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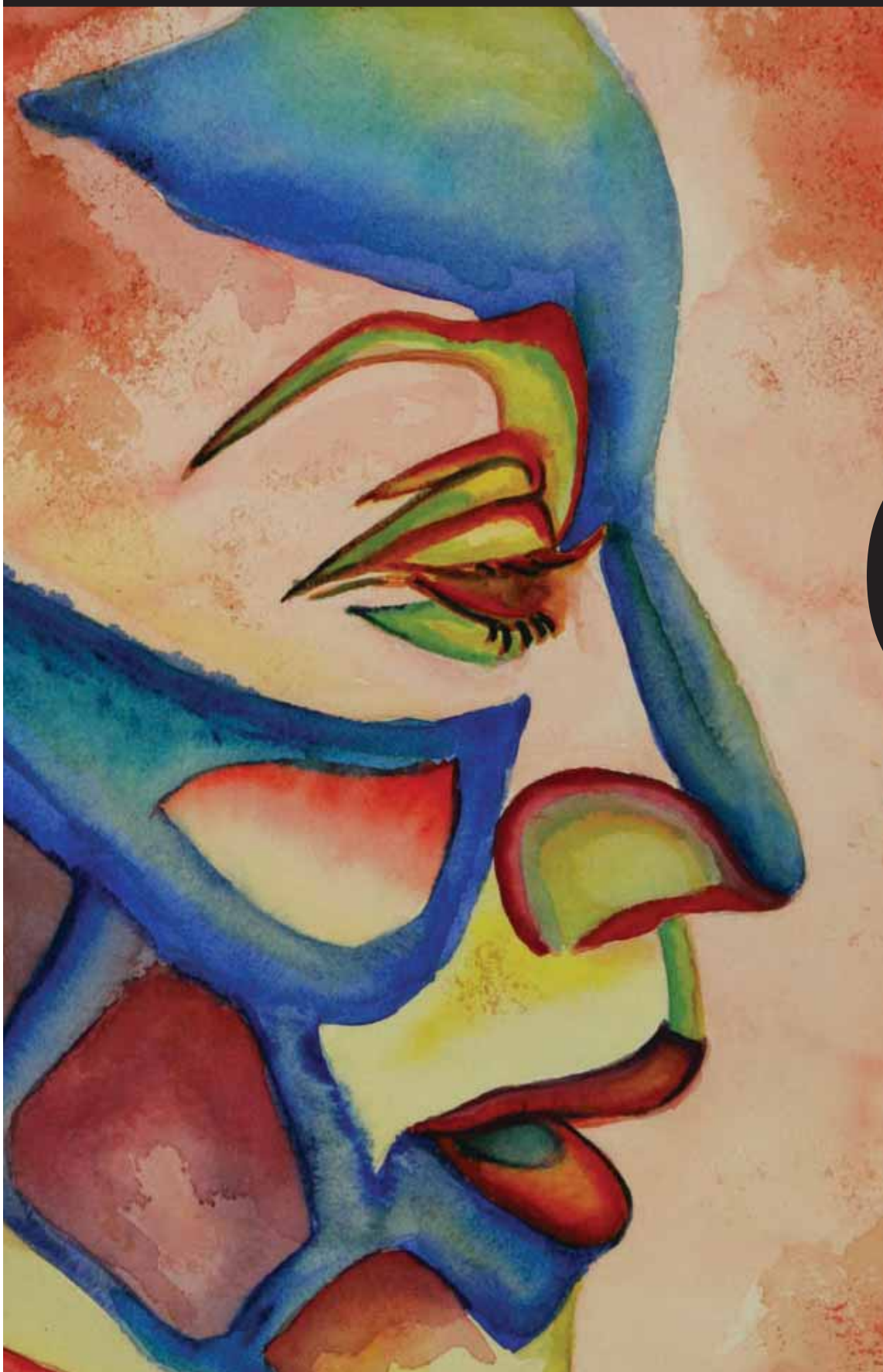
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Q: How will the high price of gas influence you this summer?



I just drove here from Alabama and it cost me almost a thousand dollars in gas so I'll definitely have to start riding my bike more and carpooling to try and save gas money. And I'll have to spend less money on clothes!

Meagan Gibson
student



The high gas prices have already influenced me a lot. I can't take any trips that I was going to take, and my family isn't coming to see me either! My mom drives a diesel truck so she can't afford to come down here. I just had to buy a hybrid because I commute to work. Gas price is severely limiting what I can do and is having an effect on my work because I can't afford to come in and help out on my days off anymore.

Dawn Leverett
manager, Yellow Wood



This summer? It already has. I'm on my way to Shasta right now for work and the cost of gas to get there is going to kill me! It's severely limiting my ability to do my job. This summer, I was going to go to Austin, Texas, to visit my brother but I'm definitely going to have to rethink that!

Keith Copas
International Man of Intrigue alpha music



It will make my family and I think more about cost before jumping in the car to go on road trips. I'm going to have to do a lot more carpooling and BART rides. I'm supposed to go to Seattle and Lake Tahoe this summer, but we'll have to really think about that. We were supposed to go to L.A., too, but we'll probably take the train.

Janet Gibson
loving mother/housewife



It will discourage me from taking any road trips like I would have liked. I would have liked to go to Santa Barbara but instead I'll just stay here and try to find exciting things to do close to home, which could be a challenge.

Claire McCarty
student

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Watercolor and charcoal artwork by Toni Carpenter, one of 86 artists on the Open Studios tour next weekend sponsored by the Alamo Danville Artists' Society, the Town of Danville and the San Ramon Arts Foundation. Cover design by Manuel Valenzuela.

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Meet with Danville mayor next Friday morning

Danville Mayor Candace Andersen will be hosting her monthly Morning with the Mayor on Friday, June 6. This is an informal opportunity for residents to share their thoughts about town issues, ask questions, and receive a brief update about what is happening in Danville.

The free event is held from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Father Nature's Restaurant, 172 E. Prospect Ave.

Fundraising brunch in Alamo on Sunday

The Alamo Community Foundation's next event will be a Gourmet Family Brunch from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, June 8, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. in Alamo. Space can be reserved on the ACF Web site at www.alamocommunity.org, and last minute attendees can buy tickets at the door. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

The Alamo Community Foundation had raised \$107,000 as of May 23 toward funding Alamo incorporation studies by the Local Agency Formation Commission. A wine tasting garden party gala event May 3 raised \$8,000; a later Alamo neighborhood event raised \$6,200; the community-wide mailing raised \$4,000; and \$5,000 more came in from two private donations.

Pets invited to bring owners to Hay Days

Four-legged furry friends and other pets are invited to be part of the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley's July 3 Hay Days 50th Anniversary Celebration in Danville. The Kids & Pet Costume Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. with pets and their youthful companions competing for prizes in categories such as cutest, funniest and most original costumes.

An Old-fashioned Bathing Suit Show starts the same evening at 6 p.m. on a stage that will be located near the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Young and old, men, women and children are welcome to participate in their vintage swimsuits. All participants are also invited to ride in the 4th of July parade on the Discover Danville Float.

San Ramon Valley Kiwanis club is accepting entries for these two events as well as the parade, which begins at 9 a.m. this year. Register at www.Kiwanis-SRV.org.

"The Hay Days 50th Anniversary Celebration ... may end up being one of the biggest events the Town of Danville has ever seen," says Kiwanis Community Services Chairman Eric Leffler.

Opening on San Ramon Valley Planning Commission

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants for the District 3 Representative seat for the San Ramon Valley Planning Commission. Duties include reviewing project proposals; appeals of decisions of the Zoning Administrator; and taking testimony on proposed public works projects to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and relevant departments.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ This isn't what
my dog wants. ”

—Woman angry about suggestion to replace
grass at dog park with decomposed granite.
See story, page 5.

Potential applicants should visit the county's Web site for application procedures or call the County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 335-1900 for an application. Applications should be returned by 5 p.m., June 3.

International conference to focus on playwright

A five-day conference on Eugene O'Neill opening June 11 will include presentations of academic papers, panel discussions, performances, an awards dinner and tours.

More than 100 people with a devotion to the famed playwright and his award-winning works are registered for the event, "O'Neill's Global Legacy." Conferees, many representing educational institutions, are coming from across the United States and from Canada, Tunisia, Belgium, France, China, Russia and India.

The conference is sponsored by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service, which maintains O'Neill's Tao House estate in Danville as a National Historic Site, and the Eugene O'Neill Society.

A program of sea chantees that O'Neill was fond of will be performed at Tao House on June 12. At an awards dinner that night, three individuals will be honored for their contributions to the American theater, academia and literature.

A.C. Carollo will direct "O'Neill: The Genius in His Soul," a program of poetry by O'Neill intertwined with 11 songs from his plays on June 13. A dramatic interpretation of "Tomorrow," O'Neill's only published short story, in 1917, will be presented June 14 in the Old Barn at Tao House by the Word for Word Performing Arts Company of San Francisco.

Fine Arts Faire in June

Art and food lovers—or anyone who wants to enjoy downtown Danville in the nice weather: Mark your calendars for June 21-22 for the 17th annual Danville Fine Arts Faire, hosting more than 200 artists.

Culinary arts are also part of the fair, and Draeger's visual director, executive chef and instructors will give demonstrations both Saturday and Sunday to introduce people to the fun of cooking.

Sidewalk chalk artists will be creating right before everyone's eyes in the Italian tradition, knowing that their paintings will be completed and then will disappear when the party is over.

A shuttle will run from the Sycamore Valley Road Park and Ride to the event, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

Corrections The story "Veterans cheer over county transfer of Vet Hall to Danville" in the issue of May 23 should have said the county's Board of Supervisors must vote to approve the letter of intent on June 3 before the project can move forward.

The Weekly desires to correct all significant errors. To request a correction, call the editor at (925) 837-8300 or e-mail: editor@DanvilleWeekly.com

Dog owners object to removing grass at Canine Corral

Town staff suggests decomposed granite to replace high maintenance lawns at dog park

by Meghan Neal

A proposal to replace the grass at Hap Magee Ranch's dog park drove a host of worried dog owners to the Joint Planning and Operations Committee meeting last Thursday.

Roughly 20 residents spoke their piece at the meeting, fervently explaining that getting rid of the grass would ruin their beloved dog park.

The committee, made up of representatives from Danville and Alamo to oversee operations at Hap Magee Ranch Park, held the meeting because it's been difficult to maintain the grassy area at the Canine Corral.

"The conclusion we're starting to draw is we're doing the best we can, but almost no matter what we do come August it's going to be worn out," said committee chairman Kevin Donovan.

The dog park is closed from Dec. 1 to March 1, during which time the town has tried both reseeding

and replacing the lawn. But either way by late summer/early fall the grass completely goes away.

"The question we've always had is: Is there a better way of doing it?" said Donovan.

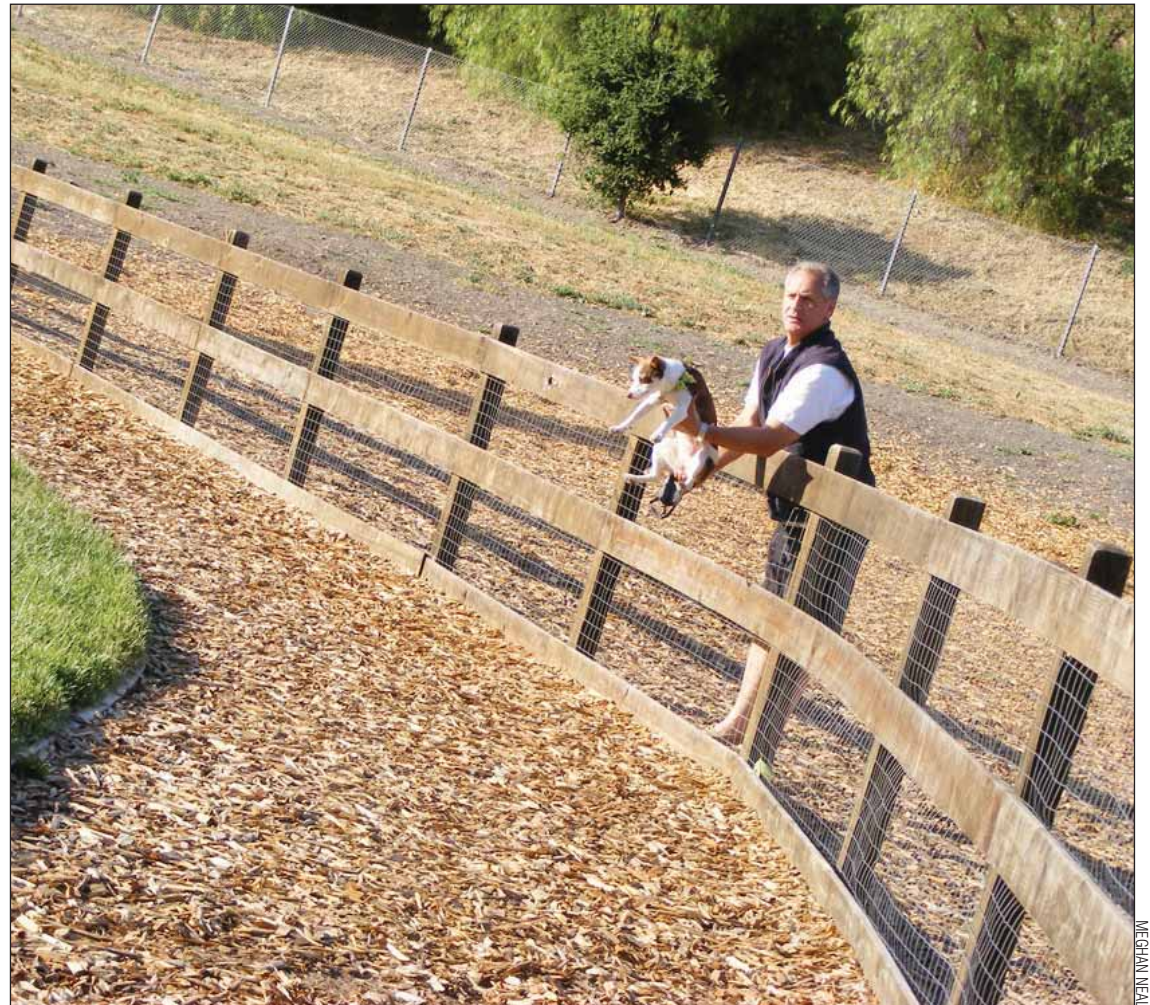
Danville town staff suggested using decomposed granite, but residents said it's dusty, dirty, smells bad, gets stuck in dogs' paws and hurts the dogs' feet to walk on.

"I won't come here," said one fuming woman. "This isn't what my dog wants."

Unfortunately the deterioration of the grass is only expected to worsen given the water rationing that was recently mandated due to drought conditions.

The park uses irrigated water and is therefore required by East Bay Municipal Utility District to cut back use by 30 percent, explained Jed Johnson, maintenance services manager for the Town of Danville. This means the lawn can't be watered two days in a row or more

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A dog owner lifts his pet over the fence into the small dog section of the Canine Corral. Earlier, residents met at Hap Magee to protest the town's suggestion to replace the park's grass with concrete or other forms of turf.

Town sees concept plan for Iron Horse Trail bridge

Cost and visual impact are huge concerns

by Meghan Neal

A plan exploring the feasibility of building a bridge for the Iron Horse Trail to cross over Sycamore Valley Road was presented to the Danville Town Council at last Tuesday's meeting.

For over a decade the town has received suggestions from the pub-

lic that an overcrossing be put in at the intersection, Transportation Director Tai Williams said. The hope is it would improve traffic flow for people on the trail as well as cars on the street.

Danville, San Ramon, Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority were awarded a \$100,000 federal grant to explore the idea. The group hired a consultant to draft a concept plan outlining the potential project, which includes overcross-

ings at Crow Canyon and Bollinger Canyon roads in San Ramon.

"It really seeks to answer the question that has been asked for a very long time, which is (a) is it feasible to have a pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing across San Ramon Valley Boulevard and (b) if there were to be one, what would one look like," said Williams.

Iron Horse Trail users in Danville have been frustrated with the long wait during red lights at the intersection, she said. The wait causes

some people to simply turn around at the street; others will jaywalk across it, which poses a safety risk.

"People start to think, 'Wow, rather than waiting at this long light ... maybe an overcrossing is the best thing,'" she said.

The plan predicts an overcrossing would reduce congestion at the thoroughfare, which tends to be crowded with traffic exiting the freeway, Camino Ramon and the Danville Park and Ride. The plan

also cites other benefits, too: It would promote health, recreation and nature appreciation, and provide greater alternatives to driving.

"But, there are a number of concerns that need to be addressed in the future—not the least of which is cost and visual impact," Williams said. "Overcrossings are unfortunately very expensive."

The estimated cost of a bridge at Sycamore Valley Road is roughly

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Quake, rattle and get prepared

The Quake Cottage simulates an 8.0 temblor while Danville Emergency Services Manager Greg Gilbert (left) and Mark Van Buskirk of ETC Essrig Taylor Construction hold on to grips to stay in their seats. The simulator was at San Ramon Regional Medical Center last Thursday while it hosted a meeting of East Bay hospitals' disaster committees to discuss earthquake preparedness, and many of those at the meeting gave the cottage a try.

San Ramon Regional has hired ETC Essrig Taylor to reinforce its wiring and pipes in the ceilings as part of its required seismic improvements; ETC owns the Quake Cottage, which it brings to sites for people to experience the seriousness of a major earthquake and to encourage them to secure their furniture with seismic straps.

Gilbert said the cottage will be at the San Ramon Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on Sept. 13. To see a video, go to www.DanvilleWeekly.com.

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Two dogs play by the water feature in the grassy section of the large dog park. The park reopened March 1 after being reseeded during the winter months.

Dog Park

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than three times per week.

Most residents said they understand the problem, but none of them warmed to the idea of replacing the grass.

"What makes this park special, obviously, is having the grass area," one man said. "I think it'd be a shame ... to now kind of go backwards and make it the same as other places."

Another resident and Danville business owner presented the committee with a petition of 200 signatures from people hoping to keep the grass. She suggested that town staff research different varieties of grass that perhaps need less water or care.

But Johnson said the town has already done this, and none has worked.

"We're in our fifth attempt at a different type of grass," he said. "Unfortunately, as you can see ... it's not doing well."

One woman brought samples of astro turf to the meeting and distributed them to the attendees. The astro turf received mixed reactions.

"There's nothing like having the dogs play in natural grass," said an Alamo resident.

Many people offered to do something to help save the grass. They offered to donate money and some said they'd be willing to pay a maintenance fee. The possibility of

setting up a nonprofit organization to raise funds was even suggested.

Reseeding the grass costs from \$7,000 to \$10,000, said Johnson. Replacing the grass is quicker, but more expensive, costing roughly \$18,000.

Donovan said the problem isn't that the town doesn't have the money to maintain the grass, though. Rather, they're concerned about the water shortage and worried that residents are unhappy the park must close for three months out of the year.

But the residents who spoke at the meeting said they didn't mind the park closing for maintenance if it meant having a beautiful and special space for the other nine months.

One by one, residents praised the Canine Corral as more than a place to walk your dog, but a community treasure. People socialize with each other while their dogs run around and play, they said. They make friends.

"One thing's certainly overwhelming and that's the sense of community that I've heard from all of you," said committee member Bill Lombardi after each resident had had a chance to speak.

After the meeting Donovan said the general sentiment of the public seemed to be that even a worn down grass field would be better than some of the alternatives.

He said the committee would take some time to explore alternative solutions and likely hold another public forum in six months. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Pandas love the Weekly

Sean Harrigan took his Danville Weekly with him on a business trip to Chengdu, China, to share with the residents at the Giant Panda Zoo.



Turning a house into a home

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Danville Stake arrived early May 10 at a rundown house in Pleasant Hill, laden with ladders, Sanders, scrapers, paint, rollers and brushes, hammers, screw drivers and garden tools. Their mission? To transform the house into a welcoming home—including a lively mural on the garage—for some boys and girls in Contra Costa County. The nonprofit Youth Homes group provides residential treatment programs for abused and neglected children and adolescents, a safe and supportive environment around the clock. This now fresh-as-a-daisy house will be the sixth in the county when it opens soon. Furniture came from the church's warehouse in Sacramento.

Trail

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\$8 million. Funding would come from grants at the regional, state and federal levels, with some local contribution as well.

"I think it's fabulous—it's something I would love to do but it's very, very expensive," said Mayor Candace Andersen.

She said she's not sure if Danville would qualify for the grants available and isn't in a position to say the town could pay for it yet. However, from a safety standpoint it could be a great benefit to the town, she said.

As far as aesthetics, town council members said they wanted to make sure the project would fit in with

the character of the community and wouldn't take away from Danville's scenic beauty.

According to the plan the 17-foot-high and 950-foot-long bridge would be made of reddish-brown steel with wood or concrete decking. The columns supporting it would be designed to look similar to the columns at the main span over the roadway.

The plan references the trail overcrossing at Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek as a case study. Roughly 1 million people use the Walnut Creek bridge each year, it states. Though the Sycamore Valley Road bridge wouldn't necessarily look the same, experts expect it would have similar benefits of increasing accessibility and safety.

The project is in the preliminary stage at the moment, emphasized Williams, though steps are being taken to move it forward.

Next, input from the Danville and San Ramon councils will be folded into a final concept plan. The town will receive community input on the project late this summer or in the early fall, she said.

Additional funding will need to be secured to move forward, then environmental studies would be conducted and then final design drawings. The process is expected to take a number of years.

"We're going to continue through the process," Andersen said. "I hope we can do this someday but I don't see it really soon just because of the great cost involved." ■



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Danville pianists qualify for 'kids' competition

Danville residents Chase Lim, 13, and Victoria Chen, 14, qualified earlier this month to perform at "Kids Play the Darndest Things," a competition being presented tomorrow night by Pro Art Symphony Orchestra for the sixth year.



Chase Lim

Lim, who won first place in the novelty category, will perform a contemporary piece, "Toccata" by Emma Lou Diemer.

"This unique piece requires that he play inside the piano, which includes patting, strumming and other types of hand manipulations of the strings, in addition to the standard use of the keyboard," said Pro Art Musical Director James Arthur Gardner.

Chen won second place in the romantic era category.

Pro Art's "prodigy concert" features an irresistible line-up of young international, national and regional competition winners, all selected through a rigorous audition process.

"Kids" is the brainchild of Gardner and is sponsored, in part, by the Dr. Benjamin Spock Foundation. The final competition will begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 31, at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Tickets (adults, \$15; youths, \$10) may be purchased at the door.

Former winners have gone on to play on the Late Night Show with David Letterman and at New York's Carnegie Hall. Audience members will also be treated to interviews of the young musicians and are likely to find they are well-balanced, normal kids. At the concert's conclusion, the audience will vote for its favorite performers.

All participants will receive engraved plaques, with cash awards for the winners. ■

Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Disaster diaries



My upper arms were so sore last Friday and I couldn't figure out why. Then it dawned on me; the day before I'd been clutching two handles for dear life when I was seated in the Quake Cottage while it simulated an 8.0 earthquake.

The cottage was in the parking lot of San Ramon Regional Medical Center, which was hosting a meeting of disaster planners from hospitals throughout the East Bay. I thought I'd try out the simulator before the crowds arrived so one of the hospital's engineers and I gamely climbed in and put our hands on the grips. Ready? Sure. Whoa! The little room shook and shook. Big time. My hair flopped

around, and I clasped the grips tightly to stay on the seat. Opposite the three chairs were a tall filing cabinet, a short filing cabinet with a fax machine, and a bookcase, all properly stabilized to demonstrate the importance of being prepared. I kept my eyes on them just in case they shook loose. I thought about the victims of the recent earthquake in China, which measured 7.8 on the Richter scale. And I thought about my own home and what this kind of jolting would do to it.

The shaking seemed to go on well over a minute but when it finally settled down to a wobble, I was informed it only had been a 35-second experience. I'm a native of the Bay Area so have felt small

jolts and shakes all my life but was out of the country when Loma Prieta hit. The earthquake cottage shook me up in more ways than one. I'll like to sit out the big one.

What's with all the earthquakes and cyclones and tornadoes lately? Then a hot spell, next a cold spell. And now water rationing. We received our notification from EBMUD and have been diligently cutting back 19 percent on water usage. Our grass is on death's door, and I've been washing our dinner dishes in a cup of water and taking those minimalist sailor showers—water on for a few seconds to get wet, off while applying soap and shampoo, then on again briefly to rinse off. But I am not ready to stop running our backyard fountain for at least a few hours each weekend; it's a wonderful stress reliever—often at work I'll stop and think about its tinkling water and the birds dashing in for a quick bath. The water is circulated by a pump, although we lose some to splashing and evaporation, not to mention thirsty deer, raccoons and squirrels—and neighborhood cats.

I first learned about sailor showers when we lived in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and the wadi that supplied the city's water was damaged in a storm. Our water was delivered by a tank pulled by a donkey, which would stop at our house a couple of times a week for the water to be pumped up into another tank on our roof. No water from the wadi meant no water delivery so when our tank ran dry, we were out of luck; it was easy to visualize the water in that tank getting lower each time we turned the spigot.

I was surprised to read how much water is wasted if a faucet drips. If it drips once a second, it wastes more than 8 gallons a day; 10 drops a minute means a gallon a day. We checked our water meter to make sure it wasn't moving to know for sure we don't have any leaks. The meter was still but a shiny black spider down the hole next to it was rather alarming.

Anyway, back to the Quake Cottage. I watched as several groups of people went through the simulation. They mostly laughed in surprise as they were tossed around, heads and legs flopping. You can see a video I shot at www.DanvilleWeekly.com. Danville Emergency Services Manager Greg Gilbert went through the simulation with another man but neither of them seemed to be tossed at all—they must have really been gripping hard, I surmised. So I e-mailed Greg the next day, confessed about my aching arms and asked if he was sore. Nope. Must be great to be in good shape. He's ready for the big one.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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POLICE BULLETIN

Local firefighters help out in Santa Cruz blaze

Thirteen firefighters from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District went to Santa Cruz early Friday morning last week to help fight the mountain blaze that began May 22.

The firefighters, three engines and Division Group Supervisor Dan McNamara left around 1 a.m. after a request came in from the state for backup help. Twenty-five total firefighters from Contra Costa County were sent.

The crews are working in 24-hour shifts to fight what's left of the Summit Fire, McNamara said late Tuesday morning. The blaze was more than 80 percent contained at that time and was expected to be completely contained by the end of the day.

"It's stopped progressing. Now it's just a matter of cleaning it up and making sure it doesn't start burning again," he said. Residents were being let back onto their property and roads were reopening.

The blaze followed two exceptionally dry months in Northern California that spurred drought conditions in the region. The fire had covered 4,270 acres and destroyed nearly 40 homes since it began.

Weather patterns have had a huge effect on the progress, McNamara said. Foggy nights help keep

the fire in check, but once the fog lifts and the sun starts shining the flames can increase.

"It's kind of a hit and miss," he said.

Nearly all the major counties in the state have sent firefighters to Santa Cruz. Once a local area can no longer manage the incident on its own, it can request outside resources, said Richard Price, operations chief for the San Ramon Valley district.

The request goes through the state.

"There's a coordinating group that looks at all the fires in the state at that time and sort of deals with the resources," Price said.

The requests are not mandatory, but the unwritten rule is: I help you out, you help me out.

"We provide resources to others when they need it," Price said. "And when we need the help, we're looking for the reciprocation of that."

When the district received the request from the state last week, on-duty firefighters were sent to Santa Cruz and off-duty firefighters came in to replace them.

Officials expected the fire to be completely controlled by today. McNamara said Tuesday he and the other 12 firefighters from San Ramon Valley will most likely return then.

—Meghan Neal

OBITUARIES

Roland John Cerny

Danville resident Roland John Cerny died April 24 at Kaiser Medical Center in Walnut Creek at the age of 88.

He was born Jan. 2, 1920, in Missouri and moved to California by covered wagon at the age of 6. He was a resident of Contra Costa County for the last 34 years, living in Danville. He worked for the Federal Aviation agency for 33 years. His favorite passion in life was flying, which he did from the age of 16 to 86, fully instrument rated. He was a licensed commercial sea captain and loved fishing on his yacht and fishing at his fish camp in Alaska with his great-grandchildren. He greatly enjoyed golfing and belonged to the Old Crows Golf Club, The New England Village Hackers Golf Club, and The Las Positas Senior Golfing Couples. He was looking forward to his golfing trips this year to Sedona, Ariz., and Hawaii.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike (Joan) Cerny of Sunol and Ronald (Darlene) Cerny of Brentwood; six grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and by his special golfing partner for the last three years, Carmen Epperson of Castro Valley. A remembrance and celebration of his life were held May 3 at Bosco's Bones & Brew in Sunol.

Mary Dorothy Lonsdale

Mary Dorothy Lonsdale, a resident of Alamo, died May 3 at the age of 88, after a brief illness, at the home of her daughter Ruth Nelson and son-in-law John Nelson.

She was born April 4, 1920, in Biddeford, Maine, where she graduated from Biddeford High School. She and her husband Joseph raised their family in Abington, Mass., where she was active at St. Bridget Church. She was also an avid bridge player. After her children were grown, she earned her license and worked with Trufant Realty. She continued her education at the local community college and at Harvard University, and wrote and published poetry.

She moved to the Rossmoor retirement community in Walnut Creek in 2000 to be close to her children and grandchildren. There she participated in bridge and other activities with her many friends.

She was predeceased by her husband Joseph Lonsdale, son Stephen Lonsdale and sister Eleanor Hawkes. She is survived by daughters Mary Roy and Ruth Nelson, and sons Joseph, Robert, David, Paul and Peter Lonsdale; her brother Stephen Ryan; and 19 grandchildren.

The funeral was held May 10 at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Danville.

Heinz J. Slawinski

Heinz J. Slawinski, an Alamo resident, died May 9 shortly after celebrating his 83rd birthday.

He was born May 7, 1925, in Germany and had been a Bay Area resident for many years. As a youngster he attended Peralta Grammar School and graduated from Oakland Technical High School. He enjoyed archery, bowling, dancing and had a love of music. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of Nature's Friends and the German Club. He was a lineman for Pacific Bell for more than 20 years.

He was predeceased by his son Carl in 2005. He is survived by his wife Tania, daughter Gretchen and son Richard.

A service was held May 12 at Wilson and Kratzer Mortuary in Danville. Donations may be made to a veteran's organization of your choice in appreciation of Heinz's service to his country.

Rolf G. Sommerhaug, M.D.

Rolf G. Sommerhaug, M.D., a resident of Alamo, died May 2 at the age of 69.

He was born Nov. 12, 1938, in Narvik, Norway, a town with a good downhill ski run. At 12 years of age, his family moved to Bodø where he met his future wife, Gunvor. While in Bodø, he pioneered construction of its first and only downhill ski run, and continued his boyhood passion for slalom skiing. During this time, he began an appreciation of jazz that persisted throughout his life.

In 1957, he moved to Seattle with his parents. He attended the University of Washington as an undergraduate and went on to the University of Wisconsin Medical School. He completed his general surgery training at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle and his thoracic-surgery residency at the University of Michigan. During medical school he developed a passion for sailing.

In 1961 he married his sweetheart Gunvor. He served with the U.S. Air Force Reserves from 1964-1971. In 1971, the family moved to the Bay Area. In 1974, he and his colleagues started the cardiovascular program at Mount Diablo Hospital, where the first elective coronary bypass surgery was performed later that year. He also authored multiple papers on coronary bypass surgery, and was a guest lecturer throughout the United States and abroad.

He is survived by his wife Gunvor; his sister Tulle; his sons Eiler, David and Nils; his daughter-in-law Kimberly; and his two grandchildren. A private memorial service was to be held at the family home. Remembrances can be made to the American Heart Association, Hospice of the East Bay or Art For Life Foundation.

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, May 18

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Blackhawk and Laurelwood at 12:10 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Vista Grande at 1:48 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Willowmere Rd. at 3:17 a.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Danville Blvd. at 5:47 p.m.
- Fireworks disturbance on Alamosos Dr. and Diablo Rd. at 10:28 p.m.

Monday, May 19

- Vandalism on Leonard Ct. at 6:14 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Pinnacle Ridge Ct. at 7:49 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on 600 block of Hartz Ave. at 8:50 a.m.
- Grand theft on Sorrento Ct. at 11:12 a.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, in custody, on Railroad Ave. at 12:34 p.m.
- Petty theft, all other, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Town and Country Dr. at 2:22 p.m.
- Misdemeanor battery on Via Hermosa at 2:59 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 3:59 p.m.
- Battery on Crow Canyon Rd. at 4:20 p.m. and 4:26 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Cerro Blvd. at 6:53 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20

- Trespassing on Sunshine Cir. at 1:54 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and Matadera Way at 9:20 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sonora

Ave. at 12:19 p.m.

- Auto burglary on Danville Blvd. at 8:21 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Danville Blvd. at 8:43 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

- Auto burglary on Barrons Pl. at 7:28 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on El Rincon Rd. and Via Hermosa at 8:05 a.m.
- Sale of marijuana on Danville Blvd. at 10:35 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Rancho Verde Cir. W. at 11:50 a.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, in custody, on Railroad Ave. at 1:46 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:47 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Town and Country Dr. at 3:28 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 4:58 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 5:23 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Dolphin Dr. at 9:04 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 11:47 p.m.

Thursday, May 22

- Petty theft on Westfield Cir. at 1:45 a.m.
- Vandalism on Gil Blas Rd. at 6:46 a.m.
- Vandalism on La Questa Dr. at 7:17 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Ramona Rd. at 8 a.m.
- Petty theft on La Questa Dr. at 8:40 a.m.
- Promiscuous shooting on Love Lane and Verona Ave. at 10:26 a.m.
- Drunk in public on Front St. at 12:53 p.m.
- Vandalism on Versailles Ct. at 4:19 p.m.

- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 5:14 p.m.
- Drunk in public on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:41 p.m.
- Suspicious subject stop, arrest, on Boone Ct. at 11:22 p.m.

Friday, May 23

- Residential burglary on Robyn Dr. at 6 a.m.
- Petty theft on St. Francis Dr. at 10:22 a.m.
- Drunk in public on Blackhawk Plaza Cir. and Tassajara Ranch at 9:15 p.m.
- Fight disturbance, arrest, on Alta Vista Way at 10:10 p.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop, arrest, on Harlan Dr. at 11:36 p.m.
- Verbal disturbance, arrest, on Century Way and Royal Palm Pl. at 11:56 p.m.

Saturday, May 24

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. at 1:28 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 1:54 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on El Cerro Blvd. and El Pintado Rd. at 4:13 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Fostoria Way at 3:11 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Allegheny Dr. and El Capitan Dr. at 5:23 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 7:31 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 9:53 p.m.
- Suspicious subject stop, arrest, on Camino Ramon and San Thomas Way at 11:48 p.m.

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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Every vote counts

We are told it is important for everyone to vote in every election but of course the reality is that the fewer people who vote, the more important each vote is. In this election especially, campaigners are targeting individual voters who agree with their issue, to get out the votes for one side or the other.

Tuesday's election, June 3, may not be of consequence on the national scene but it is vital locally. Candidates are running for Contra Costa County District 3 Supervisor, as well as in the primaries for the 15th Assembly District. In the supervisor race, a third write-in candidate could prevent the other two from winning a 50 percent majority, which would mean a runoff between the two in November. This may be important for some voters so they can have another five months to inform others about the frontrunners; of course that also means another slew of negative campaigning. Also, primary elections are being held by both parties for State Assembly District 15 to see who will run in November.

Individual votes are especially important in voting for or against Measure D, a parcel tax for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. The current parcel tax was approved four years ago, but that was only after a failed attempt in

November 2003. In that election, 29,335 voters—43.9 percent of those registered—went to the polls; 19,134 voted Yes for the Measure and 10,076 voted No. So the end results were 65.5 percent Yes and 34.5 percent No, on a measure that requires a two-thirds vote to pass, a heart-breaking loss for the Yes campaigners and a major victory for the No contingent.

On the state ballot, Propositions 98 and 99 are proposing changes in the laws about eminent domain. Surely voters will want to make their voices heard on this important issue, too.

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Danville Weekly recommendations

District 3 Supervisor: Mary Nejedly Piepho
Measure D: Yes

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Houston

Dear Editor:

Guy Houston is the best candidate for County Supervisor.

In stark contrast to Guy's proven performance over many years in elected office, is the first elected term of Mary Piepho. Simply put, her term in office has been characterized by relentless actions to silent opposition and related efforts to break the voter-approved Urban Limit Line keeping Tassajara Valley rural.

Piepho is championing the 200-home New Farm Tassajara Valley development, which would break the Urban Limit Line. If approved, thousands more homes will follow.

Piepho turned all the elected Municipal Advisory Councils in the County into ones appointed by her and the other Supervisors.

Piepho attempted to disband the San Ramon Valley Planning Commission. Opposition forced her to allow a minimal one-year renewal, which still allows her to kill it in fall 2008 before the commission can hold a public hearing on New Farm.

Mary asks for your vote to "finish the job she has started." Heaven help us if she is allowed to continue with the destruction! Let's not give her the chance. We are lucky to have a candidate of Guy Houston's experience and respect for the voters in the race.

Maryann Cella, Diablo

Piepho above the law

Dear Editor:

At election time candidates display their names and nothing else around the county promoting themselves. In Danville it is illegal to place such signs in the public places and rights of way. At least it is illegal for ordinary mortals or opponents of new taxes such as Measure D, which by no stretch of imagination has anything to do with improved education. It will remain so until we weave our way through the federal courts and have this invidious ordinance restricting our First Amendment rights rescinded.

In the meantime, movers and shakers like Mary Piepho pay no attention to the law. Her election signs can be found at the intersection of Sycamore Valley Road and the cross streets in the public right of way. A sign opposing Measure D would not last two hours.

Vlado Bevc, Danville

No on D

Dear Editor:

Measure D would "reduce class sizes," and "restore ... library programs..., elementary music..., and ... other essential programs."

Those were among the San Ramon Valley Unified School

District's false-alarm pretenses during the district's first parcel-tax campaign, in 1991. The measure failed—but SRVUSD finished that year with a \$3.6 million surplus anyway, and implemented the programs besides.

Since then, the district's salary-and-benefit spending has grown 231 percent, contrasting with compounded inflation and enrollment increases totaling only 137 percent. Meanwhile, SRVUSD did finally pass a \$90 parcel tax, in 2004—with arguments virtually identical to in 1991.

District administrators combined huge under-projections of student enrollments (and resultant state revenues) with more realistic spending projections—resulting in substantial but phony deficit predictions.

They claimed "no salary increases" were involved. But in fact, the 2004-05 retroactive raise which followed, atop scheduled annual increases, was just the first of four district raises since 2004's parcel-tax passage.

Their salary-increase percentages increases have doubled the Bay Area consumer price index inflation rate, just since 2004.

Meanwhile, SRVUSD's Measure D tax promoters have initiated yet another sky-is-falling campaign, now for a 84 percent increase in 2004's parcel tax, a year before it expires.

And they're back with the same old diversions: class sizes, libraries, music programs....

Maybe that's because their expensive tax-election consultant, the same one they hired in 1991, coauthored a 2004 book advising school administrators to "create cognitive dissonance" and to consider "the 'theater' associated with media contact" when pushing tax increases.

More information is available at www.NOonD.info.

Michael Arata, Danville

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- Total votes: 37

Primary Elections June 3, 2008

by Meghan Neal

Race for State Assembly District 15

Joan Buchanan, Democrat (Alamo resident)

Experience: She is vice president of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District School Board. She has served for 20 years on the school board, including four terms as president. She was president of the Alamo Elementary School PTA, vice president of the San Ramon Valley School Age Child Care Alliance, and had a career in operations with Delta Dental.

What she stands for: In addition to education Buchanan is an advocate for universal healthcare and is focused on the environment. She said traffic and affordable housing are also areas of concern for residents in the district. She believes in eliminating wasteful or redundant spending to help balance the budget.



Theodore Ford, Democrat (Walnut Creek resident)

Experience: He has worked for 35 years as an economist in the government and the public sector. He has never run for elected office but calls himself "an observer of the political current."

What he stands for: Ford's main focus is on the unbalanced fiscal structure, which he feels is an underlying problem that affects education and other issues. He got into the race to address issues that are important to him in a public forum, believing it's important for a citizen candidate to be able to campaign and win votes.



Scott Kamena, Republican (Livermore resident)

Experience: He earned his doctorate degree from UC Berkeley and now runs an optometry practice with his father, Dr. Marshall Kamena, who also serves as mayor of Livermore. He is the twice-elected Livermore Parks Director.

What he stands for: He would oppose all new taxes, strengthen border enforcement, improve education by promoting parental involvement and local control, eliminate frivolous lawsuits and increase the accessibility and affordability of healthcare.



Judy Lloyd, Republican (Danville resident)

Experience: She worked in President Reagan's administration; was an assistant to Bob Dole when he was the Senate Majority Leader; was special projects director for the Republican National Committee; co-chairwoman of Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign for governor; and a business owner.

What she stands for: Education reform, the budget, the economy and immigration are important issues to Lloyd. She is concerned that the Democrats in the State Legislature are averse to change, squandering taxpayer dollars and creating a budget deficiency.



Robert Rao, Republican (Livermore resident)

Experience: A businessman, Rao has owned three successful car dealerships in the Bay Area over the past 30 years. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce in three cities as well as several associations and clubs. He has been involved in helping elect Republicans to office and currently serves on the Alameda County Republican Central Committee.

What he stands for: He is fiscally conservative and believes in lower taxes and an end to wasteful spending. He would fight for private property rights, border enforcement and conservative Republican values. He opposes extravagant public pensions and benefits and would focus on transportation problems like traffic gridlock.



H. Abram Wilson, Republican (San Ramon resident)

Experience: Wilson is mayor of San Ramon. He has served on the San Ramon City Council since 1999. He became the city's first elected mayor in 2003 and was re-elected every two years. He serves on the board of the Iraq veteran's organization Sentinels of Freedom; he's on the foundation board of directors for Diablo Valley College; and he is a member of the San Ramon Arts Council. He has received numerous awards and honors for his contributions to the city.

What he stands for: Wilson wants to stop the state's wasteful spending and instate a spending cap. He is against raising taxes and universal healthcare. He believes in equalization of school funding and holding administrators accountable for allocating local funds responsibly.



Contra Costa County Supervisor District 3 Nonpartisan Position

Guy Houston (San Ramon resident)

Experience: Houston is in his fourth term as State Assemblyman for District 15. He was named "Legislator of the Year" by three associations. He served as mayor of Dublin from 1994 to 2001 and has been on a number of local boards and commissions.

What he stands for: He promises to put the interest of average citizens ahead of special interests, make public safety the top priority, support the urban limit line and demonstrate fiscal responsibility. He also seeks to reduce traffic congestion, improve the county's infrastructure and restrain runaway government spending.



Mary Nejedly Piepho (Discovery Bay resident)

Experience: She has served as District 3 supervisor for three years. Formerly, she worked as an aide to State Assemblywoman Lynne Leach. She was an elected member of the Byron Union School District, a director on the Discovery Bay Chamber of Commerce, and a member of both the Highway 4 Safety Task Force and the Vasco Road Safety Task Force.

What she stands for: Piepho believes finance is the most important issue facing the county right now. She would continue to work to protect the county's tax dollars, reduce traffic congestion, advocate for public safety and repair the county's retiree healthcare liability problem. She also believes in protecting open spaces and controlling sprawl.



Steve Thomas (Danville resident) write-in candidate

Experience: Thomas is an electrician and was previously a stock market official. He is an alternate on the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee and ran for U.S. Congress District 11 in the June 2006 primary.

What he stands for: A progressive Democrat, he believes the budget crisis can be pinned on Gov. Schwarzenegger's decision to get rid of Vehicle License Fees, which generate billions in revenue. He believes in promoting public transit, would bring the retiree healthcare problem to the bargaining table, and work to fix the water shortage and mortgage crisis.



Measure D would continue to fund school programs

by Meghan Neal

Education advocates and community leaders are rallying behind Measure D, a parcel tax that would generate extra funds for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Measure D would renew the Excellence in Education Act passed by voters in 2004 and set to expire in a year. It would also increase the current tax from \$90 to \$166 per year to account for inflation. It will be on the ballot June 3.

Supporters say that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's budget revision this month, which eases up on cuts to education, won't make it harder to get the two-thirds vote needed to pass the local tax.

"In a way we're talking apples and oranges here," said district spokesman Terry Koehne. "Regardless of what happens with the state budget we still need a local funding source in order to continue to fund these programs."

The Excellence in Education Act

funds specific programs like class size reduction, fifth-grade instrumental music, middle school and high school libraries and counselors, and other services.

The estimated \$8 million in revenue generated by the parcel tax would go toward continuing to fund these programs. An increased focus on math and science would also be added to the list to answer a growing need for the U.S. to compete in a global economy.

Measure D has garnered widespread political support; it's been endorsed by State Sen. Tom Torlakson (D., 7th), State Assemblyman Guy Houston (R., 15th), County Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, the Danville and San Ramon town councils and the school district board of trustees.

"I think that people believe that the school district is successful because people have been supporting it through these taxes," said Chris Kenber, co-chair of the Measure D campaign Citizens for Quality Schools.

Student test scores and the

Academic Performance Index in the district are among the highest in California. Ironically, the district receives the fourth lowest level of per-pupil funding statewide.

"So we have what I would regard as severely under-funded schools," Kenber said. To stay afloat the district relies on parent support, school bonds and local parcel taxes, which aren't subject to the ups and downs of the state budget, he said.

When Schwarzenegger first introduced the budget with a proposed \$4.8 billion in cuts to education, districts across the state began slashing programs and laying off teachers and staff. SRVUSD faced \$8 million in cuts.

"That's the irony of this," said Koehne. "You have to sort of make cuts based on what the 'experts' are projecting. So while the governor's May revisions are certainly better news than what the original proposal was in January, it's by no means a cure-all."

Danville resident Michael Arata leads the Measure D opposition group. The former teacher has

fought school parcel taxes for years, saying that with responsible budgeting the district can fund any genuine needs without raising taxes.

He claims the Measure D money would not go into the designated programs but into the district's general fund, where it would then be used to give teachers unmerited pay raises.

"What they do is play shell games with the funding, because the parcel tax monies go into the general fund," Arata said. "I'm against the deception for one thing—for starters."

Schools will even go as far as to purposely cut programs to give the appearance that they need extra funding, and then turn around and put it toward pay raises, he said, explaining that the school board is backed by the teachers' union and has its interests in mind rather than academic and fiscal interests.

Arata conceded that this message is a difficult one to get out to voters, but said "there are thousands of people who oppose the measure

and I believe if more of the 'Yes' votes paid attention to the issues, they too would vote No."

"If people perceive that, as they tighten their belts the district is fattening its belt again, then there's a chance of beating this measure," he said.

Supporters of the tax point out that even those without children in the school district stand to benefit from it, because quality schools do a lot to increase property values. Moreover, residents over 65 would be able to opt out of paying the fee.

"We know that this community supports education," said Koehne. "They understand how critical quality education is to this community in regards to home values and property values and regards to overall quality of life. It's just a matter of whether or not they will show up at the polls and show their support that way."

For more information in support of Measure D visit www.citizensforqualityschools.net; in opposition, visit noonD.info. ■

Open STUDIOS

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Do artists really wear berets, drink wine while they work, and keep frenzied hours? Find out by taking yourself on an Open Studios tour next weekend.

"This is a unique experience ... an opportunity to really connect with local artists," said Tracy Bauer, spokeswoman for the Alamo Danville Artists' Society.

The event begins with the Downtown Opening Gala on Friday evening at the Danville Community Center to preview the art, meet some of the 80-plus participating artists, and pick up a map of the studios. There will also be light fare from Bridges, Faz and Amber, and wine from Livermore Valley vineyards, as well as live music on the bandstand by Black Pearl Project.

"As you are munching away, you can browse the art," said Bauer. "It's a great opportunity for a quick nosh and a glass of wine before you kick off the weekend or the rest of the evening."

Town mayors and dignitaries will be in attendance, and educators were personally invited because sales commissions from the weekend go to the school district's art programs.

Then it's two days of Open Studios—a chance for folks to meander to venues of their own choosing throughout Alamo, Danville and San Ramon to visit artists in their workspaces, 25 locations in all.

"That's the beauty of the preview," said Bauer. "People can go and narrow down the focus and customize their tour for themselves."

It's the 14th year for the annual event, which was begun by ADAS and co-sponsored by the Town of Danville. This year the San Ramon Arts Foundation has signed on as a co-sponsor and done a lot of the organization, said Bauer, plus the event now has eight business sponsors, twice as many as last year. Also Open Studios' reputation precedes it and more artists have chosen to take part.

"Last year was such a big success that we had a lot of people saying, 'How did I miss out on that?'" Bauer said. "They were queued up."

Many of the studios are in people's homes but there are three public venues: the Danville Community Center next to the library on Front Street; the San Ramon Community Center on Alcosta and Bollinger Canyon Road; and the Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

"We are offering them as a convenience since some of the artists live off the map or work in spaces that can't welcome the public," said Bauer.

Even in the community centers, the artists will be doing demonstrations or otherwise helping visitors understand the process of creating their works of art.

"It isn't just a fair or festival," Bauer emphasizes. It's a chance to see artists at work and visit with them.

Bauer is sure people will enjoy seeing the studios on the second floor of the Pioneer Art Gallery on Hartz Avenue.

"It's so hilarious the things people have done with their unique spaces," she said. "Customized walls and floors—it's a creative space."

Alamo portrait artist Beth Batchelor, who co-founded ADAS with Ida Fareese, is hosting other artists at her Lanai Artists' Studio Workshop, as well as opening up her studio.

"Adult students will be working on their own art work at one end and children will be seated around a table drawing and painting with instructional demonstrations," Batchelor explained.

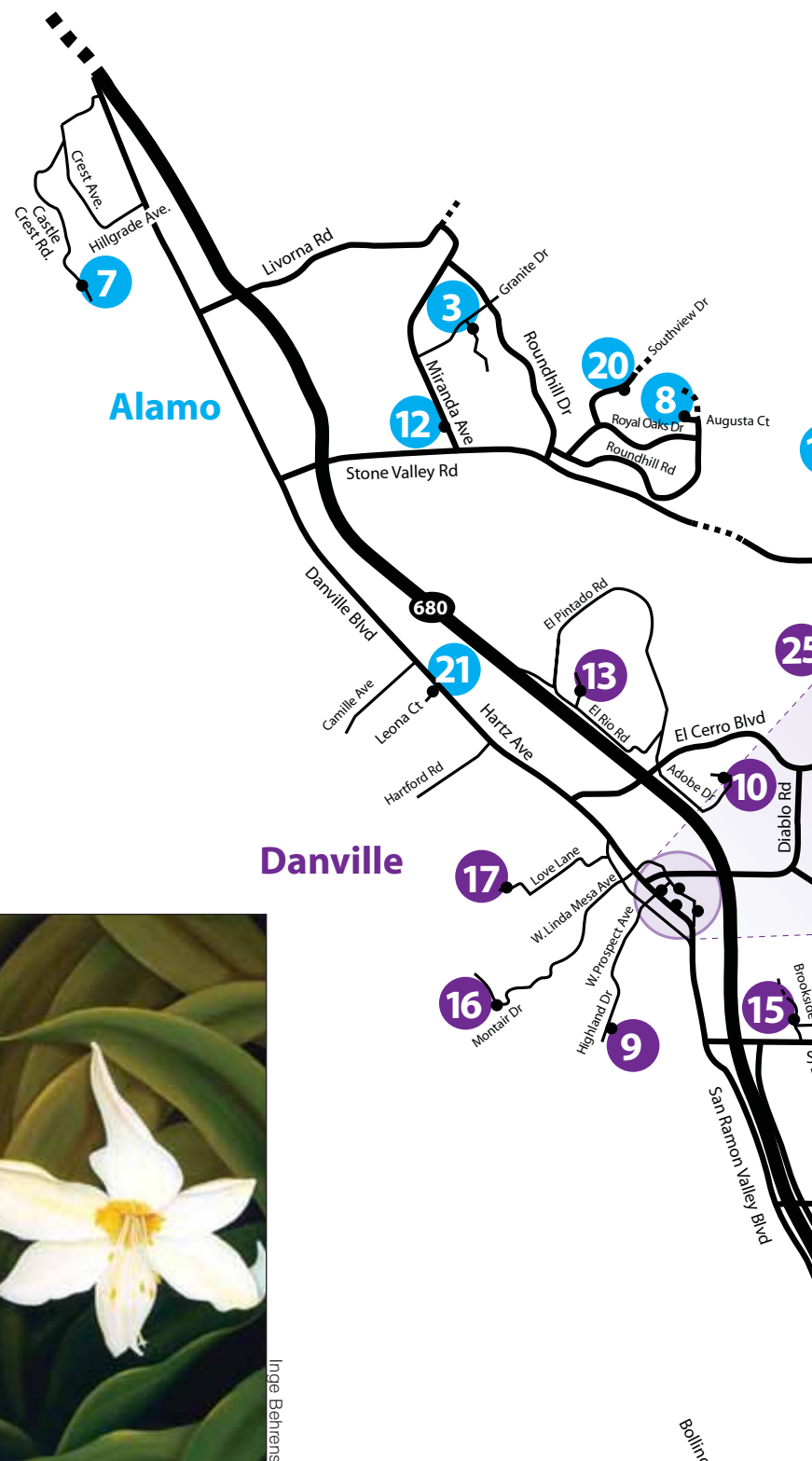
She will also sketch onsite pastel likenesses of people and pets.

"They are heirlooms," she said.

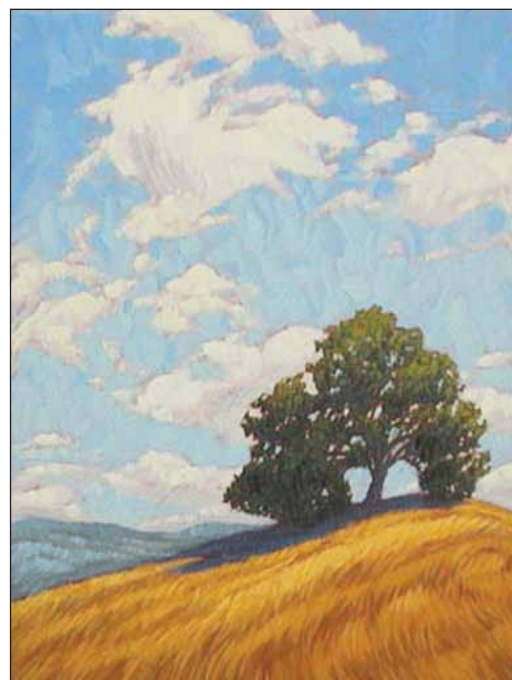
And she is planning a children's art chalk-athon on both Saturday and Sunday.

It all begins Friday evening at the gala.

"We're suggesting party attire so it should be a nice, swingin' thing," said Bauer. ■



White Lilly, oil



A New Day, oil

Artists in action

What: Open Studios Tour

When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8

Where: 25 locations; maps available at preview exhibit or at www.OpenStudiosTour.com

Opening gala: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, June 6; Danville Community Center, 420 Front St.

Forget your map? Call the hotline to find out where to get another one: 314-3470

Visit the artists



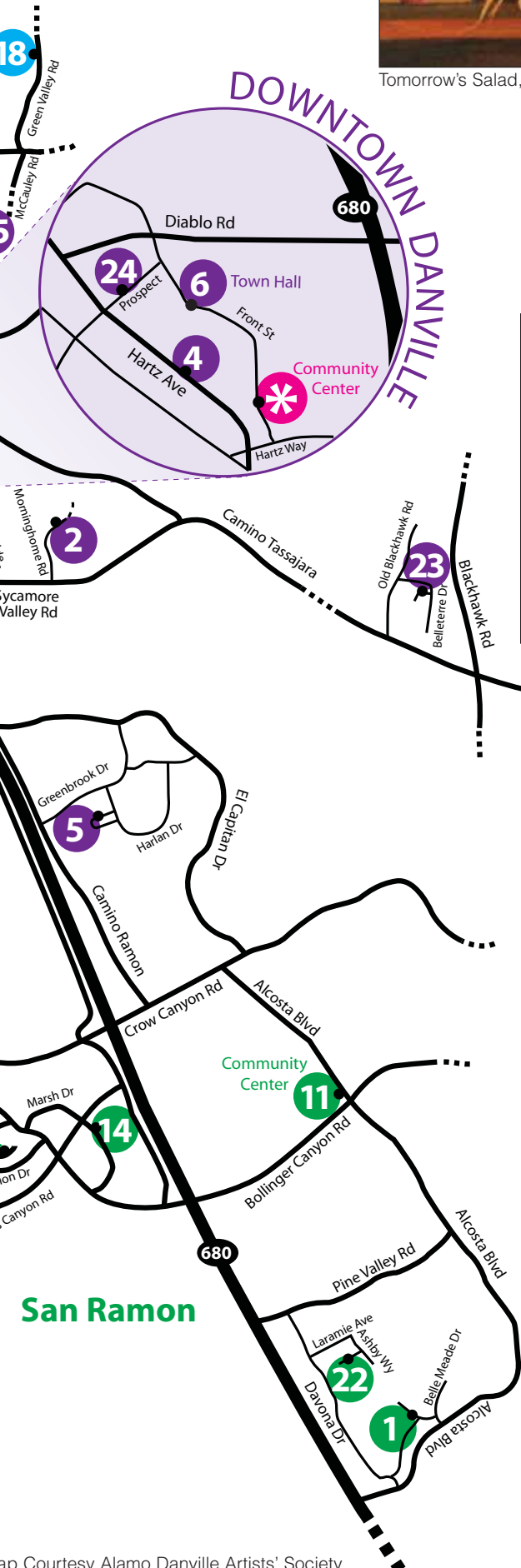
Tomorrow's Salad, oil

Sandra Speights



Community Park, Ruby Hill, oil

Amy Leung



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9537 Sandpoint Drive, San Ramon
Mark Ballock
Elena Ballock

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573 Morninghome Road, Danville
John Barry
Noel Williams

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3012 Sandstone Road, Alamo
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Tom Lemmer
Catherine Lindberg
Alan Ryall

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Bill Carmel
Melinda Kahler
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Karla Schreffler
Darlene Sochan

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Martha Kean
Evelyn Marvin

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Jo-Lynn Mull
Ann Saavedra
Tom Taneyhill

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Peter Coffee
Annie Trouve
Brian Wilson

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Sherri Kelcourse
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Amy Leung
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Elizabeth Saucier

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Antonia Wennink
Lily Xu
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Sandra Speights
Charles White

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Linda Schenck

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Linda Yoshizawa

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Walter Krane

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Cynthia Lait

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Linda Nearon

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132 Leona Court, Alamo
Norman Nicholson
Helen Westcott

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67 Hazelnut Court, San Ramon
Janet Crampton Pipes
Diane Rodriguez
Norma Webb

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Robin Purcell

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120 E. Prospect Lane, Danville
Barbara Davies
Joan Lauinger
Betty Rothaus

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62 Milano Court, Danville
Diane Ringwood

Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY • POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT WWW.DANVILLEWEEKLY.COM

Art

Open Studios Tour Town of Danville and Alamo Danville Artists' Society (ADAS) will host the Open Studios Tour from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7, at various locations. A reception will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, June 6. Call 314-3470 or visit www.openstudiotour.com.

Auditions

Danville Girls Chorus Auditions will be held for the Danville Girls Chorus on June 10 for girls in grades 3-8. Learn a variety of musical styles, fundamentals of musicianship and perform at local performances. For an appointment, call 837-2624.

Classes

Summer Rose Pruning and Orchids Basics Navlet's Garden Centers will host a free gardening class on 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

Alamo Cribbage Club The club plays cribbage for fun. It meets at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Safeway conference room, 200 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call 284-7044 or e-mail almoy1@prodigy.net.

Alamo Rotary The Alamo Rotary meets at noon every Wednesday at Roundhill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill

Road. Call Mark Kahn at 837-3262.

Alamo Women's Club Federated The club meets on most Wednesdays at its clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd. It holds a business meeting and tea the second Wednesday at noon; meets for Mah Jong at 10:30 a.m. the third Wednesday; and holds a luncheon with program at noon the fourth Wednesday. For information, call 552-9733.

Danville AM Toastmasters Club The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at Father Nature's, 178 E. Prospect Ave. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Dave Miklasevich at 899-1543 or dmik210@yahoo.com or www.danvilleamtoastmasters.org.

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.

Danville Rotary The Danville Rotary meets at noon, every Monday at the Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. For information, visit www.danvillerotary.org.

Danville Women's Club This club will host a salad luncheon at noon, Thursday, June 5, at the Clubhouse,

242 Linda Mesa Ave., Danville. Honor graduates from Monte Vista, San Ramon Valley and Cal High will be recognized. Parents and counselors are invited to attend. Call 837-7528.

Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary The Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary Club meets for breakfast at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Join them for great fellowship and make a difference in your community and the world. Call Scott at 743-8449.

Delta Nu Psi Delta Nu Psi provides packages to troops in the War Zone. The group collects donations before the third Friday of every month in front of Longs Drug Store in Alamo and before the third Saturday at Lunardi's in Danville. It puts together the packages on the third Wednesday of every month. For information, e-mail Alicia at deltanupsi@comcast.net.

Diablo Diggers Dance Club The Diablo Diggers Dance Club meets five times a year for dinner and dancing with a live band in the Danville or Walnut Creek area. The club is looking for a few new members, couples only. For information, call 938-0316.

Diablo View Orchid Society The club meets at 7:30 p.m., on the second Thursday of every month, at the Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave., Concord. The speaker on June 12 will be Dennis Olivas on Cool-growing orchids of the Cattleya Alliance. This event is free and the public is open. Call 648-7667 or visit www.dvos.org.

Diablo View Toastmasters AM Afraid of public speaking? Lose your fears and develop communication and leadership skills by meeting with the Diablo View Toastmasters from 7:55-8 a.m., every Tuesday, at 111 Deerwood

WEEKEND PREVIEW



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Fresh fruits on Thursdays

The Danville Farmers Market is now open two days a week, from 4-8 p.m. Thursdays until Aug. 14, and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Call 825-9090 or visit www.pcfma.com.

Rd., San Ramon. Call 838-9163 or e-mail marie@mmwi.com.

Exchange Club Luncheon Speaker Exchange Club of SRV is hosting Carl Guardino as its guest speaker at its monthly luncheon at noon, Wednesday, June 11, at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. Guardino will talk about "The Role of Business in Housing, Transportation and Education." Cost is \$16 for members; \$20 for non-members. Call 275-2412.

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

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

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

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

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society The society meets from 1:15-3 p.m., the third Thursday of every month except August, at the California Savings Building, Rossmoor Shopping Center, Tice Valley Blvd. and Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Creek. Guest speakers are at each meeting.

Mt. Diablo Macintosh Users Group Get questions answered, solutions for problems, share experiences and explore new Mac developments. Club meets at 7:30 p.m., the third Monday of every month, at the Alamo Safeway Community Room. For information, call 837-1111 or 829-5501.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society This group meets at 10 a.m., on the third Tuesday of every month (except August and December), at the Danville Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley Rd., Alamo. The public is welcome. Call Ed at 299-0881 or visit <http://srvgensoc.org>.

San Ramon Valley Rotary Club This club meets for dinner at 7 p.m., every Wednesday, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Guests are welcome. The club offers a great way to make new friends

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June 6
The CoolTones Big Band
(Big Band Jazz & Swing)
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June 13
Blues Bottle Band
(Blues)
Sponsored by the Alameda County Fairgrounds

June 20
Night Fever
(Top 40, Disco & R&B)
Sponsored by Murphy's Paw

June 27
The Crisis
(Honky Tonk, Funk, Rock)
Sponsored by Zzipps

July 4th
Community Program
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Free to the Public
Pleasanton Community Concert Band

July 11
Tommy & the 4 Speeds
(50's & 60's)
Sponsored by Accusplit Activity Wellness

July 18
Dave Matthews Blues Band
(Blues, Soul, R&B)
Sponsored by Sola-Brite

July 25
D-Lucca
(Modern Melodic Jazz)
Sponsored by Fremont Bank

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

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

Concerts

'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.

'Tribute to John Lennon - A Day in His Life' Tim Piper and his band take audiences on a journey to an era that influenced the music and culture at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 31, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$25, \$30 and \$35. Call 931-3444 or visit www.civcartstickets.org.

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 Leshher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. General admission tickets are \$18; \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students. Call 944-5392 or visit www.ccwindsymphony.org.

Father's Day Concert Danville Community Band presents a special Father's Day Concert "That's Entertainment" at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 15, at the Leshher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$16, \$14 or \$12. Call 943-7469 or visit www.lesherartscenter.org.

WomenSing Concert: Elemental Quartet Elemental Quartet, an choral exploration of earth, water, fire and air, will perform Saturday-Sunday, May 31-June 1, at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Cost is \$25 for premium seating; \$20 for general; \$18 for seniors; and \$10 for students and youth 18 and under. Call 974-9169 or visit www.womensing.org.

Events

'Dinner in a Snap' Cookoff Diablo Valley home cooks are invited to enter the first Diablo Valley "Dinner in a Snap" Cook-Off. Cook-Off categories include salad, appetizer, baked good, week-night meal and one dish meal. Entries are due on June 30 and may be submitted at www.ensemblesmeals.com. Finals will be on Aug. 8. Call 855-8355.

'Drumm!' Friends of the Danville Library presents "Drumm!" at 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, at Danville Town Green, in front of the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Participants will create musical rhythms with drums, shakers and other percussion instruments. This event is free for all family members. Call 837-4889.

'Fun for Families' Town of Danville is offering "Fun for Families" with "Fancy Fruit" is the theme from 3-5 p.m., Friday, June 27. Cost is \$30 for residents, \$36 for non-residents. Call 314-3400.

Blue Star Moms Care Package Drop Zone San Francisco East Bay Blue Star Moms, Chapter 101, will have drop zones from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 7, at the Wal-Mart's in Pleasanton and Martinez for their next Care Package shipment on June 21. For information about their donation needs, visit www.bluestarmoms.org.

Celebration at the Ranch East Bay Cancer Collaborative will sponsor a celebration honoring all cancer survivors and their families from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, June 1, at Little Hills Ranch, 18013 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. This fun-filled afternoon includes live music, dancing and games. This event is free. Call 947-4447.

Family Gourmet Brunch Enjoy

a tasty family friendly brunch with live music from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sunday, June 8, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 for children 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the Alamo Studies Fund. Call 837-2937.

Greater Danville Open Golf Tournament Danville Rotary will host the Greater Danville Open Golf Tournament from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday, June 2, at the Falls Course at BlackHawk Country Club, Danville. Cost is \$230 per player. Proceeds go towards local youth groups and causes. Call 389-0234.

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.

Moonlight Movies on the Town Green Town of Danville will host Moonlight Movies on the Town Green from 8:15-10 p.m., Friday, June 13 ("The Goonies"); June 27 ("Galaxy Quest"); July 11 ("Artic Tale"); and July 25 ("The Three Amigos"), at Town Green, 400 Front St., Danville. These events are free; bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Call 314-3400.

Moonlight on the Mountain This special and unique event for includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions, sit-down dinner and live music from 4-10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, at the China Wall on Mt. Diablo. Cost is \$250 per person. Call 947-3535 or visit www.savemountdiablo.org.

Thunderbird Club and Program Bay Area Thunderbird Owner's Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, June 22, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The day will include an anniversary banquet. Call 736-2277.

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.

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.

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

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.

26th Annual Alamo Music Festival Rotary Club of Alamo will host the 26th annual Alamo Music Festival from 2-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, at Alamo Plaza. The day will include live bands, marching bands, food, wine tasting, rock climbing and fun! Proceeds benefit Danville and Alamo school music programs. Call 217-3123.

Aloha Golf Classic Danville Area Chamber of Commerce's will host its annual Aloha Golf Classic from 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Monday, July 21, at the Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. Cost is \$195 per person; \$1,000 for a group of four; and \$50 for dinner only. Visit

www.danvilleareachamber.com.

Hats Off America's 15th 10K/5K Run Walk Come run or walk with the bear flag runner raising awareness and money for the Arroyave's, a Gold Star Family, from 9:15 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 7, at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Dr., Danville. Cost is \$35, including a catered lunch from El Balazo. Call 855-1950.

Relay for Life American Cancer Society will host Relay for Life on Saturday-Sunday, July 19-20, at Monte Vista High School, 3131 Stone Valley Rd., Danville. Participants will walk or run relay-style around the track and take part in fun activities on the track. A luminaria ceremony will start at sundown to honor cancer survivors and those lost to the disease; luminaries can be purchased for \$5. Call (800) 227-2345 or visit www.events.cancer.org/rfldanvilleca.

Garden Tours

'Memories in the Garden' Valley Oak Respite Center will host the fifth annual "Memories in the Garden" tour 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.

Holiday

Fourth of July Celebration This year, Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley will host a celebration of the Town of Danville's 150th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Hay Days. July 3 festivities will include lots of fun for children and their families from 4-8 p.m. The Fourth of July Parade is from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friday, July 4, on Hartz Ave. Call 425-1013 or visit www.kiwanis-srv.org.

Kids and Teens

Annual Children's Arts Festival Children can participate in sculpturing clay, painting, learning pastel techniques, making origami figures and creating collages from recycled paper from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, June 1, at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. This event is free. Call 931-5340.

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.

Kiwanis Kids and Pet Costume Contest Children ages 5-12 will have the opportunity to showcase their pets and compete for prizes at the Kiwanis Kids and Pet Costume Contest from 5-6 p.m., Thursday, July 3, at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley parking lot, Danville. The event is free and will be part of the Kiwanis Celebrating Hay Days event. The contest is limited to the first 100 entries. Visit www.kiwanis-srv.org.

Locks of Love Hair Drive The Image Salon and Spa is hosting a Locks of Love Hair Drive from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, June 1, at The Image Salon and Spa, 6280 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton. Free haircuts for donations of six inches of hair or more. Call 484-3650.

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

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

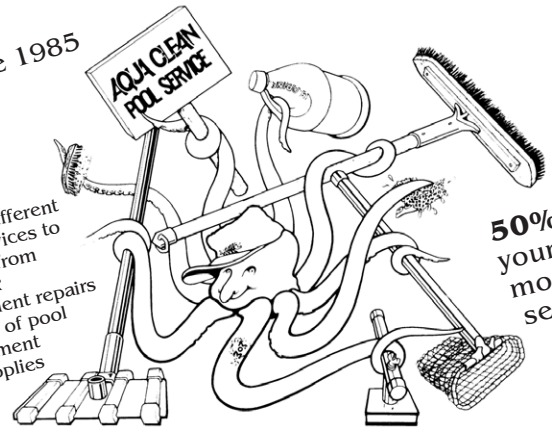
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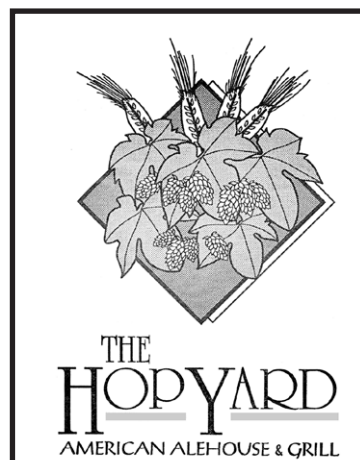


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Lectures/ Workshops

Are Reverse Mortgages Right for You? Danville Library will host Martha Miller who will provide a presentation on reverse mortgages at 1 p.m., Thursday, June 26, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. This event is free. Call 837-4889.

Awakening the Entrepreneur Within Find out what it takes to become an entrepreneur and about how to take a product to market, starting a business and franchising from 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, at Danville Ranch Club House, 1895 Ridgeland Circle, Danville. Cost is \$35. Call 837-4324 or visit www.csiconsulting.biz.

Baby Massage and Infant Signing Danville Library will host Baby Massage at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 11, and Infant Signing at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 23; both at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Register for one or both workshops; call 837-4889 or come into the Danville Library to register.

Nutrition and Cancer Treatment Learn to maximize your nutrition during and after cancer treatment from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 7, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Learn what to eat, even when you don't feel like it, ways to hydrate and get specific nutritional issues addressed. Call 933-0107.

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

'Vintage Danville' Launch Party Come and see the "Vintage Danville" books for the first time at a special book launch

party at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 28, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Cost is \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Danville Library Foundation. Call 837-4889.

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.

Live Music

Alamo Summer Concert Series Alamo Parks and Recreation presents its annual Summer Concert Series, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fridays, June 27 ("Silver Spur"); July 11 ("Houserockers"); July 25 ("Boothill") and Aug. 8 ("Pan Extasy").

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.

New Adoption Event Tri-Valley Animal Rescue has a new adoption event from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., on the second, third and fourth Saturdays of every month, at Pet Food Express, 609 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvr.org.

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.

The Energy Primer for Kids The Energy Primer for Kids is a 25-page booklet of simple facts pertaining to current energy issues and is useful

for adults that are evaluating energy related claims of politicians. For a free copy, write to Synergy Institute, P.O. Box 561, San Ramon, CA 94583. A speaker is available for groups wishing to hear about the global warming propaganda. Call 837-7612.

On Stage

'Bunco, Babes and Poker Pals' Schoolhouse Culture Center presents "Bunco, Babes and Poker Pals" in a play devoted to the lives, loves and losses at 8 p.m., Thursday; 8:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, from June 6-22, at Schoolhouse Culture Center, Pleasant Hill. Tickets are \$15 for general admission or \$12 for students and seniors. Call 944-9006 or visit onstageattheatre.org.

'Charlie and "Bear"' Century House will host Charlie Getter, founder of SF's 16th and Mission "micless open mic" and "Bear" Toffoli and the co-founder of Word Up poetry workshops from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, June 15, at Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. An open mic segment of 40 lines or less will follow. Cost is \$5 including refreshments. Call 931-5350.

'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; until June 7, at Leshar 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.

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

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

Senior 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.

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

St. Isidore's 'Young at Heart' Join this group for a meeting from 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., the third Tuesday of every month at St. Isidore's Ministries Center, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Optional Mass starts at 11:15 a.m.; lunch starts at 11:45 a.m.; bring brown bag lunch from until August, beverage, fruit and dessert are provided. Nonprofit bingo follows. This event is free, but reservations are appreciated by calling 820-4447.

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.

Sports

Adult Open Gym Basketball Danville Parks and Recreation Department holds drop-in basketball year-round at the Los Cerros Middle School, 968 Blemmer Road, for ages 18 and over. Drop-in times are 7:30-9 a.m., Saturdays. Bring your own ball. Cost is \$3 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Call 314-3400.

Adult Softball Adult Softball plays pickup softball at 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round. New members welcome. Call Bob Randall at 855-4646 for more information

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

mation at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/danvilletennisclub>.

Support Groups

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 celebraterecovery@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.

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.

Volunteering

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.

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.



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Parent photographers

Send a jpeg to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com of the best action shot from your child's game for consideration for our Sports page. Remember to include caption information: who, what, when, where—and the score.

Fenley signs to play basketball at Chico State

Cam Fenley has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball at Chico State next year, head coach Greg Clink announced last week. Fenley, a 6-foot-6, 225-pound senior from Monte Vista High School, is the second prep to sign during Clink's tenure, which began May 1.



Fenley averaged 16 points, 12.5 rebounds, 2.5 steals and 1.8 blocked shots per game during his senior season while leading Monte Vista to its third consecutive East Bay Athletic League crown. The three-year letter winner was also named First Team All League for the second consecutive season.

"We are extremely excited about the signing of Cam Fenley. He was one of the top players in the Bay Area last season and he's a proven winner," said Clink. "He is an outstanding rebounder and he has the ability to score from the inside and from the perimeter. He is also a very good student, and I am really looking forward to coaching him."

Fenley, a team captain as a senior, helped lead Monte Vista to its first North Coast Section crown as a junior. He also helped lead his AAU team, the Lakeshow, to the No. 1 ranking in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"This is an exciting time in the Chico State basketball program with a new coaching staff and I am thrilled to be a part of that," said Fenley.

Fenley chose Chico State over Navy, Loyola New Orleans, Mesa State, and San Francisco State. ■



Playing the Blues in baseball

The 9 and under Alamo Blues baseball team played in the Redding Challenge Tournament on April 27 with (front, l-r) Jacob Revells, Sean Carey, Colin Schletz, Jack Murphy, Jarrett Kessler, Chris Schwarcz; (back) Dylan Cole, Jacob Cosca, Kevin Vigil, Josh Koury, Ryan Marsh, Eric Wilkman, Michael Quinn. The third- and fourth-graders have been playing together only a few months; their next tournament was in Santa Barbara over Memorial Day weekend. The team is coached by Jon Revells, Jeff Koury, Terry Carey, Kevin Cole; manager is Scot Marsh.



AAA Giants clinch nationals

The Tri-Valley Little League AAA Giants celebrate after beating the Braves (8-2) for the National League Championship on May 21. Team members are (back, l-r) Coach Jim McComas, Zohair Tharani, Alex Anzoategui, Stephen Spinali, Coach Lonnie Graditi; (middle) Nick Lee, Trip McComas, Alex Lohec, Nick Graditi, Alex Eidler, Andrew Lappin; (front) Arman Mogharei and Donny Lofe.



Monte Vista's Ryan Corbett advanced to the June 3 State Golfing Championships being held June 3 as an individual player.

MV golfer qualifies for state championship

Ryan Corbett, a senior at Monte Vista, will be the only golfer from the East Bay Athletic League moving on to the State Championship Tournament being held June 3 in Santa Monica.

He qualified as an individual player at the May 19 California Interscholastic Federation Northern Regional Tournament held at Richmond Country Club, where he shot a 72. He finished fifth to advance to the state championships for the first time.

The top three teams and six individuals not on a qualifying team advanced to the championships. Monte Vista finished 10th as a team with a score of 402, and San Ramon Valley High finished sixth with 388. San Ramon's Cole Pickavance finished with a 74.

Corbett has been on the Monte Vista varsity golf team for the past three years. He was the only golfer from the 12 schools that played in the tournament who advanced to the CIF state championships. ■



MV lacrosse 2nd at NCS finals

Monte Vista High School's women's lacrosse team made its first appearance in the North Coast Section's final game on Saturday, May 17. After beating Foothill, Carondelet and Miramonte in back-to-back games the previous week, the season came to an end in the championship game against the No. 1 team in Northern California. The Monte Vista team finished third in league, and is now ranked fifth among Northern California High School Teams.



Christian soccer champs

The Girls at San Ramon Valley Christian Academy won the BACSAL Soccer Championship on May 17, playing at Valley Christian in Dublin.



COURTESY NICOLE GLENNON

Sisters Nicole (left) and Danielle Glennon met Linda Edwards when she was dating their father. They found they all had something in common: their experiences with men.

Ah, men!

Three women hope others can learn from their mistakes with the opposite sex

by Meghan Neal

Most of us remember getting the infamously uncomfortable “birds and the bees” talk—walking away wondering why mom or dad was blushing the whole time and what babies have to do with insects.

But what happens in the months and years following that un-illuminating encounter? Are women really prepared to fend for themselves in the confusing, game-infested and often heartbreaking world of dating and relationships?

“Lessons about Life Momma Never Taught Us” lightheartedly warns against the ill-fated blunders women can make when it comes to men—sometimes over and over again.

“We want so much to be in a relationship,” said Linda Edwards, one the authors. “And so we make mistakes in trying to achieve the goal.”

Edwards, 50, co-authored the book with Danville natives Nicole Glennon, 20, and Danielle Glennon, 17, a senior at Monte Vista High School.

The three became fast friends when Edwards was involved in a serious relationship with the girls’ father.

“I was almost a surrogate step mom,” she said. “They always came to me with things that they thought their parents didn’t want to talk about, like the private things.

“We’d have PJ parties. They’d come over and spend the night and we’d eat popcorn and laugh and they’d tell stories about the boys in their life,” she continued.

Long after Edwards and the girls’ dad split up the threesome remained close. They kept sharing stories and learning from each other’s mistakes, eventually putting them all in a book. Via funny anecdotes their message comes across loud and clear: To find someone who’ll love you, you have to love yourself.

Chapter One: Stop being needy, clingy and psychotic.

“We don’t like to play games, but as a woman you can be in the driver’s seat,” said Danielle Glennon.

Don’t call him 2 billion times a day, the authors warn. Don’t drop all your plans because he wants to see you. Be able to say no.

“Women need to choose to be the one in control and not let them put you in the position where they’re in control,” Edwards said.

“It’s just a changing in attitude and a changing of behavior.”

The authors originally wanted to name the book “From 15 to 50,” she said, because they learned that regardless of age, women still have the same questions and issues about men.

But the advice throughout the book is mainly aimed at teenage girls, with the hope that they might be spared from having to find out the hard way.

“We felt like we could help save them from going through years of repeating the same negative patterns,” Edwards said. “Like shaking them a little bit and making them think, ‘Wow.’ Do you see yourself in these chapters? You should.”

The book is broken down into five sections: dating, sex, health, marriage and life. Each chapter is written from the point of view of one of the authors who shares insights from her own experiences.

“Our tips are successful because we’ve tried them out. We’ve been out like scientists, experimenting in the relationship,” Glennon said.

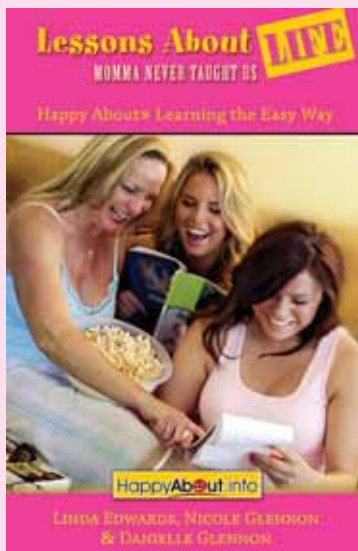
The authors are quick to explain that the book isn’t intended to have an “anti-men” message. Rather, it deals with how women can alter their behavior to stop putting themselves in unhealthy situations.

“We are trying very hard not to bash men. We are trying very hard to bash women!” said Edwards. “For making the same mistakes over and over and not learning from their past. We do talk about jerk-like patterns that men get away with. But who let them get away with it? We did!”

At the end of the book is a story Edwards once heard comparing women to apples on trees. The best ones are at the top of the tree, but boys don’t want to reach for them because they’re afraid of falling and getting hurt, so instead they pick up the rotten apples from the ground that are easy.

The apples at the top think something is wrong with them, when in reality, they’re amazing. They just have to wait for the right man to come along, the one who’s brave enough to climb up to the top of the tree.

“Every day we actually have the choice to decide where we will place ourselves on the tree,” she writes. “I think the best way a woman can get a man to treat her with respect is to treat herself with respect.” ■



Meet the authors

What: Book signing, “Lessons About Life Momma Never Taught Us”

Who: Authors Linda Edwards, Nicole Glennon and Danielle Glennon

Where: Barnes and Noble, 1149 S. Main St., Walnut Creek

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Protect your dog from heartworms

Heartworm disease is easily prevented but can become fatal if pets are not protected. A single dose of a chewable medication every month can keep your dog free of these deadly parasites.

Dogs become infested with heartworm when bitten by a mosquito carrying microscopic, immature heartworm larvae picked up from another dog. Once injected by a mosquito, the larvae take several months to migrate through the body and develop into adult heartworms—up to 14 inches long—that can fill the heart and block blood flow to the lungs. Early signs of the disease involve

a drop in energy and an unproductive cough. If left untreated the worms can cause organ damage elsewhere in the body, and can eventually lead to heart failure and death.

A pet with heartworms can be treated, but the cure is difficult, expensive and sometimes fatal. This is one case where prevention is much, much better than the cure, which is why heartworm prevention is so important. The American Heartworm Society estimates that 27 million dogs are not on preventive medicine—leaving them at risk for this deadly disease, which is present in all states except Alaska. The disease is most

prevalent in the Midwest and Gulf Coast states. However, at our practice in San Ramon we routinely treat three or four dogs a year who are infected with heartworms.

There is no legal requirement that dogs be given heartworm preventative medication as there is for dogs to receive triennial rabies immunization. Rabies immunization laws are intended to protect the health of the human population although the incidence of rabies in dogs in the United States is extremely low. However, the prevalence of heartworm disease among the canine population vastly exceeds that of rabies, and for our canine companions, preven-

tion of this disease should be considered equally important.

Heartworm preventative medication generally costs no more than a few dollars a month. The monthly medication also prevents the major intestinal parasites, protecting your dog's digestive health as well as their heart. The intestinal parasites prevented by this medication are actually contagious to humans, so prevention by this single medication will benefit you as well as your dog. Despite the importance and ease of preventing these parasites it is estimated that most dogs do not receive their heartworm preventative tablet every month.

If your dog isn't on heartworm

preventive, my hope is to raise your awareness of this deadly—yet easily prevented—disease. Have your dog checked by your veterinarian to make sure he or she isn't already carrying this infection, and if not, put your dog on heartworm preventive today. If you love your dog, protect him or her. It's a really small price to pay for the companionship of a pet.

—Dr. Franklin Utchen, shown with his dog Tory, has been practicing veterinary medicine in the San Ramon Valley since 1989 and currently co-owns Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care. For questions or comments e-mail bishopranchvets@yahoo.com.

OF NOTE

Realtor joins President's Circle

Christine Polanco, an agent with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Danville office, has earned membership into the company's International President's Circle, a prestigious honor bestowed upon the top Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage sales associates worldwide.

"Christine's ability to go above and beyond to surpass her clients' expectations has helped her attain this prestigious award," said Larry Klapow, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Polanco has been earning awards for her hard work in real estate for the past 24 years, consistently placing in the top 5 percent of all Coldwell Banker real estate associates nationwide and earning professional designations of CRS, Cartus Inventory Specialist, Referral Specialist and Marketing Specialist.



Christine Polanco

Rotary recognizes students

The Rotary Club of Danville held its 13th annual awards luncheon May 13 to recognize outstanding high school students. Six seniors from San Ramon Valley High School and Del Amigo High School



received awards for their athletic, academic, and community service achievements. Pictured are (l-r) Jenifer Nordine, Female Student Athlete of the Year; Angela Meng, John Roberts Scholarship Award; Charley Ma, Graham Sullivan Scholarship Award; Savannah Mann, Service Above Self Award; Nicolas Pittarides, Cliff Forsythe Scholarship Award; and Porter Kalbus, Joe Hirsh Scholarship Award.

ABC7 chooses MVHS senior

Monte Vista High School senior Jibran Kahn was one of six students awarded the ABC7 Top Scholars award for his exemplary skills in presentation, writing and leadership.

ABC7 Top Scholars is a scholarship and television opportunity recognizing the Bay Area's top high school academic achievers. As an ABC7 Top Scholar, Kahn will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Also, the story of all the ABC7 Top Scholars will air each Thursday for six consecutive weeks from 3-4 p.m. Monday through Friday on "View From The Bay," beginning May 29. In July a special half hour of ABC7 Top Scholars will feature the stories of all six of the winners. The project is intended to promote academic excellence by honoring and rewarding top achievers, and Monte Vista is proud of Jibran Kahn for being a winner of this prestigious award.



Jibran Kahn was awarded the ABC7 Top Scholars award.



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Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

Fire District grows with Valley

Fires, called “tongues of venom” by one writer, seared people’s memories throughout valley history. Fires destroyed crops, burned across Mount Diablo, and took down buildings. The new Danville Fire District had its hands full.

One year after the firehouse was built, the Danville Emporium went up in flames and took three homes with it. The Contra Costa Courier and Danville Journal on July 16, 1926, reported, “Fire caused by jelly boiling over on a coal oil stove and bursting into flames, completely destroyed a store and three homes in Danville on Monday afternoon and for several hours threatened the entire town of Danville with conflagration. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.”

The next decade the Courier-Journal from June 2, 1932, wrote:

“One of the old landmarks of the San Ramon Valley was burned to the ground Friday night when the Presbyterian church of Danville was destroyed by fire from an unknown cause. The church had been built about 58 years ago and in those 58 years has seen continuous services every Sunday.

“The conflagration which started earlier in the evening, broke into a blaze about 12:30. The roaring wind fanned the blaze and blew the sparks to neighboring and adjacent buildings which took the combined efforts of the Danville and Walnut Creek Fire departments to keep them from being destroyed by the fire. Through the heroic efforts of these firefighters, the pastor’s house about 50 feet away was saved from burning and a tool house within 20 feet was also saved.”

Jim Root rushed into the unlocked pastor’s office and rescued several items, including the precious original minutes of the San Ramon Valley Union High School board from 1910.

The District grew over the years, increasing the size of the fire house and adding more equipment. The firehouse was remodeled in 1955 and Station No. 2 was built in Alamo in 1958. It was an all-vol-



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

Around 1930, Danville volunteer firefighters lined up in front of an Autocar Pumper and the firehouse.

unteer force until 1959 when Mike Blodgett became the first paid firefighter. While the district formally included the northern part of the valley, larger fires were fought by San Ramon volunteers and workers from the Bishop Ranch.

Fires continued to happen, of course. In 1955 the Baldwin house built in 1888 had a fire break out in the kitchen wing that ultimately destroyed the historic home, leaving only the foundations and three tall chimneys standing. Nothing was saved. It was lost because the water supply ran out.

“Fire Chief Elliott placed the damage to the home at \$15,000 but said no value could be put on the large amount of antique furniture and early-day possessions in the home,” stated a story in the Valley Pioneer of April 21, 1955.

The District added fire stations and equipment as the population increased. In 1974 the community raised funds for the first emergency medical vehicle, after young Helen Howell died tragically when her bicycle was hit by a car on Danville Boulevard. Thirty years later well-trained paramedics accompany every fire truck call.

Over the years Danville fire chiefs were H. M. Fichtenmueller (1925-1947), Duane Elliott (1947-1961), William Van Limburgh (1961), Forrest Wilson (1963-

1966), and Michael Blodgett (1965-1988). When the San Ramon and Danville Districts joined in 1980, Chief Blodgett headed up the new San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. He was followed by Mel Deardorff (1988-1996), William Dutcher (1996-1999), Richard Probert (1999-2002) and Craig Bowen (2002-present).

The Danville district was the first in the valley but not the only one. Valley Community Services District began with South San Ramon and Dublin coverage in 1960, San Ramon started in 1963, Tassajara began in 1969, and Dougherty Regional took over the South San Ramon and Dublin fire services in 1988. By 1997 all of these districts were formally joined.

Today a modern San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District includes both professionals and volunteers, covers 155 square miles, has 10 fire stations, a Communications Center and provides fire prevention, firefighting and emergency medical service.

Sources: local newspapers; speech by Inez Butz (1984) in museum archives; SRVFPD history Fire Line.

Beverly Lane, a longtime Danville resident, is curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and co-author of “San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon.”

The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

Off to college—time to break up?

As the school year comes to a close, many high school couples are beginning to confront the conflicting decision of whether to end their relationship or stay together as one or both parties leave for college in the fall. Lately, the issue seems to have resurfaced time and again as many of those around me weigh the pros and cons of such a heavy decision.

On one hand, it seems logical that a couple would break up before starting college. College is the time for young adults to take advantage of their independence, clear their slate, and maybe even reinvent themselves. Entering college in the midst of a serious relationship has the potential to sidetrack one from wholeheartedly pursuing goals and developing as an individual. When so devoted to another person, it becomes more difficult to focus on personal identity development (which is still very much going on during young adulthood). It is possible that one would not make an effort to meet new people in college if they brought their significant other with them or were romantically involved long-distance. College should be a time for experiencing new and different types of people, and growing and changing, not being bound to the past and to what is comfortable.

“When you move to a new place you do all those typical things—meet new people, discover new places, new events and ways to spend your time. You interact and you change,” said San Ramon Valley High School senior Andrew Gibson. “But change isn’t something two people in a long-distance relationship can necessarily do together. You have to ask yourself whether you want to change and evolve, or stay mostly where you are. Kids just need to learn to say, hold on. To say, I’m going to get to college and I’m going to embrace it.”

On the other hand, why give up a perfectly satisfying and stable relationship because of physical distance?

Jillian Armstrong, a senior at SRVHS who has been involved in an eight-month-long relationship, will likely attend the same college as her boyfriend in the fall.

“At this point we feel like there aren’t any better people out there for you,” she said. “I like the support and comfort of having someone to take care of me. And, we will still have plenty of time apart as we have decided not to live in the same dorm area, and are both involved in athletics.”

SRVHS senior Cati Wuest, who will be attending a different college from her boyfriend of nine months, says, “A lot of it’s about opportu-

nity: how much I expect to get out of my college experience vs. how much time I will have to give of myself to sustain a relationship. As of right now it doesn’t seem fair to me and to him if I cannot give our relationship the attention it deserves, trying to focus on my studies, new friends, etc.”

Entering college in the midst of a serious relationship has the potential to sidetrack one from wholeheartedly pursuing goals and developing as an individual.

At this juncture for teens, the decision is based on finding a balance between sacrificing yourself for another person, and making the decision that is best for your personal development.

With the expanse of education and career opportunities (especially for women), fewer people now choose to marry right out of high school. As a result of this shift, it seems like the nature of high school dating should change accordingly. Instead of serious and intense romantic relationships (which may have been relevant during a time when high school dating more frequently yielded marriages), perhaps the goal of high school dating should be to establish platonic relationships that allow individuals to share their ideas and philosophies, and encourage individual growth—not inhibit it.

When high school relationships assume such seriousness and intensity—especially when sex is involved—and marriage is not the obvious next step, it is easy for adolescents to make decisions that don’t necessarily serve their best interests (especially those pertaining to the college experience) based on their attachment and passionate feelings. Upon entering college, everyone is bound to change; those involved in a relationship must accept this and allow themselves and their significant other to do so. College is about further consolidation of personal identity and preparing a foundation for stability and satisfaction in work and personally. Then it will be time to share it with someone else.

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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This week's data represents homes sold during April 2008

Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 9	Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$625,000	Lowest sale reported: \$320,000	Lowest sale reported: \$140,000
Highest sale reported: \$625,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,260,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,200,000
Average sales reported: \$625,000	Average sales reported: \$753,056	Average sales reported: \$676,139

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2008

- Alamo**
- 54 Vista Lane C.** Sanchez to Alamo Design for \$625,000
- Danville**
- 200 Alicante Place** Mees Trust to J. & R. Williams for \$1,260,000
- 1152 Blue Spur Circle** Shapell Industries to J. Chaney for \$1,000,000
- 244 Channi Loop** Shapell Industries to M. Gao for \$492,000
- 1934 East Rancho Verde Circle D.** & A. Wells to D. Dekens for \$530,000
- 817 Eastbrook Court** Long Beach Mortgage to Bmcw Trust for \$780,000
- 1610 Fountain Springs Circle C.** & J. Allen to B. & M. Lutz for \$782,500
- 394 Ilo Lane #502** K. Kanata to S. Overcamp for \$320,000
- 78 Larkstone Court B.** & S. Holstrom to D. & S. Tosetti for \$1,050,000

- 304 West Meadows Lane S.** & M. Srikanth to D. Desai for \$563,000
- Walnut Creek**
- 1315 Alma Avenue #337** Alma Development to B. MacCarone for \$327,000
- 1075 Arkel Road** Sheehan Trust to L. Bartolomei for \$665,000
- 11 Barry Court** Aurora Loan Services to R. Sunkel for \$550,000
- 100 Black Oak Knowles** D. Masters to S. Franklin for \$2,200,000
- 1665 Carmel Drive K.** Loving to R. & N. Manashi for \$875,000
- 1310 Creekside Drive #301** Iron Horse Place Limited to G. & G. Womble for \$519,000
- 1241 Homestead Avenue #183** Oswald Trust to C. Seibert for \$333,000
- 1824 Newell Avenue S.** Thomas to B. Lathrop for \$935,000

- 106 Ready Road G.** Cherrier to M. & J. Kuller for \$965,000
- 1278 Rudgear Road E. & C.** Udd to J. Powell for \$850,000
- 1225 Skycrest Drive #1** Webster Trust to Cone Trust for \$275,000
- 4444 Terra Granada Drive #4A** Smetts Trust to Simpson Trust for \$390,000
- 1860 Tice Creek Drive #1404** Hoskins Trust to M. Powers for \$140,000
- 630 Via Appia** Bartha Trust to Shockley Trust for \$566,500
- 1306 Walden Road #260** Regalia Trust to N. Zarcone for \$380,000
- 2562 Walnut Boulevard #80** HSBC Bank to A. Asadollah for \$280,000
- 3161 Walnut Boulevard M.** & L. Mis to G. & N. Blue for \$1,330,000
- 1112 Westmoreland Circle** A. Hickey to C. Gohd for \$590,000

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

DANVILLE

4 Bedrooms		
134 Santa Clara Dr.	\$1,125,000	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	785-4959
5 Bedrooms		
60 Headlands Ct.	\$1,499,000	
Sun 1:30-4	Keller Williams	984-9658

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4 Bedrooms		
2421 Talavera Dr.	\$709,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	260-2508

DUBLIN

4 Bedrooms		
11531 Betlen Dr.	\$620,000	
Sun 1-4	Re/Max Accord	209-7644
11658 Estrella Ct.	\$698,350	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2547
11215 Rolling Hills Dr.	\$874,950	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2550

PLEASANTON

2 Bedrooms		
5750 Belleza Dr.	\$537,500	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	397-4173
3 Bedrooms		
3658 Reflections Dr.	\$649,000	
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	200-3165
4471 Bacon Ct.	\$649,950	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	463-0436
6380 Dana Ct.	\$679,950	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	463-0436
7343 Elmwood Cir.	\$730,000	
Sun 1-4	Re/Max Accord	209-7644

4 Bedrooms		
2076 Valley Oak Ct.	\$2,350,000	
Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	519-1455
72 Castlewood Dr.	\$2,350,000	
Sun 1-4	Sotheby's	484-2045
4630 Herrin Wy.	\$699,950	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	463-0436
4805 Knox Gate Ct.	\$819,000	
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	462-7653

5 Bedrooms		
2202 Kamp Ct.	\$1,269,000	
Sun 1-4	Prudential	989-7639
205 Heritage Ln.	\$1,595,000	
Sun 1-4	Henderson Properties-Judy Winter	699-7900
1098 Laguna Creek Ln.	\$2,195,000	
Sun 1-4	Sotheby's	484-2045
2156 Canosa Ct.	\$2,990,000	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	577-2658

LIVERMORE

3 Bedrooms		
832 Wall St.	\$515,000	
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	640-3762
62 Terra Wy.	\$859,000	
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	397-4173
4 Bedrooms		
5858 Hazelwood Cmn.	\$598,449	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2511
234 Snider Ct.	\$754,000	
Sat/Sun 11-5	Courtesy Brokerage	245-1782
2604 Kellogg Pl.	\$995,000	
Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	398-6706
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