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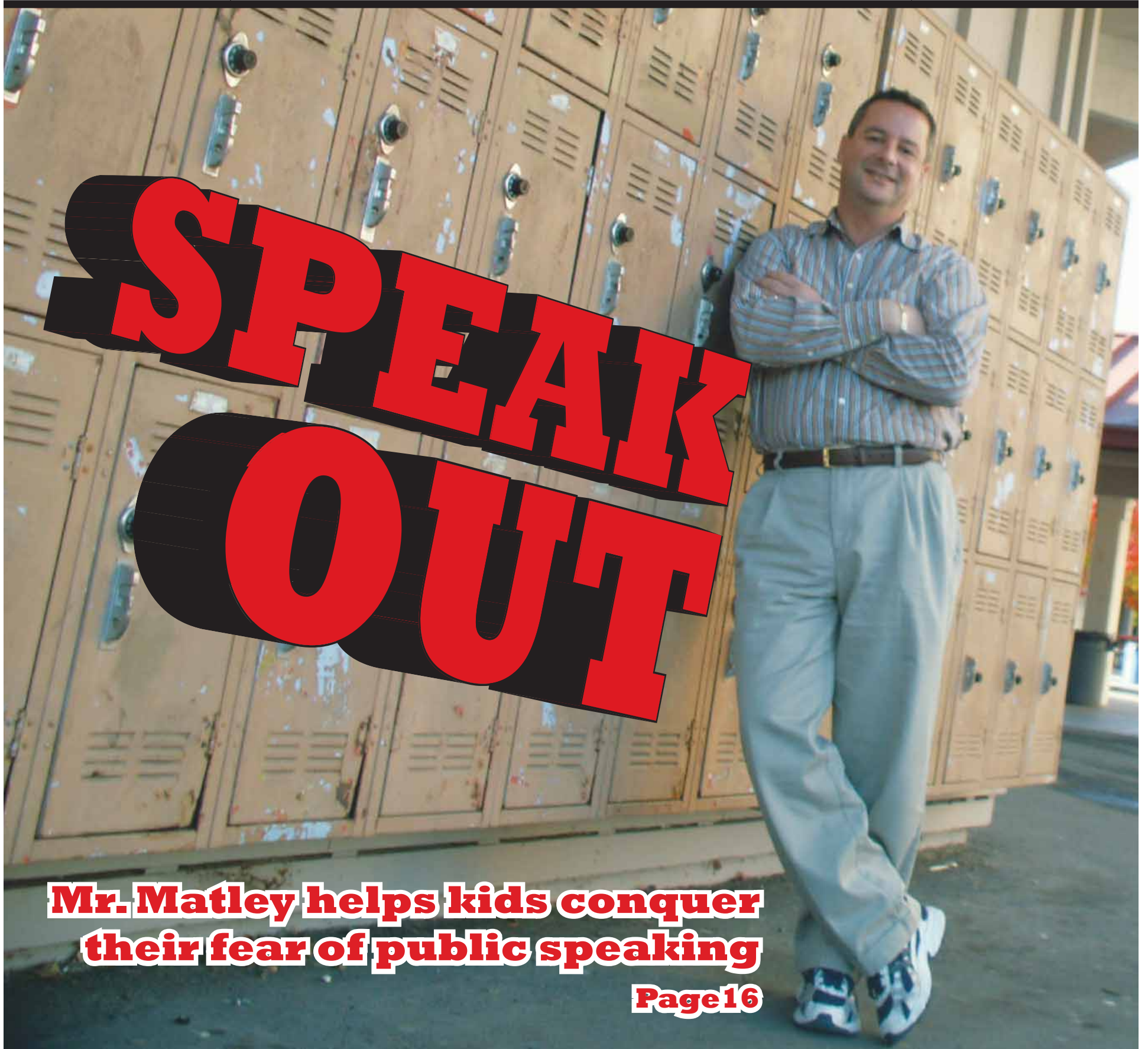
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**Robbie Pruett**  
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My husband and I were alone last Christmas so we invited a bunch of artists over for dinner. You'd be surprised how many artists are alone. We had a potluck. It was tremendous fun.

**Diana Busse**  
*artist*



I'd kick back and cook myself a huge feast of spaghetti. Then I'd have a beer and pass out on the couch.

**Justin Hensly**  
*grocery stocker*



I'd watch home videos of Christmas from when my son was young.

**Michael Ray**  
*appraiser*



I'd want to volunteer somewhere so I could be around people. Maybe at the farm sanctuary in Vacaville—they rescue animals. Then I'd have to watch "It's a Wonderful Life."

**Kristin Ray**  
*speech therapist*

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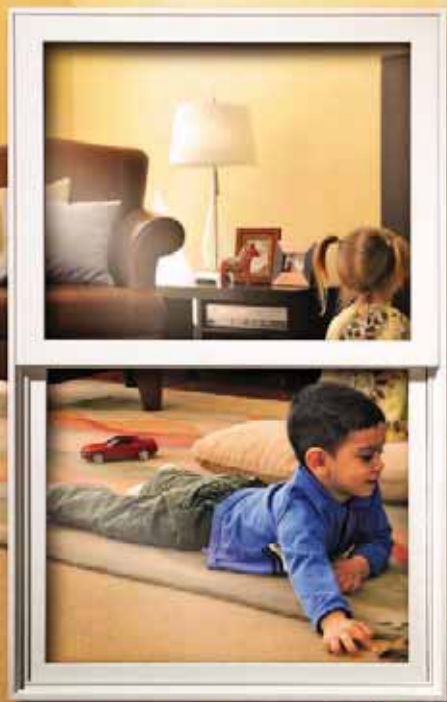
  
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“ Sometimes when you read them, it makes you want to cry. ”

—Adam Repicky about his students' postcards to soldiers at Walter Reed hospital. See story, page 8.

### Most dangerous fault in America?

As the 140th anniversary of the last big earthquake on the Hayward Fault approaches, new U.S. Geological Survey studies provide mounting evidence that the Bay Area should get ready for another big quake soon. The Hayward Fault has ruptured about every 140 years for its previous five large earthquakes.

The date Oct. 21, 2008, marks the 140th anniversary of the 1868 earthquake that had an approximate 7 magnitude. Now 2.5 million people live along the Hayward Fault and 7 million people in the region would feel a repeat event of the same magnitude.

The U.S. Geological Survey presented new studies to partners, colleagues and media at the American Geophysical Unions annual conference in San Francisco on Dec. 11. Scientists explained the significance of new high resolution elevation models, imagery of active deformation and creep, and new results of age-dating studies, plus ground motion simulations showing rupture along the fault.

### Friends give library \$33,000

Friends of the Danville Library co-presidents Connie Lieske and Marge Taylor recently presented a check in the amount of \$33,000 to Danville branch librarian Seng Lovan. The funds were raised by Friends volunteers through sales in the used book store inside the library, their quarterly gigantic three-day book sale events, memberships, donations and special fundraising events.

Donating slightly used books for resale makes it all possible, say the Friends of the Danville Library, and they ask people to keep in mind that all donations and contributions to the Friends are tax deductible. Call the book store at 837-4455.

### School benefit to help Darfur

The Athenian School held its second annual Darfur Benefit Show on Dec. 6 at its Center for the Arts. The benefit event was produced by students in the Holocaust Seminar course. All proceeds will be donated to aid in raising awareness and relief for the victims of the Sudanese genocide.

The event included music, dance and poetry performances by Athenian students, and a Sudanese survivor spoke to the audience. At the end of the evening, there was a silent auction featuring student work donated in support of stopping the genocide in Darfur.

### Au pairs donate toys to Marines

More than 50 au pairs from around the world shared an international holiday dinner at the Danville Grange Hall last Sunday with U.S. Marines and donated to their Toys for Tots program.

The au pairs, from a diverse range of native countries, provide live-in childcare for families in the East Bay, hired through AuPairCare, an official au pair agency designated by the State Department. The dinner was a traditional American holiday feast supplemented by a potluck of foods brought by the au pairs.

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## Committee looks at Measure A priorities again

New plan would think long-term, save \$41 million for now

by Natalie O'Neill

When costs go up, the school district has to roll with the punches. That's what the most recent facilities oversight report—presented to the school board last week—is helping staff do.

Construction cost inflation and shifts in long-term planning have called for a reevaluation of Measure A school facility priorities. So the district's facility oversight committee is suggesting certain improvements be delayed and reevaluated.

Its report shows the new plan would shed a cost burden of about \$41 million for the district.

In 2002, facility improvements funded by the \$260 million Measure A bond were expected to total close to that amount with a 3 percent inflation cost factored into the equation.

But dramatic worldwide increases in both construction labor and materials like copper, concrete and steel have now set the district proj-

ect costs at about \$388 million.

"It's five years later, things do change," said Chris Kenber, vice president of the Measure A Facilities Oversight Advisory Committee.

Two of the most financially drastic priority reconsiderations were at San Ramon Valley High School and Stone Valley Middle School.

Planned funds will likely decrease approximately \$7.2 million for the high school's parking, roofs and walkways. At Stone Valley, an approximately \$6.8 million decrease was made for what was expected to cover the school's kitchen, electrical and roof issues.

Funding for these schools was delayed as part of forward-thinking logic, Kenber said.

"You really do need to think in the long-term or you'll end up doing silly things," he said.

For example, San Ramon Valley High School is now considering plans for a multi-story remodeling—part of a master plan to rede-

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JORDAN M. DORONILA

### Snowflakes don't all fall from the sky

Shelby Tudhope, 9, cuts a snowflake from clay during a class at Montair Elementary School in Danville. She also made a gingerbread man and a Christmas tree, as she and her classmates created holiday art at the Contra Costa County monthly special day class.

## Chinese stretch out to everyone at senior centers

Check out the stretching, dancing and more

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Chinese cultural activities have branched out to be available at the area's senior centers instead of just being offered at Alamo Women's Club.

"It's our mission to serve all ethnicities," said Chia-chia Chien, founder of the Culture to Culture Foundation.

"We want to share our culture, to have a cultural exchange."

The group rented the Alamo Women's Club for four years, but Chien said the rent was recently increased from \$900 to \$1,450 for their programs two days a week. Now classes will be offered at the Danville Senior Center in the downtown Veterans Memorial Building on Wednesdays and Hap Magee Ranch Park on Mondays. On Fridays, they are offered in San Ramon and Lafayette.

"To date, more than 600 seniors have participated in our programs and our numbers are growing," said Chien. "Leaving Alamo Women's Club may be a very good turning point for us as it will give us the opportunity to expand our services though collaboration with other local senior centers by offering cultural classes at their sites."

Chien talked about her programs at Mayor Candace Andersen's first monthly Morning with the Mayor last Friday, and urged everyone to

check out the offerings.

"We're helping seniors feel less isolated," said Chien, who has a background in mental health. She said seniors who attend the classes have told her they are happier.

The Wednesday schedule in Danville is as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. Yuan Ji Dance, which teaches body movement, balance control, muscle coordination and stretches.

- 10:40 a.m. Luk Tung Kuen Exercise, which goes through 36

postures, each with its own pattern.

- 11:40 a.m. Dancercise
- 12:45 a.m. Social Dancing

In January, the program at Hap Magee will go from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Yuan Ji, Culture to Culture Dance, Luk Tung Keun, Mah-Jong, Chinese and English Conversational Class and Social Dance.

"We hope people of all races and ethnicities will benefit from our cultural classes and programs," said Chien. ■

## Teen dies in single car accident on Livorna Road on Saturday

An 18-year-old died in a car accident after speeding on Livorna Road in Alamo in the wee hours of Saturday morning, said the California Highway Patrol.

Christopher Harvey, 18, of Walnut Creek, was driving a 1999 BMW west on Livorna Road at 2:45 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, when the accident occurred, said Patrolman Scott Yox. A 19-year-old—also from Walnut Creek—was in the passenger seat.

Harvey exceeded the 30 mph speed limit and drove straight on a left hand curb, causing him to veer off the road and hit a raised dirt embankment. His car turned multiple times and landed on its roof, according to police reports.

When police arrived at the scene, they pronounced Harvey dead due to a blunt force injury, Yox said. The 19-year-old suffered a concussion, bruising and other cuts. He was taken to John Muir Medical

Center in Walnut Creek.

They were both removed from the car by Contra Costa County firefighters, according to reports. No one else was hurt, Yox said.

"It goes to show you that speed limits are posted for a reason," Yox said. "Speed is the No. 1 killer (on the road)."

"It's certainly got to be tough for the families right around the holidays," he added.

—Jordan M. Doronila



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## Facilities

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sign the school. It wouldn't make sense to build walkways before a major revamp, he said.

Margaret Brown, assistant superintendent for the facilities development division, agreed.

"We wouldn't want to put in new covered walkways if we're just going to tear them down," she said.

The story at Stone Valley Middle School isn't much different.

**"We chase after all available funding... Kids love learning in a new building."**

—Margaret Brown,  
assistant superintendent  
for facilities development

Spending the planned \$8.3 million to upgrade the school—which will likely be torn down and rebuilt in the next five years—would be a waste of taxpayer money, Kenber said.

Instead, the committee suggested, for now, that \$1.4 million be spent on master plan and design for the middle school.

Other project delays include holding off on replacing portables at nine schools including Charlotte Wood Middle School, Tassajara Hills Elementary and Alamo Elementary.

"It wasn't personal. It wasn't

about 'my kid's school,'" Brown said at the school board meeting.

When prioritizing, the oversight committee considered in order of importance: safety, impact on the largest number of students, financial practicality, and equity among schools.

Members of the oversight committee reviewed each school in person, by physically going to the site.

"It became rather obvious what the priorities were," Brown said.

The district has acquired about \$34 million from state funds and \$18.6 million from interest for facilities since 2002, the report shows. The district has been aggressive about obtaining state funds and this helped cover the cost inflation, staff members said.

"We chase after all available funding. We seriously investigate and try to get those funds. ... Kids love learning in a new building," Brown said.

School board members accepted the report and said they were pleased with the findings.

"You're dedicated and you ask good questions," Board Member Paul Gardner told committee spokesmen.

The school board also noted another bond for the district will be necessary for maintenance—to protect the district's investments.

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District has spent almost \$1 billion on upgrades in the past 10 years. Of that, about \$560 million has come from developer fees and about \$220 million has come from the state. ■

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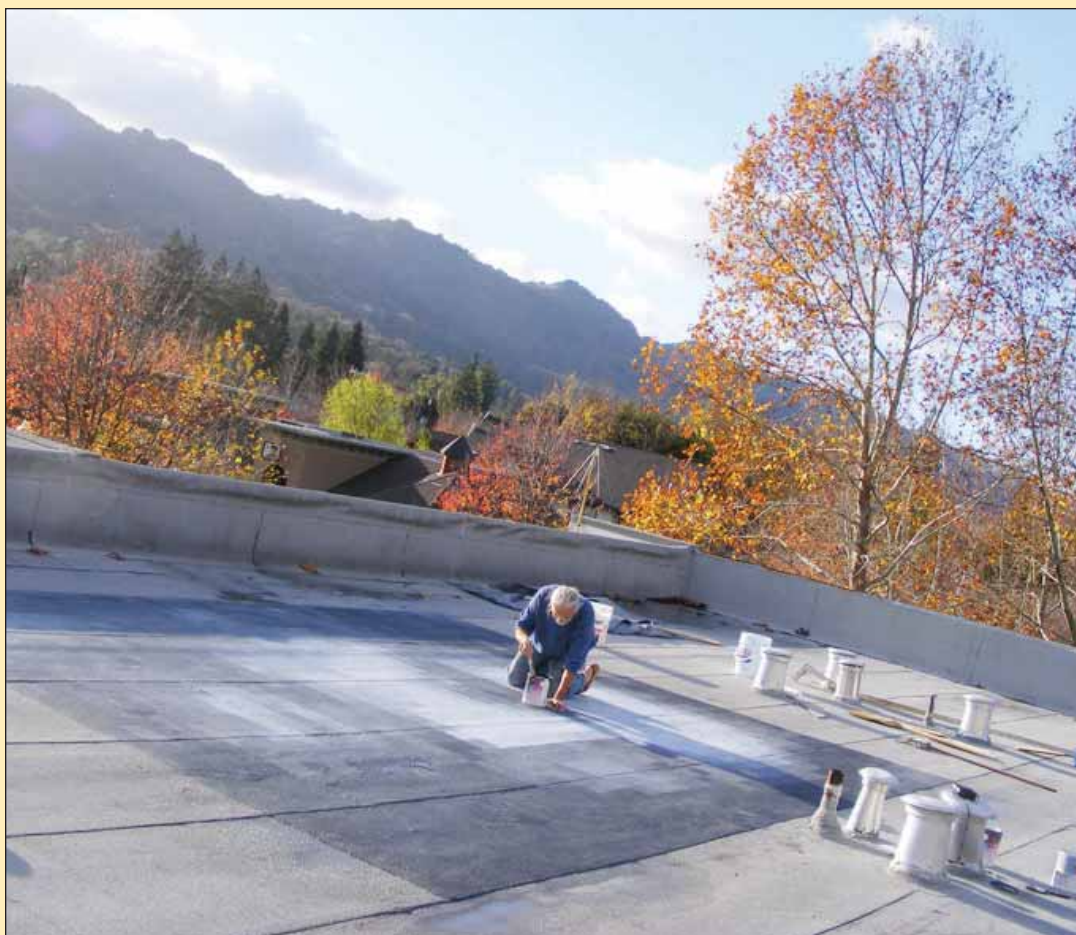
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## St. Jude, hear our plea

Artist Phil Hellsten uses black, white and gray squares to create a 16-foot by 20-foot face of St. Jude, the patron saint of hopeless causes, on the roof of the Pioneer Art Gallery & Studios at 522 Hartz. He says he thinks of the work as positive, spiritual graffiti and likes the idea that aircraft and people using Google satellite will be surprised by the image. "When I hear a plane, I look up to see if they are looking," he said last week, while doing touch-ups after a rainy day.

Ultimately, he has no idea how long the piece will last—and that's part of what makes it special, he said. "It's ephemeral. It's a fun concept because you're not trying to make it valuable."

Hellsten is considering selling T-shirts printed with his gray-scale artwork to raise money for studio and gallery space in Danville, along with tile art work of religious figures to churches. He plots his larger pieces on paper with squares (right).

The building space was granted as temporary gallery and studio space to Alamo Danville Artists' Society by owner developer Brad Blake. To contact Hellsten, e-mail him at starman1111@hotmail.com.



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## Trail footbridges mostly removed

by Natalie O'Neill

Despite some moaning and groaning from Alamo and Danville folks living along the Iron Horse Trail, a county staff visit Monday showed residents are complying with Public Work's request to remove footbridges.

Fifty-five out of 60 tagged encroachments have been taken out in about two weeks.

"We were pleasantly surprised," said John Pulliam, who manages the trail.

Yellow laminated signs were stapled to footbridges in late November, notifying residents to remove their encroachments by Dec. 7—or to face county removal, accompanied by a fine.

But now, Public Works representatives say no removal will occur until after Jan. 1. They also are considering not charging a removal fee.

"We may be able to solve the problem without using county forc-

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es," Pulliam said.

After the new year, the county maintenance division may be in charge of getting rid of the encroachments. The footbridges—which some residents use to maneuver from their yards, over a dip in the landscape, to the trail—are considered a safety liability on county property.

County staff says the footbridges increase the risk of flooding since debris and branches are more likely to get stuck in the dip and clog the flow of rainwater.

Residents interviewed a few days after the yellow signs went up said it was ridiculous to think the footbridges pose any imminent safety threat.

If the county chooses to charge a removal fee, owners of encroaching objects would be responsible for paying for the staff time needed to get rid of encroachments. The bridges would be hauled to a landfill, Pulliam said.

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## Postcards to soldiers

Students write messages to patients recovering at Walter Reed hospital

by Jordan M. Doronila

Adam Repicky's friend—a U.S. Marine in Afghanistan—was severely injured in a roadside bomb blast and had to stay alone in the hospital.

Repicky shared this story with his third- and fourth-grade students at Greenbrook Elementary School, hoping to give them insight when they wrote postcards this year to soldiers recovering at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The postcards expressed sentiments such as "We hope you get better soon," "Keep your head up," and "I know it's tough."

Repicky said they were touching.

"Sometimes when you read them, it makes you want to cry," he said. "It's lonely serving and being in the hospital."

U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D.,

11th) had asked his constituents to write holiday postcards to soldiers at the hospital, and Repicky's students had responded to his request. McNerney visited Greenbrook earlier this month to pick up the cards. His office has already received 676 cards from the district, said spokesman Andy Stone.

"I thought that collecting cards with messages of thanks and appreciation from people in Danville and throughout the district would help lift the spirits of our soldiers, sailors, marines and reservists," McNerney said.

Repicky said writing the cards fits in with his curriculum, "Letter Writers of Room 507." His class of 20 students has written letters to former Danville Mayor Mike Shimansky, Police Chief Chris Wenzel, Officer Mike Ireland, McNerney and Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger.

Students learn communication by writing, he said.

"They learn how to present themselves," Repicky said. "If you write a sloppy letter, people are going to have thoughts about that. It makes them more aware of what's going around them."

"People enjoy getting them," he added.

Wenzel, Ireland and Shimansky have spoken in his class, and McNerney had also visited before.

"It was fun having the congressman visit," said Repicky.

The students enjoyed composing the cards to the soldiers.

"Writing to the troops felt good because they may not get notes and they may not get out of the hospital before Christmas and that can be one of their presents," said Max Schmidig, 10. ■



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U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney visits third- and fourth-grade students at Greenbrook Elementary School on Dec. 3 to pick up holiday postcards written to cheer wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., as teacher Adam Repicky observes.

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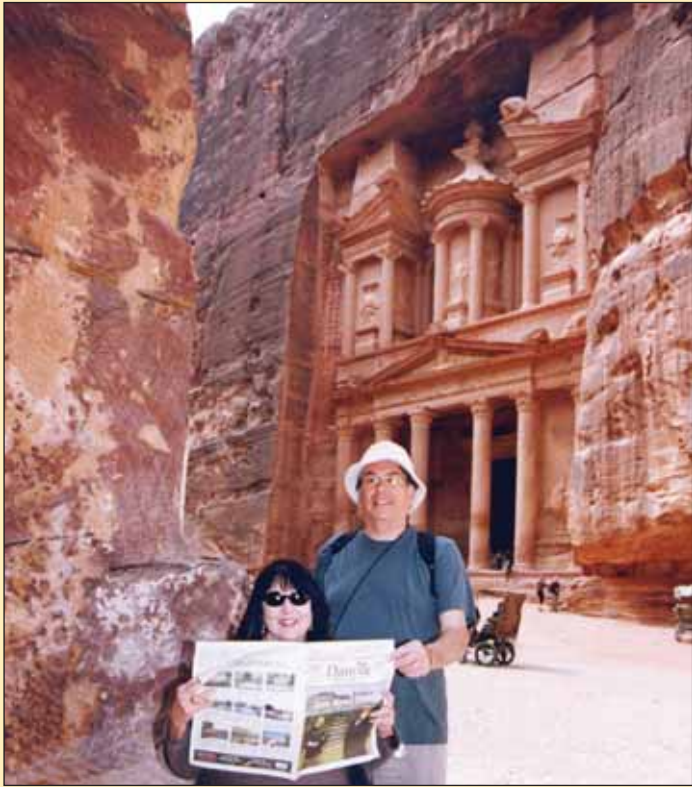
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# Hockey team aims for Silver Stick

Danville Bear raising funds for trip to tournament in Canada

by Jordan M. Doronila

A Danville hockey player is helping his team raise money to compete on Canadian ice for the Silver Stick, a sign of international goodwill—and good hockey.

Drew Phillips, 10, of Danville, and his team, the Oakland Bears, are looking for sponsors who will help them get to Canada and vie for the highest prize in youth hockey.

"It's a pretty big deal in the hockey world," said Drew's mother, Jackie. "It encompasses (youth hockey) in Canada and the U.S."

The Bears won the Squirt A Regional Northern California Silver Stick Championship last month. They went undefeated in five tournaments and in their semifinal game against the Anaheim Wildcats in November. They now qualify to compete for the Canadian Silver Stick Tourney on Jan. 18.

They plan to fly out to Michigan and drive to Canada on Jan. 16.

The Bears said they are excited about the trip.

"I'm getting to go back to Canada, which is kind of nice," said John MacKay, a Berkeley resident, who is on the team. "I want to show that Canada isn't the only one that has the best hockey players."

But the team needs money to help fund its travels and hotel expenses. Jackie Phillips said it costs \$700

to enter the tournament. The Bears have managed to tentatively receive \$2,500 from three sponsors. The money will partially cover the team's flight expenses, and parents will cover the rest. Fourteen Bears are going to Canada.

However, the team still has to pay for lodging and renting a car. Phillips said the tournament lasts through the weekend of Jan. 20, and the Bears will stay in Canada for five nights. Renting a hotel room daily is \$110, she noted.

The Bears are organizing a street hockey game against the Oakland Police Department to raise money. The team is also looking for potential sponsors for a "shoot-a-thon" and skating laps around the ice

rink. Sponsors would pay for how many goals or laps a hockey player makes. Phillips said the team would have a spaghetti feed or barbecue for the sponsors.

The International Silver Stick Tournament was founded by Jack Kinsella—a former featherweight boxer—in Ottawa, Canada, according to the tournament's Web site. The theme of the program is to promote sportsmanship.

Drew Phillips is looking forward to building on his team's success.

"It's the first time I won something where I get to move onto the next thing," he said.

To help the Oakland Bears raise money, contact Jackie Phillips at Phillipsfam2@sbcglobal.net. ■



JORDAN M. DORONILA

Above: Drew Phillips, 10, of Danville, gets ready to practice with his hockey team, the Oakland Bears. His team won four straight tournaments and a semifinal against the Anaheim Wildcats to compete in Canada for the Silver Stick—an award that symbolizes sportsmanship. His team is raising money to go to Canada. Right: Members of the Oakland Bears hockey team prepare to practice at the Oakland Ice Center.



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An Oakland Bear stretches and exercises in the hockey rink.

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# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## Any given Friday

The high school football season ended last weekend—at the Coliseum in Oakland no less, where San Ramon Valley High School reigned victorious as the North Coast Section 3A Champions and Cal High battled for 4A. But the local grand finale took place Monday at the Danville Rotary luncheon. Three players from each of the high schools, along with their coaches, principals and families, enjoyed each others' company as the nine were recognized at the 11th annual Peter Villa Awards. At the end, one of the nine was singled out to take the huge trophy back to his high school for a year.

These guys might be in high school but their athletic endeavors captivated the entire Valley. I talked to several people who go to the games even though their kids are out of school. The three coaches came to the front of the room one at a time to introduce the players, who were chosen for their athletic abilities and performance, leadership and scholarship.

First, Coach Tony Sanchez of California High took the mike, noting there isn't a better place to coach because of the involvement of the community. He introduced his three guys: Alex Spalliero, Nick Spalliero, and Nick Rosato, each with accolades. About Rosato, he said, "There may not be many people you want to date your daughter but Nick Rosato could date mine."

Next came Monte Vista Coach Craig Berman, who presented Rich Storelee, Rob Tomasello and Drew McAllister. He noted the support all the local teams give to each other. "We're watching each other's teams and we're pulling for them," he said. He pointed out that San Ramon Coach Dave Kravitz has a son playing at Cal High, and he congratulated the others for their performances in the championships last Saturday.

Kravitz took the floor—by this time they were using their "coaching voices" instead of the wailing microphone—and said they'd spent the season text-messaging, e-mailing and telephoning each other, taking pride in their collective accomplishments. His team beat the Redwood Empire team at the Coliseum on Saturday afternoon and he said while they were lining up for their championship photo, the players spotted the Cal High team warming up to face De La Salle; they spontaneously broke formation to run down to give them High Fives. The three Wolves chosen for the award were Kai Cummings, Harmon Bruno and Dan Smithwick.

Assemblyman Guy Houston,



Peter Villa Award winner Nick Rosato holds his trophy, with Pete Villa.

himself a football player 30 years ago for San Ramon Valley High, presented the top award this year. His father Fred is a former SRVHS coach plus was active for many years with the Thunderbirds along with Peter Villa, who founded the organization and was head coach for its first 12 seasons. All of these high school players had learned the game as members of T-Birds before they got to high school.

"I would not be where I am today without high school athletics," Houston told the players, saying he went to St. Mary's College on an athletic scholarship. "I attribute my success to my father and to Pete Villa."

He then announced the winner of this year's 11th annual award—Nick Rosato of Cal High.

For the first time, Pete himself gave a speech, first saying that Nick had made him happy by verifying that his last name is Italian because Villa's father was an Italian immigrant.

"We hear a lot of bad things about teenagers," Villa went on to say, "but I'm leaving here with the feeling that the future is bright."

He talked about the early days, as they began youth football in Lamorinda in 1958, then moved to Danville in 1963 and became the San Ramon Valley Thunderbirds. In those days the annual budget was \$3,000; it's currently more than \$90,000.

"We now have five teams—that's a big accomplishment," said Villa.

Bob Beaton, organizer of the Peter Villa Award, asked Rosato if he wanted to give a speech, too, but he quickly said, "No." Beaton started the awards 11 years ago when he was Danville Rotary president after Gary Cappelletti suggested it as a way to honor both the high school football players and Pete Villa for the generations of athletes being developed here. It's a great season wrap-up.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli  
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EDITORIALS • LETTERS • OPINIONS

**EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY**

**New mayor  
for Danville**

Mayor Candace Andersen began her term in Danville last week and hosted her first Morning with the Mayor at Father Nature's restaurant Friday. This continues the monthly informal gatherings with residents begun by 2007 Mayor Mike Shimansky.

Roxanne Lindsey brought wishes and a certificate for Andersen from Assemblyman Guy Houston (R, 15th District), saying Andersen would bring a "fresh and energetic view" to the town. This sums up our opinion of Mayor Andersen, and we look forward to a year of her leadership.

Andersen was first appointed to the Town Council in 2003 when Councilwoman Millie Greenberg left to serve as District 3 supervisor, and then Andersen was elected to the council in 2004.

A native of Hawaii, she is a lawyer and served on the Morgan Hill City Council before moving to Danville, her husband Phil's hometown.

The mayoral position rotates among the five Danville Town Council positions, and the person serving as mayor sets the tone for the meetings as well as representing Danville inside and outside the community. Each brings his or her personality to the town as they pursue the activities dear to them.

Shimansky has been an active and agreeable mayor, indefatigable in his appearances, often going from one event straight to another. He also kept up his work with the Red Cross and recently served in San Diego to help out in the emergencies caused by the fires. He is on the All Wars Memorial board and the Boy Scouts executive board as well as officiating for lacrosse, track and soccer. He said a year ago when he became mayor that he was going to work on communicating better with residents and indeed he did by starting the informal 7:30 a.m. meetings the first Friday of each month.

Andersen, a Mormon and the mother of six children, has said she wants to build on the strength of neighborhoods and churches to foster the feeling of community. She is going to continue the first Friday meetings. Andersen handles media relations for the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and is the council liaison for Street Smarts, the traffic safety program of the Valley's towns and the school district. We're sure she will also do us proud.

The person serving as mayor sets the tone for the meetings as well as representing Danville inside and outside the community.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Questionable benefits to incorporation**

Dear Editor:

Since the movement for Alamo incorporation started, I have been trying to determine what, if any, are the benefits to becoming a city. When I have asked those who are in favor, the answer I get is "control" or, more specifically, "local control." With my follow-up question of: "control what?" I then get evasive responses often filled with slogans such as, "We are a 'cash cow' for the county" and "taxation without representa-

tion." Hard to find anything beneficial in those!

But now I see from a letter two weeks ago that they are suggesting a benefit as controlling "in fill" and "over building," with "over building" being defined as "big homes on small lots." I have also heard these called "monster homes" by others in the movement. Of course there is another perspective on some of these large homes, as they are someone's "dream home" and most are not on small lots. We even had a case last year where some ill-advised opponents tried to stop

the building of a very large home on 22 acres!

Many of us think some large homes bring prestige and value to Alamo. And I'm pretty sure that Hillsborough and Woodside do not see them as "detrimental to their community character."

So as I understand it, we are to create a city government with a mayor, city council, city manager, offices, support staff and services to "control" the building of large homes. Sounds like a very expensive solution to a debatable problem!

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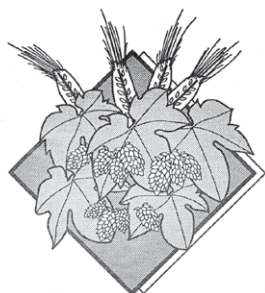
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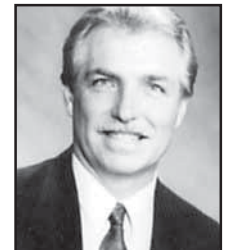
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## POLICE LOG

The Danville Police Department made the following information available from its incident summary report:

### Sunday, Dec. 2

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 1:49 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Crow Canyon Rd. and Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 2:02 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Greenbrook Dr. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:24 a.m.
- Recovered stolen vehicle, arrest, on Center Way and Crow Canyon Rd. at 7:34 a.m.
- Service to citizen, arrest, on La Gonda Way at 7:43 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Rd. at 9:43 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Estates Dr. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:17 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 4:32 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Crow Canyon Rd. at 4:33 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Crow Canyon Rd. and El Capitan Dr. at 6:27 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Verde Mesa Dr. at 11:20 p.m.

### Monday, Dec. 3

- Identity theft on Swan Ct. at 2:31 p.m.

- Auto burglary on Love Ln. at 5:17 p.m.

### Tuesday, Dec. 4

- Petty theft from vehicle on Maiden Ln. at 7:22 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Borel Ln. at 7:27 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Iron Horse Trail and Love Ln. at 12:30 p.m.
- Robbery on Diablo Rd. at 2:41 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on St. George Rd. at 3:53 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Danville Blvd. and Hemme Ave. at 9:44 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Crow Canyon Rd. and southbound I-680 at 10:55 p.m.

### Wednesday, Dec. 5

- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 2:51 a.m.
- Auto burglary on La Pera Ct. at 8:51 a.m.
- Identity theft on Constitution Dr. at 1:10 p.m.
- Grand theft on Railroad Ave. at 1:55 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Del Amigo Rd. and Verona Ave. at 2:05 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 5:21 p.m.
- Petty theft on Hartz Way and

Railroad Ave. at 9:48 p.m.

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 10:57 p.m.

### Thursday, Dec. 6

- Auto burglary on Larkwood Cir. at 7:25 a.m.
- Vandalism on Wilshire Ct. at 8:45 a.m.
- Vandalism on Verona Ave. at 8:51 a.m.
- Vandalism on Diablo Rd. and McCauley Rd. at 12:39 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Diablo Rd. and Green Valley Rd. at 2:43 p.m.
- Vandalism on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 4:11 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on La Gonda Way at 7:10 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 7

- Accident, property damage, on northbound I-680 and Diablo Rd. at 12:09 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 2:12 a.m.
- Petty theft on Diablo Rd. at 10:42 a.m.
- Battery on 4100 block of Camino Tassajara at 11:42 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 1:54 p.m.
- Misdemeanor battery on 4100 block of Camino Tassajara at 3:23 p.m.

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Police working on bank robber's ID

Police are still investigating the robbery that took place at Comerica Bank on Diablo Road last week, said Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel on Friday.

A white male suspect estimated to be in his 20s walked inside the bank at 2:40 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, and gave a note demanding money to a teller, said police Sgt. Kevin Daley. He exited out of the bank's back door—with an undisclosed amount of cash.

"We are still working on it," Wenzel said. "We are trying to get some positive IDs. There are some fingerprints."

The suspect has dark hair and is thin. He wore a gray sweat-shirt and black pants at the time of the robbery. Approximately seven police officers from the Danville and the Sheriff's Office arrived at the scene.

No one was injured, and there were no customers present during the robbery.

"They were all frightened," Daley said, about the bank staff.

He urged witnesses of bank robberies to avoid confronting robbers.

"Just be good witnesses and get descriptions," he said. "Obviously, call 911, and don't try to stop them."

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call the Danville Police Department at 314-3410.

—Jordan M. Dronila

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 7:36 p.m.
- Defrauding innkeeper on Camino Ramon at 9:40 p.m.

### Saturday, Dec. 8

- Disturbance, arrest, on 300 block of

- Hartz Ave. at 1:22 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Junewood Ct. at 8:38 a.m. and 9:48 a.m.
- Drunk in public, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 2:35 p.m.

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OBITUARIES • BIRTHS • WEDDINGS

## Ana Baer Fien

Ana Baer Fien, 86, an eight-year resident of Danville and a 37-year resident of Alamo passed away Nov. 3 after a courageous and mercifully short battle with leukemia and lymphoma. She was surrounded by loving family members at the time of her death.



She was born April 28, 1921, in Montana and moved to Pittsburg with her family when she was a young girl. She attended UC Berkeley and graduated from UC San Francisco in 1944 with a degree in nursing. She served in World War II as a captain in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and later taught nursing. She married her beloved husband Irving Fien, M.D., in 1955 and they were happily married until his death in 1990.

She was a world traveler who passionately supported education and was a perennial student until her death. She supported nonprofit organizations and loved the arts, museums, movies and visiting new restaurants with her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Lorri Fien of Walnut Creek and Rhonda Stangrover of Alamo; sons-in-law Mick Stangrover and Phil Archibald; and three grandchildren; and numerous lifelong friends.

A celebration of her life will be held in early 2008. The family would appreciate memorial donations in lieu of flowers to Save Mount Diablo or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

## Sophie 'Toby' Vrankovich

Sophie "Toby" Vrankovich, a former resident of Danville, passed away Nov. 21 at the age of 87.

She was born in San Leandro on Feb. 13, 1920, the youngest of 10 siblings. She was a homemaker for more than 60 years. She loved to shop in catalogs looking for very colorful clothing. She enjoyed golf trips and most of all going out to dinner.

She was preceded in death by her husband Nick Vrankovich in March, 1983. She lost her beloved sister, Gloria, in February 2005. She is survived by her son Russ (Judy), two grandsons, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She had requested there be no services.

## Rosalia Gumataotao Pangelinan

Danville resident Rosalia Gumataotao Pangelinan passed away Nov. 26 at the age of 71. She was a resident of Danville for more than 36 years.

She was born Sept. 17, 1936, and raised in Guam. She moved to California in 1963. Her favorite activities were her early morning walks on the Iron Horse Trail and dancing.

She has five loving children and was preceded in death by her eldest daughter Janet. She is survived by her beloved husband Thomas; children June (Paul Adachi) of El Cerrito; Thomas Jr. (Julie) of Las Vegas; Joseph (Cindy) of San Diego; and Tina (Moimusa Ahmadu) of Washington, D.C. She is also survived by four grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was held Dec. 3 at St. Joan of Arc Parish in San Ramon with interment at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette.

## John Peter Rakela III

John Peter Rakela III, a Danville

resident, passed away Nov. 25 at the age of 56.

He was born Jan. 10, 1951, to John and Antoinette Rakela, who predeceased him. Friends remembered that he touched many lives with his sense of humor and dry wit and say he will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife Laura Rakela; siblings Sharon Bendahan and David Bendahan; his niece Jennifer McCartney; his father-in-law Gordon Duff; and numerous cousins and many friends.

A vigil service was held Nov. 29 at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville. The liturgy was celebrated Nov. 30 at St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon. Burial is at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette. Memorial contributions are preferred to St. Joan of Arc Building Fund or Father Dan Madigan, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services.

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In his first period class, David Matley leads a discussion on the pros and cons of standardized testing in schools.

Story and photos by Natalie O'Neill

**Mr. Matley approaches the center of the classroom and students sit up a little straighter. The dull buzz of the first period bell has just rung and excited chatter from students is tapering off.**

**At the whiteboard, the speech and debate teacher writes something quickly in green marker, then turns to face the classroom. Eyes are on him.**

"I have a couple of announcements," he says.

The morning sunlight is creeping in through the window shades.

"First—" Matley starts, then stops. He smiles, noticing one student.

"Spencer, why are you wearing a suit?"

"Extra credit," the thin freshman says. The black pin-striped suit he's sporting is a few sizes too big.

"You look sharp," Matley pops, then continues on with his reminders.

There's a weekend carpool to organize. And the final exam preparations to reiterate.

David Matley, an 18-year Monte Vista teacher and debate team coach, knows how to talk to his students. He knows how to inspire them—how to wake them up.

"It's a tough art," he says. "You have to establish a line of communication—sometimes that means talking to them about things outside school or utilizing humor. You

have to be attentive to them. It's easy to be in your own world."

In his classroom, years of speech and debate trophies take up nearly a full corner. The gold cups and plaques are from local, state and national competitions. Some read "Martin Luther King Invitational," "Glenbrooks Invitational, Chicago" and "California Invitational."

At the 1st League Congress tournament this fall in San Francisco, Matley's team took home 67 awards and also boasted six undefeated debaters in Sebastopol. Over the years, his teams have taken home four state champions in foreign extemporaneous speaking—one of the most challenging events because its subject is world affairs.

"A lot of teachers are smart but they don't know how to explain what they're teaching. With Matley, you have more incentive to listen," says Brian Louie, Matley's student aide and a member of the speech and debate team.

One girl overhears him and

chimes in.

"He's engaging," she adds.

Ask other students what they like about the coach they simply call "Matley" and you might get your answer in the form of a persuasive speech. The topic: How Mr. Matley has boosted my confidence.

At an October school board meeting, Matley's accomplishments were honored by trustees and some of his more motivated students even gave short speeches about him.

"I wholeheartedly say Mr. Matley has been the greatest teacher in my high school career," said Jibrán Khan, an upperclassman.

Brian Louie was there then, too, and he told a bit of his personal story.

"I took his class when I was a short awkward kid with no future of public speaking," he said.

He spoke eloquently into the microphone in front of the board. "I would have probably been the one sitting in the back, hesitating

to come a foot closer."

Being a speech and debate teacher is arguably one of the most time-consuming, personally draining positions in the district.

There are long weekend hours, faraway tournaments with kids, and dedicated students who all require individual attention. Speech and debate coaches tend to burn out after about five years, Trustee Joan Buchanan explained.

Debates are usually every other weekend and are as far away as Chicago. Matley comes two hours before school starts, stays two hours after and still has energy for weekend tournaments.

"You don't get a whole lot of sleep," he says of the long-distance events. "It's a very demanding schedule with very demanding students."

In Matley's first period class the students are mostly freshmen with a few sophomores mixed in. It's 9:40 a.m. and the class' first debate of the year is about to start. The

subject: Should standardized testing in schools be eliminated?

The first speaker, a tall black boy in a hooded sweatshirt, makes a point about low income schools being at a disadvantage when it comes to national tests.

"It's not those students' fault and they shouldn't be punished for it," he says to the class.

Matley is sitting on a high chair at a podium, grading each speaker. He rubs his chin and nods his head slightly when kids make good points. Then he scribbles onto the grading sheet.

After the debate, he stands up and addresses the class.

"Well, this first debate was a raging success," he says earnestly.

Next, he asks the class to consider advantages and disadvantages of standardized testing.

Several arms rise into the air. But he calls on one boy who doesn't have his hand up.

"Jason, you're smart. You should know this," he says, matter-of-factly.

On this morning, students are bouncing opinions and logical arguments off one another. This is what Matley likes to see.

"I want them to be able to stand up and speak their mind. The No. 1 thing is that I want them to feel good about themselves," he explains.

The speaking styles he teaches range from interpretive speech, which is theatrical, to impromptu and persuasive. In his class, the only way to learn is by getting up and doing it, he says.

"It's everyone's greatest fear. But once you face it, you can get over it," he says.

Other teachers at Monte Vista say they've noticed his teaching philosophy and have respect for the way he runs his classes.

"He's surprisingly laidback, yet strict. He runs a tight ship," says Patty Carothers, 2006-2007 county Teacher of the Year.

Back in October, school board members detailed how impressed they were with the clear passion his students have. And they pointed out the dedication Matley shows.

"The legacy you're leaving is immeasurable," longtime board member Buchanan told him.

Peek into one of his classrooms and you'll likely find groups of kids scattered about. One group is researching. Another is outside "talking to a wall" in preparation. From an outsider's perspective it can look a bit chaotic, Matley says.

"It might seem like kids are just doing what they want to do. But all that stuff is orchestrated," he explains.

This is one of his secrets to enjoying a job that has so much potential to be draining.

"It's delegation. I will say, 'Look. You do this,'" Matley says.

He gives kids responsibility, holds them to it—and they somehow love him for it.

This is where his older students come in. He builds solid leaders, starting with freshmen. Then, by the time they are upperclassmen, they can be role models. The system takes some of the weight off his shoulders.

"You have to be able to set limits



Matley critiques the class' first debate of the year, explaining that specifics are an effective way to make an argument—but being too specific will distract the audience.



Eighteen years worth of local, state and national trophies adorn Matley's classroom.



A sign that hangs on Matley's desk was drawn by a student, as part of a letter given to him during teacher appreciation week.

and realize you're not a superhero. If you try to do everything yourself—forget it. You won't have an outside life," he says.

When the 10:20 a.m. bell rings to signal the end of the class, students

crowd around him.

Some have homework questions; others want to tell him about a new speech and debate movie. They want to talk to him. And Matley knows how. ■



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# Sports

A LOOK AT THE LOCAL SPORTS SCENE



Wolves quarterback Joe Southwick scrambles in Saturday's game against Cardinal Newman.



Jason Granzella goes for the interception to end the game.

## San Ramon wins title at Coliseum

The San Ramon Valley High School football team continued its victorious season all the way to the top—winning the North Coast Section 3A Championship Saturday afternoon at the Coliseum in Oakland.

The Wolves, led by quarterback Joe Southwick, beat Cardinal Newman-Santa Rosa, the champions of the Redwood Empire, at a final score of 38-28. The Wolves defense is also credited with stopping Cardinal Newman's star quar-

terback Max Pond.

San Ramon Valley's season record was 12-1-1. Its only loss was to cross-town rivals Monte Vista. ■

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Greg Wilson makes a reception.



Joey Tidwell scores a touchdown.

### PREP SCHEDULE

Thursday-Friday, Dec. 13-14	Saturday, Dec. 15	Men's Soccer
<b>Men's Basketball</b> SRV Holiday Classic at San Ramon Valley	<b>Men's Basketball</b> Monte Vista vs. Bellarmine, 7 p.m.  <b>Women's Basketball</b> San Ramon Valley at Antioch, 6:30 p.m.  <b>Wrestling</b> Wheatland Savedra Invitational at Wheatland High, 9 a.m.	Monte Vista vs. Alameda, 5:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, Dec. 14</b>  <b>Women's Basketball</b> Monte Vista vs. Oakland Tech, 7 p.m.  <b>Women's Soccer</b> Monte Vista at Foothill, 5:45 p.m.  <b>Men's Soccer</b> Monte Vista vs. Cal High, 5:45 p.m.	<b>Monday, Dec. 17</b>  <b>Women's Basketball</b> Monte Vista at Rodriguez, 7 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, Dec. 18</b>  <b>Men's Basketball</b> San Ramon Valley at Acalanes, 7 p.m.  <b>Women's Basketball</b> San Ramon Valley vs. Arroyo, 7 p.m.  <b>Women's Soccer</b> San Ramon Valley vs. Cal High, 5:45 p.m.  Monte Vista at Livermore, 5:45 p.m.

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### Busting those goals

The Goal Busters were champions of the Dick King Tournament for the White U10 boys Mustang league and went on to represent Mustang in the Crossroads Invitational Tournament. Coaches are (l-r) Hutch Ashoo, Chip Woerner, Henry Bartley; players are (front, l-r) Gwyn Watkin, Jake Salamida, Garrett Fitzgerald, TJ McCarty, Kyle Bartley, Ethan Bartley, Ian Simpson; (standing) Kristian Woerner, Hunter Gunari, Trent Ashoo, Armando Rios, Kieran Woerner.



### Kickball champs kick back

The Longshots, a Danville adult kickball team celebrates its victory against the Manatees at Sycamore Valley Park to win the title for the fall season. The championship was featured in a Bay Area Back Roads segments on adults being kids again. Teams are coed, with five women and five men, and their children turn out for each game to cheer.



### Xtreme win

District 3 Cup Champions Mustang Xtreme U-10 Girls Bronze team members are (standing, l-r) Coach David Patterson, Taylor Chang, Daniella Paradiso, Carina Pineda, Melyssa Moore, Katie Parker, Jordan Moldenhauer, Coach Don Fornasier; (seated) Megan McCabe, Jessica Lateur, Kathryn La Barbera, Katie Patterson, Elise Ericson and Joelle Fornasier.



### Rossoneri wins Chico Invitational

The U11 boys Division 1 Silver team, Mustang Rossoneri, won the recent Chico Invitational Don Heffren Tournament. This team plays at the gold level and all four of its games were shutouts. Team members are (front, l-r) Joe

Oswald, Ray Soderman, Nathan Miller, Chase Redd, Alexander Brown, Jake Don Sing, Ryan Miller, Trip McComas, (back) Josh Larsen, Conor Reiland, Zach Virgilio, Zach Pereira, David Klopp, Austin Tobian, Spencer Terzolo, Harry Lambourne, Head Coach Johnny Kinnear. Not Pictured: Assistant Coaches Dave Terzolo and Mark Lambourne.



### Mavericks place in District Cup

The U11 Division 3 Red Team, the Mavericks, played in the District Cup on Dec. 1-2 and ended up going to the Championship game. They tied

0-0, then went to two 10-minute overtimes, then into penalty kicks. They ended up placing second in the District Cup. Players are (back, l-r) Coach Steve Sidore, Alexis Baillie, Mackenzie Shrieve, Corinne Lafayette, Michelle Morones,

Christina Chace, Kyndel Sidore, Jenna Chase, Sabrina Chiang, Sarah Wayland, Coach Chris Gil, Coach Rob Hansen; (front) Chloe Winn, Emma Gil, Sonali Verma, Sophia Tomei, Christy Hammill and Brianna Engle.



### These girls are Dy-na-mite

The Mustang U-10 Dynamite Girls Soccer Team capped an exciting season by taking first place in the Dick King Tournament on Veterans Day and by taking second place in the Crossroads Invitational Soccer Tournament in Dublin on Nov. 18. Team members are (back, l-r) Assistant Coach Larry Weight, Emily Weight, Sophie Kuester, Grace Wensley, Jacquelyn Brumley, Emily (Squid) Paulsey, Head Coach Gerard Kuester; (from) Assistant Coach Dave Wensley, Terra Gabriella Johnson, Chrissy Susic, Tessa Sternberg, Amanda Siefert, Halie Elliott, Elena Jaffe; not pictured, Alison Switzer.



### Courage prevails

The Mustang U10 Girls, Division 1, Courage Team took first place in the Nor Cal Cup, Gold Division held in November in Sacramento. They played six games, tying the first and winning the next five. The girls, showing their climb to the top, are (front, l-r) Lindsay Virgillio, Lily Sauer, Brooke Starn, Mckenzie Reiland, Danielle Land, Felicia Johnson, Kaitlin Ross; (back) Jessica Kern, Mimi Diekman, Amanda Outcalt, Rachel Brecke, Gianna Coffin, and Brielle Sharp. Coaches are Mike Descombaz and Tallie Goode.

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