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Owners have to be responsible to train the dogs, keep them on a leash, and not let them run loose. If I had a pit bull, I would never let it run loose. It's just like with kids, you have to be responsible.

Jan Farrand
dog owner



Eliminate the breed completely, or at least don't allow ownership, the way we don't allow ownership of tigers.

Tony Lukaszewski
retired firefighter



I don't think we should kill them. Let them be with nature, like lions. We don't kill lions, so we shouldn't kill pit bulls.

Negar Dadgari
student



There are dangerous breeds of pit bulls. With a lot of other things that have a potential for danger, owners needs to be responsible.

John Parker
retired college professor



All the pit bulls in England have to be muzzled, and it seems to work to eliminate attacks. If the dog is out in public, it should be spayed or neutered, but it should definitely be muzzled.

Gillian Johnson
homemaker

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ We’re trying to be careful and vary species. We didn’t want a monoculture of trees. ”

—Danville Planning Commissioner Bob Combs about replacing 13 trees in Costco’s parking lot

Danville joins National Night Out

The 22nd annual National Night Out is coming to Danville, too, on Tuesday, Aug. 2. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, it is a campaign that involves residents, law enforcement agencies and neighborhood organizations.

The night is designed to encourage neighbors to join together to prevent crimes. More than 10,000 communities from the 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide take part in the event. Gatherings of neighbors also send a message to criminals to let them know that residents are organized and are fighting back against crime.

For block parties that register with the Danville Police Department, officers will visit the gatherings to answer questions, hand out crime prevention information, and give goodies to the kids. To register a block party, visit www.nationalnightout.org.

In order for the town of Danville to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2, it has changed its Town Council meeting of the first week of August to the next night, Wednesday, Aug. 3.

CHP out in force for Fourth

The California Highway Patrol will have extra officers on the road this holiday weekend to target motorists who drink and drive. Most local CHP officers will not be at home with their families, they will be on duty, said Lt. John Smith, acting commander of the Contra Costa Area Office.

“Every available officer will be on the road, and they’re going to be especially watching for drunk drivers,” said Smith. “We’re focusing on those motorists who have had a few drinks and still decide to get behind the wheel.”

Smith said that rates of people driving under the influence have been increasing in California and nationwide for the past few years. “It is imperative that we get those numbers down,” he said. “We hope getting the message out there will deter people from driving while intoxicated, but if not, a trip to the local jail sure will.”

Fair fun for 10 more days

The Alameda County Fair continues through July 10, with live horse racing, entertainment, displays and exhibits, at the fairgrounds on Bernal Avenue off I-680 in Pleasanton. For the second year, the fair has an Action Zone, an interactive sports and fitness expo, with exhibitions of aerial acrobatics of skateboarders and BMXers and contests for everyone.

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A soldier's story

Brad Ensign of Alamo prepares for deployment to Iraq

by Casey Reivich

In the fall of 2001, Brad Ensign was 32. He had a good job selling advertising with Interex, a not-for-profit association in Sunnyvale that provides guidance for Hewlett Packard users. Ensign had continued attending Clayton Valley High School when his family moved to Alamo in 1988, and had eventually graduated with a business degree from John F. Kennedy University. Despite his comfortable life, he felt that maybe things were too staid, that something challenging and meaningful lay just around the corner.

After the events of Sept. 11, Ensign, like the rest of the America, was shaken to the core. He immediately enlisted in the military. It was not only a call to duty for Ensign

but an opportunity. He sensed that joining the military and defending his country would be the start of a new chapter in his life. He first tried the Air National Guard because he was interested in flying helicopters, but due to sight and hearing impairments, he joined the Army instead.

His father, Alan Ensign, recalled his initial surprise at Brad's decision to enlist.

"I remember when he was getting out of high school I mentioned the military. He said, 'The military? That's the last thing I would do.' But then he added, 'Unless somebody attacks us.' And that's, of course, what happened."

Ensign first told his father about enlisting and they eventually broke the news to his mother, Nelly.

"We are really proud of him," said his father. "At basic training,

he was this old guy competing against 18- and 19-year-olds."

Ensign has been stationed the past two years at Fort Wainwright in Alaska. While Alaska is cold—he sometimes trains in minus 50-degree weather—he has learned and accomplished things he never thought possible.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it is also very rewarding. You do things you never thought you could do," said Ensign.

At Fort Wainwright, Ensign received computer training and is now a senior LAN (local area network) manager. Before he joined the military, Ensign had only tinkered with computers. Now he is in charge of entire computer networks.

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CASEY REIVICH

Sgt. Brad Ensign, who is being deployed for the first time to Iraq later this summer, with his parents Alan and Nelly Ensign at their Alamo home.

ALAMO

Residents oppose school parking lot in their back yards

Humphrey development project on Stone Valley Road raises concerns

by Casey Reivich

The complicated and controversial Humphrey development project went before the San Ramon Valley Regional Planning Commission for the first time June 15.

Already eight years in the making, the project involves the building of 39 high-end homes, a parking

lot and a synthetic soccer field on 95.86 acres of the former Humphrey family ranch property, which is located on the north side of Stone Valley Road directly across from Monte Vista High.

When the Humphreys eventually decided to sell the remaining parcel of their property, they first agreed to sell 9.6 acres of the land to the San Ramon Valley Unified School

District. It was matriarch Marge Humphrey's way of giving back to the community, said Humphrey family spokesperson John Wyro.

Walnut Creek-based developer Davidon Homes eventually purchased the entire Humphrey ranch property. In buying the property, Davidon also took on the obligation to the school district, said Wyro. While 9.6 acres will be used for the school's projects, 24.43 acres will be used for the houses; the remaining 61.83 acres will become an open space parcel.

The school district paid \$4.7 million for the land with funds from Measure A. The Humphrey family, in addition to the money they received from the sale of the land, will receive additional money if all 39 Davidon houses are built. The family has agreed to return \$2 million of the \$4.7 million to the school district upon the completion of the 39 homes. "It's easier to be more giving if you have the houses to defray the cost," said Wyro.

Even though Davidon and the school district's projects are seemingly unrelated, opponents of the plan see them as inextricably linked. The most vocal opponents are the residents who will be impacted directly by the new high school parking lot. Five-and-a-half houses off Monte Sereno Drive to the east will back up to the proposed parking lot. Monte Sereno resident Barbara DeBiasi explained her dilemma.

"The developers are trying to

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Town OKs removing 13 trees from Costco parking lot

London Planes to be replaced by Chinese pistache

by Casey Reivich

Danville's Planning Commission OK'd the removal of 13 young London Plane trees, a specie protected under Danville's tree preservation ordinance, from the Costco parking lot off Fostoria Way.

This is the second time Costco has had to remove trees from its property. Last year, the wholesale giant added 10,000-plus square feet to its existing building, which required a reconfiguration of the parking lot and the removal of 40 London Plane trees.

"Every tree that was removed was replaced," said Mark Sovey, warehouse manager at the Costco in Danville. Those 40 London Planes were eventually replaced with ash trees, according to the town's staff report.

During the construction of the addition, Costco noticed that 13 other London Plane trees were damaging the curbs and the asphalt in the southwest and northeast parts of the parking lot.

"It's posed a safety problem for members getting out of cars in the vicinity of the trees," said Sovey.

Although the damage is not overwhelmingly noticeable to passersby now—the pavement is raised in places and some curbs are broken—Costco anticipates

it would become a bigger problem in the future.

"We walk our facility on a regular basis and we're trying to address the issue before it becomes a problem," said Sovey.

The 13 trees were first addressed at a Planning Commission meeting April 12. Costco had arborist John Leffingwell examine the site, and he recommended that the 13 trees be removed and replaced with a more workable kind of tree. The town concurred with Leffingwell's findings, said David Crompton, principal planner with the town.

Some planning commissioners such as Bob Combs raised concerns with Costco's plan.

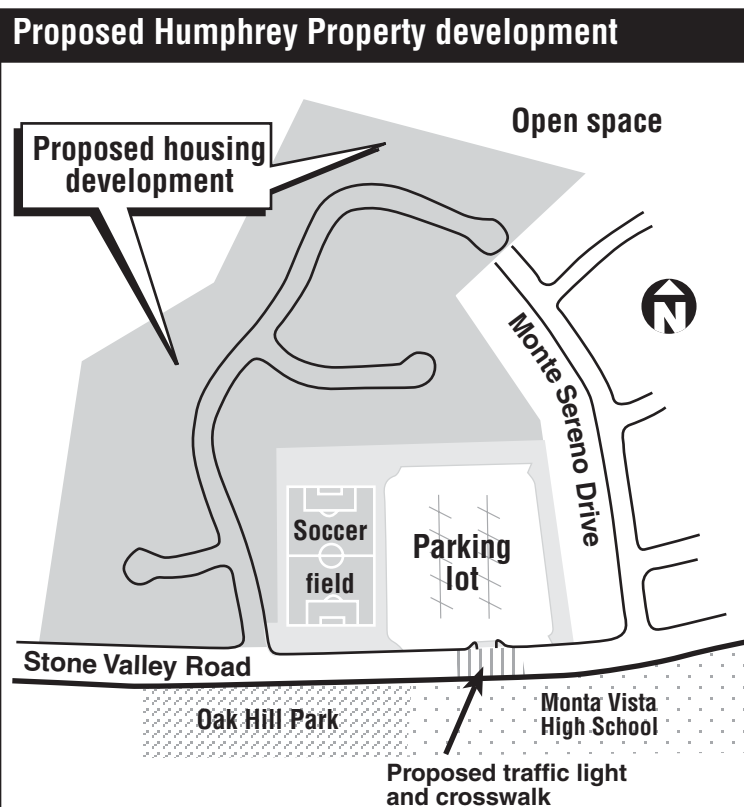
"My objection was that we were going to plant a species of tree that would have put us in the same situation we are in today," said Combs.

At the April 12 meeting, Costco proposed replacing the London Planes with strawberry trees. Town staff advised against the strawberry trees because they felt the trees would not create enough shade for the parking lot.

The commission asked Costco and the town to look again at the tree removal plan.

"They wanted to explore different design methods to make sure that we weren't in the same

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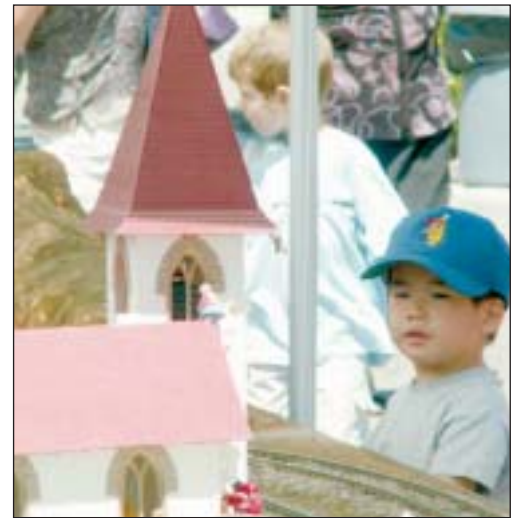
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Trees

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position in 10 to 15 years," said Crompton.

At the June 15 Planning Commission meeting, Costco came back with a revised plan. It was decided that the 13 trees would be replaced with a mixture of Chinese Pistache and another faster growing tree. The faster growing trees will be in the main parking lot, where they can provide shade for customers, said Crompton. The Chinese Pistache can grow up to 60 feet high with a 50 foot spread. Its root system is more vertical and deeper than the London Plane. In the fall, its leaves are a vibrant red-orange color.

Growing two kinds of tree will also be an experiment.

"It's a way to look at both trees to see which one does better," said Crompton.

"We're trying to be careful and vary species. We didn't want a monoculture of trees," said Combs.

Costco also plans to enlarge the tree wells from 3 feet by 3 feet to 6 feet by 6 feet. Enlarging the well allows additional room for trees to grow without affecting other parking stalls. The new plan also calls for a root barrier, which will force a tree's roots down; an integrated curb, which is better at resisting root damage than a standard curb; and Costco will dig deeper planting holes and replace the existing soil with soil that will encourage the trees' roots to direct downward.

Danville is a town known for its beautiful trees. As such, the town has a very restrictive tree removal and preservation ordinance, said Crompton. "Oak trees, sycamores, pine trees and native trees are important to the fabric of our town," he said.



CASEY REIVICH

Some of the London Plane trees in Costco's parking lot, like this one, are causing damage to the parking lot pavement and curbs. Concerned that customers will trip on the raised pavements and broken curbs, Costco plans to remove 13 London Planes from its parking lot.

Combs, who eventually voted in favor the tree removal, pointed out that removing any tree is a serious consideration in Danville.

"Any tree is a loss. We need to work with our business community and our citizen community and come up with the best solution," he said.

The item passed 6-1, with Commissioner Steve Condie dissenting. ■

Soldier

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His father marveled at his son's accomplishments.

"What he has learned in these past couple of years would have taken him 10 years in the private sector," said Alan Ensign. "He has found a real niche for himself."

Brad Ensign will be putting those skills to use in Iraq. Later this summer, Ensign, who is now a sergeant in the 172nd Stryker Brigade, will be deployed for the first time to Iraq.

"I knew I was going to either Iraq or Afghanistan. You'd be a fool not to know," he said. Ensign seemed calm and self-assured talking about the prospect of going to the war zone. His primary duty will be setting up the land networks for the Tactical Operation Center. He will be getting all of its computers on a local area network.

Ensign explained that in Iraq there are no frontlines.

"You're always in a combat zone," he said. In addition to his Internet technology work, he will be going on goodwill missions, giving out supplies and toys to Iraqis and pulling guard duty at the gates. He will also be riding on convoys, trouble shooting computer problems at other locations. He could not disclose where he will be stationed in Iraq.

Ensign is in the process of training for his deployment. He was selected to go through five weeks of cultural and Arabic language training, and said he now has very basic Arabic conversational skills. "It was great. I loved learning a new language, their alphabet, their customs and courtesies," he said.

Ensign learned that harmless signs here, such as the thumbs-up and the peace sign, are considered insults in Iraq. "The peace sign is

considered a death threat," he said.

Ensign also has been undergoing considerable physical training to prepare for his deployment. The most grueling is his combative training, which teaches soldiers how to get themselves out of dangerous situations. It is also a comfort to soldiers, he noted.

He has also received guidance on how to spot an Improvised Explosive Device, or IED, one of the greatest perils to American soldiers in Iraq, and what to do if one is spotted.

Last week Ensign enjoyed his last leave with his family before his deployment. In Alamo it was pleasant and sunny. In Iraq the temperature can reach up to 120 degrees.

"We train in the snow to go to the sand," Ensign joked.

Ensign's mother Nelly was proud of her son, but seemed nervous about him going to Iraq.

"I'm all right," she said. "I have a lot of trust in him and am proud of him. I don't like the fact that he's going to be away from us, but he knows he has to communicate."

"I have joined the blue Star Moms," she said. "There is camaraderie between the ladies. We hear more positive stories than are in the newspapers."

Ensign's tour of duty in Iraq is 12-14 months. He will be able to take leave during that time for a two-week period. He will have access to e-mail at military Internet cafes and plans to buy a cell phone.

"We are fully aware of the danger. It is not a pretty situation. But we support the mission and the troops," said his father.

The Ensigns believe their son is helping the Iraqis achieve a better way of life. Ensign believes that by being in Iraq he is protecting his country. "Better to fight them there than on the streets of New York City." ■

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Humphrey

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help us out. The homes are a done deal. We know they're going up. The battle we're going to be having is with the school," said DeBiasi, whose home is directly across the street from Monte Vista High.

The Alamo Improvement Association, a citizen-run organization that seeks to preserve the semi-rural characteristics of Alamo, sees the school district role in this as unclear. The school district's parking lot is arguably the most controversial aspect of the Humphrey development project. The AIA feels the school district has not given full disclosure on plans for the land, said Roger Smith, chairman of the AIA's planning commission.

"We haven't had the school district participate in any meaningful way," he said. "It's like we're planning in a vacuum." One of the main issues the Valley Planning Commissioners wanted clarified at the end of the June 15 meeting was who exactly reviews and approves the school district projects.

Joan Buchanan, president of the school district board and a resident of Alamo, attended the June 15 meeting to address the commission and publicly state the school district's intentions. She told the commission the school district plans to build 400 more parking spaces and a new synthetic soccer field for Monte Vista.

Buchanan and the school district believe the issue of which agency reviews school district projects, such as the one at Humphrey Ranch, is clear.

"School districts are an arm of the state government, not the local government. We have to go through the department of state architecture," she said. "We've never had any project go through the AIA, Board of Supervisors or

the Valley Planning Commission."

Buchanan explained the district will go through a similar review process with the state. The public is welcome to attend those advisory committee and school board meetings and give input.

"People have had difficulty separating the projects," said Jeff Thayer of Davidon Homes. "Davidon is not obligated to work with the school district. We have no control over that property. We can only make decisions on our 39 houses. While we can't control their plans, we want to work with the district to minimize the impact."

The plans now include significant landscaping around the field and parking lot perimeter. Davidon and Wyro are also working to give the Monte Sereno residents who back onto the parking lot up to 40 feet more land in their back yards.

The commission wanted its own staff to clarify the county's legal boundaries in regard to schools, said Neil Matsunaga, chairman of the Valley Planning Commission.

Matsunaga, in an interview after the meeting, explained that the main purpose of the first hearing was to listen to public concerns. Matsunaga said the county had received a large amount of public input from residents and homeowners associations.

"We had public testimony for the project and against the project," he said. Most opponents focused less on Davidon's housing project and more on the school district's parking lot and soccer field, he said.

Monte Sereno residents like Barbara DeBiasi fear that the parking lot will bring an influx of traffic, making Stone Valley Road dangerous. The plans for the parking lot and the soccer field presently include a signalized intersection and crosswalk on Stone Valley Road between the existing Monte Vista parking lot and the entrance to the new parking lot. Buchanan and the school district believe the

The Humphrey Property development will be discussed at the next San Ramon Valley Planning Commission meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, at the school district offices, 699 Old Orchard Drive in Danville.

new parking lot across from Monte Vista is much needed and will not have a negative impact on traffic.

"We've had a traffic study done with the town of Danville. Their analysis shows that it would not cause traffic problems," said Buchanan.

She said there are now only 432 parking spots at Monte Vista. Next

year the student body is expected to reach 2,500. Students who cannot find a parking space on school property are forced to park away from the school.

"Right now we have a problem," she said. "If you talk to most parents and travelers they would tell you we have a traffic problem."

After three hours of public testimony, the commissioners finally ended the meeting and will resume public testimony July 20. Davidon will also be able to give its rebuttal to what was said at the June 15 meeting. In the meantime, Davidon and John Wyro have teamed up with Save Mount Diablo to present a land preservation plan to the commission on July 20.

Save Mount Diablo has identified three different pieces of property adjacent to the Humphrey property. Davidon would purchase these three properties in addition to the 61.83 acres already set aside for an open preserve, to create roughly 300 acres of open preserve.

"It's very rare that Save Mount Diablo supports a development proposal. Basically, for canceling 23 acres of non-viable agricultural land, the community is getting 300 acres around Mount Diablo," said Seth Adams, director of land programs at Save Mount Diablo.

Adams will speak in favor of the development project at the Valley Planning Commission meeting July 20. ■

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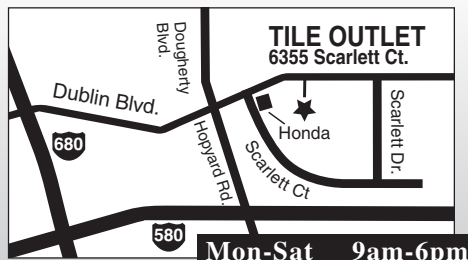
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Having lunch with my breast friends

Last week I had a lovely lunch at Bridges Restaurant with an energetic group of women who call themselves the Danville Suburban Housewives. The 14 members have bonded over the past months while preparing for the 26-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in San Francisco next weekend, July 9-10, to raise money for breast cancer awareness, education and research. It all began with a few of the moms at Vista Grande Elementary who decided they wanted to do the walk. As they began to talk up the venture, other friends—and friends of friends—joined until the group's identity began to form and the 14 women made the commitment.

In January, they began to seriously hit the Iron Horse Trail as a group on Tuesday and Friday mornings and during their training learned all about each other. The talk flowed freely about their families and personal interests as well as exchanging tips on walking shoes, exercise clothing, staying warm, staying cool and avoiding blisters. Although they have tagged themselves "housewives," their interests reach far beyond hearth and home. Terry Griffin is a trauma nurse; Sue Turley does staging for Realtors; Teresa Wells is a photographer; Christa Bakarich teaches tennis to children at the courts at her home; and so on.

Caroline White heads up the group. It was Caroline who ordered their jaunty bright green caps, and it's Caroline who "bombs" them with e-mails to update information about warm-up hikes as well as the Avon Walk itself. As the big weekend came closer, the group upped its mileage, logging in three 8-mile walks a week. Several told me that when they hit the 8-mile mark, it somehow gets easier to keep on going the last few miles. Of course, they agreed, it's not easy to get to that 8-mile point. The Avon walk is usually completed in two 13-mile days, although some walk the entire 26-mile route Saturday and then walk again Sunday.

They said their husbands are totally behind the endeavor, and for many, weekend walks have become a family thing. The women shared different stories about what had led them to the fight against breast cancer, many due to friends

or family members who have fought the disease. Shaunna Mattson said her husband's first wife died of breast cancer; this year is the 10th anniversary of her death so Shaunna wanted to do something special in her memory. Her 15-year-old daughter from her husband's first marriage is looking forward to when she turns 18 and can walk in her mother's memory.

The women enjoyed lunching together in the beautiful setting and seeing each other dressed in something other than workout clothes and their signature green hats. Bridges is one of the sponsors of the Danville Suburban Housewives, and owner Colleen Negi is a member of the group. To participate in the walk, each person must raise \$1,800 in donations. If a walker shows up short of that goal, she must write a check to cover the difference before being allowed to participate. Caroline was proud to report that the Housewives had raised its

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goal as a group and indeed was even fourth among all the San Francisco groups in fundraising. She said if they go to the Avon Walk with extra funds they will be happy to give it to other women who need it to make their goals.

Caroline also has a jewelry making business and toward the end of the luncheon—just about the time the dessert platters were being passed—she handed out silver chains with delicate little medals reading W-A-L-K. The women lost no time fastening them around their necks—one more symbol of their solidarity in walking for the good cause. ■

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POLICE LOG

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

- **June 21**
- Burglary of boat: on Camino Tassajara and Old Blackhawk Rd. at 6:34 p.m.
- **June 22**
- Hit-and-run, misdemeanor: on Greenbrook Dr. at 5:49 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Orange Blossom Wy. at 6:16 a.m.
- Stolen vehicle: 27-year-old male arrested in the 900 block of Hartz Wy. at 8:40 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Hartz Ave. and Linda Mesa at 6:22 a.m.
- Disturbing the peace-domestic: on Meadowlake Dr. at 9:58 p.m.
- **June 23**
- Burglary, auto: on La Gonda Ct. at 5:21 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley at 2:27 p.m.
- Grand theft, from vehicle: on Brookside Dr. at 3:21 p.m.
- Property lost or missing: on Matadera Cr. at 5:02 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Camino Tassajara and Jasmine Wy. at 5:58 p.m.

- **June 24**
- Driving under the influence-misdemeanor: 23-year-old female arrested on Church St. and Hartz Ave. at 12:26 p.m.
- Possession of dangerous drugs: 23-year-old female arrested on Camino Tassajara and Sherburne Hills Rd. at 2:07 a.m.
- Grand theft from vehicle: on Glendora Cr. at 8:05 a.m.
- Corporal injury of spouse: 59-year-old male arrested on Turrini Pl. at 9:38 a.m.
- Grand theft from vehicle: on Remington at 10:23 a.m.
- Burglary, auto: on El Pintado Rd. at 2:36 p.m.
- Cruelty to animals: on La Gonda Wy. at 4:29 p.m.
- Probation violation: on Bobbie Ct. at 8:44 p.m.
- Driving under the influence-misdemeanor: 37-year-old male arrested on St. Charles Ct. and St. Patricks Dr. at 10:45 p.m.
- **June 25**
- Vandalism, felony: on Glen Rd. at 7:02 a.m.
- Grand theft, from vehicle: on Savona Ct. at 9:06 a.m.
- Petty theft, from building: on El Cerro Bl. at 11:27 a.m.
- Grand theft, from vehicle: on S. Forest Hill Pl. at 11:53 a.m.
- Warrant arrest: 21-year-old male

- arrested in the 400 block of Winfield Ln. at 2:20 p.m.
- Accident, injury: on Alameda Diablo and Diablo Rd. at 3:04 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on San Ramon Valley and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 4:26 p.m.
- Petty theft, from vehicle: on Bird Hill Ct. at 5:21 p.m.
- Driving under the influence, misdemeanor: Juvenile male arrested in the 600 block of San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:03 p.m.
- Battery on cop, misdemeanor: Juvenile male arrested in the 600 block of San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:40 p.m.
- Minor in possession: juvenile male arrested on Church St. at 8:40 p.m.
- Drunk in public: 20-year-old male arrested on Church St. at 8:40 p.m.
- **June 26**
- Accident-property damage: on Bridgeside Cr. At 12:26 a.m.
- Disturbing the peace: on Plumeria Ct. at 3:50 p.m.
- Warrant arrest: 24-year-old male arrested on La Gonda Wy. at 4:55 p.m.
- Accident-injury: on Camino Ramon and Camino Ramon Pl. at 8:30 p.m.
- Driving under the influence, felony: 21-year-old male arrested on Camino Ramon and Camino

- Ramon Pl. at 9 p.m.
- Battery, misdemeanor: 18-year-old male arrested on Manchester St. at 8:27 p.m.

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

ALAMO

- **June 20**
- Burglary-auto: on Granite Drive.
- **June 21**
- Petty theft-vehicle: at Alamo Plaza.
- Petty theft-vehicle: on Laverock Ln.
- Petty theft-vehicle: on Vernal Dr.
- Vandalism-felony: on Amber Pl.

BLACKHAWK

- **June 26**
- Malicious mischief: on Pheasant Run Dr.

DANVILLE

- **June 23**
- Disturbance: on Conejo Dr.
- **June 25**
- Burglary-auto: on Diablo Ranch Ct.

OBITUARIES

James 'Perry' Peck

James "Perry" Peck, who was born April 3, 1921, in San Jose, passed away June 9 in San Ramon. He was 84.

He was a Boy Scout and an Eagle Scout. He took flying lessons in junior college and loved flying. During World War II, he was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy serving from 1942-45 and spent time in Korea.

He was a resident of San Ramon for 50 years, and was a member of the Flying Club of Concord. He was very active in hunting, fishing and skiing and was a Church Deacon for the World Wide Church of God.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Arlene; his son Perry Peck of Danville, and daughter-in-law Karen Peck; his sister Claire Amendola of St. Helena; two grandchildren, David and Bryan Peck; and two great-grandchildren, Tyler James Peck and Brittany Peck. Funeral services were held June 13. Contributions or donations can be made in his name to Hope Hospice of Dublin.



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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Abuse of the public's trust

In rare cases, so-called philanthropists will verbalize laudable goals but actually take advantage of our generosity and trust for their own advantage. William McCann did just that in bilking the community for his own financial gain on the children's theater project, and we all lost something in the deal.

There are numerous individuals and groups in the Danville area who devote countless hours for the betterment of the community. Many do this without recognition and prefer it that way. It's this true philanthropic motivation that inspires us all. It is because of the good work being performed, and the results that are accomplished, that many of us will reach into our pockets to donate without question when asked. Not only do we have faith in individuals asking for money for charities but we admire them for spending their time on humanitarian endeavors.

McCann capitalized on our love for the kids of our community and our desire to nurture their interests in the arts by painting a vision of a grand children's theater. But that theater never materialized. It seems that the community dream was sabotaged by McCann's selfish desire for financial gain.

The development of this theater and office center was a complex business plan, and McCann could have proceeded on his own without public assistance. In the end we would have been happy if he succeeded and would have been disappointed if he failed because the community would have lost a wonderful asset. But McCann stepped over the line. He appealed to and gained the public's trust for the project. Not just its trust but its enthusiasm and its vested interest. He raised more than \$3 million for his Mt. Diablo Center for the Arts Foundation, and convinced local public officials to lend their good names and reputations to the venture.

Once the public's trust is earned, it must be respected. If it is abused, the individual or individuals who let us down must be held accountable. William McCann is paying a high price for abusing our trust but a high price is what he must pay. His actions have an impact on not only those who worked toward building the children's theater but on all of those trying to do good work for the community.

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Queens of the Mountain

Lady Mustang softball team has historic year.

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The Monte Vista girls softball team culminated a fantastic season, winning its first league championship in 17 years, and was recently crowned 2005 East Bay Athletic League Champions.

The 21-4 season record was the first 20-win season in school history. The team also recorded the best two-year win-loss record in school history, with 39 wins and 11 losses. The Mustangs were also awarded the North Coast Section Scholar Award with an average GPA exceeding 3.25.

The 2005 season began with a good omen when the Lady Mustang softball team members became Queens of the Mountain for the first time ever in the tournament's history.

The Queen of the Mountain tournament is an annual high school softball invitational tournament featuring 16 of the top high school teams in the region. The tournament was founded 20 years ago by former head coaches from San Ramon Valley High School and Monte Vista and kicks off the spring high school softball season.

This year the Mustangs beat rivals Foothill High School in the semifinals and San Ramon Valley High in the championship game. In addition to winning the tournament, they also won it with class, being awarded the "Team Sportsmanship Award."

Head coach Joe Callaway has coached the Mustangs for three



Coach Joe Callaway leads his winning Monte Vista softball team in a cheer. The team had a 21-4 season record, won its first league championship in 17 years and was crowned 2005 EBAL champs.

years. Asked why this team was so great, he said, "Experience, teamwork, believing in themselves and each other, and never giving up, winning seven extra-inning games in 2005."

Some of the stars of the team include Stephanie Bregante, a junior and EBAL most valuable player, as a pitcher. She also led Monte Vista in hitting. Second leading hitter was Whitney Erickson, EBAL first team All League catcher. Heather Zygutis was first team All League outfielder, and Sarah Axelson was first team All League third base.

In addition, Monte Vista only has two seniors graduating this year, Whitney Erickson and

Danielle Sangiacomo. Erickson is the first Monte Vista softball player to ever receive a Division I scholarship and will be playing for the Toledo Rockets in the Mid America Conference next year. Sangiacomo will be playing junior college softball at Ohlone College next year.

The future looks bright for the Mustangs as there will be seven returning starters and three others with significant experience. As a result, they will be favored to repeat as EBAL Champions, expected to be one of three top teams in the NCS playoffs, and in good position to defend their prestigious title at the annual Queen of the Mountain Tournament. ■



Major champs

The Cardinals are the 2005 San Ramon Valley Little League Major's Champs with (front row, l-r) Little Brother, Matt Telles, Pat Oswald, Kevin Tuckness, Jason Tuan, Chris Castagnola; (middle row) Matt Cuny, Bryce McGovern, Tyler Beekley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Teddy Enea, Brad Banker, Nicholas Call; (back row) Coach Joe McGovern, Manager Steve Banker, Coach Pat Oswald.

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State of Independence



Struttin' our stuff

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Talk about tradition. If it's the morning of July 4, then crowds will be thronging to downtown Danville to sit curbside for a close and personal view of the community on parade.

From bands to gymnasts to Scouts to businesses, community organizations will be marching. They proudly strut their stuff in groups or on floats, in formation or with signs, and the crowd cheers them on. Horses and other animals pace the route, antique cars inch along the course, and the Sycamore Lawnmower Brigade does formations that no front lawn has ever seen.

Parade facts

What: Kiwanis annual Danville Fourth of July Parade

Theme: Honoring Community Service

Where: Hartz Avenue, San Ramon Valley Boulevard

When: 10 a.m., Monday, July 4

Who: Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley; presented by Heller Jewelers

Commemorative button

The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley began a new tradition in 2002 of creating a new commemorative button each year, with young artists up to 20 years old submitting artwork. This year's winner is Brandi Tsujimoto, 16, a student at California High.

"The theme this year is honoring Community Service," said parade chairman Alan Davis of the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley, which sponsors the parade. "We are a community service organization and we recognize that there are others and thought it would be appropriate to honor them as well."

The Kiwanis chose Councilman Newell Arnerich as parade grand marshal because he is active in a variety of community service organizations, said Davis.

Davis, who has been involved in the parade for seven years, said it is always a problem to find marching bands in the summertime but this year's parade will have a combined San Ramon Valley Unified School District band, as well as the 59th Army Band out of Sacramento.

This year July 4 falls on a Monday, which is perfect, said Davis. Last year the Fourth of July was a Sunday. "We started an hour later because we didn't want to conflict with the churches and it got pretty warm," recalled Davis.

The Chamber of Commerce initiated the parade in 1971, said David Stegman, a longtime member of both the Kiwanis and the chamber. It was the successor to an Independence Day celebration called "Hay Days" that was held at the football field at San Ramon Valley High.

After a few years the parade became harder for the chamber to produce, and in 1975, the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley adopted the event.

"I suggested to the Kiwanis Club that the

club take it over," recalled Stegman. "After convincing everybody it would be a good civic undertaking, I was chairman for about 12 years. It grew—and grew—and grew—until it is what it is today."

He lauds the community effort, from the Kiwanis to the Police Department to the Fire District to everyone who participates plus everyone who watches.

"It's by far the largest event in the valley," Stegman said.

He explained that as the years go by, the parade has become more and more of a tradition; people plan their vacations accordingly, relatives fly in, and college kids come home. Barbecues are held afterward, then many attend the fireworks in San Ramon.

Stegman said that through the 30-plus years the club has overcome a lot of hurdles, including problems with drinking, the parade falling on Sunday, dealing with the increasing magnitude of the event—plus the weather. "I've been on the route when it's raining and when it's 108 degrees," he noted. "The club works all year long and the only thing we can't control is the weather. If it gets really hot, people get cranky, cars overheat, and the alcohol consumption goes up."

Also the children get dehydrated. Stegman remembered one year, before bottled water was prevalent, when the San Ramon Valley Fire District opened the spigot on the fire hydrant near the staging site to cool everyone off.

This year's Kiwanis Fourth of July parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Hartz and Railroad avenues and continues down Hartz to

"It's by far the largest event in the valley"

—David Stegman,
longtime Kiwanis Member

San Ramon Valley Boulevard, and ends at Sycamore Valley Road. The reviewing stand will be across from Town and Country Road. The Danville Community Band is not a marching band so it will be positioned next to the reviewing stand to add to the festivities.

The judges give awards in 24 categories for "Best of Parade": carrying out the theme, band, float, majorette, Scout troop, marching unit, antique auto, bicycle, comic novelty, animal besides a horse, special interest auto, neighborhood or homeowner association, dance/theatrical, school, family, real estate office, church group, retail business, service business, sports team, community service/special interest, horse, country club and media.

Davis said the Kiwanis Club has been hosting the parade for so many years that it goes pretty smoothly. Nonetheless a lot of work and planning goes into it—starting on July 5.

"We don't want it to become bureaucratic," said Stegman. "It's the spirit of the parade that the community comes out of the woodwork. The morning of July 4, there is nobody out at 8, there are a lot at 9, and it's 15-people-deep at 10."

It's a tradition. ■



Bill Shryer (left) and David Stegman, two long-time Kiwanians, work hard on the parade each year and enjoy every minute. Photos courtesy of Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley.

Tips to help you enjoy the parade

This year up to 30,000 people are expected to attend the Kiwanis Fourth of July parade in downtown Danville. The crowds make the festivities exciting and fun, but the popularity of the event also makes it difficult to find a place to park the car and watch the parade. Here are some rules and tips to help parade-goers better enjoy the day.

• Early birds beware

Chairs can only be put out in downtown Danville after 6 p.m. July 3. Before this rule was established, eager parade-goers would come out as early as a week before with chairs to hold their spot for the parade, recalled Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel.

"Some of the people were actually very aggressive guarding the placement of their seats," he said.

Chairs and blankets crowding the streets also caused an array of safety issues. "Mothers would have trouble getting their kids out of the car and they were forced to take their kids out on the traffic side rather than the pedestrian side," said Wenzel. He also pointed out that people would trip over the chairs, and merchants complained because chairs were blocking the entrances to their stores.

"People needed boundaries," added Carol Livingston, special events coordinator for Danville.

The rule was instituted for the first time last year and was a success.

"The public did a great job. I don't think there were any violations, and if there were, they were minor," said Livingston.

If chairs or blankets are found before 6 p.m. July 3, they will be collected by the police and taken to the Town Service Center on Sherburne Hills Road. Items can be collected July 5.

• The parking problem

Wondering where to find parking? Wenzel highly recommends carpooling to the parade. "The best bet is to carpool or to use the park-and-ride," he said. The park-and-ride on Sycamore Valley Road will be open to the public. Because the parade route ends at Sycamore Valley Road and San Ramon Valley Boulevard, the walk from the park-and-ride is a short one.

• Use common sense

At such a crowded and busy event, Wenzel encourages using common sense. He does not recommend bringing dogs to the parade. "My wife is a dog trainer," he said. "They have to be extremely well-socialized to walk amongst a group of people that size." He also cautions bike riders to walk their bikes through the crowds rather than ride them.

• No alcohol

It might be a holiday, but the no-open-containers law still applies. Save the beer for later, no alcohol is allowed at the parade.

• Keep an eye on children

It is easy to get lost in a big crowd. Parents should keep a close eye on their children, said Wenzel. If a child is missing, parents should talk to one of the 60-70 uniformed staff, law enforcement members, volunteers, county reserve officers or Danville officers who will be at the parade. "We're all coordinating together. We have cell phones and radios," he said.

• How to avoid the parade

For those people not attending the parade but who live nearby, the town is posting a detour routing map on its homepage. Visit <http://www.ci.danville.ca.us> to figure out the best way to navigate around the parade.

—Casey Reivich



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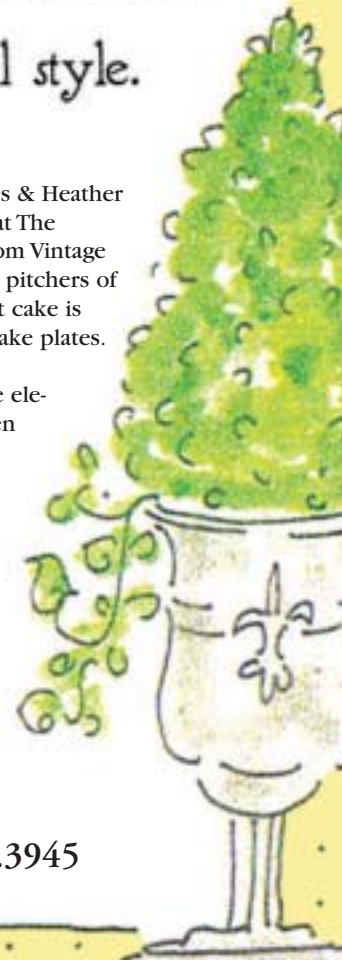
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“I would ask that the people of the parish support my successor, and most importantly, to avoid making comparisons. He will do some things differently than I do, and he will do some things better.”

—Father Daniel Cardelli, retiring after 27 years as pastor of St. Isidore Parish



Father Cardelli says goodbye to St. Isidore's

Plans for retirement include flying, travel—and continuing priestly duties

by Cathy Jetter

Father Daniel Cardelli is ready to retire. After 48 years in the priesthood, and 27 years as the pastor of Danville's St. Isidore Parish, Father Cardelli is ready to relinquish the tremendous responsibilities that accompany the daily operations of a parish nearly 5,000 families strong.

Celebrations, tears and tributes have filled the last weeks leading to his final official day of duty, today, July 1. Only one thing remains to be determined. Who will take his place?

“I thought I would know by now,” said Father Cardelli pensively last week. He paused for a moment and added, smiling, “I'll stay until they find someone.”

Maybe the powers that be are simply having a hard time locating a truly qualified replacement. You see, Father Cardelli's credentials are extensive and not easily replicated. His resume includes all the standard pastoral proficiencies: CEO, COO and CFO of the parish, but Father Cardelli has one other talent his parishioners have come to enjoy. “I love to cook,” Father Cardelli said. “And I am very good at it.”

His specialty? A pasta sauce learned from time spent in the kitchen with his Italian mother. For a recent church event he sautéed, stewed and simmered 35 gallons of the celebrated sauce—enough to cover more than 400 plates of pasta.

Members of the congregation are so fond of the sauce that Father Cardelli has offered it for auction at the annual school fundraiser. “Last year one quart sold for \$100,” he reported proudly.

Pride and dedication are evident in all of Father Cardelli's accomplishments at St. Isidore's. Most obviously, the expansion of the school and church facilities stand out as testament to the terrific growth he has shepherded since 1978. The \$13.5 million project, which broke ground in 1996, doubled the size of the school and added computer, science and performing arts classrooms to the campus.

Across the street, the Parish Ministry and Activities Center was constructed to house the parish administrative offices, meeting rooms, a double gymnasium and, interestingly, a commercial kitchen ... big enough for someone to concoct 35 gallons of pasta sauce at a time.

Leaving all this for a quieter life has not been an easy decision for this soft-spoken man who has spent nearly a third of his life leading the worshippers at St. Isidore's.

“My mind and my heart tell me to stay,” Father Cardelli said. “But my body says it is time to rest.” At 75, Father Cardelli believes he no longer has the stamina to tend to the vast amount of administrative work that occupies much of his day.

Less enlightened individuals might imagine a retiring priest leading a life of simple contemplation and quiet meditation. Father Cardelli's plan for retirement quickly quells that stereotypical image. Although rest and getting back into good physical shape are first on the agenda for the former high school football captain, his to-do list includes a wide range of active events.

A pilot since 1959, Father Cardelli hopes to spend a good deal of time in the seat of a Cessna Skymaster he hasn't seen enough of lately, while more earthly pursuits include reading, fishing and finding people to take him sailing. “Make sure you print that,” he requested with a laugh. “I really want to go sailing.”

Travel, too, is on the agenda. “I am looking forward to visiting Italy and all the extended family I have there,” Father Cardelli said. “It has been awhile since my last visit, and I am

looking forward to meeting relatives I don't even know about.”

Then, of course, the inevitable question: Have you ever met the Pope?

“Three times,” Father Cardelli replied, gesturing to photos displayed on his office wall. “The second time, I spoke to him in Italian. I said, ‘I speak Italian.’ The Pope replied to me, also in Italian, ‘Even you could be the Pope.’”

Linguistic qualifications aside, Father Cardelli says he never had ambitions beyond becoming a parish priest. His love for his work is strong and continues to be the driving force in his life. Even with all the adventures he has planned for his retirement years, what Father Cardelli most looks forward to is having time to do the priestly work that has brought him so many rewards.

“The priesthood is the most exciting, diverse, life-giving experience imaginable,” he wrote in a missive to the people of St. Isidore's. “My retirement is not from the priesthood but from administration of the nuts and bolts of running a parish. I am just changing titles.”

While the many people who have come to love and depend on Father Cardelli are certainly pleased he will continue to reside in Danville, he is very conscious of how difficult this sort of transition can be and is making every effort to ensure his successor feels comfortable.

“People often ask me why I am choosing to live in a condominium rather than continue on at the rectory,” he said. “I always give the same response. For the new pastor, that would be like having your mother-in-law come and live with you. After that explanation, there are no more questions.”

Father Cardelli has one request for his congregation as he leaves his role of pastor. “Change is hard for people, but change can be good. I would ask that the people of the parish support my successor, and most importantly, to avoid making comparisons. He will do some things differently than I do, and he will do some things better. I would ask them to sustain the parish as they have in the past.”

There is no doubt that Father Cardelli will be missed. He leaves behind a long legacy of growth and inspiration for the people of St. Isidore's that will not be forgotten.

Father Cardelli, just to be safe, maybe you should leave the pasta sauce recipe taped to the refrigerator door. ■



Daniel Cardelli, pre-priesthood, was a football star at Serra High School in San Mateo in 1946.



Doggie Night kicks off Thursday events

The Discover Danville Association is putting pep into Thursday nights this summer to help people find out what downtown has to offer.

The fun starts July 7 with Doggie Night, which includes maps to Danville Doggie Night businesses, with free dog treats, a pet fair, pet sitters, pet photographers, an animal communicator, veterinarians, dog trainers and more. A highlight will be the Best Dog Trick Contest. It's not just for fun—the top prize is accommodations for six in Mexico. The pooch fun starts at Molly's Pup-purr-ee, 425 Hartz Ave., and runs from 6-8:30 p.m.

The following weeks will include:

- July 14—Danville Hot Summer Nights Car Show, from 4-9 p.m., with more than 300 pre-1960s vehicles on display along Hartz Avenue; Summer Nights at the Danville Livery, from 6-9 p.m., with cool music for hot nights for the whole family
- July 21—DACA Artists/Music, 6-8:30 p.m. Artists will be painting alongside storefronts. Enjoy music and art as you stroll through historic Downtown Danville.
- July 28—Danville Hot Summer Nights II; Summer Nights at the Danville Livery
- Aug. 4—Wine tasting, 6-9 p.m. This event was first held last summer to the delight of those who enjoy good wine, music and the quaint shops downtown. To reserve a glass for tasting, call the Wine Sellers at 552-5801 and ask for Wayne. Glasses for tasting are \$20 if bought in advance and \$25 at the door. Only 250 glasses will be sold.
- Aug. 11—Danville Hot Summer Nights Car Show III; Summer Nights at the Danville Livery
- Aug. 18—Family Sports Night—Local sports stars will come out and show their stuff in downtown Danville.
- Aug. 25—Danville Hot Summer Nights Car Show IV; Summer Nights at the Danville Livery 6-9pm

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

AT THE MOVIES

CinéArts @ Pleasant Hill: 2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill (687-1100)
Century 14 Walnut Creek: 1201 Locust St., Walnut Creek (937-7025)
Blackhawk Movie 7: 4175 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville (736-0368)
Crow Canyon 6: 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon (820-4831)
Hacienda Crossings 20/ Regal Imax Theater: 5000 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin (560-9600)
Vine Cinema: Corner of First and South O streets, Livermore (447-2545)
Internet address: For show times, visit the Danville Weekly Online Edition at <http://www.DanvilleWeekly.com/>

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

Batman Begins (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 12:40, 4, 7:10, 10:15 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 12:10, 3:30, 7, 10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri 12:35, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45, 5:15, 7:05, 8, 8:30, 10:15, 11 p.m.; Sat 10:25 a.m., 12:35, 3:45, 4:45, 5:15, 7:05, 8, 8:30, 10:15, 11 p.m.; Sun 12:35, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45, 5:15, 7:05, 8, 8:30, 10:15 p.m.; Mon 12:35, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45, 5:15, 7:05, 8:30, 10:15 p.m.; Tue 10:25 a.m., 12:35, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45, 5:15, 7:05, 8, 10:15, 11 p.m. Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tue 10 a.m., 1, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Tue 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:05, 8 p.m.
Bewitched (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 12:05, 2:35, 5, 7:30, 9:55 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 10:05, 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:55, 3, 4:35, 5:35, 7, 8, 9:30, 10:30 p.m.
Cinderella Man (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 11:50 a.m., 3:10, 6:25, 9:40 p.m.
Clockstoppers (PG)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Tue 10 a.m.
George A. Romero's Land of the Dead (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 11:05 a.m., 1:20, 3:40, 6:10, 8:35, 11:05 p.m.
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Howl's Moving Castle (PG)	CinéArts: Fri-Mon 12:20, 4, 7:10, 9:50 p.m.
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Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:45 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 12:20, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 10:50 a.m., 1:50, 4, 4:55, 7, 7:50, 10, 10:55 p.m.
Muppets From Space (G)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Tue 10 a.m.
Perfect Man (PG)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 9:35 p.m.
Rebound (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 11:55 a.m., 2:05, 4:15, 6:25, 8:35, 10:45 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 11:25 a.m., 1:45, 4:05, 6:15, 8:30, 10:50 p.m.
Star Wars Episode III (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 10:05 a.m., 1:10, 4:30, 7:40, 10:45 p.m.
The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3D (PG)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m.
The Longest Yard (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 10:35 a.m., 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40 p.m.
The Sisterhood of The Traveling Pants (PG)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 10:25 a.m., 1:10, 3:55, 6:40 p.m.
War Of The Worlds (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 11:40 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Sat 11:20 a.m., 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10 p.m.; Sun-Mon 11 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 10 p.m.; Tue 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tue 10:30, 11, 11:30 a.m., noon, 12:30, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 p.m.

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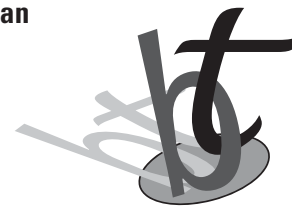


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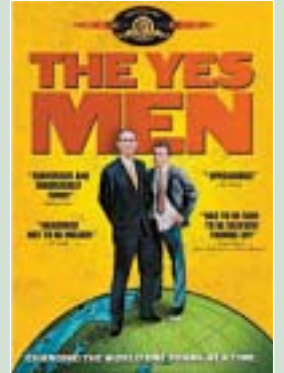
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A movie review of what's **READY TO RENT** by Joe Ramirez

The Yes Men

MGM/UA Home Video, 1 hr. Director(s): Dan Ollman, Sarah Price and Chris Smith



At a 2002 WTO conference focused on global economy and business opportunities that are afforded to manufacturers, two men make a presentation on management and productivity with a global workforce in mind. These men, Mike Bonanno and Andy Bichlbaum, have the standard presentation graphics: colorful charts, computer animated simulations, and props for necessary dramatics. They begin their spiel in the androgynous, generalist terms of business but their subject takes a strange turn when they ruminate on the unprofitability aspects of slavery, using the practices of the American Confederate south as an example.

The pair feels that a "remote" labor force, one that can be paid a pittance in a less fortunate foreign country and without interfering government regulations, is beneficial to "profit motivation." And how is this workforce supervised? Bichlbaum removes his cutaway suit and reveals a form-fitting gold body stocking complete with a giant inflatable phallus that houses a monitor where the remote employees could be observed. The crowd of dormant business people immediately and enthusiastically cheers for the two.

This is one of my favorite passages from "The Yes Men," directed by Dan Ollman, Sarah Price and Chris Smith. It is a chronicle of an organization of merry pranksters whose only mission was, and still is, to expose some of the most unsettling philosophies in the corporate arena. Led by the elusive Bonanno and Bichlbaum and their team of likeminded activists, the "Yes Men" began to flower out of another prank Web site that mimicked GW Bush's 2000 campaign Web site (all but in its unsettling content). We find that their studies led the two to campaign against the World Trade Organization, which they felt nurtured the darker aspects of globalization with a focus on exploited labor.

The film documents their adventures—all of them very funny and all extremely disturbing because of the Yes Men's audience reactions. What makes it funny is the rhythm of their pieces: They begin their presentations in the familiar comfort zones of the corporate drone and end them in the same manner, only with a ridiculous solution sold in a deadpan fashion. The audience's reactions are the payoff—they illuminate the influences of corporate methodologies on their employees, the result being a collective indifference.

Despite its cinematic economy, "The Yes Men" is engaging because it never preaches to the viewer. Its sense of playfulness never converges on righteousness and dares not to insult its subjects. Bonanno and Bichlbaum laugh and interact alongside their audience: They know that their views are touchy and their points come across as not anti-globalization, but constructively humanitarian.

—Joe Ramirez

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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.

Town Council Meeting

The Danville Town Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Classes

Study Skills 101 Class

Get ready, get set and let's get the job done! Danville is offering a class for students entering sixth-eighth grades, giving them tools needed for success in middle school. The class is 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

Country Western Dance Club

When do the Country Hustlers dance in Danville? From 8-11 p.m., Saturday, July 9, July 23, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 at the Danville Veteran's Hall at 400

Hartz Ave.; Friday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Danville Grange Hall at 743 Diablo Blvd., and Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Danville Veteran's Hall. Admission is \$9 for guests, \$7 for members, and \$5 for senior members. For information, visit the Web site at www.countryhustlers.com/when-wedance.htm

Diablo Valley Single Parents

This group meets at 6:30 p.m. on various days each month at different locations in the valley. Contact Rich at abersr@toast.net or 838-9487.

Diablo View Toastmasters

This chapter meets from 7:55-9 a.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Novice and veteran speakers meet to develop speaking skills. Guests are welcome. Call Pat Griffin, 426-3844.

eWomen Network Accelerated Networking Luncheon

The eWomen Network holds its monthly accelerated networking luncheon from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. the second Thursday at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Contact Claire at 648-3105 or clairesheperdson@ewomennetwork.com.

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

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

Porsche Club of America, Diablo Region

This club is for owners and enthusiasts of all Porsches. It meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday for breakfast at Denny's, 803 Camino Ramon, Danville. For information, visit www.pca.org/dia.

San Ramon Valley Rotary Club

This club meets for dinner at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Guests are welcome. The club offers a great way to make new friends while making a difference in

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Country honeys

The all-girl band Honey Pig will perform country pop harmony from 6-8 p.m., next Saturday, July 9, at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road, as part of Danville's 20th annual Music in the Park summer concert series. Bring a picnic supper, family and friends, and enjoy the live music.

your community. Call Bill at 838-9110.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

The organization meets at 7 p.m., every second Thursday at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. However, the next meeting will be on Thursday, July 21, which will be the third Thursday of the month. Call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740.

Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley meet the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at Hula Mama's Bar & Grill located in Camp Parks, Dublin. The general business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all members and visitors. For information, call Bob Franco 736-5272 or visit the Web site at www.vnvdv.com.

Concerts

Concerts at Livorna Park

Bring the family and a picnic and enjoy local talent. All concerts are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 15 features Mersey Beach (classic rock and roll), Aug. 12 features Dave Matthews Blues Band, and Sept. 16 features Silk and Soul (jazz, blues and soul).

Music In The Park 2005

Danville's 20th annual Music in the Park summer concert series for 2005 includes: July 9, Honey Pig (all-girl country pop harmony group); July 23, Big Bang Beat (good, clean, slightly

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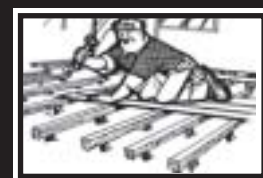
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irreverent fun group); Aug. 6, Aja Vu (the San Francisco-based band performs the music of Steely Dan); and Aug. 20, Best Intentions (Motown Mania tribute show features the renditions of Smokey Robinson, the Four Tops and many more). The free concerts take place from 6-8 p.m. at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road.

Summer Nights at Danville Livery
Danville's annual Summer Nights at the Danville Livery from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays, July 14 and 28 and Aug. 11 and 25, present cool music for hot nights the whole family is sure to enjoy.

Events

Alameda County Fair

The Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton runs from Friday, June 24 to Sunday, July 10. Fair hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday-Sunday; and 10

a.m.-9 p.m. on the Fourth of July. No fireworks on July 4. Carnival hours are Noon-midnight, Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-Midnight, Friday-Sunday and 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m., July 4. The Annual Fair Parade is June 25. Entertainment is free with fair admission. Shows are 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Regular admission prices are Adults, \$9; Seniors (62+), \$7; Kids 6-12, \$6; free if under 6 and Parking is \$8. There are Pre-Fair Discount tickets and other daily admission discounts available. For information, visit the website at www.alameda-countyfair.com/fair/fair_info.html

Doggie Night

Danville "Thursday Night Events" is featuring a Best Dog Trick Contest from 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 7, at Molly's Pup-purr-ee on Hartz Avenue. Enter your dog and possibly win accommodations for six in Mexico. Event includes map to Danville "Doggie Night" businesses with free dog treats, pet fair, pet sitters, pet photographer, animal communicator, veterinarians, dog trainers and more.

Giant Book Sale

Friends of the Danville Library are sponsoring a Giant Book Sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, July 15; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, July 16; noon-3 p.m., Sunday, July 17, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Friends of the Danville Library, members only, from 9-10 a.m., Friday, July 15.

Hot Summer Nights Car Show

The 11th annual Hot Summer Nights Car Shows will take place from 4-9 p.m., Thursdays, July 14 and 28; and Aug. 11 and 25. Over 300 pre-1960s vehicles will be on display along Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville.

Model Trains in Danville

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley will feature Model Trains at the Depot from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, at 205 Railroad Ave. July 1-10, European Train Enthusiasts-HO scale model trains set in European settings; July 12-17, LEGO model trains; July 19-24, N-Trak model trains; July 26-30, Golden Gate Lionel O Gauge; and Aug. 2-6, Bay Area Garden

Railroad Society's G Gauge. Admission is free but donations are accepted. For information, call 837-3750.

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.tvvar.org.

Star Spangled Fireworks

Celebrate the 4th of July at this year's Star Spangled Spectacular from 5-10 p.m. at Central Park on Alcosta Boulevard and Bollinger Canyon Road. Entertainment will be provided along with the spectacular Sky Concert Fireworks Show with accompanying music. Please, NO alcohol, dogs, fireworks or barbecues. City codes, including illegal parking, will be enforced. Parking is \$10 per vehicle. Fireworks start at dusk.

Take Daughters to the Course Week

Bridges Golf Club is offering a free clinic and golf to girls and their parents during "Take Your Daughter to the Course Week" from July 11-14, to introduce junior girls to golf. A free clinic will be offered to girls from 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, July 14, at the Practice Center. In addition to the clinic, girls (17 years and younger) and their parents may golf for free after 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. To reserve your space in the clinic or reserve a tee time, call the Golf Shop at 735-4253 or visit the Web site at www.thebridgesgolf.com.

Tuesdays at the Ranch

Join the Alamo Parks and Recreation staff for family nights, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, June 21-Aug. 16 (except July 5) at Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda Way. Games and activities will be available at the equip-

ment table. Campfires held alternate weeks: June 21, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9. Bring your guitars, bongos and songs. Call 886-4716.

Walking Tour of Historic Danville

There will be a Walking Tour of Historic Danville at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 9. Meet in front of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (Train Depot), 205 Railroad Ave. The tour is free, but donations accepted. For information call 837-3750 or visit website at www.museumsvr.org.

Exhibits

The Fine Art of Being President

Visit the Blackhawk Museum exhibition, "The Fine Art of Being President," with nearly 100 portraits, sculptures and unique historical artifacts related to the American Presidency, some dating back to the 1700s. The exhibit runs through Oct. 30. Museum is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors (65+), \$5 for students, free for children under 6 and military personnel. Call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Fundraisers

It's Happening on Prospect Lane

Three shops on Prospect Lane - Moda Mi, Aglie and The Terrace - will be donating a portion of their Independence Day weekend proceeds (July 1-3), to the "Blue Star Moms," a support group for families of members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Health

Controlling Your Blood Pressure

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is hosting a free community health seminar, "Controlling Your Blood Pressure," from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, in the South Conference Room in the South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (800) 284-2878 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Hospice Offers Support

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa offers a variety of support groups and classes for people experiencing grief and loss after the death of a loved one. Individual counseling for

Hospice families is also available. Groups are offered from 7-9 p.m. on Friday evenings at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, in Alamo. All groups and classes are offered without fee and require preregistration. Contact Lee Ann Morgan, Bereavement Program Manager at 855-9317.

Medicine in a Diverse Community

Plastic Surgeon, Paul Wotowic, M.D. and Nursing Supervisor, Daisy Rodrigues, R.N. will discuss their volunteer work at foreign medical missions and answer questions on Medicine in a Culturally Diverse Community on the Ask the Doctor television show airing live from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 6. Viewers can fax, e-mail or phone in medical questions at 313-1190 or askthedoctor@contracostatv.org or fax to 313-1185. The show airs live on CCTV the first Wednesday of the month and is rebroadcast other Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 1-2 p.m.

Kids & Teens

Berkeley Chess School

The Berkeley Chess School is teaching the "game of kings" at summer camp for grades 1-8 at Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda Way. One session remains: July 5-8. Cost is \$130. Classes are held 1-4 p.m. each day. Call Karla at 886-4716.

Cubbies Soccer 2005

Looking for a great introduction to soccer for your child? The Cubbies Soccer program is designed to introduce soccer basics to children ages 3-5. This six-week parent participation program is a great way to teach your child teamwork in a recreational environment. Cubbies Soccer starts July 12 and runs for six weeks. Preregistration is required. Call 314-3400 or visit the town's Web site, www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Danville Day Camp

Danville is offering a Day Camp packed with group games, crafts, off-site field trips, BBQs and swimming, for ages 5 to 11. The camp is from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning June 27 and running for seven weeks. Preregistration is required. Call 314-3400 or visit the town's Web site, www.ci.danville.ca.us.

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Harry Potter Magic Show

The Danville Library Foundation is sponsoring Jonathan Lopez as he presents magic and tricks with a Harry Potter twist at this family program for all ages at 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, at the Danville Library at 400 Front St.

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 "Two Jazz Divas," vocalist Antonia Venezia and pianist-keyboard player Sue Crosman, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Friday at 519 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No cover charge for the Happy Hour jazz show. Call 552-6050.

A Survey of the Laity

Voice of the Faithful - East Bay is sponsoring a survey of the Catholic laity in the Oakland Diocese. You are encouraged to join in this opportunity to be heard. On your computer, go to www.votf-oak.org, and click on VOTF EAST BAY SURVEY.

Miscellaneous

Adopt a New Best Friend

Tri-Valley animal Rescue (TVAR) offers wonderful animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturday, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., dogs and cats are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at W. Angela and First Street. On Sundays, cats are available at PetSmart in Dublin from 1-4 p.m., and cats and dogs are available at Petco in San Ramon from noon-4 p.m. For information, call TVAR at 803-7043.

Mt. Diablo Macintosh Users Group

Get questions answered, solutions to problems, share experiences and explore new Mac developments. Meets at 7:30 p.m. third Monday of every month at Alamo Safeway community room. Call 837-1111.

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.

Recreation

Activity Guide

The Town of Danville Parks and Recreation Activity Guide for Spring 2005 is available at the Danville Community Center. Register online at www.ci.danville.ca.us or call 314-3400 for additional information.

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St. Isidore's Young at Heart

The Young at Heart meets from 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m. every third Tuesday at St. Isidore's Church, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Mass at 11:15 a.m. is optional. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. at no charge. Nonprofit bingo follows. Reservations appreciated. Call Joan Singer at 820-4447.

Walking Buddies

Morning hiking walks geared toward seniors meet in the lobby of the Walnut Creek Senior's Club at Civic Park, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Meet at 8 a.m. Tuesdays for walks on paved trails lasting 1 to 1-1/2 hours or Thursdays (same time) for 2-3 hour walks usually on unpaved trails. Group carpool to area locations for the more challenging outings. Call Maureen at 256-0690.

Sports

Adult open gym basketball

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

Adult Softball

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

Danville Tennis Club

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

very strong 3.5 level players. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/danvilletennisclub>.

Family Sports Night

Local sports stars will come out and show their stuff from 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, on the streets of downtown Danville. Come out and root for your favorite athlete.

Swim classes

Summer swim classes for ages 3 and up begin June 20 at Monte Vista Community Pool, 3131 Stone Valley Road, and San Ramon Valley High School Pool, at Love Lane and San Ramon Valley Blvd. The town of Danville offers two-week group lessons, and one-week private lessons, all 30 minutes, with costs ranging from \$45-\$60. Drop-in parent/child classes for ages 6 months-3 years are held 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Wednesdays at Monte Vista Community Pool beginning June 22 with fees of \$10-

\$12. Call 314-3400.

Walnut Creek Tennis Club

WCTC is a free, co-ed tennis group for single adults of all ages and levels (primarily 2.5-3.5). It plays drop-in tennis from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays and Sundays at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek (S. Main). See information at <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/wctc/>.

Support Groups

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.

ClutterLess (CL) Self Help Group

Is clutter stressing you out? Cluttering is a psychological issue, not just an organizing issue. Meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays (except holidays) at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. For information, call 426-5311 or 443-0766.

Danville TOPS

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

Fibromyalgia/Pain

The San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Group meets from 7-9 p.m. every other Monday in Danville. Call Denise for location and information at 837-0510.

Overeaters Anonymous

The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia and bulimia. It meets from 7-8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No fees. Call Susie at 275-1391.

PFLAG

The Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter of Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a support group that meets at 7:30 p.m. on every third Monday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 831-8172.

Volunteering

Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association of Northern California, East Bay branch, seeks volunteers to facilitate support groups, staff the help line, and perform a variety of office support at its office in Lafayette. Call (800) 660-1993.

Assistance League of Diablo Valley

This chapter of the National Assistance League seeks new volunteer members to help with a wide

range of philanthropic service projects in many Contra Costa communities. These include vision screening in elementary schools, distributing clothing to school children in need, daily reassurance phone calls to homebound elderly and handicapped clients, and staffing the chapter's Lafayette thrift shop. Call 934-0901 or visit <http://diablovalley.assistanceleague.org>.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and others about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. Orientation classes will be held throughout the summer. Call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Moonlight on the Mountain

Save Mount Diablo needs volunteers for its Moonlight on the Mountain, a formal dinner Sept. 17 at the Mt. Diablo State Park's China Wall. Volunteers are needed to help with auction item solicitation, exhibit display, set-up and registration. For information, contact Brenda de la Ossa at 947-3535 or visit smdinfo@save-mountdiablo.org

Mt. Diablo Bike Challenge

Save Mount Diablo needs volunteers for its Mt. Diablo Bike Challenge that will be held Sunday, Oct. 2. There will be 1,000 riders going from Athenian School to Mount Diablo's summit. Volunteers needed to help with registration and logistics. For information, contact Brenda de la Ossa at 947-3535 or visit smdinfo@savemountdiablo.org

Regional Medical Center

The Contra Costa Regional Medical Center needs volunteers to work in patient services, gift shop or at the information desk. For an application or information, call Julie Kelley, Volunteer Coordinator, at 370-5441.

Search and Rescue

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

Trails Maintenance

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

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) offers volunteer orientations from 1-2:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS) in Dublin. Contact Noella Hartshorn at 846-0745 or e-mail noellehartshorn@comcast.net for information.



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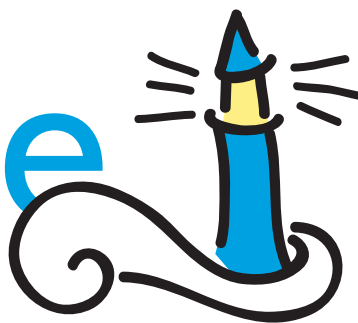

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Source: California REsource

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 26	Total sales reported: 7	Total sales reported: 31
Lowest sale reported: \$640,000,000	Lowest sale reported: \$915,000	Lowest sale reported: \$285,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,885,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,262,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,498,000
Average sales reported: \$1,046,961	Average sales reported: \$1,487,000	Average sales reported: \$829,564

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 2005

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
420 Antelope Ridge Way J. & N. Marinaro to J. Gee for \$960,000	525 Quivira Court R. & D. Wayne to M. & K. Walsh for \$1,100,000	32 Dos Robles Court L. Carilli to N. & I. Seeds for \$1,060,000
p121 Baldwin Drive D. & K. Cima to J. Nickerson for \$895,000	95 Red Fir Court J. Talley to Marvin Trust for \$1,870,000	2218 Gladwin Drive Thurmond Trust to M. & L. Kazimirsky for \$752,000
170 Blackstone Drive E. & Z. Naddaf to L. Fahnlander for \$892,000	3500 Shadow Creek Drive Curran Trust to H. Peng for \$1,050,000	1251 Homestead Avenue #135 R. MackCall to S. Bowles for \$387,500
206 Cameo Drive G. & T. Smyth to J. & T. Page for \$875,000	101 St. Beatrice Court G. & M. Marcy to C. & C. Valceschini for \$935,000	34 Kerley Court Essy Construction to K. & A. Schroeder for \$2,498,000
134 El Portal S. & T. Bakewell to B. & W. Darrington for \$1,100,000	256 St. Christopher Drive S. & S. Thomas to M. Escobar for \$1,020,000	1900 Kingridge Court Knieps Trust to J. & S. Sinnott for \$990,500
116 Gerbera Street J. & M. Cliff to J. & M. Bude for \$1,049,000	674 Sun Tree Court D. & M. Robinett to D. Morris for \$1,200,000	291 Kinross Drive C. Kim to A. Ignacio for \$679,000
3324 Green Meadow Drive D. & K. Williamson to S. Tella for \$1,010,000	704 Thornhill Road Silvera Trust to B. & A. White for \$1,250,000	412 Kirby Court Goodman Trust to D. & A. Pflieger for \$1,025,000
3355 Green Meadow Drive Good Trust to E. Yang for \$1,100,000	111 Tuscany Way B. & D. Smith to J. & M. Cliff for \$1,260,000	8 Kuhl Court E. & R. Menjivar to G. Thomas for \$755,000
115 Heritage Park Drive H. Deepasway to D. & L. Mollard for \$730,000	140 Austin Lane Hill Trust to J. & C. Dunphy for \$1,000,000	2750 Larkey Lane E. Williams to W. Helms for \$680,000
1041 Hill Meadow Place Darrington Trust to Flavio Trust for \$1,150,000	1173 Livorna Road R. & M. Suppe to E. & A. Gonzalez for \$915,000	427 Le Jean Way H. Jones to C. Stoddard for \$760,000
4235 Knollview Drive S. Cooke to H. Deepaswamy for \$1,100,000	477 Oakshire Place G. Schroeder to E. & Z. Naddaf for \$1,824,000	43 Mi Elana Court R. Sears to M. McGregor for \$965,000
553 La Gonda Way Smith Trust to T. & D. Gentile for \$1,005,000	102 Rae Anne Drive M. Moazeni to R. Khanna for \$1,158,000	490 North Civic Drive #105 A. Perezarevalo to B. Dungo for \$285,000
111 Laurelwood Drive D. & B. Hernandez to K. Miller for \$1,885,000	162 Ridge Road Martin Trust to G. Schroeder for \$1,600,000	2677 Oak Road #212 B. & Y. Garduno to E. McHale for \$548,000
127 Lawnview Circle J. & N. Domde to J. Hambrick for \$640,000	240 South Avenue R. & J. Fortney to J. & D. Clouse for \$2,262,000	1754 Oro Valley Circle R. & J. Helm to J. & R. Leinen for \$1,040,000
616 Los Robles Court Rudy Trust to S. Neuner for \$900,000	250 St. Paul Drive Bucchere Trust to M. & S. King for \$1,650,000	1768 Oro Valley Circle Mcgahan Trust to Esmaili Trust for \$1,330,000
154 Molitas Road J. & C. Dunphy to B. & Y. Garduno for \$810,000	756 Beale Court T. Hart to L. & P. Hart for \$650,000	2308 Ptarmigan Drive #1 G. & J. Wood to Hawley Trust for \$555,000
2133 Presidio Court Takeuchi Trust to P. Pittson for \$650,000	2538 Buena Vista Avenue J. & D. Zygutis to D. Johnson for \$590,000	2304 Ptarmigan Drive #2 Morgan Trust to J. Slynstad for \$560,000
254 Promenade Lane K. Ervin to Y. & I. Goldenshteyn for	221 Cheval Lane S. & S. Sue to V. & R. Polich for	1107 Reiner Lane B. Zarechian to H. Jones for \$725,000
		2212 Ridgepointe Court M. & J. Stead to S. & R. Wagner for \$1,650,000

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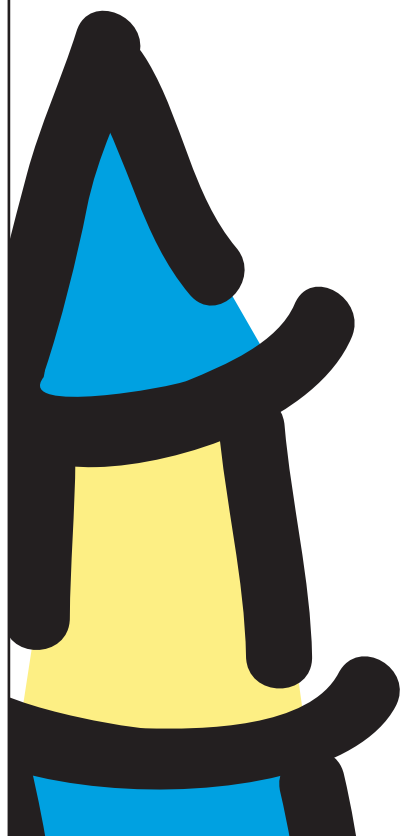


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4 Bedrooms

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- 629 Dolphin Dr.** **\$1,299,950**
Sun/Sun 1-4 p.m.Empire Realty 623-6234

4 Bedrooms

- 292 Love Lane** **\$1,645,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4062
- 119 Leafield Rd.** **\$1,865,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4125
- 100 Rassai Ct.** **\$1,898,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30pm Alain Pinel 683-4900
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5 Bedrooms

- 888 LaGonda Way** **\$1,689,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 280-8546

Alamo

6 Bedrooms

- 147 Alamo Springs Dr.** **\$3,250,000**
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Blackhawk

2 Bedrooms

- 144 Kingswood Circle** **\$825,000**
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Brentwood

4 Bedrooms

- 4544 Poe Court** **\$519,000**
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Clayton

3 Bedrooms

- 501 Suison Ct.** **\$689,950**
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Livermore

3 Bedrooms

- 1313 Aster Lane** **\$535,000**
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- 6911 Deerwood Ct.** **\$775,000**
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3 Bedrooms

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- 3415 Kings Canyon Ct.** **\$777,888**
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5 Bedrooms

- 142 Lyndhurst Place** **\$2,248,000**
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Walnut Creek

1 Bedrooms

- 1435 Marchbanks Dr. #1A** **\$315,000**
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3 Bedrooms

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