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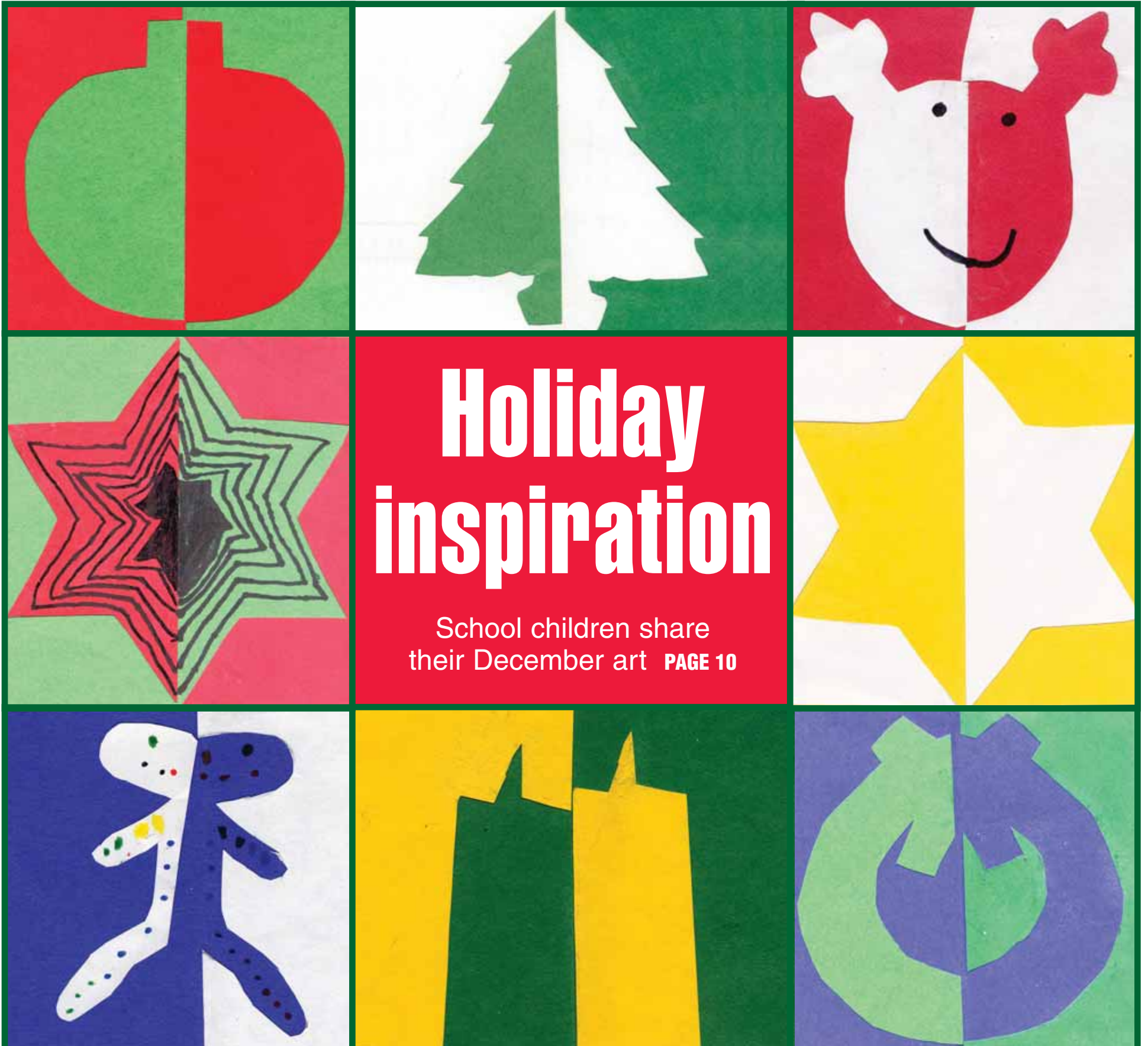
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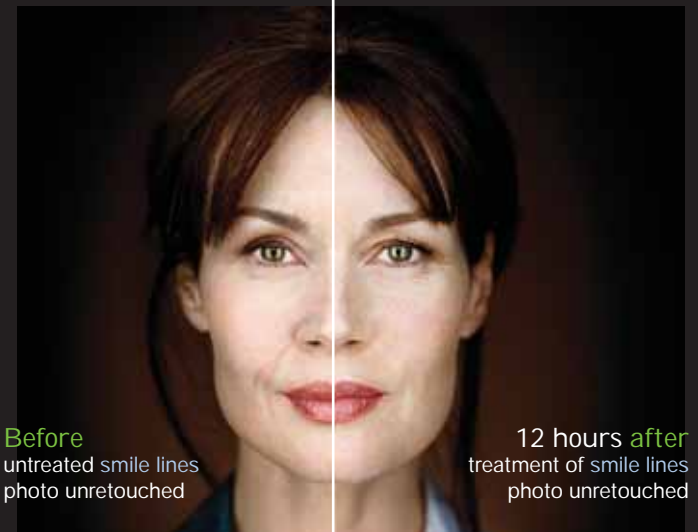


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Q: What are your Christmas Eve plans?



We used to go to Tahoe every year but this year it will be different. Our boys are in Los Angeles and New York so this will be our first year without them. We are still getting used to the empty nest.

Sue Chainey
empty nester and dog nanny



We open all of our presents on Christmas Eve, not Christmas Day. We are Filipino and that is how we do it. We go to Mass first and then it's present time. This year I want a purple Care Bear.

Gabby Galicinao
first-grader



I like to eat ham every year on Christmas Eve. My parents are divorced so I go to my dad's house and open presents.

Richard McElroy
customer support specialist



I am going to my mom's house in Pleasant Hill. We do dinner and presents. We are a pasta-loving family with some lamb. It's a big group of family and friends so it should be fun.

John Sbarro
sales & marketing for Skillset Online



I go to church. We all get together for dinner with the family first. We also get to open a couple of presents. I want car stuff this year but it's too expensive so I will probably get some clothing.

Ted Bates
manager

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“When we dropped off the gifts ... one woman just started crying.”

—Gina Turturici, chairwoman of program that delivered Christmas gifts to a Richmond school. See story, page 5.

Helicopter search for fleeing suspect

Northwest Danville residents saw a flurry of police activity Monday as an intensive search was held for a suspect fleeing on a stolen motorcycle.

Danville Police Sgt. Dan Hoffman said the incident began shortly before 4 p.m. when Patrol Officer Paul Murphy spotted the cyclist speeding on Danville Boulevard just south of Alamo. Murphy put on lights and siren for a traffic stop but the cyclist fled at speeds greater than 80 mph. Due to rain conditions, Murphy chose not to pursue but informed other officers. A citizen reported seeing the motorcyclist turn onto Del Amigo Road and several officers converged on the scene, including a K-9 officer from Concord and the Contra Costa Sheriff's helicopter.

The motorcycle was found abandoned near the intersection of Starview Place and Starview Drive, and a check of the license plate showed the cycle as stolen out of Tracy. Murphy had recognized the driver as Bradley Martin, 19, who resides in both Danville and Tracy. Murphy went to Martin's Danville residence to speak to his family and while he was there Martin called his father. The young man indicated that he was sorry for fleeing, according to reports, and that he was willing to turn himself in. He was taken into custody and charged with possession of stolen property and probation violation.

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Fresh & Easy, Walgreens partners at store location

Grocer and pharmacy to occupy former Albertsons site

by Geoff Gillette

As part of a major push to increase their presence in northern California, grocery chain Fresh & Easy is looking to open a new store in Danville. The small market chain, owned by Britain based Tesco PLC, is planning to share the former Albertsons grocery store location on Diablo Road with Walgreens.

Danville Principal Planner David Crompton said the plans have been in the works for more than a year, and currently the company is going through the town's Design Review Board to get signage approved for its new location.

The East Bay is targeted for more than half a dozen of the new store locations and better than two dozen in Northern California, according to Fresh & Easy's Web site.

Fresh & Easy spokesman Brendan Wonnacott said they are very excited to be coming to Danville and he is hopeful that the store will fit in well with the neighborhood.

"For us, the matter of neighborhoods is what is important. We go into different types of neighborhoods and it's just a matter of offering what the neighborhoods want," he explained.

Wonnacott said the 10,000-square-foot stores, smaller than the average chain grocery store, are designed to provide quality food at

affordable prices. "They're really a 'neighborhood market' in the truest sense of the word," he said.

Because their space needs are less than what is available at the Albertsons site, the company looked for someone to share the space, which led it to Walgreens, based in Deerfield, Ill.

"We've done this in other locations as well," Wonnacott said. "For us it's important to get good locations in the neighborhoods we want to serve, even if it means getting a building with a larger footprint than we normally get and leasing it out to someone else."

Two questions remain regarding the store's arrival in Danville, the first being when it plans to open its doors. Wonnacott said the company does not have a set timetable for the opening as of yet.

One of the issues that needs to be addressed prior to the store's opening is the creation of a Northern California distribution center to handle the flow of merchandise. Once that facility is completed the store will be closer to an opening date.

The second question is in regards to the current Walgreens store on San Ramon Valley Boulevard. Will it remain open when the new store goes in, or will it be folded into the new facility?

At press time, officials with Walgreens Corp. had not responded to questions regarding the proposed new store on Diablo Road. ■



The gift of wheels

Volunteer Joe Hui (left) makes last-minute adjustments to one of the more than 100 bicycles he and other volunteers have refurbished as part of adopt-a-bike. The program, run through St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, takes in used bicycles, fixes them up and donates them to various service agencies throughout the county. Many bikes will find their way to needy recipients at the Monument Crisis Center in Concord.

GEOFF GILLETTE

Schools share spirit of giving

Partner program sends gifts, clothing to Richmond families

by Geoff Gillette

Rain fell, temperatures hung in the low 40s, and still a group of parents turned out Monday and Tuesday mornings at Los Cerros Middle School and Sycamore Valley Elementary to collect gifts to be delivered to more than two dozen families at Martin Luther King Elementary School in Richmond.

The effort is part of a 14-year-old program started at Greenbrook Elementary School called the Cross County Partner School Program. Formed in 1994, the program provides clothing, books and other items to partner schools in Richmond, San Pablo, Oakland, Pittsburg, Antioch and Concord.

Program chairwoman Gina Turturici said that each school in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District is paired

with a partner school in the East Bay. Schools hold clothing and book drives twice per year and take the proceeds to their partners.

In a recent drive, Sycamore Valley Elementary and Los Cerros worked together to adopt 31 families at Martin Luther King Elementary. Over two days, the parents jammed a horse trailer, a panel truck and several SUVs with toys, games, bikes and other items and delivered them to their adopted families.

Beth Bemis was one of the parents involved. The mother of a kindergartner at Sycamore Valley, Bemis said her daughter's class adopted a family. "The whole idea was so the kids could understand about people in need."

Bemis said over the course of the last few weeks of getting ready for the drive her daughter became very involved in the effort. "She really got clued in

because it meant so much to me. So my daughter said, 'You haven't asked me for money out of my piggy bank. I want to give you 20 moneys.' She was very serious about it, and used \$20 out of her piggy bank to buy a gift card."

This is the first year that they've done the gift drive, but Turturici said it went extremely well. "People are just being so generous. When we dropped off the gifts from Los Cerros yesterday, one woman just started crying."

Bemis agreed "It took me eight hours just to wrap all the gifts that came in. It's a great feeling, seeing how people will do this to help other people."

Turturici said that in the 14 years since it was created by Shirley Bull, the Cross County Exchange program has been responsible for the donation of 1 million books and 1 million articles of clothing to their partner schools. ■



GEOFF GILLETTE

Kristin Lineberry, a parent at Sycamore Valley Elementary School, loads gifts and items into a truck bound for Martin Luther King Elementary School in Richmond Tuesday morning while her daughter Ella, 2, looks on.



DOLORES FOX CARDELLI

Homes for the holidays

Docent Barbara Monsler welcomes visitors to the Raphel home on Alameda Diablo in Diablo last Friday morning, one of five spectacular houses featured this year on the annual AAUW Holiday Home Tour. The sun shone brightly as flocks of women—and a few men—followed red maps to the five special houses decorated to the hilt for Christmas.

Voter turnout highest in two decades

Election wrap-up shows smooth sailing in Contra Costa County

by Geoff Gillette

A truism in politics is that passionate voters go to the polls on election day. Going by that axiom, Danville voters are more passionate now than they have been since the days of Richard Nixon.

Results from the Nov. 4 election have been finalized and Contra Costa County Clerk Steve Weir said Danville's voter turnout numbers are the highest they've been in more than 20 years.

"Danville voter turnout was 89.65 percent. For modern history, after the mid '70s, this is a record," Weir said.

He explained that due to the way voter registration was set up and maintained in the '50s, '60s and early '70s, turnout num-

bers were always high because only those people truly dedicated to voting would still be on the rolls.

"For instance, if you didn't vote in an even-numbered election you were dropped from the voter rolls," he explained. "So turnouts were higher. Now that registration is easier and much harder to purge, the frequent voter is only a percentage of the rolls."

Countywide, the turnout percentage was slightly lower at 86.87 percent. Weir said they saw turnout numbers in the 90th percentile in Clayton, Lafayette and Orinda, while Richmond was behind with an 84 percent turnout, and Pittsburg had only 81 percent.

Two issues received a great deal

of media attention nationwide regarding the election: problems for those who attempted early voting, and long lines at polling places. Weir said his county Elections Department saw some minor snafus but nothing as serious as was reported elsewhere in the country. Prior to Election Day, it was possible to vote at his office in Martinez.

"We had two-and-a-half to three times the normal number voting in our office," he noted. "There were around 8,500 people who came to take advantage of early voting. We think they were worried about lines at their polling places, and they ended up making lines here."

Weir and his employees were hard pressed to keep up with the surge of voters, going from only four or five voting booths to having 29 booths.

"We had them in our lobby, we had them in our hallway. We had to scramble. Fortunately we were at our office so we were able to bring all the equipment out. Most of my senior staff, myself included, ended up working the line," Weir recalled.

On Election Day, they received few reports of issues at the polls. In one instance, a Danville precinct had a very long line.

"I sent staff out there to see what the problem was," Weir said, "and we worked it out."

Weir said he believes the reason there were few line problems in Contra Costa County was that they had a large number of vote-by-mail ballots turned in. "We had 1.2 million fewer voters at the polls but 2 million more vote-by-mail. We were pretty sure we weren't going to have those kinds of problems you hear about," he said.

There were some reports of signs close to a polling area in Alamo, but they were not found to be closer than 100 feet so they were not taken down. Weir said that those types of issues are fairly mild compared to some things that were happening around the country.

"We try not to have signs associated with any polling place," he said. "We want to create a safe haven for our voters."

Weir's employees scrambled to rectify one situation, where incorrect vote-by-mail ballots were sent out to around 100 residents. Weir said they set up a system to handle those cases and immediately dispatched employees to make sure the resident had the correct ballot.

"Our philosophy," he stated, "is if you make a mistake, identify it, confess to it and fix it."

Overall though, Weir said things went very well. "This was a very smooth election," he said, "especially considering it was such a high profile election with record-breaking turnouts." ■

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Happy holidays with Supervisor Piepho

Supervisor Mary N. Piepho of District 3 talks to constituent Owen Shackleton about his plans as she welcomes the public to her offices on Diablo Road last week for her holiday open house. People who attended also donated cans of food for the 2008 Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano for community members in need.

The food drive continues through Dec. 25 as part of a countywide effort. The five supervisors' offices compete against each other for a small apple trophy, which District 3 won last year, and Contra Costa County also competes against Solano County for a large apple trophy.

Last year District 3 won the Contra Costa County drive by raising \$12,000 in monetary donations. This year its goal is \$15,000. Send donations to the 2008 Holiday Food Drive, District 3, Contra Costa County; 309 Diablo Road; Danville 94526.

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Meet Hark and Herald

My friend Maria had two "cute kid" stories to share the other day.

One was about her niece's 6-year-old son Jack, who attends a Catholic school back East. The teacher was telling the story about the birth of Jesus, starting with when the angel appeared to tell Mary about his impending arrival.

"Does anyone know the angel's name?" the teacher asked. A student correctly answered, "Gabriel."

Jack shot up his hand. "I know the names of the other two angels," he said.

The teacher wasn't aware of any other angels at the scene but nonetheless told him to go ahead and tell the class.

"Hark and Herald," Jack said proudly. "Hark and Herald angels sing."

The other story was about her boss' granddaughter, also 6. She put a Gameboy on her list for Santa Claus. After her mother talked to her about not requesting anything too extravagant, the little girl pleasantly agreed, crossed it off and wrote down another thing she'd like Santa to bring: gum.

That's one thing my daughter Zoe likes about teaching kindergarten—

the kids' appreciation of the little things. She bought each one an eraser last week. They cost about 10 cents apiece, and were in the shapes of snowmen, gingerbread men, Santa, a tree and other seasonal figures.

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They were so excited that she told them they had two minutes to talk about the erasers, then they would move on to something else. And indeed, for two minutes they talked about what they got and how much they loved her.

After Zoe has had a tiring day, her fiancé Jeff reminds her: "Who else has a job where every day people tell you they love you and give you hugs?"

There is an endless supply of cute kid stories. Art Linkletter made a career out of it on his TV show "House Party," with a segment called "Kids Say the Darndest Things," which resulted in books of the same name. The show ran five days a week for 20 years in the 1950s and 1960s, with Linkletter interviewing some 20,000 children in all. From 1998-2000 Bill Cosby revived the concept with Linkletter as his co-host.

"I know the names of the other two angels. Hark and Herald angels sing."

—Jack, age 6

My DJ friend Sam Van Zandt had a poignant "kid" tale to tell. He's on the KBAY Sam & Lissa morning show in San Jose, and on Saturday they broadcast from Christmas in the Park to get listeners to Stuff the Bus with Toys for Tots.

Sam told me about one mother who comes to the event every year with her twin daughters, Alexia and Alicia, who carefully select the toys to give to children who otherwise may not receive anything for Christmas. This year the girls are

9, and Alexia, who is blind, gave a Barbie backpack filled with toys. Alexia pointed out to Sam that she had labeled each of the toys in the backpack in Braille, in case it was received by another little girl who, like herself, is blind.

Meet Bob

I ran into Sue and Bob Worthington in downtown Danville the other day, a retired couple I always see at the monthly Mayor's Mornings. They were both laughing and told me why.

They'd been walking down Hartz Avenue with Bob holding their purchases when a woman passed them going into a store and said, "Hi, Bob."

Sue looked at Bob but he was bewildered and asked the woman how she knew his name.

She didn't, she said. But whenever she sees a husband carrying the purchases, she always calls him Bob, short for beast of burden.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa to all the bobs of the world—and to those for whom they are bobbing.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Town Square forum

If you've been online you've probably noticed a few upgrades on our Town Square site. Some of these come as a response to user suggestions.

One of the main concerns of our forum users is the issue of "identity theft," for lack of a better term. A few of our regular posters have been the targets of people using their online name. So our site developers have made it possible for registered users to lock in their public online name. If someone else tries to use that online name, and it doesn't say "so and so is a member (registered user) of Danville Weekly," the poster is an imposter, for lack of a better term.

However, the forum is not becoming a "registered user only" site, and comments from anonymous posters will still be allowed. While there are drawbacks to anonymity, there are enough advantages that it is a positive attribute.

In addition to being able to keep an online identity, registered users can track topics and have an e-mail sent to them when a comment is made. A new benefit of being a registered user is that now, when a new topic is started, the poster will have the option of restricting comments to registered users only.

We have also added a link called "Report Objectionable Content" at the bottom of every comment to make it easier to alert us, and there is now a "share" icon so users can share via social networking sites. There is also a search capability for Town Square forums next to the search box at the top of the page.

A few additions are not as obvious but are equally important. For example, in the "Terms of Use" we have added the following:

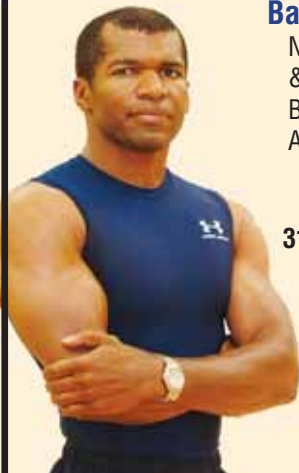
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Having a community forum that is accessible to everyone—and where everyone is respected—is an important part of our DanvilleWeekly.com site. Most of the recent improvements have come from suggestions or concerns of Town Square users. If you have questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, please e-mail me at gallen@danvilleweekly.com.

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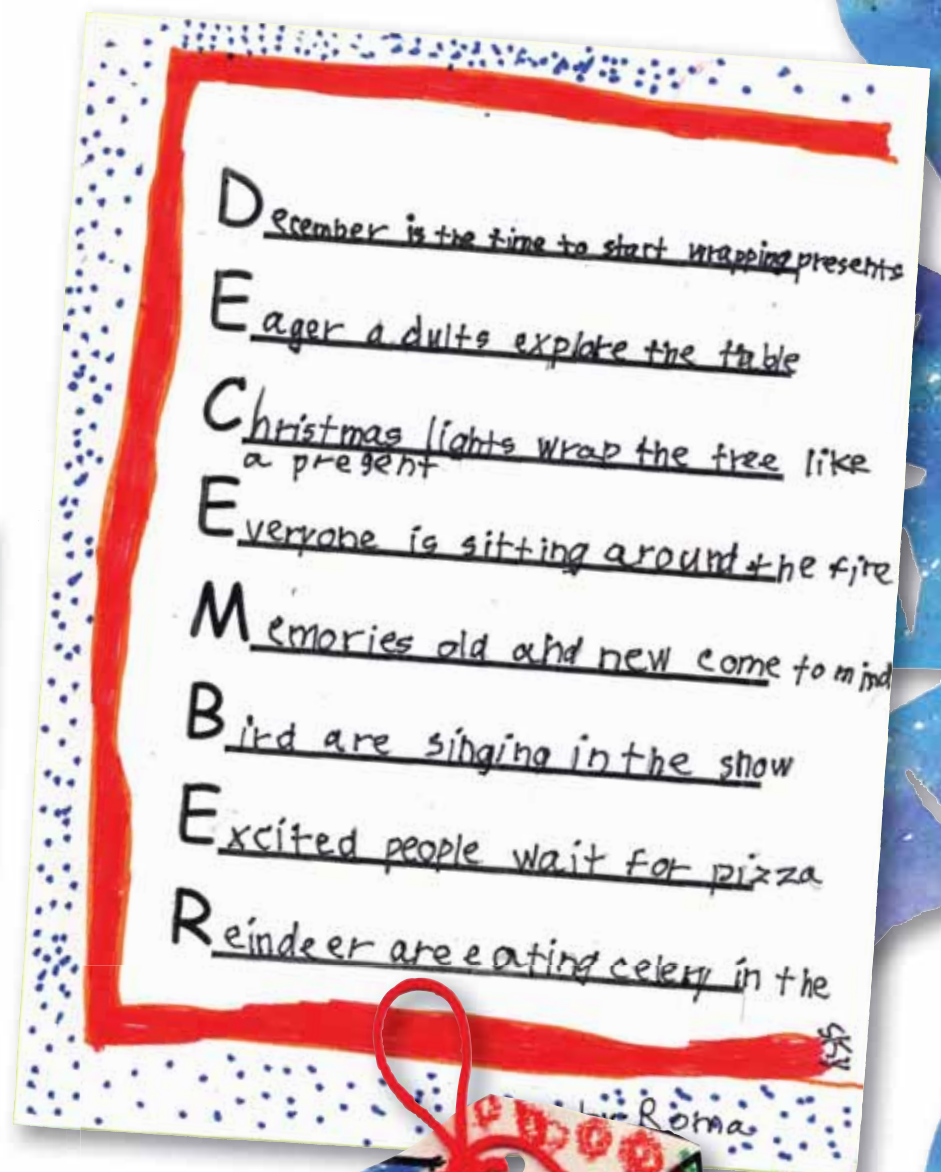
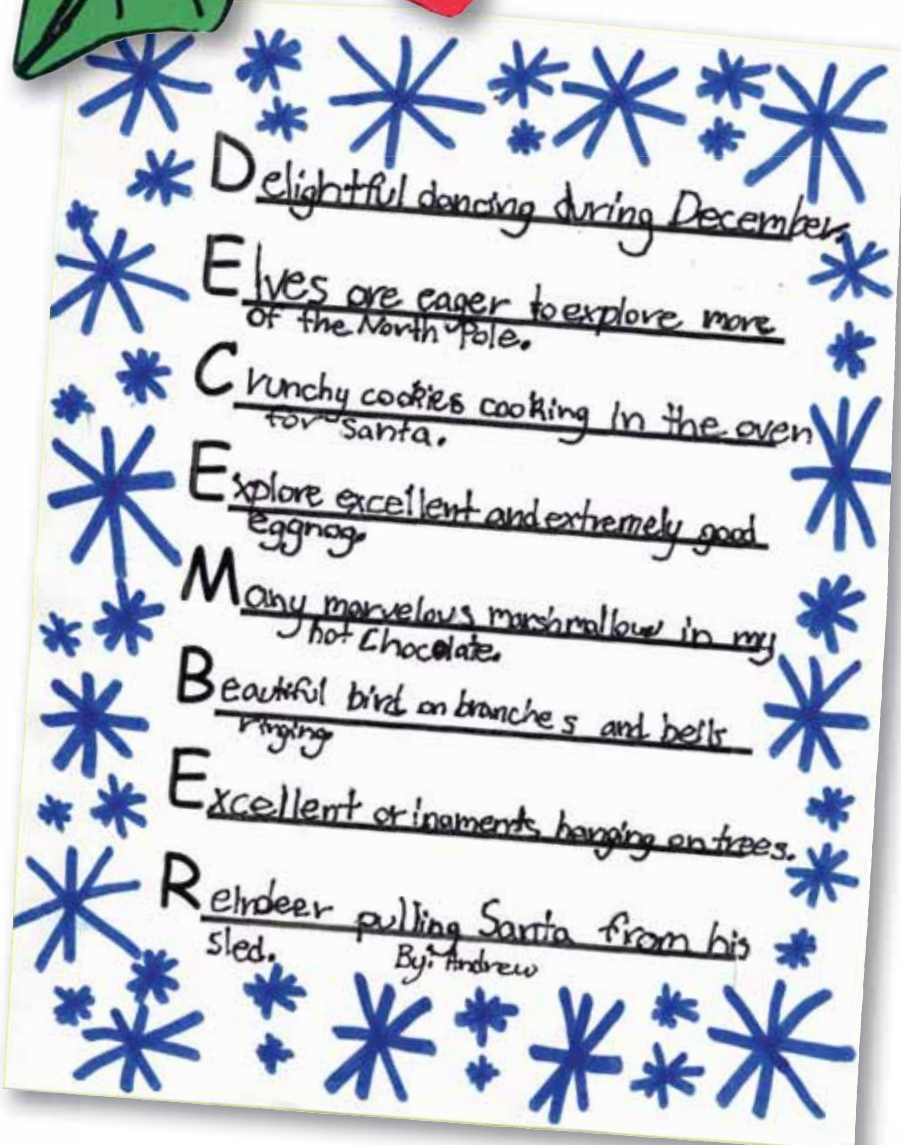
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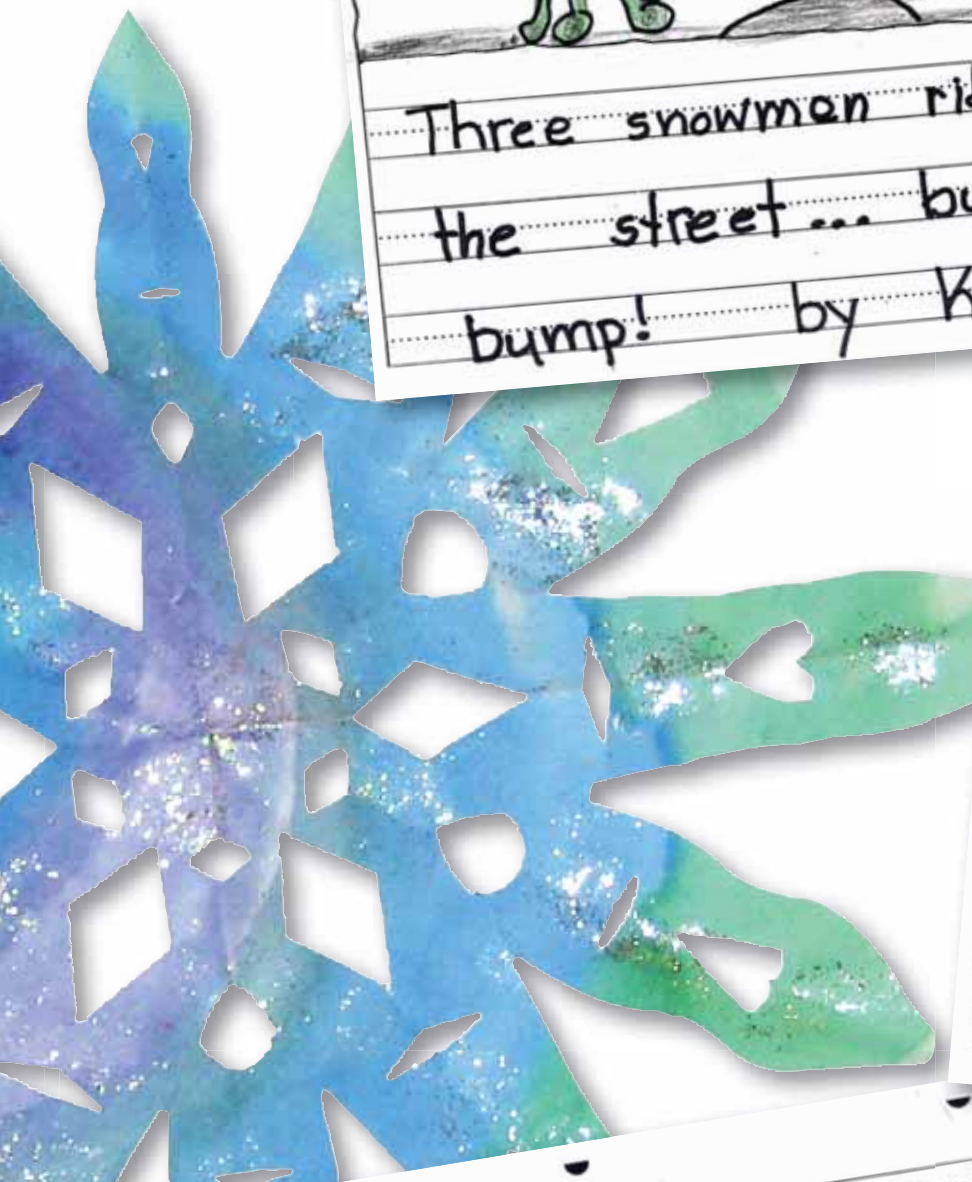
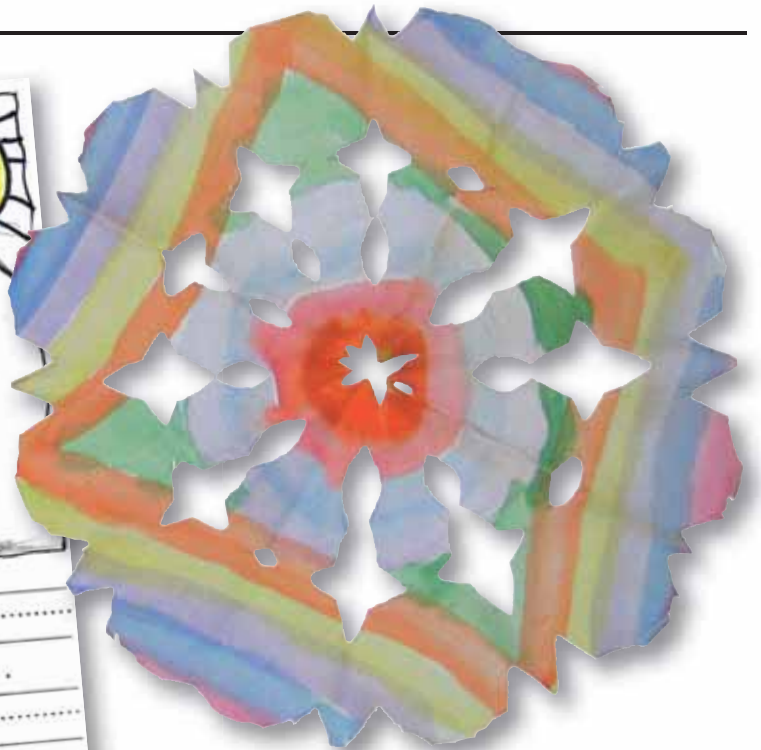
School children share their December art

This is a special time in schools as students express their holiday joy in their art projects. For this week's cover story, children from the classes of Melinda Burgess, Michelle Nelson, Carrie Barkovsky, Lindsay Tate, Denise Guidici and Sue Benit at Alamo Elementary School share their art with you. Happy Holidays!






Three snowmen ride down
the street... bump, bump,
bump! by Katelyn



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N is New Years and neighbors
T is toothic rolls and trains
E is electric trains and energy
R is runny noses



Name Drake Blevins

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POLICE BULLETIN

Sheriff's deputy hurt in Alamo crash

Officials with the California Highway Patrol are investigating a weekend crash in Alamo that sent two women, one an officer with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, to the hospital.

CHP spokesman Officer Tom Maguire said the incident occurred shortly after 8 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at the intersection of Danville Boulevard and Stone Valley Road.

Deputy Jennifer Yen, 32, was driving southbound on Danville Boulevard when she collided with a westbound auto driven by 57-year-old Patricia Gagliotti of Concord, according to reports.

Maguire said both drivers were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash and so did not receive serious injuries. Emergency crews transported both women to John Muir Medical Center where they were treated.

Officers on the scene received conflicting reports as to which direction of traffic had the green light, so no charges have been filed while officers investigate the accident.

—Geoff Gillette

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, Dec. 7

- Suspicious subject in the 7700 block of Crow Canyon Rd. at 1:44 a.m.
- Traffic stop at the intersection of El Cerro Boulevard and El Quanita Dr. at 9:21 a.m.
- Battery on the 100 block of Parkhaven Dr. at 11:43 a.m.
- Petty theft on the 200 block of Paraiso Dr. at 1:19 p.m.
- Disturbance reported, an unwanted guest on the 3100 block of Fostoria Way at 7:13 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8

- Grand theft on Wild Flower Ct. at 9:47 p.m.
- Disturbance reported on the 600 block of Diablo Road
- Property damage accident on El Capitan near the Iron Horse trail at 3:03 p.m.
- Burglary to auto on Brookside Dr. at 5:19 p.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop on Mountain Ridge Dr. and Zenith Ridge Dr. at 7:24 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

- Traffic stop on El Cerro Boulevard near I-680 at 2:24 a.m.
- Investigation on Belgian Dr. at 9:17 a.m.
- Investigation of suspicious circumstance on the 200 block of St. Christopher Dr. at 9:28 a.m.
- Arrest for being drunk in public near the intersection of Front St. and Prospect Ave. at 1:05 p.m.
- Misdemeanor reckless driving at San Ramon Boulevard and Town and Country Dr. at 3:34 p.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop on the 400 block of Front St. at 4:44 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Crow Canyon Road at Crow Canyon Place at 1:56 a.m.
- Public nuisance reported at Hartz Ave. and Prospect Ave. at 10:10 a.m.
- Vehicle accident with property damage at Orange Blossom Way and Osage Park at 11:32 a.m.
- Arrest for drug violation on Danville Boulevard at 12:15 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Romae Ct. at 4:22 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11

- Stolen vehicle reported on 400 block of Veda Dr. at 12:50 a.m.
- Burglary to automobile on Joaquin Dr. at 7:54 a.m.
- Public nuisance reported on 400 block of Hartz Ave. at 8:59 a.m.
- Suspicious subject reported near the intersection of Camino Ramon and Francisco Dr. at 2:44 p.m.
- Petty theft on Gatetree Dr. at 4:15 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, near the intersection of Crow Canyon Road and Reedland Cr. at 11:37 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12

- Noise disturbance on the 200 block of El Dorado Ave. at 12:40 a.m.
- Stolen vehicle on the 800 block of Camino Ramon at 6:06 a.m.
- Commercial burglary on Oak Ct. at 9:04 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, citation, on San Ramon Valley Boulevard at 11:04 a.m.
- Arrest, battery charges, on Hartz Ave. at 6:05 p.m.
- Arrest, public nuisance, on Camino Ramon at El Capitan Dr. at 6:41 p.m.
- Disturbance, loud music, in the 1200 block of Greenbrook Dr. at 11:06 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 13

- Vehicle traffic stop, citation, on Podva Rd. and San Ramon Valley Blvd at 12:26 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on 100 block of Mariposa Ct. at 6:31 p.m.
- Disturbance, threats, on 9000 of Crow Canyon Rd. at 6:45 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop on Railroad Ave. near Lunardi's at 8:11 p.m.
- Reckless driving on Camino Ramon at Joaquin Dr. at 8:29 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest on Danville Blvd. and Del Amigo Rd. at 11:33 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Helen Jeanie (Henter) Hammill

Helen Jeanie (Henter) Hammill died at her Danville home Dec. 9 at the age of 76, after receiving communion with her family.

She was born of Hungarian emigrants in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1932, the second youngest of five children and the only one to leave Canada. She came to San Francisco in 1955 and lived in a guest house, and was introduced to her husband, Sydney, the next year. She worked as a secretary in his CPA business, going part-time after their children were born, until the age of 65.

She loved to entertain family and friends, gardening, sewing, skiing, reading, bridge, golfing at Royal Vista in San Ramon and then Diablo Country Club, and travel. She also loved football, hockey, and her grandchildren's sports. She was active at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville.

She was predeceased by her sister Katherine Martin and brother Alexander Henter Jr. of Canada. She is survived by her husband Sydney, daughter Laura (Charlie) Forni, son Glenn (Lisa), sisters Rose Quinn and Peggy Gordon of Canada; and many loving grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 3, at CPC, 222 W. El Pintado Road in Danville. Donations may be sent to the Deacon's Fund at CPC or Hospice of the East Bay.

Gerald L. Spreen

Gerald L. Spreen, a resident of Alamo, died Nov. 22 at the age of 75.

He was born Jan. 6, 1933, in Paradise, Calif. He settled in Walnut Creek where he practiced as a CPA for 44 years. He was a former member of the Mt. Diablo Lions Club of Walnut Creek. He enjoyed the outdoors, working with his hands and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Glenna "Gerry" Spreen; his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Charles Miller; and two granddaughters. He was laid to rest Nov. 26 in Paradise. A memorial service was held Dec. 12 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette. Donations may be made in his memory to the Lions Club of Walnut Creek.

Flora Moulthrop

Danville resident Flora Moulthrop died Nov. 9 at the age of 106.

She was born Aug. 16, 1902, in Oakland. She graduated in 1926 from the University of California. She married John Horace Moulthrop and they made their first home in Alameda. She became active in the Olive Branch of Children's Hospital of the East Bay. In 1942 they moved to Orinda and later to Los Angeles. In Southern California, she was

active in the Ebell Club of Los Angeles and Children's Hospital of Southern California, of which she was president. Upon returning to Northern California, she became active in Assistance League of Diablo Valley. She was widowed in 1997 after 68 years of marriage. She had a great love for her family, gardening and her animals.

She is survived by her sons, Franklin Wyman Moulthrop (Bud) of Lafayette and his wife Patty; John Buford Moulthrop of Alamo and wife Susan; and Clark Gray Moulthrop of Diablo and wife Ellen; her grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Services were private. Inurnment was at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Danville. Memorial donations may be made to Assistance League of Diablo Valley, 2711 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek 94597.

Francette Mauze Cameron

Francette Mauze Cameron, a former resident of Danville, died Nov. 15 at the age of 92.

She was born May 17, 1916, in Burbank and raised in Fresno. She was a junior high and high school teacher in Oakland and later was vice principal at a high school. She was a member of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization).

She is survived by her son, Alex (Judy) of Spokane; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Dec. 4 in Spokane, Wash. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Spokane, P.O. Box 2215, Spokane, WA 99210-2215.

Doris Margaret Morgan

Doris Margaret Morgan, a resident of Danville, died Nov. 15 at the age of 84.

She was born April 6, 1924, in Hayward. She graduated from San Ramon Valley High School and Heald College. She was an original settler of the Blackhawk area. She and her husband Albert owned and operated DU-MOR Dairy in Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill from 1957-79. She loved to travel, play tennis, golf and bridge. She was a member of the Golden Girls, the Old Crows, and several bridge groups.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, Albert Morgan, and her brother, Robert Kamp. She is survived by her three children, Russ and wife Cheryl Morgan of Pleasanton, Sharon Clore of Danville, and Tim Morgan of Martinez. She is also survived by six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lois Gompertz of San Ramon and Shirley Geraths of Walnut Creek, and her sister-in-law Regina Kamp of Livermore.

A memorial service was held in November at Oakmont Memorial Park and Mortuary in Lafayette.

Donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Salvatore Pasque Paladino

Salvatore Pasque Paladino, a resident of Alamo, died surrounded by his family Nov. 16 at the age of 83.

He was born April 12, 1925, in Cicero, Ill. He served as a lieutenant in WWII in the Army Air Corps. He raised his family in Illinois and moved to the Bay Area 32 years ago with his beloved wife Phyllis. He loved to travel, was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, and was an avid woodworker.

He was preceded in death by his wife Phyllis in 1990. He is survived by his children Phillip Paladino (Barbara), David Paladino (Lois), Jane Bradford (Robin), Thomas Paladino (Michele) and Patricia Konigsberg (Neil); his brother Joseph; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial services were Nov. 21 in Walnut Creek.

Charles E. Holman

Charles E. Holman, a resident of Danville, died Nov. 16 at the age of 90.

He was born Nov. 29, 1917. After 30 years as an airline pilot, he and his wife Vivienne traveled extensively around the world. During his retirement he enjoyed playing the drums with Vivienne's orchestra, the Moonglowers. They played many venues including senior centers. He was a lover of horses and animals. He was a member of the Alameda County Sheriff's posse for 25 years, an avid golfer, and owned his own boat, traveling through the Delta.

He was the beloved husband of Vivienne, devoted father of Diana Lynn Gerbovitz, son-in-law Tom, cherished grandfather of Michael and Kristine and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial was held Nov. 24 at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Danville. Donations can be made in his name to the Bruns House Hospice, 2849 Miranda Ave., Alamo 94507.

Robert H. Frolick

Robert H. Frolick, a resident of Danville, died Nov. 17 at the age of 88.

He was born April 25, 1920, and was raised in Everett, Wash. He later served in WWII aboard the USS St. Louis as an aviation scout, surviving 14 major battles. He lived in Orinda and Danville with the love of his life, Peggy, who predeceased him. Together they ran Fine Day Paints and A Touch of Yesterday Antiques in Danville. They also sponsored numerous youth and adult sports teams.

At his request no services were held.



Sutter Libby, 5, pushes the button to start the Ferris wheel in the Christmas Memories exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. The Ferris wheel, train and motorized Santa are just a small part of the annual display.

Geoff Gillette

Railroad museum alive with 'Christmas Memories'

Families enjoy new treasure hunt amid the displays of holidays past

by Geoff Gillette

Operation. Battleship. Cooties. Many of us can remember a time when we tiptoed down the stairs before the sun had fully risen to see if the cookies and milk were gone, to look beneath a gaily lit tree in search of brightly wrapped packages containing wonderful games, gadgets or dolls.

That spirit, that feeling of Christmas morning and the wonders it holds, is alive and well at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Through December and until Jan. 7, the museum is putting on its "Christmas Memories" exhibit.

Sonya Seyler is the mastermind behind this year's exhibit, and she says it consists of a lot of different parts that all fit together—like pieces of an Erector Set.

Components include a series of Christmas trees adorned with vintage ornaments and a motorized Santa and his sleigh flying around the perimeter of the room on a wire followed by Snoopy, Mighty Mouse and Superman.

The trees are especially beautiful, capturing the styles and imagination of each period.

"The 1890s tree is always decorated by the historical society, the 1930s tree was decorated by Roxanne Lindsey and friends, and the 1950s tree was decorated by Rick Moore and his daughter Natalie," Seyler explained.

All the vintage ornaments are owned by the museum, carefully packed away and stored for each year's exhibit. Seyler said they have been doing the Christmas Memories exhibit for more than nine years. The thing that's fun, she said, is trying to make it different each year.

"Each year we try to twist it a little bit," she said. "And we try to make it a bit more interactive, so instead of looking we like to give them something to do."

One trunk in the exhibit stands open to reveal carved wooden toys for the children to play with. On a recent Saturday during the farmers market, children streamed into the museum and, with that uncanny instinct that children possess, gravitated to that trunk. A stampede of wooden animals



A gingerbread recreation of the Vecki house on Front Street in downtown Danville sits amid the cotton batting snow near the miniature train set.

Geoff Gillette

were pulled on strings around the display. Other kids swung a wooden dowel with a ring tied to it up into the air, trying to catch the ring on the stick.

Many engaged in this year's featured activity: a scavenger hunt, of sorts, around the museum based on two sets of memorable toys. For the girls, the clues revolved around the new exhibit of five American Girl dolls, and for the boys it was all about Matchbox cars.

Dolls and cars are hidden throughout the room, each with a card near it bearing a letter. Participants pick up a pencil and a card with 14 numbered blanks at the entrance, then as they scour the museum looking for dolls or cars, they fill in the blanks to reveal a secret message. When the message is revealed, the cards are turned in to be part of a drawing to take place in January. Girls will win an American Girl Family Album, while boys will win a Matchbox car.

Seyler said she is particularly pleased they were able to secure the American Girl dolls for the exhibit this year. "Some of the toys in the exhibit are in our permanent collection, but the American Girl dolls were loaned. What we like about having them is the stories about the dolls are historical.

They teach young girls what life was like in those eras."

She said right from the start they were leaning toward using the dolls as part of the clue hunt, but it wasn't until they started discussing it that they decided to include the Matchbox cars as well. "When we would be in meetings all I'd hear is, 'All I hear about is dolls, what are you doing for the boys?'"

What was intended as an interactive challenge for children visiting the museum has become a family activity for many. "I saw a couple of kids doing it with their father and a grandfather. I heard the father say, 'I'm going to do it too.' And pretty soon the father and the grandfather both had cards and were hunting for the cars," Seyler enthused. "It was a fun family thing for them to do."

The museum is not a large building, but the sheer volume of displays makes it obvious there was a huge effort behind such an exhibit. "It is a collaborative effort," Seyler said. "I calculated almost 60 people participated and helped in this exhibit. It's very difficult listing off everyone who was involved."

Setup started in mid-November, after the Indian Life exhibit was taken down. "We worked that whole weekend," Seyler recalled. "It took an entire truck to bring all the artifacts in from storage. We had a group of men who volunteered to do that. It's really nice, they do this for every exhibit."

The plan was to open up the exhibit the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, but the sheer volume of artifacts, ornaments, toys and set up made it a daunting task. Still Seyler said once they had things organized, she could see they'd make their deadline. "Once we got the boxes unloaded and out of there, you could see things more. You could see it would all come together."

Over the past two weeks, many people have come through the museum to experience the Christmas Memories. Seyler said that for the kids, it's about the train, the ferris wheel or hunting for the dolls and cars but for the adults it's something a bit different.

"They get to come in here and see the toys they got when they were small," she noted. "It's seeing their childhood Christmases all over again." ■

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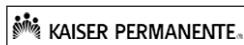
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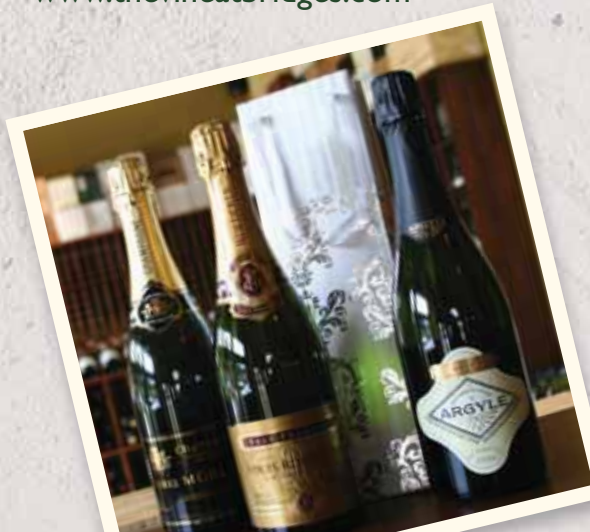


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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Holiday gifts from the kitchen

You're down to the home-stretch—most of the holiday gifts on your list are bought, wrapped and shipped. Then, suddenly, you think of a few more friends and relatives. Ten lords a leaping, now what? Don't panic ... with a little effort, you can whip up some simple yet festive confections as last-minute gifts to thoroughly impress the folks you nearly overlooked.

Some of us cooks avoid candy making, thinking it complicated and fraught with risks for disasters. The mention of a candy thermometer in the recipe doesn't help dispel the fear either. However, there are many basic recipes that will de-mystify the candy-making process.

These recipes will yield batches of goodies that can be bundled into cellophane bags and tied with

bright ribbon to create confectionary delights for anyone on your list. And an extra bonus: Serve the leftover and broken pieces to surprise guests at your holiday table. There's nothing sweeter than gifts from the kitchen.

See more recipes at www.DanvilleWeekly.com.

Jacqui Love Marshall's column runs every other week. E-mail her at jlovemarshall@yahoo.com.

RECIPES

Almond-Coconut Haystacks

8 ounces bittersweet OR semisweet chocolate, chopped

1-1/2 cups sweetened flaked coconut
3/4 cup smoked almonds (about 5 oz.), finely chopped, or plain almonds

1. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper. Melt chocolate in a large heatproof bowl over a pan of hot water, stirring frequently until melted and smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in 1 cup coconut and 1/2 cup almonds. Spoon the mixture in heaping tablespoon-size mounds onto waxed paper. Mix remaining 1/2 cup coconut and 1/4 cup almonds in a bowl and

sprinkle over tops of haystacks, lightly pressing into chocolate to adhere.

2. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store in an airtight container at room temperature up to 1 day, or in refrigerator up to 2 weeks.

Ginger-Spiced Pecans

4 Tbsp unsalted butter
3 cups pecan halves
1/4 cup sugar
2 tsp ground ginger
Pinch salt

1. In a large nonstick frying pan, melt the butter over moderate heat. Add the

pecans and cook, stirring, until beginning to brown, about 4 minutes.

2. In a small bowl, combine the sugar, ginger, and salt. Sprinkle the mixture evenly over the pecans in the pan and cook, stirring, until the pecans are coated with the sugar mixture and are browned and crisp, 1-2 minutes. Don't cook them too long or the sugar will begin to melt. Spread the pecans on a baking sheet to cool.

Note: If you prepare the pecans more than two days ahead, add another 1/2 tsp of ginger, since the flavor dissipates over time.

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The Y Files



BY MARIA SHEN

Teens reveling in 'Twilight'

The movie "Twilight," based on the book by Stephanie Meyer, is a love story between two teens—one alive, one undead (I wish I were kidding, but I'm not). "Twilight" and others in the series have rapidly become one of the most popular teen reads in recent years, its popularity—from what I see—rivaling that of Harry Potter's. As a person under the age of 25, I felt that it was my societal duty to view this movie. I was expecting the worst when I walked into the theater, but what I got was worse still.

I'll give you what I know of the plot from the parts of the movie where I wasn't laughing so hard that my eyes were squeezed shut: Edward Cullen is gorgeous and sparkles in the sunlight; Bella Swan is a gawky, shy, impossibly gorgeous girl; Edward and Bella fall passionately in love somewhere during the 10,000 scenes where they look deeply into each other's eyes; Bella is in danger because a shirtless, ponytail-wearing vampire named Thomas wants to eat her; Edward must save her.

As Ben Lyons pithily put it for At the Movies: "Unfortunately, it just didn't work."

What I find most interesting is the popularity of the whole storyline. Most devoted fans will tell me that I need to read the book first to appreciate the movie.

"It sounds like the stupidest thing ever," my friend Annie, a senior at Monte Vista, once told me. "But, I swear, once you start reading it, you'll love it."

But, in the time I spend not reading "Twilight," the fame of the book spread to greater and greater degrees. Soon, I was seeing the book *everywhere*. "Breaking Dawn," the fourth book in the series, was in the most prominent, eye-catching shelves in bookstores like Borders and Barnes and Nobles. When I walked into the Barnes and Nobles in Hacienda, I saw a huge countdown for the fourth book. The last time I saw something like that was for the seventh Harry Potter book. "Twilight," despite its cliché plotline and everything else that has caused me to regard the

books warily has undisputed sway over the teen population. Stephanie Meyer, the author of the series, hit upon literary gold.

I think the teen-phenomenon books really reflect the mood of my generation. Recent favorites have had a very heavy fantasy element ("Harry Potter" series, "Twilight" series, or the "Eragon" series). On the other hand, there are classics like "The Bell Jar," "Fight Club," "The Outsiders," and "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" that are still popular with the teens of today.

In the end, I suppose it's a good thing that fantasy books are so popular. It means we still have imagination, at least. We're willing to believe and willing to read about a world outside of our own.

I remember on my 11th birthday, I waited all day for my letter from Hogwarts (by owl-post, of course). I even left the windows open just so the barn owls wouldn't have trouble delivering my acceptance to the greatest wizarding school of all time. Needless to say, I was devastated when the letter didn't arrive.

My friend Helene, a fan of both the "Twilight" books and of "Harry Potter," told me how, when she was 11, she ran away from home and sat on the curb all day so the Knight Bus would pick her up (in the Harry Potter books, stranded wizards and witches are picked up by the Knight Bus, which takes passengers wherever they want to go). Now, as a 16-year-old obsessed with "Twilight," she wishes for her own sparkly Edward Cullen, also stressing how she would absolutely love to become a vampire. ("I would go crazy with my vampire powers!" she told me, glossy-eyed.)

What's wrong with a little dreaming now and then? Yes, we might have some unsavory literary preferences. And, yes, we might have unfounded dreams. But that's what youth is all about, isn't it? We believe in the existence of a better reality. What's so terrible about that?

But, still—I wish the movie had been a little better.

E-mail Maria Shen at youngbohemians@gmail.com.

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Clubs

'Finding Your Voice' California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch will offer writers of all genres the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, at Oasis Grille, 780 Main St. Guest speaker is B. Lynn Goodwin, author of, "You Want Me to Do What: Journaling for Caregivers." Cost is \$21 for members; \$27 for non-members, including lunch. Reservations are required by calling Fred at 462-7495 by Dec. 17.

Job's Daughters Installation The members of Bethel No. 247 Danville of Job's Daughters International will host an installation ceremony from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Danville Grange, 743 Diablo Rd. A reception and dance will follow the ceremony; semi-formal attire. This event is free. Call 829-8505.

Events

Holiday Welcome Home Ceremony Valley Military Heroes on holiday leave will be honored at a special ceremony from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 27, at AT&T, 2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. If you know an honoree from San Ramon, Danville, Dublin, Blackhawk or Alamo, call Janet Pedersen at 973-2532.

Single Cougars Party Single adults of all ages are invited to break the age barrier at the first-ever Single Cougars Party from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8, at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. The party

is based on Valerie Gibson's book "Cougar: A Guide for Older Women Dating Younger Men." Cost is \$10. Call (415) 507-9962 or visit www.thepartyhotline.com.

Fundraisers

Food for the Hungry Gatetree Church will begin collecting canned food items on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings until Dec. 21, to be distributed through the Contra Costa Food Bank. A barrel will be located in the church lobby for canned items. E-mail thgatetreechurch@sbcglobal.net.

Tell Me A Story Children's Home Society of California presents "Tell Me A Story," a holiday event for children of all ages featuring a storybook brunch with songs, storytelling and a special visit from Santa, at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Dr. The cost is \$30/adults and \$15/children. Call (510) 267-1860.

Health

Natural Relief from Colds, and Ear Infections Learn about homeopathic remedies and simple home care tips to ease the symptoms of colds, flu, ear infections and more from 7-8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15, at Elephant Pharm, 1388 S California Blvd., Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call 826-3858.

Holiday

Chanukah on Ice Come to a Grand Menorah lighting at the Walnut Creek Civic Park outdoor rink while ice skating to Jewish music, 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 25. Enjoy Chanukah Sufganiot and crafts for kids. Buy discounted tickets in advance for \$14 at www.JewishContraCosta.com or at the door for \$16. For information call 937-4101.

Chanukah Shabbat Potluck Dinner Join Beth Chaim Congregation in a Shabbat potluck dinner from 6:30-9:30 p.m.,

Friday, Dec. 26, at Beth Chaim Congregation, 1800 Holbrook Dr., Danville. The night will include lighting the Chanukah Menorah, music, prayers and a Shabbat dinner. This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are required by calling 736-7146; bring a vegetarian entree.

Guitars and Saxes Christmas If you love jazz you can't miss this season's best jazz show by Guitars and Saxes Christmas at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$39. Visit www.sanramonperformingarts.com.

Hanukah Celebration Beth Chaim Congregation will host a Hanukah celebration starting at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, at Beth Chaim Congregation, 1800 Holbrook Dr., Danville. There will be a live band, dancing, wine tasting, kid's crafts and a Latke Contest. Refreshments will be served. Other local faith communities are invited to help light the Menorah. Call 736-7146 or visit www.bethchaim.com.

Holiday Events at Blackhawk Plaza Blackhawk Plaza will host numerous holiday events including Photos with Santa from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., until Dec. 23 and from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 24; Live Holiday Music from Dickens Carolers from 4-7 p.m., Thursdays and from 1-4 p.m., Saturdays, until Dec. 20; and a Pet Night with Santa from 5-7 p.m., Tuesdays, Dec. 9 and 16; all at Blackhawk Plaza, 3480 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Call 736-2751.

Menorah Lightings Celebrate the Holiday of Chanukah with a Grand Menorah Lighting of Contra Costa's Largest Menorah, from 4-6 p.m., on the First Night, Sunday, Dec. 21; and Eighth Night, Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Broadway Plaza Fountain, Walnut Creek. Fun for the whole family with face painting, balloons, donuts and music. Visit www.JewishContraCosta.com or call 937-4101.

Still Time to See Santa Santa will make appearances until Dec. 24 at the Livery in Danville from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 20-21; and from 6-8 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 22-23. He will be at Blackhawk Plaza from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., until Dec. 23 and from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 24. And he will be at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20.

Kids and Teens

Masked Marvels and Wondertales Michael Cooper's one-man extravaganza features his original stories of courage and wonder, breathtaking handcrafted masks, outlandish stilt dancing, and a physical repertoire that ranges from the madcap to the sublime. Starts at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11, at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Cost varies from \$12-30.

Thomas the Tank Engine Funshop Blackhawk Museum will host a drop-in funshop about Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with museum admission. Call 736-2277.

Seniors

Emeritus College A catalog with 80 winter and spring classes, events and activities for seniors will be mailed Jan. 5 by Emeritus College, a program of Diablo Valley College. For a free copy, visit emeritus@dvc.edu or call 906-9105. Its motto is: "No tests, no stress, no homework, no kidding."

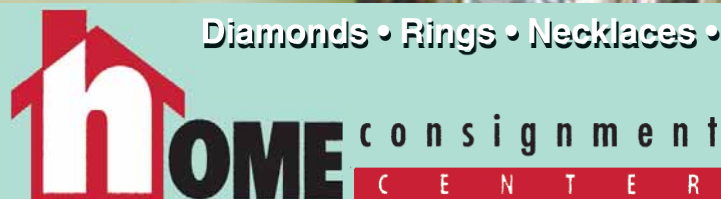
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follow after Mass in the multipurpose room. This event is free. Visit www.sjasr.org or call 525-6821.

Sports

Danville Little League Registration Player registration for Spring 2008 is open for all league ages. Registration may be completed online at www.danvillelittleleague.net. Click on the "Register Online" tab on the left and follow the step by step application process. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 31. E-mail webmaster@danvillelittleleague.com.

Spiritual

'Standing on the Threshold' San Damiano will host a weekend retreat "Standing on the Threshold" from Dec. 30-Jan. 1, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. There will be a study of the power and choices of thresholds. Cost is \$205 for a private room; \$175 for a shared room. Call 837-9141, ext. 315.

Children's Christmas Presentation Gatetree Church will host a children's Christmas presentation at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, at Gatetree Church, 101 Gatetree Dr., Danville. Tickets are \$.25 collected by the children for donation to Precious Souls Ministry Nigeria orphan fund. Call 820-9477 or visit www.gatetreechurch.org.

Christmas Eve Service Gatetree Church's annual Christmas Eve Service will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24, at the church, 101 Gatetree Dr., Danville. The service will feature favorite Christmas carols, a message "The Purpose of Christmas" and a candle-light celebration. Call 820-9477 or visit www.thegatetreechurch.org.

Christmas Eve Service Come and celebrate Christ's birth from 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Gatetree Church, 101 Gatetree Dr., Danville. Children are always welcome. E-mail thgatetreechurch@sbcglobal.net.

Simbang Gabi (9-day Advent Mass) St. Joan of Arc's Filipino Community invites everyone to "Simbang Gabi" (Misa de Gallo) at St. Joan of Arc Parish, at 7 p.m., Dec. 16-23, and at 5 p.m., Dec. 24, at 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Fellowship and refreshments

Volunteering

New Docent Training at Forest Home Farms Forest Home Farms is looking for volunteers to help with the third-grade fieldtrip program and will schedule docent training on Thursday, Jan. 15, at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Call 973-3282 or visit www.srhf.org.

Role Players Ensemble Theatre Volunteer to greet, seat and serve refreshments to Role Players Ensemble Theatre patrons at Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Work once per production with a team of 3-4 friendly volunteers. Performances are at 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday and at 2 p.m., Sunday. Call 820-1278.

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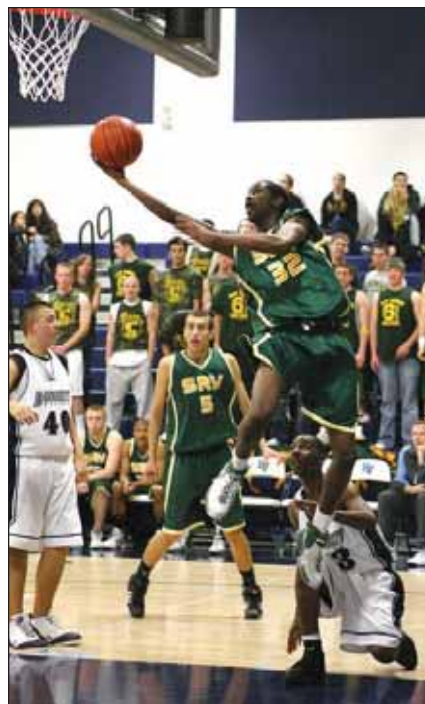
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San Ramon Valley vs. Santa Cruz at MSC, 5:15 p.m.

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Monte Vista at Bellarmine, 7:30 p.m.

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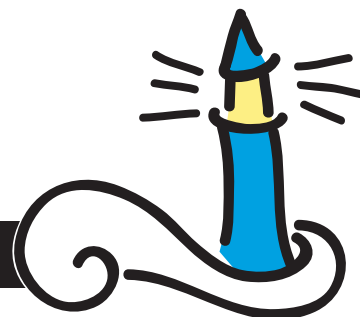
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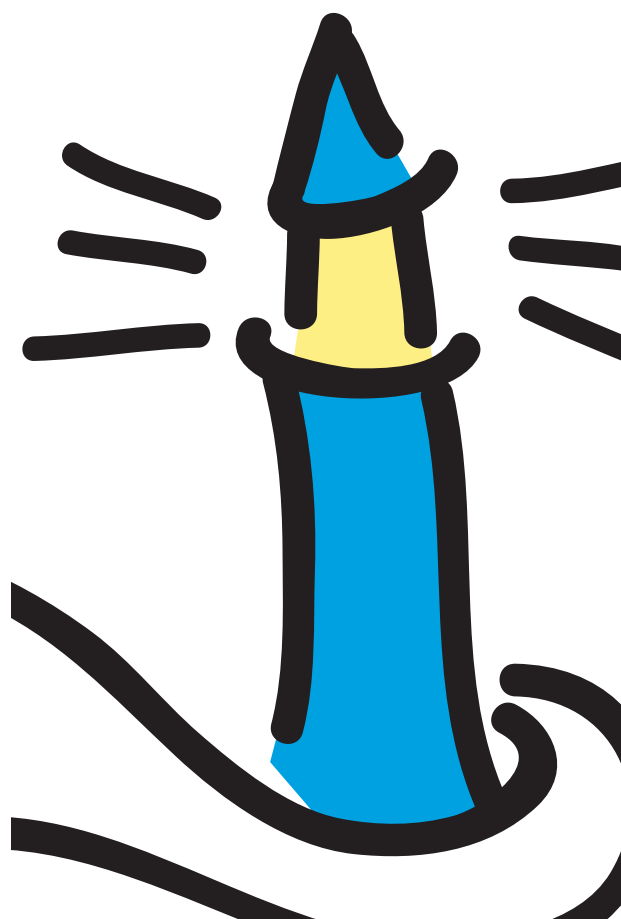
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Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 2	Total sales reported: 10	Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$1,000,000	Lowest sale reported: \$395,000	Lowest sale reported: \$399,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,300,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,700,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,512,500
Average sales reported: \$1,150,000	Average sales reported: \$897,050	Average sales reported: \$915,313

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

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Alamo

360 David Drive M. & J. McFarland to H. Scherman for \$1,000,000
3079 Stonegate Drive M. Cheslock to P. & J. Fasano for \$1,300,000

Danville

101 Blackstone Drive E. Chong to A. & J. Johnson for \$749,000
283 Channi Loop Shapel Industries to Y. Chen for \$456,000
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2096 Fostoria Circle N. Busby to R. Vejar for \$395,000

906 Matadera Way J. & L. Cole to D. & K. Lergen for \$1,319,000

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44 Pulido Court Aurora Loan Services to M. Riley for \$830,500

40 Rhett Place Clarum Hansen Lane to Fryer Trust for \$1,700,000

603 Silver Lake Drive Camp Trust to Wibbelsman Trust for \$712,500

799 Tunbridge Road Bank of New York to A. & M. Gasparini for \$861,000

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705 Castle Rock Road Abbott Laboratories to W. Edwards for \$1,500,000

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3322 Doral Court P. & J. Manaut to R. & M. Misquitta for \$915,000

5913 Horsemans Canyon Drive #1A Shiells Realty to Mailman Trust for \$399,500

115 Millbrae Court Sharapata Trust to B. Saweres for \$905,000

2661 Nethercott Court R. & R. Johnson to D. Dornseif for \$932,500

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