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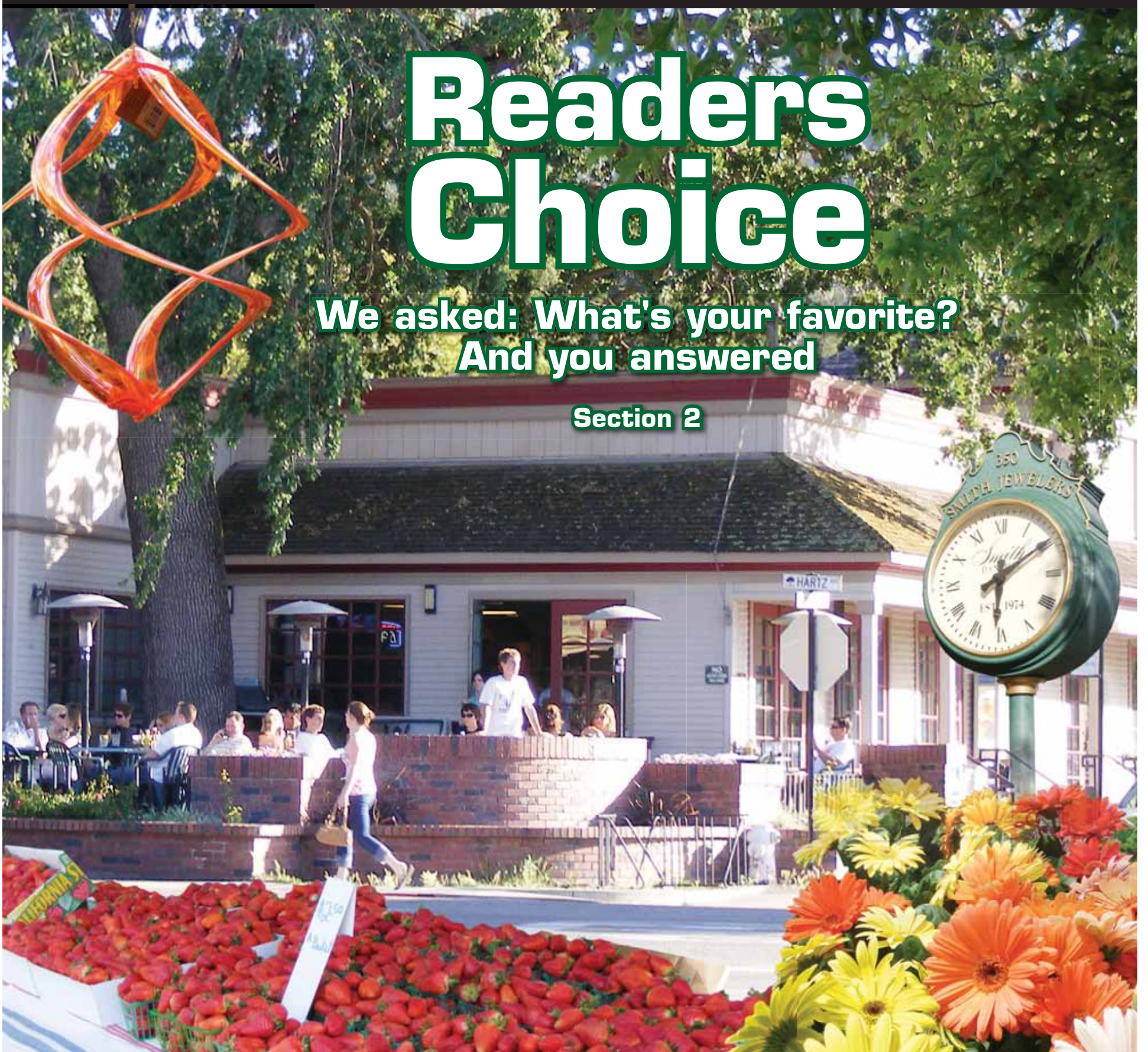
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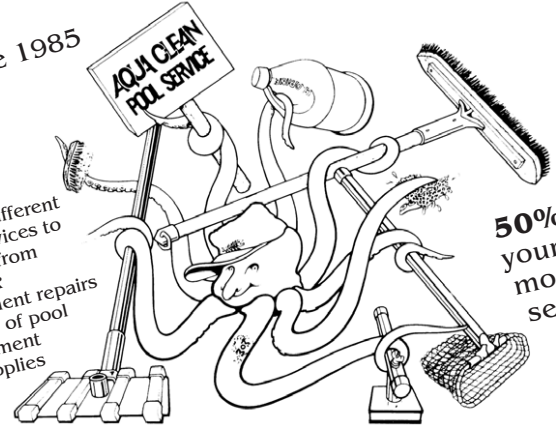
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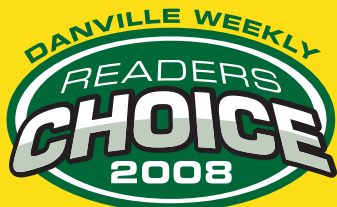


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Q: Should we let politics influence the Olympics?



I would say yes because it is a way for countries to come together and show support for or against other countries. I would also say no because sports is the one thing that brings people of different lifestyles together.

Lori McClain

hairstylist, Making Waves Hair Salon



No, I don't think they should let politics influence the Olympics. The Olympics is about your athletic ability, not your political standing. When I watch the Olympics I don't want to see any politics involved.

Thomas Nevin

customer relations, AT&T



I think no because the Olympics was originally made to be an escape from politics. It's supposed to be an international community that represents athletes and their abilities.

Katie Donovan

student



No, because the Olympics is about individuals fulfilling their potential in competing against world athletes. They are there to represent the countries. My brother's father-in-law competed in the 1950s for water polo and he just went to Australia to compete again at 70 years old! He should be seen for his athletic talent, not anything political.

Sarah Caloun

mom



No, they should not involve politics! The Olympics is a safe haven for communication as a whole; it lets the world come together. It sucks to see that, once again, politics are dictating the outcome.

Cameron Menler

student

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ABOUT THE COVER

Readers have spoken on a few of their favorite things—shown are Pete's Brass Rail and Car Wash (best place to get together with friends); a garden decoration and flowers from Navlet's Garden Centers (best nursery); and yummy fresh strawberries from the Danville Farmers Market (best fresh produce); and the signature clock of Smith Jewelers. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ I’m sure there are many
closeted poets in Danville. ”

—Mayor Candace Andersen about the town
having a poet laureate. See story, page 7.

Go fly a kite—or watch one

The San Ramon Art and Wind Festival takes place this Sunday and Monday at the city’s Central Park on Alcosta Boulevard. It will feature professional kite flying, kite making and a Hot Air Balloon Launch as well as an abundance of food, and 200 arts and crafts booths from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

This year’s festival will again feature the famous Hot Air Balloon Launch at 6 a.m., Monday, Memorial Day, with six balloons lifting slowly up into the sky. Kites are another main attraction, with kite flying demonstrations by professionals from all over the country, free kite making workshops, and lots of kites to buy and fly.

There will be entertainment on three stages and an expanded interactive kids activity area with wind crafts, inflatable bouncers and slides, face painting, a rock-climbing wall, train ride and petting zoo.

Foundation announces \$70,000 in education grants

The San Ramon Valley Education Foundation handed out \$70,000 in grant funds at its annual meeting last week at John Baldwin Elementary School in Danville. A total of 70 grant requests were funded by the foundation including 23 grants to support the San Ramon Valley Reading and Writing Project.

“Raising money to help support our schools is incredibly rewarding, but seeing the faces of the teachers as they receive their money is what makes it all worthwhile,” said Gary Ware, president of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. “The amazing work that our teachers do every day must continually be recognized and rewarded.”

During the course of its 25-year history, the Education Foundation has given more than \$2.4 million in supplemental funds to district schools. The annual Primo’s Run, being held this year Oct. 19, is one of its biggest fundraising events.

Town cancels ‘Go Green’ event

Danville has cancelled tomorrow’s “Go Green” Fun for Families event due to low enrollment.

The town will still be offering “Fancy Fruit” on June 27, which will get children of all ages excited about cooking and eating healthy with a new twist on fruit. After eating, families can enjoy a Moonlight Movie on the Town Green. Cost is \$30 for Danville families; \$36 for non-resident families. Register by calling 314-3400.

Danville Community Band tuning up for Father’s Day concert

The Danville Community Band is presenting “That’s Entertainment,” a special Father’s Day Concert, on June 15 at Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. The 85-member, all-volunteer Danville Community Band is led by Dr. Lawrence E. Anderson and Robert Calonicco, conductors.

The show will feature the virtuoso trumpet of Bill Lohman playing the exciting “Manhattan” and the vocal talents of Jodi and Chuck Aldredge. Also on the program are the “The Raider’s March” from Indiana Jones, music from “Oliver,” the Magic of Andrew Lloyd Weber, including “Evita,” “Jesus Christ Superstar,” “Phantom of the Opera” and “Cats,” and more.

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Hundreds of Barbara Walters fans wait in the heat for a chance to meet the famous TV journalist at Rakestraw's book signing event Friday. She signed books, and shook some hands and talked to people.

Hot welcome for Barbara Walters

The line on Friday afternoon went from Rakestraw Books all the way up the sidewalk to Peet's, where it turned the corner and kept on going.

Hundreds of people waited in 100-degree heat clutching their copy of Barbara Walters' "Audition: A Memoir," excited to meet the most important woman in the history of broadcast television.

"Audition" covers Walters' extraordinary achievements as she rose to the top of an industry dominated by men. She was the first female co-host of the Today show and first female network news co-anchor, the star of 20/20 and the creator and co-host of ABC's The View.

"I've been watching her for 11 years," buzzed a fan near the front of the line.

Rakestraw sold 700 tickets to the book signing. Owner Michael Barnard said people began lining up at 2 p.m. for the 6 o'clock event. Despite the heat the crowd was in good spirits, and Lunardi's Supermarket added to the fun by handing out food samples and water.

"It was terrific," said Barnard. "She was talking to people, she was answering questions ... She wasn't just 'oh thank you for coming.' She was shaking people's hands, she was meeting them. Which in the end is what makes things like this worthwhile."

—Meghan Neal

Veterans cheer over county transfer of Vet Hall to Danville

by Meghan Neal

Just in time for Memorial Day the Danville Town Council has cleared the final hurdle to rebuild the Veteran's Memorial Building in downtown Danville.

The council unanimously approved at its meeting Tuesday a Letter of Intent from the county to transfer ownership of the building to the town; with that action, Danville has committed \$5 million toward the project.

"It's a huge step," said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo. "This is something that the veterans' community and a lot of people have been working for, for a long time."

"It's like starting to see the light at the other end of the tunnel," said Alamo resident Tony Carnemolla, president of the Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee of San Ramon Valley, the group that started the push for a new building.

Earlier this year the committee presented the town with a business plan for a renovated Vet Hall. It included two event halls to allow for multiple uses of the high-demand building, as well as an exclusive veterans' wing.

But before the town was able to move forward with the plan it had to secure ownership from the

county. Recognizing the significance of Tuesday's vote, dozens of veterans and other supporters filled the Town Meeting Hall to celebrate the milestone.

"This is really the center of our heart—the heart of America," said Mike Conklin, founder of Sentinels of Freedom. A father of three children serving in the military, he praised the building as a way to engage future veterans.

The total cost of the reconstruction is estimated at \$7 million to \$8 million; the committee has pledged to raise \$3 million through community fundraising efforts.

The \$5 million the town has

committed makes the new Vet Hall the largest project in the history of Danville, Councilman Newell Arnerich proudly pointed out.

One of the terms of the letter requires the town to pay \$200,000 to the county to help it maintain the other veterans' buildings it owns. This follows a precedent set when the county made property transfer deals with Lafayette and Walnut Creek.

"It's a recognition that the county's participating in this and helping make it happen, for which we're very grateful," said Councilwoman Karen Stepper before the meeting.

The official transfer of owner-

ship will occur within the next two months and the town will begin construction within three years of the transfer.

The next step is to form a stakeholder committee made up of veterans, seniors and other parties appointed by the council, which will select an architect to start developing plans.

"We're really proud to be part of a town that is proud to wear yellow ribbons and tie them around trees," Stepper said. "Going into Memorial Day, hopefully it'll be on the top of people's minds how important this is to the veterans in our community." ■

Remembering on Memorial Day

Vietnam veterans hosting ceremony at Oak Hill Park

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Follow the American flags on Stone Valley Road to attend the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill Park on Monday.

"The main reason for the event is to celebrate Memorial Day and remember our fallen veterans who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect this country," said Skip George of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley, which hosts the event.

"We are going to have the Blue Star Singing Moms at 10:30 for about 30 minutes, then the ceremony will start, approximately at 11," said George.

Veterans will be recognized from each branch of the service and from each of the wars.

"We will ask them to stand up," said George. "When those from World War II stand up, that's get-

ting fewer and fewer."

Residents of the Veterans Home in Livermore are bused in, and they are also recognized. The color guard will be veterans.

"We are also going to have 'Gen. George Patton' there and several flyovers," George said. "And we will probably have mayors from Danville and San Ramon."

Guest speakers in the past have been newscaster Dennis Richmond and officials from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

There will also be a band, and a trumpeter will play taps.

The observance will be held next to the lake where a canopy and chairs will be put up for comfort, said George, and afterward a short ceremony will take place at the All Wars Memorial overlooking the park.

"Now all the memorials along the site are there for the differ-

ent engagements in different wars," said George.

The All Wars Memorial walkway is paved with bricks inscribed in honor of loved ones—both veterans and others with associations such as Blue Star Moms—and more are still available.

"The ceremony will be over in an hour; we try to keep it moving," said George. "It's been very well attended in the past." ■

Honoring the fallen

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The All Wars Memorial overlooks Oak Hill Park.

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TAKE US ALONG



Rowing in England

Michael and Rebecca Papesh took the Danville Weekly along with them to Henley-on-Thames, England for the Henley Royal Regatta, an annual rowing event that dates from 1893. They also stumbled upon George Harrison's home "Friar's Nest," which is a former convent.

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Logo chosen for Primo's Run

Snazzy design by student is proof that art education is working

Grant Herzog, a senior at San Ramon Valley High School, was chosen the winner of the student competition to select the artwork for the 2008 Primo's Run for Education. His logo will be used on thousands of shirts, banners, posters and other materials promoting the largest annual run in the Tri-Valley, which benefits the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation.

"This year's logo represents a celebration of 25 great years in this community," said Executive Director Vanessa Chan. "We are proud that a student designs our logos year after year. It speaks volumes of the artistic work being done in our schools."

The design was chosen by the Primo's Run committee from 100 student entries. Herzog will receive \$100 for his winning entry and the high school art department will receive

\$150. Herzog enjoys art "because of the creative freedom," he said, and in the fall, he will attend Montana State University to study film.

The Primo's Run for Education is the largest and most visible fundraiser conducted by the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. In 2007, Primo's Run had a record-breaking year with 4,700 runners. The event raised more than \$110,000 with the help of 400-plus volunteers logging in over 7,000 volunteer hours.

The 2008 Primo's Run for Education will take place Sunday, Oct. 19. The event includes a 5K run in San Ramon and a half-marathon that stretches from downtown Danville to Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon.

For more information, visit www.primosrun.com.

—Staff reports



The 2008 Primo's Run logo will be on thousands of shirts, banners and posters.

Changing of guard at fire district

Fire chief and fire marshal both to retire in 2008

by Ross Smith

Fire Chief Craig Bowen will be retiring from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District at the end of this year, the fire board learned at its meeting earlier this month. District Fire Marshal Rick Terry will also be retiring. The two veteran officers have more than 63 years of firefighting experience between them.

Bowen, 50, joined the Danville Fire Protection District in 1979 as a firefighter. He'd previously served



Chief Craig Bowen

for one year with the Pacifica Fire Department so will have completed 30 years of professional fire service when he retires.

Bowen will identify and interview candidates within the current staff to take his position. His recommendation will be made to the district board, and its final selection should be made by July so there will be a period of overlap with the new chief and Bowen.

Bowen and his wife of 28 years, Lynne, live in San Ramon. His plans include community and church volunteer affairs as well as spending time with his grandson.

Terry, 55, joined the district in 1986 as a fire inspector, following 12 years as a firefighter in Union City. He was appointed fire marshal in 1998. He will have completed 34 years of professional

fire service when he departs in late 2008.

Terry and his wife live on a 42-foot boat in Stockton, and he anticipates moving to the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State to pursue business opportunities. They will retain their floating residence in Stockton, which is near grandchildren and other family.

Recruiting for a deputy fire marshal will commence in the next few weeks. The position will be an open, competitive examination followed by interviews. An appointment is expected sometime in the summer or early fall.

The Fire Department is also considering hiring six firefighter/paramedics in 2008-2009. New recruits participate in an instructional fire academy and upon completion become probationary firefighters. ■

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EXPERIENCE THE LEGACY

A poet laureate for Danville?

Resident touts joy of poetry to Town Council

by Meghan Neal

"Poetry puts flowers on life's table," said Elm Battersby at the Town Council meeting May 6.

The resident poet suggested at the meeting that Danville appoint a poet laureate, and said she personally would be interested in the position.

"A poet laureate brings together people who have not discovered their creativity yet, who have not discovered the joys of reading poetry and the benefits of poetry," she said.

"It's an art that has been forgotten, really. If people read poetry it relieves stress, it creates pictures in their mind, and gives them a chance to fantasize and to dream and to see the world through different eyes."

Poet laureate is an appointed post dating back to 15th century England, originally established to entertain the king. It has since become an honorary position on the national, state and sometimes local levels, whose duties generally consist of writing poems for ceremonies, dedications or other events.

"To add a little culture, if you will—a little art," said Battersby. "I thought, gee, the towns around us have a poet laureate and Danville doesn't have one."

Dublin, San Ramon, Walnut Creek and Pleasanton all have a poet laureate. In the last two years there's been somewhat of a renaissance

toward towns establishing the old-fashioned post, said Danville Mayor Candace Andersen.

"In my mind having a poet laureate in Danville is certainly an idea worth exploring," she said.

Per procedure the council did not discuss the idea at the meeting but said it will consider putting it on the agenda in the future.

Andersen said she thinks this year would be an appropriate time to start the position, just in time for Danville's bicentennial celebration. In fact, that's what first put the seed in Battersby's head. She's already written a poem for the big anniversary, which she read aloud to folks at the meeting.

Battersby teaches limericks to seniors at the Veteran's Hall in Danville. The half-Irish poet has a particular affinity for the funny writing form; she'll write a limerick for just about any occasion and loves the way they bring a smile to people's faces.

"I was introduced very early in my life to the limerick. And it caught on, man, it's in the blood," she said. "In five lines you can tell a story. And everybody has a story. Everybody sees things in their own unique way."

Included in her collection of unpublished work are hundreds of limericks, she said. She's also published several poems, a fiction book called "Even as it Stings" and a

150th anniversary poem

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children's story titled "Missy BJ."

If the town does decide to establish a poet laureate, Battersby wouldn't necessarily be a shoo-in. All interested parties would be encouraged to apply and the council would choose the most qualified candidate, Andersen said.

"I'm sure there are many closeted poets in Danville just waiting to express themselves," speculated the mayor.

Battersby said she would be deeply honored to be named.

"Poetry and the literary arts mean so much to me," she said. "I would do this every day. It's my life." ■



MEGHAN NEAL

Elm Battersby says poetry and literature mean the world to her, and she would like to see Danville establish a poet laureate.

Ration that water

EBMUD expects 19 percent cut in residents' water use

by Meghan Neal

Due to two consecutive dry years and an abysmal March and April rainfall, folks in Contra Costa and Alameda counties are now being required to ration their water use, or risk being charged extra.

The East Bay Municipal Utility District implemented the rations May 13 in order to safeguard the area's dwindling water supply.

"We are in a severe drought," said spokeswoman Andrea Pook. "It's become a mandatory situation and there's a reason for that."

EBMUD's goal is to reduce the water usage district-wide by 15 percent; for single-family households this means required cutbacks of 19 percent.

Residents may not water their lawns or gardens two days in a row or more than three times a week; use water for decorative ponds or fountains; wash cars using hoses without a shut-off nozzle; rinse sidewalks or patios; and must observe other similar restrictions.

"The situation must be very serious because they have acted with extreme urgency," said Danville Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

EBMUD's board discussed implementing drought rates that would increase the cost of water to offset the financial loss caused by the rationing. Water utility charges for most single-family customers would go up 10 percent.

Discussion will resume at a July

8 board meeting and public hearing. If approved, the drought rate plan would also include a surcharge for customers who are still using more than 90 percent of their water budget, based on their average bill over the last three years.

Customers would be charged \$2 for each extra unit of water used. One unit equals 748 gallons and a single-family customer in the Danville area typically uses about 350 gallons per day, according to Pook. Therefore those who don't sufficiently cut back their usage would face a penalty of about \$2 per day.

Some residents say this is inherently unfair to families who have already been making a conscious effort to conserve water—where will the extra 19 percent come from? On the other hand, those who have used their water generously would find it much easier to avoid the fee.

To address this, EBMUD is sparing customers who use very small amounts of water—less than 100 gallons per day—from the 10 percent rate increase and the surcharge.

"We're all sort of in this together and hoping that people will do their best to get us through this summer," said Pook. "It's in everybody's best interest that we really do everything we can as a community and as a water district to safeguard that supply."

EBMUD is working to get the word out to residents, calling homes and leaving a three-minute automated message explaining the

drought situation and offering suggestions on how to conserve.

Danville town staff members were to hold a meeting Thursday to brainstorm ways the town itself can comply with restrictions.

"From the town's perspective, we've got 400 acres of parks, medians, roadsides," Calabrigo said. "We're not going to be able to implement this tomorrow. We're trying to be as proactive as we can."

"We think we use our water resources pretty effectively. We conserve on a regular basis, obviously balancing the need to try to keep the parks and the facilities looking good."

The last time there was a water shortage the town put in artificial turf in some places and installed a computerized irrigation system to help keep track of the amount of water used.

Unfortunately, water features in parks and ponds for children to play in are on the top of EBMUD's list of suggestions of things to cut, which could put a damper on residents' enjoyment of the upcoming warm summer months, said Calabrigo.

"I'm sure that we'll have some folks that are concerned and unhappy but I know they'll temper that with an understanding of the need to conserve," he said. "I think that people have responded to the challenge in the past, and I would expect that all of our community would do its best to cut back." ■

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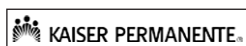
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Planning Commission passes Elworthy plans

Vote 6-1 to OK development on 12 of 459 acres of ranchland

by Meghan Neal

The Planning Commission approved a residential development on the 459-acre Elworthy Ranch at its meeting last week. The members voted 6-1 to approve the project despite resident concerns about traffic, overcrowding in schools and aesthetics.

If the project moves forward, 84 single-family homes and a 12-unit apartment building will be built on 12 acres of the hilly property, located on the slope of Las Trampas Ridge in southwest Danville.

Commissioners say the plan is superior to past attempts to develop the property because it protects more open space by opting for high-density development in a

small section of the site.

"I think the overall sentiment of the commission was that it's a good project and that the trade off between the units and the density and the open space being provided—it's a good trade," said Danville principal planner David Crompton.

The clustered homes would be located on the flat section of the property close to San Ramon Valley Boulevard. About 232 acres of the site would be dedicated to the East Bay Regional Park District for preservation, and 182 acres would have a protective easement barring future development.

The one nay vote came from Commissioner Steven Condie. He was concerned the study on the

environmental impact of the project didn't fully address greenhouse gas effects.

The results of the study, reviewed by the town earlier this year, showed the development would have very little impact on the environment, and none that couldn't be mitigated.

At the meeting residents expressed concerns that a new development would worsen overcrowding in local schools and increase traffic. They were also worried about losing the view of the open field.

There will be another opportunity for public comment before the Town Council votes on the project, likely at the June 17 council meeting. ■

Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Hot dogs strut their stuff



On Sunday, 101 Dalmatians gathered on the steps of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. OK, there were only 18 but it seemed like a lot. It was the Blemie look-alike contest, Blemie being the beloved pet Dalmatian of playwright Eugene O'Neill and his wife Carlotta, who lived in the Danville hills from 1937-44. The Dalmatian contest kicked off the new exhibit at the Museum, "Eugene O'Neill's Global Legacy."

The contest was fun, not least of all because I was one of the judges. Which goes to show how un-serious the competition was. The other judges were Councilwoman Karen Stepper, who brought along her cute little 7-month-old grandson Jack, whom she was babysitting while his parents took part in a triathlon; Dani Brozowski, who manages Pet Food Express in Danville and donated a Frisbee to every participant; and Do Kang, owner of HandWorks artisan consignment shop, who gave a Perfect Petzzz stuffed Dalmatian to the winner.

Let me tell you, judging is hard—I wanted to give a prize to each one. We sat down at the judges' table with blown up photos of Blemie in front of us, carefully studying his coloration. As organizer Linda Stolow called out their names, one by one, the Dalmatian owners led their dogs across the "stage" while members of the audience clapped appreciatively. Surprisingly, only one of them was named Spot, but he goes by Spottie. He had a poodle friend with him named Bubbles, who was wearing a paw-printed black and white ribbon to indicate she was a Dalmatian wannabe. As the dogs were introduced



Bubbles and Spottie wait for the contest to begin.

we made notes about their spots—quantity and location. Then we got up to mingle with the Dalmatians to check out their spots once again and to interact with them, because there was also a prize given for friendliness.

We finally narrowed it down to three: First place went to Raider, a 4-year-old rescued dog; second place was Daisy, a sweet 12-1/2-year old; and third place was won by Classy, who was only 1 but very well behaved and led by several charming young ladies. Next came the prize for friendly and that was tough because they were all friendly. Well, they are dogs! We judges all took note of a friendly dog named Pebbles, a 3-1/2-year-old rescued female, and were favorably impressed by her sweetness and sociability so she won the prize.

Last, but hardly least, was a prize for being funny or fun or goofy or whatever. This was to make the contest inclusive for the Dalmatian wannabes. For this prize, we chose Howie. I guess he was a Dalmatian but he had little tiny dots. He won because his tail was thumping dou-

ble-time—and when introduced he sort of "talked."

Mayor Candace Andersen showed up with her dog Lu who is a Dalmatian but bears little resemblance to Blemie. Lu is short for Lucentio, said Candace, because her family names its pets after Shakespeare characters, a custom begun by her grandfather. Growing up in Hawaii, Candace had three Dalmatians named Ophelia, Hamlet and Portia. Also, her husband Phil played the part in "Kiss Me Kate," the Cole Porter adaptation of "The Taming of the Shrew," when he was at Monte Vista.

Linda, who owns Small Fry Shoppe a few blocks away on Railroad Avenue, did a great job organizing the contest. She helped out the last time it was held, two years ago, so she knew the ropes—like making it fun, and providing lots of water for the dogs in case it was hot. And, yes, it was hot.

Blemie O'Neill—now doesn't that sound like a fun-loving, hard-livin' bloke?—was really named Silverdene Emblem O'Neill. Eugene wrote a last will and testament for him just before Blemie died at an old age in December 1940. It concludes: "Whenever you visit my grave, say to yourselves with regret but also with happiness in your hearts at the remembrance of my long happy life with you: 'Here lies one who loved us and whom we loved.' No matter how deep my sleep I shall hear you, and not all the power of death can keep my spirit from wagging a grateful tail."

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POLICE BULLETIN

Bank blows whistle on bogus check

Danville police arrested a man for trying to cash a counterfeit check at the Wells Fargo Bank on San Ramon Valley Boulevard last week on Tuesday.

When the bank teller entered the check number into the system it came up on the computer screen flashing "lost, stolen or invalid," said Lt. Mark Williams. "Upon further review of the account the teller learned that the check was bogus."

The suspect, Delvin Jones, 27, of Oakland, had altered the check, writing in his name as the recipient. When the teller called the owner of the check she said she had never heard of Jones.

Police arrived at the bank, detained Jones and questioned him. He claimed he had no idea the check was fraudulent, saying it was given to him as payment for some landscaping work he did.

"Which was not the case, or was very unlikely," said Williams. "This gentleman could provide us

with no information whatsoever."

The suspect couldn't say who he did the landscape work for or even the name of the person who wrote the check. He was charged with possession of a counterfeit check and booked into Martinez Detention Facility.

"These days it's somewhat difficult to successfully pass a counterfeit check at a bank," Williams said. "Other places it may be a little bit easier, but at a bank, with all the checks and balances they have in place, it's usually pretty difficult."

The bank's computer system caught Jones' fake check right away because the owner had reported it as missing. Williams said it's imperative that people call police and their bank when they discover a missing check or stolen check-book.

"This check—from what I remember it was a pretty good job that the person did that altered it," Williams said. "So I don't know in this particular case if they would have noticed that."

—Meghan Neal

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, May 11

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 1:58 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Ramon Ct. at 11:44 a.m.
- Identity theft on Garden Creek Pl. at 12:31 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Woodvalley Pl. at 12:52 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Ramon Ct. at 5:18 p.m.
- Vandalism on Gold Creek Ct. and Parkhaven Dr. at 7:32 p.m.
- Petty theft on 600 block of Hartz Ave. at 9:42 p.m.

Monday, May 12

- Felony hit-and-run on Meese Ct. at 8:05 a.m.
- Vandalism on Condor Ct. at 1:53 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Front St. and Hartz Way at 2:54 p.m.
- Littering on Valley View Ct. at 5:38 p.m.
- Petty theft on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 6:23 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and northbound I-680 on ramp at 10:26 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

- Petty theft from vehicle on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 9:53 a.m.
- Identity theft on Montoya Way at 10:21 a.m.
- Vandalism on Benjamin Lane at 2:29 p.m.

- Residential burglary on El Alamo at 2:42 p.m.
- Suspicious subject stop, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 5:25 p.m.

- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Town and Country at 6:55 p.m.
- Battery on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 10:40 p.m.

- Accident, property damage, on El Capitan Dr. and Greenbrook Dr. at 2:47 p.m.
- Battery on Marian Lane at 3:26 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Center Way and Crow Canyon Rd. at 4:18 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

- Shooting into occupied dwelling on Dustin Lane at 10:21 p.m.
- Drunk in public, arrest, on Camino Ramon at 11:11 p.m.

Thursday, May 15

- Drunk in public on 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 12:34 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Danville Blvd. at 8:58 a.m.
- Vandalism on Danville Blvd. and Del Amigo Rd. at 9:37 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Danville Blvd. at 12:23 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 2:47 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Railroad Ave. at 3:54 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Danville Blvd. and El Cerro Blvd. at 6:43 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Diablo Rd. at 7:22 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 7:43 p.m.

- Surveillance, arrest, on Greenbrook Dr. and Harlan Dr. at 9:46 p.m.

Friday, May 16

- Credit card fraud on Piedmont Lane at 8:37 a.m.
- Petty theft on Antelope Ridge Way at 11:32 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Fostoria Way at 1:43 p.m.
- Vandalism on Glasgow Cir. at 1:43 p.m.
- Court order violation on La Gonda Way at 3:47 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on River Rock Lane at 4:31 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Padilla Ct. at 5:09 p.m.
- Trespassing on Compo Via at 6:27 p.m.
- Petty theft on San Thomas Way at 9:03 p.m.
- Drunk in public, arrest, on Front St. at 10:05 p.m.
- Trespassing on Glasgow Cir. at 10:27 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

- Prowler heard on Ashley Cir. at 12:54 a.m.
- Defrauding innkeeper on Diablo Rd. and El Cerro Blvd. at 2:08 a.m.
- Petty theft on Mustang Ct. at 8:36 a.m.
- Disturbance, arrest, on Railroad Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 12:20 p.m.
- Auto burglary on N. Forest Hill Pl. at 2:08 p.m.
- Party disturbance, arrest, on Laurelwood Dr. and Old Blackhawk Rd. at 9:40 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Patricia Sadler Mundelius

Patricia Sadler Mundelius, a resident of Danville, died the evening of May 2 at the age of 70.

She was born March 17, 1938, in Chicago, Ill. She graduated from Lawrence College and went on to earn a doctorate in experimental psychology from the University of Toledo.

She moved to Danville in the mid 1970s where she raised four boys. She was a friend to all she knew and her only regret in life was that she couldn't personally say goodbye to everyone who made her who she was.



She died peacefully at the Bruns House Hospice Facility of pancreatic and liver cancer. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Manfred; her three sons Michael, John and Matthew; four daughters-in-law; and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, May 31. Contact an immediate family member for details.

Francis (Frank) Otto Archer

Danville resident Francis Otto Archer died April 21 at the age of 86.

He was born in Geneva, Neb., on Feb. 16, 1922, and his early years were spent in Nebraska and Oklahoma. In 1942 he both married Nelda Mae Golliver and entered the U.S. Army Air Force. He served in World War II flying C-46 and C-47 airplanes in Africa and Europe. After leaving the service in 1945, he flew commercial airplanes for Resort Airlines out of Miami, Fla., and relocated with the airline to Oakland in 1956.

When his piloting days were over, he spent many years with Chevron, retiring in 1987. During 50 years in the San Ramon Valley area, he and Mae raised their family and were active in the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church and many other community groups.

He was predeceased by his daughter Patricia Reading. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Nelda Mae Archer; daughters Carol Archer of Martinez and Paula Perez (husband Ken) of Tracy; and three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church on April 28.

John Joseph Schembri

John Joseph Schembri, a resident of Danville, died April 22 at the age of 77.

He was born Feb. 23, 1931, on the island of Malta and immigrated to New York in 1952. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He married Laura in 1955 and moved to San Francisco soon thereafter. He worked as an electrical engineer with AT&T for more than 30 years, was a pioneer in fiber optic technology and was granted five patents in this field.

He moved to Danville in 1987 and built his dream house. He enjoyed his garden, tinkering in the garage, traveling the world, and spending time with his family.

He was predeceased by his sister Hilda Cassar. He is survived by his wife Laura; son Arthur Schembri and daughter Suzanne Schembri; brother Anthony Schembri; sister Doris Boytinck; and three grandchildren.

A vigil was held April 24 at Wilson and Kratzer in Danville; a Liturgy Mass was celebrated April 25 at St. Isidore Catholic Church. Interment with Military Honors was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. Contributions to the National Kidney Foundation of Northern California, 131 Steuart St., Suite 52, San Francisco 94105 would be appreciated.

Virginia Altvater Schumacher Lewis

Virginia Altvater Schumacher Lewis, a resident of Danville, died quietly at home April 29 at the age of 97.

She was born Feb 8, 1911, in San Francisco and lived in Northern California all her life. She graduated from Sarah Dix Hamlin School in 1928, attended college and was a member of the Phi Omega Chi sorority. She married Russell Schumacher in 1935 and moved to Oakland until 1951 when they moved to Danville.

She loved to entertain at barbecues, played golf and bridge and raised two children. After Russell's death in 1971, she cruised the world and met Dewey Lewis whom she married in 1976. They traveled and cruised each year logging hundreds of thousands of miles. Dewey died in August 1993 leaving her a widow once again.

She is survived by her son Kern W. Schumacher of Incline Village; her daughter Joy Pritchard of Carmel Valley; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A private family memorial service was held. To remember her through a donation to the American Heart Association, send it to 1710 Gilbreth Road, Burlingame 94010.

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Re-elect Piepho supervisor

Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho and her former mentor Guy Houston are in an impassioned fight to represent District 3 on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. Piepho has been on a steep learning curve during the last three years in office, the Board is slowly making progress toward solving the problem of the county retirees' benefits, and we say this is not the time to change.

Houston emphasizes communication but one of his main attacks on Piepho is that she interacts with other supervisors, particularly Democrat John Gioia of West County, with whom she serves on the county Finance Committee. Houston said he had hoped when he backed Piepho four years ago that she would align herself with the other Republicans. Piepho points out that the nonpartisan Board of Supervisors has five members with five different philosophies, and Republicans are in the minority; it was in working with Gioia that they began the policies that resulted in the county not spending more than it is taking in, a conservative philosophy.

Houston also says Piepho is slighting members who work in public safety jobs, citing a 40 percent cut in jobs with the Sheriff's Office. Piepho points out that these were unfilled positions and, as the spouse of a firefighter, she is aware of the need to take care of the public safety sector in the county. She lives in Discovery Bay and got her start in public service working for Assemblywoman Lynne Leach, then serving on the Los Medanos Community College Foundation Board. She was elected to the Byron Union School District Board of Trustees, where she served until she began her current position.

Piepho has said again and again that she serves the people. Some fear she serves developers, but both she and Houston have had such support. One of his recent mailers said he is not afraid to say no to developers; this is in response to Piepho voting to allow a study to see if the New Farm cluster housing proposal for Tassajara Valley would violate the urban limit line passed by voters

in 2006. However Houston, now a resident of San Ramon, came onto the political scene as the mayor of Dublin from 1994-2001, growing the sleepy little crossroads into a bustling community with a theater and shopping complex as well as a state-of-the-art library and civic center, and increasing the population from 29,000 in 1998 to 47,000 today. From there he went to Sacramento as Assemblyman for the 15th District. But when the Republican Party backed another candidate to run for the 11th Congressional seat, it left Houston with nowhere "higher" to go.

Houston is saying he never wanted to run for Congress but it does not make sense that he planned his career path to go from mayor to state legislator to county supervisor. He now says that although he encouraged Piepho to run four years ago, he has been so disappointed in her performance that he decided to run for supervisor himself. However, when he called to tell her he was running, he suggested she run for his assembly seat so he obviously did not find her too incompetent.

District 3 covers Alamo, Danville, Blackhawk/Tassajara, Diablo, San Ramon and Walnut Creek as well as Brentwood, Byron, Discovery Bay and Knightsen. Some residents of Alamo have been particularly critical of Piepho saying the county does not govern the unincorporated area well. But others give her credit for the progress made under her watch, in particular the improved left turn lanes onto Stone Valley Road, the flashing lights at Jackson Way and the lower speed limit.

A third contender, Danville resident Stevan Thomas, is running as a write-in candidate to give voters the choice of someone with a Democratic philosophy even though the seat is nonpartisan. If he is able to prevent either Houston or Piepho from getting 50 percent, the top two vote-getters will run against each other in November.

There is no reason to go through another contest in November. We say, vote to give Mary Nejedly Piepho another four years as county supervisor.

TO THE EDITOR

Stay the course

Dear Editor:

When you have an elected public servant who is willing to make tough decisions, you have a person of high integrity.

When you have an elected public servant who is willing to make tough decisions in an election year, you have a person of courage.

And when you have an elected public servant who is willing to make tough decisions in an election year CLOSE to the election, you have Mary Piepho.

Everyone knows that Contra Costa County is in dire financial straits and we all know how it got that way. Now, more than ever, we need an experienced person on the County Board of Supervisors. Mary Piepho has constantly demonstrated that she is willing to make difficult choices and stand by them. Through her efforts and those of other board members, the county's financial situation has shown significant improvement. Much still needs to be done and in these financially difficult times, we should stay the course and re-elect Mary.

Steve Mick, Alamo

Read mailers closely

Dear Editor:

Guy Houston wants you ... well, sort of, Guy Houston wants you ... to help him keep an elected seat until something else comes along. He wants to stay on the political payroll even though it is at your expense.

Houston has been up in Sacramento for almost six years (he is termed out) yet we seldom have heard from him. Now he wants to be our best friend and tell us about things he "supports" even though his tenure and leadership have fallen short ... way short. I cannot remember someone who chases headlines with such vigor!

Over the last month he has sent out several political mailers at our expense. Read them closely; they contain all talk and no action. Yes, this is right. He is using his current position in Sacramento and uses your money to send out mailers with his name on them. How does it feel to be used? Ever wonder why we were not receiving these before? It is because he did not need you. We don't need him either.

Merle Sanchez, San Ramon

Write in candidate

Dear Editor:

With Republicans mud wrestling for the Supervisor Belt in Contra Costa District 3, voters have a Democratic write-in choice, Steve Thomas a union electrician, Democratic Party activist who

EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Yes on Measure D

We support Measure D, which is a renewal of the Excellence in Education Act passed by the voters of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District in April 2004. It increases the existing \$90 per year parcel tax to \$166 for the next seven years, an increase of \$76.

While bond measures allow the district to improve its facilities, their funds cannot be used for classroom programs. The parcel tax pays for specific classroom programs and services that might otherwise fall by the wayside during tight budget times.

In the last four years, the parcel tax has gone toward smaller class sizes in kindergarten through third grade and in ninth-grade English and math; keeping middle and high school libraries open; counselors at the middle and high schools; and teachers for the fifth-grade instrumental music program. Measure D funds will also be used to expand the district's math and science programs.

Measure D will help keep quality schools in this area, which is not only beneficial to families but to all of us since schools have a direct relationship to the value of our homes. The measure allows exemptions for residents 65 and older who own and occupy their home.

We urge a Yes vote on Measure D. These tax dollars will go directly to benefit the schools in our neighborhood—for less than \$14 per month. And be sure to vote June 3: Measure D needs a two-thirds approval to win.

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To the editor

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understands the concerns of working families.

At a time when supervisors will be wielding budget-cutting knives, Steve will stand up for the little guys, gals and their kids—county employees and retirees whose pensions or benefits are in jeopardy, home-owning families threatened by foreclosure, workers, unions, renters and those who care about

the environment, schools, health-care and quality of life. He is in no way beholden to corporate interests. That is why Steve will be a better supervisor than either Republican.

Please write in Steve Thomas for Supervisor, District 3. If no candidate receives 50 percent plus one vote then a run-off between the two highest vote-getters will take place in November at the General Election.

Ellis Goldberg, Danville

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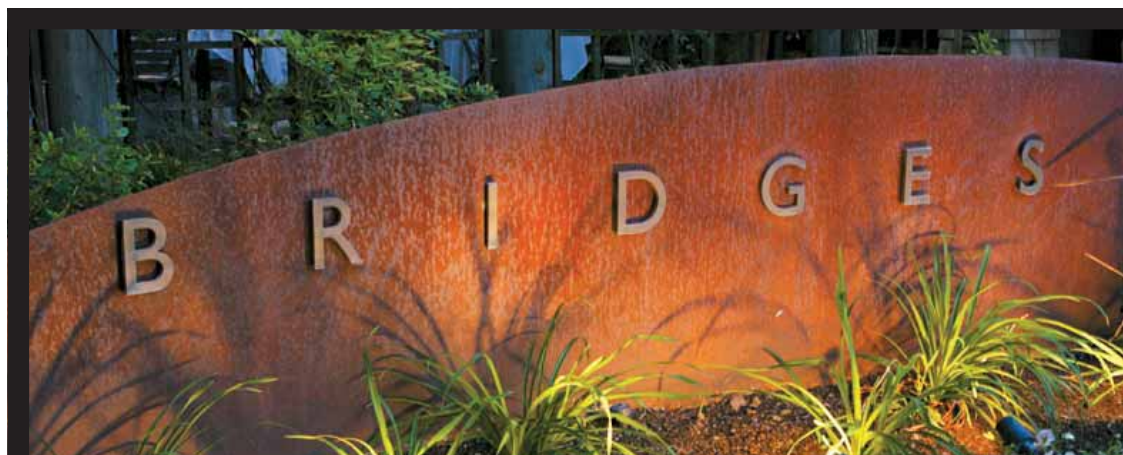
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Art

Open Studios Tour Town of Danville and Alamo Danville Artists' Society (ADAS) will host the Open Studios Tour from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7, at various locations. Call Tracy at 820-2050.

Camps

YMCA Summer Specialty Camps Summer is here! Registration is now open for YMCA Specialty Camps this summer, including Lego Engineering, Super Sports, Robot Science, Chess, Musical Theatre, Art and more. Camps are held in the Alamo and Danville area. For information, call 831-1100.

Classes

Summer Rose Pruning and Orchids Basics Navlet's Garden Centers will host a free gardening class, Orchids Basics with Brian Petraska at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 31, at Navlet's Garden Centers, 800 Camino Ramon, Danville. Call 837-9144.

Clubs

Danville Job's Daughters Job's Daughters International is an organization for young ladies (minimum age 10 for full membership) who enjoy dances, sleepovers, parties, social events, snow trips and more. The girls develop confidence, good character, life-long friendships, moral and spiritual values, and leadership abilities. 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 or email IOJD247@yahoo.com.

Danville Lions Club This club meets at 7 p.m., on the first and third Wednesday of every month, at the Brass Door, San Ramon. For information, call Tom Jackson at 984-1541.

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 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.

Concerts

'Broadway Baby!' Danville Girls Chorus presents "Broadway Baby!" from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 7, at Canyon Creek Presbyterian, 9015 S. Gale Ridge Rd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for children. Call 837-2624.

'Kids Helping Kids' Contra Costa Youth Orchestra presents their third annual "Kids Helping Kids" concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 28, at the Leshler Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$15; \$12 for seniors; \$10 for youth 17 years and under. Proceeds benefit Comfort for Kids. Call 943-7469.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony Contra Costa Wind Symphony will host Duane Carroll who will conduct "Friends in Low Places" at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 1, at the Leshler Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. General admission tick-

ets are \$18; \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students. Call 944-5392 or visit www.ccwindsymphony.org.

Events

'Fun for Families' Town of Danville is offering "Fun for Families" with "Fancy Fruit" on Friday, June 27. Cost is \$30 for residents, \$36 for non-residents. Call 314-3400.

11th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk Come run or walk at the 11th annual Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run and 5K Walk from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 7, at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Dr., Danville. Cost is \$35. Proceeds benefit Hats Off America. All runners and volunteers will receive a red T-shirt and lunch donated by El Balazo Restaurant. Call 855-1950 or visit www.hatsoffamerica.us.

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

Antique Faire Pleasanton Downtown Association will host an Antique Street Faire from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, May 25, on Main Street in Pleasanton. Admission is free. Call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Business After Hours Trade Show Mixer Alamo Merchant & Professional Association will host a Business After Hours Trade Show Mixer from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, May 29, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. This event is free and is open to the public. Call 708-8546.

Challenger Jamboree Challenger Baseball Program will host the fourth annual Western Region District 57 Little League Challenger Jamboree from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 23-25, at Dublin Sports Park, Dublin Blvd. The day will include BBQ's, day trips, clowns, magician and lots of baseball. Call 829-7137.

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.


Meet Yau-Man Chan from 'Survivor' Friends of the Danville Library will host Yau-Man Chan from the CBS television show "Survivor" at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 14, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. This event is free. Call 837-4889.

San Ramon Art and Wind Festival Whether it's sweet cotton candy or the smell of tri-tip sizzling on the grill, the smells and selection of food and drink at the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival are sure to delight one and all! Come hungry and help local groups raise money from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday-Monday, May 25-26, at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Admission is free. Call 973-3200.

Exhibits

'The Art of Diorama' Bedford Gallery presents "The Art of Diorama" which features 23 artists who transform an enclosed area using sculpture, painting, video and photography. It runs until June 8, at the Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Admission is \$3. Gallery hours are from noon-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday and 6-8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday. Call 295-1417 or visit www.bedfordgallery.org.

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Honoring Memorial Day

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley will host a free Memorial Day Ceremony from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Monday, May 26, at Oak Hill Park in Danville. The morning will include flyovers, music, dignitaries and memorials to military sacrifice as well as a distinguished speaker. Call (415) 640-8403 or visit www.vnvdv.com. Also, World War II B-17, B-24 and B-25 bombers, and a P-51 Mustang will be on display from noon-4 p.m., Sunday-Tuesday, May 25-27, at the Livermore Airport, 636 Terminal Circle. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 12 and under, and infants are free. Call 216-4371 or visit www.cfdn.org.

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.

Film

'Soldiers of Conscience' Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center will host a screening of "Soldiers of Conscience" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 28, at Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. This event is free, but donations are accepted. Call 933-7850.

Fundraisers

'Viva Las Vegas' STAND! Against Domestic Violence will host the 26th annual Joie de Vivre "Viva Las Vegas" on Saturday, June 7, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Rd., Alamo. The night will include food, silent and live auctions, dancing, gambling and more. Tickets are \$100. Proceeds benefit STAND! Call Patti at 603-0138.

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; for those wishing to forego golf and enjoy dinner, cost is \$45. Proceeds benefit Comfort for Kids. For reservations, e-mail kylefurrermemorial@sbcglobal.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.

Health

American Red Cross Blood Drive Come donate blood and help save lives at the American Red Cross Blood Drive from 11:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Friday, June 6, at the Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd., Danville. Register at www.beadonor.com (Code: DANVILLE).

Yoga for Health and Wellness The Wellness Community will host a workshop on Yoga for Health and Wellness from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 31, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. There will be a gentle practice with breathing and awareness and restorative poses for relaxation. This workshop is free to cancer patients and their families and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

Kids and Teens

Danville Kidz Reader's Book Club Danville Library is sponsoring a reading group for kids entering grade 3-5 on Wednesdays, during the summer, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Join the club for book discussions, activities and snacks without any homework. Call 837-4889.

Lectures/ Workshops

Dream Workshop Dr. Jeremy Taylor will offer ways to understand and decode messages from the unconscious from June 6-8, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. A facilitated discussion will be led by experienced dream workers. Cost is \$205 for a private room; \$175 for a shared room. Call 831-9141 ext. 315.

Self-Hypnosis as Complementary Therapy Learn how self-hypnosis can be used to increase feelings of centeredness, peace and calmness from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This is an interactive workshop and is free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Call 933-0107.

Literary Events

First Wednesday Program Friends of the Danville Library will host Kay Payne, docent with the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, who will speak on "The Feminine Touch" at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, at the Danville Community Center, Valley Oak Room, 400 Front St. This event is free and the public is welcome. Call 837-4889.

Miscellaneous

Host Families Needed Host families are needed for Spanish, French and Slovakian exchange students from July 7-27 in Danville. Host families

provide a bed, meals and transportation to daily planned activities. The teens speak English, are fully insured and bring spending money. E-mail Dawn at garlieb@sbcglobal.net.

Recycle for Breast Cancer Recycle for Breast Cancer is open seven days a week accepting free dropoffs for computers, monitors, cell phones, laptops, servers and TVs, at 31 Beta Ct., Suite C, San Ramon. Call 735-7203 or visit www.recycleforbreastcancer.org.

On Stage

'Reverence' Valley Dance Theater presents "Reverence," a collection of classical and innovative ballet, at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 31 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 1, at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$21, \$24 and \$29 for adults; \$6 for students 17 years and under. Call 373-6800.

'Rivets' Galatean Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Rivets," a musical celebrating Rosie the Riveter and the Homefront Soldiers of World War II at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays; 8:15 p.m., Fridays; 2:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., Saturdays; May 29-June 7, at Leshler Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 943-7469.

'Wigged Out!' Hair on Stage presents "Wigged Out!" playing until June 21, at Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. The box office is open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Call 855-SHOW (855-7469) or visit www.wiggedout.org.

Political Notes

Blackhawk Republican Women Luncheon This club will host Noel Sheppard who will speak on "The REALLY Inconvenient Truth about Global Warming" from 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, June 9, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. Cost is \$20; reservations are due by noon, Friday, June 6. The public is welcome. Call 820-6452.

District 15 Business Debate San Ramon Chamber of Commerce will host the first debate of the district's Democratic and Republican nominees from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, at Marriott San Ramon, 2600 Bishop Dr. Topics will focus upon the slowing economy, housing slump and the unfolding financial market crisis. Debate will be interactive, so your input is needed. Cost is \$65. Call 242-0600 or visit www.sanramon.org.

Hope with Sudan Hope with Sudan will be talking about the experiences of the Lost Boys of Sudan from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, at the Amador Valley High School Library, 1155 Santa Rita Rd.,

Pleasanton. This event is free, but donations are requested. Call 426-4481. Hope with Sudan brings education and medical relief to Sudanese children, youths and young adults living in exile in Kenya and Uganda, and develops projects in Sudan.

Seniors

Senior Volunteer Awards Culture to Culture Foundation presents its first Senior Volunteer Awards honoring seniors that provide voluntary service to the community. The competition is open to all seniors (55 and older). Applicants must describe their volunteer activities in 500 words or less and supply at least three references with their phone numbers; deadline is July 31. Four winners will receive a \$250 cash prize and a plaque. Call 938-9988.

Valley Oak Respite Center Activities for Seniors Valley Oak Respite provides an interactive program for frail seniors and those afflicted with Alzheimer's or related dementias and physical disabilities, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. The cost is \$30 per session, which includes a morning snack and beverage; participants should bring a bag lunch. For information or an application, call Carmen McCarthy at 945-8040, ext. 53.

Welcome to Medicare Seminar The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) will discuss Medicare A, B, C and D from 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, south conference room, south building, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd. Learn how to buy supplemental insurance and when and how to buy a drug plan. This event is free. Call 275-8230.

Spiritual

Healing and Transformation Retreat Come explore ways to transform wounds, let go of the past, and move confidently into the present at a Healing and Transformation Retreat Friday-Sunday, May 30-June 1, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Cost is \$195 for a private room; \$165 for a shared room. Call 831-9141, ext. 315.

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.

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

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

Blue Star Moms California Blue Star Moms is a support group for families of members of the U.S. Armed Forces. It meets at 7 p.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Call Peggy at 866-7035 or Patty at 838-9096 or visit www.bluestarmoms.org.

Celebrate Recovery Celebrate Recovery is a forward-looking and balanced Christ-centered recovery program for people with hurts, habits and hang-ups. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and the program starts at 7 p.m., every Friday, at East Bay

Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Childcare available for ages 5-11. Call 736-5100, e-mail celebratercovery@eastbayfellowship.org or visit www.eastbayfellowship.org.

ClutterLess Self Help Group Is clutter stressing you out? Cluttering is a psychological issue, not just an organizing issue. Join the group at their meeting from 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays, at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Dr. Optional \$2-5 donation. Call 297-9246 or visit www.clutterless.org.

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

Find Help For Addiction Problems with drug or alcohol addiction in a loved one? Don't know whom to turn to for help? Contact Drug Rehab Resource for a free confidential consultation to find the help you need. Call (866) 649-1594 or visit www.drugrehabresource.net.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? There is a solution to weight and diet obsession. This effective 12-step program has proven results. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every

Wednesday, at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. For a complete listing of East Bay meetings, call 838-1837 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Heart Support Group Heart support group for heart disease patients, their families and caregivers meets from 1:30-3:30 p.m., on the fourth Saturday of every month (except November and December), at Kaiser Walnut Creek Medical Center, 3rd Floor Conference Center, Walnut Creek. Its mission is to "inspire hope in heart disease patients and their families." Call 708-4151 or visit www.mendedhearts254.org.

Hospice Offers Support Hospice of the East Bay (formerly Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa) offers a variety of support groups and workshops for people experiencing grief and loss after the death of a loved one. All groups and classes are offered for a fee and require pre-registration. Fees are waived for those who cannot afford them. Call 887-5678, ext. 1068.

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.

Newly Formed Proactive Group for Women Support Group for FIBRO, CFF and Chronic Pain meets from 12:30-2:30 p.m., every other Wednesday. Call 234-5621 or e-mail dsashby@msn.com.

Overeaters Anonymous The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia and bulimia. There are many different groups that meet at different times and places, visit www.dvig.org.

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

SRV Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free 12-step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, undereating and bulimia. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St. Call Gordon at 899-3117 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County This group meets at 7 p.m., the second Monday of every month (except August), at John Muir Medical Center, at either the Walnut Creek Campus, Ball Auditorium or the Concord Campus, Concord Room

(locations alternate every other month). The group hosts guest speakers and provides coping groups for stroke survivors with and without aphasia or caregivers of stroke survivors. Call 376-6218.

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group This group meets to provide information and support for Parkinson's patients and caregivers at 10 a.m., every second Saturday of each month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 831-9940.

Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club This club provides support, information and friendship for mothers of any number of multiples meeting every second Tuesday of every month, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. R/T discussion begins at 6:30 p.m.; roundtable discussion is open to all current and prospective members from 7:30-9 p.m., hosted by a twin mom member. Dads and babies welcome! Call 484-5886 or visit www.tvmotc.com.

Volunteering

Animal Fosters Urgently Needed Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) is looking for short-term fosters for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. ARF will provide the food, supplies and



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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.

Assistance League of Diablo Valley This chapter of the National Assistance League seeks new volunteer members to help with a wide range of philanthropic service projects in many Contra Costa communities. These include vision screening in elementary schools, distributing clothing to school children in need, daily reassurance phone calls to homebound elderly and handicapped clients, and

staffing the chapter's Lafayette thrift shop. Call 934-0901 or visit http://diablovalley.assistanceleague.org.

Blackhawk Museum Docent Training If you are interested in becoming a much appreciated part of the Blackhawk Museum family while contributing to your community, making new friends, learning new things, and having fun, become a docent! Call 736-2280, ext. 238.

Bruns House In-Patient Hospice Bruns House In-Patient Hospice is seeking volunteers to fill two- to four-hour shifts during the weekdays and weekends. To apply for free training, call 887-5678 and ask for the volunteer department, or e-mail volunteers@hospiceeastbay.org.

CCI Volunteer Puppy Raising Program Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) are looking for special volunteers interested in rais-

ing a CCI puppy for 15-18 months and are now accepting applications. For information, call 1-800-572-BARK (572-2275) or visit www.cci.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.

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art The academy seeks new volunteers and members to help with tasks ranging from bookkeeping to recruiting instructors. The group meets noon-1 p.m., the second Friday of the month at Richard's Art & Craft Store, 225 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call Beth Batchelor at 837-5654.

Education Docents Needed at Forest Home Farms San Ramon's 16-acre historic park is looking for

docents to volunteer in our 3rd grade education program. Commitment is two times per month for four hours. Experience working with kids is helpful, but not required. Call Stephanie at 973-3282.

Friends of Discovery Discovery Counseling Center has received more than \$5 million, thanks to Friends of Discovery. The organization is looking for volunteers who can commit eight hours per month in the Thrift Station, 486 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Call Le Anne at 837-7998.

Handbell Choir Seeks Ringers The Agape Ringers are seeking teens and adults with musical backgrounds to rehearse from 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, in Danville. For information, call Margaret at 837-6371.

Hats Off America Volunteer Opportunities Hats Off America is looking for volunteers for 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.

Help Your Senior Neighbors A lot of Danville seniors need rides to their appointments, stores or to special events. The Seniors' Club at Veterans Memorial Hall is looking for volunteers to provide rides on an "as-needed basis" on one or more Mondays a month. Call Jenn Overmoe at 314-3476 for more information.

Hospice of the East Bay Hospice of the East Bay (formerly Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa) is seeking volunteers to assist hospice patients and their caregivers. Opportunities include: volunteers who are fluent in Spanish; Patient Support Volunteers; Licensed Hair Stylists to offer hair cuts and styling; Certified Massage Therapists; Handymen to help with minor repairs and maintenance; Mobile notaries; and Bereavement Support Volunteers to provide support to family members

after their loved one has died. To apply for free training, call 887-5678 and ask for the volunteer department, or e-mail volunteers@hospiceeastbay.org.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and others about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. No experience needed. Call 627-2444 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Make a Difference Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living (RCJL) in Danville provides assisted living, Alzheimer's and skilled nursing care in a community our residents call home. Volunteers play a key role at RCJL and opportunities are available for students and adults. For information, call Volunteer Coordinator Irma at 964-2098.

Mt. Diablo State Park Mt. Diablo State Park offers many interesting ways to volunteer by helping with trail maintenance, serving as a docent at one of the Visitors Centers, helping with the new native plants garden or working on the trash removal program. Training provided for all areas. Call 837-6129 or visit www.parks.ca.gov.

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

San Damiano Retreat Opportunities abound for people of all ages and abilities at San Damiano. Sit and socialize while helping with mailings, enjoy solitude and meditation while cultivating the flower, vegetable and fruit gardens or lend your support to the front desk and gift shop. Call 837-9141, ext. 307 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Search and Rescue The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team needs volunteer members to respond to missing person incidents, disasters and other critical incidents. Team members are on call 24/7 year round. The program provides required training including wilderness traveling, first aid, map and compass, tracking disaster response and search skills, and may additionally include special training for canine, equestrian, technical, mountain bike or other rescue skills. For information and applications, visit www.contracostasar.org or call 646-4461.

Sheriff Seeks Senior Volunteers The Sheriff's Valley Station Office in Alamo is seeking people interested in assisting law enforcement in the community. Citizens should have a clean criminal history and would be responsible for one shift a week for four-and-a-half hours. Interested applicants should call James Hogan or Elmer Glasser at 837-2902.

Trails Maintenance East Bay Trail Dogs is an all-volunteer group that has built, repaired and helped maintain single-track trails in the East Bay Regional Park District, the Mt. Diablo State Park, and Walnut Creek open space. Volunteers meet the fourth Saturday and one weekday each month. To participate, call Harry at 443-3925.

Valley Children's Museum Needs Volunteers If you are interested in working with kids, Valley Children's Museum is looking for you! For information about volunteer opportunities, call 461-6574, 3 # or e-mail Linda@valleychildrensmuseum.org.

Volunteer Interpreters The California Medical Association seeks community volunteer interpreters for Contra Costa County to assist physicians when other interpretation resources are not an option. If you possess a proficiency in any foreign language and experience interpreting in a health care setting, you are encouraged to apply. Contact CMA at (866) 241-4262, or e-mail communityvip@cmanet.org.

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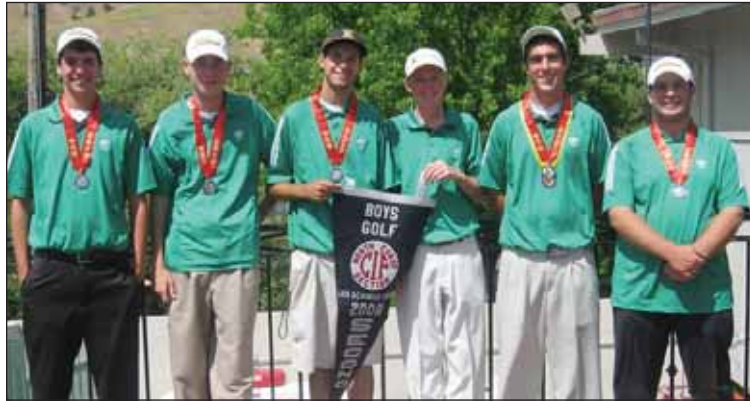
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SAN RAMON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



San Ramon men's golfers (l-r) Christian Ulmer, Griffin Gering, Mike Perchak, Cole Pickavance, Alex Calleja and Harrison Quinlan celebrate taking second in the NCS Tournament of Champions, which allowed them to compete at NorCals.

by Kaity Ferretti

Men's Lacrosse

San Ramon men's lacrosse team played Miramonte High School in the North Coast Section tournament Thursday night last week. The Wolves defeated the Matadors 10-4. San Ramon then moved on to play De La Salle for the NCS Championship on Saturday at Dublin High School,

where they beat DLS and took first in NCS, making them the NCS Champions.

Men's Golf

San Ramon men's golfers took second in the NCS Tournament of Champions last week on Monday at Franklin Canyon Golf Course. The team shot an overall score of 387. Alex Calleja shot a 1-over-73 and finished as the fourth-low individual. Mike Perchak shot a

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77, Cole Pickavance shot a 78, and Christian Ulmer shot a 79. Griffin Gering followed with an 80 while Harrison Quinlan shot an 83. The Wolves were then able to compete for the first time since 2003 in the Northern California Championships at the Richmond Country Club held Monday, where they placed sixth.



Cru's Crushers become champs in Nevada

The Danville Cru's Crushers showed Nevada a little bit about California baseball, winning the U10 Boys USSSA Sanctioned Carson City Monster Baseball Tournament over the weekend. Crushers not only battled the long drive, late night arcades, 100 degree temps and windstorms but also won on the field against the Reno Muck Dawgs, Carson City Silver Bullets and the Redding Vipers. Down one run in the bottom of the last inning, the Crushers reached the championship on a bases loaded, 2 out, 2 strike walk off double to center field by Kevin Velo.

The Championship game was just as exciting as Jason Schwartz crossed home plate scoring the winning run on a scorching line drive walk off a single by Dawson Vasconi in the bottom of the last inning. Conner Bruce, Davis Bender, Kevn Velo, Jason Schwartz, Will Dennis, Blake Klein, Dante Peretti and Tyler Larson pitched while Conner Binning, Dominic Pericin and Conner Kennedy came up with clutch fielding plays.

Celebrating are (back row, l-r) Conner Binning, Conner Bruce, Dante Peretti, Davis Bender, Kevin Velo, Dominic Pericin; (front) Will Dennis, Tyler Larson, Dawson Vasconi, Conner Kennedy, Jason Schwartz and Blake Klein with coach Matt Crudale.

MONTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS WRAPUP

by MV Leadership

Baseball

The Monte Vista baseball team has had a successful season this year with an overall record of 17-7-0. In the first game, Monte Vista defeated Liberty High School 8-2 with just three hits. On Friday, May 9, the Mustangs showed their power with a major defeat against Amador, winning the game 6-0. The Mustangs have been playing well this season and have found themselves in third in the NCS standings. On Thursday, May 15, the Mustangs faced the San Ramon Wolves for their last game of the season. After a tense game in the scorching heat, the Mustangs came away with a loss. The score was 4-8, San Ramon. The Mustangs finish league with a 7-5-0 record.

Track and Field

The Mustangs varsity track teams defeated the San Ramon Valley Wolves on May 1. The girls team hadn't beaten the Wolves in 11 years, and the boys beat San Ramon for the time since what may have been 1993. The curse has been broken! The girls prevailed 77-59 to finish first in league with 6 wins and 0 losses. The boys won 82-54 to finish second in league with 5 wins, and 1 loss to Granada. This left both teams in a good position to battle for the EBAL Championship Titles that were held May 8-10. The track and field team went to the East Bay Athletic League trials last week at Foothill High School, and

both boys and the girls teams came in second. Dustin Harris had a great performance in the 800 meter race and broke the meet record. Abby Van Mujien won the triple jump and shot put along with finishing second in the long jump; she was named the Female Field Athlete of the meet. Many other mustangs qualified for the NCS Championships, which were held May 17.

Softball

The Mustangs softball team faced San Ramon for its last game of the season May 15. After an exciting game, the Mustangs lost to the Wolves, 4-9. Though their league record stands at 3-9-1, the softball team has finished the season with numerous exciting wins, including a 6-0 defeat over Granada High School.

Men's Lacrosse

The Monte Vista men's lacrosse team just finished an exciting and entertaining season. The Mustang squad started off with a powerful defeat (10-1) over Granada High School. At their next game, the Mustangs defeated California High 9-1. The team continued with victories against Foothill High and Livermore. The lacrosse team faced San Ramon Valley for its last league game. After a fast-paced and thrilling match, the Mustangs lost 4-17. The team ended its league season with a record of 8-4-0 and since the season's conclusion, the team has defeated University Prep from San Francisco and lost 2-7 to Novato High School.

Women's Lacrosse

The Monte Vista women's lacrosse team has just finished an exhilarating season, with six wins and five losses. The squad began the season with a defeat against California High School after a loss to Granada. The team continued the season strong with two victories over Foothill High School. The end of the season was especially exciting with two wins over San Ramon Valley High School and Foothill High. Since the season has ended, the women's lacrosse team has continued to be victorious with defeats against Carondelet High School and Miramonte High School.

Swimming

League Championship meet took place May 9-10, and Monte Vista was outstanding. Varsity girls tied for first with Foothill, and varsity boys came in second place. Both boys and girls had records of 5-1 this season. Selected swimmers qualified to swim at NCS against all the top swimmers from the North Coast Section on May 23-24. A large number of key swimmers graduated from Monte Vista last year but freshmen swimmers Patrick Scott, Andrew Yee, Callie Klein and Lauren Damien have helped ensure Monte Vista's continued dominance. Strong sophomores Spencer Peugh, Kelly Mendoza, Karley Troup and Sydney Saunders joined juniors and seniors Paige Bradley, Ocean Trail, Mike Millstein, Brian Carpentier, Stacie Wong and Shannon Purcell in forming the backbone of the team.



Monte Vista sophomore Taylor Prentice completes a double play against San Ramon Valley last Friday. The Wolves won, 8-4. See more photos at www.DanvilleWeekly.com.

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