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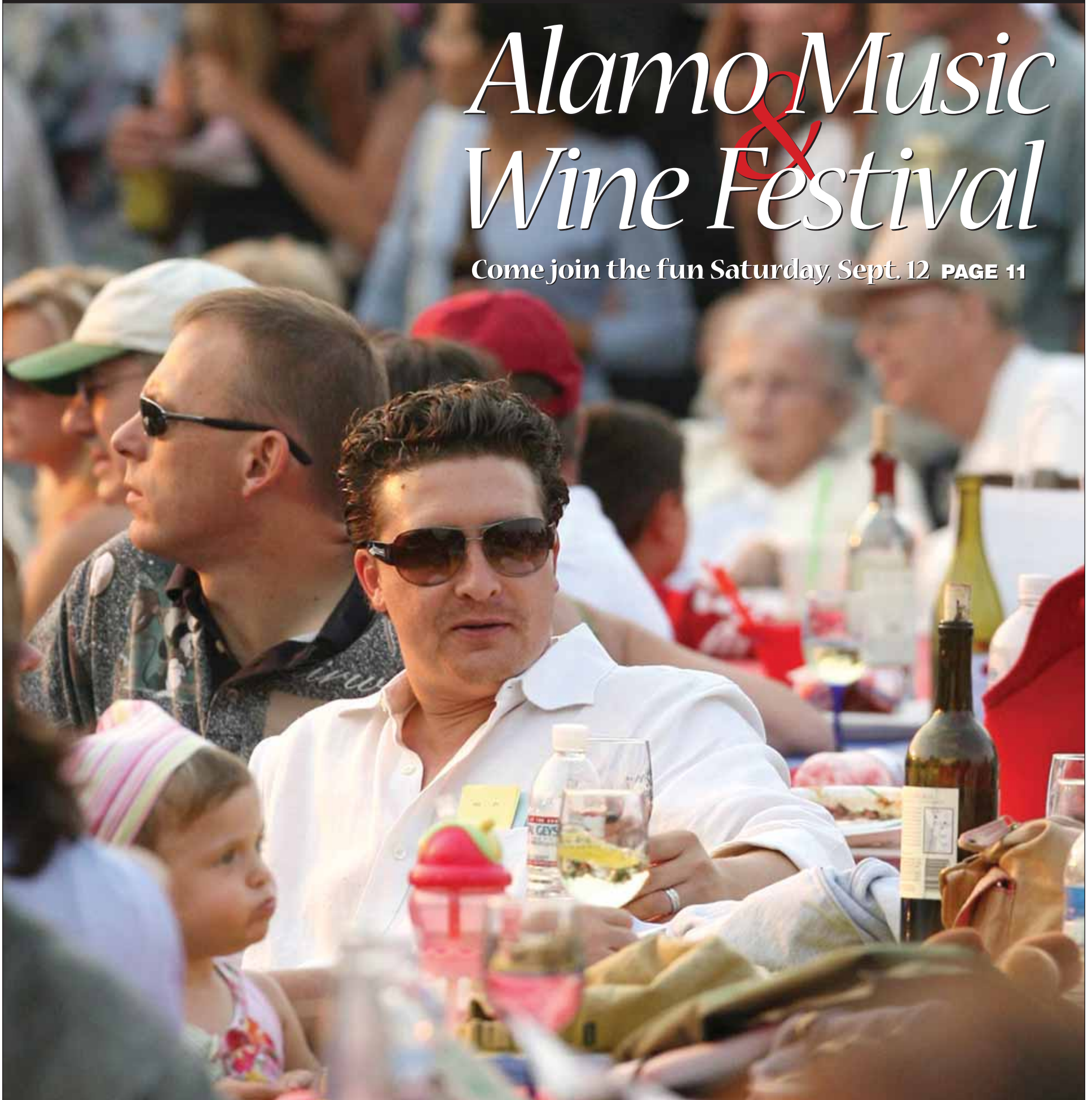
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## How do you handle people who are always late?



**Keegan Lancaster**  
*Charlotte Wood Middle School seventh-grader*

If it's a matter of getting up in the morning, have their parents wake them up earlier, make them dress faster, set the alarm earlier, or go to bed earlier. But it's not always the kids who are late. One time I yelled at my parents when they picked me up after football practice an hour late.

**Phil Orlando**  
*landscaper*

I was just talking about that with my two boys, Robert and Timothy, when I picked them up from school today, the first day of school. One of them was late to meet the other after school, so they both went to the office and located each other. I'm usually on time, but my son and wife have a tendency to be late.



**Carrie Douros**  
*stay-at-home-mom*

Not very well. I'm usually thinking there's no excuse for being late, but then we've all been late. When you have kids everything takes longer than you anticipate.

**Melissa Candy**  
*stay-at-home-mom*

I build in extra time for someone who might be late, because, as a mom with young children, I understand what it's like to get everyone out of the house at one time in one piece. I would have been late meeting my friends here in the park today but decided not to go back home to retrieve my purse, which I forgot.



**Ron Glaser**  
*mathematician*

I'm more tolerant than others might be for tardiness. Better to try to find out why they're late, then you know whether to be upset with them or not. It's more important to be on time for an event with a well defined start time, such as a show. A party host, on the other hand, may not want everyone to arrive on time.

— *Compiled by Stan Wharton; question submitted by Dale Haukland*

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The 2008 Alamo Wine and Music Festival draws crowds of friendly neighbors in what is billed as the Alamo Block Party. It's a family day with plenty of kids' activities, and a chance for adults to visit, eat, sip wine and enjoy music from the schools as well as professional. This year's festival takes place Sept. 12.

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**“Do you think people just don't know how to find a lost dog?”**

**Cathy Panconi**, who is caring for a yellow lab and trying to find his owner. See story, PAGE 6.

**NEWS DIGEST**

**Shop in the heartland of Danville on Monday**

Heartland Danville Antiques and Art Faire will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Sept. 7, on Railroad Avenue, starting at Prospect Avenue and going north. It's a chance to enjoy antiques and artisan wares while strolling through Danville.

Informal antique appraisals will be held at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Family heirlooms can be appraised for a \$10 donation to the Museum.

The Museum is also holding its first Elegant Flea Market the same day, consisting of items that people have donated over the years with the understanding they will be sold to benefit the Museum. They include hand-some framed pictures of the railroad and the Valley, books, silver, thrown pots, a steamer trunk, antique tool and other interesting items.

**A time for remembering Sept. 11, 2001**

The Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley is again sponsoring a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park on Stone Valley Road. The program begins at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, and everyone is invited.

The 45-minute program will include Reporters' Stories of Ground Zero. Presenters will be Mark Curtis, Anchor, MarkCurtisMedia.com; Tori Campbell, KTVU Television News Anchor; and Lisa Vorderbruegg, Contra Costa Times columnist.

Hundreds of Scouts will take part with a flag salute and there will be police and fire department color guards.

An important part of the remembrance, said organizers, is an essay contest for school students with the topic, "What If You Were There on 9-11?" Students presenting the best written news stories will win cash prizes. First prize is \$300; second, \$200; third, \$100. Prizes will be presented at an upcoming Exchange Club luncheon.

Students are encouraged to attend the remembrance ceremony and to pick up an essay application. Applications are also available at www.srvx-changeclub.org. Submissions are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25.

**Making home composting second nature**

Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority is sponsoring a composting classes throughout its service area in 2009. The workshop in Danville-Alamo is scheduled from 9-10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Hap Magee Ranch Park. Reservations are needed. Call 906-1801, ext. 306, or sign up online at www.wastediversion.org/.

Composting helps people recycle their yard waste; helps Contra Costa County reach its state-mandated waste reduction goals; and finished compost improves soil texture and adds valuable nutrients to keep plants healthy.

The workshops cover active composting and passive composting. With active composting, one actively maintains a system using the Three-Step Method that will produce compost in six months or less. In passive composting, residents add yard waste to their bin or pile and pretty much forget about it. This is easier to do, but takes over a year to generate compost.

**AAUW honors the Danville Alamo Branch**

The Danville Alamo Branch of the American Association of University Women was honored at the association's National Convention held in St Louis in June. This year the Danville Alamo Branch was awarded a 2008 Top Educator Award in appreciation of the branch's significant contributions to the AAUW Educational Foundation. It was also awarded a 2008 Top Combined Support Award in recognition of its significant contributions to all of AAUW's program areas, which include AAUW, The Legal Advocacy Fund, The Educational Foundation, The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and the Leadership and Training Institute.

The Danville Alamo Branch was ranked the fifth branch in the nation for its support of the Educational Foundation and sixth in the nation for its combined support out of 1,000 branches with 100,000 members. Its Web site is www.aauw-da.org.

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## San Ramon Republican Harmer secures primary win

By GEOFF GILLETTE

Voters gave one local politician the green light in the run to fill the vacant seat of former 10th District U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher, but the red light to another.

Tuesday's special primary election saw San Ramon Republican David Harmer push through a decisive victory while freshman Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, an Alamo Democrat, fell to the wide name recognition and experience of Lt. Gov. John Garamendi.

Poll watchers throughout the 10th District were put on hold Tuesday as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an order stating that

### Buchanan loses Democratic slot to Garamendi

crews fighting the Southern California wildfires be given an opportunity to vote. As a result of keeping those polls open, vote tallies could not be announced until after 10 p.m.

However, due to the low voter turnout, estimated to be 29.9 percent in Contra Costa County, the clerks in the four counties that comprise District 10 were able to get the ballots counted and have final figures announced by 11 p.m.

On the Republican side, David Harmer, a

San Ramon attorney, garnered the lion's share of the GOP votes, with 20.46 percent of the vote. Although far ahead of the pack, he was followed by Chris Bunch with 12 percent, Gary Clift with 3.99 percent and John Toth with 3.22 percent.

Surrounded by supporters and well wishers at a campaign party in Walnut Creek, Harmer said he was pleased with the result but not overly surprised.

"We're confident, I'd say we're even en-

thused," he laughed. "We've been working for three months on this."

A first time political candidate, Harmer focused on a campaign of fiscal conservancy with the slogan "No More Bailouts" on his campaign literature.

"I have four important reasons for caring about what happens in congress," he said. "My kids. I've taught them to work before they play, to save before they spend, but Congress doesn't do that." He likened the increasing national debt to his daughter graduating from college with medical school

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GEOFF GILLETTE

The families on Shana Court in Danville come out for an evening "Gutter Party" to join Eileen Linn and her family in enjoying their Dreyers Ice Cream Party. Grills were rolled out to the street, tables set up and the neighborhood enjoyed a great meal before the ice cream was served.

## Danville woman wins cool party

### Essay brings ice cream to family and neighbors

By GEOFF GILLETTE

The August evening was uncommonly chilly for Danville, but that didn't stop Eileen Linn's friends from joining her and her family in a celebratory gallon or five of Dreyer's Ice Cream. After all, without her neighbors Linn wouldn't have won the essay contest that brought an ice cream party to her house in the first place.

Linn entered an online essay contest through Dreyer's and was challenged to write a piece on why her neighborhood deserved an ice cream party more than any other.

"It was at the end of May," she recalled. "They had around 15,000-20,000 entries in so I wasn't sure how it was going to go."

Linn's essay described a welcoming neighborhood, where everyone pulls together and helps out.

"If you're looking for a neighborhood that embodies Norman Rockwell America in the 21st century, there's a special cul-de-sac in Danville, CA where everyone knows more than just your name," she wrote. "It's hard to describe just how close-knit this neighborhood is, how hard they work, how much they care and how much they value each other as neighbors. We're raising 25 children to be active and involved members of society. Wouldn't you like to meet us?"

Her words were enough to convince the judges at Dreyer's and she became one of 1,500 applicants nationwide to be selected to receive a free shipment of ice cream and party favors to celebrate with her friends.

"I was so happy to find out I won," she said. "This is an incredibly tight-knit neighborhood and I think it's really special." ■



Aria Bain (left), 8, looks on in calm anticipation of a scoop of ice cream, while her friend Natalie McNutt, 8, struggles for patience.

## Wolf Foundation involves the community — in spirit, fundraising

### Fall Fest fun will help raise awareness and money

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

San Ramon Valley High School has a new two-story commons and library, a new performing arts center, and is getting a new gym. But other parts of the nearly 100-year-old downtown school are showing their age.

"In the stadium facility, the bleachers are in a state of disrepair," said parent Frank Miller. "The turf field is in serious need of replacement. It's been there for almost eight years. The turf is rolling up on the corners, which is potentially hazardous for the kids."

The stadium is not just used for athletics but also for general assemblies and graduation, he noted.

"The lighting in the stadium is insufficient to meet illumination needs and needs to be replaced," he said. "The district doesn't have the funds."

With these and other facility improvements in mind, parent volunteers formed the San Ramon Valley High School Wolf Foundation in January.

"It was actually started through the inspiration of Principal Joe Ianora," said Miller, who is serving as vice president, Capital and Fundraising Programs, for the foundation. "Over a period of his term as principal he has observed the reality that the budget with the school district was shrinking with the ability to handle certain capital improvements on campus as well as funds available from the state."

"The reality is that most of the funding is there to handle core academic programs and, on occasion, to supplement what's happening on certain buildings," he added. "The thought process was to create an organization to create financial headway to get parents involved and the community involved since it is a community high school."

The Wolf Foundation will target improvements in the athletic facilities, beautification, technology upgrades and academics, he said.

"A number of temporary storage containers are rusting out," explained Miller. The baseball field bleachers are also in a state of

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# Have you seen my owners?

Friendly yellow lab can't find his family

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Cathy Panconi spotted an 80-pound yellow lab with no collar wandering around Sycamore Valley Elementary School around 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25, so she approached him to help. He was so beautiful and friendly that she was sure it would be easy to find his owner. More than a week later, she's beginning to wonder whether he was abandoned.

"I have placed posts on craigslist as well as listed him at the Dublin shelter and the Martinez shelter," she e-mailed Monday. "I have also called local vets and let them know of this found dog."

The dog, dubbed "Buddy" by her children Benjamin and Ali, is a neutered male, with no collar or microchip.

Panconi even took him for a walk on the Iron Horse Trail with a sign on his neck saying, "I'm lost. Do you know where I live?"

"People were upset and could not believe that three days had passed and there was no claim of the dog," Panconi said. "There were many suggestions to hang notes on the trail.

"It definitely was not a power walk that morning," she continued. "It was a lot of talking and dog socialization for Buddy the happy dog."

Now she is wondering if Buddy was abandoned by people who could no longer afford to give him a home.

"Do you think people just don't know how to find a lost dog?" she asked. "Because labs can travel for miles, they may never see the signs posted in the neighborhood in which he was found. Could it be someone that does not have access to the Internet?"

She says Buddy is well behaved and has made him-



CATHY PANCONI

Ali and Benjamin Panconi have befriended their "Buddy" but still hope to return him to his family.

self at home. She has friends who are willing to give him a permanent home but is still hoping his family will call to reclaim him. And she hopes people are aware of the importance of microchipping their pets, and checking with the shelters if one is lost.

Anyone missing a big friendly yellow lab, can call Cathy Panconi at 336-6448. ■

## WOLF

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disrepair, and the auxiliary field, which has been used to store construction materials, needs to be replaced.

"The thought is to replace it with an all-turf field that can be used during inclement weather," said Miller. "The last few years we have added boys and girls lacrosse."

Community teams also use the facilities, he added, which is why the Wolf Foundation is trying to involve the community in its activities.

"What's great about San Ramon is that it is a community high school," he said. "People get excited about what's going on, it's so close in proximity to downtown."

Fundraising started in earnest in the spring, said Miller, and the organization has raised \$125,000. The Wolf Foundation has 15 board members, plus another 35-40 parents are actively involved.

The community kick-off is a Fall Fest being held from 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the school. It will feature 95.7, The Wolf, with live country music, performances by the high school marching and jazz bands, and fun activities for all ages. Festivities will include a dunk tank, face painting, a golf putting contest, quarterback challenge and home run derby.

"We want to kick off the school year and an awareness of the foundation," said Miller. "We want to set on the table for all the community to see what we plan to do

"The thought process was to create an organization to create financial headway to get parents involved and the community involved since it is a community high school."

Frank Miller, vice president, Capital and Fundraising Programs

long-term."

Although he hopes to raise about \$10,000 at Fall Fest, the real goal is to cover expenses and create an excitement about what is happening on campus, he said.

This school year the foundation also is planning a wine event at a private home; a teacher-staff-coach appreciation dinner; and a golf and tennis event in the spring.

Next fall San Ramon Valley High School will turn 100.

"The 100-year celebration will be a series of events," said Miller, "kicked off with a beginning of school event." ■



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Fire destroyed this home in the 300 block of Cross Road in Alamo around 4 a.m. Saturday. The vacant house was for sale, and potential buyers found this shell when they arrived for a look Saturday afternoon.

CHARLES F. JARRETT

# Fire ravages empty Alamo home

*Officials investigating cause of Saturday morning blaze*

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Fire destroyed an empty house in the 300 block of Cross Road in Alamo in the early morning Saturday, Aug. 29.

Six vehicles, including three engines, two ladder trucks and an ambulance, were dispatched and the fire was under control and out within an hour, said Battalion Chief Mike Brown of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. The fire started around 4 a.m.

The owner and his son moved out of the house about a year ago, said neighbor Charles Jarrett, and it was for sale. About eight neighbors gathered at Jarrett's house across the street to watch the fire, while his potbelly pig, Porkchop, huddled in his pen in the front yard as far from the flames as possible.

Some neighbors said they'd smelled smoke between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. but saw no evidence of a fire so went back to bed. The fire was first called in at 3:55 a.m.

"I was awakened by my stepdaughter's screams of 'Fire across the street!'" said Jarrett. "She immediately called 911 and was advised that they had just received another call about five minutes earlier."

The cottage was approximately 40 years old and had had additions made several times by a previous owner, said Jarrett. The neighborhood, west of Oak Hill Park, is wooded and rural.

The fire disrupted telephone and Internet services. Although Comcast restored Internet service Saturday afternoon by splicing around damaged lines, AT&T informed the

neighbors that they would not have telephone service until Monday, said Jarrett.

"The Fire Department did an excellent job of keeping the fire contained from spreading to the many trees surrounding the property and from jumping the road to our redwood trees," he noted.

He also said that when he was taking photos of the damaged house on Saturday, a potential buyer drove up and the family piled out of their car to see the damage. They said they had just made an appointment the day before to meet with the Realtor to re-inspect and perhaps place a bid on the property.

No injuries were reported in the blaze. Damage was estimated at \$100,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation. ■

## Get prepared for the big one

The upcoming 20th anniversary of the devastating Loma Prieta earthquake may bring some good as it serves as a reminder to area residents to make plans in the event of a catastrophic event. On Oct. 17, 1989, a 6.9 magnitude earthquake struck the Bay Area, causing millions of dollars in property damage and leaving thousands of people homeless.

Danville Emergency Services Manager Greg Gilbert said the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Fair is one way for residents to arm themselves with the knowledge needed to deal with seismic events or other disasters. On Sept. 12, the fourth annual preparedness fair will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the LDS Church at 655 Old Orchard Road in Danville.

Activities include the Quake Cottage, which simulates an 8.0 earthquake; vendors and agencies specializing in preparedness; a fire safety house for children; fingerprinting; tours of a fire truck; and fire extinguisher safety tips. ■

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# STAR shines for school district

*Statewide test scores continue to rise*

BY GEOFF GILLETTE

Results issued earlier this month by the California Department of Education showed that students in the San Ramon Unified School District continue to post gains across all grade levels.

According to the state figures, 89 percent of SRVUSD students who took both the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) and California Standards Test (CST) scored proficient or advanced on both exams. Also 86 percent scored proficient or advanced in the CST Mathematics test.

SRVUSD Assessment Coordinator Marianne Splenda said she was very pleased by the results.

"I think that the scores as we see them are a celebration for both the schools, our staff, the students and the parents for all of the hard work in improvements in programs and curricula," she stated.

School Superintendent Steven Enoch agreed.

"When our students and teachers participated in STAR testing last year there were many distractions surrounding them, including the massive state fiscal crisis, worry about a parcel tax election, and the potential for hundreds of teacher layoffs," he said. "Even in this environment our students showed improvement as they gained greater proficiency in the core subject areas."

Enoch said the continued gain on the statewide testing reflects an extremely dedicated group of teachers, supportive parents and a rigorous curriculum.

Second-graders in the district were in the highest percentile on the tests, with 91 percent of students scoring proficient or advanced in

math. Third-graders followed closely with 90 percent scoring proficient or advanced in math.

The largest gain reported was in 11th grade, where there was an 8-point increase over 2008 STAR test results.

"It's wonderful news for the district and for the public," Splenda said. "Our students take the test seriously and perform well on them."

Splenda said that test benefits the district in a number of ways. It affects its Academic Performance Index (API) scores. API is a statewide accountability program that examines a school's performance and ranks it on a scale of 200-1,000. The statewide goal is for all schools to have an API of at least 800, with each school seeking to gain by at least 5 points each year.

"The API scores are extremely important for the public to have a way to see and compare our schools and district with other schools and districts in California," she said.

The SRVUSD API score in 2008 was 904. District officials said they expect to get the 2009 scores sometime in the next few weeks.

Splenda said another way the tests help is by assisting teachers in determining which students are not mastering the skills needed for that grade level.

"Schools review those students who scored below basic or far below basic skill levels. Those kids are put into an intervention program aimed at re-teaching those skills," Splenda explained.

At the other end of the scale, the STAR test scores are cross-referenced with the placement exam taken at the end of fifth grade to determine if a student can be accelerated when moving into middle school. ■



GEOFF GILLETTE

Supporters congratulate candidate David Harmer.

## ELECTION

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loans but no medical degree.

He said that in the months leading up to the Nov. 3 General Election there will be few changes in his campaign. "Our message will be the same and our methods will be the same."

For the Democrats, the race wasn't quite as cut and dried. Lt. Gov. John Garamendi jumped out to a slight lead over nearest challenger Mark DeSaulnier and kept the lead all of the way to the end.

Garamendi, of Walnut Grove, secured 26.15 percent of the vote, compared to DeSaulnier's 17.5 percent. State Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan came in third with 12 percent.

Shortly after 11 p.m. the mood was weary but still excited at Buchanan's Walnut Creek headquarters as volunteers and staffers began the process of winding down the campaign. The candidate was unavailable for comment as she and her family had retired for the night.

Three independents on the primary ballot will also move ahead to the General Election. Jeremy Cloward of the Green Party, Jerome Denham of the American Independent party and Mary C. McIlroy of the Peace and Freedom party all ran unopposed and will be placed on the November ballot. ■



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## MAC applications still being accepted

*Alamo residents encouraged to be part of council*

By GEOFF GILLETTE

Alamo residents still have two weeks if they wish to apply to be a part of the new Municipal Advisory Council. The MAC, approved at the Aug. 11 meeting of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, will work with the community and the Board of Supervisors to oversee Alamo.

Since the approval three weeks ago, District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho's office has been taking in applications from residents wanting to be a part of the MAC. Piepho's Chief of Staff Tomi Van de Brooke said that during that time they have received more than 15 applications for the seven-member council.

"There's plenty to pick from, but there are other people who have requested applications and haven't returned them yet," said Van de Brooke. "There are some people there we are familiar with and there are some we don't know. It's a good mix."

Van de Brooke said they are looking for individuals with a wide range of talents and skill sets.

"We're looking for people with past community involvement," she explained. "We're trying to get a broad and balanced group of people. Folks that are committed to a constructive relationship."

The council will meet once monthly to discuss issues affecting Alamo and work with Piepho's office to get those concerns addressed by the Board of Supervisors.

Van de Brooke said that they will take applications until Sept. 15. After that time, she and other staff members will go over the list of those seeking the position and will present suggestions for Piepho to examine. Once she has a tentative roster of who she would like to see on the council, Piepho will present it to the Board of Supervisors for its approval.

For the most part they will not be holding interviews, Van de Brooke said, unless there is a person with a strong background whom she and Piepho don't know. In that case an interview will be held.

"She wants to be sure she knows all of the people who are applying for the MAC," said Van de Brooke.

According to Van de Brooke, if the members are approved at the Board's Sept. 22 meeting, the MAC could hold its first meeting by the first or second week of October.

Interested residents can get applications at Piepho's office, or by going online to [www.alamore.org](http://www.alamore.org). ■

## DIABLO VIEWS

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

### Sometimes you just have to do something

When something outstanding happens - whether it's tragic, wonderful or just out of the ordinary — we often feel the need to do something. In the case of natural disaster we feel compelled to send money, clothing or whatever might help to people who are suddenly without their homes or belongings.

Other happenings are inspirational. Then poets are moved to write poems, musicians are roused to compose songs. And quilters might show their emotions by creating a quilt.

A woman named Cher Piché felt moved to create a quilt when she heard about the Miracle on the Hudson on Jan. 15 when Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger safely landed the U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the river. A few days later a friend sent her a poignant cartoon from the Sacramento Bee, which showed the hands of God (an angel?) reaching under the water to keep the airplane afloat as the passengers walked out and stood on the wings. Cher knew this was the image she wanted.

"I dropped everything to do this," she told me on the phone last week from her home in Strafford, Mo., outside Springfield

She tried to reach someone at the Bee to ask permission to use the image, she said, but her calls were not returned. So she decided to acknowledge the source on the back of the quilt, and she set to work.

She thread-painted the scene onto a batik background. Next she machine applied the airplane and stuffed it for a three-dimensional effect. Then she used pencil crayons for the passengers and details, enhancing the tail and water.

"It's called an art quilt," she explained. "It's not traditional."

She entered the quilt at the Machine Quilters Show in May in Kansas City and it won a ribbon.

"After it had been in the show, I said to my husband, 'This quilt should be hanging somewhere,'" she told me. "He put it on his Facebook, and a lady from Danville contacted him."

The woman suggested that Cher contact the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, so she wrote to the Chamber, saying, "I hope you will find a place in your city to hang this quilt for people to see and remember this event. Please let me know if my donation is acceptable and where you may decide to hang it — I only want it to be enjoyed."

After some brokering it was given to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, which just happens to have an exhibit: "Quilts: Tradition with a Twist."

"It sure is a twist," said Carmen Curtis, who is on several committees at the Museum. She helped to hang the quilt. "You have to stand back to get the impact of it. It's very touching."

Even after the quilt exhibit ends Sept. 27, Carmen said she hopes the museum finds somewhere at the museum to keep it on display.

Cher said she has been sewing since she was a little girl. I asked where she was raised because she has a charming British accent. It turns out she was born in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, when it



STAN WHARTON

"Miracle on the Hudson" was sent to Danville by art quilter Cher Piché from Missouri. It is on display at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

was a British colony.

She had her needlework on display at an art walk in Springfield under the title, "Images of Africa," and described herself like this:

"My love of sewing and a natural designing ability have allowed me to run my own business for many years, and quilting has become a passion over the last 10 years. I soon learned I was not a conventional quilter, and branched out into Art Quilts where I could express my creativity! I am inspired by God's creation and love the scenery and animals of the world, which are embellished into my quilts. I do my work mostly freehand on my Longarm machine which has allowed me to express my subjects in a unique style of thread painting."

Cher and her husband lived in Africa for 40 years before moving to the United States 10 years ago. They lived in Cincinnati for eight years and have now settled in Missouri.

She said she understands why she has not been able to make

contact with Sully because thousands of people have reached out to him since January. "I dedicated the quilt to him and his crew and I just hope he gets to enjoy it," she said.

She was pleased just to be able to find a home for the quilt in Danville. She acknowledged that she had never heard of Danville before January. She has a niece in the Bay Area but has never been here.

Major events broaden our horizons. How much we learned after Hurricane Katrina about parishes and wards and everything that is New Orleans besides the French Quarter and the Saints. We focused on Sri Lanka and Southern Thailand after the tsunami hit that area so hard five years ago.

And now not only has Capt. Sully put Danville on the map, but a quilter named Cher Piché knows about us and we know about her.

Dolores Fox Ciardelli can be e-mailed at [editor@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:editor@DanvilleWeekly.com).

## DVC enrollments climbing

*New school year sees surge in student population*

By GEOFF GILLETTE

As classes get under way for the fall semester at Diablo Valley College, officials say they are already running out of space as student enrollment nears capacity.

Kevin Horan, executive dean of the San Ramon Campus of DVC, said that the rate of enrollment has taken them all by surprise.

"This is enrollment demand like we have not seen before," Horan stated. "In the summer we saw tremendous growth as well. At one point this summer we had a 101 percent fill rate."

Horan said that as of last week, current enrollment was already up to 98 percent. The San Ramon campus has the capacity to seat 7,037 students in its classes. Latest figures show that 6,897 of those seats have been taken.

The big question is why are smaller schools and community colleges on the upswing? "I think it's a combination of things," said Horan. "The state of the economy is one. There

are many people who aren't working now and are seeking job retraining or changing careers."

"Another factor is that the CSU and UC systems have both increased their fees tremendously and stopped new enrollment," he added. "So kids who would have gone to a four-year school right out of high school are instead coming to the community college."

Diablo Valley College offers a wide array of courses. Students are able to achieve their associate degree or certificates of completion. These help fulfill requirements to transfer to a four-year institution.

While all of the classes are filling up, Horan said that there is a particular demand for science and general education courses. DVC's Green Sciences and electronics programs in particular are popular.

The state's economic situation is affecting education across the board and DVC is no exception. Horan said they are expecting to see cuts coming during the course

of the upcoming year.

"DVC is part of the Contra Costa Community College District. As a district, the latest number is that we're going to see somewhere in the neighborhood of \$6 million to \$8 million in general funding cut, and our categorical programs may see cuts of upwards of 60 percent," he stated.

Horan said the cuts will devastate the programs and could result in some cutbacks among programs and faculty.

"We haven't had to reduce our academic schedule yet, but those discussions are taking place," he explained. "There's talk of mid-year cuts coming down but nothing definitive has been put out yet." ■



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## EDITORIAL

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### Our community high school

San Ramon Valley High School has a new friend. The Wolf Foundation was begun by a group of parents to bring the aging parts of the facility up to par with the new buildings recently improved and added. It's a community effort, say foundation members, because San Ramon is really a community high school. Its proximity to downtown Danville and its 99-year history have woven it into the community.

As funds shrink due to state budget problems only core educational programs are being funded by the School District. The folks at San Ramon Valley High School are only too aware of this as they watch their storage bins rust, their fields deteriorate, and their bleachers reach a state of disrepair. Principal Joe Ianora has seen the accumulated effects of wear and tear during his decade at the helm, and Wolf Foundation members say it was his inspiration to start the organization to spearhead fundraising for improvements.

The Wolf Foundation plans to focus on beautification, technology upgrades, academic enrichment funds and athletic facilities. It is planning a Fall Fest from 4-9 p.m. Sept. 19 to raise funds, but more importantly to introduce itself to the community at large and get everyone excited about the group's mission. The festival is aimed at being a family event as well as a place to see what the Wolf Foundation is all about.

We all get excited as we witness sports fans, theater enthusiasts and graduation crowds head into San Ramon Valley High, plus downtown is a natural destination for everyone after events at the high school. Now everyone is invited to take part in the Fall Fest for a fun afternoon. Next year the Wolf Foundation is planning to celebrate the school's 100th birthday, which is also important to the community.

Much has been done to improve the facilities at San Ramon Valley High School through use of Measure A funds and with state help for seismic retrofitting. Through the efforts of the Wolf Foundation, other parts of the facility can be brought up to standard for a well maintained community high school.

## LETTERS

### Reproductive health services vital

Dear Editor:

Access to affordable quality health care was a pivotal issue in the presidential election. However, in becoming a political football, reform has put women's health at risk.

Cost is the major barrier to access to reproductive health services, according to the Kaiser Family Health Foundation report Health Care and the 2008 Elections. According to the report, more than 17 million women lack coverage. For those with coverage, many job-based insurance plans limit benefits and most individual plans exclude them.

Increasingly the only access to reproductive health care for these women is through clinics run by non-profits such as Planned Parenthood who treat women regardless of their ability to pay. Unemployment is causing a spike in clinic visits just as states are cutting their financial support for safety net services, and clinics are facing severe financial challenges.

Despite this, more than 200 anti-reproductive health amendments have been proposed for the reform bills currently under discussion which will further limit women's access to reproductive health care. Several even attempt to permanently defund organizations such as Planned Parenthood which provide this vital safety net for women and their families.

According to the UN, the U.S., the richest nation in the world, is ranked 41st in the world for maternal mortality due primarily to lack of access to proper care. As voters we have a democratic and moral obligation to understand what is being proposed to ensure that women's access to quality healthcare is not made worse by health care reform.

Pat Kenber  
Alamo

### 'Obamacare: the Audacity of Hype'

Dear Editor:

In the Aug. 21 issue, Dolores Fox Ciardelli says, "healthcare needs reasoned debate, not anger."

"Reasoned debate"? Instead, Barack Obama and other Democrat schemers tried slamming America. But alert citizens, sensitized by a Democrat-derived recession, enormous special-interest bailouts, \$787 billion in "stimulus" giveaways, and cap-and-tax energy scams, began challenging dodge-em Democrats and their snake-oil healthcare bills.

So despite government/media hucksters' efforts to neutralize resistance to socialized medicine, word's getting out.

HR 3200 (introduced July 14, subscribed by Democrat U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney on July 31, and hyped by him in two carefully staged 55-minute phone-in "town

halls"):

■ Embeds end-of-life "shared decision making" in sections inserted by Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer (who promotes his state's assisted-suicide program).

■ Kills new individual health-insurance enrollments after government substitutes become law;

■ Undermines employer-provided health insurance with taxpayer-funded Obamacare;

■ Ditches 31 Republican amendments requiring "public option" enrollment of legislators themselves, adding stop-loss funding limits, protecting medical-savings accounts, prohibiting federal coverage of abortions and illegal immigrants;

■ Undertakes Obama's bait-and-switch maneuver, announced at two union meetings, imposing "single payer" healthcare incrementally.

Meanwhile, "Art Space" contributor John Barry characterizes the citizen demonstration at radical Sen. Barbara Boxer's Rakestraw book signing as "sound and fury signifying nut-think," and derides demonstrators' homemade signs. Presumably, Barry prefers the commercially printed clichés of ACORN, MOVE-ON, SEIU, and "Organizing for America" rent-a-mob cheerleaders stacking Obama's own Potemkin "town halls."

Michael Arata  
Danville

### Renovate old fire station

Dear Editor:

At the Alamo Improvement Association Meeting on Aug. 12, Fire Chief Richard Price stated that only 3 percent of fire calls in the SRVFPD were fire-related. \*District data shows Fire Station No. 32 on Stone Valley Road responded to 909 calls in the past year. In other words, the firefighters at Fire Station No. 32 respond to an average of two fire calls each month, and most of these calls are small container fires.

Building a 9,000-square-foot facility to serve Alamo fire and medical emergency calls is an extravagant way to spend limited taxpayer dollars during tough economic times. Instead, the fire district should continue on with its original plan to remodel Station No. 32, when it purchased 20 feet on the western border of its existing Stone Valley Road property. The fire district can use the newly acquired Miranda Avenue property as its temporary facility and sell this parcel when the remodel of the existing station is complete. It's time for fiscal responsibility in our fire district. Taxpayers want it now.

Nanci and Ed Wolske  
Alamo

\*Editors note: Fire Chief Richard Price states that 3 percent of the district's calls are actual fires. The percentage of fire-related calls — an alarm sounding, smoke investigations, etc. — is much higher.

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# Alamo Music & Wine Festival

Alamo Plaza, 2-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12



The Alamo Music & Wine Festival is an annual community celebration benefiting, in part, the school music programs while providing a variety of activities for the entire family. The Alamo Rotary event, being held for the 27th year, will take place from 2-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Alamo Plaza.

Headlining this year's festival will be the Cruise Tones, so well received last year, who will feature music for dancing under the stars beginning at 8 p.m. This popular Bay Area band plays a wide variety of songs from the late 1950s to the hits of today. Zydeco Flames, the West Coast's premier Zydeco band, will play from 4-7 p.m.

The afternoon will be a chance to see what Alamo children are learning in their music classes, with school music group performances beginning at 2 p.m. The San Ramon High School band and the Monte Vista High School band will play as well as the jazz bands from Monte Vista and Stone Valley Middle School.

The day will feature activities for the entire family. Food, games and business booths will be set up throughout the festival area. Kids can enjoy the play zone set up by the Mt. Diablo Regional YMCA and the Alamo Improvement Association. The newest feature, the Rock Climbing Wall, is returning again.

Dinner tickets cost \$18 and feature a selection from Forli's, Faz,

See **MUSIC & WINE** on next page

## Schedule of Events

- 2:230 p.m.:** San Ramon Valley High School Band
- 2:30-3 p.m.:** Monte Vista High School Band
- 3:3-3:30:** San Ramon Valley High Jazz Band
- 4-7 p.m.:** Zydeco Flames
- 4:45-5:10 p.m.:** Stone Valley Middle School Jazz Band
- 6-6:20 p.m.:** Alamo Elementary School Choir
- 7:15-7:45 p.m.:** Rotary Citizen of the Year and Drawing
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In addition, the festival will feature wines from a number of California vineyards. People may purchase commemorative wine glasses at the event. Special Music Festival polo shirts as well as hats and sweatshirts will also be available for sale.

In the evening, Rotary will present its annual Citizen of the Year

Award. This individual is selected among many local nominees who epitomize active involvement in community affairs and projects.

The festival is billed as an Alamo Block Party, a chance for residents to meet and greet their friends and neighbors and spend a few fun hours together. But it is first and foremost a fundraising event with the proceeds donated to fund music education at Alamo Elementary, Rancho Romero Elementary, Stone Valley Middle School, Monte Vista High School, San Ramon Valley High School and Lucille Mauzy School.

"We raised more than \$12,000 during last year's festival," said

sponsor chairman Don Morton. "Much of the money came from very generous sponsors."

The festival also features a drawing with tickets sold throughout the day for prizes including the following:

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◆ Sponsorship of the Monte Vista Interact Club and Stone Valley Middle Schools YouthAct Club.

◆ Beth Randall, an Alamo Rotarian, acts as club advisor at Monte Vista; Gaby Ghorbani is the advisor at Stone Valley.

◆ Alamo Rotary makes an annual donation to support Interact activities.

◆ Student members participate in Rotary activities, at club meetings, the Music Festival and more.

◆ Outstanding Educator and Student Awards Luncheon. Each May students and educators from six local schools are honored at a luncheon where they receive a plaque and thank you for their continued support and contribution to the community.

◆ Dictionary Project. Each year the Alamo Rotary Club distributes a dictionary to each third-grader at Alamo Elementary and at Rancho Romero Elementary schools. The approximated cost is \$2,000.

◆ Library Book Project. Each year \$700 is donated to either Alamo Elementary, Rancho Romero Elementary or Stone Valley Middle School to purchase library books. The school library staffs select books based upon grade level curriculums.

◆ Monte Vista scholarships. Each year scholarships are given to graduating seniors.

◆ Student leadership opportunities. Each year Alamo Rotary funds the cost of two students to attend the Camp Royal Student Leadership Conference. Approximate cost is \$1,500. In addition Alamo Rotary pays about \$500 for Student Leadership Conferences for MVHS Interact students during the school year.

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Several members of the emc team ride the proposed route for the Cruella Challenge last year to test it out. The 100-mile ride takes cyclists up and over several of the most challenging climbs in the area all on the same day. The Cruella Challenge will benefit Links for Life and Girls on the Run. Information on these charities can be found at [www.linksforlifeca.com](http://www.linksforlifeca.com) and [www.girlsontherun.org](http://www.girlsontherun.org)

# Not a ride for the timid

*The Cruella Challenge — a new 100-mile ride to benefit children's charities*

By GEOFF GILLETTE

Any Danville area cycling enthusiast worth his salt knows that there are difficult and daunting climbs in this area. Over in Orinda you have Skyline Boulevard, Grizzly Peak, the Three Bears and Pig Farm Hill.

Right here in our own back yard, so to speak, there is the holy grail of hill climbing: Mount Diablo. Tackling any single one of these climbs on a given day is a noteworthy event, showing off the rider's physical skill, fortitude and drive.

Doing all of them in one day? Well, that's just crazy, isn't it? To inflict such a ride on others, especially those trying to raise money for a charity, well, that's just cruel.

"That's why we call it the Cruella Challenge," laughed Kathleen McCormick, creator of the brand new charity ride set to roll out at the end of October. McCormick is a multi-sport coach and the founder of endurance multisport connection (emc), a women's athletic team that competes in a variety of events throughout the area.

Founded in 2008, emc started with 35 members, women McCormick coached for events like marathons and triathlons. After only one season, the group has grown to 50 and is set for a new season of competition.

McCormick said that it was getting the group off the ground and dealing with getting sponsors for the team that led her on the



Members of Team emc are all smiles after completing the test run. The team, as well as other supporters and volunteers, have spent the last several months preparing for the charity ride.

path to starting up a brand new endurance ride for this area.

She said that during talks with Pegasus Bicycle Works to get a sponsorship for the emc team she heard from the owner that he wanted to get a new ride going, one that would be challenging and would be local.

Originally, the group looked at the possibility of doing something similar to the Cinderella Ride, an annual endurance ride that goes through Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

"I wanted a ride kind of like Cinderella, but let's call it Cruella," McCormick recalled. "And it's going to be everything that Cinderella isn't."

With a grin she added, "If it's Cruella, let's throw all these hills in there to climb."

Initially, they were going to follow the Cinderella model of making it a women-only race, but after doing a test run of the route last year, they decided to open it up to either gender.

"Seeing the test run and the climbs we put in, we wanted to open it up to men so they could be challenged as well," McCormick stated.

McCormick said emc has had a long standing relationship with the Links for Life Foundation, one of the team's first sponsors, and the foundation is helping with the Cruella Challenge as well.

"Links for Life is a group that raises funds and funnels them out to children's charities," McCormick said. Money raised during the Cruella Challenge will go to Links for Life, which will in turn see that it gets to the group's designated charity.

"We picked Girls on the Run as our charity," McCormick stated. "We liked Girls on the Run because it is all women and it helps girls build self esteem through athletics and running."

Other sponsors of the event include Vaska Products, the Heffernan Group/Wellness at Work Programs, Pegasus Bikes, Hammer Nutrition and Yellow Wood Coffee and Tea.

"The support we've gotten from the community and from our sponsors is just really amazing," McCormick said.

The event itself, set for Oct. 24, is definitely not for the faint of heart, with either a 100-mile or a 65-mile (metric century) ride. The route takes the cyclists throughout the area with several very tough climbs and a

total elevation gain of 7,000 feet.

"It's not a beginner ride," McCormick explained, "but definitely for those women who've tried other endurance rides and really want to challenge themselves. The route is beautiful and all the favorites are there."

The ride is fully supported with rest stops, first aid and vehicle support. The route opens at 7 a.m. for the 100-mile riders and at 8 a.m. for the metric century riders. McCormick said that signing up to do one of the routes does not mean a rider has to go over every inch of the course.

"We do have bailout options. And we have cutoff times on the route," she said. Riders will have to maintain a pace of around 10 miles per hour in order to cover the entire route by the cutoff times. Riders who have not reached a cutoff point by the allotted time will not be allowed to continue.

"We have to have those cutoff times," McCormick explained. "That way we know when the riders are on the route."

In addition to helping the community through the fundraising, the goal of the ride is also to help the cyclists, by pushing them beyond their limits.

"That's what Cruella is all about. It's about breaking out of your comfort zone. Just pick a goal and go for it," McCormick urged.

Registration for the ride can be done at <http://new.sportsbaseonline.com>. Cost of the ride is \$70, and it is limited to the first 250 riders. Registration will close Oct. 23. ■

# PRESENTING THE PAST

By BEVERLY LANE



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**Pony at Oakwood Farm:** Stable hands took excellent care of the valuable Oakwood Park Farm horses at the turn of the 20th century. Here Muriel Wiley, a purebred race horse, is shown off in front of a barn, located inside the area called Diablo Country Club today.

# THE WINE GUY



By DON COLMAN

## Finding the perfect match

Recently, I was surfing the Internet looking for wine article ideas when I stumbled across the Kendall Jackson Web site ([www.kj.com](http://www.kj.com)). During my digging on the site, I found some outstanding ideas for pairing wine and food. In fact, it even has a matrix showing which food goes best with which wine. Given I was using their Web site, I thought it only fair to use their wine. Over the next week, I drank a lot of Kendall Jackson wine using this simple but effective wine pairing guide.

**2006 Kendall Jackson Meritage (\$10) paired with sausage pizza:** The meritage can be a tricky wine to match as it is really a combination of other grapes. Pairing it with a sausage pizza is a smart idea as it enhances the mixture of tastes in every bite. The KJ Meritage has lots of vanilla and black licorice scents and has plenty of tannins that stand up to mild or spicy sausage. This is a great pairing that turns a simple pizza into a perfect Friday night dinner.

**2007 Kendall Jackson Syrah (\$9) paired with teriyaki salmon:** The KJ Syrah matches very well with teriyaki salmon. The silky wine works well with heavier fish as it does not overpower the meal. The berry filled jam scents and flavors are matched to an earthy finish allowing it to work well with the teriyaki sauce. It is a great wine to keep in the back of your mind when you are looking for something other than white wine to go with fish.

**2006 Kendall Jackson Merlot (\$9) paired with grilled chicken:** This is a wine that could stand up to most grilled meats. It is subtle and smooth, allowing it to work with white meats but also has some tannins, giving it that chewy feel, allowing it to fit nicely with red meats. A very nice berry-filled wine with hints of chocolate and oak. Grilled chicken and merlot — a perfect match.

**2006 Kendall Jackson Cabernet Sauvignon (\$9) paired with grilled ribeye:** Cabs and steaks, what more could you ask for? The KJ Cabernet Sauvignon has plenty of depth to go with any steak. The tannins are big, bold and consistent from start to finish. The oak and vanilla scents are complemented by blackberries making for a complex wine that

lingers throughout the entire meal.

The best part about this site is that some of the dishes have hyperlinks which take you to recipes for that type of dish. It really is a fabulous way to make sure you pair your food and wine perfectly. This is one site I will use over and over again.

Kendall Jackson has done a great job of taking everyday wine to another level, and truly understands the concept of using wine to enhance a dining experience. At \$9-\$10 a bottle it is a fabulous yet reasonably priced wine.

**On a separate note, next weekend St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church invites everyone to enjoy its 31st annual Contra Costa Greek Food and Wine Festival.** It will begin at 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, and continue from noon-11 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, at 1955 Kirker Pass Road in Concord. This is a great way to try authentic Greek food and pastries, enjoy Greek music and dancing, and taste wines that may be new to you. The organizers urge everyone to "Come be Greek for a day!" Until next time, Opa!

—Don Colman, the Everyday Wine Guy lives in Danville and can be reached at [everydaywineguy@hotmail.com](mailto:everydaywineguy@hotmail.com)

# ART SPACE



By JOHN A. BARRY

## Poetry is alive and well in Danville and environs

San Ramon resident Bob Eastwood is a poet and a painter. In the former role, he leads The Poets' Society, a group of local bards who meet regularly in Danville/Alamo/San Ramon to share verse, vintages and volubility. "My role is workshop leader, scheduling meetings, and communication," says Eastwood.

Originally the group was the Poets of the Danville Area Cultural Alliance (DACA). As Eastwood explains, "The group emerged in the '90s, when poets of DACA decided to form a subgroup of the larger Alliance. There was a poet-representative on the board of directors of the DACA volunteer organization."

The now defunct DACA began in the early '80s, and its goal, as Eastwood recalls, was to show and encourage original art in the Danville area. The group opened a gallery on Front Street (above the Village Theatre), and a nominally compensated director of the gallery was appointed. Throughout each year, DACA ran periodic contests and various art shows. It also sold art and offered classes. Poetry began appearing in the gallery, along with pictures, sculpture and art-crafts.

DACA, Eastwood continues, was self-sustaining, with annual dues from the membership. "The Town of Danville provided the gallery at a nominal charge," he notes. But, to paraphrase Don McLean, 2005 was the year the muse died — the gallery space was no longer available. "Efforts to sustain DACA at other venues failed," Eastwood laments, "but the Poets' Society continued to meet at various locations, including members' homes."

Today, the Poets' Society has 10 to 12 active members, with 10 or so more participating on an occasional basis. Eastwood says that about 80 percent of the active members are published poets. At least five members have been poets laureate of surrounding towns, and three such appointed poets are currently participating.

One member, Connie Post (former poet laureate of Livermore), hosts readings at the Valona Deli in Crockett the second Sunday of every month, which feature a reading by a single poet, followed by an open mic for those who want to read their original work. Eastwood has been a featured poet in the past.

He says that Post has "a slate of widely known and well-regarded poets scheduled to give readings at the venue. The Valona has a fine reputation in Bay Area poetry circles for its readings." Ruth Blakene, the current poet laureate of

### Lazy Bones

*They're situated somewhere near the sacrum, but capable of migration to lodge behind the eyes & knuckle intriguing warps like retinal puckers, or nest in the groin for a limp, apathetic doze. Not to be confused with the Crazies, those nervy angulars that lose decorum in fits of tingles, like Pentecostals babbling the latest news from their autonomic networks. Nor infamous amplitudes of Ones-to-Pick, which cause Cheney-upper-lips, tensed in hostile snarl - rather, these make careers of glorious disinterest, with scratches, grunts & other forms of lassitude. There's something saintly about disinterest — a quality that won't burn witches, decapitate at an Imam's dictate, that with a smile, poo-poops desire, finds no ethic in Protestant zeal or obedience to Catholic Bulls. The bone-deep-beatitude engristled if one probes at all in scriptural skeletons.*

—Robert Eastwood

Crockett, started the deli readings about six years ago.

What is poetry? Not surprisingly, Eastwood has some thoughts on that subject. "To say that poetry is simply the best words in the best order, or that it is in essence emotion recollected in tranquility, or that poetry is at bottom a criticism of life is to relegate the amplitude and depth of poetry to an ad-man's catch phrase and to gloss over its potential effect upon our consciousness through glib reduction.

"I would rather describe how poetry can and should affect you — like Emily Dickinson's shiver when it takes the top of her head off or Tony Hoagland's belief that a good poem threatens us, crossing over some line in the poetic contract, which sets off alarms reminding us that reading and listening are not safe but that poetry is about being woken up, taken somewhere unexpected and dangerous."

The Poets' Society meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The format of the meetings includes the reading of members' original poetry for feedback and appreciation, as well as general fellowship. Prospective members can contact Eastwood via e-mail at [boble38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:boble38@sbcglobal.net).

—John A. Barry is a writer and aspiring artist. To share anything art-related, call him at 314-9528 or e-mail [jobarry@pacbell.net](mailto:jobarry@pacbell.net).

# Community Pulse • Transitions

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Unattended pot a cautionary tale

Working smoke detectors and alert neighbors kept a small kitchen fire from growing into something worse. Just before 9 a.m. Monday, firefighters from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District were called out to a home in the 100 block of Pinnacle Ridge Court in Danville.

Engine 35 was dispatched after a neighbor reported a smell of smoke and a fire alarm going off, said Fire District spokeswoman Kim French. When the fire crew arrived on the scene there was no visible sign of fire, but they could hear the smoke alarm going off. On further investigation, they saw signs of smoke inside the house.

No residents were home at the time, so firefighters were forced to enter the building through an unlocked second-story window. Inside they found a pot that had been left on the stove. The contents had burned and set off the smoke alarm. They removed the pot, ventilated the home, and left after leaving a note for the resident.

French said that although this fire was small it serves to highlight the need for residents to have working smoke alarms in their homes.

"It's a good idea to have smoke detectors on every level of your house, outside all sleeping areas and in bedrooms," she said.

French said it is best to have a routine for changing the batteries in smoke alarms. The department recommends putting in new batteries when changing clocks for daylight-saving time.

She added that every home also should be equipped with fire extinguishers and homeowners should know how to use them.

"What we recommend is the 'PASS' system," she said. "That stands for Pull Aim Squeeze Sweep."

— Geoff Gillette

## POLICE REPORT

The following information is provided by the Danville Police Department.

### Sunday, Aug. 23

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Hartz Ave. at 1:09 a.m.
- Threat disturbance, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:18 p.m.
- Petty theft, arrest, on Camino Tassajara at 3:31 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Kenwood Lane and La Gonda Way at 9:54 p.m.
- Battery on El Capitan Dr. and Greenbrook Dr. at 10:05 p.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop, arrest, on Brookside Dr. and Paraiso Dr. at 11:50 p.m.

### Monday, Aug. 24

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and southbound I-680 at 12:29 a.m.
- Vehicle accident, property damage, on southbound I-680 and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 11:42 p.m.

### Wednesday, Aug. 26

- Vandalism on Mountain Valley Place at 5:09 p.m.
- Identity theft on Danville Blvd. at 7:19 p.m.

### Thursday, Aug. 27

- Vehicle accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and E. Prospect Ave. at 4:12 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on El Cerro Blvd. and La Gonda Way at 11:52 p.m.

### Friday, Aug. 28

- Vehicle accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Conejo Dr. at 8:24 a.m.
- Vehicle accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and Linda Mesa Ave. at 3:22 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Linda Mesa Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 9:38 p.m.

### Saturday, Aug. 29

- Battery, on Hartz Ave. at 1:09 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Danville Blvd. and El Cerro Blvd. at 10:13 p.m.

## OBITUARIES

### Howard Fred Nelson

Howard Fred Nelson, a resident of Alamo, died Aug. 22 at the age of 89.

He was born Oct. 6, 1919, in Winnipeg, Canada, and was raised in Oakland. He was passionate about aviation; during WWII he flew three tours in the RCAF and RAF. Later he built his dream airplane and for the last 20 years enjoyed flying and the camaraderie of great friends.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Nelson; children Gene Nelson, Anne McNeil, Debbie Nelson, Mike Nelson, Patty Nelson and Julie Jankowiak; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Howard's Life will be held Sunday, Sept. 6, at Haute Stuff Restaurant, 521 Main St., Martinez.

### Derric Dennis DesMarteau

Derric Dennis DesMarteau, D.D.S., a resident of Danville, died Aug. 20 at the age of 58.

He was born June 25, 1951. A native Californian, he was raised in Southern California. He played basketball at UCLA, and after graduation went on to attend University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco. He built a successful dental practice in Piedmont/Oakland for 28 years and enjoyed being the team dentist for the Golden State Warriors since 1986 and the Oakland Raiders upon their return to Oakland, as well as being affiliated with Cal sport teams.

He was preceded in death by his father George. He is survived by his wife Susie; sons, Chad and Sean; his mother, Patty; brothers, Rick, Scott (wife Michele), and Jim; and sister Brynne.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service Saturday, Sept. 12, at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin. The family requests that gifts in his memory may be made to the Derric DesMarteau Memorial Fund at the University of the Pacific, Dugoni School of Dentistry, 2155 Webster St., San Francisco 94115.



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to the fourth annual San Ramon Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 at LDS Church, 655 Old Orchard Rd., Danville. Experience the Quake Cottage simulating an 8.0 earthquake, practice safety, tour a fire truck and police car and much more. The first 100 people at 9 a.m. and noon will receive a free 72-hour emergency kit. Visit [www.bereadysrv.org/](http://www.bereadysrv.org/).

**A TIME FOR REMEMBERING 9-11** The Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley is again sponsoring

a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11 at the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park, Stone Valley Rd., Danville. The 45-minute program will include reporters' stories of ground zero; presenters will include Mark Curtis, Tori Campbell and Lisa Vorderbrueggen. There will also be an essay contest for school students. Students are encouraged to attend the ceremony and pick up an essay application. The best written essays will win a cash prize. Essays are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25.

**ALAMO MUSIC AND WINE FESTIVAL** 27th annual Alamo Music and Wine Festival will take place from 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Alamo Plaza. Activities include a rock climbing wall, bounce houses and carnival games and crafts. Dinner from Faz, Forli's and Rotary BBQ will be available, along with a great wine and beer selection.

**CONTA COSTA GREEK FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL** Come be greek for a day. Taste wines from the Islands of Greece. Live music performed by Mediterranean Soul. Greek dancing, Greek pastries and Greek food. From 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 13 at St. Demetrios Church, 1955 Kriker Pass Rd., Concord. Admission is \$5. Call 676-6967.

**CONTRA COSTA MASTER GARDENER GARDEN WALK** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, six fabulous home gardens in Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill and Martinez will showcase a variety of ideas including reducing lawn, bio-intensive gardening, bees, composting, and more. Master Gardeners at each garden to answer questions. Cost is \$15. For more information call 945-7738.

**CREEKSIDE ELEMENTARY FAMILY FUN FEST** Come to Family Fun for a fun afternoon of pie throwing at the Principal, Jumpies, Balloons, The Next Step Dance Studio, Games2U (including laser tag, hamster ball & guitar hero) and food by Fuddruckers from 3-7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 at 6011 Massara St., Danville. Entrance is free, tickets, food and games will be available for purchase. E-mail [thecometfund@gmail.com](mailto:thecometfund@gmail.com) or visit [creeksidecometfund.org](http://creeksidecometfund.org).

**ELEMENTS OF STYLE SEMINAR** Learn about stimulating patterns, colors and textures, and also how and where to incorporate them in your home. Dawna from Kravet Inc. will share all of the newest and greatest fabrics and color stories being used for Fall. From 5:30 to 7:30; wine and cheese will be served from 5:30-6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9 at J.Hettinger Interiors Design Studio, 200 Hartz Ave., Danville. Must RSVP by Monday, Sept. 7. Call 820-9336 or e-mail [naomie@jhettinger.com](mailto:naomie@jhettinger.com)

**FALL USED BOOK SALE, FRIENDS OF THE DUBLIN LIBRARY** Friends of the Dublin Library invite you to shop for bargain books and audio-visual materials at its semi-annual used book sale. Sale begins with members-only night, Friday, Sept. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. The sale is open to all, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12; 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13; and noon to 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Most books cost \$1. Call 828-1315.

**HATS OFF AMERICA'S 17TH 10K/5K** Join Sparky George, the Bear Flag Runner and a Vietnam-era Marine, at the 17th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10k Run/5k Run or Walk starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Dr., Danville. Entry fee

is \$35 per person. No entry fee for volunteers. Call 855-1950.

**HEARTLAND ANTIQUE AND ART FAIRE** Enjoy antiques and art at this fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Sept. 7, in the Railroad Center in Danville. Live music, entertainment, and fun for the kids. There will also be an antique appraisal clinic at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. To learn more, contact Marcia Harmon from Cottage Jewel at 837-2664 or visit [www.discoverdanvilleca.com](http://www.discoverdanvilleca.com). The Elegant Flea Market will also be held at the museum from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**RAKESTRAW BOOKS PRESENTS JEANNETTE WALLS** Rakestraw Books announces "An Evening with Jeannette Walls." This event will take place Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Diablo Country Club, 1700 Club House Rd., Diablo. Jeannette Walls will be talking about her new book, "Half Brok Horses: A True-Life Novel." She will take questions from the audience and sign books for attendees. Tickets went on sale Sept. 1 at Rakestraw Books, 522 Hartz Ave., Danville. Cost is \$35, and includes a signed first edition of "Half Brok Horses." Call 837-7337.

**TINSEL AND TREASURES ART SHOW** Second annual Tinsel and Treasures Art Show and Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 at Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Fifteen artisans will offer original, handmade vintage whimsies, Halloween and Christmas folk art, papier mache figurines, mixed media, paper arts and more. Admission is free. Call 451-7805.

## Exhibits

**THE MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY PRESENTS QUILTS! TRADITION WITH A TWIST** This exhibit, presented in collaboration with the Quilter's Inn, includes masterful works of art created by local quilters. Although there are traditional quilts on display, many use new creative techniques with artistic flare and diversity. Volunteers from the Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild will be on hand to demonstrate a variety of skills on Saturday, Sept. 19. This exhibit runs through Sept. 27 at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-3750.

## Fundraisers

**MARTELL COGNAC AND WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION JOIN FOR COMMON CAUSE** Martell Cognac and the Wheelchair Foundation are joining forces from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville for a fundraising event, "Martell for Mobility." The evening will feature no host cocktails, Asian hors d'oeuvres, California cuisines, fashion show and a tour of the prestigious Auto Galleries. Individual tickets cost \$150. The highlight of the evening will be a live auction of the very special numbered L'Or de Jean Martell Cognac. The goal is to provide wheelchairs for the disabled people of Vietnam. Call 648-3824.

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**WEB WIZARD LIBRARY DATABASE WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5** Come to the Web Wizard Library Database Workshop to learn how to find information for school assignments using your own computer. You and your parents will learn what a database is, not the Internet, how to use it and how a database can help you with homework. From 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Mt. Diablo Room, Danville Library, 400 Front St., Danville. Registration is required and begins Monday, Aug. 24. Call 837-4889.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**BISHOP CORDILEONE TO OPEN CATHOLICS@WORK 2009-2010 SPEAKERS SERIES** Bishop Cordileone will outline the key principles from Catholic Social Teaching, which have specific application to the workplace. From 7-8:15 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Call 525-0272.

**LEARN THE TOP WAYS TO GET A JOB!** Rebecca Martin and Julie Youngblood will provide you with up-to-date information and resources on conducting a successful job search in any market. The first of a four-part series on job searching and career transition. From 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St., San Ramon. This workshop is free. Call 973-2850.

## Literary Events

**'TWO CITIES, ONE TALE' DANVILLE AND SAN RAMON JOINT CITY READ 2009** Join residents of Danville and San Ramon for a six-week, book-

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**144th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games:** First Battalion Scots Guards, fresh from duty at Buckingham Palace, will join forces with the U.S. Marine Band during the closing ceremonies both days to present a staggering musical interlude. New this year, the Celtic Rock group 1916 will be performing, along with Tempset, Wicked Tinkers and Molly's Revenge. More than 25 pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada will be competing. The games will be held from Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 5-6, at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. For ticket prices and information, visit [www.caledonian.org](http://www.caledonian.org).

sharing event to read one book together from Aug. 31 to Oct. 12. Pick up a free paperback copy of Sarah Vowell's, witty and engaging non-fiction book, "Assassination Vacation," at the Danville or San Ramon Libraries or at participating local businesses to read, discuss and then pass on to friends and family.

**AUTHOR JANIS BELL TO SPEAK** The Mt. Diablo Branch, California Writers Club, hosts teacher and author Janis Bell from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Bell's book, "Clean, Well-Lighted Sentences," solves common grammar and usage issues. She plans a lively dialogue to

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## Miscellaneous

**THE ROSE HOTEL TO HOST FOURTH ANNUAL 'ROSES TO GRANDPARENTS'** Grandparents and their families are invited to gather at the hotel for cake, coffee and conversation. They will be treated to tours of the hotel and will be eligible to win a free night's stay at the 4 p.m. drawing. Each grandparent will receive a long stemmed rose. From 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Rose Hotel, 807 Main St., Pleasanton. This event is free. Call 846-8802.

## Seniors

**SAN RAMON FAMILY BREAKFAST** Family breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, fruit, sausage, juice and coffee. From 9-11:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 13 at San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Call 833-2760.

## Sports

**SEE JANE RUN WOMEN'S TRIATHLON** See Jane Run Triathlon is a race, milestone and a moment of triumph and will be from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at Shadow Cliffs

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**YMCA SPORTS** Registration for YMCA Tee Ball, Soccer, Touch-Rugby, Flag-Football, and Basketball leagues are now open. Space is limited. Register online at [mdrymca.org](http://mdrymca.org) or call 831-1100.

## Volunteering

**AMERICAN RED CROSS PUBLIC BLOOD DRIVE** The Red Cross is holding a blood drive at Bishop Ranch, 2682 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free appetizer at Mimi's Cafe. Call 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543) or go to [HelpSaveALife.org/NC](http://HelpSaveALife.org/NC) (Sponsor Code: RANCH) to schedule an appointment.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION** American Red Cross Blood Services volunteer orientation will take place at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8 and 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11 at 140 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Tour the Contra Costa Blood Donor Center and learn about the different ways to help greet, inform and thank our community's blood donors or post flyers at key locations. Dates and times are subject to change according to interest. Call Mandy at 510-594-5211 or [lewism@usa.redcross.org](mailto:lewism@usa.redcross.org).

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## Mustangs duel each other at Kick-Off

Going for the airborne ball are Brandon Reyna (in red) of the Mustang Barcelona Boys U14 and Brant Moore of the Mustang FC Strikers at the San Ramon Kick-Off Tournament held Aug. 29. The strikers, coached by Brant Moore, won 2-1 over the Barcelona coached by Armando Sanchez.



## A Spirited success

The U11G D3 Mustang Spirit completed a successful run at the 2009 Tiburon Mill Valley Fall Kick-Off held Aug. 29-30. This was the second tournament for the Mustang Spirit who faced teams that had been playing with each other for several years. The team was able to earn fourth place due to a tremendous effort by its squad receiving contributions from every player, including (front row, l-r) Maggie Pasqualina, Hannah Madgett, Sara Maddalon, Olivia Smith, Kenna Kumnick, Lily Tsen, (back) Coach Marco Pasqualina, Frankie Ruiz, Madison Brown, Alyssa Thomas, Julia Peter, Jasmine Endicott, Heather Scheibley and Coach John Maddalon.

## Magic allows only three goals

The Mustang Magic U11 girls soccer team concluded its August tournament schedule by winning the Adidas Champions Cup in Sacramento on Aug. 30, posting four shutouts on the way to a championship game victory over Modesto Ajax. The team opened the month by winning the Rage College Showcase Tournament in Pleasanton. In 13 tournament games in August, the Magic allowed only three goals. Team members include Coach Jeff Land, Emma Belkin, Jessa Benson, Shelby Bertolozzi, Nicole Emerson, Emma Hight, Shanna Keil, Whitney Lincoln, Morgan Mahre, Mia Maloney, Maya Nielan, Stephanie Shields and Julia Van Warmerdam.



## First-year gymnast scores five medals

Sophia Kalliaras, age 10, a level 5 gymnast from Danville, took home five medals from the Gymnastics Judges Cup Meet held in Sacramento on Aug. 20: beam 8.65; bars 8.575; floor 8.275; vault 8.225; and, most importantly, second place for all around with a combined score of 33.7. This is her first year competing and her first competition of the year.



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## Stompers take Back to School Bash

San Ramon Stompers 14U Girls Fast Pitch Team took first place in the Hayward Back to School Bash tournament held Aug. 29-30. Final game score was 9 to 5 against the Mavericks from Livermore. Weekend totals were four victories and one tie, thanks to a total team effort by all players, including (front row, kneeling, l-r) Erin Flor, Lena Hennings, Marie Hunt, Gianna Villa, Molly Martin, Katie Lencioni, Jessica Bamba, (middle, standing) Courtney Kezerian, Jessica Gillespie, Morgan Idso, Brooke Begun, Lauren Copelan, Lilly L'Estrange, Lindsay Harris, Sam Auer, Lauren Echsner, (back) Manager Chris Gillespie, Coaches John Auer and Clint Copelan.

## PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 4

### FOOTBALL

- San Ramon Valley at Benicia, 6 p.m.
- Monte Vista at West Tracy, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

- San Ramon Valley at Monte Vista

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- San Ramon Valley at Deer Valley Jamboree

Tuesday, Sept. 8

### WOMEN'S GOLF

- Monte Vista at Granada, 3:30 p.m.

### CROSS COUNTRY

- Monte Vista Invitational

Wednesday, Sept. 9

### WOMEN'S GOLF

- San Ramon Valley vs. Amador, 3:15 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10

### WOMEN'S GOLF

- San Ramon Valley vs. Granada, 3:30 p.m.

- Monte Vista at Cal High, 3:30 p.m.

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

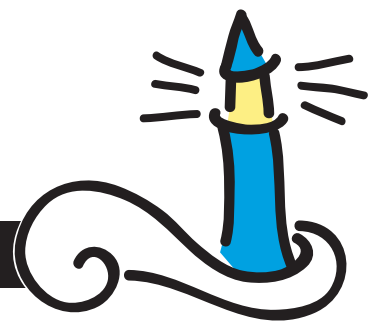
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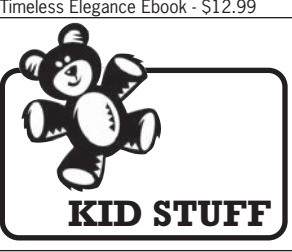
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