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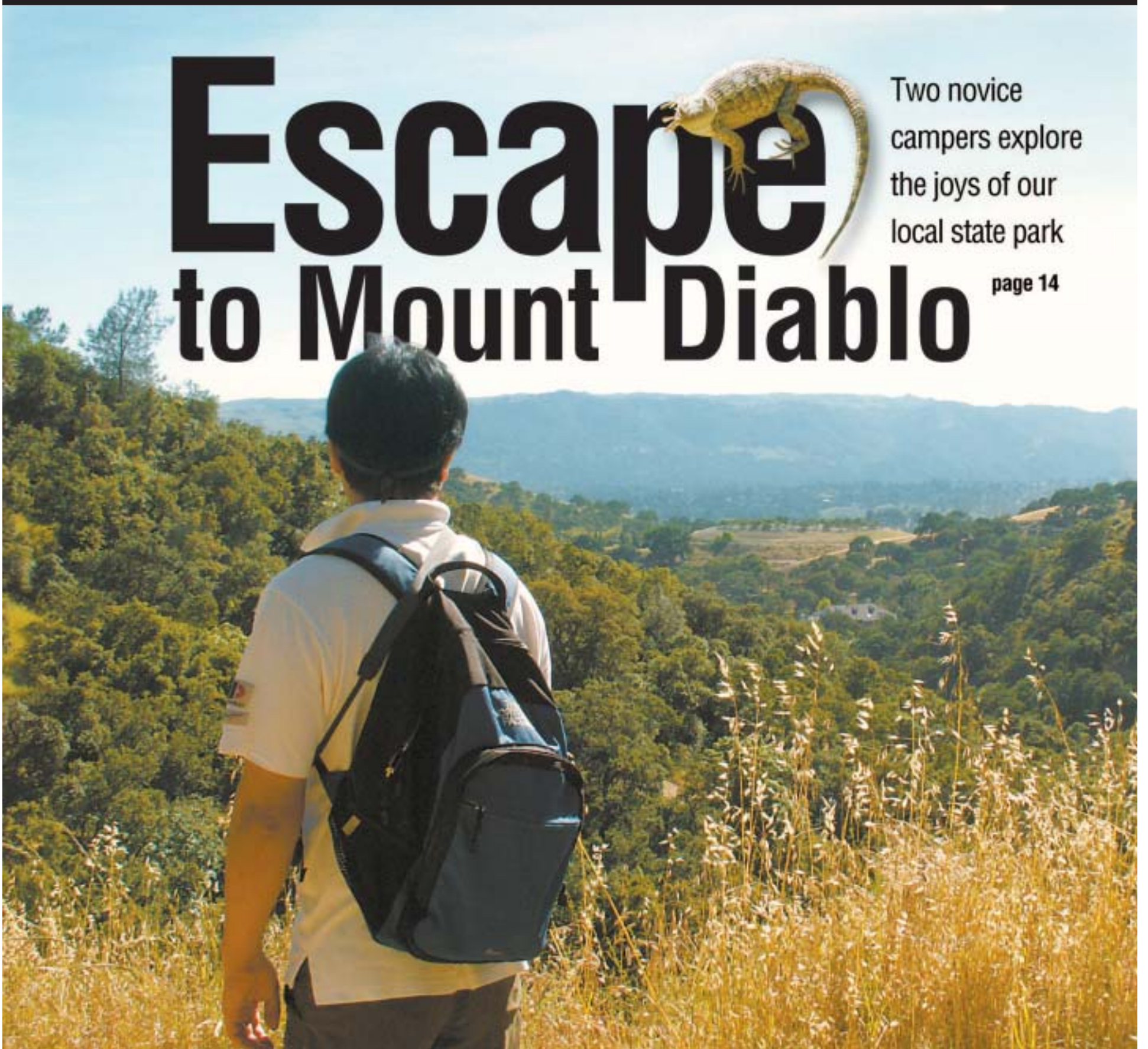
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—Wilson Costa
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He's a traitor. He was in a position where a lot of sensitive information was put on his desk. He violated that. Part of it, too, was sour grapes.

—Keith Clark
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I think the exposure was good. I wouldn't call him a traitor, but I wouldn't necessarily call him a hero either. It had to be brought out in the open.

—Diana Hui
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The guy was ticked off. He did not get a job. He should have come out. That's what a whistleblower does.

—Howard Bain
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He should have done it before. What can they do now? He should have stood up before.

—Cynthia Clark
sales manager

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ Starting with two was probably best because I didn't know how bad I had it. ”

—Julie Corbett, mother of twin 28-month-old girls and member of Twin Valley Mothers of Twins club

Mysterious bones found on Hartz

Construction workers at the former Country Waffles site immediately called police when they came across a small collection of bones, said Sgt. Ron Bradley of the Danville Police Department. They were cutting through a cement slab on Thursday, June 2, while modifying the Hartz Avenue building for a new business.

“One of the bones looked like a femur,” said Bradley. The police contacted the coroner's office in Martinez. The coroner's task is to determine if the bones were human or animal bones, and the age of the bones. Investigators from the coroner's office came directly to the site to pick up the bones, said Bradley, and an anthropologist will also be examining them.

If the bones are hundreds of years old, they are probably the bones of American Indians, said Bradley. But if the bones turn out to be from a human and they are less than 60 years old, the police would explore the possibility of a homicide.

Police recently heard from the coroner's office that it was a mixture of animal and human bones but the age is yet to be determined. Construction at the site has since been suspended.

“No construction can resume until the town clears it,” said Bradley.

Students need homes

Youth For Understanding USA is looking for families to host exchange students next year since it recently received word that Monte Vista High School can enroll one or two international students through the program for the next school year. Students are 15-18 years old and come from more than 35 different countries.

Families are asked to host for a semester or for a year, providing the student with a bed although not necessarily a private bedroom, three meals a day, and “lots of love as you show them what American culture is all about.” Host families are not subsidized but they receive support from the group with orientations and volunteers checking in with them. Students arrive in mid-August.

To learn more, call Zach Mulert at (415) 440-0076 or visit www.yfu-usa.org.

Check bikes for safety

School will soon be out and the weather is heating up. Bike season has officially begun. Bring your bikes and helmets out to the Danville Police Department's Bicycle Rodeo tomorrow, where employees from Danville Bike will inspect the safety of your bike and helmet free of charge.

The Bicycle Rodeo will be at St. Isidore's Church and School from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 11. Registration is not required.

Board members for Foundation

The Danny Foundation for Crib and Child Product Safety announced the addition of four new board members:

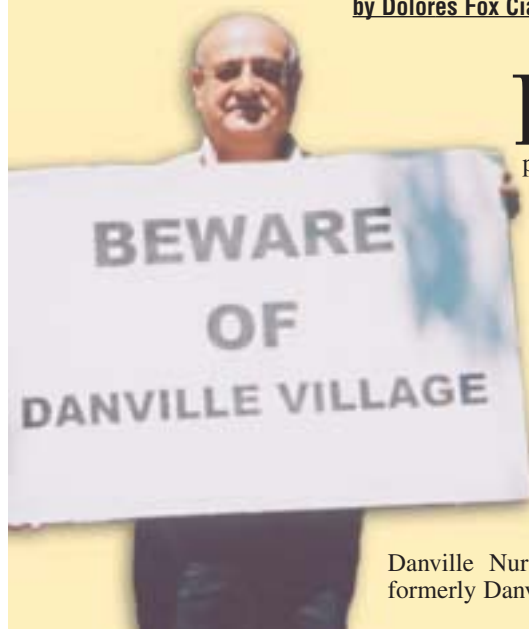
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- Steven Hart, Assistant Fire Chief, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
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“The new board members will provide the needed insight and leadership that the Foundation needs for continued growth,” said foundation Executive Director Jack Walsh.

Family pickets for mom's 'dignity'

State investigating complaint against nursing home

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli



Picketers have been on Diablo Road in front of Danville Village on weekends to let passersby know they are not happy with the care their mother received while living at the skilled nursing facility. They hold signs such as "Cover-Up by Danville Village," and "Unprofessional."

"We've got to do something for her dignity," said son Charles Rios. "That's the bottom line. We don't want anything else."

"We are very empathetic to the family," said Joanne Van Dyke, senior administrator of Danville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, formerly Danville Village, at 336 Diablo Road.



The family of Esther Rios, with son Charles Rios shown at left, pickets on Diablo Road to protest the care she received at the Danville Village skilled nursing home.

"We do respect the family's right to protest. However the distraction is difficult for patients and family."

Rios, 60, is the oldest of eight children of Esther Rios who lived in the nursing home until July of last year. They took turns driving their mother to kidney dialysis, Rios said, and one day a brother discovered her, fully dressed, but lying on her bed in pain when he arrived. He

alerted caregivers who called 911 and she was rushed to the hospital, Rios recalled. An X-ray showed she had a broken hip so they gave her morphine to relieve the pain, he said. She left the hospital to stay with one of her sons in Livermore, and was taken off dialysis at her direction. She died shortly afterward, said Rios.

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Danville teams with other Tri-Valley cities on affordable housing

Expo kicks off opening of new housing center

by Casey Reivich

With interest rates low and demand high, cities of the Tri-Valley are constantly working to provide housing for diverse income levels. In Danville, the median cost of a home is \$600,000, according to the Bayeast Association of Realtors.

How can a first time homebuyer or a recently single parent afford to buy a home in such an expensive market? Danville along with the cities of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore have teamed up to create the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center, a "one-stop shop" with everything from affordable rental information to down payment assistance.

The five Tri-Valley cities and Alameda and Contra Costa counties first created the Tri-Valley Affordable Housing Committee. The idea of an actual center was talked about for years, said Jill Bergman, associate planner and affordable housing liaison for Danville. Eventually the committee got enough grant money from the federal government to bring the clearinghouse to fruition.

"We will be able to share the resources that we have with everybody," said Bergman. "It's very challenging to find housing in this area that's affordable. This will be one area where you can come and

say, 'Help! What can I afford?' and you will really have a counselor to help you."

The free Tri-Valley Housing Expo 2005 kicked off the planned August opening of the Housing Opportunity Center last Saturday, where mortgage lenders like Washington Mutual, nonprofit groups like Bridge Housing, and insurance companies like Farmers

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—Jill Bergman, associate planner and affordable housing liaison for Danville

Insurance set up informational booths at the Carr America Center in Pleasanton. Visitors were able to walk around to the various booths, pick up information, and ask all of their housing questions. The expo was a sampling of what the housing center is hoping to offer.

While each city faces its own challenges and policies, all five are mandated by the state to provide

housing to people of very low; low; moderate; and above moderate housing. The total number comes from the state Department of Housing and Community Development but the Association of Bay Area Governments breaks the number down into the different income levels.

It advised in its 1999-2006 plan that Danville provides 140 very low; 88 low; 216 moderate; and 666 above moderate income units of housing. The town is to factor these recommendations from ABAG into the housing element of its general plan. In 2002, Danville's housing element report was certified by the state. Danville was the only Tri-Valley city that was able to meet the state's goals.

The goals were met in large part because of the completion of a low-moderate income housing senior center called Sycamore Place. The town teamed up with Bridge Housing, a nonprofit group dedicated to promoting affordable housing in the Bay Area, to build the 74 unit affordable housing complex for seniors—the first in Danville's history. Despite the town's steady progress in providing affordable housing, the town recognizes that providing affordable housing for a wide swath of people is still an uphill challenge.

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Spelling star Evan O'Dorney creates a piece on the piano; he attends the San Francisco Conservatory of Music on Saturdays where he takes piano lessons and composition.

Spelling is just one talent of Danville sixth-grader

Evan O'Dorney places 17th at National Spelling Bee

by Casey Reivich

Evan O'Dorney can spell Thyestean, jalousie and enthymeme at the drop of a hat. The 11-year-old boy from Danville recently came in 17th place at the 78th annual Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C. This was O'Dorney's first trip to the National Bee. To his and his mother Jennifer's great surprise and delight, he made it to the eighth

round. The word that eventually stumped him: athyreosis.

"I didn't even think I would make it to round three," said O'Dorney in an interview after the competition.

O'Dorney's first step toward the National Spelling Bee was winning his school contest. He then went on to win the regional bee, spelling "picayune" correctly. O'Dorney and his mother dili-

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Supervisor Mary Piepho discusses local concerns with City Councilwoman Karen Stepper at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Crow Canyon Country Club last week.

Supervisor sums up first five months in office

‘It’s not just a job, it’s an adventure,’ says Piepho

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Supervisor Mary Piepho says she feels our pain regarding the congestion on local freeways during rush hour. District 3 extends from Discovery Bay in the east to Alamo and Danville in the west so she and staff members are often caught in rush hour traffic as they travel to their obligations, she told Chamber of Commerce members at their luncheon last week.

“Being the biggest of all five districts in the county creates challenges,” she said. “Trust me when I say we’re part of the community traffic.”

Piepho, a resident of Discovery Bay, was sworn into office as supervisor of District 3 in January, after defeating incumbent Millie Greenberg of Danville in

November. She thanked members of the chamber for its endorsement of her candidacy.

“The transition is a lengthy process,” she said, adding that the district is diverse as well as large, with urban and suburban areas as well as agricultural. “It’s not just a job, it’s an adventure.”

She said a goal of hers is stronger economics throughout the county. “There is lopsided growth in the county,” she said. “We had the same phenomenon in the San Ramon Valley.”

Another objective is to address problems in unincorporated Alamo. She is looking into Alamo forming a Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC), such as runs Diablo.

“It would be one voice for Alamo leaders,” she explained, “appointed or elected.” She noted Alamo problems with traffic in its

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Mom’s ‘dignity’

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“When we first went to see her (at Danville Village), everyone was very attentive,” Rios said. “Then we noticed they started slacking.” He recalled she was in the nursing home about five-six months.

After her death, the family called the California Department of Health Services to report what had happened to their mother at the Danville facility. “They indicated we should start with an ombudsman,” said Rios.

They then called Ombudsmen Services of Contra Costa County, which sends trained volunteers into every nursing and residential care facility in the county, under the Older Americans Act.

“We receive complaints from families, doctors, hospitals, senior centers, dentists ... paramedics,” said Etta Maitland, executive director. “We also receive concerns from residents.” She could not comment on the Rios complaint because a second report from the California Department of Health Services is not final.

Norma Raceo, spokeswoman for Health Services, said an ombudsman originally made the complaint but family members were not satis-

fied with the findings. “Because of that, we reopened our investigation,” she said.

Charles Rios said the initial report from the state was partly inaccurate and was incomplete. He said the family is not interested in legal action, they just want to be told the truth and want other people to know of their experiences with the facility.

“Due to patient confidentiality laws, I’m not able to discuss specifics,” said facility administrator Van Dyke. “We have been honest and forthright with the Department of Health, who already conducted a full investigation. They had no finding of neglect or misconduct by the facility.”

After Health Services makes its new findings, the facility has 16 days to respond with a plan to correct any problems, which needs to be approved by the state. Raceo estimated the new report would be completed in July. “Now that the family has contacted us, we’re going to keep them informed,” she said.

Rios said response from passersby during the picketing on Diablo Road has been positive. Some people pull over and tell their own stories, he said, and he and his siblings have begun to record their names. ■

Amador aquatic center renamed to honor former swim coach

Charles "Chuck" Volonte dedicated 33 years of coaching

by Rebecca Guyon

The remodeled Amador Valley High School Aquatic Center was officially named the Charles "Chuck" Volonte Aquatic Center after the Board of Trustees unanimously passed the resolution Tuesday night.

"I am overwhelmed," Volonte said during the meeting. "This is a chance for me to reflect on all (the school district's) given to me and I could say the same for Pleasanton."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the pool is scheduled for 3:30 p.m., Monday, June 3.

"People don't realize how far and deep water (a pool) goes for a community," Volonte said.

Volonte began teaching at Amador in 1955 and became the school's swim coach in 1959, a position he held until his retirement in 1992. Under his leadership, the swim team won its first American Championship in 1966 and went on to win six straight championships. During his tenure as coach, 45 individual swimmers and divers earned All-American honors and in 1979 Volonte received the Jim Walden Athletic Service award.

"Chuck instilled in student athletes that success comes through hard work and discipline," said Amador principal, Bill Coup.

Of course, winning so many

championships means there were people defeated along the way, one of whom was Superintendent John Casey. Casey said Volonte's backstroker beat him in 1971 during a swim meet.

Students, parents, teachers and community members were first consulted in December 2004 on who the remodeled pool should be named after. Volonte's name came up several times and the suggestion was shared with representatives from the Amador student body, athletic boosters and Parent Teacher Student Association. All the groups supported recommending Volonte, and the Board of Trustees approved. ■

Not your average spelling test

Pleasanton student ties for second in national spelling bee

Most people haven't even heard of the word hyperkalemia, but it is one of 14-year-old Aliya Deri's favorites. It's no surprise she'd pick such an obscure word—as the second place winner in this year's Scripps National Spelling Bee, Deri has an arsenal to chose from.

"I like the word hyperkalemia because it means having too much potassium in your body and most people don't consider potassium to be with a 'k' but that's its symbol in the periodic table of elements," Deri said. "It's a cool word."

Deri, an eighth grader who takes home school classes and is a student at Harvest Park Middle School, tied with Samir Patel, a student from Texas, in the 18th round of competition, which was held in Washington D.C. June 1 and 2.

"I never expected to get that far in the competition," Deri said. "It didn't register for about a day that it happened."

Making it to the 18th round wasn't easy, and Deri had three close calls along the way, she said.

"In the third round I got 'reticulated' and it seems everyone I've talked to knows that word except for me," Deri said.

After using her entire time limit, Deri finally was able to spell the word, which is defined as having the form or appearance of a net. Deri was also thrown off in the eighth round when she was given the word flavedo (the skin of a citrus) and again in the 11th round when she was asked to spell domra (a Russian instrument), neither of

which she had heard before.

While Deri was making it past round after round, her family watched nervously in the audience and, back at home, the students and staff at Harvest Park spent the morning watching the competition. Deri had no idea the entire school was watching until she called later in the day and got the celebrity treatment.



Aliya Deri

"When I called, the person who answered the phone said, 'This is Aliya Deri?' and I thought she didn't know who I was, but then she freaked out and said everyone was

watching and you could hear the cheers all over school," Deri said.

When she returned to Harvest Park on Monday there was a huge sign congratulating her at the front of the school. Deri also takes French and intermediate algebra at Amador Valley High School and students from both those classes made posters for her.

She also received accolades from Congressman Richard Pombo (R-11) who read a congratulatory note into the Congressional record saying, "Aliya misspelled 'trouville,' meaning windfall, in the 18th round, but I want her to know that our windfall is to have such a gifted and talented individual in California's 11th Congressional District."

Deri first got involved with the spelling bee scene in fourth grade when her older sister Joya, who was in seventh grade at the time, went to the state competition and took home fourth place. The following year, Joya went back to the state spelling bee and came in first. Deri became Joya's spelling coach, and that early experience gave her an edge, said her mom Chandran Deri. It also sparked her interest to go to state, and then the nationals, once she was old enough.

"My sister's experience was the inspiration," Deri said. "When I went with her to the spelling bees people would ask me when I was going to come, and thought maybe I can do it too," Deri said.

Deri will be starting high

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Can you spell ... ?

Aliya Deri came in second at Scripps' National Spelling Bee by spelling words such as:

Devastavit—*n.*, A waste or misapplication of the assets of a deceased person by an executor or an administrator.

Nephalism—*n.*, Total abstinence from spirituous liquor.

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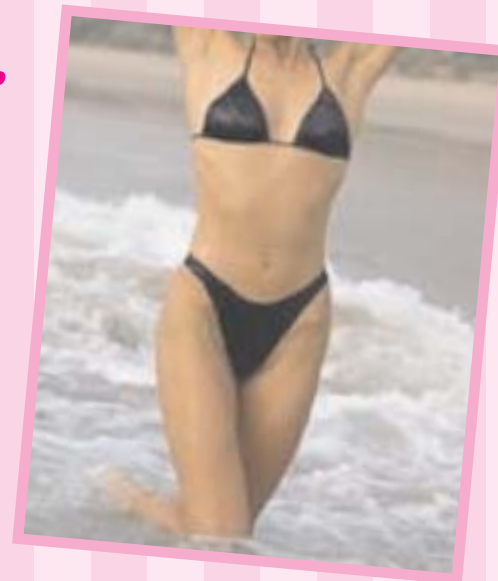
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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Happy Birthday, Honey

When I married my husband many years ago, he was 21 years old. If someone had suggested at the time that I might ever sleep with a man who was 60, I would have been appalled. Of course I was a child of the idealistic '60s, and this was before Anna Nicole Smith made women aware of the full potential of May-December marriages.

But yesterday my young husband turned the big 6-0 so guess where I end up each night? How did that happen?

Jim is quick to assure me that his birthday is only a chance figure on the Gregorian calendar, totally meaningless. But whether we use the Christian, Chinese, Indian, Islamic, Jewish, Ethiopian, Balinese, Mayan, etc., calendar, it still adds up to these facts: He is getting older. And I am right behind him. One year, two weeks to be exact.

We keep hearing that these days 60 is really 50, and I can believe that, judging by comparing us with my own parents and my in-laws. A 26-year-old co-worker was kind enough to inform me that 60 these days is really 30, which I think is a nice compliment, to her parents anyway.

Jim and I still play tennis, hike (OK, walk), and are young at heart. Just ask my kids (well, maybe you'd better not). But, darn it, we feel middle-aged at most, hardly about to enter the "old" phase of our lives. Except, come to think of it, we do take better care of ourselves. And we do value a good night's sleep. And when we consider a new dog, "low energy level" is high on our list of desirable traits.

My husband will totally disregard his 60th birthday but then he ignores his birthday every year, being offended by those small, creeping increments as much as the decade markers.

But my women friends and I celebrate our decades together. When I turned 40, we went for drinks at the bar in the Danville Hotel. It was a Wednesday night

and we were a bit rushed because we all had small children competing in a meet at the Livorna Swim Club. We hurried out at the conclusion of the meet, leaving wet kids and swimsuits in our husbands' hands. After drinks and presents, we hurried home because we knew we had to rise early to get the same children back in the water again for swim practice.

"If someone had suggested at the time that I might ever sleep with a man who was 60, I would have been appalled."

Ten years later I turned 50, as did about eight of us who'd known each other through a neighborhood babysitting co-op, then PTA and swim club. By then our children were in high school or older. We formed a "birthday club" and took turns celebrating as each of us turned 50, which was spread over two years. I was first and we went to dinner at a San Ramon comedy club and laughed uproariously at both the comedians and the absurdity of nubile young women like ourselves being AARP-eligible. For another friend's birthday, we drove into San Francisco together in a van to the California Culinary Academy. For a birthday card, we made one friend a "newspaper" with a huge headline declaring "Maria Carter turns 50," with a full photo of her looking great, and stories, complete with interviews of high school boyfriends.

We may rekindle the birthday club to help us turn 60, starting next year, although most of us are still getting used to being 50. By that time, hopefully, Jim will be comfortable with being in his 60s. Then he'll just have to get used to sleeping with a 60-year-old woman. ■

Supervisor

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downtown area and said there needs to be a forum for the community to come together to find solutions.

Other important issues she mentioned were the state budget and its affect on the county; retirement benefits for public employees; the urban limit line; Measure J, the transportation sales tax approved in November; the need to improve water management; and resource

allocation.

Piepho is on 24 committees, she said, plus attends the Board of Supervisors meeting every Tuesday. "This really exhausts the time to get out and visit with folks like you," she said, but emphasized that her staff is available to help in both her Danville and Discovery Bay offices.

Piepho is holding open houses in each office later this month to meet her constituents. The Danville open house is 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, June 29, at 309 Diablo Road. For more information, call 820-8683. ■

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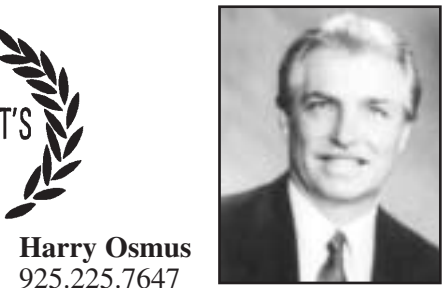
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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Looking to the future of nursing homes

A story this week brings home a truth about nursing homes: We cannot be too vigilant, as relatives and as a society, in making sure they are well maintained and well regulated. This is necessary for our aging loved ones living in such homes, and also to set the path for the future, when our aging population will cause the industry to grow rapidly.

The children of Esther Rios chose a Danville rest home as her residence when she became too old to live without medical help, thinking they had found a good place for their mother. They continued to monitor her care as they visited her and accompanied her to dialysis appointments. They said they began to notice little unpleasant things on their visits and ended up filing a complaint against the facility after one brother apparently found her lying unattended on her bed with a broken hip. This incident points out the necessity of not just finding the right facility for aging relatives but also for monitoring their care.

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform recognizes that placing a relative is one of the most difficult decisions we ever have to make. It has a list on its Web site of what to look for when checking out homes, which covers everything from residents' appearance to staff, facility environment, rooms, menus and activities.

Are residents well groomed? Do staff members wear nametags? Do you see soiled linen? Are there privacy curtains around each bed? Are there handrails in all the corridors? Is the dining area pleasant, clean and comfortable? Is the Ombudsman Program's phone number posted? The complete list can be found on its Web site: <http://www.nursinghomeguide.org>. It also has information about types of homes and payment.

The site suggests "comparative shopping" after identifying a few homes that are affordable. This is especially important for someone new to the world of nursing homes because they are unique; a nursing home cannot be compared to regular senior housing or a hospital. Although checking consumer complaints is helpful, nothing takes the place of a visit to a home and seeing the entire facility, not just the lobby or one wing. It is important to make such visits comprehensive enough to really get a feel about how the residents are treated by staff members.

Then, even after doing all the homework, each visit must also be a checkup on the care being provided. We must all help the industry grow in the right direction. Our parents deserve it. They would have done nothing less for us. If that isn't enough...how we treat our parents is a model for our children and may reflect how they ultimately treat us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Facial features stolen, too

Editor:

In response to Streetwise, June 3: I was once a victim of total identity theft. My Social Security number, drivers license, credit card number, and even my facial features, hair-style and eye glasses were taken from me, and used to run up large charges in the United Kingdom on my credit card. Fortunately, my credit card company became suspicious and alerted me.

I was also reportedly seen in Sacramento, Washington, D.C., and in a Hofbrau Garten in Munich, Germany, even though I had been to none of those places.

*Ralph Hoffmann
Danville*

A name is just a name

Editor:

I do not agree with Art Mijares ("Oakley man fights to take the

devil out of the mountain," May 27) that we should change the name of Mount Diablo. Get over it. Your fear of the Devil is taking over and winning—where's the faith?

Not to mention that "Mt. Diablo" is a survey point of California—along with Humboldt and San Bernardino.

"Because of its prominent location, Mt. Diablo has been used by a variety of state and federal agencies as the location for important horizontal control monuments. Some of these agencies include the Department of the Navy, the California Department of Natural Resources and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey (now the National Geodetic Survey)."

I say leave well enough alone. It's all about spirit—a name is just a name!

*Lori Gehrman
Danville*

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Double the fun

Twins mean moms with special needs

by Julie Nostrand

It's late and a baby wakes, demanding to be fed. A weary mom stumbles into the nursery as quickly as possible to quiet the baby. There is nothing unusual about moms up in the middle of the night feeding babies.

But in a growing number of households, that scene is changing and mom is up feeding not one baby, but two. And despite the many joys of maternity, mothers of twins face special challenges beyond the typical sleep deprivation and lifestyle adjustment that comes with motherhood.

If you live in this area with twins, there is an organization to help. The Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club, founded over 33 years ago, provides families of twins and other multiples with advice, support or just a spare set of hands to help moms with the new babies.

The group has more than 350 members and is growing rapidly. Nationally, one in 35 live births is a set of twins. Locally, births of twins and more is booming. Between 2003 and 2004, the number of new moms in the Twins Club grew 50 percent, and according to JoAn Fisher, publicity chair of the local group, "It was all new babies."

The club's benefits begin even before the babies are born, with support groups and mentoring programs designed to meet the needs of expectant families. Every business meeting starts with a round table question-and-answer session for expectant moms to bring questions or concerns to a panel of seasoned veterans for practical down-to-earth advice.

If expectant moms are interested, the club can match them with a Pregnancy Pal to mentor them through their pregnancy. This partnering allows expectant parents the chance to partner with a woman who has

already experienced a multiple birth and can share the wisdom of her experience.

The club services kick into full gear once the babies are born. When twins arrive, moms need simple things like meals delivered or advice on how to handle feeding two babies at once, said Carole Friesen of Danville, a mother of twins and an active member of the club for five years. Support in the simple things really makes a big difference to a new mom, she added.

"Starting with two was probably best," said Julie Corbett of Danville, "because I didn't know how bad I had it."

Corbett, the mom of twin 28-month-old girls, said that she relied heavily on the support network provided by other moms of twins when her daughters were first born. From playgroups to social outings, she found that spending time with other women in a similar position offered reassurance and encouragement for her after particularly harried days.

"They are there for you, an instant sister-

hood," said Corbett of the tight knit relationship she formed with many club members over the last two years.

Corbett said she used the group's online bulletin board to help her through situations as different as how to handle two kids in the biting phase to where to find a plumber. "I don't know what I would have done without them," she added.

To provide ongoing support for its members, the club maintains a resource library full of material for moms with specific questions that the group can't answer. Playgroups are organized to allow moms to meet other women with multiples the same age. Socials are frequently planned for families or just moms who need a break and want to spend time with other women who have been there and done that.

Because 55 percent of all multiples are born early, the group has developed a Premie Closet to supply premie equipment and clothing to members. Families simply borrow the specialized equipment and cloth-



These 4-year-old twins, shown at the Little Gym in Blackhawk Plaza, have opportunities to play with others through the Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club.

TWIN VALLEY MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB

ing, returning it when they are done. This equipment is highly specialized and many families can't afford to buy it.

Beyond providing emotional support to each other, the Mothers of Twins also give back to the community in a variety of ways. Funded by moneys raised at its legendary Clothing and Equipment Sale held in April and in October every year, the outreach efforts are focused on helping families.

The philanthropic efforts of the group help families in need. Period. From backpacks of school supplies for kids in foster homes to a host of baby supplies for the Crisis Nursery in Concord to an emergency fund that provides help to families in need, the group sees giving to the community as an important part of their charter.

"Other Moms know, if you need help, ask the Mothers of Twins," said publicity chair Fisher. ■

For more information on how you can support the Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club or to get involved, check out its Web site at www.tvmotc.com or telephone JoAn Fisher at 915-0022.

Outfit your babies

Twice a year, in April and October, the Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club holds its legendary Clothing and Equipment Sale at the Barn on Pacific Avenue in Livermore. Providing high quality, gently used baby clothes and equipment at discounted prices, this sale funds the majority of the groups' philanthropic endeavors. If you have small children, you won't want to miss this event. Watch for announcements in the calendar section of this paper as the date draws nearer.



DANVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Residents enjoy strolling through last year's Danville Fine Arts Faire. This year's fair, being held June 18-19, will feature food and drink, jazz and a Street of Flowers—as well as fine art.

Art, music, food to star at Danville Fine Arts Faire

More than 200 artists will be showing their work at the 14th annual Danville Fine Arts Faire in downtown Danville next weekend. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19, the fair will offer food and drink, Dixieland jazz and, new this year, a Street of Flowers on Prospect Street.

Business owners will transform Prospect Street with flowers, fountains and topiaries. People can also enjoy listening to Dixieland jazz at Hartz and School Street while sipping a glass of champagne at the Open Aire Gallery. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., free shuttle service will be offered at the Park and Ride at Sycamore Valley Road.

The following street closures will be effective at 2 a.m., Saturday, June 18, until 11 p.m., Sunday, June 19:

- Hartz Avenue between Diablo Road and Hartz Way;
- Prospect Avenue between Front Street and Clocktower Parking Lot entrance;
- Church Street between Hartz Avenue and Railroad Avenue; and
- School Street between Hartz Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

The Danville Fine Arts Faire is free of charge. For additional information, contact the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce at 837-4400 or www.mlproductions.com. ■

A movie review of what's **READY TO RENT**
by Joe Ramirez

The Aviator
Warner Home Video VHS & DVD
2 hrs 50 mins
Director: Martin Scorsese

entrepreneur, the bright young man whose pluck never tarnishes even in madness.

Director Martin Scorsese's wonderful "The Aviator" is all beautiful method with a deformed heart at its center, an epic of technique. It's a film that can be admired for its sleek lines and rumba editing by longtime collaborator Thelma Schoonmaker, who won the 2004 Academy Award for this film. But at its center there is always something missing, a type of "underwhelmment" in its spirit. Scorsese has always been a director who constructs his films like daydreams of a film student who cannot find the perfect libretto to cram all the newfound maneuvers he or she has discovered. He emotes a lust for movies that clings to the viewer, but his characters seem to fall into the weightlessness of his fevered state so that we remember moments in his films but rarely the personal struggles that are faced.

"The Aviator" then moves forward into entertaining biopic territory that fares better than most, due to screenwriter John Logan's fluid construction and Robert Richardson's elegant camerawork. We follow Howard Hughes mostly through his youthful highpoints: breaking in planes, fighting the studios, fighting the government and TWA, and into partial madness.

Where Scorsese succeeds is in focusing on Hughes' relationship with Katherine Hepburn (which role won Cate Blanchett the 2004 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress). Hughes finds her a kindred spirit of lofty misfit-ism. They both are brash and brilliant, both know they do not belong, and Blanchett captures and filters Hepburn's nervous chatter and jocular energy with a smoldering intensity. One of my favorite passages in "The Aviator" chronicles a date between the two that turns into an impromptu flying lesson. Hughes holds the wheel and lets Hepburn take over. There is a type of taut sexual energy that is diffused through Django Reinhardt's contented strumming on the soundtrack and little needs to be said, it's all between the actors. It's Scorsese at his most real in the film; we almost wish the scene would never end.

—Joe Ramirez

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Escape to Mount Diablo

story and photos by Casey Reivich

It's hard to believe peace and tranquility are only a stone's throw away. Even though we are at the foot of Mount Diablo, it's probably not the first place that comes to mind to go camping. For a real rugged, woody experience we want to go to Yosemite or Mount Shasta. But Mt. Diablo State Park? That's only 10 minutes away!

The Danville Weekly wanted to find out what it would be like to camp at Mount Diablo. Would it feel more like camping out in the back yard and less like being in the wilderness? When my editor first gave me the assignment, I was excited. I am not a camper. In fact, I've never actually camped before, but I like to hike and be outside so I thought I would enjoy it. I happily accepted the assignment, picturing myself as an intrepid outdoorswoman—pitching tents, spotting rare animals.

It then dawned on me, however, that my husband, Noah, and I didn't own one piece of camping equipment. No tent, no sleeping bags. I figured we could just sleep in the back of our car. Luckily, a colleague at work was an experienced camper and loaned me two sleeping bags, mats, a tent, cooking equipment and two lanterns.

Planning a camping trip to Mount Diablo is quite easy. In the summer, if you're going to camp on the weekend, which we did, it's recommended to spend an extra \$7 to make a reservation through Reserve America. If you camp during the week, a reservation is probably not necessary. It's \$20 per night to camp at the park, which includes the price of bringing one vehicle in to the

park; a second car is an additional \$6. You can go to Reserve America's Web site www.reserveamerica.com or you can call (800) 444-PARK (444-7275). The reservation doesn't guarantee campers an exact site, but it guarantees that a site will be available.

There are three family campgrounds: Juniper, Live Oak and Junction. Each site can accommodate up to eight people. Juniper and Live Oak have picnic

tables, fire pits or stoves, and restrooms with showers and flush toilets. Junction campground is available on a first come-first served basis only. It does not have showers or flush toilets. For larger groups, there are five group camps throughout the park. These group campgrounds have pit toilets and no showers. But campers from all campgrounds are welcome to use the showers at Juniper and Live Oak.

There are a few ground rules to camping at Mt. Diablo State Park. Campers must call the park at 837-2525 or 837-0904 ahead of time to check on the park's fire status. The park closes when the fire danger is extreme. Campers should also leave the vino behind: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the park. The campgrounds are set up

mostly for tent camping, but they can accommodate RVs and tent campers up to 20 feet in length. We chose to camp at the Live Oak campground. A lot of families camp there because it's a shaded campground that is close to the rock formations and wind caves in Rock City. Juniper campground, while more exposed, is 3,000 feet above sea level. The view from that campground is spectacular. State Park Ranger Carl Nielson later told me that because Juniper is above the fog, it is sometimes warmer than Live Oak, which can be foggy.



Casey checks out the tent to make sure Noah assembled it correctly.





Campers set up their tents under the shade of the Live Oaks at Mt. Diablo State Park. The lizards (at left) are always passing by on the trails, so keep an eye out while hiking.

On Saturday was sunny and beautiful, a perfect day to camp. Unfortunately, Noah and I got a late start to the day, but we knew our first priority of our camping trip: food. We went to the grocery store and bought hotdogs, baked beans, charcoal for the pit and the holy trinity of graham crackers, marshmallows and Hershey's chocolate. I was particularly excited to share this American snack with my British husband. He had never had a s'more before and only imagined it to be as strange and unnatural as another American concoction: the peanut butter and jelly sandwich. We were packing the food and soon realized we had no way to keep things cold. I had been loaned a small thermal cooler but we didn't have any icepacks so even if we went out and bought them they wouldn't freeze in time. We improvised and filled baggies with ice and just hoped they'd keep the food

We finally rolled up to the Southgate entrance at around 3:30 p.m., quite a bit later than we had planned. Our car was stuck to the hilt. It must have looked like we were moving to Mount Diablo. The park ranger at the gate had our reservation and gave us a warm welcome to the

Live Oak is a short distance from the Southgate entrance. It was more private than I expected. If you wanted to keep yourself there was plenty of room, and you were also close enough to be comfortable. By the time we rolled in at 3:30 p.m. most of the campsites were taken, but Noah and I eventually found a great spot. All of Live Oak is well-shaded and the campsites are nestled on a gentle slope that leads up to Rock City.

The campground was bustling with families and Boy Scout troops. Noah and I pitched our first tent. Luckily the ground was soft from rain earlier in the week. We had forgotten a hammer for the tent but we were able to push the pegs in with our feet. I expected the assembly to be complicated and confusing, but we put it together easily. Actually, Noah assembled it while I read the directions.

After setting up, we decided to go for a late afternoon hike. We

saw signs to Summit Trail, which sounded perfect. Maybe we wouldn't make it to the top, but at least we'd see some great views on the way up. We were so busy admiring the lushness of the trail, the wildflowers peppering the hills, and the beautiful views of the land below lit intensely by the low afternoon sun that we neglected to notice how easy the hike was on our legs. For a trail to the summit, we weren't getting much of a workout. Suddenly, after about 45 minutes, the trail dumped us out onto a road that we took to the Southgate. After examining our map, Noah and I realized we had been hiking down the mountain instead of up!

On our way back to Live Oak, we realized that we had forgotten two crucial items for our upcoming dinner: a knife and a spatula. An Eagle Scout probably could have figured out how to improvise the meal without a knife and a spatula, but it was obvious at this point that we were no Eagle Scouts. My husband and I hemmed and hawed, then figured because it was only 6:30 p.m. and the park closed around 8 p.m. that we had time to run home and get the necessary items. For a second, I felt terribly guilty. If the point was to get away from it all and really have the camping experience, wouldn't we break the spell if we left the park, got on the freeway and went home? But I figured that was the advantage of camping so close. If you forget something crucial like a spatula, home is only a 10-minute drive away!

When we returned from our short jaunt out, the park ranger, who had welcomed us earlier in the day, looked a little puzzled, but he was nice enough not to say anything. While Noah set up the charcoal pit, I walked around to see who else actually camped at Mount Diablo.

Anne Zebur was camping with her daughter and son-in-law and their family. Zebur lives in Oakland and it was her first time at Mount Diablo. While she herself did not camp that often, her daughter and son-in-law were experienced campers. They typically



After a long hard day of camping, Noah finally gets to enjoy his s'mores.

“When my editor first gave me the assignment, I was excited. I am not a camper. In fact, I've never actually camped before...”

ly camped at places like Mount Whitney and Mount Shasta.

Boy Scout troop 146 was visiting from El Sobrante. They were at Mount Diablo to rock climb. The boys had to cook their own food, set up their own tents, and remember to leave no trace after they left. In the morning the Scouts were rappelling down Sentinel Rock. “Mount Diablo is an incredible resource,” said troop leader Joel Baron.

Alison Bridger and Mathiue McGillvray of Berkeley were staying at Live Oak for two nights. “It's our first time here. We drove to the summit center and hiked to North Peak,” they said. “We haven't been camping for a while. Mount Diablo is close. We wonder if we should come again.”

Becky Ledford of San Mateo and Scott Hluhanich of San Francisco had heard of Mount Diablo from various hiking books. “It's close, which is nice. There are extensive trails, and sometimes you just need to get out of the city,” said Hluhanich. Ledford

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Tips for camping at Mount Diablo

Bring insect repellent and sunscreen: Repellent will help with those pesky mosquitoes at night and will help keep ticks away. There's plenty of sun at Mount Diablo. Be sure to put on sunscreen.

Avoid poison oak: Poison oak is common at Mount Diablo. Follow the rule, “Leaves of three, let it be.”

Check for ticks: After a hike, check yourself for ticks.

Wildlife: Foxes, coyotes and bobcats are usually harmless. Mountain lion sightings are extremely rare, but they do live on Mount Diablo. If you see one, do not run. Make yourself look big and make noise.

Store your food in a locker or your car: If there isn't a food locker at your campground, store food in the car. Do not store food in your tent. You don't want a raccoon coming into the tent!

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The Ertassi family—(l-r) Tony, Renee, Rachel and Pamela with their dog Oreo—relax by their tent trailer.

Mount Diablo

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and Hluhanich also appreciated being able to reserve a spot at Live Oak. They thought the site itself was secluded and protected from the wind. They did, however, feel that some of the trailheads were not marked out well. Luckily, they were helped by a friendly park ranger. “The park ranger we spoke to was awesome and very helpful.”

The only local campers I met that day were Tony and Pamela Ertassi from San Ramon, there with their daughters Rachel and Renee. “It’s close. It takes 15 minutes to get here, but we still feel like we’re far away,” said Tony. The Ertassis were relaxing outside their tent trailer and let me have a look inside. It seemed like the only way to camp. The trailer had a heater, beds for the parents and the children, and a sink.

As my husband and I ate dinner, we were both struck by the simplicity of camping. We were sitting in near darkness with only a small lantern illuminating the table. There is something about eating outside on a cool crisp night, with the smoky smell of charcoal and wood burning that stirs the appetite. Our hotdogs and baked beans were perfectly satisfying. We toasted marshmallows and I made up Noah’s first s’more. He loved it at first bite. I could only finish two s’mores, but Noah happily ate about three or four. We washed up in the bathrooms at the bottom of the campground. At the end of a busy day, we were glad we

were sleeping in a tent with warm sleeping bags rather than the back of our car.

At 7 a.m. we woke to the sound of squawking children. The kids were already up playing in Rock City. The showers at Live Oak were clean and easy to use. The water was warm, and there wasn’t a line to use them. Once we finished breakfast and packed up the tent we explored Rock City. We could see immediately why children have such a blast there. It is a natural wonderland. I climbed Sentinel Rock and looked out into the canyon. It was going to be another beautiful day. Ranger Nielson told me later that there is a lot of history at Rock City. Beyond the name etchings from campers past, sometimes you can spot Native American mortars in the bedrock. The Native Americans who used to live at Mount Diablo would grind their acorns in these mortars.

No trip to Mount Diablo is complete without winding up the road to the summit. The summit was crowded that day. Noah visited the summit museum, which has information on the history and ecology of Mt. Diablo State Park. From the summit we could see the Golden Gate Bridge, the skyline of San Francisco, the ocean and the snow-capped Sierra. It is truly an awesome view.

Noah and I had a fantastic camping experience at Mt. Diablo State Park. It’s hard to believe such a natural treasure is only 10 minutes away. The next time we camp at Mount Diablo we will explore the park even more—and we won’t forget the spatula! ■

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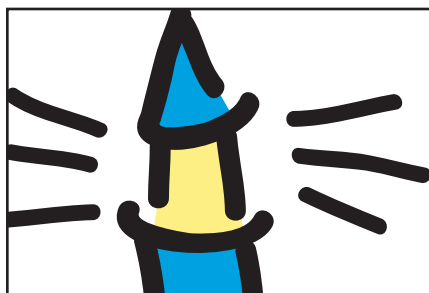
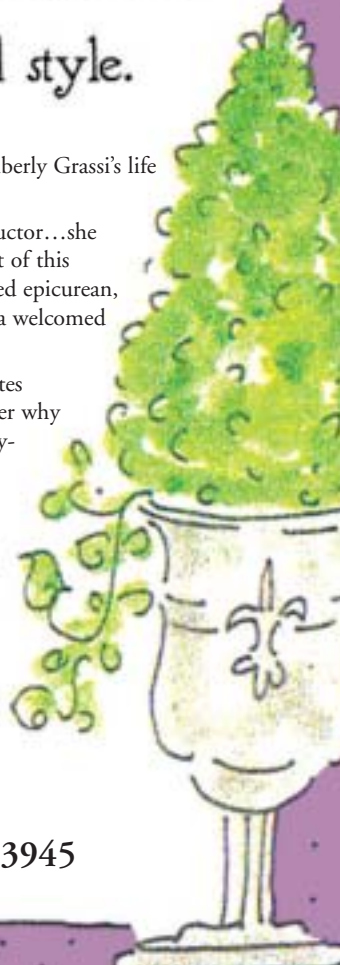
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Other recommended hikes and sites

Sentinel Rock in Rock City: After you’ve explored the wind caves, climb to the top of steep Sentinel Rock. There is a staircase and a railing.

Fossil Ridge: See if you can spot the fossils at Fossil Ridge.

Fire Interpretive Trail: The trail is accessible at the lower lot of the summit. It goes completely around the upper elevation of the mountain and offers 360-degree views.

Wildflowers: It’s the tail end of wild flower season, but you can still spot Mariposa Lilies, California Poppies, and Chaparral Currant on the trails.

Fauna: Look for wildlife like coyotes, gray foxes, bobcats, and deer.

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS

POLICE BULLETIN

Welfare check turns hostile

A welfare check by police of a man at the Chevron Extra Mile Station on Railroad Avenue on Monday afternoon turned into a wrestling match, according to police reports.

Employees at the station said they noticed a large man leaning against the glass outside the gas station, said Sgt. Ron Bradley of the Danville Police Department. When Officer Julie Parish arrived at the scene she recognized him as someone who had been arrested before for public drunkenness. Darin Blevins, 28, of Danville admitted to Parish that he had been drinking, even though it was against his probation to drink alcohol, according to the report.

When Blevins, who weighs about 270 pounds, could not stand up, Parish and another officer tried to help him but, according to the police report, he

had their arms pinned between him and the glass window, and a wrestling match ensued. Blevins was eventually handcuffed and, due to a bloody nose and intoxicated state, he was taken to San Ramon Regional Medical Center, police said.

Bradley said that witness accounts alleging excessive force, which were reported in another publication, were inaccurate. "No one hit him in the face," said Bradley. He also noted that the two witnesses have not contacted the police. "If they believe they saw something inappropriate they need to contact a sergeant or the Police Department and make a statement. We definitely police our own," said Bradley.

Blevins was arrested at the scene for public drunkenness and for assaulting a police officer. Parish sustained some bruising and cuts to the hand when attempting to handcuff him.

POLICE LOG

The Danville Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

May 30

- Driving under the influence (DUI): 18-year-old woman arrested on Entrada Mesa and Quintrera Ln. at 12:29 a.m.
- Interfering with public officer: Juvenile male arrested on Greenbrook Dr. and St. Christopher Dr. at 3:51 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: Heritage Park Dr. at 6:56 p.m.
- Malicious mischief: Heritage Park Dr. at 7:26 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: Dunhill Dr. at 9:04 p.m.

May 31

- Parole violation: 41-year-old man arrested on El Pintado Rd. and El Rio Rd. at 3:30 a.m.
- Commercial burglary: Diablo Rd. at 8:13 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: Holbrook Dr. at 9:24 a.m.
- Stolen vehicle: Boone Ct. at 11:45 a.m.
- Accident-injury: On Camino Tassajara and Tassajara Ranch at 2:57 p.m.

June 1

- Malicious mischief: Camino Ramon at 9:58 a.m.

June 2

- Malicious mischief: Front St. at 8:35 a.m.
- Grand theft from vehicle: Mira Loma Ln. at 9:37 a.m.
- Hit & run, misdemeanor: Harlan Dr. at 10:44 a.m.

- Accident-property damage: Diablo Rd. at 1:23 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: Hartz Ave. at 2:45 p.m.
- Burglary-auto: Phoenix St. at 3:59 p.m.
- Petty theft: Greenbrook Dr. at 4:24 p.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: 28-year-old woman arrested on Railroad Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:50 p.m.

June 3

- Accident-property damage: Fairway Dr. at 2:02 a.m.
- Battery-domestic: 64-year-old man arrested on Heather Pl. at 10 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: Hartz Ave. and W. Prospect Ave. at 10:28 a.m.
- Accident: Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 11:10 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: Brookside Dr. at 5:46 a.m.
- Malicious telephone calls: Rubicon Cr. at 6:56 a.m.

June 4

- Battery-misdemeanor: Hartz Ave. at 1:36 a.m.
- Vandalism-felony: 22-year-old man arrested on the 900 block of Podva Rd. at 3:51 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: St. David Dr. at 6:48 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: St. David Dr. at 7:21 a.m.
- Disturbing the peace: Marigold Ct. at 6:17 p.m.

June 5

- Drunk in public: Juvenile male

arrested on Entrada Mesa and Quintrera Ln. at 2:47 p.m.

- Accident-property damage: Sycamore Valley Rd. and Tunbridge Rd. at 4:48 p.m.
- Malicious mischief: El Capital Dr. at 9:54 p.m.

The Office of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department's Valley Station in Alamo made the following information available.

ALAMO

May 30

- Auto burglary on Escondido Ct.

June 4

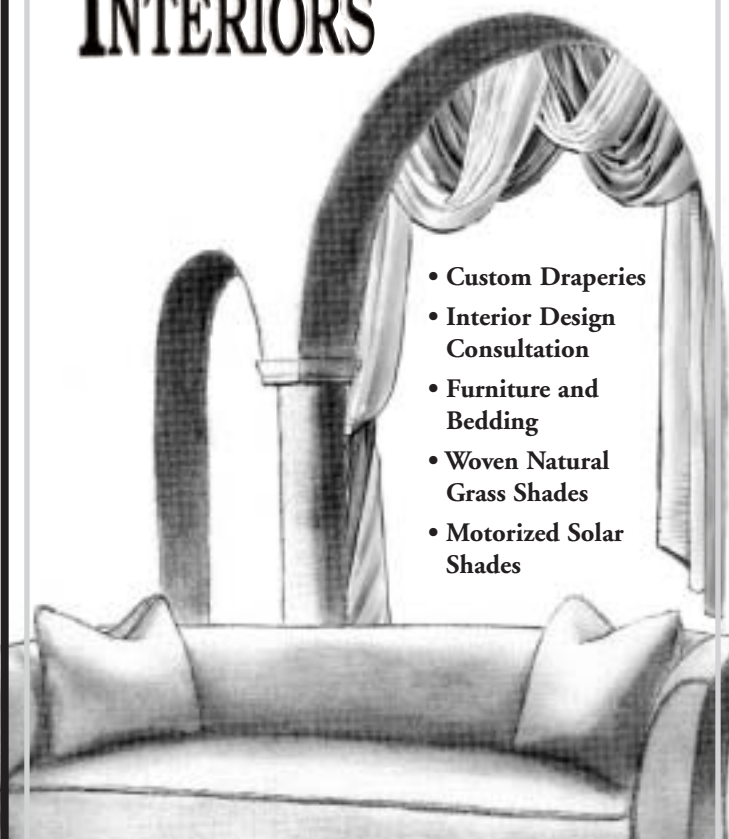
- Auto burglary on Danville Blvd.

June 5

- Commercial burglary on Danville Blvd.

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OBITUARIES

Linda Diane Goldman

Linda Diane Goldman was born March 12, 1939, and passed away May 23 at the age of 66 after a long battle with cancer.

She was an inspiration to all who knew her and touched many lives with her gentle spirit and positive outlook on life. She was a dedicated employee at Pacific Bell until she retired in 1999, and then devoted her life to caring for and loving her children and grandchildren.

She was the beloved daughter of Helen, sister of Lana and Jerry, and

mother of George, Brad, Ryan, Leanne and Kristina. She was the loving grandmother of Sarah, Jacob, Caleb, Josiah, Isaac, Graydon, Garrett, Kenzie and Kylie.

Her life was celebrated by friends and family on May 27 at the Community Presbyterian Church in Danville. The family requests donations to Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill 94523. Specify funds to the Bruns House in memory of Linda Goldman.

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High jump heaven

KEITH PETERS

San Ramon Valley High junior Brandon Adams clears 6 feet, 5 inches in the boys' high jump finals at the CIF State Track & Field Championships on Saturday at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento. Adams finished eighth, two places from a medal. He had the same clearance as the sixth-place finisher, but had more misses.

Wolves net perfect season on volleyball court

San Ramon High boys team wins 36 games in a row

by Mike Mc Colgan

The San Ramon Valley High School boys volleyball team achieved an amazing accomplishment with a "perfect" season, winning 36 straight games. The final victory over Foothill also crowned them as North Coast Champions for the second straight year.

Their last loss was in the Davis Tournament finals in 2004. That gives them an unbeaten streak of 59 matches.

"Many teams would have liked to be known as the team that knocked the Wolves out of the NCS playoffs and broke the winning streak," said Coach Sean Stratton. "I kept the team focused on our skills and team unity and none of us really talked about a perfect season. The players on our team respect the game and all of

the opponents, so that kept them motivated on our ultimate goal—to win the NCS."

There were three matches that could have ruined the "perfect" season, he said. "The first was when we played Foothill on April 7. We went five games before we won the match. The other two matches were in the La Jolla tournament we played on April 1 and 2," he said. "The teams were St. Augustine (22-25, 25-22, 15-8) and Rancho Bernardo (25-23, 14-25, 15-11). In each match the team showed their experience by not worrying about the other team."

"I am not aware of any other volleyball team in high school having a perfect season," said Stratton. "It is possible, but I am not sure. I did have a 'perfect season' with my club team Diablo Valley VBC. We won every tournament in Northern California. My Junior Varsity coach, Brian Whitaker, was on that team."

Success of this magnitude is based on a lot of factors, Stratton said. "The work ethic for this team was amazing," he explained. "Their respect for the game, for other teams, the coaches, made it a successful season. They have a passion for the game and they don't dwell on trying to beat the other team. They focused on performing their best as a team."

The team was made up of 13 stars, said Stratton. "Each player had their individual roles and fit into our team perfectly. This team was unique because the players got along, and hung out together outside of volleyball," he said.

"Mark Bauhs was the East Bay Athletic League most valuable player, Mason Cole, Chris Bogart, David Woodlan and Peter Manguiat made the all-league team, and Spencer Washom was named Honorable mention. I am trying to convince David Woodland to try out for BYU. Manguiat will play at Cal Baptist and Bogart will be playing at Santa Barbara College next year. Mark, Mason, and Spencer are all juniors and will work to extend the winning streak in 2006. They all have the talent to play at Division I schools."

Monte Vista boys varsity lacrosse team won its second straight North Coast Championship. After beating University High from San Francisco, head coach Adam Lechner and assistant Tom Bailey shaved their heads Mohawk-style as promised to the players. Whatever works! ■

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Blackhawk Art Gallery open house

The Blackhawk Art Gallery, 3628 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, invites the public to enjoy a free open house artist reception from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, June 11. It will feature works of painter Diana Smith, sculptor Jason Griego and other local fine artists. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Call 736-5640.

Paint-In at the Ranch

Alamo Parks and Recreation is holding an artist "paint-in" at Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda Way, Danville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 25. There are spots for peaceful outdoor painting, or artists can catch some of the new action at the park. A noon barbecue lunch includes a show-and-tell session. Preregistration and \$7 fee required for lunch. Call Karla at 886-4716.

Author Visits

Authors Reading and Signing

Rakestraw Books in Danville will feature Nicole Krauss (History of Love) at noon, Friday, June 10; Michael Cunningham (Specimen Days) at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 16; Christy Campbell (The Botanist and the Vintner) at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 21; and George Singleton (Novel: A Novel) at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 23. Call 837-7337 for information.

Civic Meetings

Danville Heritage Resource Commission

The Commission meets regularly on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Danville Parks and Leisure Services Commission

The Commission meets regularly on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Danville Planning Commission

The Commission meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Classes

Study Skills 101 Class

Get ready, get set and let's get the job done! The Town of Danville is offering a class for students entering sixth through eighth grades, giving them the tools needed to be successful in middle school. The class is from 1-2:30 p.m. the week of July 18 and the cost is \$100 for Danville residents. To register, call Erin Sabbatini at 314-3400.

Yoga

Alamo Parks and Recreation offers adult yoga classes at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, June 22-Aug. 10, at the Cottage, Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda Way. Cost is \$85. Call Karla at 886-4716.

Clubs

Alamo Cribbage Club

The club plays cribbage for fun. It meets at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday at the Safeway conference room, 200 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call 935-3325.

Alamo Rotary

The Alamo Rotary meets at noon every Wednesday at Roundhill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road. Call Mark Kahn at 837-3262.

Alamo Women's Club Federated

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

Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club

This club is open to new and long-time residents of Alamo and Danville interested in making new friends while learning more about the area.

Activities include games, day trips, sports, crafts, couples events, volunteer projects and book, movie, international and cooking groups. A prospective member coffee is held the fourth Thursday of the month, and a monthly luncheon on the second Tuesday. Call 775-3233 or visit www.alamodanvillenewcomers.com

Blue Star Moms California

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

World Affairs Council

The Contra Costa Chapter is hosting its Summer Wine Reception with Argentine wines and summer-evening cuisine, from 5-8 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at 321 Durham Court, Danville. Author Wayne Bernhardson ("An Evening in Argentine: A Bridge between Visiting and Knowing") is the featured speaker. Cost is \$15 members and \$18 non-members. For reservations call (415) 293-4600.

Concerts

Concert at Livorna Park

Alamo Parks and Recreation is hosting Duo Gadjoo playing blues and zydeco, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, June 17, at Livorna Park at Livorna Road and Miranda Avenue. Bring the family and a picnic supper. Future concerts will run on alternate Fridays. Call Karla at 886-4716.

'Hearts for the Arts' Smooth Jazz

"Hearts for the Arts" Smooth Jazz Series 2005" will feature Chris Botti at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, July 10; Craig Chaquico at 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 29; and Earl Klugh at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 26, at the Dean Lescher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Each show will include performances by the "Moving Arts Dance." For tickets (\$175 for three shows) call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org and www.heartsforthearts.cc.

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Looking for Bobby Fisher

The Berkeley Chess School will teach the "game of kings" at summer camp for grades 1-8 at Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda Way. Three sessions are offered: June 20-24, June 27-July 1, and July 5-8. Cost is \$150; \$130 for final session. Classes are held 1-4 p.m. each day. Call Karla at 886-4716.

Events

Farmers Market

The Danville Farmers Market is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Call 825-9090 or visit www.pcfma.com.

Luncheon with Editors

The California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo Branch, is hosting a luncheon with Claudia Kawczynska and Cameron Woo, Editors of "Bark," a magazine about dog culture. The luncheon is at 11:30 p.m., Saturday, June 11, at the Hungry Hunter, 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Cost \$17 CWC members; \$20 non-members. Call before June 8, (510) 881-8929

or e-mail camille@minichino.com for reservations.

Old Town Walking Tours

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley conducts Old Town Danville Walking Tours the second Saturday each month through September. Meet at 10 a.m. for one-hour tour at the museum, at the Danville Depot, 205 Railroad Ave. Call 837-3750.

Pet Adoptions

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue offers cats and dogs for adoption noon-4 p.m., Sundays, at Petco, 2005 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon. Call TVAR at 803-7043 or visit www.tvlar.org.

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"E.T." (PG) will be shown Friday, June 10, at the Danville Town Green, between the Danville Library and Community Center, as part of the city's outdoor evening movie series. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and a snack. The free movie begins when the sun goes down, approximately 8:15 p.m..

Fundraisers

Garden Party in Alamo

The Michael Dunbar Family Charitable Foundation (www.dunbarcharitablefund.com) will host the second annual Garden Party fundraising event from 6-9:30 p.m., Saturday, June 25, in Alamo, to raise money for brain cancer research and a caregivers workshop. For information contact Francesca Venezia Dunbar at 216-1828, fax 743-0397 or e-mail francesca_m_venezia@ahoo.com.

Kids & Teens

Bicycle Rodeo

The Youth Services & Community Services Units of the Danville Police Department are sponsoring a Bicycle Rodeo from 10-noon, Saturday, June 11, at St. Isidore's Church/School, 440 LaGonda Way, Danville. Bring your bicycle and helmets to have them checked for safety. No registration required.

Camp for the Crafty

Alamo Parks and Recreation offers a crafts camp for grades 2-6 at Hap

Magee Ranch Park, 1025 LaGonda Way, Danville, 9 a.m.-noon, June 27-July 1, and again July 5-8. Craft projects include paper mache, painting and making wizard accessories. The cost is \$150. Call 886-4716.

Come sing with us

The Danville Girls Chorus will be holding auditions for the 2005-06 season, for girls interested in singing, performing and learning how to read and appreciate music of all types. Girls in grades 3-8 are invited to join. No musical experience required. Auditions will be held June 15 in Danville. For information, call the Chorus Line at 837-2624.

Kid Safety Day at Blackhawk

Blackhawk Museum, Blackhawk Plaza and AAA, San Ramon presents safety demonstrations and information on safety provided by the California Highway Patrol (CHP), California Shock & Trauma Air Rescue (CAL-STAR) and San Ramon Regional Medical Center from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, June 11. Contact Jon Hart at 736-2277, ext. 248.

Summer internships

Alamo Parks and Recreation offers summer volunteer internships for youths in grades 11-12, providing experience in planning and running recreational activities at Hap Magee Ranch Park. Internships are unpaid and have flexible hours. Call Karla at 886-4716.

Wizard Camp

Alamo Parks and Recreation offers two week-long "Wizard Camps" at Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 LaGonda Way, 9 a.m.-noon, June 20-24, and again July 5-8. The camps, for grades 2-6, includes mysteries puzzles, science, quidditch for the gravity-challenged, arts, crafts, potions, herbs, strange creatures and scary characters. First session costs \$150, second session costs \$130. Call 886-4716.

YMCA summer camps

Mt. Diablo Region YMCA offers weekly summer camp sessions from June 20-

Aug. 26. Camps run half days for children 3-6 and full days for grades 1-9. Programs include field trips, swimming, arts, outdoor ed, games and teambuilding. Specialty camps range from Dude Ranch to Wizardry. The Y also has resident camps for grades 3-8 and a variety of teen camps. Call San Ramon Valley YMCA at 831-1100, or visit www.mdrymca.org.

Live Music

Antonia Venezia performs live

The Six 80 Lounge features female vocalist Antonia Venezia and pianist-keyboard player Martan Mann from 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Friday, starting June 10 at 519 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 552-6050.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony

Duane Carroll conducts "An Evening in Old Italy" with cellist Gregory Colburn and selections by Puccini, Verdi and Casanova at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are on sale at the ticket office at 943-7469 or www.dlrca.org for \$14 general admission, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Call 944-5392 or www.CCWindSymphony.org for information.

Miscellaneous

First Wednesday at the Library

Friends of the Danville Library and the Tri-Valley Community Foundation are sponsoring "Supercussion," a noisily informative free music education program presented by four professional musicians from the California Symphony. This free program includes the introduction and demonstration of various percussion instruments, at 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, in the Valley Oak Room of the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. For information, call 837-1293.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

The S.T.A.G.E. Troupe, a teen actor's group, performs Shakespeare's comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," on Friday-Sunday, June 10-19, at the School House Theatre, 2050 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Performances begin 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call 682-0896.

On Stage

Peppino D'Agostino, Guitarist

Italian guitarist Peppino D'Agostino headlines at the Village Theatre at 8 p.m., Saturday, July 23, at 233 Front St. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Charge by phone at 314-3470.

'The Lovely Galatea' Operetta

The Martinez Opera presents one of Franz Von Suppe's rare operettas, "The Lovely Galatea" with "Behind the Scenes in 1898," 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 11; and 2 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at the Alhambra Performing Arts Center, 150 E Street, Martinez. For tickets call CBON 798-1300. Seats \$45 and \$35. For information, call 372-6617 or e-mail www.MTZO.com.

Recreation

Curry Canyon Pond hike

Save Mount Diablo is sponsoring a 5.8-mile Curry Canyon Pond hike, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 11. Meet at Mt. Diablo State Park-Curry Point, below junction of North and South Gate Roads. There is a \$6 car entry fee. Call Sharon Walters at 820-3102 or e-mail at swalters@stmarys-ca.edu.

Learn about Mt. Diablo

Learn from Ranger Ryen Goering about the spectacular geological formation of Mount Diablo, from 3-4 p.m., Saturday, June 11. Meet at Mt. Diablo State Park - Lower Summit lot, Mt. Diablo Summit Museum. Call Ranger Goering at 837-6129 or email at junctionrangers@earthlink.net.

Round Valley hike

The Sierra Club, Mt. Diablo Group, is sponsoring a Round Valley hike, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 11. Meet at Round Valley-Marsh Creek Road, 1.6 miles East of Deer Valley Road between Clayton and Brentwood. Carpool from Walnut Creek BART (near taxi-stand), 9:15 a.m. Rain cancels event. Call Don at 837-5646.

Walk for an Eye

Sankara Eye Foundation, USA is organizing a 5K, 10K walk-a-thon starting on the Iron Horse Trail, Central Park, San Ramon, at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, June 12. The cost is \$30 for any two family members. Prizes for 5K and 10K winners, under age 12, 13-60 years old and over 60. Register at www.walkforaneye.com. For questions, call Sumanth at 964-0210.

Seniors

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Seniors meet to play bridge from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Friday at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Cost is \$1. Reservations are required. Call Jerri Kaldem at 837-6283.

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YMCA sports camps

Registration is open for the San Ramon Valley YMCA summer sports camps in Alamo for grades 1-6. Supersports Camp runs June 20-24; Soccer Camp runs June 25-29. Camps are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and cost \$185. Call 831-1100 or visit www.mdrymca.org.

YMCA Youth Summer Leagues

Registration is open for YMCA youth summer sports leagues in tee ball and baseball (grades K-3), street hockey (grades 2-9), basketball (pre-K-grade 8), and outdoor soccer (pre-K-grade 3). League fees are \$108; members pay \$90. Tee ball/baseball and hockey begins June 18. Basketball and soccer begins July 9. Call 831-1100 or visit www.mdrymca.org for locations and other information.

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Association

The ACPA group meets from 10-noon every second and fourth Monday at the Community Presbyterian Church, Library at 222 W. El Pintado Road. For information call Kathy T. at 837-5525, ext. 225, or Kathie H. at 930-0524.

Bipolar Support Group

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

Breast Cancer Support Group

This is a staff-facilitated support group for women with breast cancer. It meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, in the West Day Room of the South Building. Call Lisa Peguese at 275-8414.

Volunteering

Alzheimer's Association

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Assistance League of Diablo Valley

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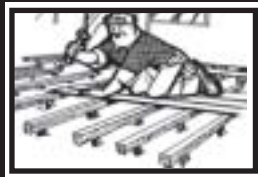
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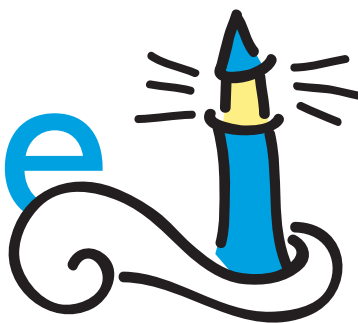
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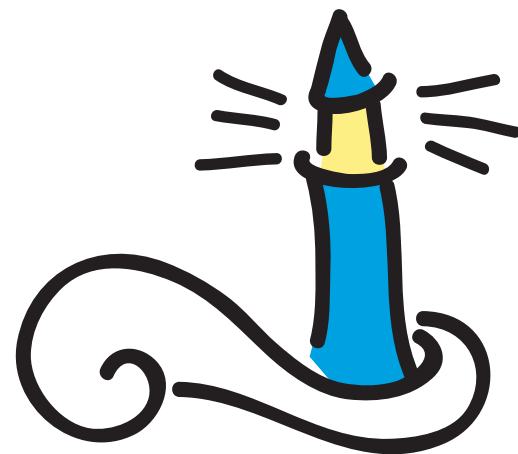
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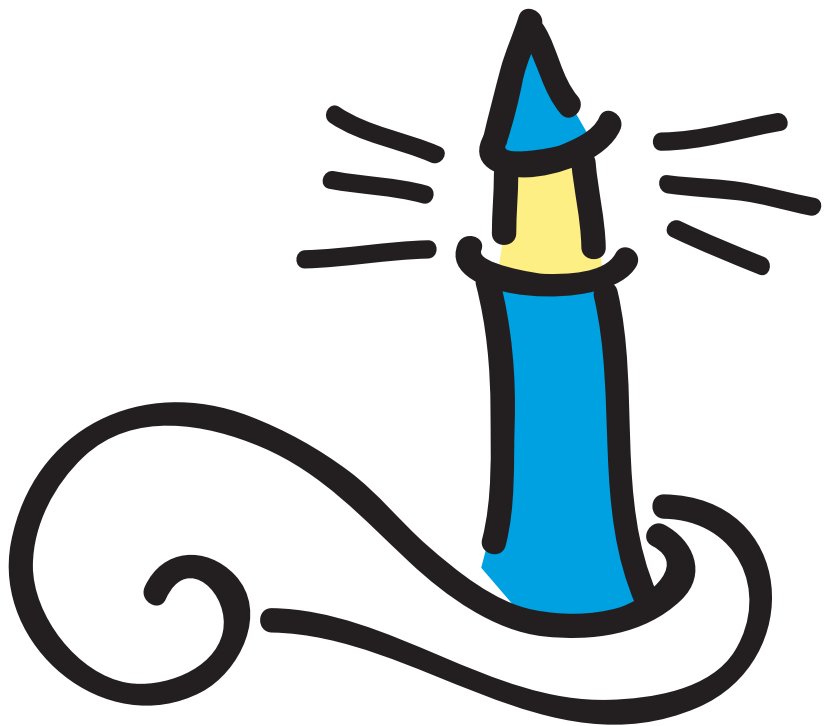
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HOME SALE OF THE WEEK DANVILLE



111 Tuscany Way

4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 3,016 sq ft. A must see home! Decorator perfect w/new carpet, hardwood & tile flooring, plantation shutters. Upgraded kitchen w/granite slab & professional style stainless steel appliances, 3 fireplaces.

Sold for \$2,888,000
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SALES AT A GLANCE

Source: California REsource

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 14	Total sales reported: 6	Total sales reported: 35
Lowest sale reported: \$582,500	Lowest sale reported: \$590,000	Lowest sale reported: \$209,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,850,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,375,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,300,000
Average sales reported: \$1,081,035	Average sales reported: \$1,344,833	Average sales reported: \$682,957

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2005

Danville	Walnut Creek	Alamo
688 Adobe Drive J. & G. Shandalov to J. & M. Burke for \$960,000	68 Pleasant Knoll Court Fautt Trust to C. & L. Calderaro for \$2,375,000	182 Alamo Square J. Gregory to S. Arunachalam for \$590,000
639 Dolphin Drive F. & D. Carney to M. & H. Campbell for \$1,154,000	10 Waverly Court J. Timms to D. & L. Trujillo for \$1,440,000	329 Alamo Square A. Cavallo to S. Trygslund for \$679,000
645 Doral Drive Oneill Trust to GMH Enterprises for \$700,000	41 Amigo Lane King Trust to J. McCracken for \$985,000	80 Corwin Drive Strinz Trust to R. & B. Castellon for \$1,425,000
25 Glen Valley Circle A. & E. Margiotta to D. & E. Floyd for \$646,000	3024 Burlington Way Wait Trust to M. & M. Matson for \$950,000	2426 Heritage Oaks Drive G. & E. Rubanyi to K. Parimi for \$1,560,000
9 Hunters Terrace D. Li to N. & B. Bustamante for \$1,925,000	1572 Candellero Drive Seronello Trust to L. Caldwell for \$565,000	
217 Marigold Street M. Brouillard to Packard Trust for \$780,000	68 Castle Rock Court Langley Trust to M. & A. Rose for \$930,000	
549 Navajo Place A. Talley to N. & H. Vleisides for \$822,000	3350 Chamberlain Court Barristers Accommodator Services to A. Arenbart for \$635,000	
817 Orange Blossom Way R. & T. Powell to Powell Trust for \$1,175,000	130 Cottage Lane Forrette Trust to G. & C. Swindell for \$849,000	
340 Pheasant Run Drive M. & B. Redman to R. & M. Maninang for \$2,850,000	2033 Garland Court S. & S. McGlynn to P. Tehrani for \$950,000	
712 St. George Road E. & J. Dragon to W. & N. Combs for \$926,000	166 Hillcroft Way R. Bowcut to H. Pham for \$1,300,000	
21 Sweetpea Court D. & M. Scharmer to J. & P. Rasinski for \$995,000	835 Juanita Drive Ulrich Trust to I. Kharouf for \$700,000	
265 West El Pintado Road #D J. Clabaugh to J. Weber for \$582,500	61 Kings Oak Place R. & D. Romero to H. & E. Loney for \$1,200,000	
249 West El Pintado Road N. & K. Oldroyd to El Pintado Limited for \$720,000	2438 Larkey Lane E. & V. Hellmann to S. & B. Rang for \$730,000	
50 Windsor Court Liao Trust to Llamas Trust for \$899,000	111 Marchbanks Court D. Blaine to N. Sabol for \$795,000	
	1437 Marchbanks Drive #6 Beede Trust to Mcintyre Trust for \$209,000	
	3035 Mayhew Court Young Trust to L. Solofa for \$434,000	
	480 North Civic Drive #204 J. Westerveld to C. Daoud for \$297,000	
	310 North Civic Drive #412 E. Revesz to C. Capistrano for \$320,000	
	2677 Oak Road #108 R. Sadigh to Brown Retirement Plan for \$500,000	
	2738 Oak Road #160 T. Kelley to D. Kim for \$330,000	
	2724 Oak Road #93 D. & V. Hewitt to A. Chen for \$430,000	
	415 Oakvale Court Budke Trust to S. Tover for \$1,045,000	
	2105 Overlook Drive Themigroup Inc. to S. Pak for \$525,000	
	921 Pinto Court Storkovich Trust to Short Trust for \$910,000	
	1110 Rudgear Road J. & M. Theer to R. & V. Gorgone for \$810,000	
	2662 Saklan Indian Drive #2 D. Smith to A. & I. Rambold for \$425,000	
	2611 Saklan Indian Drive #3 T. & A. Fortuna to Darnell Trust for \$625,000	
	2657 Saklan Indian Drive #3 Kirkham Trust to Griffith Trust for \$855,000	
	2075 San Miguel Drive K. Bissell to D. & T. Kim for \$750,000	
	934 Springfield Drive L. & J. Rucker to G. & M. McPhail for \$965,000	
	3232 Sun Valley Avenue Paulsen Trust to A. & E. Gelerian for \$725,000	
	4424 Terra Granada Drive #3A Watkins Trust to R. Brooks for \$525,000	
	1840 Tice Creek Drive #2202 W. & L. Marcus to Noll Trust for \$535,000	
	1246 Walker Avenue #215 J. Garross to S. Campbell for \$314,000	
	2562 Walnut Boulevard #98 T. & K. Valdez to J. Wolf for \$386,000	
	410 Westcliffe Place M. Hill to C. Holston for \$567,500	
	3364 Worth Court S. Evans to S. & D. Haney for \$832,000	

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Alamo

4 Bedrooms

163 Cross Road \$2,075,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes 915-1100

Blackhawk

4 Bedrooms

960 Redwood Drive \$1,295,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 945-4500

Danville

2 Bedrooms

1930 St. George Road \$request
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential 314-2494

3 Bedrooms

1540 Harlan Drive \$979,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. The Frazzano-Mees Team 735-7653

4 Bedrooms

1035 Alicante Drive \$1,125,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5017

2007 Scarlett Oak Place \$1,500,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5017

292 Love Lane \$1,645,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 785-5544

50 Carlyle Court \$985,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 217-7034

5 Bedrooms

22 Celine Court \$1,210,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. United California Brokers 977-8977

118 Lasata Court \$1,399,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Absolute Advantage 548-2919

42 La Jolla \$1,395,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 736-3736

Dublin

3 Bedrooms

7901 Tamarack Drive \$654,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Pleasanton Valley 462-5950

Hayward

3 Bedrooms

23863 Fairlands Road \$667,777
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes 989-1115

5 Bedrooms

2223 Beckham Way \$798,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Pleasanton Valley 462-5950

Livermore

2 Bedrooms

1715 Montecito Circle \$124,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

3 Bedrooms

829 Leland Court \$699,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

5577 Arlene Way \$789,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 487-1427

4 Bedrooms

1910 Hawk Street \$645,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

2367 Spyglass Hills Road \$749,900
Sun 1:30-4:30pm Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

Oakland

2 Bedrooms

1621 Wellington Street \$759,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Pleasanton Valley 462-5950

Pleasanton

2 Bedrooms

270 Birch Creek Drive \$530,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Pleasanton Valley 462-5950

5308 Prato Court \$640,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-2258

2122 Arroyo Court #1 \$request
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 525-2569

3 Bedrooms

1558 Calle Enrique \$585,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

1637 Calle Santa Anna \$589,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

3605 Glacier Court \$750,000
Sat/Sun 1-4p.m. Prudential CA Realty 463-6155

4 Bedrooms

623 Windmill Lane \$1,125,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Pleasanton Valley 462-5950

3175 Paseo Granada \$1,195,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

5438 Hopkins Court \$1,499,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

2717 Laramie Gate Circle \$929,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Pleasanton Valley 462-5950

5 Bedrooms

1368 Royal Creek Court \$1,574,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 872-1416

637 Norante Court \$2,499,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Ruby Hill Realty 417-2250

San Lorenzo

4 Bedrooms

1700 Via Rancho \$575,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. The Frazzano-Mees Team 735-7653

San Ramon

3 Bedrooms

904 Radient Lane \$549,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Realty World Real Estate Solutions 855-8444

216 Stonepine Lane \$549,999
Sun 1-4 p.m. The Frazzano-Mees Team 735-7653

4 Bedrooms

7 Majestic Oak Court \$1,575,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

33 Victory Court \$895,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 997-1585

5 Bedrooms

1850 Hollyview Drive \$1,150,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 785-9373

606 Rosinccross Court \$1,899,999
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Remax Accord 998-5334

Tracy

3 Bedrooms

2241 Standridge Road \$405,000
Sun 1:30-4:30pm Prudential CA Realty 734-5000

Walnut Creek

5 Bedrooms

15 Wild Oak Court \$1,649,000
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5627 Newfields Lane, Dublin

Absolutely gorgeous 6 BR 4 BA home in wonderful Dublin Ranch! Featuring approx. 3,950 square feet on nearly 1/2 acre lot with huge park-like rear yard backing to golf course. Studio with french doors on first floor, additional loft and bonus room open to deck. Spacious eat-in kitchen w/ granite slab counters, large island, **Offered at \$1,329,000**



OPEN Sunday 1-4PM Darling Village Bungalow-Don't Miss This One! 1700 Via Rancho, San Lorenzo

Great family home in desirable San Lorenzo Village! Move right into this darling 4 BR 2 BA home. Approx. 1,248 square feet, on large lot. **Offered at \$575,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4:00 216 Stonepine Lane, San Ramon

This gorgeous town home with private patio and views of MT Diablo features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and approx. 1,357 square feet. Custom paint, designer touches, recessed lights, new pergo floors in living, dining area and kitchen, underground secured parking. Large master suite with full bath and walk in closet. **Offered at \$549,999**

Pinnacle at Dublin Ranch 5888 Annandale Way, Dublin

Absolutely stunning 6 bedroom, 6.5 bath executive home with approx. 5,600 square feet of beautifully appointed living space. Large, flat park-like yard with plenty of space for pool, and play area. Kitchen has Maple cabinets, granite slab counters, stainless gas range Must see to believe! **Offered at \$2,099,000**

California Highlands Beauty! 10763 McKay Lane, Dublin

3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, approx. 1,387 square feet and beautifully updated throughout! Wonderful HOA has swim club with views. Fabulous Westside location-nestled in the hills- close to 580/680, BART, shopping & more! **Offered at \$599,000**



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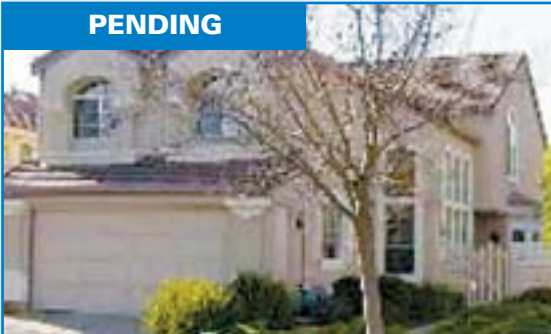
Featured Home of the Week

UPGRADED KITCHEN!

This four bedroom three and a half bath with approximately 3,016 square feet has new carpet, hardwood and tile flooring, as well as plantation shutters! Three fireplaces, upgraded kitchen with granite, and large yard!

111 TUSCANY WAY, DANVILLE

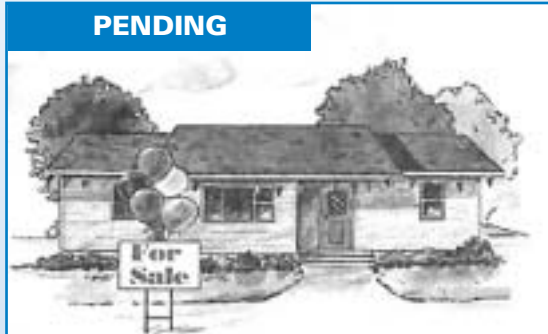
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\$50,000 + IN RECENT UPGRADES!

Wonderful four bedroom two and a half bath with approximately 2,813 square feet has upgrades including plantation shutters, hardwood floors, new carpet and paint. This home boasts a chef's granite kitchen with a nook that opens to the family room. 650 GLASGOW CIR. DANVILLE

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GOLF COURSE VIEWS!

Three bedroom two and a half bathroom charmer boasts extensive tile flooring, dramatic high ceilings, large yard with views and a hot tub! Master suite has views and a cozy fireplace. Gourmet kitchen with granite, abundant garage storage! 1336 CANYON SIDE AVE., SAN RAMON



NEARLY \$200,000 IN UPGRADES!

Lovely five bedroom four and a half bathroom approximately 3,827 square feet contains upgraded hardwood, limestone, and slate floors. New Anderson doors, recessed lighting, Hunter Douglas window coverings, ceiling fans, and so much more! 233 SILK HILL CT., SAN RAMON



SPECTACULAR VIEWS!

Five bedroom three and half bathroom approximately 3,024 square feet boasts spectacular views! The spacious family room contains a media center with widescreen TV and surround sound! 274 CANYON LAKES PL., SAN RAMON,



VIEWS OF MOUNT DIABLO!

This two bedroom two bathroom condo with approximately 958 square feet includes a front patio, inside laundry, and underground parking. 120 STONE PINE LANE, SAN RAMON



QUIET STREET!

This two story home with four bedrooms and two baths is approximately 2,552 square feet. Containing a large family room/ kitchen combo area this Westside home is walking distance to Mape Park. 7548 SAN SABANA ROAD, DUBLIN



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