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Matt Wolf
library assistant



I was 5 years old in Walnut Creek. I followed a bunch of teenagers on my bike. We were carving our names in the dirt on the hillside and my mom drove by. She was shopping. I was in big trouble.

Rhonda Oliva
Red Cross employee



I didn't want to get my fingernails cut, so I threw a fit. My parents had to pin me down to cut them.

Shawn Stange
calibration technician



I pierced my ear at band camp and almost got kicked out. It was a medical liability. I never went back. Obviously, I have a bunch of piercings now.

Jon Burklund
student



I strolled out to see the sites when I was 3 years old and my mom couldn't find me. We lived by the train tracks and some shops. I think I decided I was gonna get a doughnut from the doughnut shop. A chocolate cake doughnut with frosting.

Mike Nevin
manufacturing company owner

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Unprecedented state cuts to education could be a big blow to the San Ramon Valley. Patty Hoyt, organizer of PTA Advocacy Day, is just one of the mothers prepared to fight for representation. Photo by Natalie O'Neill. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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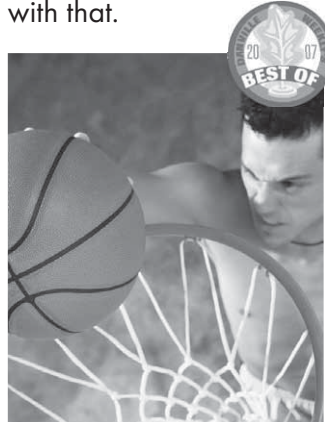
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School parcel tax on June ballot

School board trustees moved to put an increased parcel tax on the June 3 ballot, at a special school board meeting last week. The tax would increase the current annual \$90 per parcel to \$158 per parcel. The current parcel tax is set to expire at the end of next year. It funds middle school and high school librarians, counselors, classroom size reduction and fifth-grade instrumental music.

"The primary purpose of the parcel tax is to continue these four essential programs," said Terry Koehne, spokesman for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

At the special meeting, no one spoke in opposition to the tax, according to district staff. Two-thirds of voters must support the increase in order for it to pass.

Check smoke alarms for age, not just batteries

With the beginning of daylight-saving time this weekend, many people will change the batteries in their smoke alarms, along with setting their clocks ahead one hour. However, studies from the National Fire Protection Association indicate one out of four alarms may not be functional due to its age.

"We need people to remember that smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years," said Debbie Hanson, director of external affairs for First Alert.

Also the smoke alarms today offer new technologies and features. Products include smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and technology that allows homeowners to create a network of smoke alarms that "talk" to each other with no wiring required.

In addition, several smoke alarm models are available with special lithium batteries that last 10 years. Other new features include remote controlled muting and easy access battery compartments.

Event canceled for Democratic candidates for Assembly

The March 11 Democratic forum for the candidates running for the 15th Assembly District has been cancelled since two of the candidates dropped out of the race. School board Trustee Joan Buchanan, an Alamo resident, is still going strong and has lined up endorsements from Contra Costa County Supervisor Susan Bonilla, Danville Councilman Mike Doyle, former Danville Town Council members Don Ritchey and Barbara Jagger, East Bay Regional Parks District Directors Beverly Lane and Ayn Wieskamp, former Alameda County Fire Chief Bill McCammon and former BART Director Erlene DeMarcus.

Candidate Steve Filson of Danville announced he was suspending his campaign, for "a constellation of reasons both personal and political."

Guy Houston (R., San Ramon) is leaving the Assembly 15th District office due to term limits. Today, March 7, is the last date for candidates to file.

Science and Engineering Fair this weekend

The best and brightest student scientists and engineers from seventh through the 12th grade

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ Now I have a very different perspective on the little pollinators. ”

—Trevor Alexander, fifth-grade student who studied the vanishing honeybees.
See story, page 6.

are showcasing their work March 4-8 at the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair, sponsored by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The venue is the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. in Livermore.

Research categories included behavioral and bioscience, biochemistry, botany, chemistry, computer science, earth and space science, engineering, environmental science, mathematics, medicine and health, microbiology, physics and zoology. Judging was March 5 with an awards ceremony that evening. Exhibits are open for viewing Friday, March 7, until 7 p.m. and from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 8.

The fair is affiliated with the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair; Senior Division Sweepstakes winners of the Tri-Valley fair have gone on to win top honors at Intel ISEF. The Junior Division winners are eligible to compete at the California State Science Fair.

Seniors: Want to get away?

Seniors looking for travel adventures this fall can attend an information session from noon-2 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, to learn about two upcoming trips sponsored by the Town of Danville.

"Idaho Resorts & Rivers" is an eight-day journey featuring a trip on the Boise Tour Train. The Idaho tour will depart Oct. 11.

"Opryland Music Holiday" will feature the entertaining sights and sounds of "Music City," Nashville, Tenn. This trip is five days long and will depart Dec. 3.

The meeting is free and will take place at the Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. All prospective travelers are welcome. For more information, call Jenn Overmoe at 314-3491.

Library sponsoring teen music video contest

The Contra Costa County Library is celebrating the second annual Teen Tech Week from March 2-8 with a Teen Music Video Contest. Young adults, grades six through 12, living in Contra Costa County may enter individually or in a group with a maximum of four people. Music videos should be no longer than three minutes and promote libraries and the technological resources they offer.

Entries must be uploaded to YouTube and tagged as "ccclib" and "ttw2008"—then teens should submit the entry form, which is available online at ccclib.org/teen by midnight, Monday, March 31. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Guitar Center, and the best video will be prominently featured within OurLibrary at www.myspace.com/ourlibrary. Winners will be notified by April 30.

Correction The story in the Feb. 29 issue about Barbara Walters coming to Rakestraw Books should have given the date as Friday, May 16.



Tassajara Valley hearing postponed

Agencies protest San Ramon study to annex 4,900 acres

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Concerned parties must wait for San Ramon's public hearing on its amendment to include the Tassajara Valley in its sphere of influence. The item was scheduled for the San Ramon City Council meeting March 11 but is being postponed until at least May or June.

"It's still on the council agenda for the 11th. The action is recommended to be continued," explained senior planner Lauren Barr. "We

are responding to LAFCO's desire to wait until the Municipal Service Review is complete."

Anyone who shows up to speak to the item will be heard, he said, but no decision will be made.

The outcry was immediate when San Ramon released its Initial Study on Feb. 5 to put the 4,900-acre Tassajara Valley under its sphere of influence rather than the county's.

Danville Town Council members asked to meet with their counterparts in San Ramon to discuss the issue plus requested the 20-day deadline for comments from Danville and other neighboring agencies be

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Meeting addresses elder financial abuse

Every Generation focusing on this 'crime of the 21st century'

by Meghan Neal

For three years Idabelle, 75 years old and living alone in San Ramon, trusted her caregiver to help her with things around the house. Fill up the car with gas, do the laundry. But Idabelle's caregiver was manipulating her out of large sums of money, stealing from her, and taking advantage of her vulnerable position.

"She was probably grasping \$1,000 a month out of my auntie," said Idabelle's niece, Cathy Tanconi. "Oh yeah, definitely weaseling her money ... You never think something like that's going to impact your family."

But it does. In fact, the increasing prevalence of elder financial abuse is causing it to be called the crime of the 21st century.

"It is truly bankrupting millions of seniors in our country," said Eloise Sotelo, supervisor at Adult Protective Services, at a meeting last Thursday at the Concord Senior Center.

The assembly was held by Every Generation, a county organization whose goal is to make local communities good places to age. Financial abuse of the elderly will be a major focus of the group.

"Elderly have become prey because they're sitting on a certain amount of security, of wealth," Sotello said. "These people have scrimped and saved and accumulated a good amount of assets. And people, predators, are aware of that."

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Workers are carefully boxing an oak tree to be moved by crane from the YMCA property in Alamo into a neighboring yard.

Neighbors save a mighty oak

YMCA begins tree clearing for new Alamo facility

by Natalie O'Neill

On Tuesday, a 50-foot oak tree stood on Lewis Lane in Alamo, leaves quivering in the breeze. By Wednesday it had been plucked up with a 100-ton crane and dropped off in Vin Rover's back yard.

Rover, who lives on the border of the San Ramon Valley YMCA property, knew about YMCA's plan to chop down five trees just yards from his gated community. It had to happen to make way for the new 12-acre facility infrastructure.

But he didn't want all of the trees to go to waste. So he made arrangements to have a contractor box, hoist and transplant the oak into his yard.

"I thought, 'Wow, these are beautiful,'" Rover said. "But we were really only able to save one."

YMCA representatives agreed to leave the tree standing and to charge Rover no fee for it.

"We were going to take it down and they asked if they could have a contractor come in. Of course we were thrilled," said Kathy Chiverton, executive director of the San Ramon Valley YMCA.

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County OKs sliding doors for Windmill Farms

Health department says enclosed space will protect cut melons and bulk food

by Natalie O'Neill

The rocky relationship between San Ramon's open-air market Windmill Farms and the county health department just got a little smoother.

A plan to build an enclosed space for cut melons, bulk food, dairy and meat was approved by the health department last week. Automatic sliding doors are scheduled to be put in at the mom-and-pop shop and are expected to cost owners of the 33-year-old shop nearly \$40,000.

"We had to take out a loan," said owner Jason Benavidez.

Owners clashed with the county in August after it mandated the shop

build four walls or stop selling food that inspectors deemed could be contaminated easily in the open air. Bulk food, like nuts and candies, and cut fruit were the biggest offenders.

The Benavidez family put in temporary see-through sliding doors in mid-February, after the county served the market a cease and desist order for continuing to sell "hazardous foods" in the same conditions.

The shop then closed for three days and the health department ordered the immediate stop of sales.

"It's been a mess," Benavidez said this week.

Sales at the owner-operated business have been down 25 percent since August, he said.

County health department officials say they are pleased with the progress the market is making.

"Our only interest is to protect the quality of food and to protect the people who eat it," said Sherman Quinlan, director of the county's environmental health services.

He said insects, birds and "sometimes furry pests" are more likely to contaminate food that isn't sold in an enclosed space.

The market has no record of any substantial health code violations.

Corey Hegney, who was shopping for fruit with his son Monday afternoon said he has never been

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On a late-afternoon banana run, a Windmill Farms customer squeezes through the temporary plastic doors at the market.

5th-graders create buzz about bees

Environmental project presents Colony Collapse Disorder

by Meghan Neal

Billions of honeybees are mysteriously disappearing, and fifth-graders at Greenbrook Elementary School want people to “bee” aware.

The class is participating in Disney’s “Environmentality” program, where students pick an environmental issue to study. The class chose to focus on Colony Collapse Disorder—a looming crisis in which honeybees are vanishing in record numbers.

“Once they did the research ... they got really concerned and they wanted to know more about these little creatures that most students could care less about in the beginning,” said the teacher, Pamela Vamvouris.

The students discovered the issue is serious. Since pollination from honey bees produces one-third of fruits and vegetables, if the bees go, crops will dwindle and the prices for what’s left will skyrocket.

“Last year was catastrophic for the bees,” said Vamvouris.

The honeybee population has been steadily declining for decades, but the last two years have been even worse. Hives are being found abandoned, with no sign of the colony—or any dead bees—anywhere.

“Nobody knows where they’re going, and the bottom line is they’re

not staying put,” said Vamvouris. “There’s no one specific reason why the bees are disappearing. They’re disappearing and nobody knows why.”

As the fifth-graders learned more about bees, they discovered their opinion of the creatures changed. Bees don’t just buzz around stinging people, they realized, but play a crucial role in agriculture and the environment.

“Now I have a very different perspective on the little pollinators,” Trevor Alexander, one of the students, wrote on a honeycomb collage the class made.

“At first I didn’t appreciate bees at all,” Jamie Lemons wrote. “But now that I know what they do, I appreciate them.”

The students are working on spreading that awareness to the rest of the community.

They put on a play about honeybees at Greenbrook Elementary last week on Wednesday, followed by a bee science fair. The play illustrated the lives of the queen and worker bees in the colony. Afterward the yellow-and-black-clad students, along with audience, buzzed around booths which displayed information on the topic.

Vamvouris’ class has been working on several other projects, too. They’re writing a book about honeybees and hope to publish it, and

they created a Web site back in December.

“The benefit of raising awareness is the honeybees right now are underappreciated,” Vamvouris said. “People don’t understand bees, especially children. The thinking is, ‘Bees sting, and they’re a nuisance.’ I think bees are misunderstood.”

The school is dedicating this year’s Earth Day, on April 22, to the honeybee. Vamvouris’ class will host a “fun fest” for fellow students in the area. And of course, the message of the event will be: Help save the honeybees. ■



Fifth-grade student Veronica Allen shares information about honeybees at Greenbrook Elementary School’s science fair.

Scope of the problem: The number of managed honeybee colonies has dropped from 5 million in the 1940s to 2.5 million today, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 2006 and 2007, beekeepers on the West Coast reported a loss of 30 to 40 percent of colonies, and up to 70 percent in other locations.

Repercussions: If the rate of decline keeps up, honeybees will cease to exist by 2035. The bees pollinate an estimated \$15 billion worth of crops. Without pollination, these crops cannot grow, which would result in a shortage of around 90 different fruits and vegetables.

Possible causes: The cause of Colony Collapse Disorder is unknown and still being researched. Scientists believe bees are malnourished and stressed, possibly due to mites, pathogens, pesticides or electromagnetic radiation from cell phones.

Future steps: The 2007 Farm Bill passed by Congress helps support beekeepers who are struggling, and requires that the U.S. Department of Agriculture continue researching possible causes and solutions.



Students describe what they’ve learned about bees on a honeycomb collage displayed at Greenbrook Elementary School.

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Join the fun 'Rockin' for a Cause'

Fundraiser puts musicians—and friends—onstage to perform

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Goodbye black tie; hello blue jeans. Rockin' for a Cause isn't your typical fancy pants fundraiser, says organizer Richard Goeb.

The Danville musician and board member of Community Violence Solutions is sick of the same marathon pledges and formal auctions. So he proposed a new plan: Have people pledge money to see their friends on stage, performing with a professional band.

"If you cared less about the charity you'd still have some fun," he said. "You don't have to be a millionaire, a hotshot."

First, the Silicon Valley Houserockers will perform 45 minutes of cover songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s. Then the music will be followed by a brief presentation about sexual assault and violence in Contra Costa County. Last, six "musically inclined" average Joes and Janes will become part of the band.

It all begins at 8 p.m. at the Wesley Center in Alamo next Saturday.

"I'm playing a Carlos Santana song," said John Walsh, a guitarist who has raised \$1,400 in pledges. "The challenge is to come in cold, effectively with a band."

The idea is that people around town will want to come cheer on their friends, to see them in the spotlight. In turn, money will be

raised and awareness will be garnered, Goeb said.

"If you've pledged a few bucks for your friend, the hope is you'll want to come see them perform," he explained.

Community Violence Solutions provides support services to child and adult victims of sexual assault and their families. It offers a crisis hotline, a counseling center, prevention services and an assault response team.

One program the organization will touch on at Rockin' for a Cause allows parents to arrange to meet with a volunteer to pick up or drop off their child, without risk of the abusive parent or spouse popping up.

"Sometimes they have to agree to transfer their kids in a parking lot at Home Depot, for example," Goeb explained. The organization helps offer a safe, neutral location for children and parents.

Volunteers are needed along with money to fund the services. Board members are hoping a few people will be inspired to volunteer on the crisis line.

The Silicon Valley Rockers is a 10-man band, complete with a five piece horn section.

"Think Chicago and Tower of Power," Goeb said.

The band's Web site boasts that it plays covers of some of the greatest rock, rhythm and blues ever record-

ed. Concert-goers should expect some Stones and some Springsteen.

Performers have been practicing vocals and instruments—much like training for a marathon fundraiser.

"I just learned it by ear and tried to figure the parts out," Walsh said.

The show is more of a guest artist performance than impromptu karaoke, organizers said.

"We've kind of been bending over backwards not to use the 'K' word," Goeb said with a laugh.

The performance will be held in the Wesley Center and will benefit Community Violence Solutions, formerly Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa County.

"This year we're pulling from a different segment—people who would like to go out on a Saturday night but don't want to drive into the city," said Goeb. ■

Big city fun in Alamo

What: Rockin' for a Cause
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Windmill Farms

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worried about unsanitary conditions at the market. He added that the new doors didn't make him feel more secure about his health.

"The doors are a deterrent, actually. If it grows in the ground, why

can't it be out in the open?" he said.

The county-issued approval of the new doors is good through February 2009. But Benavidez said he still doesn't feel like the case is closed.

"It's working now, but who knows what they are gonna say next week," he said.

After the permanent doors go in,

the county health department will do another inspection to make sure Windmill Farms is using the structure and the equipment in a safe way.

"It's a dynamic condition—it doesn't remain static," Quinlan said. ■

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Trees

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Rover said he'd rather not comment on how much transplanting the tree will cost. In general, though, cost depends on the species of tree, the distance it will be moved and the caliper size—or height—of the tree.

Contractors began boxing the tree Monday. Turf in the Rover yard was cleared near the center of the property to replant the oak.

"We're gonna dig a hole and drop it in," Rover said.

The home builder, his wife Caroline and his seven children have lived in their gated Alamo community for about four years. The couple is concerned about how the new facil-

ity will affect their neighborhood.

"It's going to practically be in our back yard," said Caroline Rover. "That's a worry of mine—what kind of noise it is going to bring."

The project includes buildings designed with a rural theme and situated around an open meadow, with a 10,800-square-foot "airnasium"—an indoor/outdoor basketball and sports court area with its western wall enclosed. Plans for the 40,000-square-foot facility also include indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

The YMCA still has \$800,000 in funds to raise and is gathering it from individual donors and community fundraisers. People can also purchase a brick with their name on it at the Y in support of the facility.

"Hopefully people will want to be part of something that's going to be here for generations to come," Chiverton said.

If all goes well, infrastructure contraction will begin in fall and the YMCA will open by late spring or early summer 2009.

Chiverton said people are telling her they cannot wait for it to open. Seniors are looking forward to the heated pool, and teens will have opportunities for employment.

"I think it's incredibly exciting to be taking these first steps," she said.

Taking out the trees was an unfortunate part of the building process, Chiverton said.

"It's not something we're happy doing, but it's necessary," she said. ■

Abuse

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That plus the fact that with age one's mental capacity begins to slip—hindering people's ability to protect themselves—makes seniors a prime target for financial abuse.

The abuse takes many different

forms, from as simple as borrowing money and never paying it back to more serious crimes like identity theft. Doctors will swindle patients out of money by overmedicating and other tricks. Caregivers will charge for services that are never provided. But worst of all, the abusers are usually the victim's own family members—often their children.

And then there are the lottery scams. Con artists—frequently from Nigeria or Canada—will contact seniors and tell them they've won millions of dollars but must first pay a fee to collect it.

Sotelo described a case where a man gave away his entire retirement to a faux Nigerian lottery. No longer able to afford housing, he had to move in with his daughter, who took over managing his finances.

"He would swear today that the president of Nigeria was going to fly in and give him this money," Sotelo sighed.

Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel said that in Danville a typical case of financial abuse might look like this: A man posing as a contractor knocks on an elderly person's door and offers to repair the roof for a quarter of the regular cost. Then he takes the money and never comes back.

"It's just a con," Wenzel said. "They're trying to convince you ... and make it so attractive that they get your money."

It isn't as simple as assuming all elders are easily duped, though. Sotelo said the perpetrators are slick, professional and convincing. And seniors are perceived as being

extra trusting, Wenzel said.

Loneliness plays a part in it too. Often an elderly person living alone won't talk to anyone all day until a predator calls them up and starts asking how they're doing.

Another sticky aspect of the issue is that the victims rarely report the crimes when they occur.

"Sometimes we don't get calls because people are embarrassed that they've been taken," said Wenzel. Or the elders will be in denial that their own family would do such a thing.

As the baby boomer generation begins to reach senior-citizenhood, the elderly population is rapidly growing and the problem is expected to worsen.

As of 2006, 11.5 percent of people in the county were age 65 or over, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That number is predicted to double by the year 2020.

"I'll tell you, the problem is growing. Which is horrible," said Barbara Smith, president of Every Generation, who lives in Alamo. "So our job of course, all of us, is to make elders aware that this is happening."

At the meeting Sotelo related a few tips for elders to keep in mind: Bring mail directly to the post office rather than sticking it in your private mailbox; don't respond to e-mails if you don't know the sender; screen calls; make sure you fully understand documents before signing them; and never give out credit card information.

"It's scary, it really is scary," Smith said. "And it's incumbent upon all of us to do what we can to knock it off now." ■

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How they spent their summer vacation

Yes, this photo was taken in July, when Lauren Dunn (left) went to ski racing camp in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, and shared her Weekly with friends Julia Eyer of St. Helena and Rachel Ryan of Knoxville, Tenn.

Sphere

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extended past Feb. 25. The study was sent with other documents to the Danville Planning Department but neither to Town Council members nor to Town Manager Joe Calabrigo, who heard about it from a concerned resident several days after its release.

"We requested they extend the deadline but they chose not to," said Danville Mayor Candace Andersen. "At this point we are going to make sure we hear what happens."

If San Ramon is able to include the Tassajara Valley in its sphere of influence, the city's residents could vote as early as 2010 on whether or not to expand their urban growth boundary, explained Andersen. This could trump the county's urban limit line that voters passed in November 2006, which stops short of Tassajara Valley on the east side of Danville.

Danville wasn't the only agency to respond negatively to San Ramon's plans. The county's Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCO), which decides whether San Ramon can extend its sphere of influence, said the environmental report was incomplete. While the study indicates no new development is contemplated, it also makes reference to future development, noted LAFCO executive officer Lou Ann Teixeira.

"It appears that such development of the area, at land use intensities greater than those currently allowed, is likely to involve potentially significant environmental effects," Teixeira wrote to Barr.

The Contra Costa County Community Development Department questioned San Ramon's conclusion that there would be no increased traffic in Tassajara Valley because the amendment does not approve any development.

"However, one of the City's stated reasons for pursuing the SOI expansion is to accommodate the City's future growth needs," wrote county Principal Planner Patrick Roche.

Danville stated in its letter to San Ramon that its Initial Study attempted "to 'tier' off of two previous environmental reports that did not analyze in detail the potential impacts of the Tassajara Valley."

"Inclusion of Tassajara Valley in

the City's SOI is the first step in potentially allowing urban development as early as 2010, rather than in 2026, as envisioned by local and countywide voters," wrote Calabrigo. Such development would impact Danville as much as San Ramon, if not more.

Letters from environmental groups also pointed out the inadequacy of the environmental report.

If San Ramon changes its sphere of influence beyond the county's urban limit line, it could "actually serve as a precedent that may cause Contra Costa County's (urban limit line) to be broken," wrote Christina Wong, East Bay Field Representative of the Greenbelt Alliance. She concluded that her comments were preliminary given the limited amount of time given for the group to review the study.

Save Mount Diablo pointed out that the Tassajara Valley area is less than a mile from Mt. Diablo State Park, and it includes thousands of acres suitable for preservation. It also noted that applications have been submitted to the county for the 193-unit New Farm project and the 220-acre Creekside Memorial Park Cemetery in the Tassajara Valley.

Save Mount Diablo also raised the issue of water; homes in the rural area currently use well water and septic tanks.

"The New Farm proposal, for example, has been advertised as including water supplies wheeled from a Central Valley water district. Development even of simply the parcels that currently exist could have a significant impact on hydrology, let alone the introduction of new water supplies," was a comment from Save Mount Diablo.

The Alamo Creek project, 729 homes being built off Camino Tassajara between Danville and the Tassajara Valley, was also contentious with water being one issue.

"Danville was working with the developers originally and it intended to annex but then the developers did not particularly like the direction we wanted," recalled Mayor Andersen. "Danville would have preferred to see it developed at a much lower density."

Danville sued the county and received \$1 million to spend on roads and additional land at Diablo Vista Middle School. Alamo Creek ended up receiving its water from EBUD. ■

Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Clean your way into spring—yeah, right

Spring has sprung and I'm happy. Yes, I know spring doesn't really begin until March 20 but there are blossoms on the trees and, better yet, daylight-savings time starts this weekend. Easter is right around the corner, March 23, so the Peeps really belong in the stores, they aren't obnoxiously early.

I know, I know. Fall is beautiful and winter storms are exciting and allow skiers to pursue their dreams. But spring is soft and lovely. The only drawbacks are allergies and something called "spring cleaning." What killjoy came up with that concept just when the weather turns so beautiful?

The term spring cleaning makes me think of a woman in a housedress shaking out a comforter in the sunshine. Blue skies at last! The snow has finally melted! Let's throw open all the windows, give the house a good cleaning, and welcome spring! This seems an outdated concept—hence the woman in the housedress.

In the first place, this is California. We can throw open our windows year-round if we want to, for a few minutes anyway. Secondly, why waste a beautiful spring day cleaning house? We have mountains to climb, Iron Horse Trails to walk, and tennis courts calling to us. (Although they may end up saying: Still got that lousy serve?)

I find I do "big" jobs around the house—like cleaning cupboards and closets—as the mood strikes. I shift seasonal clothes twice a year from closet to closet, discarding things I haven't worn in years. And while moving the sandals to the front and the boots to

the back, it might occur to me to get rid of anything that was thrown into the closet to get it out of the way. When shifting things around I might see the closet needs vacuuming. Hey! This is spring cleaning! And fall cleaning.

"Spring Cleaning Musts" sent to me from HousekeepingChannel.com lists five tips. In the first place, the adolescent in me (or maybe it's just human nature) doesn't like the term "musts." My first reaction is, "Oh, yeah? Says who? You're not my mom."

The term spring cleaning makes me think of a woman in a housedress shaking out a comforter in the sunshine. Blue skies at last!

But I like the first tip: "Manageable Cleaning—Break a spring cleaning marathon into manageable segments. Rather than emptying every cupboard or removing every light fixture, clean one area or room at a time. This way, if your enthusiasm wanes or you need to turn your attention elsewhere, the whole house will not be left in disarray."

My enthusiasm "waned" just reading this. I am obviously never going to be hired to write at HousekeepingChannel.com. But I like the concept of manageable segments. Like, get that cobweb in the corner now. Or clean

the desk drawer when the rubber bands are hopelessly stuck around the super glue. Then, satisfied with your labors, do something fun.

Tip Two: "Safety First: Spring cleaning often requires climbing to new heights. Be sure to use a sturdy ladder ... and keep long-handled cleaning tools handy to extend your reach. For instance, a flat mop with a clean microfiber pad is great for dusting walls from floor to ceiling."

I'm more of an impulse cleaner. If I see dust on a wall, I take care of it immediately. Although I must admit I have never noticed dust on a wall. On tops of frames, yes, and these get dusted. Fingerprints around light switches? Yes. These are dealt with immediately. Unless I'm distracted before I have time to grab the Mr. Clean sponge.

Tip Five tells the best way to clean the light fixtures—laying them on the bottom of the sink filled with warm, sudsy water. I clean my light fixtures when we need to change a bulb. I thought lightbulbs were timed that way. It never fails: Just when the little dead bugs begin to accumulate, the bulb burns out.

Other tips were to use a sturdy ladder for safety to reach the ceiling; use two buckets to clean heavily soiled surfaces, one with the cleaning solution and the other to rinse the cloth or sponge; and to test a wall before you wash it.

These are all fine tips but I believe in letting my walls and ceilings grow dingy in a uniform fashion. Then painting.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Safer streets

Has a family ever done so much good for a community after a personal tragedy as Carmen and Bob Pack? After the heartbreak of their children's deaths in 2003, they began to campaign imaginatively and effectively for safer streets and for laws that mandate tougher monitoring of prescription drugs and punishment for hit-and-run drivers. Changes in legislation alone prove the Troy and Alana Pack Foundation has gotten results.

We all remember that balmy October evening when Troy, 10, and Alana, 7, were walking along Camino Tassajara with Carmen and a vehicle jumped the curb and fatally struck them. The driver, who was under the influence of drugs and alcohol, fled the scene; she was convicted in May 2005 of second-degree murder and sentenced to 30 years to life in prison.

The Pack Foundation also began a traffic safety program called Street Smarts, along with the school district and the cities of Danville and San Ramon.

In the poster contest that just ended, the children drew pictures of aliens practicing street smarts while visiting earth and it was edifying to see the green creatures properly outfitted with helmets and seatbelts.

The Pack Foundation also produced the about-to-be-released film, "Graduation Day," to drive home the message "don't drink and drive" that so many teens still seem to be missing. The foundation also awards scholarships based on academics, volunteerism and ideals related to drugs and alcohol.

Bob Pack has noted that great things are spearheaded by families with tragedies. This calls to mind the Lineweaver family of Alamo, who launched the Danny Foundation after their son strangled on the decorative post on his crib. The foundation disbanded in 2005 after 20 years of campaigning for crib safety brought the number of deaths from 100 per year to 16.

Those other 84 children owe their lives to Danny. We all owe our thanks to the Packs that our children are being raised with Street Smarts, and more impaired drivers are being kept off the roads.

We all remember that balmy October evening when Troy, 10, and Alana, 7, were walking along Camino Tassajara with Carmen and a vehicle jumped the curb and fatally struck them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scare tactics in Alamo

Dear Editor:

Chris Kenber's recent quotes in a news story about the lowering of the speed limit on Danville Boulevard in the business district of Alamo sounds to me like "someone running for office."

He claims the speed would have been reduced much earlier, if only we had incorporated in 1985, or sooner. In the 33 years that I have lived here, there have been numerous "traffic studies" made by the Contra Costa County Public Works Department. Not a one of them justified a speed limit of less than 30 mph.

The unfortunate accident that occurred when a female pedestrian attempted to cross the boulevard in the crosswalk at Orchard Court would not have been prevented by a 25 mph speed limit. A reckless and very thoughtless driver caused that to happen.

However, a traffic signal could have prevented it. Why was the signal traffic light not installed when the Oak Plaza Center was built? Members of the Alamo Improvement Association only have to research its records to find that they opposed it! It was a mandated improvement imposed upon the developer; he was obligated and prepared to fund it. As I recall, the San Ramon Valley Area Planning Commission "caved in" to the objections put forth by the A.I.A.

Check the posted speed limit as you enter Walnut Creek at South Main off I-680; check the posted speed limit in the heavily traveled portions of San Ramon Valley Boulevard in Danville in the Livery and Village Shopping Center areas ... 30 mph!

Robert D. Myhre, Alamo

Privilege to work with police

Dear Editor:

As another "Volunteer in Policing," I also would like to respond to the Letter to the Editor, Scary Cover Photo, that ran Feb. 22. As a longtime resident of Danville I also have not worried that our town is "under-policed." I participated in the Academy, along with my husband Paul, in an effort to understand the workings of the department. We both have volunteered our time with our local officers for six years.

It is a privilege to be associated with such a fine organization. They are all dedicated to do their best for the citizens of our town. Our work (the volunteers) is to assist the officers as best we can. We do not give out parking citations, but we are present at the 4th of July parade—returning lost children to their parents and assisting with traffic control throughout the downtown area before, during and after the parade.

As to the issue of cost effectiveness—last year our volunteers donated approximately 3,600 hours of time to the Danville Police Department. Rather than find fault with a small group of dedicated volunteers, Paul and I would like to invite you to come to the Danville Police Department office and experience first-hand what we do.

Susan Cowell, Danville

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POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, Feb. 24

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and southbound I-680 off ramp at 1:19 a.m.
- Welfare check, arrest, on Hartz Ave. and Prospect Ave. at 2:01 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on southbound I-680 and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 3:51 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Danville Oak Pl. at 12:24 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 25

- Grand theft on Canary Ct. at 8:35 a.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Ramon at 10:43 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Richard Lane at 11:43 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:45 p.m.
- Auto burglary on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 3:59 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Railroad Ave. at 4:37 p.m.
- Auto burglary on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 5:56 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

- Auto burglary on Fostoria Cir. at 6:37 a.m. and 7:49 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Silverwood Ct. at 8:05 a.m. and 8:14 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Silverwood Ct. at 9:07 a.m.
- Petty theft on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 12:50 p.m.
- Outside assist, arrest, on Harlan Dr. at 1:26 p.m.

- Petty theft, shoplift, arrest, on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 5:14 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Fountain Springs Cir. and Ridgeland Cir. at 7:03 p.m.
- Residential burglary on San Vicente Ct. at 7:54 p.m.
- Grand theft on Summerside Cir. at 7:59 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Laurel Dr. and Willow Dr. at 3:15 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Cerro Blvd. and southbound I-680 off ramp at 8:17 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Vista Dr. at 8:37 a.m.
- Vandalism on Fostoria Way at 9:47 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 10:51 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on La Gonda Way at 11:57 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Fostoria Cir. at 1:54 p.m.
- Vandalism on Windstream Pl. at 2:16 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on 200 block of Hartz Ave. at 2:31 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Clipper Hill Rd. at 4:05 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Rd. and northbound I-680 off ramp at 5:01 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Dunhill Dr. at 6:07 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Rassani Dr. at 6:09 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:55 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28

- Vandalism on Fostoria Way at 5:53 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Greenbrook Dr. at 7:17 a.m.
- Battery, arrest, on Skycrest Dr. at 8:26 a.m.
- Petty theft on Railroad Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 4:02 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Brookside Pl. at 6:11 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 29

- 911 unknown, arrest, on Joaquin Dr. at 3:11 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Love Lane and Railroad Ave. at 7:52 a.m.
- Auto burglary on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:36 a.m.
- DUI, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 5:25 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Rd. and southbound I-680 at 6:49 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Rd. and southbound I-680 off ramp at 7:14 p.m.

Saturday, March 1

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Laurel Dr. and Willow Dr. at 12:32 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:34 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Danville Blvd. and Hartz Ave. at 1:54 p.m.
- Vandalism on Stetson Dr. at 2:46 p.m.
- Drugs violation, arrest, on Camino Ramon and Franciscan Dr. at 4:54 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 6:53 p.m.

POLICE BULLETIN

Police team up to stop burglaries

Another in a slew of burglaries occurred last Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m.

A team of undercover Danville police arrested Taimani Donald, 33, of Bay Point, for stealing a cell phone out of a car in the parking lot of Marshalls at 3140 Fostoria Way in Danville.

"We've been having a recent spat of burglaries over in that part of town, said Lt. Mark Williams of the Danville Police Department. "We had an undercover suppression team in that area that morning."

Williams called the suppression teams a proactive approach, in reaction to the high number of burglaries recently. The three-day undercover operation began Tuesday and resulted in four arrests, he said.

So far this year police have seen twice as many residential burglaries in the area as at the same time last year. The targeted part of town is the residential area east and northeast of Costco.

The burglaries usually occur in the morning to mid-afternoon. Williams said the perpetrators will often pose as solicitors, knocking on people's doors and then breaking into the house if no one answers.

"If we see people in the area that are going door to door or soliciting we make contact with them and make sure they have the proper permit to do so," he said.

He recommended people acknowledge that they're home if a solicitor comes to their door. To avoid auto burglaries, he suggested taking valuables out of the car or putting them in the trunk.

"People are leaving expensive items such as electronics and briefcases in plain view, which is a target rich environment for some of these crooks," he said. "It only takes a split second to smash a window and pull that stuff out and walk on."

—Meghan Neal

- Drunk in public on Front St. at 8:21 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Tassajara Ranch at 10:13 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Madolyn Olofson

Danville resident Madolyn Olofson passed away Feb. 20 at the age of 78.

She was born Feb. 26, 1929, and spent her childhood in Berkeley, graduating from Berkeley High School in 1946. She lived most of her adult life in Alamo and Danville. She loved family, friends and gardening, and dying and spinning wool into yarn with the "Treadles to Threads" and "Wednesday Ladies" groups, creating beautiful hats, scarves and garments. She taught her grandchildren and an entire fifth-grade class the art of spinning and weaving. She also found artistic expression in stained glass, rosemary, sewing and watercolor painting.

She was a member of the Primetime Bell Ringers at the Danville Community Presbyterian Church. She loved to cook, preparing every imaginable food for her family and friends. She owned Fox Crest Catering in Alamo, Coventry Kitchen Restaurant in Auburn, plus drove a school bus, worked as a real estate agent, and was a gardening expert at Navlet's and Green Acres nurseries. She also assisted others as a home health aid and drove cars for auto auctions.

She is survived by her five children, Nancy Annie Countz of

Mariposa; Barbara Holmes (Ken) of Walnut Creek; Erik Olofson (Susan) of Livermore; Janice Joy (Larry) of Martinez; and Jill Little (Joe) of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, John Fox (Joanne) of El Cerrito and a sister Glenda Showalter (Dick) of Redmond, Ore. She was preceded in death by her former husband Walter Olofson.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 8, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 West El Pintado in Danville. The family suggests honoring her by planting something, or by making a donation to a favorite charity. Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 2127, Walnut Creek 94595.

Elinor Jean Carter

Elinor Jean Carter, a resident of Alamo, passed away Jan. 29 at the age of 76.

She was born Aug. 11, 1932, in Illinois, where she lived until moving to California in 1954. She touched many lives with her gentle spirit, positive outlook on life and generous ways.

She is survived by sons Robert W. Haws and Terry E. Haws; two granddaughters and a grandson. A memorial service was held Feb. 7

at Memory Gardens in Concord. Donations can be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 23664, Oakland 94623.

Marianne Duemling

Marianne Duemling, a resident of Danville, died Feb. 12, joining her late husband who passed away in 1990.

She was born June 4, 1928, in Heidelberg, Germany. She graduated from the University of Heidelberg and worked as a translator for the U.S. Army and Judge Advocates Office, where she met her husband, Herman. They were married in Heidelberg and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area after his discharge from the Army.

She taught German at Calvary Lutheran School in San Lorenzo. She and her husband established a thriving family business and raised three sons. Her joy in life was family, good friends, cooking, music, gardening and travel.

She is survived by her three sons and their wives: Rick and Judi Duemling of Pleasanton; Dr. David and Sue Duemling of Portland, Ore.; and Herman and Joyce Duemling of Livermore; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; her sister Hedwig and brother Carle of Heidelberg, their families, many cousins and extended family.

A private service was held. Donations can be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin 94568.

Devon Rachel Marvin

Danville resident Devon Rachel Marvin passed away Feb. 9.

She was born April 1, 1994. In her 13 years, Devon touched the hearts of many people with her caring spirit, gentle nature, quick wit and loving personality.

Born in North Carolina, she lived in Illinois, Washington and then moved with her family to California in 2005. An honor roll student at Diablo Vista Middle School, she was an avid reader and talented musician, playing piano and as second violinist in the school orchestra.

She is survived by parents Scott and Jane Marvin, sister Mitchell, grandparents Robert Marvin and Eric and Patricia Goldie, and extended family and friends.

A memorial service was held Feb. 16 at Wilson and Kratzer. Contributions can be made to the Devon Marvin Memorial Fund, c/o Silicon Valley Community Foundation, attn: Gift Administration, 2440 W. El Camino Real, Suite 300, Mountain View 94040.



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PTA carries battle for school funds to Sacramento after unprecedented budget cuts

Just after sunset, a group of women gathered in a room with large windows. They were looking at a folder full of news headlines.

The women, members of the PTA Advocacy Committee, had spent eight hours last week turned to legislative action regarding the budget.

The Feb. 27 budget was a high-stakes battle—and it was just getting started.

In January, California received \$14.5 billion in federal aid, a record high with a statewide average. At that point since at least 1980, California has never received that much.

Of the \$14.5 billion, \$1.5 billion goes to public education.

For students, that means a loss of \$1 million in lost funding.

"This whole thing is a disaster," says Susan Hoyt, who organizes the PTA's efforts. There also has been a loss of \$1 million.

For the Sacramento area, that means a loss of \$3 million to \$4 million from the state. Danville and Antelope Valley are also affected.

The second round of cuts is like classroom supplies. The district staff says it will lose \$1.5 million in funding.

And last, there is a loss of health benefits for staff. That translates to a loss of \$1 million.

The school district has had to cut or reduce programs for several weeks. In May, the district will have a wide program of cuts.

When the district board met, it has been "to keep the district from going bankrupt," said school district superintendent.

But this year, the district is in a bind. "We're knocking on the door of Sacramento."

Over 300 people have signed a petition to demand that the state restore funding.

The big push is to get the state to restore funding.



Left: As mothers... Above left: State...



awaken on a crisp bright Wednesday morning, a group in a Danville parking lot boarded a Sacramento-bound bus.

Teachers clutched their to-go coffee in one hand and papers in the other, making small talk about morning news and the most recent high school basketball game.

They, along with a few men, were off to the state capital for Advocacy Day. By the time they pulled away from the capital center, there was no more small talk. Conversation had turned to legislation and statistics—to problems and solutions—to budget blows California public schools are facing.

Advocacy Day was different this year. There was more to fight for.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his plan to cut programs without increasing taxes in order to cope with the budget crisis that had been brewing to the boiling point last August.

For every billion, a proposed \$4.3 billion will come from cuts in programs for the 2008-2009 school year.

In the San Ramon Valley that means \$7 million to \$8 million less.

"The budget thing—it's like a lightning rod," said Patty Hoyt, who organized the advocacy day. "Yes, there has to be cuts, but there has to be an increase in revenues."

In the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, cuts will be made in all places. The most recent school district reports show \$3.5 million will be chopped from unrestricted money. That adds up to about \$130 less per pupil per year in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

The places that cuts will occur are in mandated programs like special education and special education. One million to two million in cuts will be necessary. These programs aren't perks, they're necessary.

The governor also proposed no cost of living increase, which means the district having no way of funding increases in salaries for staff, insurance and utilities—another projected \$3 million cut.

The board has not yet determined what programs will be cut, but they are expected to make a decision in coming weeks. The governor will release an updated version of state budget cuts.

The district has suffered financially in the past, staff's goal is to keep cuts as far away from the classroom as possible," said district spokesman Terry Koehne.

Signs are pointing toward the classroom. "We're knocking on the classroom door. It's very sad," he said.

So what can we do?

More than 100 people attended the Advocacy Day this year—significantly more than in 2007—to put the heat on legislators. The legislation was not to suspend Proposition 98, which sets a

minimum dollar-per-student amount for California public schools, calculated based on a percentage of the state's per capita income.

PTA members also voiced that they want school parcel taxes to pass at a simple majority vote, at over 50 percent. A two-thirds vote is now required, making it harder for school districts to fund themselves locally, as opposed to relying on the state.

Kevin Gordon, president of School Innovations and Advocacy, spoke first to the audience of about 300. He summed things up.

"This year we're angry," he said.

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R., San Ramon) and State Sen. Tom Torlakson (D., Antioch) spoke afterward, along with other lobbyists. They answered questions and got feedback from San Ramon Valley PTA.



PTA members, including some from Green Valley Elementary School, listen with concern as politicians outline California's below average per pupil funding.

After Torlakson spoke, Hoyt handed him a 3-inch stack of letters in support of keeping Proposition 98. Letter writing campaigns do make a difference, legislators said. Politicians and their staff see every letter that is addressed to them. The letters change minds, Torlakson said.

Audience members tried to pin Torlakson down to a commitment in support of the proposition.

The senator answered that he would do everything in his power not to suspend it, but made no formal commitment.

Where Californians stand

According to the National Center for Educational Studies, California ranks 25th in the country in per-pupil funding, below Texas and Florida. In a state that is doing better economically than many of the top-funded states, this is unacceptable, San Ramon Valley PTA members say.

Six out of 10 Californians don't want to see school budgets cut. And that means the governor's cuts do not align with what most of his constituents want, Gordon pointed out.

"Let's pass a budget that reflects the priorities of Californians," he said. The audience responded with murmurs of agreement.

Christopher Cross of Danville, chairman for an education policy consulting firm, moderated the speeches. Here in California, public education is in dire need—and that seems to be the case every year.

"The question is: How do you put aside the battles of adults in the interest of children?" he said.

The reason for a mediocre public school system in a state that by and large values education, experts say, is due to a "complex and irrational finance system," that dates back to the 1970s. Even some experts say they don't fully understand how the system works. The bottom line is it needs to be changed, education advocates say.

In Danville and Alamo, where property taxes are well above average statewide, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District is the fourth least funded unified school district in the state.

"It just seems so unfair," said PTA member Jenny Hong, who explained that part of the reason she moved to the area was because she expected great schools.

What happens next?

It's hard to keep schools great when even the basics are being slashed, school board trustees say.

Trustees stressed at a mid-February meeting that they must choose what to cut carefully, since effects will be lasting. The board considered figures from \$3 million to \$5 million in a discussion about the first round of cuts.

"Whatever we cut we'll never get back," Trustee Bill Clarkson said.

Initially, the district expected to issue pink slips to teachers, based on seniority, by March 15.

But at the Tuesday, March 4, school board meeting, district staff explained there's a way around laying off teachers. Layoffs won't be necessary due to the amount of retirement notices given for the 2008-2009 school year, said Assistant Superintendent Roberta Silverstein. Instead, a hiring freeze will be put in place.

"We've had teachers that went to other districts or left education entirely because they were deflated by the process," Koehne said of past years. The enthusiasm that new teachers bring to the schools is at stake.

While no changes in politics are ever made overnight, PTA members said they felt they had made significant "baby steps" at the end of the day.

"They genuinely care what we have to say," said PTA Council President Denise Jennison. "PTA votes. Our power is in our numbers."

Many of the women reflected that they found something Torlakson said early in the day inspiring.

"We're on a traveling road show to bring this crisis in detail to the California voters," he had told the audience. "So, are you ready to fight?"

The room responded with a loud "Yes!"

As the day ended and the bus made its way back to Danville, past the flat farmland and rolling hills, women on the bus were in good spirits. "Politicians tend to talk," Hoyt said with a smile. "This year we wanted to be heard." ■



and teachers filter into the Sacramento City Convention Center, one advocate organizes piles of letters in support of not suspending Proposition 98. The legislation requires a minimum percentage of state funds be spent on public schools. Sen. Tom Torlakson stresses, "We're on a traveling road show to bring this crisis in detail to the California voters." Right: Audience members ask their local representatives about the most effective ways to advocate for schools.

Four of the fashion show models strike a pose in their American Girl dresses: (l-r) Lauren Zorovic (Bitty baby), Emily Cole (Emily), Sophie Tovani (Felicity) and Rosie DeCesare (Kit).



American Girls on the runway

Fans are flocking to historical fashion show fundraiser

MEGHAN NEAL

by Meghan Neal

Sammi Tovani will walk the runway dressed as Felicity Merriman, a colonial girl who grew up in Virginia in 1774, right before the Revolutionary War.

Lindsey Cole portrays Kit Kittredge, who was raised during the Great Depression and learned to cope with hardship when her father lost his job.

Felicity and Kit are two of the historical characters in the American Girl doll collection. On April 5 and 6, 115 local girls will model these historical figures, and others, in an American Girl fashion show hosted by Golden View Elementary School.

American Girl dolls, which have been around since 1986, are somewhat of a craze with young girls even today.

"The minute they see those beautiful dolls in those beautiful clothes, I swear it's just a downhill battle," said Hilary Lucas, co-chairwoman of the show. "I don't know if it's because the girls are kind of magical, they're beautifully made ... Honestly, I can't explain it to you."

"Cult's not the right word," mused Toni Cole, another co-chairwoman. "They're a phenomenon."

Leveraging this popularity, American Girl helps organizations put on fashion shows using the brand's name. The company supplies matching outfits for the models and the dolls.

Lucas said she thought this would be a great way to do something unique for the school's annual fundraiser. But landing an American Girl fashion show wasn't easy. It's a very competitive process and they were lucky to be picked, she said.

"What's fun about it is we've made it a community event," said Lucas.

The organizers invited girls from the San Ramon Valley and Oakland Hills area to apply to be models. From hundreds of applications, they randomly chose the models for the show.

Then Lucas and Cole decided which girls to put in which outfits, often based on if someone resembled one of the characters.

There are 13 historical characters in American Girl's flagship line, representing important eras in American history. And each one comes with corresponding books and movies that talk about the character's life in that time period.

"The way they market it, where there is that whole historical education ... I think is what's very cool about this," said Lucas. "It's creating a kind of awareness and understanding."

Even though the books are geared for ages 7-12, they cover serious issues like child abuse, poverty, racism and war.



Some of the models in the fashion show, who will be dressed as American Girl historical characters, are (back, l-r) Lindsey Cole (Kit), Katelyn Keenehan (Nellie), Elise Riley (Kirsten), Sammi Tovani (Felicity), Danielle DeCesare (Elizabeth) and Grace Ribera (Julie); and (front) Lauren Zorovic (Bitty baby), Emily Cole (Emily), Rosie DeCesare (Kit) and Sophie Tovani (Felicity).

MEGHAN NEAL

Cole said the stories definitely spark a curiosity and interest in history.

"My 7-year-old asks, 'Oh, Addy is a slave. Did you ever have a slave, Mommy?'" she related.

At the show, as each model comes out, a commentator will talk about the character's historical and personal back-

ground. These commentators will be high school students Ari Eastman, Amani Alkowni, Monzia Masud and Allie Curtis.

The event will also feature local news anchors as emcees. Lucas said she contacted the anchors—Tori Campbell from Channel 2, Diane Dwyer from NBC11, and Juliette Goodrich from Channel 5—figuring they'd be well spoken and could draw in the crowd. As it turned out, a couple of them had daughters who were huge American Girl fans.

"They knew American Girl! They were so excited. It was great," Lucas said.

Yet another attraction at the event will be the young woman who models the character of Julie in the American Girl company catalog; she will be participating in the show and signing autographs.

Julie Albright is the "new" historical figure in the collection—she grew up in San Francisco in the 1970s and is clad in bell bottoms and orange boots. As a child of divorce living in a decade of transformation, Julie learns to understand the importance of change.

"Kids can think, 'Oh I get it, my Julie doll kind of sadly represents where my family's at,'" explained Lucas. "It's a kind of an interesting twist. It's not just a doll to have them play with. There's a real history that goes along with it."

Each of the four shows, which will be held at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, can host up to 400 guests. The proceeds will go toward the school's computer lab, new science equipment and textbooks. ■

History on parade

What: American Girl Fashion Show hosted by Golden View Elementary School

Who: Anyone can attend. Tickets are first-come, first-served.

When: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6

Where: Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle in Pleasanton

Tickets: \$45 per person; purchase at www.eastbayfashionshow.com.



BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Tea time: Hosting a tea party

The onset of spring puts me in the mood for a tea party. Despite images of little old ladies sipping tea and playing bridge (although those are real images), tea parties are not limited by gender, age or occasion.

A tea party is a delightful way—no matter the mix of guests—of bringing people together to soothe the appetite and soul simultaneously. It evokes a semiformal yet unhurried, intimate setting for light-hearted cuisine and conversation, a chance to reacquaint with friends while meeting new people, and can usually be executed with less effort than a more formal event.

Guest expectations of a tea party are lighter than a formal dinner or let-your-hair-down party yet they often yield a more personal exchange of thoughts, stories and histories than the alternative settings. Honestly, you'd be surprised how many people—men and women, young or old—have never actually attended a tea party. The mystique will excite your guests (particularly men, who've often wondered what happens at such usually-ladies-only events) and can equalize the social power of the day so that people feel a shared sense of adventure with no greater/lesser positioning with others.

Consider hosting a tea party the next time you want to bring together an interesting blend of family, friends or acquaintances around a common theme or experience. Or

host a tea party to show your gratitude to a small group of intimates or to introduce people for which you are the common denominator.

Here are some guest-mixes that would be ideal for a tea party: current or former work colleagues; new mothers and fathers; newly-wed couples; recently divorced singles; recent retirees; local family meets out-of-town family; former college friends (with or without spouses); parents whose children are in the same play group or on the same athletic team; people you met during a running or walking marathon; your new neighbors (following a move); friends who supported you during a crisis; friends of _____ (who supported a friend who ran for election to an organizational office or passed the bar exam). The invitee group possibilities are endless!

Tips for tea parties

- The ideal gathering for a tea party is six to eight people. The size allows for whole-table talk, a two-to-three-person chat and some one-on-one exchanges with your closest table mates. If you invite more than eight guests, consider several small tables of four-to-six per table.
- Offer a choice of two to four teas, including black, green, white and/or herbal teas. Provide information about each tea so your guests can be guided in making their individual tea selection for the day. Serve milk,

sugar, lemon, honey and sugar-substitutes as tea condiments.

• If possible, provide a personal teapot and strainer for each guest, with tea and hot water to be replenished as needed. If that is not possible, be sure to have carafes of hot water on hand so guests can replenish their tea as they go.

• Serve a variety of tea sandwiches, pastries, fruits, cheeses, etc. Make everything yourself or minimize the labor by purchasing items from your favorite bakery or coffee/tea café.

• Depending on your guests' familiarity with tea (or lack thereof), offer some basic information about teas and the art of tea to help everyone fully appreciate the tea-brewing and -tasting processes. You can share the information verbally or create a simple handout.

• If your guests are a mix of people who don't know one another, provide some simple tables "challenges" to break the ice and stimulate lively conversation, e.g., "Who's traveled the farthest from home this year?" Or pose easygoing, open-ended questions throughout to keep guests engaged, e.g., "Has daylight-saving time outgrown its value?" "What's your idea of a dream vacation?" "Lottery tickets: Worth buying or not?"

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RECIPES

Radish and Lemon Butter Tea Sandwiches (24 sandwiches)

- 4 Tbsp unsalted, butter, softened
 - 1/2 tsp freshly grated lemon zest
 - 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
 - Salt
 - 8 slices of sandwich bread
 - 1/2 cup flat-leaf parsley leaves
 - 6 oz. red radishes, very thinly sliced on a mandoline
1. In a small bowl, blend the softened butter with lemon zest and juice; season with salt.
 2. Using the top of a champagne flute, cut 2-3 small rounds from the slices of bread;

spread lemon butter on bread slices.

3. Top with parsley leaves and radish slices. Serve at once or, if serving later, cover sandwiches with plastic wrap or wet cloth and let stand at room temperature for up to two hours.

Blueberry Scones (makes 12 scones)

- 1-1/2 cups self-rising flour plus extra for dusting
- 1 tsp cream of tartar
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3-4 tsp butter or shortening
- 1 cup blueberries, fresh or frozen

2/3 cup milk

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees; lightly butter a baking sheet.
2. Sift flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, sugar and salt together in a bowl. Mix in blueberries.
3. Rub or cut in the butter, fingertipping the mixture into large coarse crumbs; mixing in the milk with a knife, form into soft dough.
4. Roll out to 1/2-inch thickness and cut into 2- to 2-1/2-inch rounds with a pastry cutter.
5. Arrange on the baking sheet, placed fairly close together; dust with flour.
6. Bake 12-15 minutes until golden brown. Ideally, served while still hot.

OF NOTE



Troop 204's new Eagle Scouts are (back, l-r) Evan Peters, Nate Cox, James Lenczowski, Weston Thornburg, James Luckenbach; (center) Colby Pines, Karl Rasmussen, Jason Megowan, Patrick Noonan, Parker Grant; (front) Tyson Moore, David Crawford, Justin Batcheller, Michael Danese and Luke Eisenberg.

Troop 204 Scouts make Eagle rank

On March 8, Troop 204 will hold a ceremony at the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church for the 15 young men of Troop 204, who will be presented the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Troop 204, which just celebrated its 75th anniversary, has awarded this honor to 306 Scouts. This class of 2008 Eagle Scouts is the largest in the history of the troop and the Mt Diablo Silverado Council.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn a total of 21 merit badges; serve for six months in a leadership position; develop and give leadership to others in an approved service project and take part in a Scoutmaster conference.

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day

★★★

Rating: PG-13 for some nudity, language and mature themes
Run Time: 1 hour, 32 minutes



What a difference a day makes in this cheeky comedy of manners.

Guinevere Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) is a full-blown failure as a governess—scalding the porridge, losing her young charges in local parks, etc. The nanny service refuses to recommend her so as a last resort Miss Pettigrew nips a business card off the matron's desk and presents herself at the doorway of one Delysia Lafosse (the enchanting Amy Adams).

Delysia isn't looking for a nanny per se and there's not a rugart in sight. Instead the flighty and flirty ingénue is casting about for a proper social secretary to make sense of her hectic agenda. Miss Pettigrew to the rescue!

Delysia is being courted by not one, not two, but three men, each more in love with her than the last. And Delysia loves them back in her own inimitable style, i.e., what they can offer her; a nightclub gig from sleazy owner Nick (Mark Strong); a juicy part in a film from West End producer Phil (Tom Payne); and passion, but poverty, from handsome accompanist Michael (Lee Pace).

As Delysia flutters through things Cinderella-style, Pettigrew deftly cuts a swath through her jumbled social clutter that includes a high-end fashion show where Pettigrew meets designers du jour Edythe Dubarry and fiancé Joe (Shirley Henderson and Ciaran Hinds), squabbling talents who have a profound impact on Pettigrew's tumultuous day. Pettigrew also endures an unexpected makeover while skillfully choreographing the hazards of Elysia's romantic roundelay in a manner both madcap and merry.

London circa 1939 is not all a bed of roses. War is imminent and those of a certain age are brought too sharply back to memories of the last big skirmish; a slim narrative notion serves as a sobering contrast to its bone-dry English humor.

The farce frays a bit at the edges as it telegraphs unmistakable idealisms, a tidy set-to of boy-meets-girl and girl-reserves-the-right-to-equivocate. McDormand is spot on as the titular heroine whose witty observations on the subterfuge of love are the film's most engaging counterpoint. Adams is Adams, bemused and beguiling.

A spare little trifle, clean and sweet.

—Jeanne Aufmuth

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BY BEVERLY LANE



SAN RAMON VALLEY: ALAMO, DANVILLE, SAN RAMON BY BEVERLY LANE AND RALPH COZINE

General store was the general hangout

In 1911, Henry C. Hurst stands in front of his San Ramon General Merchandise store. Beginning in 1880 this store offered nearly everything rural patrons needed, from clothing to tools to groceries. The store was the post office as well, so people came frequently to get mail and visit with neighbors.

The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

An alarming trend: We're reading less and less

"The Man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them."

—Mark Twain

Twain's words seem rather fitting, but apparently seldom considered, during a time when "aliteracy" is sweeping the nation, and has been for over two decades. The term aliteracy, which was coined in the late 1970s by prize-winning historian and Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin, refers to one's ability to read, but their propensity not to.

As stated in the Washington Post article, "The No Book Report: Skim it and Weep," in 1991, the NDP Group reported that more than half of all Americans read 30 minutes or more each day. By 1999, this statistic had dropped to 45 percent. A 1999 Gallup Poll revealed that a mere 7 percent of Americans consider themselves to be voracious readers, and 59 percent of those surveyed had read fewer than 10 books the previous year.

The decline in reading among literate individuals sweeps across all demographic sectors, but statistics are especially alarming for the young adult age group. The 2002 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts found that only 42.8 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds read literature in their spare time, compared to 46.7 percent of the entire adult population (a percentage that dropped from 56.9 percent in 1982).

Another Washington Post article, entitled "Fewer People Make Time for Literature, NEA Study Shows" states, "Reading novels, short stories, poetry or plays is a declining activity among all adults, with the youngest segments of the American population showing the most disinterest in the literary world."

With the advent of major technology in the last 20 years, it is

becoming more and more possible to avoid reading at all costs. The Internet, video games and television frequently triumph over literary works. News is widely available on television or over the radio, and even books are available on tape or CDs. I observe many students who, time after time, skim reviews or Cliff Notes summaries of books required for school in place of actually reading them—as if reading was some tedious chore, and not an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Literature equips one with not only a stronger vocabulary, but with tools and experience necessary to be a functional member of society. Reading allows one to see different perspectives and develop empathy for others' situations. More than that, it allows one to discover things about oneself—to get in touch with one's own thoughts and emotions, and it stimulates analysis and discussion. However, when one slides by skimming Cliff Notes or online reviews, he strips himself of the opportunity to gain his own meaning from the literature.

Reading also perpetuates social and cultural awareness and activism. A report issued by the National Endowment for the Arts reveals that adults who read are more likely than non-readers to be involved in charity and volunteer work, and attend cultural events like museum exhibits and performances—activities that may also decline as Americans are reading less and less. Some even estimate that this epidemic of aliteracy is hurting democracy: When people are less informed about issues, they are less likely to contribute knowledgeably (if at all) to a functioning democracy.

A frequently used excuse for this lack of reading is that many find little time to escape the rush of their every day lives to immerse themselves in literature free of distract-

tion. However, Jim Trelease, author of "The Read-Aloud Handbook," which emphasizes the importance of reading aloud to children, claims that this excuse is nothing more than a hoax.

"If people didn't have time, the malls would be empty, cable companies would be broke, video stores would go out of business. It's not a time problem, it's a value problem," he says.

Aliteracy may be such an issue because it has quietly seeped its way into our society with little notice. While illiteracy is an identifiable problem with fairly feasible solutions, aliteracy has been somewhat of a secret trend and overlooked problem for over 20 years, and at this point, a solution may be far more difficult to implement. It is crucial that we push in the direction of a more interested, informed and literate society. We must take advantage of the privilege of literacy—something 20 percent of the world's population does not possess.

Change toward a more literate society is crucial, not only for the current generation but for those to come, because aliterates breed aliterates. An adult that is not interested in reading does not set an example of healthy reading habits for their children to follow. Such habits must be set in place during the critical formative years, during childhood and adolescence, and are essential for both collegiate and lifelong success. Youths must become interested in reading now, or they never will be.

The 411 offers information and insight on the teen scene by Katharine O'Hara, a senior 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.

OF NOTE

DAR honors MVHS senior

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Mt. Diablo Chapter, has chosen Hannah Yemane, a senior at Monte Vista High School, for its Good Citizenship Award. She was nominated by counselor Linda Guida.

Hannah has volunteered more than 160 hours of community service all over the Bay Area through the Youth Action Council, which awarded her the President Youth Volunteer Service Award. She served food and made lunches for those in need at Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco, and worked with Project Open Hand, an organization that packages gro-



ceries for individuals who are terminally ill.

Hannah is very involved in Monte Vista clubs as well. She has been an active member of

the Black Student Union club, helping to make it a presence on campus and to bring awareness to cultural diversity. She has also been a leader with Science Alliance and Science Buddies, taking science to fifth-graders at Vista Grande Elementary, acting as a mentor and teacher; she is currently helping a student determine if the way a person talks to plants, in a mean or nice tone, determines how they grow.

For the DAR award, Hannah received a certificate as well as an American Flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 14, at the request of U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher. Next year Hannah hopes to attend UC San Diego or UC Davis to study biological sciences.

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Art

'The Other' Pioneer Art Gallery will host "The Other" exhibit with pieces on display that represent modern interpretations of abstraction, and are reflective of Pollock, Klein and others until March 22, at the gallery, 524 Hartz Ave., Danville. A reception will be held from 3-7 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at the gallery. Call Noel at 831-1069 or 528-9000.

Artist Day San Ramon Historic Foundation and Forest Home Farms will host Artist Day from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Participants should bring supplies, a chair and lunch. Admission is \$5 for residents, \$6 for non-residents. Call 973-3284 or visit www.sanramonhistoricfoundation.org.

Author Visit

Kim Addonizio California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch will host Kim Addonizio, author of "The Philosopher's Club" and "Jimmy & Rita" and "Tell Me," from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at Oasis Grille, 780 Main St., Pleasanton. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, including lunch. Call 296-0447 or visit www.trivalleywriters.com.

Laurie Todd Laurie Todd, author of "Fight Your Health Insurer and Win," will host a workshop on how to deal with health insurance issues from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Learn how to advocate for yourself. This event is free for cancer patients and their families and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

Clubs

Amador Valley Quilters This club will welcome quilt artist Rose Hughes, who will present her "Raven Wisdom" lecture from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Rose will conduct her workshop, "Color Magic," the following day. Visit www.amador-valleyquilters.org.

Blackhawk Republican Women This club will host John R. Graham, Director of Health Care Services at the Pacific Research Institute, who will speak on "Universal Choice or Universal Coercion" at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 13, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. Cost is \$20. Reservations are required by March 11; contact Marianne Lyons at 820-6452 or rylons1009@sbcglobal.net.

Communication Arts Network This organization meets at 11:45 a.m., the second Tuesday of every month, at Mudd's Restaurant, 10 Boardwalk Place, San Ramon. The organization is for professionals interested in networking with others in the communications industry. Cost is \$20, including lunch. Visit www.commartnet.org.

Danville Job's Daughters Danville Job's Daughters is an international organization for girls between the ages of 10-20 with Masonic heritage who like to have fun and make friends. The group meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, at the Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd. Call 829-8505

Danville Lions Club The Danville Lions Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Join as their guest to learn the contribution you can make as a Lion. For information, call 984-1541.

Diablo Bonsai Club This club will host a lecture and workshop on "Windswept Style" from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, at Heather Farm Garden Center, upper room, 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek. Individual attention will be given to those interested in the art of bonsai. Call 937-4216.

Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley The Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley meets from noon-1 p.m., on the second Wednesday of every month, at Fazz, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. Meetings include lunch, a guest speaker and business networking. Guests are invited with reservations; call 275-2412.

Friends of the Danville Library Friends of the Danville Library are renewing annual memberships and recruiting new members to help support, raise funds and sponsor programs for the Danville library. There are many benefits of being a Friend including merchant discounts, volunteer opportunities and preview of book sales. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Application forms are at the library, 400 Front St. Call 837-4455.

Grandmother's Club Grandmothers of all ages meet for lunch at 11 a.m., on the second Friday of every month, at the Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. If interested, contact Fran Britt at 743-4026.

Homeowner/Homebuyer Book Club The Homeowner/Homebuyer Book Club is a place to learn, share and discuss. It meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month, at 3223 Crow Canyon Road, second floor conference room, San Ramon. Call 397-2093.

Kiwanis San Ramon Valley The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis meets from noon-1:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo. Meetings include networking, lunch and a guest speaker. For information, visit its Web site at www.kiwanis-srv.org or call 244-1227.

Mt. Diablo Branch, California Writers Club Meredith Maran, veteran journalist and best selling nonfiction author, will host a workshop on "How to Produce a Saleable Nonfiction Book" from 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 8, at Hungry Hunter Restaurant, 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, including a full continental breakfast. Call 838-9060.

Sons in Retirement Branch 128 Sons in Retirement hosts a luncheon every third Wednesday of the month, at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Rd., San Ramon. The luncheon will include a social hour, buffet lunch and a program of local interest. Cost for lunch is \$20; no dues or membership fees. Call 828-5688.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network will host a discussion on vaccinations from 7-9 p.m., Monday, March 17, at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. Dr. Tim O'Shea will present "Vaccines: It's Your Choice." Visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail tri-valleyhmn@hotmail.com.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75 The organization meets at 7:30 p.m., every second Thursday of the month (except December), at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. For information, call Post Commander Tony Carnemolla at 932-4042 or visit www.vfw.org.

Concerts

'One Planet, One Heart, One Song' Danville Girls Chorus presents "One Planet, One Heart, One Song" at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 15, at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church,

9015 S. Gale Ridge Rd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 14 years old. Call 837-2624.

Blackhawk Dinner Concert Danville Community Band will host a dinner concert featuring music from Bach to the Beatles at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, April 13, at the Blackhawk Country Club, Lakeside Ballroom, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. No host bar starts at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50, including dinner and the concert. For reservations, call 736-6500, ext. 0.

Gospel and Classical Benefit Concert Outdoor Adventure Faire will host Angelique Lucia, who was the lead in "My Fair Lady," at a benefit concert at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at Rolling Hills Community Church, 1565 Green Valley Rd., Danville. This concert is free, but donations will be accepted to support Outdoor Adventure Faire. Call 820-3874 or visit www.christkidsports.org.

Jazz at Peace Jazz at Peace welcomes Dmitri Metheny and his group at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 9, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. The lush tones of Dmitri's fine flugelhorn will melt your heart. This concert is free. Call 648-7000 or visit www.peacejourney.org.

Silicon Valley Houserockers Silicon Valley Houserockers with special guests will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at the Wesley Center, Alamo. Tickets are \$35 for gold circle seating, \$20 for general admission and \$18 seniors and students. Proceeds benefit Community Violence Solutions. Call (510) 237-0113 or visit www.cvsolutions.org.

Events

2008 O'Neill International Conference Scholars and devotees of Eugene O'Neill will come together at the 2008 O'Neill International Conference held from June 11-15, at the Tao House, Danville. Registration is now open; contact Diane Schinnerer at 828-0659 or dmds@aol.com.

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour Come and enjoy a free garden tour at the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 4. Registration is required in order to receive a guidebook, which contains garden addresses, maps and directions. To register, visit www.bringingbackthenatives.net.

Cowboy Poetry San Ramon Valley Horsemen's Association will host "Cowboy Poetry" social dinner at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 14, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. Reservations are required by calling Heidi Koch at 743-1576. A cowboy good time is assured.

Eighth Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance Irish-American Culture Club will host the eighth annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance starting at 6 p.m. with no-host cocktails, Irish buffet dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Tickets are \$50 for members, \$55 for non-members. Mail check to IACC Dinner-Dance, Jim Noel, 55 Kemline Ct., Alamo. Call 830-1084.

Exhibits

Agriculture for a Century, the Business of the Valley Museum of the San Ramon Valley is hosting the "Agriculture for a Century, the Business of the Valley" exhibit until May 10, at the museum at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Museum hours are from 1-4 p.m.,

WEEKEND PREVIEW



HAIR ON STAGE

'Wigged Out' for Hats Off America

Come and see "Wigged Out" for a laugh benefiting a great cause at 9 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Tickets are \$40. Proceeds benefit Hats Off America. "Wigged Out" runs at 7 and 9 p.m., Saturdays until June. Call 855-1950 or visit www.wiggedout.org.

Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. A farmer or business person will be available to talk to visitors from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Call 837-3750.

Contemporary Warrior: Modern Day Tomb Soldiers Bedford Gallery will host "Contemporary Warrior: Modern Day Tomb Soldiers," an exhibit of ceramic figures by Chinese artist, Wanxin Zhang, until March 9, at the Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Call 295-1416 or visit www.bedfordgallery.org.

The Original Rat Fink Blackhawk Museum will host the "Original Rat Fink" exhibit from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., until June 15, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The exhibit will feature original artwork, hot rods and toys all built by Ed "Big Daddy" Roth. Admission to the museum is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Film

'Graduation Day' Troy and Alana Pack Foundation will host a screening of "Graduation Day" at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 13, at the East Bay Fellowship Auditorium, 2615 Camino Tassajara, Danville. This event is free. Call 648-2940 or visit www.troyandalana.org.

Fundraisers

'Wigged Out' for Hats Off America Come and see "Wigged Out" for a laugh benefiting a great cause at 9 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Tickets are \$40. Proceeds benefit Hats Off America. Call 855-1950 or visit www.hatsoffamerica.us.

Girl Scout Cookies Troop 907, 3rd grade girls from Greenbrook Elementary School, will be selling Girl Scout cookies from 9-11 a.m., Sunday, March 9, at Lunardi's, 345 Railroad Ave., Danville. If you miss them, call Mrs. Adams at 831-9143.

Kyle Furrer Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner The 13th annual Kyle Furrer Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner will be held on Friday, May 30, at Diablo Creek

Golf Course, Concord. In a six-person scramble, the day will include a shotgun start, putting contest, lunch and dinner. Cost is \$160 per person, \$900 for a six-person team rate; those wishing to forego golf and enjoy dinner, cost is \$45. Proceeds benefit Comfort for Kids. For reservations, e-mail kylefurrermemorial@sbcglobal.net.

San Ramon Senior Center Breakfast San Ramon Senior Center Foundation will host a breakfast from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, March 9, at the San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. Cost is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children 12 years and younger. Proceeds benefit activities and variety of programs to enrich the lives of seniors. Call 973-3250.

Health

African Drumming Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism. Experience this fun way to get "good vibrations" from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. No rhythmic or musical ability is required. Call 933-0107.

Mindful Chi Kung and Healthy Being Chi Kung is a moving meditation that integrates mind, body and spirit to enhance health and strengthen the immune system. Come and learn how to meditate from 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients and their families and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

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.

Holiday

Community Second Seder Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' Passover seder celebrates the heroism and courage of the human participants in the orig-

inal freedom struggle of the Jewish people. A potluck dinner will be hosted from 5-8 p.m., Sunday, April 20, at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Cost is \$10. Call 485-1049.

Eggstravaganza Town of Danville will host Eggstravaganza from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 22, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Activities include an egg hunt, crafts, face painting and a visit from the Spring Bunny. Parents should bring their cameras for pictures with the bunny. The egg hunts are organized by age: 1 year olds at 9:30 a.m., 2 year olds at 10 a.m., 3 year olds at 10:30 a.m., 4-5 year olds at 11 a.m. and 6-9 year olds at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for residents, \$6 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Kids and Teens

YMCA Activities The San Ramon Valley YMCA hosts a number of activities including Adventure Guides/Princesses, Adventure Trailblazers, Youth Basketball, Youth Lacrosse and Youth Soccer for children of all ages. For information, call 831-1100 or visit www.mdrymca.org.

Youth to Youth Middle School Conference Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA) will host the 14th annual Youth to Youth Middle School Conference from 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at Dougherty Valley High School, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$35 with pre-registration, \$45 at the door. 6th-8th grade students will enjoy keynote speakers, workshops, teenbuilding activities, lunch, dinner and dance. Call 743-3059, ext. 328 or visit www.srvcasa.org

Lectures/ Workshops

3D Animation Friends of the Danville Library will host Steve Klitzing, writer and former U.C. Berkeley professor, at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 13, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. He will offer a look at 3D animation techniques, tools and demonstration. This event is free. Call 837-4889.

911 Earth Seminar Gayler Construction is looking for 250 homeowners who are interested in buying bulk solar energy systems. The company will host the last "911 Earth" seminar on March 13. For information, call Wendy at 820-0185 or visit www.gaylerconstruction.com.

Healing Power of Music Studies have shown the benefits of music in managing chronic pain, anxiety and treatment fears. Join two of the most experienced musicians in the area of music and healing from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call 933-0107.

Neck, Back and Shoulder Relief Discover how to relieve the nagging discomfort of pains in the neck, back and shoulders from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. You will learn simple self-help techniques for relieving the buildup of tension from chronic illness or caregiving. This event is free for cancer patients and their families and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

Running Your Business On Christian Values Catholics@Work will host John LaBriola, founder and president of Lighthouse Training, speaking on the power of "Christ-Centered Selling" from 7-8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Call 389-0704.

The Therapeutic Power of Journaling Learn techniques to guide you on an inward journey of self-discovery, self healing and creativity at this workshop from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 15, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Journaling will be combined with scrapbooking to help you create your own healing tale; bring photos and other materials to help you get started. Call 933-0107.

When a Parent Shows Signs of Memory Loss Eldercare Services will host a workshop on "When a Parent Shows Signs of Memory Loss" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. The workshop will look at memory loss in the elderly and ways that adult children can cope, help and seek assistance. This event is free. Call 837-4889.

When Mom or Dad Has Cancer A program for families with school-age children when a parent has cancer. Each workshop has an activity-based group for children where they can identify feelings and learn coping skills. The group meets from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

Miscellaneous

Adoption Faire East County Animal Shelter will host an adoption faire from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at the shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. A dog trainer will be on-site to give expert advice and help evaluate and modify dog behavior. Adopt a dog and receive three free private dog training classes, dog bed, leash, collar and a bag of Science Diet dog food. Adopt a cat and receive a goodie bag with toys and more. Call (408) 202-6708 or visit www.tvarg.org.

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Speaker Series for the Scholarship Essay Competition Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley will host a speaker series for the Scholarship Essay Competition from 6-6:45 p.m., March 10, 31 and April 7, at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. Students need to attend at least three sessions and will be able to interact with speakers as they discuss their specialty in the relation to the 10th Amendment.

On Stage

'Betrayal' Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents 'Betrayal' as part of their Black Box productions at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 7-8 and 14-15, at the Town Meeting Hall, 210 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.danvilletheatre.com.

'Godspell' Light Youth Musical Productions presents "Godspell" at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 8-9; 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, March 9; 8 p.m., Friday, March 14; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, March 15 and at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, March 16, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$15. Call 830-0600 or visit www.sjasr.org.

'Jake's Women' Act Now Theatre presents "Jake's Women" at 8:15 p.m., Friday-Sunday, until March 9, at the Leshar Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$28, \$23 for seniors and \$12.50 for children 17 and under. Call 513-1596 or visit www.actnowtheatre.org.

'Mulan' Danville Children's Musical Theater presents "Mulan" at 7:30 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m., Sundays, March 7-15, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Come see the ancient Chinese legend spring to life in this musical adventure! Tickets are \$7.50-\$9.50. Call 314-3463 or visit www.danvillechildrensmusicaltheater.com.

Political Notes

Blackhawk Republican Women Meeting John R. Graham, Director of Health Care Studies at Pacific Research Institute, will speak on Health Care Reform: "Universal Choice or Universal Coercion?" from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 13, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. Cost is \$20, including hors d'oeuvres and no-host cocktails. Reservations are due by noon, March 10. Call 820-6452 or visit www.blackhawkrwf.org.

Recreation

Wright Canyon Join Save Mount Diablo for an interesting history and spectacular Diablo peak views on this moderate two mile walk from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 15, meeting at the Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Rd. The property is not yet open to the public so this is a special opportunity. Heavy rain cancels. Call 837-5018.

Seniors

Golden Crane Senior Center Golden Crane Senior Center welcomes all seniors every Monday at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. It has classes in exercise, yoga stretch, Luke-Ting Ken, line dancing, karaoke, Chinese brush painting, calligraphy, english and jewelry. Visit www.goldencrane.org.

Preview of Upcoming Trips Town of Danville will host a presentation on upcoming trips for seniors at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, at Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave.,

Danville. Future trips include "Idaho Resorts and Rivers" on Oct. 11 and "Opryland Music Holiday" on Dec. 3. Call 314-3491.

Prime Time Prime Time for seasoned citizens meets from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Tuesday, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. Activities include line dancing, English handbells, ceramics, wood carving and more. A home-cooked meal is served at noon for \$4. Rides are provided by County Connection Link for \$3.50 round trip; call Gloria at 837-5229. For information, call 820-6387.

Senior Sneaker Trips Town of Danville hosts Senior Sneaker Trips to different attractions throughout the area. For a list of dates, go to the Danville Community Center at 420 Front St., call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Seniors Program Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall Lounge hosts a senior drop-in program from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Front St., Danville. Activities include playing cards and board games, visit with friends and meet new people. Call 314-3400.

Spiritual

Love, Anger, Power - and Food Learn to make food your friend! Discover your strength, spirituality, and your personal power as a unique individual with immense potential from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, April 11, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Cost is \$95 for CEU's, \$70 without CEU's; lunch is included. Call 837-9141, ext. 315.

Using the Labyrinth to Walk into the Heart of God San Damiano will host a workshop on the history of the Chartres labyrinth, its symbols, how to walk it as we set our intentions and how it can be used to draw closer to God from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Friday, April 18, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Cost is \$75, including lunch and a walk on the labyrinth in the beautiful Canticle Garden. Call 837-9141, ext. 315.

Sports

SRVGAL High School Registration In high school? Want to play softball? SRVGAL is accepting registration for the high school division for the season beginning in mid-April. For information, e-mail solarisele@aol.com or visit www.srvgal.org.

Support Groups

Addiction Counseling Narconon offers free counseling, assessments and referrals to centers nationwide to families in need of drug or alcohol addiction help. Call (800) 468-6933 or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

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.

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.

Springtime is a Great Time to be Sober As we move from winter to spring, the 12 steps of recovery help us in our daily lives as we move in new and hopeful ways. San Damiano will host a retreat April 11-13, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. The practicality of the program and the usefulness of the fellowship will be talked about and experienced. Cost is \$215 for a private room, \$185 for a shared room. Call 837-9141.

Volunteering

Anna's Program The specialized program of Hospice of the East Bay, Anna's Program, is looking for dedicated and caring volunteers to provide companionship and practical support for women with recurrent breast cancer. To apply for free training, contact Vicki Smith at 887-5675 or e-mail vickis@hospiceeastbay.org.

Child Abuse Prevention Council The Contra Costa County Child Abuse Prevention Council needs volunteer speakers for the community education program. Volunteers must complete a mandatory 24-hour speaker's training course. For information, call 946-9961.

Hats Off America Volunteer Opportunities Hats Off America is looking for volunteers for Casino Night on April 19; Muscle Car, Hot Rod, and Art Fair on May 16-18; Red T-Shirt 10K Runs/5K Walks on June 7, Sept. 13 and Nov. 8. Proceeds benefit Hats Off America which provides support to families of the brave American soldiers. Call 855-1950 or visit www.hatsoffamerica.us.

Spring Clean-Up Day San Ramon Historic Foundation will host Spring Clean-Up Day from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 12, at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Bring your gloves and garden tools for projects in the vegetable garden, wildlife garden and around the farm. Refreshments will be provided. Call 973-3284 or visit www.sanramonhistoricalfoundation.org.

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College LAX

UC Berkeley lacrosse team member Luke Langon, a former Monte Vista High player, evades UC San Diego as Cal beats its southern rivals 14-10 at a game held at the Bentley School in Lafayette on Sunday. At right, Langon leaves the field with his parents Sheila and Jeff.

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, March 7

Women's Lacrosse
 Monte Vista vs. Acalanes, 7 p.m.
 San Ramon Valley vs. Davis, 7 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse
 Monte Vista at De La Salle, 7 p.m.
 San Ramon Valley at Miramonte, 7 p.m.
Baseball
 San Ramon Valley at Livermore, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Men's Volleyball
 Deer Valley Tournament
Track and Field
 East Bay Invitational at Cal High, 9 a.m.
Baseball
 San Ramon Valley at Crown Dublin, at James Logan
Softball
 San Ramon Valley at Deer Valley, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 11

Golf
 Monte Vista vs. Livermore, 3 p.m. at Round Hill
 San Ramon Valley at Cal High, 3 p.m. at The Bridges
Swimming
 Monte Vista at De La Salle
Women's Lacrosse
 Monte Vista at Berkeley, 6 p.m.
 San Ramon Valley at Marin, 4:30 p.m.
Men's Volleyball
 Monte Vista vs. Foothill, 6 p.m.
Softball
 San Ramon Valley at Arroyo, 4 p.m.
Baseball
 San Ramon Valley at Cal High, 6 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse
 San Ramon Valley vs. Marin Catholic, 7 p.m.
Men's Tennis
 San Ramon Valley vs. Foothill

Wednesday, March 12

Baseball
 San Ramon Valley vs. Washington, 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

Golf
 Monte Vista at Dougherty, 3 p.m. at Bridges
 San Ramon Valley vs. Foothill, 3:30 p.m. at Crow Canyon
Women's Lacrosse
 Monte Vista at Davis, 6 p.m.
Track and Field
 Monte Vista at Granada, 4 p.m.
 San Ramon Valley at Amador, 4 p.m.
Men's Tennis
 Monte Vista at Amador



More State Cup winners—the Mavericks

Left, top, Christina Nuti carries the ball with Emily Pedlowe backing her up as the Mustang Mavericks U11 girls defeat rivals Elk Grove, 4-0, to win the State Cup Championship in Division 1 Soccer. Bottom, Arianna Zamora keeps the ball from her defender. This is the first year for three Mustang teams to win State Cup: the U-11 Mavericks, the U-12 Fury and the U-13 Blast. Mavericks are (l-r) Assistant Coach Curt Cox, Head Coach Ed Bronsen; (top) Mallory Hromatko, Emily Pedlowe, Arianna Zamora, Hailey Balma, Christina Nuti, Leah Emerson; (middle) Summer Stamates, Madeline Gibson; (front) Clare DaSilva, Paige Ryan, Marissa Savoldi, Lia Dawson, Chandra Allan, Kathryn Rodd and Chelsea Barry.



St. Isidore's fourth-grade A1 team is tops

The St. Isidore boys fourth-grade A1 team won the Tri-Valley CYO Basketball Championship at St. Isidore's Rettig Gym on Feb. 24, beating CCOP of Pleasanton, 26-20. St. Isidore players are (back, l-r) Coach Mike Lloyd, Coach Earl Yerina, Coach Adam Tennant; (middle) Jake Lloyd, Chris Worley, Austin Henderson, Kevin Yerina, Carson Meehan; (front) Clayton Tennant, Ben Whitten, Wiley Bonham, Dane Brear and Alex Brown.



St. Isidore's 'A' team takes CYO conference

St. Isidore's eighth-grade boys "A" CYO basketball team won both the Tri-Valley Conference regular season and tournament titles, completed last week at St. Isidore. It was an all-St. Isidore final in this year's championship game, with Head Coach Joe Viscuglia's top-seeded squad winning a thrilling 57-55 overtime thriller over Andy Euser's third-seeded team. The winning hoopsters also won the regular season with a 9-1 record (17-7 overall). Team members are (front, l-r) Garrett Linck, Chris Mullin Jr., Anthony Villa, Sean O'Dea, Duke Dalton; (back) Assistant Coach Doug Ertz, Blake Walker, Joey Viscuglia, Michael Hernbroth, Cameron Grant, Shane Ertz and head coach Joe Viscuglia.



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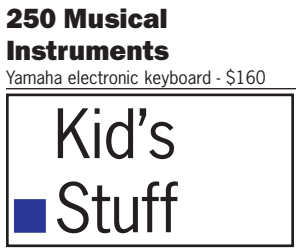
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Hayward, 1 BR/1 BA
Gated Community, Swimming Pool, Fitness Center and MORE!!! (see www.JacksonArmsApartments.com)

Pleasanton, 1 BR/1 BA - \$1250



Pleasanton, 3 BR/2.5 BA
Condo 1850 S.F. w/2-car Gar. Vaulted ceilings; fireplaces in family-room & master bedroom. Pool & spa at cabana. Backs to creek. No pets. Avail. 3/1/08 (925)766-4370 Rich

805 Homes for Rent

Dublin, 3 BR/2 BA - \$2195
East Dublin, 3 BR/2.5 BA - \$2850/month
Pleasanton, 4 BR/3 BA - 2690/month

809 Shared Housing/Rooms

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Danville, 1 BR/1 BA - \$625

Pleasanton, 1 BR/1 BA
Female with furnished apartment, share 2 bdrm 1 bath. AVAILABLE ROOM IS UNFURNISHED. No pets or smoking allowed. Deposit required.

Pleasanton, 1 BR/1 BA - 600

825 Homes/Condos for Sale

New Manufactured Homes
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Danville, 3 BR/2 BA - \$775000

Dublin, 3 BR/2 BA - \$589,999

Livermore, 3 BR/2 BA - \$439,950

840 Vacation Rentals/Time Shares

Poipu Kauai 3 BR Vacation Home
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845 Out of Area

North Carolina
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850 Acreage/Lots/Storage

Arizona Land Bargains
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Nevada 5 Acres

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Washington River Access
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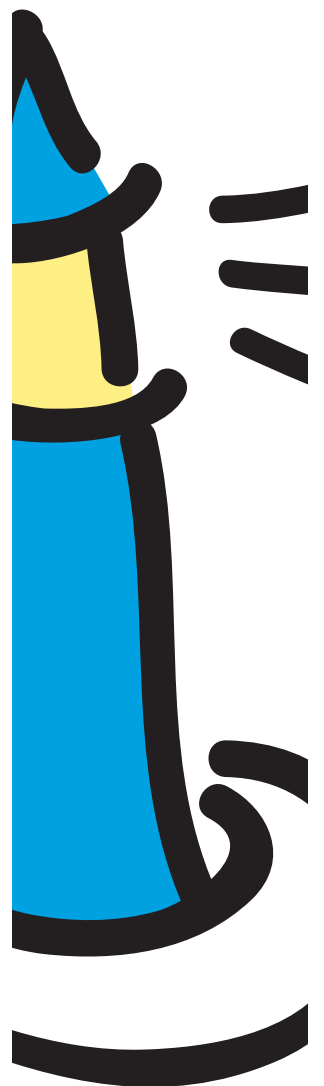
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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

ALAMO

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 4 Bedrooms | | |
| 35 Summer Meadows Ct. | \$2,390,000 | |
| Sun 1:30-4:30 | Alain Pinel | 791-2600 |
| 6 Bedrooms | | |
| 18 Ardendale Ct. | \$1,949,950 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Sara Schmitz-Prudential | 858-4384 |

BLACKHAWK

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| 3 Bedrooms | | |
| 305 Live Oak Dr. | \$1,295,000 | |
| Sun 1:30-4:30 | Alain Pinel | 577-4004 |
| 106 Kingswood Cir. | \$770,000 | |
| Sun 1:30-4:30 | Alain Pinel | 577-4004 |
| 4 Bedrooms | | |
| 3575 Deer Crest Dr. | \$1,595,000 | |
| Sun 1:30-4:30 | Alain Pinel | 577-4004 |

DANVILLE

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| 3 Bedrooms | | |
| 18 Rio Del Ct. | \$1,074,950 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Pacific Union | 997-3966 |
| 421 Garden Creek Pl. | \$519,950 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 260-8883 |
| 1948 St. George Rd. | \$759,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 260-8883 |
| 349 Laurel Dr. | \$824,950 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Pacific Union | 997-3966 |
| 4 Bedrooms | | |
| 1895 St. Norbert Dr. | \$1,069,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 855-6410 |
| 842 Matadera Cir. | \$1,099,000 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 260-2508 |
| 200 Alicante Pl. | \$1,298,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 855-6410 |
| 410 Bridgeside Cir. | \$699,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 260-8883 |
| 186 Ramona Rd. | \$869,000 | |
| Sun 1:30-4:30 | Alain Pinel | 791-2600 |

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| 5 Bedrooms | | |
| 308 Sunset Dr. | \$1,199,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 260-8883 |
| 104 Parkhaven Dr. | \$1,200,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 260-8883 |
| 100 David Ln. | \$1,949,000 | |
| Sun 1:30-4:30 | Alain Pinel | 640-8708 |
| 272 Montego Dr. | \$5,489,000 | |
| Sun 1:30-4:30 | Alain Pinel | 791-2600 |
| 25 Blackstone Hollow Ct. | \$929,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | J. Rockcliff Realtors | 963-0093 |

SAN RAMON

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| 3 Bedrooms | | |
| 2601 Fountainhead Dr. | \$425,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Hometown GMAC | 417-8601 |

DUBLIN

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| 4 Bedrooms | | |
| 10762 Inspiration Cir. | \$1,028,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 583-1121 |

PLEASANTON

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| 2 Bedrooms | | |
| 1847 Harms Dr. | \$649,900 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 251-1111 |
| 3 Bedrooms | | |
| 6322 Alisal St. | \$1,099,467 | |
| Sun 1-4 | ReMax / Accord | 997-8001 |

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| 3547 Capella Ct. | \$652,000 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 924-0444 |
| 4159 Jensen St. | \$724,500 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Empire | 963-8294 |
| 1037 Hometown Wy. | \$749,900 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 447-2723 |
| 4639 First St. | \$989,000 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Investment Real Estate Co. | 846-0506 |

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| 4 Bedrooms | | |
| 480 Cabonia Ct. | \$1,125,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams - Dave & Fran Cunningham | 426-7957 |
| 2226 Kamp Ct. | \$1,170,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 398-6706 |
| 844 Division St. | \$1,195,000 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Investment Real Estate Co. | 846-0506 |

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| 605 Windmill Ln. | \$1,265,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Prudential - Ruby Hill | 639-7847 |
| 1809 Paseo Del Cajon | \$750,000 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams - Lydonna Walker | 997-8267 |

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| 233 Del Valle Ct. | \$759,950 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 463-0436 |

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| 2630 Minton Ct. | \$825,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Coldwell Banker | 200-4130 |

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| 3459 Park Pl. | \$829,000 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 918-2045 |

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| 4837 Mohr Ave. | \$849,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 251-1111 |

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| 1062 Vinter Wy. | \$859,000 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 397-4300 |

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| 3645 Dunsmuir Cir. | \$889,999 | |
| Sun 1:30-4 | Alain Pinel | 998-9747 |

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| 2314 Willet Wy. | \$969,000 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 998-4311 |

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| 5 Bedrooms | | |
| 1258 Hearst Dr. | \$1,595,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 846-6500 |
| 205 Heritage Ln. | \$1,595,000 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Henderson Properties-Judy Winter | 699-7900 |
| 7914 Paragon Cir. | \$1,899,000 | |
| Sat 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 846-6500 |

LIVERMORE

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| 3 Bedrooms | | |
| 280 Garden Cmn. | \$409,950 | |
| Sat 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 583-1121 |
| 5075 Erica Wy. | \$524,950 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 463-0436 |
| 562 Caliente Wy. | \$559,500 | |
| Sun 2-4 | Hometown GMAC | 200-2457 |

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| 356 Rincon Ave. | \$565,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Hometown GMAC | 487-1427 |

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| 2447 Marbury | \$699,900 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Hometown GMAC | 200-2457 |

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| 1768 Vetta Dr. | \$935,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Keller Williams | 918-2045 |

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| 4 Bedrooms | | |
| 6608 Tiffany Cmn. | \$549,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Hometown GMAC | 963-8322 |
| 4293 Bellmawr Dr. | \$799,900 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 583-1121 |

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| 5 Bedrooms | | |
| 2256 Sevillano Ct. | \$1,499,000 | |
| Sun 1-4 | Alain Pinel | 321-6104 |
| 5753 Bobby Dr. | \$768,800 | |
| Sat/Sun 1-4 | Hometown GMAC | 352-7307 |

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during January 2008

| Alamo | Danville | Walnut Creek |
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| Total sales reported: 1 | Total sales reported: 6 | Total sales reported: 5 |
| Lowest sale reported: \$2,575,000 | Lowest sale reported: \$479,000 | Lowest sale reported: \$370,000 |
| Highest sale reported: \$2,575,000 | Highest sale reported: \$980,500 | Highest sale reported: \$680,000 |
| Average sales reported: \$2,575,000 | Average sales reported: \$616,917 | Average sales reported: \$505,900 |

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

This week's data represents homes sold during January 2008

| Alamo | Danville | Walnut Creek |
|--|---|--|
| 24 Kimberley Place Sirva Relocation to R. Won for \$2,575,000 | 206 Country Meadows Lane J. Smith to M. Fong for \$600,000 | 2191 Dapplegray Lane Ring Trust to C. Regalia for \$680,000 |
| 33 Channi Court Shapell Industries to J. & R. Panisales for \$502,000 | 1021 Phoenix Street A. Bravo to Delpouys Trust for \$479,000 | 376 Dover Drive Arabian Trust to A. Giapitsoglou for \$630,500 |
| 618 Colmar Court KB Homes to R. & J. Hansen for \$980,500 | 548 Silver Lake Drive R. Ingraca to J. Ingraca for \$625,000 | 1809 Holland Drive S. Wharton to M. Lopez for \$450,000 |
| | 4053 Skylark Lane J. Drees to P. & D. Nicolosi for \$515,000 | 3136 Ptarmigan Drive #2 K. & M. Hudson to B. Vargas for \$370,000 |



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Danville Sycamore

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SALE PENDING!

Beautifully updated single story on large lot on cul de sac Street. 4 bedroom, 3 car garage, and pool. Price \$875,000



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X1000

Stunning 6 bedroom 6 bath Custom Luxury Home on .73 Acre. \$2,875,000

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SALE/SAMPLING: Vintage Irish Cheddar, Kerry Dubliner, Kerrygold Ivernia, Cashel Blue

SAMPLING: Freshly Baked Irish Soda Bread, Seven Types of Scones

SAMPLING: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Corned Beef and Cabbage Soup, Lamb Stew with Potatoes, Shepherd's Pie, Bread Pudding, Potato Pancakes and more.

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