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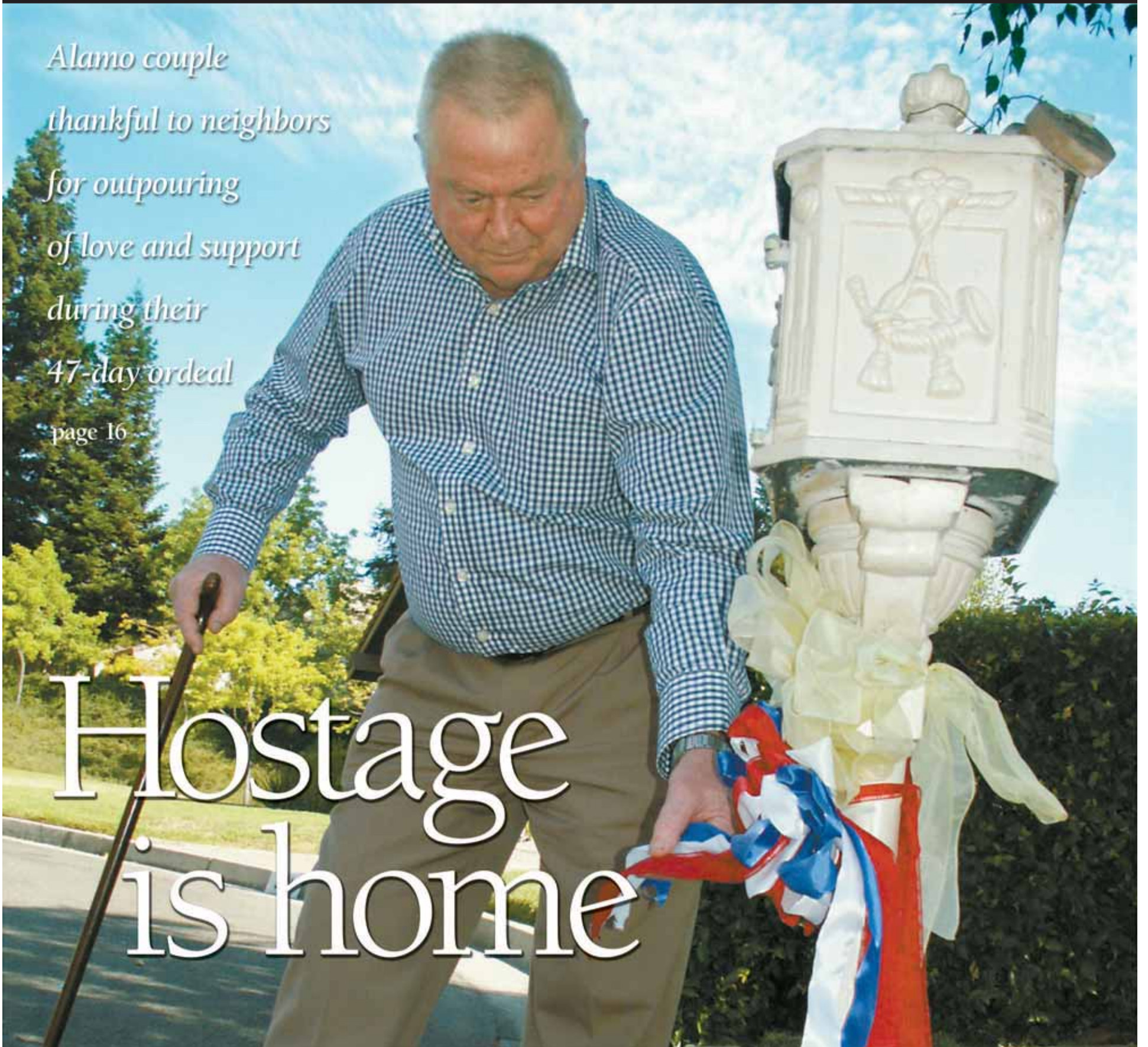
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—**Katherine Maloney and Rudy**
student, St. Isidore's



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—**Kim Wright**
mom



No. I've always had labs and Yorkshire terriers. As much as I loved my dogs, I wouldn't.

—**Beth Holland, daughter Ella, and Chloe**
clothing sales consultant



I don't support cloning. Once you start cloning dogs, you're going to clone people. I'm too religious.

—**Roseanne Maloney**
home business owner



Nah. They're all individual. They are all different animals.

—**Mike Casey and Kayla**
retired

ABOUT THE COVER

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ The pictures were proof
that he was alive. ”

—Yvonne Given, wife of hostage Douglas Wood,
recalling her reaction to seeing photos
of him in captivity by terrorists

Back-to-school information

Dust off your backpacks and sharpen your pencils. All schools will be back in session by Aug. 29.

Here are some important dates for high school students:
• Monte Vista High students can pick up packets from 4-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19; and noon-4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 22. Registration takes place Tuesday and Wednesday, according to last initials (visit www.srvusd.k12.ca.us/). Students who do not register during the assigned days will have to wait in line to register on the first day of school before they can get their schedules. Students who cannot attend registration should pick up packets, complete them, and send them to school with friends.

• Students can pick up packets at San Ramon Valley High School from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 15-16. Registration is 8 a.m.-noon and 4-8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18; and 2-6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23; parents must attend with their students.

• Venture School begins Aug. 19. Students can pick up packets and register at anytime.

• Del Amigo High School's walk-through registration for parents and students is from 2-6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12. School begins Aug. 16.

Art for Charity Day at Blackhawk

The Blackhawk Art Gallery is presenting its Art for Charity Day from 3-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For \$15, attendees will be able to enjoy art by local artists, wine and appetizers, live music, a silent auction and a drawing.

The art show will also benefit Cole's Cure, started by Keith and Brandy Regan, the parents of Cole, who passed away last summer at the age of 21 months after battling leukemia and other cancers for most of his young life. The organization aims to alleviate the financial burden of parents whose children are fighting cancer so they can focus on the child. From their own experiences, the Regans saw this need was not being addressed.

Tickets to the Art for Charity Day will be sold at the door. The Blackhawk Art Gallery is located at 3628 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. Call 736-5640.

Having fun with money

Where's George? A dollar bill recently was given as change at Andronico's in Danville with a pink stamp, telling the owner to "Track This Bill" at www.wheresgeorge.com. A visit to the Web site showed that the bill originated at the CUBS credit union on Lower Sproul of the UC Berkeley campus on April 9. There were no online entries between there and Danville.

Hank Eskin developed the program in 1998 to allow people to track where their money goes after they spend it, as well as where it has been. If you should come across a dollar bill with the Where's George tracking stamp on it, go find out the history of your George. To start tracking one of your own bills, enter it on the Web site, then mark the bill so a new owner will visit the site and let you know where the bill has traveled. Guidelines on the Web site make clear that bills should be marked in a "reasonable and prudent manner."

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ALAMO

Piepho to end terms of volunteer committee members in Alamo

County hopes clean sweep will make special districts more compliant

by Casey Reivich

Committee members of two of Alamo's most involved and influential special districts were surprised to receive a letter last week informing them that Supervisor Mary N. Piepho was terminating them.

R7A is the Parks and Recreation district, and Alamo Beautification, Zone 36, is the Landscaping and Lighting district in Alamo. Because Alamo is an unincorporated area,

these districts receive their funding from Contra Costa County, and the committee members are appointed by District III Supervisor Piepho. Terms are for two years.

Piepho informed committee members in a letter Aug. 2 that she will be going to the Board of Supervisors on Aug. 16 to approve termination of all of their terms. The terminations will not be final until the board approves this decision.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and make

a public comment, said Piepho.

In the last few weeks, Piepho has made it clear she wants to see some major changes in how Alamo is run. On July 30, she held a meeting with Alamo residents discussing the possibility of forming a Municipal Advisory Council, called a MAC, to advise her on Alamo.

This latest shakeup of the special districts is another effort by Piepho to improve accountability and to

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YMCA classes in Alamo unlikely for the fall

Lack of contract with the county puts programs in jeopardy

by Casey Reivich

The status of YMCA programs for adults and children in Alamo is in question. The contract between Contra Costa County and the YMCA, which enabled the YMCA to administer programs for the community, ran out in

July 2004, said Karla Schreffler, program coordinator of Alamo Parks and Recreation, also known as R7A.

Since then, the county has continued to extend the contract in monthly blocks.

"At the end of the contract in July, they said, 'We'll give you another six months.' After those six months they came back on Christmas and said, 'We'll give you another three months.' After

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Danville man takes on Lake Tahoe

Ken Harmon will swim length of lake to raise money for new Danville Aquatic Center

by Casey Reivich

For the past year, Danville resident Ken Harmon has been training hard. Harmon, who plans to swim across the length of Lake Tahoe on Aug. 22, has been swimming roughly 200 laps a day in his 25-yard pool.

He trains six days a week for his epic swim, which will benefit the Danville Aquatic Center, being planned for San Ramon Valley High School. He also has abstained completely from drinking alcohol to help increase his hydration.

"It's just another little extra. It gives you that discipline to challenge yourself. These are the little tests before you do the big test," said Harmon.

The big test will start on the south side of Lake Tahoe at Camp Richardson at 6 a.m. Harmon will swim without a wet suit in the chilly water from Camp Richardson in the south to Hyatt Hotel Beach at Incline Village in the north. Only four other swimmers, three women and one man, have ever done an open swim lengthwise across the lake, said Harmon.

"Each one started and finished at a different point. I'm trying to standardize it," said Harmon. He plotted his course with the help of the Coast Guard.

Swimming the length of Tahoe is certainly no walk in the park, but then again Harmon is not your average swimmer. He expects the water temperature to be no lower than 52 degrees but no higher than 68 degrees. Tahoe is also situated a daunting 6,225 feet above sea level. The water's crystal clear qualities are beautiful to admire, but while swimming, Harmon will

be able to see 73 feet below him. "It's like being on a seven-story building," he said.

Harmon seems calm in the face of Tahoe's largesse. He has swum the width of Lake Tahoe three times before. He has also swum from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Bay Bridge and has done an ocean swim from Linai to Maui without a shark cage.

Harmon's first priority is to properly pace himself. He knows from an experience he had swimming across the 20-mile-long Lake Washington not to go out too fast.

"I had an unpleasant experience. I went out fast, by the time I got to seven hours, I was absolutely spent. I'm going to hydrate and eat more frequently early on," he said.

By swimming Tahoe, Harmon will also be raising money for the upcoming Danville Aquatic Center. Two-and-a-half years ago, a group of fathers whose children were involved in aquatics at San Ramon Valley High School began organizing an effort to raise money for a new pool.

They wanted a pool sufficient for deep water polo, warm-up lanes, and diving practice. The existing pool, they believe, is too small and shallow for these activities. The new pool would be for both the students and the public.

They realized the construction of a new pool could coincide with Measure A renovations already slated at the high school. They worked with the school district and Danville and made sure space was reserved next to the existing pool at the high school for the new pool.

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Drink wine and be merry



Old Town Wine Tasting last Thursday was again a huge success. A long line of eager wine tasters started their evening at the Wine Sellers on Hartz Avenue. Despite the hot August heat, tasters cheerfully went to different destinations all over town to sample a variety of Northern California wines. At top, Wine Sellers owner Wayne Wickham gives out glasses to tasters, while (l-r) Sherri Cotta, Terri Pollard, Susan Gerber, Dawn Levi, Danna Saunders and Aline Soules enjoy a glass of wine outside Flobell, one of the participating stores.



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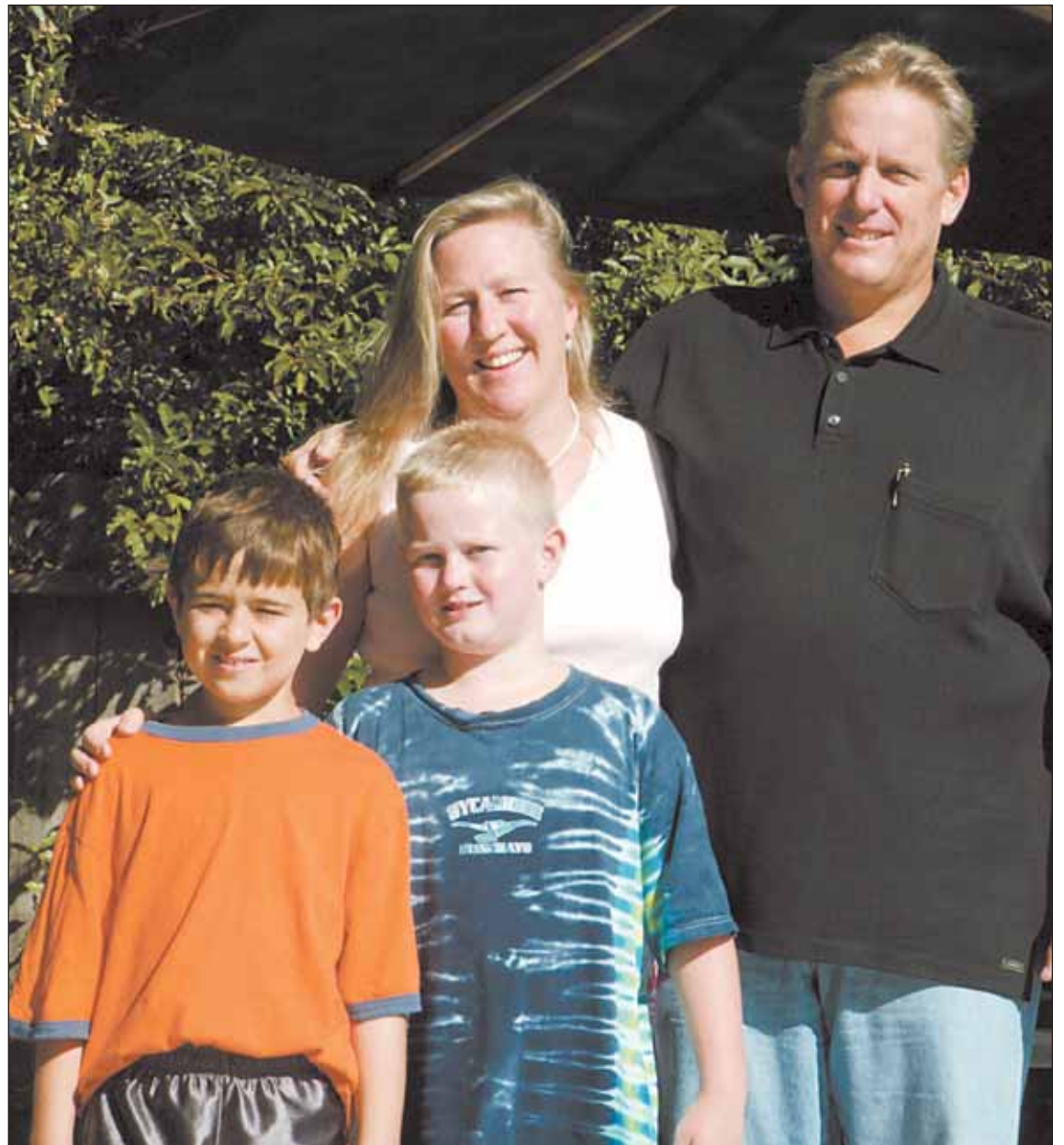
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Ken Harmon, who will be swimming the length of Lake Tahoe without a wetsuit on Aug. 22, with his wife Marcia, and (l-r) family friend Nicholas Young, 8, and son Ben, 8, by their 25-yard lap pool. Harmon is using his epic swim to fundraise for the upcoming Danville Aquatic Center at San Ramon Valley High School. Harmon is certain he will meet his \$100,000 goal.

Aquatic center

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Total design and construction costs for the new pool, which will be twice the size of the existing pool, will be \$2.5 million, said Grant Finlayson, chairman of the committee to raise funds for the Danville Aquatic Center.

Close to 300 families in Danville and Alamo have already made significant pledges. Currently, pledges have exceeded \$500,000, said Finlayson. The group will continue to pursue individual pledges but it also will be asking for money from the school district and this fall will ask the Danville Town Council for \$750,000. Designs for the 33-meter pool are under way and they hope to start construction next spring, with the pool being ready to use in fall 2006, said Finlayson.

Their fundraising efforts will get a boost from Harmon's swim across Tahoe. Harmon had already intended on doing the 22-mile swim when he found out about local effort to raise money for a new aquatic center in Danville. "I always knew if I were to do the length of Tahoe, I would do it for charity," he said.

Harmon, whose son Ben swims for the Sycamore Sting Rays,

believes the students at San Ramon Valley High School need an up-to-date swimming pool, especially for their water polo teams, and that the entire community of Danville will benefit from a new larger pool as well.

"It's just another little extra. It gives you that discipline to challenge yourself. These are the little tests before you do the big test."

—Ken Harmon, who eliminates alcohol during training to help increase hydration for the swim across Lake Tahoe

Harmon has raised approximately \$15,000 of his \$100,000 goal. He believes he will reach the \$100,000 mark. "There are some people holding back to see if I can do it," Harmon joked.

In addition to people sponsoring his swim, Harmon expects up to 500 people to be there in Tahoe cheering him on. "There will be quite an entourage," he said. Harmon expects family from

across the country and a lot of friends and family from the area.

He will also have a crew of people assisting him in his swim. Harmon's wife, Marcia, an experienced tri-athlete and runner, will be kayaking next to him the entire time. She will keep him hydrated, feed him, and monitor how he is doing.

"She knows what to look for. She sees how my rhythm is, if I'm strong, how my arms are doing," said Harmon.

Harmon will also have two pacers with him at all times. Craig Klasser is a two-time water polo Olympian and Dr. Mike Ennis played water polo with Harmon at University of the Pacific. One of them will swim with Harmon every other hour for a half hour. Open swimmers are not allowed to lean or rest on anything or anyone. Throughout the swim, Harmon will be surrounded by his team but will not be able to take breaks or rest.

He hopes to swim the 22 miles in less than 12 hours. "I can't find anything faster than 12 hours, 36 minutes; 11 hours or 10 something would definitely give me the ability to say 'try that,'" said Harmon.

For more information on the Danville Aquatic Center, visit www.danvilleaquaticcenter.org. To make a contribution toward Ken Harmon's swim visit <http://swim-far.org>. ■



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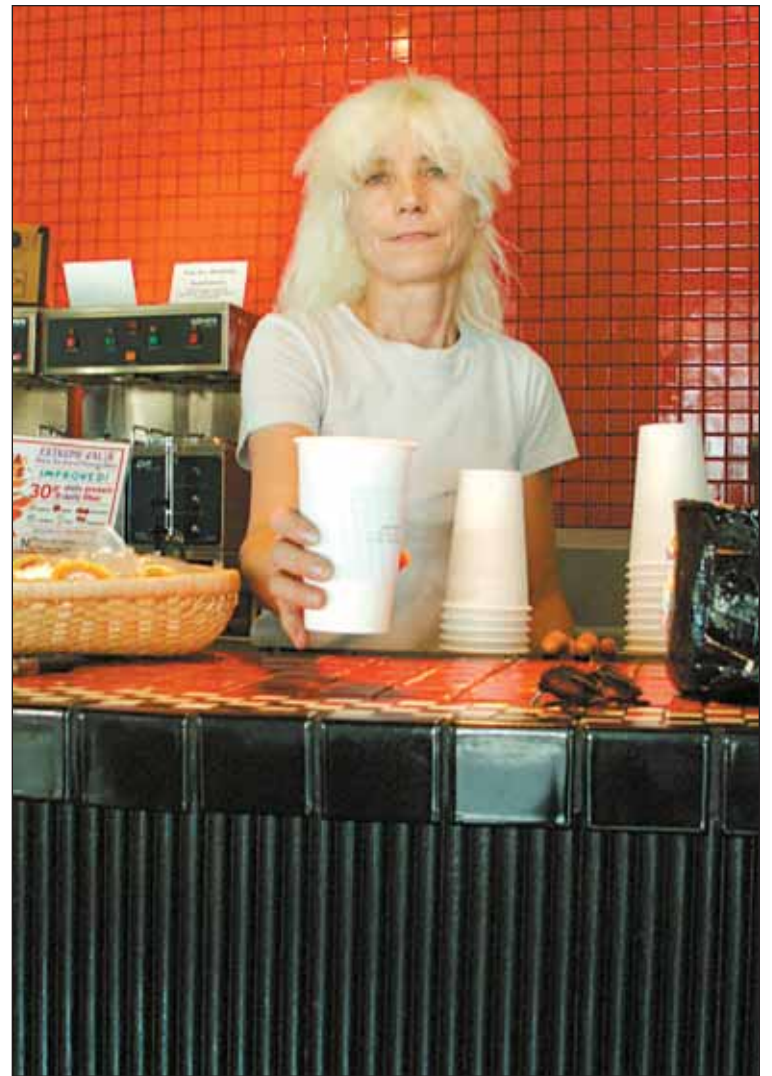
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Danville Coffee Roastery employee Kristena Djenkova serves up a latte and expresses her sadness over the coffee shop's imminent closure. "Everybody is crying," she said.

Last cup of joe

Downtown coffee shop to close after 11 years of business

by Casey Reivich

After 11 years in business and countless cups of coffee, the Danville Coffee Roastery is closing its doors.

It first opened under the same name in 1990, but was bought in 1994 by Danville resident Larry Dixon. After Dixon left his job at

the morning.

"We did everything ourselves. We fresh roasted on the premises. We had total access and control," said Dixon.

Throughout the years, the Roastery has gained a loyal clientele. "The store has had a regular set of people that came in there. There has been a lot of conversation and local talk," said Dixon.

Business took a turn, however, in 2002 with the arrival of chain coffee houses like Starbucks and Peet's Coffee. There are two Starbucks in downtown Danville, one at the corner of Hartz Avenue and East Prospect, and the other on Railroad Avenue in the Danville Square shopping center.

"Starbucks has so much expansion in the Bay Area and such a wide variety of drinks," said Dixon.

In addition, Dixon felt the location might have always been a problem for a coffee shop, saying nowadays people buy their cup of coffee close to where they work.

"It's more convenient when they get to work," he said. "There isn't as much foot traffic in Danville. Danville is a sleepy bedroom community."

The store will officially close in September, but operations might close before then. Dixon plans to continue to live in Danville. ■

"There isn't as much foot traffic in Danville. Danville is a sleepy bedroom community."

—Larry Dixon,
owner, Danville Coffee Roastery

the Bank of America, he wanted to find a way to stay in the Bay Area.

"I couldn't find anything in the Bay Area, so I bought that coffee store," he said. The Roastery, which is located on the corner of Hartz Avenue and Diablo Road next to Primo's Pizza & Pasta, did well in the '90s, according to Dixon, specializing in roasting its own coffee beans. Longtime residents recall the warm and rich smell of coffee beans roasting in

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Let's dance

Carmen David, 5, and her sister Shannon, 4, enjoy dancing at Music in the Park last Saturday at Oak Hill Park to the music of Aja Vu. Their Alamo family was among the crowd of picnickers enjoying the warm temperatures and the dozens of bouncy beach balls provided by a local Realtor. One more Music in the Park remains of the 2005 season—on Aug. 20 it will be Best Intentions "Motown Mania" Tribute Band featuring its rendition of such greats as Smokey Robinson, the Four Tops, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Marvin Gaye and the Temptations. Other free outdoor music series are listed in our Calendar section.

Idea House to be built in Alamo

6,500-square-foot home will feature cutting edge technology and panoramic views

by Casey Reivich

Sunset Magazine, a western lifestyle publication based in Menlo Park, is building its 2006 Idea House in the hills of Alamo. The magazine has chosen local architectural firm Dahlin Group to design the home and local landscape designer Nuvis to plan the landscaping.

The Idea House is meant to showcase innovative and cutting edge ideas in construction, design and technology for the home and garden. Sunset has been designing an Idea House every year since 1998.

"We don't expect our readers to build this home. It is a compendium of ideas," said Peter Whiteley, senior writer at Sunset Magazine. "These are not like typical showcase homes. We want to have one designer, builder, decorator and landscape designer. They work with us to try to make a rich consistent palate of products, colors and materials."

Sunset has built previous Idea Houses in locations like Orange County, Palo Alto, Los Altos, Verrado, Ariz., and Parker, Colo. The organizers decided for 2006 to explore the East Bay.

"We haven't done anything in the East Bay. With all the growth that's happening in the East Bay and then further to the east we thought it would be a great opportunity to build these houses out there," said Whiteley.

In order to build the Idea House, Sunset partners with a builder who owns the land. For the house in Alamo, Sunset is working with Mark De Mattei's building company. The magazine has worked with De Mattei for some of its previous Idea Houses on the peninsula. De

Mattei construction also has an office in Danville.

Sunset Magazine approached local architectural design firm Dahlin Group and several other architectural firms about designing the Idea House. Dahlin made a presentation of its previous work in the area. The firm started in the area by designing homes in Blackhawk.

"Living in the West means blurring the boundary between indoor and outdoor. You don't have to hide from humidity and mosquitoes."

—Peter Whiteley, senior writer at Sunset Magazine

"It is nice to get someone local. Dahlin does a lot of handsome projects over in the Danville, Blackhawk area," said Whiteley.

The magazine staff had also been particularly impressed by a private residence Dahlin Group designed in Napa Valley, said Emily Bonato of Dahlin Group. After Dahlin was selected to design the home, it was given the general idea behind it. The home is to showcase the advantages of living in the west: inside and outside living.

"Living in the West means blurring the boundary between indoor and outdoor. You don't have to hide from humidity and mosquitoes," explained Whiteley.

Dahlin is designing door walls that will slide and fold, opening up entire inside rooms to the outdoors.

There will also be an expansive protected back yard, decks on the hills, a swimming pool and spa with a waterfall.

The 6,500-square-foot, five-bedroom home, which is nestled in the hillside in Alamo, will have awesome views of Mount Diablo and a clear view of the San Ramon Valley all the way down to Pleasanton. Its look will be classic California.

"Imagine a winery setting in Napa. It will have some roots in Mission/Spanish architecture, but with a more contemporary feel," said Bonato.

For the first time, Sunset is partnering with sister magazine Popular Mechanics for the project. The two magazines are currently brainstorming on nifty electronic innovations for the house like different kinds of structured wiring, a special sky lighting system, a translucent roof, and new home theater configurations. Solar panels are also being discussed. These panels, in keeping with the Idea House's edginess, will not be your everyday solar panels. They'll be integrated into the roof, flush with the roof tile.

Using tankless water heaters is also being considered. Water actually gets heated as it goes through the pipes, as opposed to being heated in a tank. It is a more efficient way to heat water, said Bonato.

Sunset is hoping to have the house completed and ready to be photographed by next summer. It is slated to appear in the November 2006 issue. Once the house is completed, Sunset will be partnering with a local charity to run shuttle tours up to the Idea House. In the past, Idea Houses have drawn as many as 30,000 visitors, said Whiteley. ■

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Committees

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ensure that county staff and community leaders are working together smoothly, she said.

"I have two unincorporated areas, Byron and Alamo. Their population numbers are those of junior cities. They have many needs. The county has not been there," Piepho said.

The two main problems with the committees as they exist now are, first, they do not always comply with county regulations and standards like the Brown Act, the law that requires public access to meetings; and, secondly, the perceived exclusivity of the committees, said Piepho.

Ryan Klobas, chief of staff for Piepho, gave one example. "Members of service areas cannot contract with third parties on behalf of the county. We have informed R7A and Zone 36 of this. They've indicated to us that they may be unwilling to adhere to those guidelines," he said. "They have indicated to us they feel they've had some of their successes when they operated outside of those guidelines."

"We've done many meeting with these current leaders regarding regular procedures, from operations to the Brown Act rules, and yet we are still having challenges with compliance," said Piepho. "In an effort to make sure that the community is best represented as a whole, I determined that we need to revisit these organizations and

make sure that those in place understand their unique role."

If the Board of Supervisors agrees with Piepho, all terms will end and the county will appoint all new members to the two committees. Existing committee members are encouraged to apply, said Piepho.

Piepho insists that the decision was nothing personal.

"It's not personal or political. It's broad based. There is no hidden agenda. It's about getting government to work," she said.

Nancy Kaplan, who has served on R7A for 10 years, said she can't help but think the decision looks personal. Even though Kaplan knows the supervisor has every right to terminate their positions, she is still puzzled as to what R7A did wrong.

"People have come up to me and asked, 'Gee, Nancy, what did you do wrong?' If we did something inappropriate somebody needs to tell us what we did," said Kaplan.

Kaplan said she has called Piepho's offices and she has yet to get a specific explanation of any wrongdoing.

Kaplan maintains that R7A always observed the Brown Act.

"The work of the public is done in the public. We agendized all issues to be discussed. We gave 48 hours notice. Public comment was taken. To me, that is very important. How did I break the Brown Act?" Kaplan asked.

Kaplan is still weighing whether she will apply again to serve on the committee. She feels R7A was doing good work.

"We have broken ground doing things that others don't for kids. We're finally seeing Alamo likes that. We have a presence," said Kaplan.

While Kaplan said she always welcomed new blood, she does believe starting the committee completely fresh is like reinventing the wheel.

"There is a certain amount of continuity that has to be continued," she said.

Jon Moeller, a member of Zone 36, was also surprised by the letter. He believes Piepho has a master plan for Alamo and is consolidating the different committees and groups into one governing body.

"I have to assume there is some sort of master plan. She wants to organize these committees so we don't have splinter interest groups. Everyone's tooting their own horn," said Moeller. "If the intent is to make the overall interests in Alamo more viable, more effective, well, fine."

Moeller does not believe the decision to clear out the Zone 36 committee was a personal attack on him. "In our minds, we think we did the right thing. If it can be done more efficiently, then fine."

The plan now is to maintain the R7A and Zone 36 as separate special districts, with the possibility of wrapping Zone 36 under the MAC, if Alamo does indeed form a MAC, said Piepho.

The Board of Supervisors meeting will be Aug. 16, at 651 Pine St., Martinez, Room 107. For meeting time, call 335-1900. ■



CASEY REIVICH

Fans groove with McMillan

A room full of loyal fans and new readers gather last week at Rakestraw Books to hear Danville's Terry McMillan read from her newest novel, "The Interruption of Everything."

YMCA classes

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those three months they said, 'We'll give you till the end of September,'" said Schreffler.

At press time, the contract between the county and the YMCA had not been renewed.

"Public Works is continuing to heavily work on that issue," said Ryan P. Klobas, chief of staff for

Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, District III. "With regard to the fall program, we'd like to see some results. We're waiting to hear back from Public Works about that process."

The county has a contract with the YMCA, and the YMCA administers the programs like a contractor. The money for the programs, however, comes from the budget of R7A, which is a special district. Because Alamo is an unincorporated area, R7A is an arm of Contra Costa County.

Schreffler's salary is paid from the R7A budget. R7A also plays a large hand in shaping and designing programs.

This past summer, Alamo Parks and Recreation held a Wizard Camp, Camp for the Crafty, Berkeley Chess School summer camp, a popular summer concert series at Livorna Park, and Tuesdays at the Ranch, a family event that offered music and s'mores by a campfire.

This fall, the recreation program had planned to offer afterschool enrichment programs for children in chess, ceramics and art. It had also planned to offer a yoga program for adults. There are, as of now, no programs for the fall, said Schreffler.

While the cancellation of fall programs is unrelated to the imminent termination of R7A committee members, Schreffler does believe there is one program it will affect.

"R7A wanted to help teenagers of the community to do concerts. Craig Elliott (of R7A) said, 'We have to do this.' The kids had lined up some bands. When this news came, I had to cancel this. I didn't know how I would do it without their (R7A) support," said Schreffler.

Schreffler remains hopeful that the county will eventually continue with these community programs.

"The families love these programs," she said. "At this point there are no programs. That has nothing to do with what Mary Piepho has done. I'm so hopeful she has a vision of where it is going." ■

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Let it snow

A funny thing struck me when I was looking through a book called “Diablo Shadows” by Robert Pease and William Hockins. The volume of photos, published in 1998, is a “visual collection of the grandeur of the Diablo-San Ramon Valley,” and many of the scenes show Mount Diablo with a blanket of snow. Folks unfamiliar with the area would think Mount D is covered with snow all winter rather than, oh, about five hours a year. One photo of snow on Mount Diablo in 1982 was taken from El Pintado Road, another from the Woodbine subdivision. Snow on Mount Diablo, 1976, is labeled a “dusting of snow” and is photographed from Diablo Road. It even snowed downtown in 1976, as documented by a scene at the corner of Hartz and Prospect. Other photos show snowfalls in 1992 and 1956.

There’s something about snow in the Bay Area that makes us pull out our cameras. I once wrote a story about a Prairie Style home built in 1916. The young couple who had purchased the home were thrilled to find a photo taken in 1928 showing the front of the house in its original condition—and covered with snow.

“Diablo Shadows” was photographed by Bill Hockins, 83, a longtime resident of Alamo. He didn’t just pull out his camera when it snowed—he has taken more than 50,000 photos in his 50-plus years of living here. The magical thing about his photos of snow on Mount Diablo is the contrast between the snow on the mountains and the vivid green hillsides in the foreground. One photo was shot from behind rust-colored weeds with an oak branch framing the scene. No wonder the artistic eye of a photographer compels him to record the beautiful vista.

I visited Hockins last week to learn more about old-time Danville, when he was the only insurance agent in town, and he loaned me the book, which sells for \$50. He and his wife Hazel live in the home they built 42 years ago on the 13th hole of the golf course of the Round Hill Country Club when it was just being developed. In their living room hangs a panoramic photograph of Mount Diablo, her peak red, with shadows in the foreground and black, flocked clouds overhead. Bill recalls pulling over on the highway to take that one and having a police officer unceremoniously tell him to get moving.

Hockins is a photo artist. He discovered this vocation when he was in the sixth grade; he started a group called Photo Bugs and set up a darkroom in his parents’ basement. In college he paid his bills shooting weddings and children’s portraits. Later he was pleased to discover that the insurance business gave him the freedom to pursue his “true love”—capturing the San Ramon Valley on film.

“There’s something about snow in the Bay Area that makes us pull out our cameras.”

The town of Danville has commissioned Hockins to record his photos digitally to be made available through the public library. He is also putting some of his photos on 350-piece, 12-by-16-inch wooden puzzles, including some of Half Dome and of the Golden Gate Bridge. But other scenes are local—the old train depot when it was Danville Feed and Supply in 1955; Oak Hill Park duck pond at dawn; a Mount Diablo sunset. And, of course, my favorite, Mount Diablo with a mantle of snow, taken in 1982 and framed by the limb of an oak tree. For more information, visit www.fototopia.com or e-mail whockins@sbcglobal.net.

“Diablo Shadows” also has old-time photos that serve as a history lesson. But those by Hockins are breathtaking, capturing nature’s everyday drama of sunsets, sunrises, clouds and fog. Since spending a mesmerizing hour looking through the book, I have been viewing the scenery around here with fresh eyes. The clouds around the hills, both east and west. The spread of oak branches outlined against the sky, and the canopy of trees on parts of Danville Boulevard. I’ve been trying to catch Mount Diablo with the pink hue of the setting sun each evening. Now I’m looking forward to the changes in season to capture, if not with a camera, in my mind the beauty that nature brings to our lovely area. Thank you, Bill, for opening my eyes. ■

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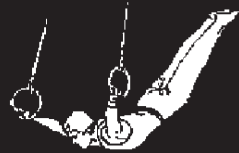
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DANVILLE WEEKLY GUEST EDITORIAL

Why Blackhawk will benefit from the passage of Measure D to restore its police services

by Jud Scott

*Chairman, Yes on Measure D
to Restore our Blackhawk Police Services*

The registered voters in each of the six Blackhawk communities (Country Club, Hidden Oaks, Saddleback, Oakridge, Silver Maple and Silver Oak) will have an important opportunity this month to vote on Measure D to Restore Blackhawk's Police Services. Ballots for Measure D have been mailed to all of Blackhawk's registered voters, with the deadline to return them by 8 p.m. Aug. 30. Following is a summary of the Measure and the necessity for it, so those voters can be well informed when they cast their ballots.

What is Measure D?

Measure D will increase the existing parcel taxes which fund the Blackhawk Police Services District of \$178 per year per home in Blackhawk by \$102, to an annual total of \$280. Businesses in the Blackhawk Plaza, and the Blackhawk Theater, pay proportionately more to reflect their higher use of those police services. For homeowners, this is an increase of only 28 cents per day per home. Measure D must be approved by two-thirds of those residents who vote in this special election.

• This added funding is required to cover the current and projected costs through 2010 of Blackhawk's contract for four Sheriff's Deputies from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department. This is the same contract arrangement for police services from the Sheriff's Department used by Diablo, Danville, San Ramon and Orinda.

• Blackhawk has no control over these costs. None of these Measure D funds are used outside the Blackhawk Police Services District and the results of this election will not "send any signal" to County government about the costs of their recent labor contract with the Sheriff's deputies.

• Instead, if not passed, the police services for Blackhawk must decrease to what can be funded with the existing \$178/year/per home parcel tax income. That will fund only two deputies, for total police coverage of 80 hours per week, less than half of the 178 hours in a week.

The benefits received from restoring Blackhawk's full police services

• Traffic safety and enforcement: Blackhawk's private roads are not routinely patrolled by the Sheriff or CHP. This is consistently the top area of concern expressed by Blackhawk residents and cannot adequately be met without these officers.

• Security and crime prevention: Although crime is lower than surrounding areas, some crime does occur within the areas of the Blackhawk Police Services District. The Blackhawk officers are sworn sheriff's deputies. When necessary, they make arrests, serve warrants and investigate crimes and property offenses.

• Emergency response/assistance: Without the Blackhawk officers, Blackhawk is served by a single deputy per shift, based in Alamo, whose large beat covers from south of Walnut Creek, past San Ramon, to Blackhawk and

the massive new development of Windemere. Emergency response from officers already within Blackhawk normally takes only one to four minutes because they are already present and are familiar with the roads within the Blackhawk communities. These officers are trained in first aid, carry Automatic External Defibrillators in their cars, and have been credited with saving the lives of 4 Blackhawk residents. This benefit is also very important for older Blackhawk residents and for those residents who travel frequently, leaving their families at home.

• Property values: As a premier gated community, the ambience of Blackhawk is directly reflected in its property values. Safety, privacy and restricted access are important factors in the reputation and "feel" of the Blackhawk communities as highly desirable places to live.

We are thrilled with the vigorous grassroots campaign and growing community response to Measure D. Residents from all of the Blackhawk communities have gotten involved in the campaign because they recognize very clearly what is at stake, and why it is so vital to pass this Measure now. They recognize that this is the last opportunity to pass this necessary funding before the District's reserve funds are exhausted, and the level of police services would otherwise have to drop to the two officers who can be funded by the existing parcel tax level of \$178 per year per home.

Editor's note: To publish an argument against Measure D, contact the Danville Weekly at 837-8300 or e-mail editor@DanvilleWeekly.com before noon Monday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Representing Alamo

Dear Editor,

During late June and July, two separate activities have been addressing formation of local political and planning representation for Alamo. County Supervisor Mary Piepho has communicated with less than 1 percent of Alamo in her efforts to form a Municipal Advisory Council. Alamo's community of neighborhoods and its business district have discussed the formation of a Municipality of Alamo using the framework of Monte Sereno (near Los Gatos).

The majority of Alamo residents has little interest in another layer of county government continuing project planning opposed by most Alamo residents and community business owners. We have too long seen the imposition of monster boxes into our skyline and onto our ridgeline, foreign traffic onto our roads and lanes, commercial/institutional facilities and operations into our neighborhoods, and county politics as an override of Alamo

political and planning interests.

A MAC will move the planning ably provided by the Alamo Improvement Association to five people appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Alamo's majority sees that as a further step toward the failed projects the supervisors have already delivered in Alamo. With her efforts to "sell" Alamo a MAC, Ms. Piepho has achieved two things: 1) She has proven that Contra Costa County intends to continue business-as-usual in Alamo by imposing the will of the Board of Supervisors; and 2) the Alamo majority, reportedly more than 7,800 voters, will now use its significant wealth and political skills to form an Alamo Chamber and a Municipality in Alamo to protect our community and neighborhoods from foreign political and planning decisions.

And if a MAC is established in Alamo? There will be five Alamo residents, as council members, who will be lonelier than Maytag repairmen.

Hal Bailey
Cervato Circle, Alamo

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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.

Aug. 1

- Reckless Driving: on Camino Tassajara and Rassani Dr. at 1:10 a.m.
- Driving under the influence (DUI)-misdemeanor: 47-year-old male arrested in the 600 block of San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:32 a.m.
- Petty theft-from vehicle: on Franciscan Dr. at 7:47 a.m.
- Petty theft-all other: on San Ysidro Ct. at 8:51 a.m.
- Forgery-fraudulent documents: on Railroad Ave. at 9:52 a.m.
- Grand theft-from vehicle: on Brookside Pl. at 10:52 a.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Westridge Ave. at 10:46 a.m.
- Petty theft-from building: on Harper Ln. at 12:04 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Front St. at 12:59 p.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Fish Creek Pl. at 2:19 p.m.

Aug. 2

- Throwing substance at vehicle-misdemeanor: on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 7:02 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Dunhill Dr. at 7:34 a.m.
- Credit card fraud: on Camino Amigo at 10:52 a.m.
- Disturbing the peace: on Delta Wy. at 3:38 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on El Cerro Blvd. and I- 680 north-bound at 5:19 p.m.
- Battery-misdemeanor: 48-year-old male arrested in the 100 block of Pulido Rd. at 5:29 p.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Camino Tassajara and Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 6:51 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 10:30 p.m.

Aug. 3

- Suspicious circumstances: on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 12:04 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Cameo Dr. and Green Valley Rd. at 4:20 a.m.
- Vandalism-schools: on Holbrook Dr. at 6:24 a.m.

- Accident-property damage: on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley at 10:57 a.m.
- Burglary-commercial: on Crow Canyon Rd. at 12:55 p.m.
- Missing-runaway juvenile: on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:51 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on La Gonda Wy. at 4:12 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on La Gonda Wy. at 4:05 p.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: 27-year-old male arrested on Diablo Rd. and McCauley Rd. at 10:46 p.m.

Aug. 4

- Hit-and-run-misdemeanor: on Ackerman Dr. and Diablo Rd. at 7:15 a.m.
- Burglary-miscellaneous: on Love Ln. at 8:10 a.m.
- Weapon: Juvenile male arrested on Love Lane at 10:23 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:24 p.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Holbrook Dr. at 4:43 p.m.
- Hit-and-run-misdemeanor: on Highland Dr., at 6:07 p.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Holbrook Dr. at 8:47 p.m.
- Malicious telephone calls: on La Pera Cr. at 10:50 p.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Alta Vista Wy. at 11:04 p.m.

Aug. 5

- Stolen vehicle: on Ohlson Ln. at 12:51 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Hartz Ave. at 7:53 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Mia Ct. at 9:33 a.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Ferncroft Ct. at 2:32 p.m.
- Vandalism-felony: on Front St. at 3:56 p.m.
- Warrant arrest: on Diablo Rd. at 8:11 p.m.

Aug. 6

- Burglary-auto: on Baldwin Dr. at 7:17 a.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Mustang Dr. at 9:31 a.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Greenbrook Dr. at 9:57 a.m.
- Alcohol-minor in possession: Three juvenile males arrested in the 400 block of Diablo Rd. at 12:27 p.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Amesbury Ct. at 2:33 p.m.

- Suspicious circumstances: on Sutton Cr. at 7:25 p.m.

Aug. 7

- Battery-misdemeanor: on Crow Canyon Rd. at 1:53 a.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Dunhill Dr. at 6:20 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on St. David Dr. at 7:33 p.m.
- Disturbing the peace-domestic: on Monte Carlo Wy. at 9:27 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Brookside Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 11:57 p.m.

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

ALAMO

Aug. 1

- Vandalism-felony: at Alamo Plaza
- Malicious mischief: on Danville Blvd.

Aug. 4

- Disturbance: on Danville Blvd.

BLACKHAWK

Aug. 6

- Malicious mischief: on Silver Maple Dr.

DANVILLE

Aug. 4

- Vandalism-felony: on Creekview Pl.

DIABLO

Aug. 3

- Burglary-residential: on Diablo Lakes Ln.

Aug. 4

- Burglary-miscellaneous: on Caballo Ranchero Ct.

ROUNDHILL

Aug. 6

- Death-unknown cause: on Royal Oaks Dr.

TASSAJARA

Aug. 4

- Forgery-fraudulent documents: on Old School Rd.



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U16 United Gold Team captures first at Nationals

Mustangs defeat PA Classics on penalty kicks

The Mustang U16 United Gold soccer team captured first place in the US Club Soccer National Finals on Aug. 1, the final day of competition in Orlando, Fla. The team's stamina, patience, athleticism and skill helped it triumph over the PA Classics Blue 88 in penalty kicks to win 5-4.

There was no score after the second overtime period, forcing a penalty kick shootout. Both teams successfully made their first three kicks before the fourth Classics player failed to score. Mustang midfielder Gilberto Guzman made the team's fourth try, followed by another Classics score. Defender Cameron Walters stepped up and kicked in the championship-winning goal for the top-seeded Mustangs.

"Both teams worked very hard and the conditions were pretty tough to play in," Mustang head coach Jason Annicchero said, referring to the rolling thunderstorms that threatened to rain out games. "You saw that two teams really wanted the championship today. But my boys keep on fighting, no matter what. I'm very proud of them."

—Amanda Wight



Cameron Walters sets up for the final penalty kick in the US Club Soccer National Finals to clinch the win for the Mustang U16 United Gold team.



Long-time teammates stomp to the finals

The Valley Stompers placed second in the Western World Series 16 & Under Softball in St. George, Utah, from July 16-23. Standing are (l-r): Coach Sal Mignano, Jordan Mauldin, Christina Mignano, Sarah Lawrence, Rachael Martinez, Coach Monica Spina-Forni and Coach Mitch Harpel. Kneeling: Jackie Forsythe, Jamie Manzano and Jacqueline Forni. Sitting: Colleen Garrehy, Sierra Sargent, Bianca Harpel and Nikki Frieberg. The Valley Stompers are a summer travel team that participates in fast pitch softball tournaments in the Western United States. The players—from Monte Vista High School, California High, Carondelet High and Deer Valley High—have been playing softball since the age of 6 in the San Ramon Valley Girls Athletic League. Shortly before the summer season began, Manager Gina Harpel was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to undergo surgery and chemotherapy, rendering her unable to attend games all season. At the Western World Series, the Valley Stompers performed well despite this, and the 115-degree heat, in which players from many teams had to be hospitalized. The Valley Stompers beat out 15 other teams to compete in the World Series against the Pegasus of Utah.

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Going for the gold

Special Olympics golfer going for fifth straight California State Championship

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

Danville golfer MJ Mc Colgan has big goals. Graduating from San Ramon High School in 2002, he has been competing in Special Olympics golf for four years. Last year he won his fourth straight Northern California State Golf Championship, third National Championship at the Southern California PGA Of America in Beaumont, Calif., and was inducted into the San Francisco Tri Valley Sports Hall Of Fame. Some past inductees include local residents and sports commentator John Madden and World Series baseball pitcher Randy Johnson.

Mc Colgan's goal this year is to win his fifth straight gold medal in the Northern California State

Championship. Last week at Haggin Oaks in Sacramento, he was razor sharp, shooting the lowest score of 200 golfers in the regional qualifier for the State Championship, which will be held Aug. 18 at Castlewood Country Club.

Special Olympics golf is one of the fastest growing sports and has 9,000 golfers competing worldwide. Mc Colgan competed in the 2003 World Games in Ireland and said he "wants to win the gold again in 2005 and qualify for the first ever 2006 National Games in Ames, Iowa, and 2007 World Games to be held in China."

Like Casey Martin, Mc Colgan uses a golf car to compete, due to being born with a strain of cerebral palsy. He has been nominated for the 2005 Nike Casey Martin

Award, and if he wins, Nike will donate \$25,000 to a charity of his choice. The winner will be announced later this year at a banquet at Nike's headquarters in Beaverton, Ore. Mc Colgan was also appointed a Global Ambassador for Special Olympics Northern California and gives speeches to businesses and organizations about winning and overcoming adversity.

In his travels he has met lots of famous people and golfers. This year he attended the Presidential Inauguration with U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R., Stockton) and also got to meet Tim Shriver, head of Special Olympics.

He said his secrets to being a champion are: "Don't get nervous on the first tee, practice your put-



MJ Mc Colgan practices hitting balls at the range before the 2004 National Championship at the Southern California PGA of America where he won the gold medal.

ting, and never give up"

"I have met Tiger Woods a couple of times and I like the way he plays and the way that he fights to the last putt of every tournament," he added.

Mc Colgan also works with the Dublin Police Department and attends Las Positas College. When not working, golfing or going to school, he says he "likes to play video games and loves football." ■

Colts represent Danville in USSSA World Series

The East Bay Colt 45s 13 and Under AAA Blue Team went to Canton, Mich., representing Danville in the 2005 USSSA World Series. Some 62 teams from around the country attended and the 45s finished in the top 10, winning its first five match-ups, until a loss in the quarterfinal round to the eventual champions. The Colt 45 Blue team was represented in the base-running competition by Calvin Chin (right), and in the Home Run Derby by Steven Kohlman (far right).



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Hostage is home

Alamo couple thankful
of love and support

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Douglas Wood's life was valued at \$25 million by the Iraqi insurgents who held him hostage for 47 days. But Wood said his release was instead the result of 25 million prayers, a spiritual chain that encompassed all beliefs as folks around the world prayed for his release.

This is the story Wood and his wife Yvonne Given want to tell the world, they said at their home in Alamo on Sunday. They want to thank everyone, and especially their community, for their support during this difficult time.

When the American-trained Iraqi soldiers broke into the house June 15 where Wood was held captive, he couldn't tell what was happening. "Frankly, I thought it was Al Qaeda coming to cut my head off," he said.

"They tore off my blindfold and threw a blanket over me. One said, 'I'm Iraqi.' And I said, 'I'm Australian.' They helped me out, and I peeked out and saw their uniforms."

It was an operation of the Iraqi Army, monitored by the Americans. They were checking out "bad" houses, said Wood. He was held in two different locations, the first for 10 days, the other for 37 days, sometimes with other prisoners. "They shot one man two inches from my foot—bang, bang."

"I was fed only bread and water. And I was blindfolded," Wood said. They also shaved his head. "I assume it was to humiliate me," he mused, running his fingers over his short hair.

Wood, an Australian engineer, moved to the United States in 1967, when he worked for Bechtel Corp., which is headquartered in San Francisco. He has been married to local Realtor Yvonne Given for 16 years.

"I sold him a horse ranch in Lodi for his thoroughbreds," Given said, recalling how they met.

Throughout the years Wood worked on assignments overseas, in the Czech Republic, the Philippines, Armenia, Georgia, and then 18 months ago, he went to work in Iraq as a contractor in the reconstruction of Iraq.

He knew Iraq was a dangerous place and took precautions. "I didn't go out at night. I didn't go to the same place twice," he said.

Then came April 30 and he thought he was going to a meeting at the home of the Deputy Minister of Oil and Business, accompanied by two Iraqi associates.

"Instead of the host, out came the boys with guns," he recalled. "They put handcuffs on me, and took my wallet, my ring, watch, my shoes."

They forced him to take part in a video recording urging the U.S.-led coalition to withdraw its troops from Iraq.

"President Bush, Prime Minister Howard, Gov. Schwarzenegger, family, friends, please take the Australian troops, the British troops out of here and let Iraq look out for itself," the video begins.

At the time, his captors had their guns aimed at the heads of his two Iraqi associates, whom they did end up killing, he said. As he recalled making the recording, his eyes began to fill with tears, and Yvonne put her hands on his to calm him while he recovered his emotions.

Meanwhile, back in Alamo, Given received a phone call from a reporter. "She said, 'Mrs. Wood? Have you heard about your husband?'" recalled Yvonne. She replied that she'd heard nothing and said she expected the worst. "Then she asked, 'Are you alone?'" She was alone but she nonetheless demanded an explanation and learned that Douglas had been kidnapped by a terrorist group, which identified itself as the Shura Council of the Mujahedeen of Iraq.

The reporter e-mailed Yvonne Given the details, and by that time, other media had begun to gather on Vagabond Court in Alamo's Whitegate neighborhood, at the foot of Mount Diablo. Given decided right away that her only response to reporters would be "no comment" and contacted her daughter Kimberly and her son, J.P., who flew from Seattle to be with her. She also called Wood's brother Vernon in Australia, for him to inform other family members including Doug's daughter Christina.

Given's friends of 45 years, Ann and George Brown, came immediately and spent every day with her. Their son James, who is a policeman, helped to keep the flock of reporters from her door.

She said the normally peaceful court was filled for weeks with reporters and photographers. She tried to be sympathetic because she knew they were just doing their job. But one woman rang her doorbell and left a note stating that if Given did not speak to her, it would be worse for her husband. This left her shaking her head in disbelief.

"I couldn't believe how over the top it was," she said. "They were looking in the front windows. I didn't want them gone, I just wanted them to be more considerate."

A second video was released a week later, this time showing Wood with a black eye, his head shaven and guns pointed at him from either side. But any photo of Wood was a good one to Yvonne. "The pictures were proof he was alive," she said.

The neighbors were wonderful during this time, Given recalled. They offered to block the court with their vehicles to keep the reporters out, but Given declined the offer, not wanting to inconvenience the neighbors any more. When she apologized to them for the continual bright television lights and media traffic, they told her it didn't matter, the only important thing was to get Douglas home safe again. "My neighbors said, 'Whatever it takes,'" she recalled.

She said the FBI and the Australian Federal Police were also attentive, contacting her daily with updates and to check on her well-being. FBI Special Agent Denise Gastambide gave her a telephone number where she was available for her 24 hours a day. The FBI also sent Victim Specialist Lorraine Kratzer to help.

"The FBI also installed a tap on the telephone," said Given. "Our (U.S.) government was very involved."

It also made sure posters with Wood's image were circulated throughout Iraq, looking for leads.

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Douglas Wood does not know which neighbor put the yellow and the red, white and blue bows on his mailbox, but he appreciates the support.



Douglas Wood and his wife Yvonne Given relax in their Alamo home for the help, encouragement and prayers by everyone while he was

"The Australian government wanted to make clear our government was," Given reported.

Wood has apologized to both governments for the made urging the withdrawal of troops. He hasn't heard from President Bush yet but Australian Prime Minister John Howard told him no apology was necessary.

"I still feel like a coward and a traitor," Wood said, his face flushing.

Yvonne, too, became a sort of hostage in her own home. She would send her friends Ann and George Brown home, needing to be by herself. She also used the time—and enormous energy—to redecorate a guest room.

Meanwhile in Baghdad, Wood used his memories and imagination to bring him comfort.

"I thought of everything," he recalled. "I went back to my childhood, to the girls in my class." He would call up their faces and their names in his memory, going over and over them to get it right. He thought of all the girls he had ever known. He recalled playing Australian Rules Football—in college and amateur. He recalled back memories of losing his first tooth, of his first love.

"We had a holiday house on the beach when I was a boy," he said. "I remembered all of this."

He said the Lord's Prayer to himself and the 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." His father was a Presbyterian minister, but his religious background was purposely kept quiet while he was captive, said his wife. His family didn't want to reveal information that might aggravate his captors.

Wood said the only time he feared for his life was when he heard shots and he knew that someone was being killed.

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Given said she heard from people all over the world. Some letters and cards were addressed to "Douglas Wood's wife; Alamo, CA—Please deliver." And the U.S. Postal Service did deliver.

His brothers worked for his release through the Australian Muslim community. Al Jazeera broadcast an appeal by the brothers to the kidnappers, describing Douglas as a caring family man and saying he was not in good health. They also made it clear that he had no involvement in politics.

Wood sees his release as proof that the Americans are having success in training the Iraqi Army. He also said the Iraqis he knew did not describe themselves as Shiite or Sunni. "They all say they are Iraqis," Wood said, "and they're all very grateful to the Americans for getting rid of Saddam."

Yvonne and Douglas were reunited in Dubai, where he was undergoing further debriefing. Then they spent time in Australia before returning here last week.

When they returned Thursday night, their friends the Browns had again been there to help out, watering the plants and handling telephone calls.

"I couldn't have done it without them," said Yvonne. The generosity and the prayers of their neighbors—around the world—are an important part of the story, she said.

She also wanted to thank the anonymous person who attached both the yellow ribbon and the red, white and blue bow to their mailbox.

"They helped the press to do that," she said.

The nightmare also showed her a world full of people who formed a prayer chain to free her husband, and for that she is eternally grateful. ■



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SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT PIZZA

Sampling experience leaves friends with a good taste in their mouths.

“Amanda, you’re the best date I’ve ever had,” my best friend Lauren Angius jokingly said to me as we sat in a booth at Pasta Gondola & Pizza Machine in downtown Danville.

Lauren very nicely had volunteered to accompany me to four different pizza places in Danville and Blackhawk. Our mission was to finally put an end to the question, “Which pizza is best?” And, while we were at it, we compared garlic bread offerings, just for good measure.

We knew from the beginning it was going to be a difficult ordeal: four restaurants in the span of four hours. Some called us crazy, but we had confidence in our pizza-eating abilities. The plan was to eat a small amount of pizza at each place and compare.

Our quest for the perfect slice began around 6 p.m. at Primo’s Pizza & Pasta in downtown Danville. Lauren and I were joined by our friend Amanda Hartzler, who could only stay for one restaurant due to a babysitting job. We were seated at a table near a window and given menus. After deciding on a small half-cheese, half-pepperoni pizza and an order of garlic bread, we settled back to observe our surroundings.

The walls were covered with various memorabilia—old tools, license plates, newspaper headlines, and old signs that were fun to read, such as, “Waffle with hot syrup & butter 10¢.” Our table had a green-checkered tablecloth, as well as a big candle that our pizza rested on when it arrived.

Our waiter, Curt, brought us our food and was very informative. He told us about the Prego Pizza, famous for its ability to induce labor. On a back wall is the Primo’s Bambinos poster, filled with pictures of babies, presumably as a result of the Prego Pizza. Expectant mothers, beware.

The garlic bread was pretty tasty. We couldn’t detect a whole lot of garlic, but that was fine by us. Our pizza was excellent. Gooey cheese

smothered each slice, and the crust was crispy and seemed like it had some seasoning in it.

“I’m not a big pizza eater,” Amanda Hartzler said, “but this is really good. I like this a lot.”

Our bill at Primo’s came to \$15.81, which included one soda, four pieces of garlic bread, and the small pizza.

We left Primo’s only slightly full, but we were excited to go to the next place and try another piece of pizza.

Pasta Gondola & Pizza Machine on San Ramon Valley Boulevard

was our next stop. Lauren and I were shocked when we walked in, expecting to see the restaurant we had come to as kids. Instead, we saw the result of a renovation two years ago—a section of a gondola resting in the corner, red vinyl and wooden booths, wooden picnic tables, and lattice work everywhere with fake ivy and grapes hanging down. We think it was supposed to feel like Italy, and had music that reminded Lauren of “Lady and the Tramp.”

Lauren and I munched on free, seasoned Italian breadsticks (very yummy) while we contemplated the sports-themed menu. We ordered the World Series Pizza, which had chicken marinated in barbecue sauce, Roma tomatoes, and red onion. We thought we should steer clear of the cheese/pepperoni combo just to give our taste buds a rest.

We got our pizza 25 minutes after ordering, and were impressed with the crust. The pizza itself was less sloppy than Primo’s, but the barbecue sauce tasted a little too sweet for our liking.

Twenty minutes after our pizza arrived (and 10 minutes after it was gone), we scooped up our complimentary Andes mints and paid our check, \$17.50 for two sodas, the pizza and a tip.

Pasta Gondola & Pizza Machine seemed like a good place for



Amanda Wight smiles for the camera as she bites into a slice of Ascona Pizza Company’s cheese pizza.

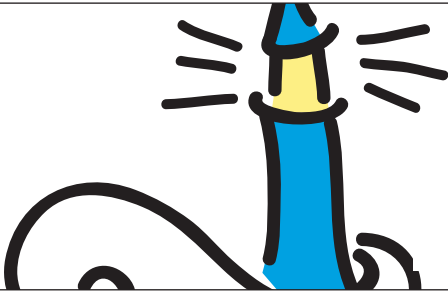
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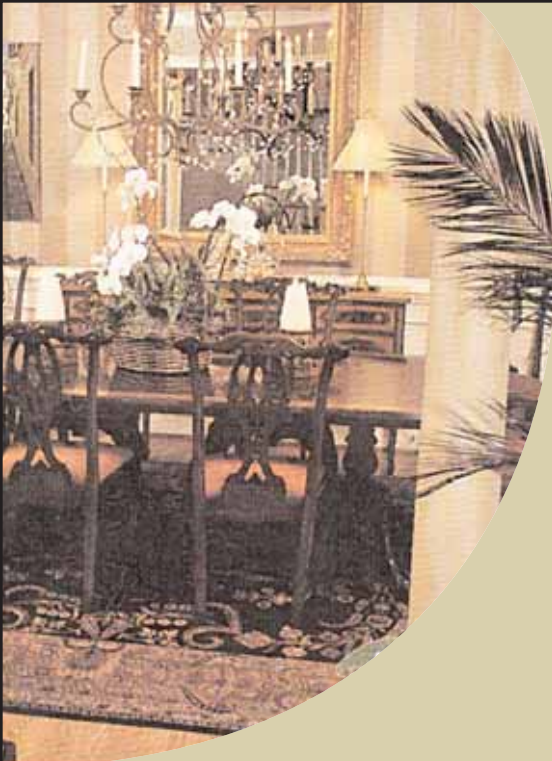
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Check out the new exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley

Walk on the wild side and visit the new display at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. It is an exhibit by the Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek, titled "Wildlife in the Valley."

Displays include mounted animals, including birds, a bear and a mountain lion, and informative exhibits explaining all about the wildlife in our area. The exhibit opened Wednesday and will remain through Sept. 15.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Lindsay Wildlife Museum is offering demonstrations featuring live birds and other native animals on Saturdays, Aug. 20 and 27. The museum is open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Summer hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. In September, hours will be 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, with Saturday remaining 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The museum is located in the old Danville Depot, 205 Railroad Ave. There is no charge for admission but donations are encouraged. The museum also has a store with unique items for sale, as well as historic photographs.

For more information, call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsvr.org.



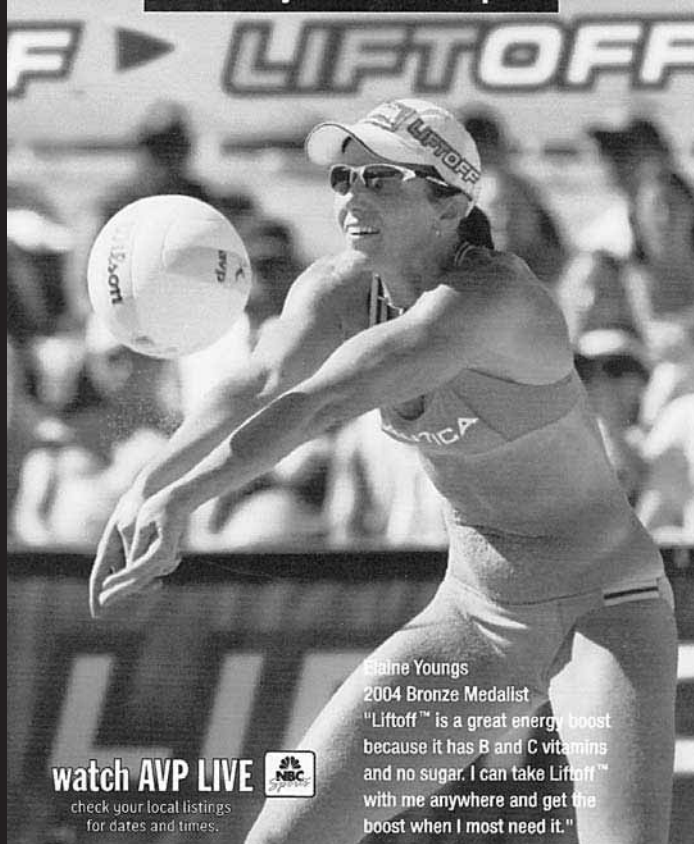
The gray fox is part of the wildlife in the San Ramon Valley, although they are not as numerous as in previous years.

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A movie review of what's

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by Joe Ramirez

Downfall

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2 hrs 35 mins
Director: Oliver Hirschbiegel

Hypnotic and bleak, director Oliver Hirschbiegel's "Downfall" ("Der Untergang") is one of the best films I have seen this year and one of the most honest to deal with the enigma of Hitler's Nazi court of lunacy. At its center is actor Bruno Gantz, who, in his distillation of Adolf Hitler's mannerisms and behavior, never once descends into a parody of the Fuhrer. There is no hint that Gantz revels in Hitler's megalomania, no amplification for drama's sake, and his performance successfully evokes Hitler's paranoia and fervor that matches the last days of an empire in its death throes.

The film's success lies in its librettos of Traudl Junge's memoirs, "Until the Final Hour." She was also the subject of the equally excellent documentary, "Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary," and Joachim Fest's "Inside Hitler's Bunker." Junge was Hitler's personal secretary for four years, up until his suicide, and she had the insider's view of the crumbling of the Third Reich and the Soviet-occupied aftermath in Germany.

"Blind Spot" brought up the poignant notion that Junge was in the eye of the storm yet isolated from the powerful and terrible Nazi machine; we share Junge's sad hindsight that she did not act at the time to revoke it. "Downfall" naively tacks this message on at the end of the film, with video interview footage of Junge extolling her same burdens that were explored in "Blind Spot" but this seems like an act of insecurity on the part of the filmmaker and is my only criticism of "Downfall."

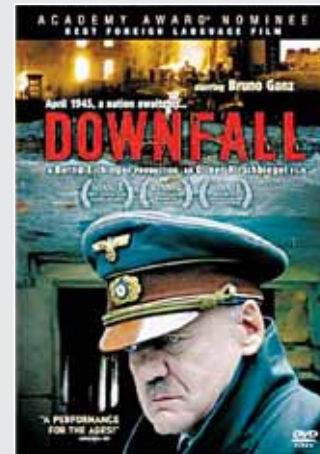
The film starts with Traudl Junge's (Alexandra Maria Lara) clandestine late night interview with Adolf Hitler, who first appears to her (and to the audience) as a stoic, courteous older man who forgives Junge's nervousness and offers encour-

agement. The interview never smacks of seediness or outlandishness, only pedestrian earnestness and this is the tone that director Hirschbiegel wisely chooses to present his material.

The film then abruptly shifts to four years later, to about 10 days before the Soviet invasion of Berlin. Here the film's essence is wound into the apex of the crumbling Nazi regime and within Hitler's bunker we are introduced to the players, a "who's who" of infamy. Speer; Himmler; the Goebbels family; Eva Braun: They all interact so naturally on the screen (the actors eerily inhabit their roles) that it is like we are watching the damned destined to live out the same drama over and over. At the center is Adolf Hitler, spouting diatribes on vegetarian meals and his affections for his dog Blondi that are counteracted with his increasing paranoia and abuse of his generals.

What makes "Downfall" more an experience than an actual film is the sobriety of its presentation. Told in straightforward fashion, we are allowed to inhabit the drama without stylistic interference. This exposé of the bunker, stripped of 60 years of embellished mythos, becomes a disturbing pageant of controlled madness, and the audience comes to a sad realization that men, not demons, are the ones responsible for the evils they committed, which is all the more disturbing.

—Joe Ramirez



Pizza Tasting

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Lauren Angius (left) and Amanda Wight are glad they'll never have to eat a slice as big as this, outside Blackhawk Pizzeria.

families to come because of its picnic tables and an extensive game area in the back. Lauren and I thought the breadsticks were good, but we needed to taste some other pizza to really form opinions on who had the best.

Off to Ascona Pizza Company we went. Walking into the Blackhawk eatery feels almost like entering a sports bar. Pizza boards signed by sports stars hang from the ceiling, neon beer signs shine in the windows, and TVs allow viewing of current games. This was definitely the most modern pizza place so far, but we wondered, would the food be light-years ahead of its competition?

We ordered a small cheese pizza, an order of garlic bread, and an order of onion rings (all the pizza and garlic bread was becoming monotonous—we needed to switch it up a little). We paid \$18.34 at the register behind the bar, grabbed our own plates and utensils, and sat down at a table inside. Lauren and I kept up the conversation while we watched the A's game playing on a screen in the corner.

Our onion rings came out to us first. I think we may have tested our server's patience because I asked him for some ranch dressing when he first brought out the order, then when he returned Lauren asked him for ketchup. But he brought over the ketchup, still smiling. We were not such demanding customers when the garlic bread and pizza came five minutes later, digging into the pizza immediately.

“There is no love interest between the sauce and the bread. They seem repelled by each other.”

We would have liked the onion rings to be a little crispier, but for a restaurant specializing in pizza, we thought they were OK. The garlic bread lived up to its name; I loved it, but Lauren thought it had a little too much garlic. Our cheese pizza was not sloppy enough for Lauren, but I thought the cheese was very tasty. We both agreed the crust would have been better had it not been so thin, but we were partial to thick crust from the beginning.

“It's like cheese and pizza sauce on breadsticks,” Lauren said about our pizza. “It doesn't really come together. It just doesn't do anything for me.”

Leaving Ascona Pizza Company with a split decision on the food, we headed over to our last stop, Blackhawk Pizzeria. By the time we walked in the door, it was 9:15 p.m., and we were the only people in the restaurant. It was the smallest of all the places, with the plainest décor. We tried to order a slice from the counter (by this time we were so sick of pizza, we just wanted to take a few bites and call it a night), but we were told we had to order a whole pizza. So, we ordered a small cheese pizza and one garlic roll, which cost us \$16.56.

When the pizza arrived, we were surprised to find that it was square. It had thick crust and a little too much oregano in the sauce. Lauren and I just stared at it for a minute.

“I don't think I can do this,” I said, full to the point of exhaustion.

“Yes, you can!” Lauren encouraged me.

We thought the pizza makers could have been a little more generous with the cheese, and maybe not so generous with the amount of bread. The cheese just kind of rested on top of the bread, and it didn't seem completely melted.

“There is no love interest between the sauce and the bread,” Lauren joked. “They seem repelled by each other.”

In all, the pizza was not half bad, but the garlic roll was much too spicy for my taste. But Lauren liked it.

As we sat slumped in our chairs, we realized it was over. We had successfully sampled four different pizzas and four different versions of garlic bread, all in one night. It was a triumphant moment for us, knowing we could now decide who made the best pizza.

Lauren and I both decided that Primo's had the best pizza, hands down. We split on the garlic bread, however. Ascona's garlic bread captured my heart, but Lauren's allegiance went to Pasta Gondola & Pizza Machine's Italian breadsticks. We liked Blackhawk Pizzeria's square shape and speedy service, and the free Andes mints at Pasta Gondola & Pizza Machine, but Primo's offered us a truly great dining experience, winning the contest hands down.

At the end of the evening, Lauren and I were so full that the thought of ever eating another piece of pizza was revolting. I'm sure in another week or two I'll be craving a slice, and I know where I'll be headed. ■

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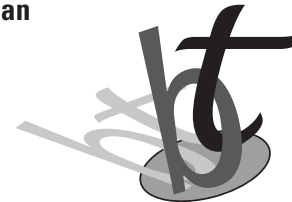
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Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

Art for Charity Day

The Blackhawk Art Gallery presents Art for Charity Day to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, from 3-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, at 3628 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. There will be art by local artists, wine, appetizers, live music, silent auction and a drawing. Tickets are \$15 and will be sold at the door (charity contribution). Call 736-5640.

Artist Reception

The Blackhawk Art Gallery is hosting a free artist reception on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Blackhawk Art Gallery, 3628 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. The reception is open to the public and will feature the paintings of Bill Weber, the sculptures of Michael Rizza, and holographer Nancy Gorglione. Wine and appetizers will be served from 5-9 p.m. For information, call 736-5640.

'It's Testosterone'

Mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture, watercolor and digital art; hotrods, sports, motorcycles and all things macho is being exhibited from noon-5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, July 16-Aug. 12, at the Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St. For information, call 838-1959.

Book Clubs/Readings

First Wednesday Programs

The Friends of the Danville Library and Tri-Valley Community Foundation sponsor First Wednesday programs in the Mt. Diablo Room of the Danville Library at 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, October through May, with the exception of January. Subjects include art lectures and slide shows, music programs and book and author programs. The program is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For information, call 938-7323.

Library Book Discussions

The Book Discussion Group will resume meeting Thursday, Sept. 8, to discuss what members have read over the summer and to choose books for December and 2006. In October the selection is "Housekeeping" by Marilynne Robinson; in November it is "Will in the World," by Stephen Greenbelt, a non-fiction book that explores 16th Century England and what enabled Shakespeare to become Shakespeare. The discussion group meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of every month from September through May at the Mt. Diablo room of the library. Everyone is welcome.

Civic Meetings

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 Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Classes

Become a Blackhawk Docent

The Blackhawk Museum's docent training starts in the fall. Learn new things, serve our community, meet new friends and have fun! For information, call 736-2277, ext. 236.

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

Bay Area Single Christians

BASC club is a free, large, online group with event listings for Christian

single adults around the S.F. Bay Area. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/basc-singles/>.

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.bluestar-moms.org.

Brass Era Cars

Blackhawk Museum presents Brass Era Cars in collaboration with the Horseless Carriage Club of America-NorCal Chapter, from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 24, at 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. Several HCCA member cars will be on exhibition in front of the museum and the museum's docents will tour the Brass Era cars.

Diablo Singles Dance Club

The Nob Hill Sounds plays for The Diablo Singles Dance Club's regular dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m., the last Wednesday of each month, at the Arts Education Building, corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Wiget Lane. All are welcome. Admission is \$9 for non-members and \$7 for members. Refreshments. For information, call 837-2851.

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@ewomennet-work.com.

Honda Riders' Club of America

Members' motorcycles will be displayed on Blackhawk Plaza from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25. For information, contact your local HRCA Chapter Dealer or call the HRCA at (310) 785-3955.

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.

WEEKEND PREVIEW



East Bay's own Dave Matthews

This great party band—the Dave Matthews Blues Band—with a solid rhythm section, heartfelt lyrics and interesting musical arrangements will be appearing from 6:30-8:30 p.m., tonight, Aug. 12, at Livorna Park, located on Livorna Road and Miranda Avenue. Bring the family and a picnic supper for a fun start to the weekend.

Mt. Diablo Macintosh Users Group

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

Porsche Club

Porsche Club of America Concours will display 70-90 cars on the Blackhawk Museum Plaza at 10 a.m., on Sunday, Sept. 18. For information, call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

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 Genealogical Society

The society meets at 10 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month, except August and December, at the LDS Church, 2449 Stone Valley Road. Guest speaker at every meeting. All welcome. For information, call Ed at 299-0881.

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 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 August meeting will be on Thursday, August 18, which will be the third Thursday of the month. For information, 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

Altar Boys Band in Concert

The town of Danville presents the Altar Boys Band in Concert, from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Village Theatre. Cost is \$10. For tickets, call 314-3463 or e-mail vtboxoffice@ci.danville.ca.us.

Blackhawk Summer Music Series

The 11th annual Blackhawk Plaza Summer Music Series 2005, remaining schedule is: Aug. 13, Tainted Love (80's Pop); Aug. 27, Pride and Joy (R&B, Soul and Motown). The concerts are free with paid reserved seating available. Advance reserve seats are available for \$5 each, while they last. Ticket proceeds benefit the Troy and Alana Pack Foundation. Purchase tickets at Cinemark Blackhawk Movies 7 at 736-0368. Seating area opens at 4 p.m. No outside chairs, coolers, food or beverages allowed.

Concerts at Livorna Park

Bring the family and a picnic and enjoy local talent. All concerts are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The concert Aug. 12 features Dave Matthews Blues Band; 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 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

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Docent-led Tour of the Blackhawk Museum

Blackhawk Museum sponsors a docent-led tour of the museum's Renowned Exhibitions at 2 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. The tour is free with admission. For information, call 736-2280.

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.

Hot Summer Nights Car Show

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

KKIQ Halloween Party

That Old Blackhawk Magic:KKIQ Halloween Party for ages 21 and over takes place from 8 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Oct. 28, at the Blackhawk Museum. There'll be a DJ, dancing, cocktails, finger foods, costume contests, and prizes. When the sun goes down and the moon is overhead, the creatures will come out to play at the Blackhawk Museum! Event is free with paid admission. (Museum members free.) Call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Moonlight Movies on the Town Green

The Danville Community Services and Police Youth Services invites you to

watch free movies on the Town Green, located between the Danville Library and Community Center. "Are We There Yet?" (PG) will show Friday, Aug. 26. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks and enjoy movies under the stars. Movies begin when the sun goes down at approximately 8:45 p.m.

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.

Tuesdays at the Ranch

Join the Alamo Parks and Recreation staff for family nights, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Aug. 16, at Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda Way. Games and activities will be available at the equipment table. Call 886-4716.

Exhibits

Early Auto Touring in California

The Blackhawk Museum is presenting the AAA of Northern California traveling exhibition, titled "The Tourist Frontier: Early Touring in California," at the Blackhawk Museum through Sunday, Sept. 18. This exhibition was created in 2000 to recognize AAA of Northern California's first 100 years helping California's motorists. The museum is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday, at 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. Call 736-

2280 or visit www.BlackhawkMuseum.org.

Fundraisers

Greenbrook Golf, Tennis Tourney

Join the third annual Greenbrook Open 2005 Charity Golf and Tennis Tournament benefiting the Greenbrook Elementary Eagle Fund, on Monday, Sept. 12, at the Crow Canyon Country Club. For information and registration, e-mail Lea and Dennis McSweeney at dlmsweeney@msn.com.

TVAR Annual Fundraiser

Join Tri-Valley Animal Rescue for its sixth annual "That's Amore" Fundraiser Dinner and Auction, from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at Garre Winery in Livermore. This elegant evening affair includes a sit-down dinner, auctions, prizes and a canine couture fashion show. Tickets are \$50 per person in

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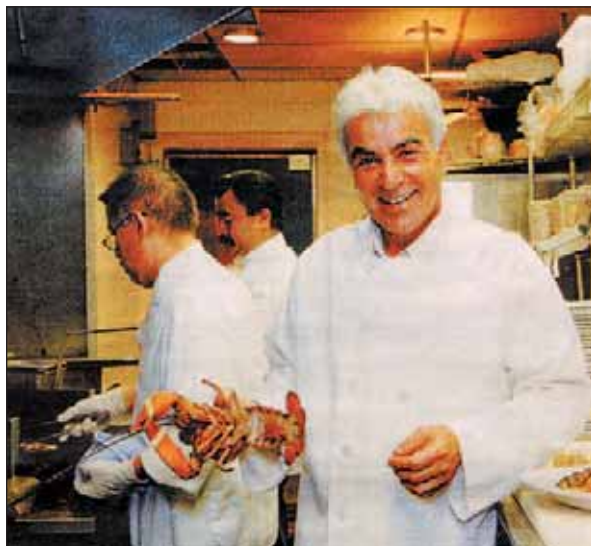
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Veteran restaurateur creates a classic in Danville



Basil Leaf Café celebrates 10th anniversary

BY CAROLE LUCIDO
CORRESPONDENT

If you've ever dreamed about owning a restaurant, consider Bahman Tehrani. He owns Danville's popular Basil Leaf Café, his 37th restaurant over the course of more than 31 years in the restaurant business.

Tehrani opened his first restaurant, Pastas Café, in 1984 in New York. It was the first of a chain that spread throughout the north shore of Long Island. In 1988, he came to the West Coast and came up with the concept for Pasta Primavera restaurants.

Bahman Tehrani, shown here in the kitchen at Basil Leaf Café in Danville, is celebrating 10 years for the café this summer. He loves to try new dishes and claims many regular customers.

He opened Pasta Villa and Pastas Café in Pleasanton in 1989.

Although he is not affiliated with any of these restaurants now, Tehrani learned a lot from them. He is a creative "hands-on owner" who designed the menu, the recipes, even the interior of the Basil Leaf Café from the floor, to the walls, to the overall décor. On Friday and Saturday nights he also does the cooking.

Tehrani is a graduate of Hyde Park Culinary Institute of New York and still favors the New York Italian style that features rustic bread and huge platters heavy with a variety of the freshest ingredients. While the Basil Leaf Café offers Italian food, Tehrani also has expertise in Mediterranean, German, American and California Cuisine.

"Anyone with a long career in the restaurant business learns what the customers like," he said. "The people in Danville are wonderful people. Most of my customers come in regularly and they notice when something is new or something has changed."

Tehrani and the Basil Leaf Café are celebrating their 10th anniversary this summer. In honor of that milestone, customers will receive a 20-percent "employee discount" Sundays through Thursdays on lunch and dinner in July and August.

"The Basil Leaf Café is my favorite restaurant," he said. "It is the place that I bring my new ideas for new cuisine, new recipes. The ambiance is like a toy house," he said, "with rustic Italian woodwork and an open patio."

One of his recent creative recipes offers customers their choice of chicken or veal with his own Balsamico sauce — a blend of balsamic vinegar, cream and porcini mushrooms over rigatoni pasta.

Tehrani also owns the Silver Palate restaurant at 680 Main Street in Pleasanton. Although he opened this Italian restaurant just a year ago, Tehrani is offering the same 20-percent "employee discount" to customers there as well.

If you get up early you might see him as he shops for the freshest ingredients of the season at local farmer's markets in Danville and Pleasanton. The daily specials usually reflect his purchases, from fresh strawberries to heirloom tomatoes, plus fruit that he bakes into his homemade desserts.

Yes, Tehrani is also a baker, and he described a mouthwatering fresh apple galette that he bakes with raisins and walnuts and serves with vanilla ice cream. Other tempting desserts include poached organic local peaches, crème brulee, chocolate crème brulee and tiramisu.

The Basil Leaf Café features free-range chicken, veal, steak, fresh seafood and pasta with creative organic salads, house-made soups, top-of-the-line bread, and of course their great desserts. They serve 45 different bottles of wine, with 10 available by the glass. The Sunday Brunch is \$16.95 featuring light waffles, French toast, fluffy omelets made to order, chicken, pasta, a variety of fresh seasonal salads, fresh fruit and more.

For those who would like to tailor the experience to suit their guests, The Basil Leaf Café also offers catering and can accommodate most parties. Tehrani or Nellie Sanandjaji, manager, sits down with the host to discuss the type of occasion, the guests and special tastes, and then designs a menu that fits the circumstances. Recent projects include weddings, graduations and special parties both in the restaurant and off-site.

Nellie has worked for Tehrani for the last eight years. "She is my right hand both here and at the Silver Palate," Tehrani said. Ali Bahrnand, assistant manager, has worked at the Basil Leaf Café for 10 years. The entire team at this neighborhood restaurant "works well together, is very friendly and turnover is rare," Tehrani said.

Tehrani encourages customers to ask about the 20-percent discount. He is considering extending it beyond August, in celebration of his 10-year anniversary.

The Basil Leaf Café is at 501 Hartz Avenue, in Danville. The restaurant is open seven days a week; Monday — Friday from 11 a.m. — 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. — 10 p.m., and Sunday Brunch is available 10 a.m. — 3 p.m., with dinner offered until 10 p.m., 925-831-2828, www.basilleafcafe.com.

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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.

Seminar on Cholesterol, Exercise and Diet

Learn how cholesterol, exercise and diet can affect your heart health at a "free" educational seminar from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center in the South Conference Room in the South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon. Reservations are required. Call to register at 800 284-2878 or on-line at www.sanramon-medctr.com.

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Children's Book Readings

Local authors of children's books will be reading at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18 (Buzz Bumble and Mermaid Mary Margaret); and Tuesday, Aug. 23 (John Muir and Stricken) in the courtyard behind the Polka Dot Attic in the Danville Hotel, 411 Hartz Ave. This event is free. For information, visit www.thepolkadotattic.com.

Lectures

Internet Essentials Workshop

The Danville Library is offering a free, hands-on computer training on how to conduct effective Internet searches using different search engines and how to perform searches on the library catalog and databases. The workshop is from 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Danville Library at 400 Front St. Registration is required. Call 837-4889, Ext. 03, or stop by the Danville Library Information Desk to register or obtain more information.

Live Music

Antonia Venezia performs live

Together again at the Six 80 Lounge, vocalist Antonia Venezia and Jason Myers on keyboard, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12, at 519 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No cover charge for the Happy Hour jazz show. For information, call 552-6050.

'Hearts for the Arts' Smooth Jazz

"Hearts for the Arts Smooth Jazz Series 2005" will feature Earl Klugh at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 26, at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. The 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.

On Stage

School House Rock Live

Local actors of the California Theatre Arts pre-professional training conservatory Danielle Heller, Maggie Gest and Jackie Lennett will be performing in this Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science and politics through clever, tuneful songs. This pop culture phenomenon will be lighting up the stage at the California Theatre Arts at 8 p.m., Aug. 11, 12 and 13, at 1277 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek. For tickets, call 944-0597. All tickets are \$10.

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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.

Spiritual

Matthew Kelly comes to Danville

Internationally acclaimed author and dynamic speaker Matthew Kelly will be in Danville discussing our common yearning for happiness and an alternative to our chaotic lifestyle, focusing on the well-being of the whole person, physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. The evening will build upon the powerful message that we are only truly happy when we are striving to become "the-best-version-of-ourselves." The event will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 25, at St. Isidore Church at 440 La Gonda Way, and will last approximately one hour. The event is open to the public. For information, call 837-2122.

Sports

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.

St. Isidore School Golf Classic

St. Isidore School Golf Classic annual golf tournament to benefit St. Isidore School in Danville takes place Monday, Sept. 19, at Diablo Country Club. Four player scramble begins at 9 a.m. The cost is \$235, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, refreshments and tee prizes. To register or become a sponsor, e-mail Cyndi and Dave McEntush at sigolf2005@pacbell.net.

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Association

The ACPA group meets from 11a.m.-1p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Community Presbyterian Church, Library at 222 W. El Pintado Road. For information call Kathie at 930-0524 or Emily at 831-3279.

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.

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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

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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. Visit www.contra-costasar.org or call 646-4461.

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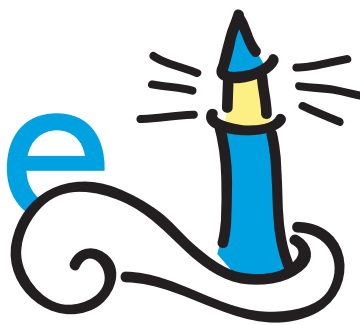
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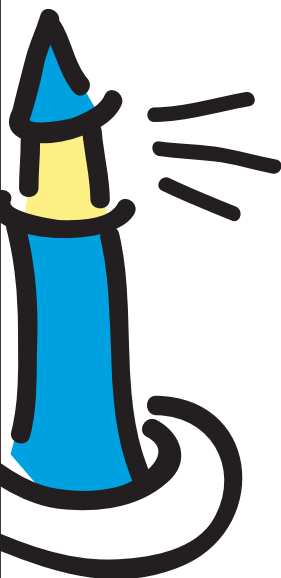
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HOME SALE OF THE WEEK DANVILLE



35 Versailles Ct.

4 bedroom, 3 bath home with approximately 2,827 sq.ft. Newly remodeled kitchen with slab granite and stainless steel appliances. Built-in refrigerator. Beautiful backyard with a deck. Spacious. Bonus room. Located in highly desired Northridge.

Sold for \$70,000 over asking price
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during July 2005

Danville

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$520,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,600,000
Average sales reported: \$1,167,266

Alamo

Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$735,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,920,000
Average sales reported: \$1,341,214

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 37
Lowest sale reported: \$255,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,680,000
Average sales reported: \$736,270

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

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Danville

50 Barrons Place Hugill Trust to T. & K. Sullivan for \$1,600,000

5045 Blackhawk Drive J. & S. Huyett to McNabb Trust for \$1,873,000

5439 Blackhawk Drive M. & L. Lobas to W. & L. Overgaard for \$1,885,000

564 Buttonwood Drive R. & P. Grabowski to G. & A. Lord for \$1,175,000

2540 Caballo Ranchero Drive K. Sugitani to M. & C. Thompson for \$2,000,000

705 Century Way D. & A. Monery to D. & S. Lynch for \$850,000

338 Deepcreek Court C. Igekhume to D. & S. Clark for \$1,100,000

2173 Deer Oak Way Heydler Trust to D. & D. Nielsen for \$1,590,000

316 East Camino Arroyo R. Shepherd to D. Goldberg for \$678,500

447 El Capitan Drive J. Kendall to M. Cummins for \$818,000

2360 Fish Creek Place Martellaro Trust to G. & S. Biekert for \$2,600,000

3020 Fostoria Circle Grigorian Trust to J. & S. Lee for \$520,000

650 Glasgow Circle R. Low to M. & L. Hugill for \$1,031,000

304 Glendora Circle S. & K. Burns to Varco Trust for \$1,250,000

133 Heritage Park Drive S. Henshaw to M. Massie for \$745,000

38 Hightree Court S. & J. Armknecht to J. Lemke for \$960,000

228 Jewel Terrace C. & M. Phillips to J. Hernandez for \$599,000

11 Junewood Court Scorallo Trust to F. & S. Seat for \$890,000

144 Molitas Road Christi Trust to G. & A. Furlong for \$840,000

309 Monte Albers Way Shapell Industries to J. & S. Choe for \$1,248,500

315 Monte Albers Way Shapell Industries to V. & B. Nunes for \$1,155,000

319 Monte Albers Way Shapell Industries to G. & C. Avram for \$1,085,000

120 Oakcrest Court Huntoon Trust to R. & O. McAndrew for \$985,000

111 Pulido Road Bowen Trust to W. & D. Wetherell for \$989,000

960 Redwood Drive Hendrich Trust to B. Bhandari for \$1,250,000

70 St. Beatrice Court Henson Trust to W. & S. Galde for \$1,060,000

1874 St. George Road R. & M. Crowley to M. & C. Dispensa for \$635,000

500 Starview Drive Varco Trust to S. & K. Burns for \$1,950,000

128 Tweed Drive R. & N. Akl to G. & P. Johnson for \$671,000

286 Waterman Court G. Brummett to D. & A. Monery for \$985,000

Alamo

158 Alamo Square F. Torrey to D. & M. Suva for \$735,000

145 Camille Court S. & R. Longworth to W. & K. Maddux for \$1,415,000

1421 Cedar Lane R. & E. Ocallaghan to A. Bahai for \$1,295,000

1200 Danville Boulevard Kopp Trust to M. & P. Knapp for \$853,500

180 Dean Road J. & D. Lozito to D. & B. Roth for \$1,370,000

198 La Colina Drive R. & C. Johnson to R. & A. Batista for \$1,800,000

50 Medlyn Lane Miles Construction to J. Browne for \$1,920,000

Walnut Creek

1540 3rd Avenue L. Toor to A. Hafiz for \$892,000

1831 Argonne Drive Miles Trust to S. Sakamoto for \$900,000

135 Cara Court W. & L. Wright to C. Tsai for \$1,680,000

1424 Dos Palos Drive U. Wolf to D. Bradford for \$780,000

1255 Edgewater Court Andrews Trust to Kilmartin Trust for \$1,500,000

2206 Gladwin Drive K. & K. Harrigan to J. Magbitang for \$780,000

136 Golden Hill Place H. & J. Beetz to R. & S. Heitmann for \$920,000

73 Grandview Place C. & H. Morris to J. Hamlin for \$889,000

136 Greenwood Circle D. & J. Silliman to J. & S. Culpepper for \$780,000

304 Hamlin Loop Citrus Walk Limited to S. Smallwood for \$687,000

306 Hamlin Loop Citrus Walk Limited to M. Patil for \$678,000

29 Lariat Court Mcalister Trust to D. White for \$1,020,000

111 Las Lomas Way Ford Trust to S. Kelley for \$880,000

801 Meander Drive Racouillat Trust to J. & B. Donovan for \$975,000

2734 Oak Road #106 K. Kam to M. Verzosa for \$358,000

2742 Oak Road #180 Mori Trust to C. Conlin for \$325,000

2592 Oak Road #259 Watson Trust to B. & S. Frank for \$547,000

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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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please email: OpenHomes@DanvilleWeekly.com

Danville

2 Bedrooms

1127 San Ramon Valley Blvd **\$529,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4000

3 Bedrooms

1001 Phoenix St. **\$669,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 858-1717

1812 Mockingbird Pl. **\$690,000**
Sun 1-5 p.m. Pacific Union GMAC 963-3959

2228 Oneida Circle **\$709,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 984-1787

1525 Peters Ranch Rd. **\$910,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Century 21 Heritage 846-7997

3255 Vallejo Place **\$request**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 785-9372

4 Bedrooms

50 San Paulo Ct. **\$1,029,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 837-5679

4170 Rockcreek Dr. **\$1,049,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 895-2804

210 Glen Meadow Court **\$1,099,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. The Bayhill Team 837-5161

37 Lily Ct. **\$1,159,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 918-0417

24 Bormio Ct. **\$1,295,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 362-2058

2007 Scarlet Oak Place **\$1,399,900**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4 pm Alain Pinel Realtors 998-9747

1229 Robyn Dr. **\$995,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-3108

Alamo

3 Bedrooms

1010 Stone Valley Road **\$1,275,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 362-1628

Blackhawk

4 Bedrooms

102 Silver Pine Lane **\$1,839,000**
Sun 1:30-4pm The Blackhawk Real Estate Co. 683-6058

5275 BlackHawk Dr. **\$2,499,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 577-4165

3127 Deer Meadow Drive **\$1,349,900**
Sun 1:30-4:30pm Blackhawk Real Estate 683-0488

5 Bedrooms

65 Wild Oak Place **\$2,199,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential 837-5061

Diablo

5 Bedrooms

2362 Caballo Ranchero **\$2,750,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 945-4500

Pleasanton

3 Bedrooms

3327 Norton Way **\$499,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown 337-2989

2727 Fressia Ct. **\$775,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Pleasanton Valley 462-5950

4536 Las Lomitas Dr. **\$779,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Pleasanton Valley 462-5950

4023 Schween Ct. **\$795,000**
Sat/Sun noon-4pm Assist 2 Sell 998-0605

530 East Angela **\$810,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams (510) 505-2496

4343 Diavila Ave. **\$839,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Era East West Realty 989-2930

4 Bedrooms

5740 Belleza Dr. **\$675,000**
Sat 1-4 p.m. Pacific Real estate 463-0321

4498 Denker Dr. **\$735,888**
Sun 2-5 p.m. Re/Max 580-8011

5901 Corte Espada **\$839,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max 918-2912

4851 Black Ave **\$919,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Ireb Shelby Fleck 462-2953

6787 Paseo San Leon **\$949,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential 837-5061

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

635 Abrigo Ct. **\$675,000**
Sat noon-4pm Assist 2 Sell 998-0605

3 Bedrooms

1740 Cutter Ct. **\$694,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Remax 577-2600

155 Shadowhill Circle **\$770,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. The Joe Frazzano Team 735-7653

2813 St. Denis Dr. **\$829,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 785-9373

9969 Torreon Ave. **\$888,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 899-8651

4 Bedrooms

1468 Allannmere Dr. **\$1,099,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 899-8651

2255 Donovan S. Way **\$879,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 855-3444

500 Bagado Ct. **\$915,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 997-1585

San Ramon

2444 Camino De Jugar **\$949,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 997-1585

400 Arlewood Ct. **\$984,900**
Sat/Sun noon-4pm Intero 683-7709

5 Bedrooms

29 Hurst Ct. **\$1,299,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. The Joe Frazzano Team 735-7366

5332 Cypress Hawk Ct. **\$2,695,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. The Bayhill Team 998-3873

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Home sales

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637 Preakness Drive A.
Koshta to A. Herrera for \$605,000

1621 Ptarmigan Drive #6C A.
Burling to G. Sherman for \$255,000

2641 Saklan Indian Drive #2

Finney Trust to Macdonald Trust for \$576,000

1746 San Miguel Drive R. & C.
Fisher to R. Nolan for \$765,000

18 Sierra Lane Miller Trust to J. Monasch for \$575,000

1833 Skycrest Drive #1
Smith Trust to Prough Trust for \$385,000

1625 Skycrest Drive #28
Kleven Trust to S. & C. Brinkerhoff for \$400,000

1826 Sobrante Court A. & S.
Hamilton to M. Potter for \$1,085,000

425 Summit Road J. & T.
Calderon to Island Mainland Partners for \$600,000

3216 Sun Valley Avenue
Williams Trust to M. Luthman for \$762,000

3257 Sun Valley Avenue J.
Tait to Bay Mountain Properties for \$654,000

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