially under way, with both teams' pre-season records tied at 2-0. The Mustangs opened their season with a 7-1 win against Acalanes, and last week put away Washington (Fremont) 6-2. The Wolves opened their season with an equally strong 5-1 win over Carondelet and an 18-0 blowout against Skyline. Both teams are scheduled to compete in this weekend's Queen of the Mountain Tournament in Concord.

Basketball

Monte Vista's season run finally came to an end Thursday, just two points shy of advancing to the second round of boys basketball Division I CIF Northern California playoffs.

Despite a 33-21 lead at the half, the Mustangs fell to Skyline in an edge-of-your-seat game that came down to the last seconds. Skyline's winning shot came on a Kwame Vaughn, 17-footer with four seconds left. But with seconds left, it could have been either team's game.

Skyline had pulled to within 1 during the last eight minutes of the third quarter, and used the momentum to propel themselves through the fourth, setting the pace and coming up with the occasional 2- or 4-point lead. But the Mustangs continued to battle back. Trailing 56-53, with 20 seconds left, Ryan Whalen tossed up a 3-point attempt, but missed. John Appel grabbed the rebound and fed Whalen again who followed his shot, and was fouled. This time the 2-point basket sank, as did the free throw, tying the game. Whalen, who plans to attend Stanford on a football scholarship, finished the night with 28 points and seven 3-pointers.

After a timeout, Skyline put the ball into Vaughn's hands. The junior who scored 13 of his game's 15 points in the last half outmaneuvered Monte Vista defense for the final shot and scored. ■

PREP SCHEDULE

Today

Baseball: Monte Vista vs. Encinal, 3:30 p.m.

San Ramon Valley vs. Newark, 3:30 p.m.

Track and Field: Piedmont Distance Festival at UC Berkeley, 12:30 p.m.

Swimming and Diving: Monte Vista at Foothill

Boy's Lacrosse: Monte Vista vs. De La Salle, 7 p.m.

San Ramon Valley vs. SI

Girl's Lacrosse: Monte Vista vs. Mt. Tamalpais, 4:30 p.m.

San Ramon Valley vs. Redwood, 7 p.m.

On track at Invitational

Brett Zorich was among the Monte Vista varsity girls who took first place at Saturday's BodyMAX East Bay Invitational, which drew 26 schools to Monte Vista High. Its boys varsity took fourth. San Ramon Valley High School boys and girls varsity teams both finished second overall with a total of 23 medals; Monte Vista won 19. St. Mary's had the most, 25 medals.

Some of the Wolves' highlights were the varsity boys in the 4x100 relay going 43.00 to win. They are already on the Top 10 list and only .07 behind last year's team. This was their first meet running together.

David Nicholas anchored the 4x400 relay to a first-place finish as well with a time of 3:31.29. He also finished second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 41.70, only .40 off his previous record.



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Kelly Fogarty finished second in the varsity girls 100-meter dash with a time of 12.32. Clark Peterson smashed his personal best in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.80.

With 1,200 athletes present, two of the MVP awards were given to athletes from Monte Vista: Sienna Brown and Christopher Krychev.



Cam Fenley scores for Monte Vista in last week's game against Skyline, which the Mustangs lost 58-56, in the first round of the California Interscholastic Federation Northern Regional Division I.



Seventh-grade hoops champs

The St. Isidore seventh-grade girls basketball team beat St. Raymond's team 25 to 23 in the championship game Sunday, March 4, to become 2007 Tri-Valley CYO Seventh Grade Champions. St. Isidore's team members are (bottom, l-r) Christina Ray, Paige Ladensack, Malia Malin, Natalie Gallo; (top) Coach Bob Gallo, Niki St. Laurant, Hannah Huffman, Amanda Davis, Paige Southmayd, Christina Coffin, Lauren Nielsen and Coach Gary St. Jean.

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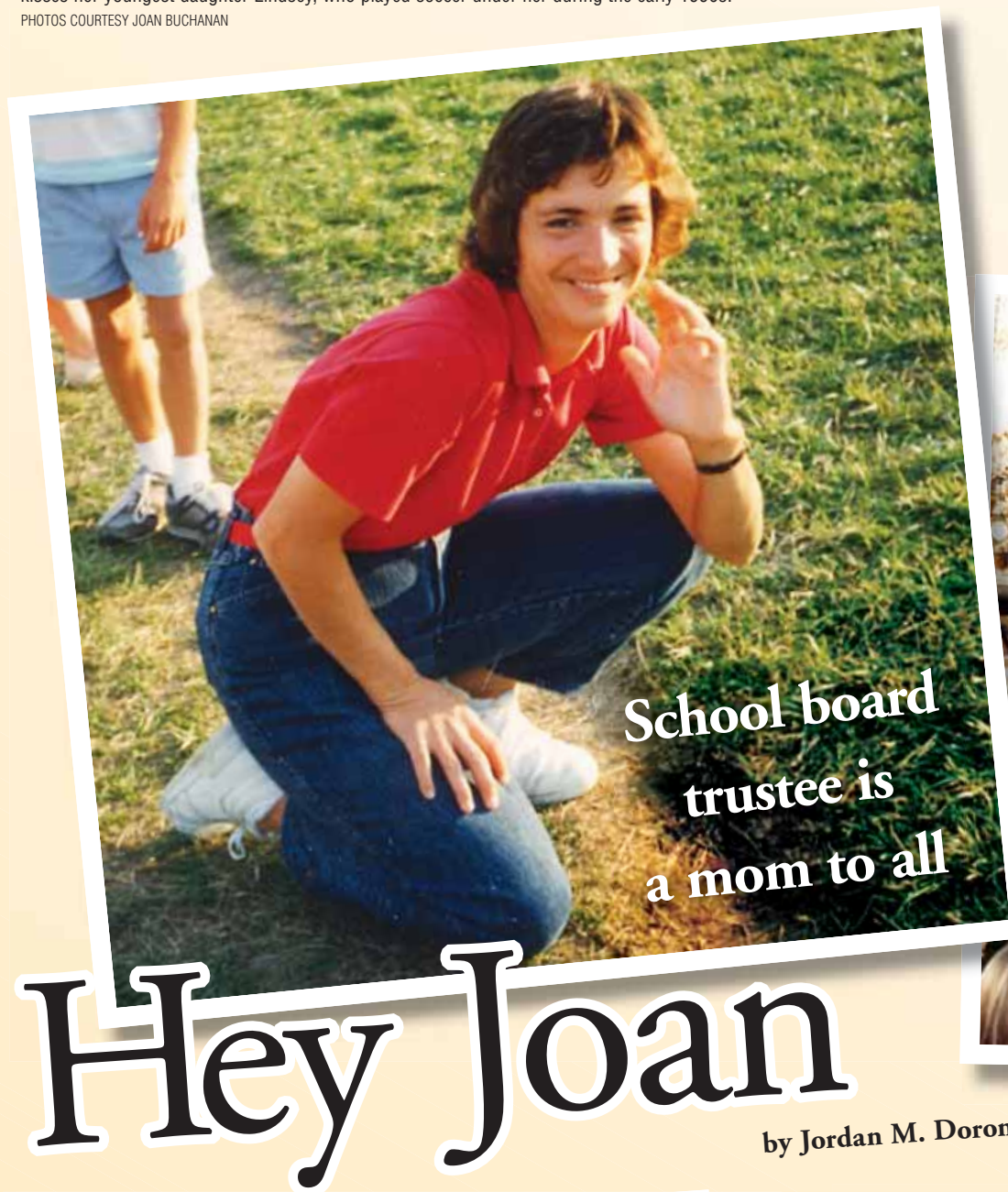
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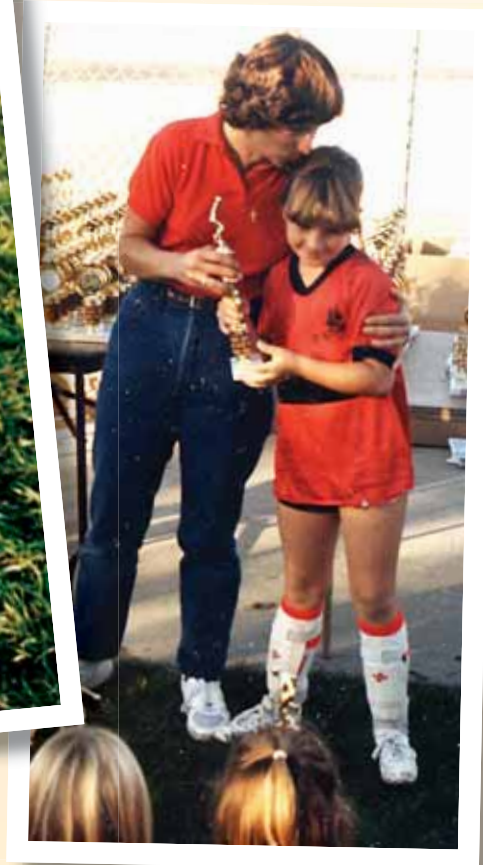
Joan Buchanan spent many years as a coach with Mustang soccer. In photo at right, she embraces and kisses her youngest daughter Lindsey, who played soccer under her during the early 1990s.

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Hey Joan

by Jordan M. Doronila



Joan Buchanan has been a mother. Here's the list: her five children; the and a foster child. In fact, she open

"Everyone calls her Joan," Buchanan, 23, Joan's daughter. "with a good heart."

"She's kind of a mother to e added. "Every single one of my knock on her door. The door open."

Being involved as a mother w her investment in children. She spent 16 years serving as a trust Ramon Valley Unified School of Education in Danville, work schools, improve curriculum a demic standards.

"I make a difference on the said Joan Buchanan, 54, an Alar

"I think the one thing with m such a community leader," Lind said. "Her own children didn't benefits of what she has done."

Now, as Joan finishes her la on the board, she has been tink of running for the California S Buchanan, a Democrat, said wi ence in education, she could inf tion.

However, a state legislator ha competing needs, more money process of passing bills. Additi the main problems in the state an ernments is their partisanship.

"Nonpartisanship is the ideal Joan said.

She believes government sh strong communities, and she ad financial management.

"I'm fiscally conservative and liberal," she said.

She said she will decide in months about her future.

Joan and her fraternal twin si born in 1952 and raised in San mother came to California from 200 town in Idaho, and her 6 came to the West Coast from Mi foot 9 father had emigrated from Minnesota then sent for the rest

"He was a big strong man," Jo Buchanan's parents met th friends.

Her father worked as a bart mother worked as a waitress, a separated during part of her c mother worked the breakfast an to make it home and see her k said.

Nonetheless, Joan said she en up in San Francisco.

"It's a small big city," she s York, I see these tall buildings."

She flourished in the parks with multi-ethnic neighbors and sports. She had friends from Je Russian and Chinese cultures.

"It was such a melting pot," sh got along."

She said her parents were big b American dream, and they instil in their four children.

"They made us believers that anything," she said. "There was

She played a lot of sports: kic basketball and dodge ball.

"I was such an athlete," Bucha As a student, she called her



Above: Joan Buchanan and her family of five children who are now in their 20s (l-r): Steven, David, Lindsey, Jenny and her husband Chris Riedy and Chris.

Right: A family photo includes Joan's mother Mary Wood with (back row, l-r) Joan and her twin sister Jean, and (in front) Paula and their little brother Ricky.



Above: Celebrating a new school board elected in the 1990s are (l-r) Former School Board Trustee Marianne Gagen, former Alamo Elementary School Principal Joan Benbow and Joan Buchanan.

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After graduating from high school, she followed her boyfriend Phillip to UC Santa Barbara, a method of choosing a college she does not recommend to other young folks.

Buchanan began as a math major. However, she realized she wanted to study applied mathematics after getting bored in class upon seeing the backside of a 5 foot 4 professor writing mathematic problems on the board.

She dropped out of the class and took an economics class instead. Buchanan flourished in focusing her studies on econometrics, which deals with creating models and theories for predictions.

Buchanan wrote about the economic impact of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). She no longer has her college papers on economic theories, but she wishes she kept them, she said.

Buchanan said it was her circle of friends and her personal connections that made her college experience fulfilling.

At 20, she married 21-year-old Phillip, though she felt she was too young. After graduation, she got a job working at Delta Dental, and Phillip was offered an opportunity at Proctor and Gamble.

A few years later, she became supervisor of special projects at Delta Dental—despite the existence of a "glass ceiling" against promoting women. An executive asked her to make recommendations to solve a snag in the company's processing of customer fees.

She answered the challenge and submitted a report with her recommendations. However, Stanford Research Institute gave a different analysis. She was asked what was right.

"Well, I think they are wrong," Buchanan recalled telling her boss about SRI's report.

Delta Dental followed her recommendations, and its processing systems improved dramatically. Shortly after, she was promoted to director of operations at the age of 26.

Though the company was small back then, she said the opportunities were great and she learned plenty. Buchanan said that crisis was the best test to see who were the reliable workers at Delta Dental.

"You get to see who produces and who doesn't produce," she said.

During her tenure at Delta Dental, her husband Phillip left Proctor and Gamble and became an insurance broker for another company. Eventually, he became successful enough to purchase his new employer.

"He did extremely well," she said.

Meanwhile, they had five children: Jennifer, Christopher, Steven, and twins Lindsey and David. The Buchanan family moved and a built a large home in Alamo, and she retired to raise her family in 1983.

Joan and Phillip divorced in the 1990s. She said it was difficult being a single mother. Her children were competitive and fought occasionally. Buchanan said they went through a swear-

ing stage, but they did outgrow that.

"You love your kids but sometimes you may not like them," she said. "I never got a break."

"There was a lot of fighting. We were very competitive. We were all good at sports," said Lindsey Buchanan. "At the same time, we were a family."

Despite the challenges of being a parent, she was able to pull through and be heavily involved in her children's lives. She was part of activities such as being soccer and softball coach, and a member of the parent teachers association.

Lindsey said it was difficult playing for a Mustang soccer team when her mother was coach.

"It's hard to have your mom yelling at you," she said. "It was tough."

"It was difficult, but she made it work," she added. "She didn't play favorites."

She recalled her mother inviting her teachers and school administrators over for dinner. And she remembers being a fifth-grader lying in her mom's bedroom and waking up to a school principal singing happy birthday to her.

Lindsey said her mom knew all of the faculty members at Alamo Elementary School when she was a student there. She noted that it was difficult to get in trouble without her mother not knowing about it.

"The weird part is she is still best friends with my fourth- and fifth-grade teachers," she said. "She knew all my teachers."

Additionally, her mom would have a faculty, staff and parent football party at her home when the game was over at Monte Vista High School.

"She was always involved," Lindsay said, adding that she got used to it.

Joan said the most exasperating years were parenting her children during their teens. She had to set boundaries as a parent.

"Too many parents want to be their kids' best friend," she said. "It's hard. You've got to say no. It's not OK."

She became involved with the School District when she wrote grant requests to the state for a new computer center and software for Alamo Elementary. She became involved in the PTA, and then its president.

She ran for School Board in 1990 when the district had teachers go on strike, it was suffering financial troubles, and there were conflicts in the school curriculum.

Parents held a recall election, and five new members were elected to the board that year. Buchanan, her fellow trustees, and the district have managed over the years to not only become financially and academically stable, but most of the schools have grown.

"It was a team effort," said Marianne Gagen, who ran for the school board with her. "When we were on the school board, we worked together. It was an extremely challenging time."

"She provided a lot of leadership," she added.

Joan Buchanan's children are now all in their 20s, and she is enjoying them as adults, she said. She is expecting a grandchild soon.

"They have grown and matured," she said. "They have become wonderful human beings."

"They're just beautiful," she added.

"My relationship with her blossomed as I matured," said Lindsey Buchanan. ■

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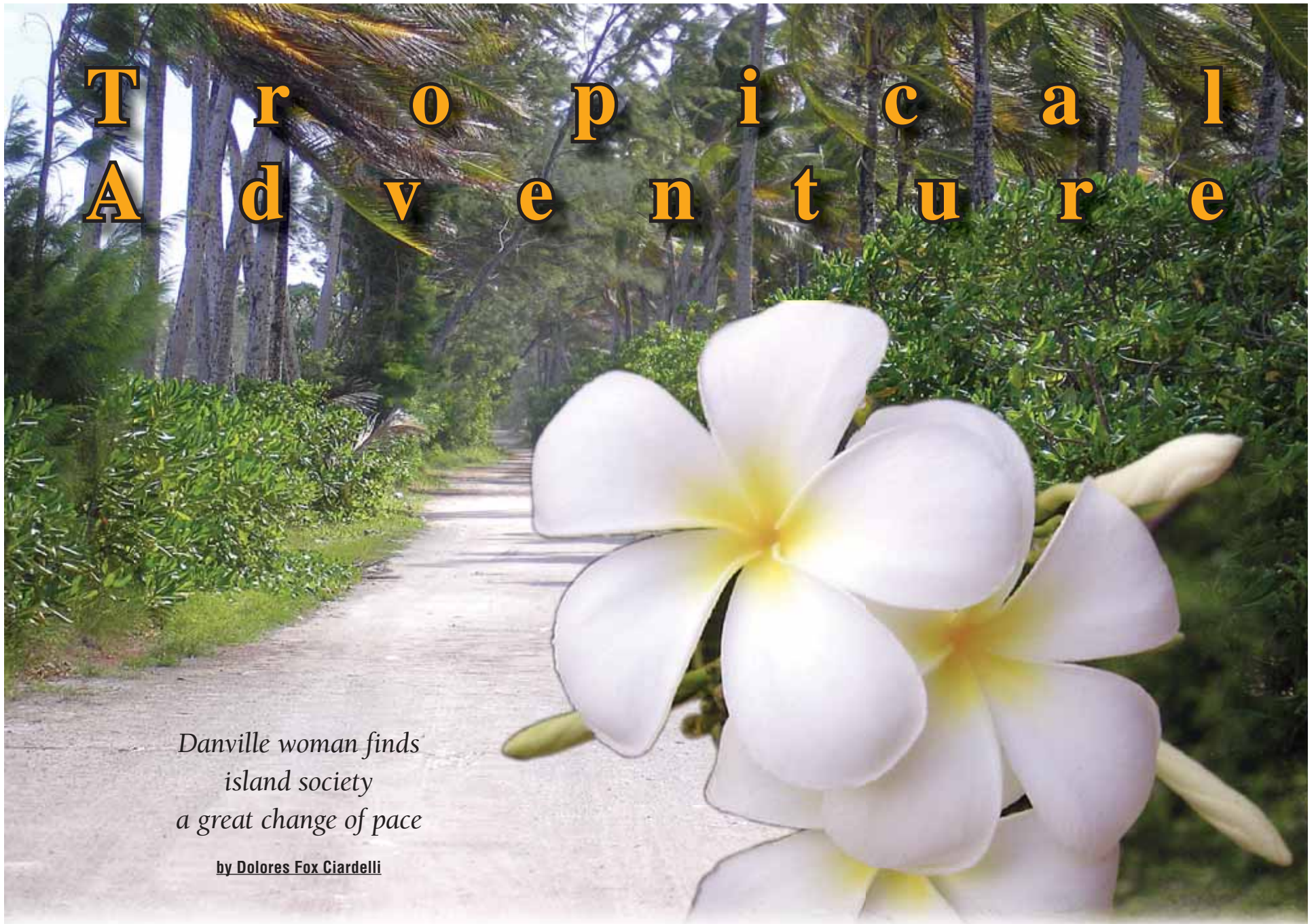
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Tropical Adventure

Danville woman finds island society a great change of pace

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Cathy Leclere didn't know she was looking for adventure until she saw the ad. It was seeking an orthodontic team to provide services every six weeks on the Kwajalein Atoll, home to 1,800 mostly American residents.

Leclere, who lives in Danville, and orthodontist Dr. Peter Picard signed up.

"He was semi-retired," she explained. "You would have to be, otherwise you couldn't leave your practice so often."

Kwajalein, part of the Marshall Islands, is home to the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site, but most of the workforce is civilian. The island measures 3-1/4 by 2 miles, said Leclere, and a runway is its main feature from the air.

What Leclere found at Kwajalein was a unique way of life.

There is a Surfway for groceries and everyone uses tall bags that go into their bicycle baskets. A convenience store is called Ten-Ten instead of Seven-11. A



Where is Kwajalein? This signpost might help.

Macy's, no relation to its Stateside namesake, is a limited department store, and a Macy's West has sporting goods, gardening and house wares. There is also a Bank

of America. Telephone numbers have the Los Angeles area code so calls to that locale are not even charged long distance.

"Everything closes at lunch," Leclere said, "from 11:30 until 12:45 or 1."

Island residents are able to save money because there are no expenses: Housing, utilities and transportation are included, plus they can rent out their houses back home. They have no car payments or insurance on the island, and singles eat at a cafeteria so even their food is free. There are medical facilities, including the orthodontic clinic, and schools.

"I think we have, like, 10 seniors in the high school," said Leclere, adding that it's a tight group on the island. "Everyone knows everything about everyone."

Some people take to life on the atoll immediately. Others hate it at first then grow to love it. Still others live there for decades, returning every time a new job opens up, and are sad to return to



Cathy Leclere presents gifts to children in the Marshall Islands, where she travels every six weeks with an orthodontic team to the island of Kwajalein.

the States when they retire.

"It's a hard adjustment to come back," Leclere said.

Recreation comes in the form of snorkeling in the reef, league sports, wood and ceramic shops, a library, movies and more.

"Once a year they get a trip home," Leclere said.

On these trips, they may buy specialties such as certain cereals

but most things they mail order because they have an American post office.

"The Internet really opened their life up," Leclere noted.

Transportation on the island is via bicycles or golf carts, with automobiles only used for deliveries. Children begin very young to

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The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

HPV vaccine needs explaining

The breakthrough of the new Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil, which became FDA-approved in 2006 and has been proven to immunize against cervical cancer and genital warts in woman, has sparked controversy all over the world. The HPV vaccine targets the four most common high-risk strains of HPV (the most prominent STD in the United States—500,000 new cases each year), which cause about 70 percent of all cervical cancer and 90 percent of genital warts cases. The protective effects of the HPV vaccine are expected to last a minimum of 4.5 years after vaccination with little to no reported side effects and are recommended for women between 9 and 26 who have not already contracted HPV.

This miraculous innovation could prove extremely hopeful for the 10,000 Americans who will suffer from, and about 4,000 who will die of, cervical cancer in the next year, according to the American Cancer Society. However, the advent of the HPV vaccination has provoked global debate about issues never previously considered.

Many are offended by efforts of several states to mandate the vaccination of all girls (Texas is currently the only state that requires the vaccine for incoming sixth-grade girls), due to claims that mandatory vaccination would violate parental rights. Aside from qualms about the high cost of the vaccination (usually around \$300—the most expensive vaccine ever developed), many parents who have not yet confronted the subject of sex with their daughters wish to preserve the innocence of their young girls and feel getting their daughters vaccinated may rush them into discussions they are not developmentally ready for. Parents are also worried that the vaccination might create a feeling of invincibility and promote sexual promiscuity in their “protected” daughters.

“As someone who got the shot, it did not make me want to go out and have sex but actually made me more aware of the seriousness of sex and its accompanied risks. But if teenagers are going to take the risk and have unprotected sex, I think this vaccine can only help by trying to protect us girls from the bad stuff. I mean, who wants cervical cancer?” said one San Ramon Valley High School junior, a girl, who found out about the HPV vaccine from a television commercial. “I am all for girl power and being the strongest and healthiest girl I can be. It seems like all it can do is help us, even if only a little bit, especially for girls my age. It is just not worth passing up this vaccine.”

The concern is that patients who are vaccinated might feel protected against all venereal diseases, when in reality they are only protected

against specific strains of one disease. Though this concern is valid, the argument begs the question: Just because a child receives his or her tetanus or measles vaccination, does this mean they are going to run around stepping on rusty nails or exposing themselves to the measles?

Parents should do their children a favor now in order to protect them from a potentially life-threatening disease later. This issue is not so much about sexuality, but rather about the safety of future generations of women. Physicians and parents must properly educate young women about the vaccine, informing them that the vaccination does not protect against other STDs or prevent pregnancy. Women who receive the vaccine should also be aware that, though the HPV vaccine has miraculous preventive effects, it is still important to get a regular “Pap smear” cancer screening to ensure protection against cervical cancer, especially because the vaccine does not protect against 30 percent of all cervical cancer cases.

A San Ramon Valley High School senior said her doctor recommended she get the HPV vaccine while at a routine physical but did not explain much about the virus or vaccine.

“My doctor explained that all girls aged 12 to 25 should get the vaccine, but did not mention anything about not being protected against other STDs or pregnancy, or even how safe it was,” she recalled. “I didn’t really know much about HPV or the vaccine, but since my doctor recommended it, I didn’t really think twice. I figured if the doctor wanted me to have it, it would be OK, which was probably not a well-educated choice.”

If the HPV vaccine is going to be widely available, it is extremely important that doctors not only make recommendations, but also explain the significance of their patient’s decision, the safety of the vaccination, and clearly clarify what their patient will be protected against.

Scientists predict that one in four Americans will contract an STD at some point in their life, one-quarter of these teens. In a world where casual sex is increasingly becoming the reality for more and more people, it is important to be aware of the imminent risks that present and future generations will face, and to consider taking advantage of the incredible innovations the expanding medical field has to offer.

The 411 offers information and insight on the teen scene by Katharine O’Hara, a junior at San Ramon Valley High School who spends her free time going to concerts, enjoying her friends, and playing the piano. E-mail her at ohara5@comcast.net.

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NOW SHOWING

The Number 23 ★

Rating: R for violence, disturbing images, sexuality and language.
1 hour, 35 minutes.

Jim Carrey goes serious in this contrived psychological thriller that will give viewers at least 23 reasons to wish they had done something else with their time.

Director Joel Schumacher, whose track record is less than stellar (the abysmal "Batman & Robin" was his baby), opens the film promisingly with creative lead credits. But like a poorly designed house of cards, "23" tumbles when it becomes apparent that the weak premise sports an even weaker plot. Tack another disaster on to Schumacher's cinematic belt.

Walter Sparrow (Carrey) is an animal-control officer who seems to enjoy a tranquil life. Things begin to tailspin for Walter when his wife (Virginia Madsen as Agatha) randomly comes across a weathered book—entitled "The Number 23"—that she believes her playful hubby will embrace.

As Walter immerses himself in the amateurish novella about a tattooed detective named Fingerling (also Carrey) and his growing obsession with the number 23, Walter begins to notice unsettling similarities between himself and the story's protagonist. Life imitates art as Walter's behavior



grows erratic and he, too, becomes obsessed with the number 23 and the mysterious author.

Schumacher splits screen time between Walter and Fingerling, although the Fingerling scenes are blanketed with Carrey's dry voiceover and awash in gleaming light. It's a bit unnerving to see Carrey act the tough guy, sporting tank tops and thuggish tattoos. Although Carrey's performance is admirable, the character would have been better cast using an actor with more of a dark side (a la Kevin Bacon or Ray Liotta).

The biggest flaw with "23" is its insipid screenplay. The trailers and title promise a supernatural thriller along the lines of "The Sixth Sense," but Schumacher and company deliver a senseless dud. There's even the feeling that rookie writer Fernley Phillips completed the ridiculous script as part of a class project. Spooky.

If you're looking for meaning behind a number, go with the 10 bucks you can save by skipping this big-screen mess.

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Adventure

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pedal their own bikes.

"As soon as they can get on something with training wheels, they are riding to preschool," Leclere said.

Kwajalein is near the equator, halfway between Hawaii and Borneo, and is lush with 100 inches of rain a year.

"We wear sandals, and the water is often above our ankles," Leclere said.

The closest atoll is Ebeye, which has a population of 13,000; 1,000 of them commute daily by boat to work on Kwajalein.

Some of the Americans have adopted Marshallese children, and Leclere knows of at least one marriage between an American bachelor and a Marshallese woman who was working on Kwajalein.

"They are wonderful and gracious," she said about the Marshallese. "They are so thankful for their jobs."

Leclere never knows what adventure awaits her. At Christmastime her team gathered presents for children at the schools, mostly church-run, in Ebeye where families struggle with poverty. But when they returned in January they found the gifts had not been distributed.

"The queen wanted us to hand them out," Leclere said. "We went to Ebeye—six of us on a little tiny boat—to give out the presents."

They dressed modestly wearing skirts and tops with sleeves, instead of their casual American garb. First they were greeted by the queen. Then the children came up to them one by one, bearing gifts for their visitors. Instead of giving to those in need, Leclere and her co-workers found themselves in the awkward position of taking from them.

They left Ebeye loaded with "wuts," decorated headbands woven out of pounded coconut bark, and other presents.

During World War II, strategically located Kwajalein was the site of a fierce four-day battle between the Americans and the Japanese, who had a base on the island. A Japanese cemetery is dedicated to the memory of nearly 3,500 Japanese who died defending Kwajalein.

"The island was totally annihilated during the war," said Leclere, "but it has palm trees now."

There are still bunkers on the island, and Leclere used to explore one until she was told they are off limits.

"A Japanese contingent comes



Cathy Leclere enjoys midnight snorkeling in a coral reef of Kwajalein Atoll. "It was scary but it was so much fun," she said.

every year for a memorial service," she added.

Services for all denominations are held in the Island Memorial Chapel, which was built in late 1944, said Leclere.

She said one highlight of a recent trip was a midnight snorkeling jaunt.

"There are 10 huge holes in the reef where they used the coral for building things during the war," she explained. "They are filled with water, and there are fish and sharks."

The snorkelers donned booties to protect against the coral and put on glow sticks so they would be able to find each other in the dark.

"We had flashlights under the water. We saw eel and puffer fish," Leclere remembered. "It was so scary but it was so much fun."

Leclere, 54, has completed 21 trips to Kwajalein and has no plans to stop, although she now travels with Dr. Herbert Kaplan. She treasures the break in her routine to travel to the unique community on the atoll.

The team stops in Hawaii for a night on the way to Kwajalein, and Leclere's grown children sometimes join her in Hawaii. Her sister Cindy Erwin accompanies her to work when the regular assistant, Susan Clayton, can't make it.

"I am so much richer for it," Leclere said. "Who works for an orthodontist and has traveled like this?"

She noted that the project is her baby, she put the office together and keeps it running.

"I came out of this feeling I can do anything," she said.

She has also learned to befriend the residents and help them through their adjustment to life on the island.

"It's a different place but it's a great place," she said.

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Art

Alamo-Danville Artists' Society

This society will present a group showing of paintings from now until March 20, at the Danville Town offices, 510 La Gonda Way. The offices are open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 838-1959.

Gala Spring Art Show Alamo Danville Artists' Society will host their 30th annual show of local 2-D art from March 31-April 20, at Danville Fine Art Gallery, 233 Front St., Danville. An opening reception and award ceremony will be held from 4-6 p.m., Saturday, March 31. Weekly hours are noon-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Proceeds will benefit grants for art teachers in the San Ramon Valley School District. Call (510) 245-7543 or 838-1959 or visit www.adas4art.org.

Pleasanton Art League in Poetry Festival The Pleasanton Art League (PAL) will host a display of fine art as part of the 6th Annual Poetry Prose & Arts Festival, from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.,

Saturday, March 31, at CarrAmerica Corporate Center, 4420 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton. This event is free.

Solo Art Exhibit Celebrating Femininity Danville artist, Marilyn Gray-Raine, will host a solo exhibition of her paintings "Celebrating the Beauty & Spirit of Womankind" until April 28, at Sahaira Salon & Gallery, 5510 College Ave., Oakland. For information, call (510) 595-4227 or email marilynng@comcast.net.

Stephen Sanfilippo Brentwood Arts Commission presents an art exhibit the work of Alamo resident, Stephen Sanfilippo, until April 20, at Brentwood Business & Education Center, 101 Sand Creek Road. Exhibit hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Auditions

Valley Concert Chorale Auditions The Chorale is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical and contemporary to folk and jazz from 7-9 p.m.,

Monday, March 19, at 1st Presbyterian Church, 4th & L streets, Livermore. Applicants must have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. Call 462-4205 or visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Author Visit

Elizabeth de la Vega Tri Valley Democratic Club will host Elizabeth de la Vega, author of "United States v. George W. Bush et al." from 7-9 p.m., Monday, March 19, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. This event is free. Call 831-8355 or visit www.trivalleydems.com.

Lolly Winston Project Second Chance presents "The Bookies seventh annual Celebration of Books and the People who Love Them" with special guest, Lolly Winston, at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 29, at the Lafayette Park Hotel, 3287 Mount Diablo Blvd. Cost is \$50. Call (510) 723-5810 or visit Fremont Bank at 1735 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek.

Rakestraw Books Rakestraw Books will host numerous authors during the month of March including: Alison Weir, author of "Innocent Traitor" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 14 and Amy Stewart, author of "Flower Confidential" at 7 p.m., Friday, March 23, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-7337.

Clubs

Danville-Alamo American Association of University Women AAUW will host a luncheon with guest speaker Lois Davidson Gottlieb, a Frank Lloyd Wright fellow, at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 24, at Diablo West Clubhouse, 750 Ynez Circle, Danville. Cost is \$20. Call 944-5173.

Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary The Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary Club meets for breakfast at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Join them for great fellowship and make a difference in your com-

munity and the world. Call Scott at 743-8449.

Diablo Bonsai Club This club will meet for a lecture and workshop on planting and raising Bonsai Trees from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, at Heather Farm Garden Center, Upper Room, 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek. Participants may be their trees. Call 937-4216.

Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley This club meets at noon, monthly on the second Wednesday, at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. The program features guest speakers and business networking. Guests are welcome with reservations. Call 275-2412 or visit www.srvexchangeclub.org.

Leads Group for B2B Business Developers This group meets from 7:45-10 a.m., every third Thursday at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin. The cost for members is free, \$40 for non-members. Call 201-3410.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75 The organization meets every second Thursday of the month at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Concerts

Dan Nichols & E18hteen Congregation Beth Emek will host a rock concert featuring Dan Nichols & E18hteen at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at Beth Emek's facility, 3400 Nevada St., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$36 for reserved seating, \$18 for general admission, \$20 at the door. Call 931-1055.

Early Music Series Las Positas College will host its second annual Early Music Series with three performances at 7:30 p.m. including: Alla Rustica on Saturday, March 24; and the Farallon Quartet on Saturday, April 21, at Las Positas Library, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Call 424-1554 or visit www.laspositascollege.edu.

Glenn Miller Orchestra The world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will play along with The Singing Blue Star Moms at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at the USS Hornet Museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda. Tickets are \$85, \$60, \$45 or \$40. Call (510) 521-8448, ext. 282 or visit www.hornetevents.com.

Singers of the Night Many different singers and choruses will join together for "Singers of the Night" at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 25, at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$18 for seniors and students, \$10 youth 18 and under. Reception will follow. Call 974-9169 or visit www.womensing.org.

Symphonic Delights From the Fair Isles Diablo Symphony Orchestra presents "Symphonic Delights From the Fair Isles" at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at Leshher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets \$10, \$18, \$20. Call 943-7469 or visit www.leshercenter.org.

The Songs of Cole Porter Walnut Creek Honda and Oakland Acura presents The 2007 Esses Productions Cabaret Concert Series featuring "The Songs of Cole Porter" at 8:15 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 23-24 and at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, March 25, at Dean Leshher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. General admission is \$25, \$22 for students and seniors. Call 943-7469.

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MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY

'The Sword and the Cross'

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley presents "The Sword and the Cross" exhibit running until May 5, at the museum, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Admission is free to the museum, but donations are appreciated. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. Call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsv.org.

and Cantique de Jean Racine from 3-5 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Tickets at the door are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors. Students 18 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Call 417-8584 or visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

The Entrepreneurial Expo Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and San Ramon Chamber will host The Entrepreneurial Expo from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, March 22, at San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Tickets are \$10. Call 837-4400, email membership@danvillechamber.com or visit www.danvillechamber.com.

Events

25th Annual Bonsai Exhibition Diablo Bonsai Club will host the 25th Annual Bonsai Exhibition from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 31 and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, April 1, at the Assembly Hall, Walnut Creek Community Center, 1375 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. This event is free. There will be booth demonstrations, door prizes, planet sales and more! Call 736-7600.

Celebration of Women's History Month USS Hornet Museum will host a celebration of Women's History Month from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at USS Hornet Museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda. A panel of women pilots, space technicians and military veterans will give a presentation at 1 p.m. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$6 for kids (5-17). Call (510) 521-8448, ext. 237 or visit www.hornetevents.com.

Farmers Market The Danville Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Saturday, at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Call 825-9090 or visit www.pcfma.com.

FREE Electronic Waste Drop Off Rain or Shine! Universal Waste Management and YASO (Young Artists Symphony Orchestra) will host a free electronic waste drop off from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, March 31-April 1, at Heather Farms Park, Walnut Creek. Most electronic items are accepted and recycled! Call (888) 832-9839 or visit www.unwaste.com.

Peace March and Rally Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center will host a Peace March from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, March 17, meeting at the Walnut Creek BART parking lot, then march to Civic Park (Civic and Broadway). Call 933-7850 or visit www.mtdpc.org.

The Art of Living Leku Eder will host four distinct presentations including: Fitness at 10 a.m., Rest and Relaxation at 11 a.m., Nutrition at 1:30 p.m., and Environment at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 24, and specialists will be available for individual attention and conversation, Sunday, March 25, at Leku Eder, 178 E. Prospect Ave., Danville. These events are free. Call 820-8012.

Exhibits

Lindsay Wildlife Art Exhibits Lindsay Wildlife Museum will host a collection of art exhibits including: The Art of Andrew Denman "A Natural Inclination" will be displayed until March 18; Origami Animals by Robert Lang will be displayed until April 29; Birds in Art until May 5, all at Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Film

An Inconvenient Truth About Breast and Other Cancers Wall of Hope Breast Cancer Survivors Project will host a viewing of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" from 7:30-10 p.m., Friday, March 23, at a private residence in Danville. Tickets are a donation of \$20. For directions and information, call 736-7100.

Fundraisers

Fantasia Latina Gala Night Panamerican Round Table of Contra Costa and Alameda will host "Fantasia Latina Gala Night" from 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 24, at San Ramon Parks & Community Services, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Tickets are \$40. Proceeds will benefit the program that provides scholarships for Hispanic students. The night will include dinner and dancing. Call 785-8752.

Girl Scout Cookies Brownie Troop 907, second grade girls at Greenbrook Elementary School, will be selling cookies from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at Albertsons, 660 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Each box is \$3.50.

Kurdish Carpet Exhibition Friendship International will host a special carpet exhibition and sale from 8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 18, at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 1550 Diablo Blvd., Danville. Proceeds go to support their education, health care, and families. Call 820-3378.

Raise Money For Schools Help us raise up to \$15,000 for local schools! Now We're Cooking in Danville will donate 5% of all sales to local schools from now until March 31, at Now We're Cooking, 148 E. Prospect Ave., Danville. For more information, call 743-1212 or visit www.nowwerecooking.com/schools.

Health

'My Own Marathon' Town of Danville is hosting "My Own Marathon" with participants completing 26.2 miles at their own pace until May 5. The final mile will be walked May 5 during "A Safety and Wellness Community Event." Call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

All About Colon Cancer San Ramon Regional Medical Center will present "All About Colon Cancer" from 7-8 p.m., Thursday, March 29, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building Conference Room, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling (800)284-2878.

Open Gym Town of Danville is offering Adult Open Gym from 7:30-9:15 a.m., Saturdays, and High School Open Gym, 6-8 p.m., Sundays, both at Los Cerros Middle School Community Gym, 968 Blemer Road, Danville. Discounted pass cards are \$4 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Call 314-3386.

The Wellness Community The Wellness Community will host numerous workshops for cancer patients, their families and friends including: Stress Reduction Through Guided Imagery from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 24 and Cultivating Forgiveness from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, March 31, all at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

Yoga Classes The Diablo Yoga Center offers community classes (taught by student teachers), from 4-5 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, at the Diablo Yoga Center, 125A Town and Country Drive, for \$8 per class. For information, visit www.diabloyogacenter.com.

Kids and Teens

Free Teen Beauty Workshops Pure Girls will be offering free Teen Beauty Workshops from 4-5 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month of March, at Pure Girls, 660 Main St., Pleasanton. Reservation are required, call 485-4380 or visit www.puregirlsclub.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

Estate Planning Seminar Sarah Nix, estate planning attorney at Gagen McCoy, will be giving a free estate planning seminar from 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, at ARF, 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek. This event is free. To register, call Sarah Nix at 837-0585.

Historic Lecture Series San Ramon Historic Foundation and San Ramon Valley Library Foundation will host a Historic Lecture Series of six programs. Each program will start at 7 p.m., Thursdays, at various different locations. The next lecture will be on Early Pioneers on March 16. All programs are free, but donations are accepted. Call 973-3281.

Literary Events

C-SPAN2 Book TV Bus Visits Tri-Valley The C-SPAN2 Book TV Bus will interview San Francisco journalist Peter Y. Sussman and offer tours of

the Bus to the public from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, March 18, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. This event is free. Call 931-3405 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-adult.html.

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Miscellaneous On Stage

Free Electronic Waste Event The Town of Danville and Universal Waste Management, Inc. will host a Free Public Collection Event for E-Waste Recycling from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, March 31-April 1, at the Danville Park & Ride Parking Lot, at the northwest corner of Sycamore Valley Rd. and Camino Ramon. Call (888) 832-9839.

Recycle for Breast Cancer Recycle for Breast Cancer is open seven days a week accepting free dropoffs for

A Night at the Improv Join the newest graduates of "Improv U" for a fun and interactive evening of improvisational comedy from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$5, visit www.sanramonimprovu.com.

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p.m., and 2:30 p.m., March 22-April 21, at Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14-38. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org.

Copenhagen Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Copenhagen" for four nights only at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, at Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. Tickets are \$10. Call 820-1278.

High School Musical Danville Children's Musical Theater presents Disney's "High School Musical," at 7:30 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays, March 23-31 and at 2 p.m., Saturdays and at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 29, at Village Theater, 233 Front St. Tickets are \$7.50-\$9.50. Call 314-3463.

Spiritual

Alamo Women's CODA Meeting Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships who meet 1-2 p.m., every Monday, at United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd, Alamo. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and loving relationships. Visit www.sfbaycoda.org or www.coda.org.

Peace Meditation Diablo Yoga Center will host a nondenominational, nonpolitical meditation for world peace at 1:30 p.m., Friday, April 6, at Diablo Yoga Center, 125B Town and Country Dr., Danville. This event is free and is open to the public. Call 837-8698.

Sports

Danville A's Challenger Baseball Sign-Ups Danville A's Challenger Baseball is for kids with disabilities between the ages of 6-22 and the team is accepting sign-ups. The season is from March 25-June 10, starting at 1:30 p.m., Sundays, at the Dublin Sports Park, Dublin. Call Frank Elliott at 736-5373.

Danville Tennis Club The Danville Tennis Club meets 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9-11 a.m., Saturdays for drop-in tennis at San Ramon Valley High School. This free co-ed club provides play for 4.0 to 5.0 and very strong 3.5 level players. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/danvilletennisclub>.

Learn Tennis, Get Free Racquet Learn to play tennis in six hours and receive a free Dunlop Tennis Racquet. Sponsored by the United States Tennis Association, new classes start the first Monday of each month, from 6:30-8 p.m., at San Ramon Valley High School. The cost of six hours of group lessons is \$100 per player. Lessons taught by former world ranked tennis professional/30-year coach. To register, call Brett, USPTA P-1 at 683-2460.

Mustang Soccer Registration Mustang Soccer will begin on-line registration for the 2007 season for Alamo, Danville and Diablo residents until March 31, at www.mustangsoccer.com. Registration is \$100 for under 6 Ponies, \$225 for under 7-under 19. Call 831-1323.

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Association The ACPA group meets from 11a.m.-1p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Community Presbyterian Church Library at 222 W. El Pintado Rd., Danville.

Bipolar Support Group The Tri-Valley Support Group provides free peer support for people with mood disorders. It meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m., every Wednesday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Call 560-0842

Blue Star Moms California Blue Star Moms is a support group for families of members of the U.S. Armed Forces. It meets at 7 p.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the

Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Call Peggy at 866-7035 or Patty at 838-9096 or visit www.bluestarmoms.org.

Cancer Support Groups Free support, education and stress management for cancer patients and their loved ones, including general support groups for all types of cancer patients as well as cancer specific groups for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, brain tumor, support groups for caregivers and life after cancer. Groups meet at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. For times and days, call 933-0107.

Clutterers Anonymous 12-Step Meeting This group is for people who are suffering from hoarding and cluttering who want beauty and serenity in their homes and lives. They meet from 7:15-8:45 p.m., every Thursday, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2491 San Miguel Dr., Walnut Creek. Cost is \$2-3 after the first meeting. Call 285-7165 or visit www.clutterersanonymous.net.

ClutterLess Self Help Group Is clutter stressing you out? This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every Monday (except on a holiday) at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Call 297-9246.

Danville TOPS The Danville chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets at 9 a.m., every Tuesday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road. Call Bob Blendow at 935-9344 or Rosemarie at 838-7870.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? There is a solution to weight and diet obsession. This effective 12-step program has proven results. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every Wednesday, at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. For a complete listing of East Bay meetings, call 600-6028 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Hospice Offers Support Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa offers a variety of support groups and workshops for people experiencing grief and loss after the death of a loved one. Individual grief counseling for Hospice families is also available. Groups are offered from 7-9 p.m., Friday evenings at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo. All groups and workshops are offered without fee and require preregistration. For a schedule of groups in the Pleasant Hill area, for additional information and/or to register, call 887-5678.

Man to Man Prostate Cancer San Ramon Regional Medical Center offers "Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group" from 7:30-9 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building, West Day Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. Call 933-0107.

Overeaters Anonymous The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia and bulimia. It meets from 7-8 p.m., every Tuesday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No fees. Call Susie at 275-1391.

Parkinson's Support Group The Tri-Valley Parkinson's Network of Mount Diablo provides peer support from 10a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of every month, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Call Norman at 831-9940 or Jackie at 244-1231.

PFLAG The Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter of Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a support group that meets at 7:30 p.m., every third Monday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 838-8632.

San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue and Chronic Pain Support A new and proactive group for FIBRO, CFS, CFIDS and Chronic Pain meets from 7-9 p.m. every other Monday in Danville. This group is positive, informative that meets to help each other to be better advocates. Call for location and information at 234-5621.

SRV Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free

12-step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, undereating and bulimia. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St. Call Gordon at 899-3117 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group This group provides peer support for those affected by Parkinson's Disease and for their caregivers, families and friends. The group meets from 10 a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of each month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call Norman at 831-9940 or Jackie at 244-1231.

Volunteering

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Museum of the San Ramon Valley The Museum of the San Ramon Valley welcomes volunteers and has a current need for greeters who give three hours one day a month to welcome visitors to the museum, register their attendance, and give them an introductory tour of the Waiting Room and the Museum Store. Call Carmen Curtis at 837-9781 or the museum at 837-3750.

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This week's data represents homes sold during February 2007

Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 2	Total sales reported: 12	Total sales reported: 24
Lowest sale reported: \$1,218,500	Lowest sale reported: \$445,000	Lowest sale reported: \$220,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,850,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,184,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,075,000
Average sales reported: \$2,034,250	Average sales reported: \$809,167	Average sales reported: \$498,333

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
238 Valley Oaks Drive H. Wilder to D. & C. Jernigan for \$2,850,000	440 Sycamore Circle Rockin Equipment to J. Han for \$525,000	365 Masters Court #3 Fairways 340 Limited to R. Moody for \$385,000
120 Via Lucia Brandoff Trust to S. Eshelman for \$1,218,500	1315 Alma Avenue #314 Alpine of Alma Development to N. Manlapaz for \$400,000	440 North Civic Drive #502 I. Kukanego to A. Yeh for \$289,000
Danville	1671 Alvarado Avenue #6 Ferrin Trust to J. Myers for \$382,500	450 North Civic Drive #503 Vassallo Trust to B. McCain for \$285,000
355 Barrett Circle Pedroni Trust to J. Shaman for \$839,000	2760 Cherry Lane Bartholomew Trust to N. & M. Malek for \$927,000	2530 Oak Road #106 Bridgeport Commons to J. Stiglich for \$437,000
724 Brookside Drive Freixas Trust to D. & K. Wallace for \$785,000	1330 Dewing Lane Mitchell Trust to D. Bardet for \$691,000	2560 Oak Road #124 Bridgeport Commons to B. Cristol for \$430,000
3010 Fostoria Circle J. Hauger to J. Molnar for \$445,000	26 Holcomb Court Vanner Trust to R. Temple for \$473,000	2530 Oak Road #200 Bridgeport Commons to L. Stine for \$445,000
394 Ilo Lane #106 M. Descombaz to E. Rose for \$450,000	284 La Quinta Court Elze Trust to M. Wunder for \$1,075,000	123 Player Court #2 Fairways 340 Limited to A. Brennan for \$435,000
3013 Live Oak Court S. & S. Lawson to L. Edwards for \$980,000	251 Las Juntas Way S. & C. Wood to J. Munoz for \$595,000	111 Player Court #4 Fairways 340 Limited to L. McMenamin for \$344,000
445 Love Lane Lafortune Trust to C. & A. Moxley for \$900,000	1790 Magnolia Way A. Cochran to M. Cochran for \$707,000	2438 Shannon Lane B. Beresford-Wood to P. Jakubicki for \$975,000
4262 Nottingham Drive Lukito Trust to D. Miller for \$1,094,000	1447 Marchbanks Drive #1 C. Chuckovich to B. Johnsen for \$307,000	185 Sierra Drive #218 Ritter Trust to W. Spencer for \$240,500
119 Rimini Court Lennar Homes to T. & C. Johnston for \$1,184,000	205 Masters Court #1 Fairways 340 Limited to M. Belvedere for \$325,000	264 Tamarisk Drive Pavelka Trust to A. & B. Jasper for \$798,000
714 Silver Lake Drive W. Martinez to K. & G. Desai for \$615,000	223 Masters Court #2 Fairways 340 Limited to S. Polanco for \$415,000	735 Terra California Drive #5 Soengen Trust to S. & K. Rice for \$379,000
612 South Paradise Valley Hew Trust to N. Ostler for \$843,000		1840 Tice Creek Drive #2313 Andrada Trust to Moss Trust for \$220,000
317 Sun Stream Court J. & E. Neeley to J. Lu for \$1,050,000		

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4 Bedrooms	2 Bedrooms
944 La Gonda Wy. Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker \$1,050,000 831-3337	108 Mission Dr. Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker \$435,000 200-4130
309 Greenbrook Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell \$1,094,000 339-3500	4472 Bowen St. Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$555,000 397-4301
108 Leafield Rd. Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero \$1,475,000 855-4128	3 Bedrooms
520 Edinburgh Cir. Sun 1-4 Intero \$1,479,500 323-6311	5471 Black Ave., #2 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$579,000 397-4301
205 Aptos Pl. Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$1,750,000 855-6410	3024 Badger Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$698,888 260-2508
654 Adobe Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential \$984,900 734-5012	2677 Lotus St. Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$775,000 924-0444
Alamo	4 Bedrooms
3 Bedrooms	7408 Sundrop Ct. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$1,000,000 382-9746
914 Ina Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel \$1,398,000 209-3451	3144 Joanne Cir. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$1,165,000 200-3165
301 Vernal Dr. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$1,950,000 577-1944	2270 Doccia Ct. Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$1,349,000 202-6298
Blackhawk	849 Montevino Dr. Sun 1-4 Pat Huffman RE \$1,449,000 698-4422
4 Bedrooms	1810 Brooktree Wy. Sun 1-4 Golden Pacific \$825,000 216-4799
5444 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$2,998,000 209-3451	5 Bedrooms
San Ramon	567 Montori Ct. Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$1,299,000 202-6298
3 Bedrooms	3116 Devereux Ct. Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC \$1,795,000 872-1416
2404 Millstream Ln. Sat/Sun 1-4 ReMax Accord \$669,900 242-9000	6 Bedrooms
140 Shadowhill Cir. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$715,000 876-4459	7251 Beaumont Ct. Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$1,925,000 577-4663
3001 Oakham Dr. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$874,500 968-1452	Livermore
4 Bedrooms	1 Bedrooms
23 Stow Ct. Sun 1-4 Wayside Park \$1,129,000 251-1709	1085 Murrieta Blvd., #306 Sat 1-4 Hometown GMAC \$309,950 200-0827
3412 Amaryllis Cir. Sat 1-4 Assist 2 Sell \$649,900 200-2602	2 Bedrooms
73 Eden Pl. Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$719,888 260-2508	5330 Windflower Sat 1-4 Prudential \$449,900 249-6831
5 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms
3125 Tewksbury Wy. Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero \$1,359,000 855-4128	379 Anna Maria St. Sun 1-4 Prudential \$574,900 249-6831
1401 Stoney Creek Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$874,900 855-6410	6157 Saint Andrews Wy. Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC \$610,000 963-8800
Dublin	4740 Kimberley Cmn. Sun 1-4 Re/Max \$639,000 735-7653
3 Bedrooms	436 Asbury Ct. Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC \$659,000 963-8800
10868 Glengarry Ln. Sat/Sun 1-4 Windermere Select Properties \$589,950 216-9380	718 Wimbledon Ln. Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC \$689,000 455-7020
11711 Betlen Dr. Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC \$775,000 426-3882	4 Bedrooms
4 Bedrooms	431 Jillana Sat 1-4 Hometown GMAC \$609,000 426-3882
8217 Creekside Dr. Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC \$1,260,000 426-3882	2738 Gelding Ln. Sun 1-4 Windermere \$729,000 443-3282
5112 Grayhawk Ln. Sun 1-4 Re/Max \$1,529,000 462-0728	702 Daisyfield Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$850,000 398-0234
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