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Brock Marcotte
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Jamarcus Russell because it would be amazing to be the Raiders' quarterback and I could make the Raiders win one!

Chad Cochran
educator



Superman because who the heck wouldn't want to fly around the world for a day?

Tyler Swanson
lifeguard supervisor



Jackie Wilson because he is the undisputed best soul singer of all time and if I could sing like that I would be infinitely happy and get lots of girlfriends.

Andy Tokarski
student

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“ Mr. O’Neill and I were deeply touched by your kindness to us today. ”

—From letter written by Carlotta, wife of Eugene O’Neill, which is in the exhibit opening at the Museum tomorrow. See story, page 6.

Voter registration deadline May 19

It’s not too late to register to vote in the June 3 primary election; the deadline is Monday, May 19.

Voter registration forms can be found at the post offices, Danville Public Library, Department of Motor Vehicles or the Danville Town Offices at 510 La Gonda Way. Mail forms to the County Elections Office, 555 Escobar St., P.O. Box 271, Martinez 94553.

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Crack down on buckling up

The Danville Police Department will be aggressively enforcing the state’s seatbelt laws as part of California’s 2008 Click It or Ticket mobilization, taking place May 12-June 1. The campaign relies on heavy enforcement and public education as a means to help California achieve the highest seatbelt use rate in the nation. California currently has the nation’s fourth highest seatbelt use rate at 94.6 percent.

“We will not accept excuses or give warnings,” said Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel. “Our officers will be on the lookout for those who are not buckled up and for teens and children not riding properly restrained.”

California has a primary seatbelt law which requires every passenger in the car, including the driver, to wear a seatbelt at all times. If drivers are stopped and found to be in violation, law enforcement will issue citations without warning. Tickets for first seatbelt violations range from \$80 to \$91 for adults and \$330 to \$401 for children under age 16, depending on the county. Additionally, children age 12 and under are required to ride properly restrained in the back seat.

“We’re doing well with nearly 95 percent buckling up, fourth highest in the nation,” said Christopher J. Murphy, director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. “That’s 1.5 million more people protected from death and injury by using seatbelts since the Click It or Ticket campaign started in 2005. But we can do better yet.”

Danville offers ‘Fun for Families’

The Town of Danville is offering “Fun for Families” events in May and June to give children and their parents an opportunity to do fun things together as a family.

Events will take place 3-5 p.m., Saturday, May 24, at Oak Hill Park Community Center, 3005 Stone Valley Road; and 5-7 p.m., Friday, June 27, at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St.

The May 24 session is “Go Green,” and participants will learn how to turn trash into treasure, creating crafts using recyclable items. This event is for children of all ages.

The June 27 session, “Fancy Fruit,” is all about food. Children will be excited about cooking and eating healthy with a new twist on fruit. After eating, families can enjoy a Moonlight Movie on the Town Green.

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Alamo residents blast Piepho for county lane proposal

Supervisor says she will recommend dropping project from Transportation Council's action plan

by Meghan Neal

District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho put herself in the line of fire Monday when she hosted a meeting to hear Alamo residents' concerns about a possible future project that would expand the intersection of Stone Valley Road at Danville Boulevard.

Impassioned if not downright livid Alamo residents showed up at Hap Magee Ranch Park in droves to speak out against widening the intersection.

The county says Danville Boulevard, particularly at that junction, is too congested and therefore not meeting the performance standards required of it as a regional

road. They say widening the intersection would solve the problem by increasing flow.

But residents say the county's real motive for increasing flow is to use Alamo as an alternative route for freeway commuters, to lessen the clogged traffic on I-680. They say expanding the intersection would bring more out-of-towners speeding through downtown.

As one resident commented at the meeting: "If you build it, they will come."

"We get that," Piepho told the attendees. "Alamo likes constraints and congestion because it keeps people from using it as a thoroughfare ... It keeps people out of Alamo."

The project would add an extra through-lane on Danville Boulevard within the intersection, which would merge back into a single lane in both directions. The idea is that more cars would be able to fit through during each green light.

Right now the project is only "a future-identified need," not a high priority, but it's being discussed at this time because it's on the draft version of the Tri-Valley Transportation Council's Action Plan, which is currently being reviewed.

Piepho, essentially caught between a rock and a hard place, explained it's the county's duty to acknowledge the traffic statistics it receives and plan accordingly.

"But I also have the greater responsibility to the community," she said. "That's the divergence of where we are."

The performance standards for Danville Boulevard state that traffic volumes can not exceed 90 percent of the road's capacity.

During peak afternoon hours, around 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., the intersection at Stone Valley Road is operating at about 96 percent capacity, said Steve Goetz, deputy director of transportation planning for the county.

Nevertheless, residents say the proposed solution is illogical, that expanding the intersection to allow for more traffic would do just that—create more traffic. And if the road

itself isn't widening beyond the intersection, where would all those extra cars go?

"That's really the question here," said David Bowlby, a member of the Alamo Incorporation Movement. "Why are we now having to take the responsibility of these cars coming off the freeway? ... What are we going to do with these cars when they get off?"

Another resident shared an alternative idea of what the future should look like: "When the freeway is clogged one guy turns to the guy next to him and says, 'Don't get off at Alamo, it's slower than this is!'"

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Visiting the library just got better

Town awards bid for Front Street crosswalk

by Meghan Neal

Pedestrians will soon be able to feel a bit safer while crossing Front Street in front of the Danville Library and Community Center, thanks to a new crosswalk being installed this summer.

The lighted crosswalk, which the Town Council awarded to Presidio Systems Inc. of Livermore at last week's meeting, will be adjacent to the main brick walkway that currently leads up to the library's entrance.

The town found that the aesthetic walkway posed a safety issue, because people were using it as a crosswalk but cars weren't stopping at it.

"We've had, over time, concerns from people who said, 'Gee you know, we're in the crosswalk and those cars zip around the corner. Isn't there anything you can do to improve safety there?'" said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

Eventually the town decided the best solution was to put in an actual crosswalk at the site.

"It will give folks a better location at which to cross," Calabrigo said.

Flashing lights will be embedded in the pavement on either side of the brick, similar to the crosswalk on Hartz Avenue in front of the Veteran's Hall. But the warning lights at the new location will be activated automatically when a pedestrian steps into the crosswalk, helping alert cars that someone is coming.

The new crosswalk will cost Danville about \$74,000, which will come from funds set aside for capital improvement projects.

Construction begins this month and is due to be completed by the end of June, in time for the Hay Days celebration and Fourth of July Parade.

Front Street will remain open during construction hours, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., but traffic may be delayed periodically or reduced to one lane. Drivers are encouraged to use Hartz Avenue or Railroad Avenue as an alternative route. ■

District names new superintendent

Steven Enoch to succeed Rob Kessler

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District Board of Education announced last week that Steven Enoch has been selected as the district's new Superintendent of Schools. Enoch, currently superintendent for the San Juan Unified School District in Sacramento County, will replace Rob Kessler, who is retiring after 13 years as superintendent for SRVUSD. Enoch joins the district effective July 1.

"We interviewed a number of exceptional candidates, and were unanimous in our choice," said Board President Greg Marvel. "Steve has a proven track record as an effective leader and strong communicator. As a board, we all believe he will be a great fit for our district and our community."

Enoch has been superintendent of the San Juan Unified School

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MEGHAN NEAL

Summertime at the Farmers Market

The Danville Farmers Market kicked off its summertime Thursday evening hours last week, and playwright Eugene O'Neill and his wife Carlotta (aka Stan Wharton and Sonya Seyler) were seen strolling the event with Mayor Candace Andersen and Councilwoman Karen Stepper. The market takes place from 4-8 p.m. at the Railroad Avenue parking lot next to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, which opens its Eugene O'Neill exhibit tomorrow so it all ties in. At right: Mayor Andersen cuts the string of carrots to open the 2008 summer evening Farmers Market. The Saturday market is held year-round.



MEGHAN NEAL

Letter from Carlotta

O'Neill display to include newly discovered correspondence

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Eugene O'Neill had more to do with the townspeople of Danville than was previously thought. This became clear when an archivist recently unearthed a letter sent by Carlotta Monterey O'Neill to Harriett Olsson on Dec. 7, 1942.

"Dear Mrs. Olsson," Carlotta wrote on Tao House stationery. "Mr. O'Neill and I were deeply touched by your kindness to us today. And that kindness also gave us the pleasure of meeting you."

She continues to say that she and Eugene had been lost since Herbert Freeman, their driver and all-around handyman, left them to join the Marines. Freeman worked for the O'Neills for 10 years and made it possible for them to live in the seclusion of Tao House in the west Danville hills where O'Neill wrote "Long Day's Journey into Night" and other classics from 1937 to 1944.

This letter will be among the artifacts on display at "O'Neill's Global Legacy," an exhibit that opens tomorrow at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

Jack Hamel, who is co-chairing the exhibit with Ginny Iverson, said they have conjectured that Harriett and Edwin Olsson may have helped the O'Neills with shopping or some other errand. The Olssons owned the Shell service station on the corner of Hartz Avenue and Diablo Road.

"They lived right next to the service station," said Betty Dunlap, an Olsson relative who lives in Alamo. "I saw another letter that said thank you for driving them to the doctor in Berkeley."

Dunlap recalled the buzz when she was in high school about a visit by Eugene O'Neill's daughter Oona, who had just been named

Exhibit highlights Eugene O'Neill

What: "O'Neill's Global Legacy," an exhibit focusing on memorabilia and music associated with Eugene and Carlotta O'Neill's days in Danville

Where: Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Railroad and Prospect avenues

When: May 17-June 14

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Price: Admission is free but donations are welcomed.

Debutante of the Year. The playwright later cut off communications with Oona when, at the age of 17, she married Charlie Chaplin, who was 56.

"We'd been led to believe there was almost no contact between the O'Neills and the Valley but this letter shows they had friends," said Hamel.

Also on display will be two tags for Christmas gifts from Eugene and Carlotta O'Neill to the Olssons, more indication that they considered them more than mere acquaintances.

This exhibit will focus on two aspects of the O'Neills' life in Danville, said Hamel. It will include nearly an hour of recorded music enjoyed by Eugene and Carlotta as it was played by Rosie, their antique player piano; and it will show how the ambiance in the Danville hills helped him write one of his two plays that won the Pulitzer, as well as five other plays.

"The isolation and privacy and the surrounding view allowed him to create," Hamel said.

The exhibit opens May 17; the next day, May 18, is a Blemie look-alike contest at the Museum and a play in the Old Barn theater at Tao



Robin Peterson, whose grandparents knew Eugene and Carlotta O'Neill when they lived in Danville, admires a kimono of Carlotta's that will be in the new exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

House. It will be the second this month in the 2008 Playwrights' Theatre series, a partnership between the O'Neill Foundation and the National Park Service, which maintains Tao House as a National Historic Site. The 2008 O'Neill International Conference is being held in Danville from June 11-15 for scholars and fans of Eugene O'Neill.

Due to wartime shortages of help, the O'Neills moved away from Tao house in 1944 never to return. But the home they built in the hills continues to be a draw for O'Neill enthusiasts and local playgoers and historians. ■



Robin Peterson and Betty Dunlap, relatives of Harriett Olsson, read a letter to her from Carlotta O'Neill.

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Eugene O'Neill with Blemie



Does your dog look like Blemie?

While they lived in Danville, Eugene and Carlotta O'Neill owned a beloved Dalmatian named Blemie who reportedly ate steak everyday and slept in a fine bed. He is buried on a knoll behind Tao House.

A Blemie look-alike contest will be held from noon to 1 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at the museum. Come join the fun—with or without a Dalmatian.

Lance Armstrong inspires Danville cancer survivor

After cure, man starts Have a Ball Foundation to raise funds, awareness

by Meghan Neal

Bob Hammer has a good reason to help promote National LiveStrong Day, which was Tuesday, May 13. The Danville resident says if it weren't for a piece of advice Lance Armstrong's oncologist gave him, his son would never have been born.

Hammer is a two-time survivor of testicular cancer and the founder of the Have a Ball Foundation, which holds an annual golf tournament to raise funds for cancer research and awareness.

He met the famous cyclist in 2001 when, after 26 rounds of chemotherapy, Hammer participated in Armstrong's annual "Ride for the Roses" event.

"We were there because I was sick and everybody else was there because they wanted to meet Lance," said Hammer. "So we kinda stood out, and to that end we were introduced to Lance and Lance's oncologist."

The world-famous doctor, Craig Nichols, advised Hammer against having a surgery that was scheduled for the following week. The operation would have prevented Hammer, age 31 at the time, from ever having children again.

He took the advice and cancelled the surgery.

"About 10 months later my wife was pregnant—naturally. Which in and of itself doesn't happen



COURTESY BOB HAMMER

Cancer survivor Bob Hammer and his family meet Lance Armstrong—(l-r) Hammer and his son Josh, Armstrong, wife Kim and daughter Shayna.

too often after testicular cancer," Hammer said.

Now he and his 4-year-old son Josh are using their story to give back. With the help of corporate sponsors like Ariba and Peninsula Building Materials, the Have a Ball Foundation has raised more than \$400,000 so far.

"Certainly somebody was watching over, you know?" said Hammer. "We felt we needed to do something. My wife and I wanted to give back for this gift that we got."

The foundation benefits a host of local cancer organizations, such as Camp Okizu, a northern California camp for children with cancer, the UC San Francisco cancer resource center and Children's Hospital Oakland.

LiveStrong is a fundraising program that leverages the fame Armstrong earned after winning the Tour de France seven times in a row, from 1999 to 2005, despite being diagnosed with a serious form of testicular cancer. The athlete has used his popularity to help fight cancer and encourage people to live life to the fullest.

"He certainly raised the bar on how to attack this disease," said Hammer. He said one of Armstrong's slogans in particular resonated with him—the "obligation of the cured."

"I wholeheartedly agree with that," he said. "It is the obligation of the cured to raise awareness and let people know about this disease."

He said testicular cancer is rarely talked about because culturally it's deemed embarrassing or inappropriate. Also, the disease targets a young age group, 15-29, and these young men tend to ignore initial warning signs, giving the cancer time to spread. That's why it's so important to raise awareness.

Hammer co-founded the Have a Ball Foundation with his good friend Steven Seaweed, a prostate cancer survivor and popular DJ for 107.7 "The Bone" in San Francisco. He heard Seaweed on radio one day during a chemo treatment and called up to tell him his story.

"We just kind of became friends ever since," Hammer said. "We always said, 'Hey you know what? We should do something together.'"

This year they donated \$40,000 to the Lance Armstrong Foundation in honor of LiveStrong Day. Hammer also appeared on several local television programs with his son Josh, to share their story.

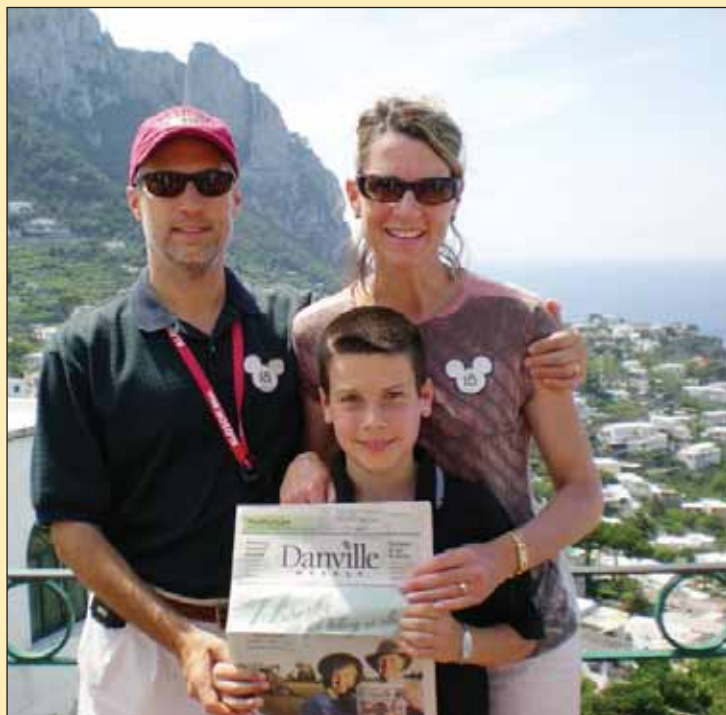
"Hopefully when he's older he'll be able to know what his dad did," said Hammer. "Hopefully he'll be proud." ■

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Collision stops I-680 traffic

Traffic crawled along I-680 and came to a standstill on Danville Boulevard in Alamo after a motorcycle collided with a car on the southbound freeway just south of Stone Valley Road at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The motorcyclist, 47, of Alamo, was driving in commute traffic in the second lane from the left. She looked over her left shoulder to prepare to change lanes and when she looked back the traffic in her lane was stopped, said CHP Officer Tom Maguire.

She wasn't able to stop in time and rear-ended the Honda Accord in front of her, he said. Police do not know how fast she was going at the time.

"She was ejected off the motorcycle," said Maguire. "She's OK. She doesn't have any life threatening injuries."

She was transported to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek as a precaution. The driver of the Honda was not injured.

Both left lanes were shut down for about 15 minutes due to the



A tow truck removes the motorcycle from the accident scene on southbound I-680, at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

accident, said Maguire. Traffic on the freeway was backed up about two miles to Rudgear Road in Walnut Creek.

—Meghan Neal

Alamo

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He turned to the group and asked, "Is there any one here in the peanut gallery who would like to see (the intersection) widened for more cars?" Nobody answered yes.

Residents aren't just upset about their community being used as freeway spillover. Many say safety is a real issue. Commuters racing through Alamo endanger pedestrians; they don't stick to the speed limit and don't stop at crosswalks, they say.

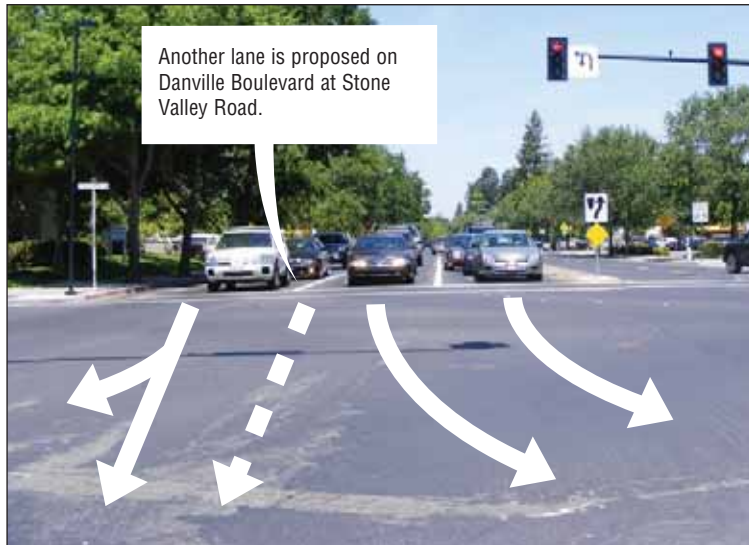
"People coming through our town know they won't be ticketed," one resident commented. The Sheriff's Department has limited resources and higher priorities, and the Highway Patrol doesn't have time to watch Alamo, she said.

Tonya Cavalli spoke as a living, breathing example of the dangerous area. She told the group how she'd been hit by a truck in November while crossing the street. She flew 38 feet in the air, landed on the concrete, and broke her back.

She said she's lucky to be alive, but the problem still exists.

"You talk and talk but don't do anything," the irate Cavalli told Piepho.

Piepho said she would bring all the comments from the meeting back to the TVTC. She asked staff to pull the project off the draft



Danville Boulevard heading south has two lanes that turn left onto Stone Valley Road; now the Transportation Council wants to add another lane in each direction.

report and doesn't expect there to be any issue with the request, she said Tuesday.

"I don't see any reason why (TVTC) would not support the county's request to remove the proposed modification," said Goetz on Tuesday. "I think they'll also look at strategies to help improve traffic flow on the freeway, and look at strategies to try and encourage Danville Boulevard to be used only for local traffic."

Piepho's recommendation to strike the project from the plan could

cause problems when it comes to meeting performance requirements.

"We'll have to see how it plays itself out obviously," she said Tuesday. "But we need to meet community concerns and protect their interests."

Suggestions or concerns brought up at the meeting that didn't directly relate to the project were written down to be discussed further at the first Alamo Roads Committee meeting, being held at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, June 12, at Hap Magee Ranch Park. ■

Superintendent

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District for three years, a district that serves 45,000 students in the northeastern portion of Sacramento County. He has been a public school educator for more than 30 years.

"While it was certainly a difficult decision to leave the San Juan community, I am thrilled to have been chosen to lead such a high quality district in a very strong and supportive community," said Enoch.

Prior to serving as superintendent for San Juan Unified, Enoch held that position in the Mead School District in Spokane, Wash., San Juan Island School District north of Seattle, and Bonsall School District in San Diego County.

He began his career as an elementary school teacher, and has served as an elementary, middle and high school principal. He has also taught graduate level classes at a university.

Enoch has a bachelor's degree in history and sociology from the

University of La Verne and a master's degree in school administration from California State University, Fullerton. He has done additional graduate work at the University of Southern California and the Claremont Graduate School.

Enoch also worked in the private sector as executive director of a large educational seminar and conference organization. He has presented conferences throughout the United States and has been published in national educational journals.

Enoch and his wife Kristin have grown children living in California, Indiana, Washington, D.C., and Idaho. They are looking to relocate within the San Ramon Valley.

Enoch succeeds Rob Kessler



Steven Enoch

who will retire after more than 33 years in public education, and rose to become the educational leader of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District in 1995.

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District has 34 schools, more than 26,000 students, 2,500 employees, and an annual budget of approximately \$200 million.

When announcing his retirement in November, Kessler, 60, who lives in Albany, said he is considering going into consulting and executive coaching.

"There are so many opportunities," he said.

Kessler noted that the most important quality for the next superintendent is the ability to communicate.

"I consider it an honor to follow someone like Rob Kessler," said Enoch. "I hope to bring to the school district and the community my own experience and style that builds upon the work that Rob, the board, staff and community can rightfully take great pride in having achieved." ■

Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Texting as a second language

We must protect our youth! A teacher from Seattle thinks texting is destroying the writing skills of today's students.

"These kids aren't learning to spell," said Jacquie Ream in a press release. "They're learning acronyms and shorthand. Text messaging is destroying the written word."

Give me a break, lady. (For anyone even more out of touch than I am, a text message is sent over a cell phone by tapping it letter by letter on the little keypad, abbreviating like crazy to keep it short.)

I love texting! Not that I've done it much myself but I can see its advantages. Last time my daughter Zoe visited us alone, she could keep in touch with her fiancé Jeff with a quick glance at the screen to see what he'd written and tapping out a reply. Why, we had hardly a blip in our conversation while she sympathized with him over UCLA being eliminated from the Final Four.

The only texting I've done is replying. When one of my children sends me a text message, I reply. Very awkwardly and it takes forever but still I reply. I've done it at least twice, and of course was mocked, but in a loving way. They know I could master this skill if I really, really needed to.

I understand from friends with teens that texting can be way overdone, as in thousands of messages a month. Now I agree that is abusing technology but I still don't see how it would conflict with anyone's mastery of the English language. I think of it more as being bilingual with texting as a second language. I don't see my son hesitating when switching back and forth between German and English, so why can't a person go from texting abbreviations to proper writing? OK, last time we talked he said "fire workers" when he meant "firefighters" but the English in his e-mails is still impeccable.

Ream went on to say a recent national Center for Education Statistics study reported that only one out of four high school seniors is a proficient writer. The purpose of the press release was to promote Ream's book, "K.I.S.S. Keep It Short and Simple," which she says lays out a formula to make writing easier. She also cited another survey that showed the nation's blue-chip companies found only two-thirds of their employees are capable writers. That certainly may be so but weren't these com-

pany employees educated largely before texting?

But what do I know? So I called Kathy Moore, reading and writing specialist for the school district. She said my call was well-timed because she and some other educators had just spent a couple of days reading ninth-grade essays from across the district. Although they know the kids all use text messages, she told me, the teachers didn't find it has had any impact on their formal writing. "I think it might even be the opposite," she said. It is a mental exercise to use acronyms.

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Kathy compared it to the way the kids talk one way in front of their peers and another way for teachers or other adults. In other words, it's a whole other language. Furthermore, she took a class last semester at Stanford about research on writing and one of the professors had done a study 30 years ago when there was concern that writing conventions were failing—but they found it wasn't true. "They found the students were not making any more mistakes than 100 years ago," Kathy told me. They again pulled students' work for a study last year and found the same thing.

Ream also says standardized testing is hurting critical thinking skills because teachers must spend time teaching to the tests. "The kids learn how to regurgitate information to parrot it back for the correct answer, but they can't process the thought and build on it," she said. She also said although Neison/NetRatings reports the average teen visits more than 1,400 Web pages a month, they fumble when asked for thoughts of their own. I don't know about that although I hate the idea of teaching to a test. But I seem to come in contact with people of all ages who can articulate quite well why they disagree with me.

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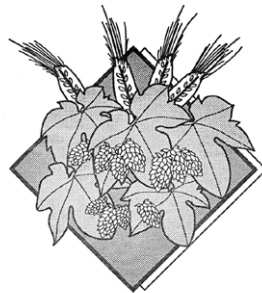
Visit Tao House

One of this area's unique treasures is Tao House, the home built by Eugene O'Neill and his wife Carlotta in the western hills of Danville. The Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright lived here from 1937-44 and produced some of his best work, thanks to the solitude of the location and his wife Carlotta who vigilantly guarded his privacy.

Tao House is a National Historic Site run by the Park Service, which conducts informative tours free of charge year-round. The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, runs other wonderful programs at the estate, including plays in the Old Barn theater, and Student Days and Artist Days to let creative people onsite to work to encourage the muse. Next month Tao House will be among local venues for the annual O'Neill conference, which draws enthusiasts from around the world.

With all the attention focused on Tao House, it is surprising how many local residents have never visited the site. True, one must make reservations in advance and be shuttled up the hills by the Park Service, but that feature enhances the experience by allowing visitors to enjoy the ride rather than navigating the roads themselves. Another way to see the estate is to attend one of the plays hosted by the foundation. This month shuttles will begin leaving from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, which opens its O'Neill exhibit tomorrow, so a Eugene O'Neill Day can begin there.

Tao House reflects O'Neill's interest in Eastern thought and Carlotta's passion for Oriental art and décor; it also affords sweeping views of the Valley and Mount Diablo. The tours, which begin at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, are led by park rangers who share their considerable knowledge about the playwright and the house and conclude with time to explore the grounds. Even those uninterested in literature or home tours would enjoy a jaunt up the mountain to this treasure of the San Ramon Valley. Call 838-0249 for reservations.



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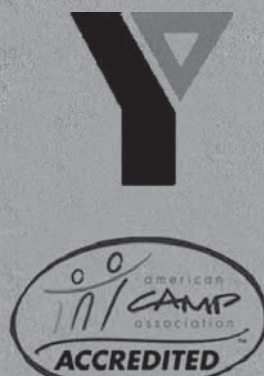
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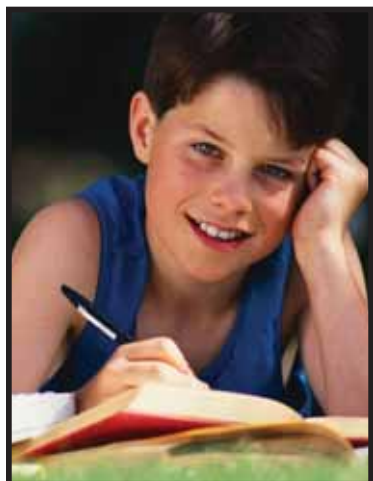


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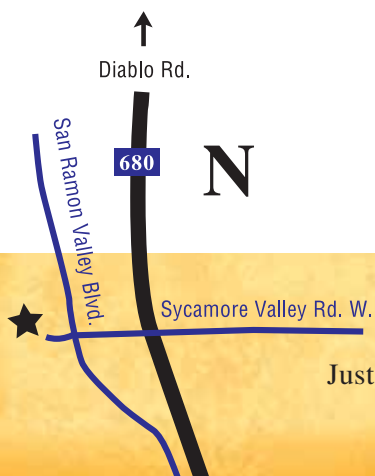
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Diablo Bonsai Club This club will host a lecture and workshop on "Group Planting" from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, at Heather Farm Garden Center, upper room, 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek. Call 937-4216.

Concerts

'A Tribute to Judy Garland' Blackhawk Chorus presents "A Tribute to Judy Garland" at 5:45 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at Blackhawk Country Club, Banquet Room, Danville. Tickets are \$45. Another performance is at 8 p.m., Friday, May 23, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 7557 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Tickets are \$15. Call 828-1580.

Events

Barn Dance Forest Home Farms will host a Barn Dance from 6-8:30 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Come and check out the farm, learn a little history and participate in some good, old-fashioned barn stomping. Soft drinks and light finger food will be served. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call 973-3284 or visit www.sanramonhistoricalfoundation.org.

Calling All Dalmatians Museum of the San Ramon Valley is having a "Blemie" look-a-like contest to honor Eugene O'Neill's dog at noon (registration begins at 11:30 a.m.), Sunday, May 18, at Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Railroad and Prospect avenues, Danville. This event is free. Picnic will follow the contest. Bring food; drinks and dog treats will be provided. E-mail stolow@juno.com. **Live! at the Livery** Danville Livery & Mercantile is hosting "Live! at the Livery" from 5-8 p.m., Thursdays, in

May. The nights will feature bands and entertainment. Cost is \$5 for a souvenir wine glass to enjoy tastings from numerous wineries. Proceeds benefit Discover Danville Association. Visit www.danvillelivery.com.

Mitzvah Fair and Community Picnic Join Beth Chaim Congregation for a fun-filled day of games, activities and a community potluck picnic from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at Beth Chaim Congregation, 1800 Holbrook Dr., Danville. They will also collect donated items in support of the mitzvah projects. Call 736-7146 or visit www.bethchaim.com.

Exhibits

Eugene O'Neill's Global Legacy Museum of the San Ramon Valley is presenting the "Eugene O'Neill's Global Legacy" exhibit until June 15, at the museum, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. Call 837-3750.

Fundraisers

Care Package Drive Blue Star Moms Chapter 101 will host a Care Package Drive from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. Items to donate include single serving food items (tuna pouches, chicken creations), drink mixes (Kool Aid, Minute Maid), new cotton T-shirts, new cotton socks, DVDs and card games. Visit www.bluestarmoms.org/donate.

Family Brunch Alamo Women's Club will host a Family Brunch from 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, May 18, at the Clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Brunch includes french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, hot cocoa and orange juice, served buffet style. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children. Proceeds benefit local organizations.

Hats Off America 5th Annual Car Show Bring the family to the car show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, May 17-18, at the grass field, at the corner of Bollinger Canyon Road and Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Enjoy a display of muscle cars, classics and hot rods, live bands, vendor booths, a beer and wine garden and more. Admission is free. Call 855-1950 or visit www.hatsoffamerica.us.

Second Annual 680 Commercial Golf Classic The 680 Commercial Idea Exchange will host the second annual Golf Classic starting at 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 19, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Cost is \$225. Proceeds benefit Discovery Counseling Center and Youth Homes, Inc. Call 367-5757 or e-mail dsanders740@comcast.net.

Used Soccer Uniform Collection FUNDaFIELD is traveling to South Africa this summer and would like to deliver used soccer uniforms to the kids there. They are holding a soccer

uniform collection drive until May 17, at 20 Alamo Springs Ct., Danville; Monte Vista High, Career Center, Danville; Mustang Soccer Complex; and Starbucks located in Danville at: 398 Hartz Ave., 1 Railroad Ave., 3496 Camino Tassajara, and 4000 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. E-mail fundafield@comcast.net.

Garden/Home Tours

'Memories in the Garden' Valley Oak Respite Center will host the fifth annual "Memories in the Garden" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, June 7, at Danville and Alamo gardens. Cost is \$25 if purchased by June 2; \$30 at the door. Proceeds benefit Valley Oak Respite Center. Call 956-9269.

Annual Kitchen and Garden Tour Baldwin and Greenbrook elementary schools are hosting their annual Kitchen and Garden Tour from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, May 18. Enjoy catered foods from local restaurants and a silent auction at the end of the tour. Cost is \$35. Proceeds support both PTAs. For reservations, call 838-7722.

Kids and Teens

Reading Festival 2008 Reading Festival 2008 and Art Gruenberger's Puppet Art Theater will present "Jack and the Beanstalk" at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 17, and will host author Ginger Wadsworth at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 18, both at the Danville Library, Children's Reading Room, 400 Front St. Call 837-4889.

Lectures

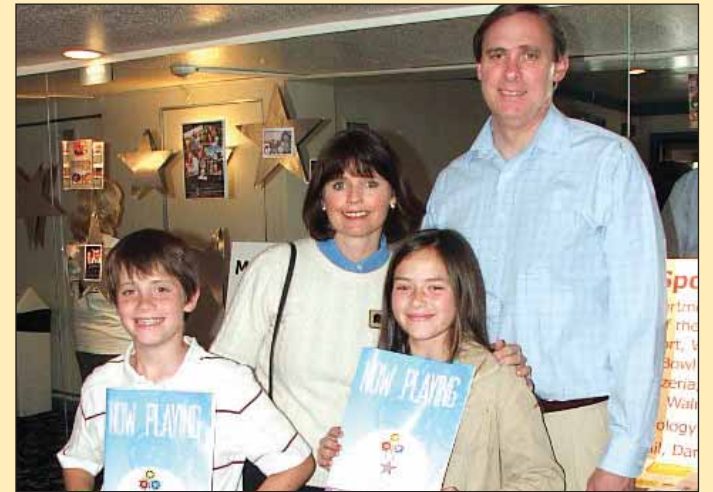
Cancer Survivorship Conference This conference will provide information about the future of cancer survivorship and the unique challenges faced by survivors and their loved ones from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. It will also provide tools to help you regain as much control as possible as you face forward on the journey with and beyond cancer. This event is free. Call 933-0107.

Update on the David Glass House Come hear about the plans for the David Glass House and what furnishings are needed to complete the house from 7-9 p.m., Monday, May 19, at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Some Glass family history will also be shared. Cost is \$5. Visit www.srhf.org.

Miscellaneous

An Adoption Faire Join Tri-Valley Animal Rescue for an Adoption Faire

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Don't miss the Children's Film Fest

Danville Mayor Candace Anderson, her husband Phil and her children Sam and Elisabeth are looking forward to this year's Children's Film Festival from Friday-Sunday, May 16-18. Film screenings will take place at Village Theatre, 433 Front St., and the Town Meeting Hall, Front St., Danville. Tickets and passes for the weekend's events range from \$5-\$25 and are available by visiting www.villagetheatreshows.com or the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., Danville or by calling 314-3400.

Political Notes

Prop 13 and Peace Discussion Tri Valley Democratic Club will discuss and vote on endorsing two proposals from 7-9 p.m., Monday, May 19, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. This event is free and open to the public. Call 451-4303.

Seniors

Senior Health and Fitness Day Town of Danville will host Senior Health and Fitness Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. Call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Spiritual

Beth Chaim Family Camp Weekend Beth Chaim Congregation will host a Family Camp Weekend from May 23-25, at Walker Creek Ranch, 1700 Marshall-Petaluma Rd., Petaluma. The retreat will allow kids to bond and enjoy activities that remind them of their shared Jewish faith. Call 736-7146.

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Ken Behring is changing lives around the world

by Kathy Cordova



Ken Behring as a Boy Scout in Monroe, Wis., about 1939; at age 18, he was captain of his high school football team.

Once there lived a little boy who owned a single pair of overalls and dreamed of having a pair of pants with a belt.

He was born in 1928 in the elevator of a hospital. From the very beginning, he was impatient, forcing his will upon the world—making things happen.

He grew up during the Great Depression, in a small Wisconsin town of dairy farmers. After his parents lost their farm, his father worked in a lumberyard for 25 cents an hour and his mother cleaned houses and took in laundry. The boy knew he wanted more in life, and he quickly discovered that desire and hard work would be his path to success.

“I hated being poor. When I would see people who had things that we didn’t have, it gave me an interest in building up that desire and gave me the will to work a little bit harder,” he says. “You find out very early in life that the harder you work, the better things are and the more successful you are. Everything comes through work.”

His first job was catching night crawlers and selling them for a nickel a can when he was 6 years old. At the age of 10, he was waking up at 4 a.m. to unload milk containers at a local dairy for 10 cents an hour.

Seven decades later, that little boy has become one of the richest men in America. He owns a jet, a yacht and he lives in a 30,000-square-foot mansion filled with museum-quality art. He has hunted big game in Africa, owned a professional football team, assembled the world’s largest classic car collection and built cities from scratch. He has socialized with Bill Clinton and Nelson Mandela, and he counts King Juan Carlos of Spain among his many good friends.

Ken Behring is a living example of the American Dream.

Finding his purpose in life

“Ken started out with almost nothing and carved out the life he wanted,” says Behring’s friend, Val Nunes. “That’s really difficult to do. When you’re around Ken, he always believes he can do anything. He never talks about how something can’t be done, only how it can happen.”

Behring has traveled everywhere, met every person, accomplished everything far beyond what he ever could have imagined as a boy. So, what’s left for the “Baron of Blackhawk” as he approaches his 80th birthday this year?

After a lifetime of achievement, Behring has discovered the true purpose of his life is to give back through his many philanthropic pursuits.

“What we call ‘The American Dream’ is financial success. If you can combine success with helping people, it’s even better,” says Behring.

“No matter how much more, better, different things I accumulated and experienced, I had an empty feeling in my heart,” Behring writes in his autobiography, “The Road to Purpose.” In the book he recounts his early years and his businesses, but focuses on the work of the Wheelchair Foundation that he created in 2000 with a \$15 million donation.

“No one ever had discussed or defined purpose to me, but I knew instinctively something was missing,” Behring continues. “I was selfish and thought ‘things’ would give me pleasure. If I had only known and experienced purpose sooner.”

This sense of purpose has led Behring to devote tens of millions of dollars and countless hours of his personal time to causes that are close to his heart.

He has traveled to 158 countries to deliver wheelchairs to the disabled in some of the poorest parts of the world. He has given \$100 million to the Smithsonian Institution’s Natural and American History Museums. He donated \$7.5 million to expand the UC Berkeley Principal Leadership Institute that provides training

programs for principals in inner city schools. In recent years, he has become active in China, funding cataract operations and building six natural history museums.

“It would be hard to find somebody who has given back more personally,” says Nunes, who is a passionate volunteer with the Wheelchair Foundation. “Ken has done more to promote goodwill for America than any ambassador we have ever had.”



Behring already had a passion for cars by the time he owned this 1939 Buick, one of his first.

Remembering the Blackhawk Wars

Locally, Behring is most renowned for building the luxury home development of Blackhawk, and for founding the Blackhawk Museum.

Behring has a self-professed pattern to his life—every 10 years he gets bored and needs to do something different.

In the 1950s, he began his business career selling used cars—doing so well that he became a millionaire at the age of 27. After that success, he considered retiring in Florida for a life of golf and fishing in the sun. Instead, the move led him to land development deals in Florida, and the manufacturing of preconstructed homes.

By 1972, Behring was ready for his next project, and when he saw the land that would later become the community of Blackhawk from a helicopter, he immediately knew it was a great opportunity.

Blackhawk would require all of Behring’s business intuition, financial savvy, appetite for risk, tenacity and desire for the absolute best to succeed. His whole life had prepared him for this point.

Although the previous developers of Blackhawk had gone bankrupt, Behring acquired the property, dug in and worked hard to satisfy the challenges from local and environmental activists. The initial design was for a country club with two golf courses surrounded by 5,000 homes—the largest development at the time in Northern California.

After five years of negotiation and compromise, Blackhawk was approved. The revised plan cut the number of homes in half—to 2,500—and gifted 2,800 acres back to the government to enlarge Mount Diablo State Park. In his book, Behring attributed his success to being “sincerely involved in the community, (immersing ourselves) so people come to know and trust us.”

“We began winning the Blackhawk Wars when we began listening to the concerns of others and letting them know that we understood how they felt and were willing to address their needs. We began winning when we looked at the situation from the point of view of the local community and of county leaders who had to make decisions to satisfy all constituencies.”

Behring followed the Blackhawk development with the Blackhawk Museum, which is world-renowned for its vintage automobile collection. The museum

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Ken and Pat Behring, who have been married for 58 years, at their home overlooking Blackhawk. They knew each other in high school but didn't begin dating until a few years later when they were both working at Montgomery Ward.

also hosts visiting exhibits and is home to the Wheelchair Foundation.

In the late '80s, Behring recalls, he went out for an evening with members of the Nordstrom family and came home the owner of the Seattle Seahawks.

"We enjoyed it, but it was time-consuming," he says. "Every weekend you had to go someplace. We went to every game, no matter where it was."

Following his pattern, he sold the NFL team after 10 years, in 1997.

Secret to a long marriage

Despite Behring's incredible rags-to-riches story and his tremendous philanthropic endeavors, in this age of "trading up" to trophy wives, many people will find his 58 years of marriage to a girl from his hometown in Wisconsin and their parenting of five children to be his most admirable achievement.



The joy of this Vietnamese girl receiving a wheelchair in 2000 helped convince Behring to start the Wheelchair Foundation.

When asked about the secret of their long marriage, Behring's wife, Pat, who is the head of the Museum Guild, as well as being involved in a bowling league and the Red Hat Society, responds, "We each do what we want. We don't infringe. I let him do all the business and all the traveling and the changing every 10 years. He doesn't sit on me either."

The Behrings' life today is many worlds away from where they grew up, but they still exude the friendly, down-to-earth nature of their roots, and they have kept their ties to old friends.

"We came from a very small town in Wisconsin and we've always kept in touch," says Pat. "We always went back for high school reunions, every five years. We haven't missed a one."

"We brought the whole class out for the 50th reunion," says Ken. "Everybody who could get up and move. Many of them had never been out of their little town."

"We were at first worried that they might not want to come," says Pat. "Or they might think we were showing off. But that wasn't the way it was received at all. They all had a ball."

Proudest accomplishments

As Behring approaches his 80th birthday, it may not be surprising that, of all his accomplishments, he is most proud of the retirement communities he developed in Florida.

"I am proudest of providing a retirement lifestyle for people in Florida at a very low price," says Behring. "We provided single family homes, with recreation where people could enjoy each other's company—whether it was bingo or dancing or whatever."

"Today, 75,000-80,000 people live there and, 40 years later, it looks the same as when we built it because it has always been maintained."

One wonders, out of all of his philanthropic experiences, is there one that is the most memorable?

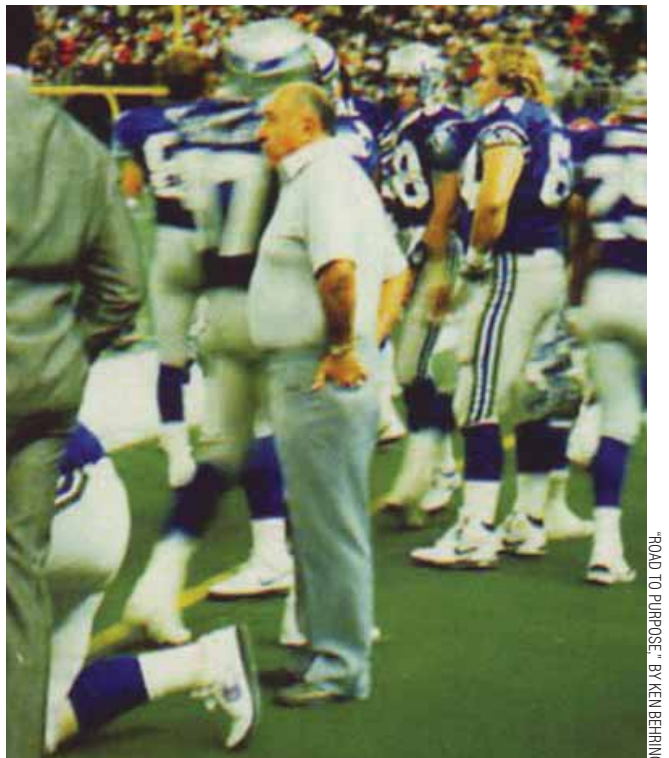
"It's hard to pick out one," says Behring. "Every one is a little different, yet in every one you are changing someone's life."

"Whether we are giving mobility (through the Wheelchair Foundation) or giving sight (through cataract operations) we're giving hope and showing that somebody cares," he continues.

"The world, in so many areas, there are so many people who have given up and the people around them aren't able to help. You see these people and you see their personality change as soon as they find out that somebody does care, that there is hope. Giving them hope is where we get our enjoyment." ■



Fifth-graders at Greenbrook Elementary School ask Ken Behring questions about the Wheelchair Foundation, in a classroom visit in December.



Behring on the sidelines of a Seattle Seahawks game; in the decade he owned the team, he never missed a game.

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, May 4

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Hartz Ave. and Linda Mesa Ave. at 2:05 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 2:15 a.m.
- Petty theft on Victorian Lane at 10:05 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and Rose Ave. at 10:17 a.m.
- Vandalism on Gerbera St. at 4:59 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Esther Lane at 7:57 p.m.

Monday, May 5

- Auto burglary on El Quanito Dr. at 8:07 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Summerside Cir. at 8:35 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Sheri Lane at 9:37 a.m.
- Petty theft on Danville Blvd. at 10:54 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Del Amigo Rd. at 11:35 a.m.
- Accident, minor injuries, on Harlan Dr. at 2:08 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Capitan Dr. and Orange Blossom Way at 2:14 p.m.
- Strongarm robbery, arrest, on Love Lane and Verona Ave. at 5:39 p.m.
- Alcohol intoxicated subject on 200 block of Hartz Ave. at 10:59 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6

- Auto burglary on Sage Hill Ct. at 7:30 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Wiley Ct. at 9:48 a.m. and 2:28 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7

- Petty theft on Fostoria Way at 9:49 a.m.
- Battery on Blemer Rd. at 1:03 p.m.
- Vandalism on Camaritas Ct. at 2:21 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Cimarron Ct. at 3:01 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 3:13 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 3:29 p.m.
- Warrant, arrest, on Silverwood Ct. at 6:34 p.m.
- Promiscuous shooting on Montego Dr. and Ocho Rios Dr. at 9:23 p.m.
- Fight disturbance, arrest, on Boone Ct. at 10:52 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

- Petty theft from vehicle on Brush Creek Pl. at 8:54 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Ilo Lane at 9:03 a.m.
- Vandalism on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:26 a.m.
- Vandalism on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 10:27 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on La Gonda Way at 12:04 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Diablo Rd. and Front St. at 6:23 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 6:36 p.m.

Friday, May 9

- Accident, major injuries, on Old Orchard Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 7:56 a.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 8:30 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Danville Blvd. at 9:54 a.m.

POLICE BULLETIN

Teen assaults on the trail

Two San Ramon Valley High School students assaulted two fellow students on the Iron Horse Trail at 5:30 p.m. last Monday.

The suspects, both 16-year-old males, were walking the trail near Linda Mesa Avenue when they approached the victims, 17 and 18, also male, and asked if they had any money.

"The victims ignored the guy," said Lt. Mark Williams of the Danville police. So one of the suspects confronted the first victim again, punching him in the right eye.

"The victim's buddy intervened, trying to push the suspect off, at which time the suspect's buddy jumped in and punched him," Williams said.

The two suspects began walking away down the trail but were stopped by police. They were issued juvenile citations and released to their parents.

The four teens knew each other from school

but had no other relationship, according to police. There was also no evidence, other than the suspect's initial request for money, that robbery was the motive. The suspects didn't steal anything from the victims.

"It was basically an unprovoked battery," said Williams. "The victims in this case were just that, they were victims. They had just finished school ... They were minding their own business when these two other kids approached them and battered them."

There were no major injuries. One of the victims had a bump above his eyebrow and a quarter-sized bruise on his cheek. The other had a bloody lip and a bruise under his eye. They were treated at the scene.

The suspects had criminal records so weren't eligible for the Danville Police Department's juvenile diversion program. They were cited to juvenile probation in Martinez.

—Meghan Neal

- Credit card fraud on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:15 p.m.
- Welfare check, arrest, on Morninghome Rd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 7:23 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Crow Canyon Rd. and Sentry Lane at 7:26 p.m.
- Warrant, arrest, on Bobbie Ct. at 9:16 p.m.
- Drugs violation on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:39 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, on Crow Canyon

- Rd. at 11:51 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Shadow Creek Dr. at 11:56 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and northbound I-680 off ramp at 11:57 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

- Accident, property damage, on Danville Blvd. at 10:59 a.m.
- Vandalism on Greenbrook Dr. at 11:25 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El

- Cerro Blvd. and La Gonda Way at 12:24 p.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Ramon and Franciscan Dr. at 12:35 p.m.
- Grand theft on Ogawa Ct. at 1:35 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Crow Canyon Rd. at 4:19 p.m.
- Welfare check, arrest, on Morninghome Rd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 5:55 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Richard N. Wyatt

Richard N. Wyatt, a former resident of Danville and current resident of Madera, died April 6 at the age of 83.

He was a native of Chicago, earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at the University of Illinois, and worked for Armco Steel for 30 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in the India Theater.

In his years of retirement he was an active volunteer for an adult daycare center specializing in Alzheimer's care and the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of St. Isidore Catholic Church when he lived in Danville.

He was preceded in death by siblings Edward, Robert and Janet. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret M. Wyatt; children and their spouses Rich and Ellen Wyatt of Midlothian, Ill., Michael Wyatt of Parker, Colo., William Wyatt of Chicago, Ill., Mary and Dan Farrell of Madera, Trish and Mark Van Tine of Parker, Colo., Anne and Mike McCall of Danville, and Peggy and Bill Darden of Danville; his brother Roger and his wife Beverly of Indian Wells, Calif.; 23 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Isidore Catholic Church on April 14. A Memorial Mass will also be celebrated in

Chicago.

Remembrances may be made to Madera Community Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 1328, Madera CA 93639.

Richard G. 'Dick' Roberts

Richard G. Roberts, a former resident of Blackhawk, died in his sleep in the company of his wife at their home in Marana, Ariz., on April 11.

He was born June 17, 1941, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, to Glenn and Catherine Roberts. He moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in 1952 and graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School in 1959 and the University of Florida in 1962.

He lived in the Bay Area from 1963 to 2000, when he moved to Marana. He was a successful financial services consultant, specializing in complex estate planning cases, and was a member of the life insurance industry's Million Dollar Roundtable and International Forum. He was CEO of First Financial Resources.

He loved golf, and was passionate about fly-fishing. He loved travel, and he and his wife went all over the world in his final years. Other passions were excellent wines and spending time with his 3-year-old grandson.

He was a larger-than-life figure,

with a presence and personality that made him the center of any party or gathering, often due to his razor sharp wit and keen sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Leal Roberts of Marana, Ariz.; daughter and son-in-law Adrienne and Ron Vyse of Livermore; daughter and son-in-law Melinda and Keith Waters of San Ramon; brother Fritz Roberts of Davie, Fla.; sisters Glenna Del Rio of Homestead, Fla. and Jackie Whitlock of Portland, Ore.; and one grandson.

A celebration of his life was held at Blackhawk Country Club on April 27. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arizona Cancer Center, P.O. Box 245024, Tucson, AZ 85724; or the American Red Cross, Southern Arizona Chapter, P.O. Box 28890, Tucson, AZ 85726.

Barbara Jean Irwin

Danville resident Barbara Jean Irwin fought hard against Alzheimer's disease before she died April 7 at the age of 85.

She was born July 3, 1922. She was predeceased by her husband Grant in August 2004. She is survived by her children Russ Irwin, Marjie Abrahamson, Nancy Asmus and Eric Irwin; and eight grandchildren. Family and close friends gathered May 3 to celebrate her life.



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Glowing Cougars

Dads and daughters strengthen their bond through Native American culture

Daddies (l-r) Chip Krull, Derek Loar, Aldo Dossola, Bryan Schuyler and their daughters Brianna Borg, Alyssa Krull, Megan Rose, Megan Schuyler, Gracie McElroy and Alana Krull sit in a circle at their monthly Glowing Cougars tribe meeting. The tradition develops the father-daughter relationship through Native American culture and values.

story and photo by Meghan Neal

The Glowing Cougar tribe opens the circle by beating the drum one time for every father and daughter at the meeting.

The girls sit on their dads' laps wearing Native American costumes and big smiles. Then the chief lights a candle.

"Who can tell me what the flame represents?" asks Aldo Dossola, aka "Chief Raging Bull."

His daughter, "Glowing Sunset," shoots up her hand and answers, "The flame represents the light that each of us brings to the circle."

The Glowing Cougars are part of the YMCA's Adventure Guides program. Originally called Indian Princesses, the program develops the father-daughter relationship through Native American culture and values.

"I think there's probably even more responsibility as a father of a daughter than as a father of a boy, because you are setting the bar," said Dossola. "I'm a believer that as a father you are the first male figure and kind of the standard by which all men will be measured."

The Glowing Cougars meet once a month at a member's home. There are 10 dads and 13 girls, ages 5-12, in the tribe.

"We look forward to this because it's the only thing that's daddies and daughters only," one father said at last month's meeting.

"I think sometimes the wives get jealous because we're

getting all this good one-on-one time," Dossola joked.

But the rest of the family does get to join in on the fun, during monthly activities sponsored by the YMCA, like camping and ski trips, bowling, ice skating and kite flying.

Each meeting follows a flowing sequence of rituals and traditions that even the youngest girls know by heart—the flow is part of what makes their circle unique, Dossola said.

One of the rituals is "proud daddy moments." The dads take turns sharing an instance when their daughter made them proud during the past month. The girls love this part, said the chief.

"I think it builds esteem, because here's a daddy they look up to and respect and admire, saying good things about them," he said.

Fathers go around the circle applauding their daughters for various deeds—helping take care of younger siblings, excelling in school, practicing piano, or more abstract achievements like choosing the harder right over the easier wrong.

In another ritual, called "Wampum," the girls can earn money donations from their fathers by going above and beyond to help out their family or community.

After two years of collecting these donations the tribe recently decided to give \$1,000 toward the YMCA's fundraising campaign to build a new facility on the Alamo-Danville border.

The YMCA hosts about 40 Adventure Guide groups in the Mt. Diablo region, including several in Danville and Alamo. Though some groups have since strayed from the program's

original theme, Dossola feels there's a lot to be learned from Native American culture.

"I think the biggest things are a respect for nature, and a spirituality and a wisdom in how they live their life and how they view the world," he said.

Near the end of each meeting a daddy will tell a story from Native American legend. Dossola told one of the girls' favorites, a story he remembers from his own childhood.

A wise old man tells his grandson that inside all of us are a good wolf and a bad wolf, and they are at war with each other, the story begins. The good wolf wants us to do kind, good deeds, and the bad wolf wants us to do bad, mean-spirited things.

"Which wolf wins the war?" the boy asks his grandfather. And the old man replies, "The one that we feed."

The dads will reference the story when the girls are faced with tough choices, Dossola said. "You can say, 'Are you feeding the good wolf right now or are you feeding the bad wolf?' And they usually know the answer right away."

The meeting ends with a final ritual: The tribe chants "Glowing Cougars," first quietly and then louder and louder until it rings throughout the house. At the height of the noise they blow the candle out, and the circle is closed.

"We joke around that everyone seems to be enjoying it so much that they're going to be seniors in high school and still be going to circle meetings," said the chief. "We're just creating a vast set of memories." ■



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Epicure



BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Sushi & spring rolls

I am an avid sushi lover. I can't seem to get enough of the stuff even though the average bill at a sushi bar, including the miso soup, Japanese beer and tea can leave you wondering about the return-on-investment (ROI). Harvesting the premiere fish and fish eggs are not cheap, especially if you want the freshest of selections, which we all do. One way to make the meal less costly is to start with fresh seafood and try being your own sushi chef for an evening, at least every now and then.

Let's start with some sushi basics: All sushi is not raw fish; raw seafood is called "sashimi." Sashimi is slices of raw seafood served on a platter with thinly sliced ginger, finely shredded radish, and "wasabi" (Japanese horseradish mustard). Sushi includes many varieties but all include rice. "Nigiri," hand-formed sushi, is usually served in pairs. Sushi rolls, or "maki," are made from seaweed sheets ("nori") and served in six pieces. Pressed sushi ("oshi") is cut into small squares.

As for equipment, minimally you'll need a very sharp knife. The classic sushi knife is called a "bento" knife, but any sharp knife will do. Secondly, you'll need a bamboo mat for rolling the sushi. A wooden spoon can be used to spread the sticky rice onto the nori, or you can get a wooden or plastic rice paddle. Ingredients will vary based on what you are preparing but some basics include sushi rice, nori (seaweed), pickled ginger, wasabi, soy sauce, seasoned shredded cod fish (pink powder), Japanese mayonnaise, fresh seafood and vegetables. Most ingredients can be purchased at your local Asian market and fresh seafood supplier.

Making sushi rice

Use short-grained rice; you'll need about 1 cup of cooked rice for each roll. Don't use instant, con-

verted or brown rice. A basic formula is equal parts rice and water, which will make cups of rice equal to the total of the rice and water. Bring the rice and water to a quick boil; boil for 1 minute, covered; simmer for 20 minutes; let stand for 10 minutes. Put the hot rice in a large bowl and pour sushi vinegar evenly over the surface of the rice, mixing it into the rice with quick cutting strokes; use 1 tablespoon of vinegar per cup of rice. Fan the rice or spread it out on a flat baking sheet to cool.

The California roll

Spread about 1 cup of rice on one end of a sheet of nori, leaving about 1 inch uncovered nori at the end. The biggest mistake is using too much rice - the rice should be less than 1/4 inch thick - you should be able to see nori through the rice. Place avocado slices on top of the rice first, one slice thick, near the edge of the rice, the edge opposite the uncovered nori. Lay two thin pieces crab meat (real or imitation) lengthwise, on top of the avocado. Then add several strips of cucumber next to the crab and on top of the avocado. (Note: To keep the nori on a sheet of plastic wrap on top of the mat.) Slowly fold the mat over, tucking the end of the nori to start a roll. Remove the roll from mat and cut into six to eight even pieces: Keep the knife moist to prevent sticking, remoistening before each cut. First cut the roll in half, then place the two halves together and cut into thirds (six pieces) or quarters (eight pieces). Turn the pieces on end and arrange on platter.

Other sushi rolls

Using the basic method above, work with preferred ingredients to create other rolls, e.g., cucumber sliced into squared-off strips ("kappamaki"), raw tuna cut into long pieces and placed end to end ("tek-

kamaki"). Hand rolls ("temaki") are made from half of a nori. Place a tablespoon of rice on the side of the nori; add cucumber, asparagus, cooked shrimp, crab, fresh tuna, smoked salmon, cooked eel, sushi mayonnaise or whatever your desire. Then roll the nori into a cone by folding over the bottom corner and rolling. You may want to seal the cone with some wasabi or sticky rice grains.

Handmade sushi ("nigiri")

This is classic sushi. Place about 2 tablespoons of prepared rice in your hand and shape into an oblong about 2 inches by 1 inch. Put a dab of wasabi on the top of the rice, and then the slice of fish. Cooked, butterflied shrimp and raw tuna are the most popular but also try cooked eel, conch, abalone and squid.

Sashimi

The important thing to remember about sashimi is that the fish should be saltwater fish, not freshwater fish. Freshwater fish can contain parasites that are killed by cooking; saltwater fish do not contain these parasites. Favorite choices for sashimi are tuna, halibut, red snapper or yellowtail from a fresh fish market. Sashimi is usually sliced into pieces about 1 inch by 1-1/2 inches by 1/4 inch thick. A typical sushi bar serving is four slices but, at home, it's up to you.

In addition to sushi, one of my favorite spring-to-summer appetizers is the spring roll. Like sushi, they are light in calories and the perfect choice for an easy lunch or the starter course of a full dinner. Enjoy your shift as sushi chef and my guess is that you'll be going to local sushi spots less and dining at home more.

Jacqui lives in San Ramon with her pug, Nina Simone, and volumes of cookbooks and recipes. Her column runs every other week.

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RECIPES

Vietnamese Spring Rolls (makes 8 rolls)

- 2 oz. rice vermicelli
- 8 rice wrappers (8.5 inch diameter)
- 8 large cooked shrimp—peeled, deveined and cut in half
- 1-1/3 Tbsp chopped fresh Thai basil
- 3 Tbsp chopped fresh mint leaves
- 3 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 Tbsp of either shredded carrot or thin cucumber slices (optional for added color)
- 2 leaves lettuce, chopped

Fish Sauce:

- 4 tsp fish sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced

- 2 Tbsp white sugar
- 1/2 tsp garlic chili sauce

Peanut Sauce:

Mix 1 part crunchy peanut butter to 2 parts hoisin sauce. Whisk over medium heat until blended, adding a few splashes of water to make the sauce less thick.

Thai Dipping Sauce: (Combine all ingredients and whisk together in a small bowl):

- 1 Tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp white-wine vinegar or rice vinegar
- 3 Tbsp Mirin
- 1/4 tsp grated ginger root (optional)

Note: The fish sauce, rice vermicelli, chili garlic sauce, mirin, hoisin sauce and rice wrappers can be found at most Asian food markets.

1. Bring a medium saucepan of water to boil. Boil rice vermicelli 3 to 5 minutes, or until al dente, and drain.
2. Fill a large bowl with warm water. Dip a wrapper in the water for 1 second to soften. Lay wrapper flat.
3. In a row across the center, place 2 shrimp halves, a handful of vermicelli, basil, mint, cilantro; carrots or cucumbers as desired. Add the lettuce last, leaving about 2 inches uncovered on each side. Fold uncovered sides inward, then tightly roll the wrapper, beginning at one end, close to the lettuce, and around to the other. Repeat with remaining ingredients to make 8 rolls.
4. Refrigerate, up to 6 hours, until ready to serve. Serve with dipping sauces.

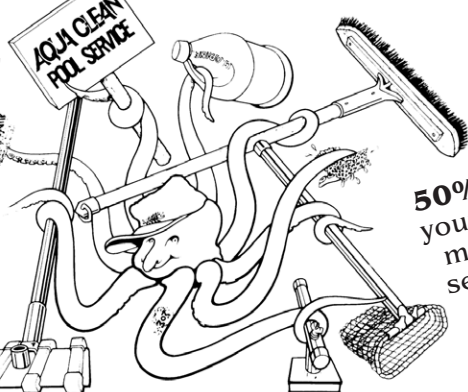
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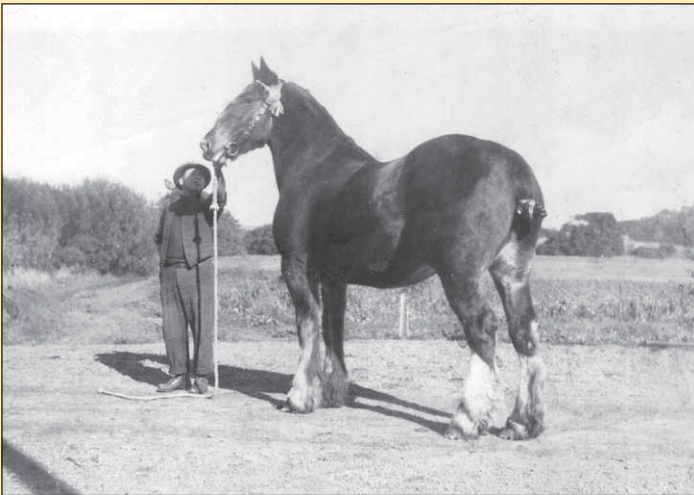
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OF NOTE

Alanna Leong is awarded first place in the KB Home Earth Day Art Contest with (l-r) KB Home Division president Chris Apostolopoulos; county Supervisor Mary N. Piepho; KB Home director of public relations Craig LeMessurier; San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson; Danville Mayor Candace Andersen.



Danville student wins green art contest

Eighth-grader Alanna Leong from Los Cerros Middle School in Danville was the first place winner in KB Home's third annual Earth Day Art contest. Almost 500 seventh- and eighth-grade students created art that was judged on creativity and relevance to Earth Day on the water-color paper provided by the homebuilder; 30 finalists attended an awards ceremony in April.

For her prize, Alanna will receive a new bicycle and a \$200 savings bond. Second- and third-place winners also received a new bicycle plus a \$100 savings bond. Second place was Winnie Chang from Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon; third place went to Madison Craig from Thomas S. Hart Middle School in Pleasanton. Runners up included Elizabeth Schmahl from Charlotte Wood Middle School in Danville and Samantha Vilfort, also from Los Cerros. The top six entries are on display at the KB Home Division office in Pleasanton.

Miss Teen winner

Danville student Alexandra Curtis was named a semifinalist in the 29th annual "Miss Teenage California Scholarship Pageant" held last month in Los Angeles. Curtis, 16, was selected in the Top Ten out of 175 contestants statewide and was awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship. She entered the pageant as "Miss Diablo Valley."

Alexandra, a sophomore at Monte Vista High School, is on the cheer-leading squad and lacrosse team. She is the daughter of Mark and Kathi Curtis of Danville.



Alexandra Curtis

The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

Making college friends Face to face

As the first of May has come and gone, most high school seniors have made their deposits and finalized the decision of which college they will attend in the fall. For those who have an account on the social networking Web site Facebook, the next obvious step seems to be joining the class of 2012 Facebook group for their respective college. Joining such groups allows students to befriend others who will be attending their college, partake in online discussions and live conversations, and post comments (anything from dorm preferences, to music recommendations, to basic introductions) on a communal page. Students have the ability to plan local meet-ups for those who live near one another, ask questions, and get to know their future classmates (by way of photographs, videos, listed activities and movie, book and music preferences on their profile page) and possibly even get to know their potential roommate.

Technologically speaking, the concept that students could show up for school in the fall having already made the virtual acquaintance of several of their classmates is really quite amazing. That future classmates can establish connections and commonalities in interests, likes and dislikes before they ever meet face to face, has the potential to reduce awkward encounters come freshman orientation as students already have something to talk about, and calm the nerves of students uncomfortable about the prospect of going to an unknown place without a familiar face in sight.

While networking with future classmates offers students a great opportunity to connect before college, there is something about the whole thing that makes me somewhat uncomfortable. The concept that I have access to the life of a complete stranger via photographs, videos and conversations with friends displayed on their profile page, before ever meeting them face to face, is a strange one. People choose to drop boundaries online to others by allowing them some access to their life, revealing information they might not ordinarily reveal if they actually knew them. Aside from feeling the slightest bit creepy when lurking on another's page, in a way, I almost feel like acquainting myself online with those I have yet to meet in person is like cheating—like I skipped over part of the awkward experience of meeting someone for the first time. Upon meeting a person come fall, it is possible that I could already know that they have a passion for Russian history and Buddhism, a hankering for macaroni and cheese, and have just gone through a tragic breakup, before ever having met them—doesn't that take some of the fun out of finding these little things out about people upon gradually getting to know them in person? Though it makes me somewhat nauseous at times, there is something to be said for that nervous excitement and anticipation of the complete unknown, where everyone is in the same boat—just as awkward and anonymous as anybody else.

Another disconcerting factor, though usually not done maliciously and simply a function of the

inability to capture one's soul on a Web page, is the ease with which students can misrepresent themselves on a virtual profile. It is just as easy for others to form premature judgments (in favor or not) of a fellow classmate based on such misperception of one's character.

Despite my discomfort, choosing to opt out of the Facebook college networking experience would personally put me out of the loop, especially considering the size of my freshman class (just under 400 people): While a good number of my classmates will have spent months talking (or stalking), I will show up in the fall without a built in network of acquaintances.

Social networking with future classmates can be useful and comforting if done sparingly, but such Web sites should not be used as a way to make your friends for the next four years—that kind of decision can only be made in person. It is no doubt that Web sites like Facebook can help students to not only stay connected with their past, but to embrace their future. However, it is when social networking changes from keeping us connected with real people to connecting with possibly misleading virtual personalities, that such revolutionary technology can become dangerous.

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 o'hara5@comcast.net.



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Pitching Cubs to victory

Adam Rideout throws a pitch as the Tassajara Little League Cubs team (AA) face the Athletics on May 6, to win 7-5.

MICHAEL DEJESUS

SAN RAMON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS WRAPUP

by **Kaity Ferretti**

Women's Lacrosse

San Ramon women's lacrosse played Livermore High School at home on Tuesday night last week. The Wolves defeated the cowboys 16-2. Key plays were made by Jessica Esteban and Cheryl Roullier and goalie Katherine Herzog. The girls played Monte Vista in an intense away game Friday night. Sadly, the girls lost their last game of the season along with losing their chance of continuing on to compete in the North Coast Section tournament.

Track and Field

San Ramon performed extremely well in the varsity EBAL Track and Field Championships on Thursday against Monte Vista, Foothill, Amador, Granada, Cal and Livermore. Key Performances included Blair Nasstrom and Brittany Allen tying for first with 4 feet 6 inches in the high jump; Lindsay Sherwood placing second with 15 feet 8.25 inches in the long

jump; Tyler Rhodes placing first in pole vault with 11 feet 6 inches; Gordon Chow placing second in the 400 meters with 51.34 seconds; Bailey Weaver placing second in the 100 meters with 12.70 seconds; Bronze Adams placing second in the 200 meters with 26.19 seconds; Laura Charbonneau placing first in the 300 meter hurdles with 48.03 seconds; and Kevin Griffith placing first in the 800 meters with 1 minute 58.22 seconds.

Diving

Thomas Rugg was named East Bay Athletic League Diving Champion on Saturday. Rugg secured his placement after defeating the reigning 2007 EBAL Champion. He now goes on to compete in diving at the University of Hawaii.

Men's Golf

With a team score of 388, San Ramon men's golf placed third in the NCS South Regional Qualifier on Monday at the Monarch Bay Golf Course. The team was led by Alex Calleja, who shot a 1-over-72 and finished as the second-low com-

petitor. Cole Pickavance added a 76, followed by Mike Perchak's 78, Harrison Quinlan's 79 and Christian Ulmer's 83. The Wolves then advanced to the NCS Tournament of Champions on Monday at Franklin Canyon Golf Course.

Men's Volleyball

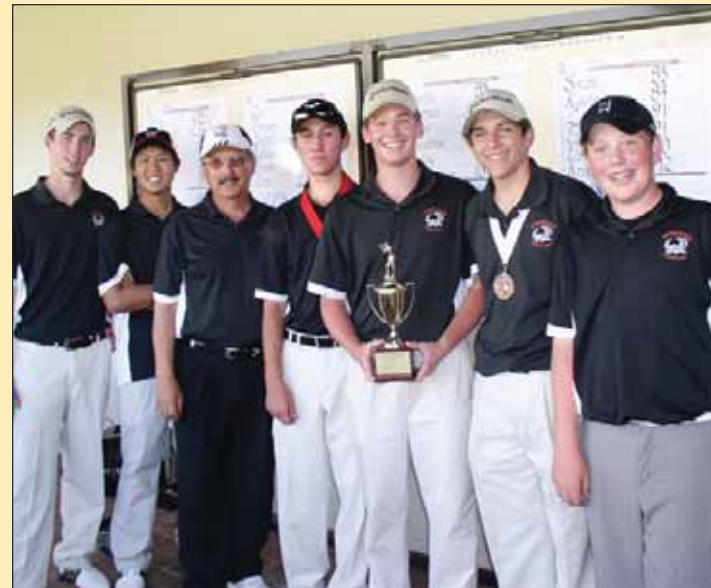
San Ramon men's volleyball played Foothill at home Tuesday but the Falcons defeated the Wolves in all three games. Nevertheless the boys gave it their all. Key contributions were made by Tommy Crow, Will Rei, Travis Selland and Shane Hawkins. On Thursday, the boys played their last game of the season at Monte Vista. The Mustangs dominated in three of the four games, securing a victory over San Ramon.

Men's Lacrosse

After defeating Monte Vista on Friday, the Wolves men's lacrosse team was named EBAL champions. San Ramon went undefeated 12-0 in league this season and advanced to compete in the NCS Championship Series on Wednesday.

Parent photographers

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Athenian boys golf team made school history as the first athletic team to qualify for the tournament of champions in any sport.

Athenian golfers qualify for North Coast

Team breaks school records on the course

The Athenian Boys Varsity Golf Team finished seventh out of 17 teams at Rooster Run Golf Club in Petaluma last week and qualified for the North Coast Tournament of Champions held Monday at Franklin Canyon. The team had set a school scoring record the previous week in its league championship with a five-player score of 394 and then set school history as the first athletic team to qualify for the TOC in any sport.

"All the hard work that we put in during the off season and the refining of their golf swings during our practice sessions has paid off with their outstanding performances this year and last," said coach Walt Abraham.

The Athenian team finished the season 11-0 in dominating the BCL East league for the second straight year as league champions, bringing the two-year league record to

22-0. It won both the year-long League Championship as well as the season ending League Tournament.

The team is led by returning sophomores Jeff Sohn and Dan Bernhard, who this year shared League MVP honors with the lowest scoring differential in the league. Freshman Connor Dougherty has been third on the team all year and along with sophomore Keating Wallau attained first team All-League honors, while seniors Capt. Ryan Scanlon and Jay Sukumvitaya attained second team honors; the seventh player junior Yoo Kim would have been second team but didn't play in enough matches.

"Athenian is a smaller school in the East Bay yet at the Transbay Invitational of 25 teams the boys finished a respectful 12th place only two strokes behind larger school Monte Vista," said Abraham. ■



JEFFREY S. WEIL

Red Hot Mamas battle their little Chili Peppers

The Red Hot Mamas played against the Red Hot Chili Peppers in the first Mothers-Daughters Softball Game last weekend. The Mamas won 12-10 in a very close contest against their 5 and 6-year-old daughters but everyone had a blast, with (back row, l-r) Carolyn Uhland, Kate Lucht, Mel Lucht, Liz Kestler, Laura Mahoney, Tracy Wisenor, Shelly Ayers, Kristen Ericson, Teri Rousseau, Jessica Rousseau, Jen Tasaki; (front) Anastasia Uhland, Holland Ericson, Tori Lucht, Emily Kestler, Abby Mahoney, Grace Wisenor, Madison Weil, Katelyn Ayers, Amber Ayers, Natalie Rousseau and Karli Tasaki.

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