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I was taking my kids to school. I was listening to a CD in my car so I had not heard the news. I remember thinking how few cars there were on the road that morning. When we arrived, school staffers were running out to the cars and snatching up the kids and running them back into the classrooms. That's when I turned on the car radio and heard what was happening. They kept the kids locked in their rooms all day.

Nadine Benz
funeral director



I was getting ready for work when I turned on the TV news. At first I thought a plane had accidentally hit the building; but, of course, when I saw the second plane crash into the tower, I knew it was no accident.

Paul Byer
owner of carpet store



My wife and I are jewelers and we were attending a class at a craft school in Touchstone, Pa. We were out in the country and there were no TVs so we did not hear about it until the cooks came in to prepare our lunch and they told us what had happened. That's when we turned on the radio. We were only about 30 miles from where the third plane crashed in Pennsylvania.

Bob Dennison
goldsmith



My husband turned on CNN and we were watching a tape being played of the first plane hitting the building. As the newscaster was talking we could see the second plane coming around and hitting the building. We saw it as it happened in real time. It was shocking, devastating. I subscribed to the New York Times so I could read each and every obituary of those who died. It took an entire year to read them all. It was my way of honoring those killed.

Debi Ecker
sales



Our best friend called and told us to turn on the television. He came over to our house just minutes later to tell us that he had been fired from his job of 24 years. My husband became obsessed with watching the news. I would have to tell him, enough, turn it off.

Katie Nicholson
book seller

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Hap Magee, a colorful rancher who played an important role in the community, was covered widely by local newspapers. His former ranch on the Alamo-Danville border is now Hap Magee Ranch Park. Cover design by Jason Lind.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ We were totally blown away by the amount of people, the emotion everybody put into it. He always said he was beloved at Montair, but you had to see it with your own eyes. ”

—Kevin Sequeira, son of custodian Agostinho Sequeira, about the memorial service for his father at Montair Elementary

Red Cross needs hurricane help

The Red Cross, which has already sent thousands of volunteers to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, is looking for even more people to train and send to the Gulf Coast.

“It’s such a huge effort,” said Kevin Kellenberger, director of disaster services for the Bay Area Red Cross. “We are looking to bring people in and train them right away. It’s very expensive. We want to make sure that they know what they’re doing.”

Volunteers will learn about sheltering, feeding and bulk distribution and then be sent to work servicing and staffing the shelters, making sure people stay clean and get what they need. People interested in doing hands-on relief work should call the Red Cross office in San Francisco at (415) 427-8000.

There is also an opportunity to help out locally. The Bay Area Red Cross is one of 15 chapters in the United States that runs a call center. Volunteers at the call center will be trained to help victims of Katrina find shelter and food. Call (415) 427-8000.

One of the best ways to contribute, said Kellenberger, is to give money. Donate online at www.bayarea-redcross.org or mail a check to the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter, 85 Second St., 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Goodbye to Danny Foundation

The board of directors of the Danny Foundation have voted to dissolve, effective Dec. 31, after nearly 20 years of successful efforts to keep babies safe from dangerous cribs and other child products. The Danny Foundation was named after 23-month-old Danny Lineweaver of Alamo, who was severely injured in 1984 when his shirt became entangled on the corner post of his crib. He died in 1993, after nine years of home care.

At that time, baby cribs caused approximately 100 deaths per year. Now there are fewer than 16, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. “A crib purchased in 2005 is largely unrecognizable when compared to the crib that took our son’s life,” said John Lineweaver, Danny’s father. “We can proudly proclaim that when you buy a new crib today, you are getting a truly safe place to leave your baby alone, unobserved and unattended. This is a fitting tribute to the memory of Danny.”

The foundation will hold one last annual benefit, Oct. 8, but instead of raising funds, it will be a chance to celebrate accomplishments and acknowledge dedicated supporters.



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Corrections The Aug. 26 editorial, “Gotta have heart,” about the proposed renovations of the Danville Hotel block should have stated that the area of false fronts and assorted structures was dubbed the Danville Hotel Territory by Jerry and Aileen Carter, who purchased the property in 1976 and reopened the Silver Dollar Banquet Room, built in 1962, as the Danville Hotel Restaurant and Saloon. It was this renaming of the Victorian-style restaurant in the rear that took attention away from the actual historic Danville Hotel on Hartz Avenue, now occupied by Lisa B’s restaurant.

Danville helps out victims of Hurricane Katrina

All over town, residents are doing their part to aid Gulf Coast neighbors

by Casey Reivich

Whether it's a donation box or a 48-foot tractor-trailer, ordinary residents all across town are galvanizing their efforts to help out victims of Hurricane Katrina, the monstrous storm that hit the Gulf Coast, leaving thousands dead and hundreds of thousands homeless.

Councilman Mike Shimansky put out a donation box for disaster relief at the Saturday farmers mar-

ket in Danville, where he was manning the Town Council table. In just two hours he collected \$2,184.03 for the American Red Cross and that was without even asking.

Local physician Stephen Pratt, whose practice is in San Ramon, left last week for Houston, Texas.

"He was watching the news report and realized they're going to need a lot of doctors," said Pratt's wife Karen. "His practice is fairly new, so it's kind of quiet. He real-

ized he could be of more use there than here."

Pratt's brother-in-law David Koopmans lives in Houston and had been volunteering at the Astrodome. He called Pratt and asked him if he could fly to Houston and volunteer his services.

Pratt has taken two weeks off to help in Houston. If his services are needed, he may also travel to New

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Grassroots relief organizer and Danville resident Kellye French (second from left) and her family and other volunteers stand in front of their Houston-bound tractor-trailer. Over 200 volunteers filled the huge truck last weekend with clothes, food and hygiene supplies for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Montair remembers beloved custodian

Students and teachers present gifts and olive tree to family

by Casey Reivich

Principal Mark Hermann's voice broke when speaking about Agostinho Sequeira, a custodian at Montair Elementary School in Danville who died from cancer this past June. He was addressing the entire student body of Montair last Friday, along with parents and Sequeira's wife and two sons at a memorial service held by Montair for their beloved custodian.

Sequeira, who made his home in Oakley, was only 56 when he died. He had been a custodian at Montair for eight years. He passed away only days after school ended last spring. The school wanted to say a proper goodbye when the students were back this fall, said Hermann.

The students sat out on the lawn on the sunny early September afternoon, with Mount Diablo looking over their shoulders. The Sequeira family stood next to Hermann as he praised and remembered Sequeira.

"We miss him very much. As teachers come back, everyone mentioned how different it was without Agostinho," said Hermann. "We want to remember the many gifts he gave us."

Hermann told the students how Sequeira taught everyone around him about love. Sequeira, Hermann recalled, always spoke of his love for Montair and the students.

Hermann also spoke about the

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Fatima Sequeira hugs Montair students at a memorial service for her husband, Agostinho Sequeira. He was a custodian for eight years at Montair and died from cancer in June.

Blackhawk votes yes on Measure D

Police parcel tax in Blackhawk passes by slim margin

by Casey Reivich

Measure D, a ballot initiative to increase the parcel tax, recently passed with a slim majority, 67 percent, voting in favor of it. The increase will take affect at the beginning of next year.

The increase will help restore police services in Blackhawk and its adjoining communities to four police officers—a lieutenant and three deputies from the Contra-

Costa County Sheriff's Department. Currently, the Police District of Blackhawk can only afford to employ 3.6 officers.

Presently the annual parcel tax for residents is \$178; commercial businesses pay \$1,068; and the Cinemark movie theater in the Shops at Blackhawk pays \$5,340. Measure D bumps the tax up to \$280 residential; \$1,680 commercial; and \$8,400 for the theater.

When the measure was first introduced in the March 2004 elections it received only 50.7 percent of the vote. Supporters of the parcel tax increase felt the measure would have a better chance of pass-

ing if it were on a standalone mail-in ballot.

"That big jump from 50 percent to 67 percent represents a pretty

strong endorsement by folks of the job being done by the police department," said Ron Banducci,

chairman of the Police District Committee in Blackhawk. Despite the passing of the measure, Banducci also recognized that

"There was a misperception that the deputies were our direct employees—that we would be responsible for their retirement and benefits."

—Jud Scott, chairman of Yes on Measure D to Restore our Blackhawk Police Services

the turnout was lower than he expected. "I expected a slightly higher

turnout than 43 percent, primarily because it was a mail-in ballot unlike the prior election," said Banducci. "People are generally very comfortable in Blackhawk and feel safe. Perhaps they just didn't feel the need to vote."

Ballots were mailed in early August and were due back Aug. 30. Only 44 percent of registered voters returned the ballots; 1,222 voted yes, 601 voted no.

August vacations and forgetfulness perhaps resulted in the less-than-majority turnout, said Jud Scott, chairman of Yes on Measure

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East end of Camino Tassajara slowed down by construction

Danville working with county to mitigate impacts of construction on students and drivers

by Casey Reivich

Roadwork on Camino Tassajara near Diablo Vista Middle School will extend through September, due to delays in construction. The work should be finished by October.

The roadway improvements are to make way for the 1,400 new homes being built off Camino Tassajara. Even though Shapell Homes' new Alamo Creek and Lennar Homes' Intervening Properties are separate, they are constructing road improvements together, said Shelly Frank of Shapell Homes.

These improvements include widening Camino Tassajara to four lanes. Along with the widening, utility companies such as East Bay Municipal Utility District, SBC Communications, Comcast and PG&E are installing infrastructure for the new homes.

Roadway improvements were originally planned to finish before the start of the school year. The town of Danville only found out about the construction delays a week before school began.

Representatives from the town and the county monitored the traffic flow the first week of school.

"So far it isn't that bad. We had to really work closely with the school district, county and developers to come up with a traffic control plan that would be as efficient as possible," said Nazanin Shakerin, transportation engineer for Danville.

In the morning, parents drop their children off at school over a period of time. But the afternoon pickup is a different story.



Roadway construction east of Danville's boundaries on Camino Tassajara will take longer than originally planned. Construction, which involves moving traffic on the northside of Camino Tassajara to the southside, was supposed to be finished by the start of the school year. A flashing red light, as seen here, at Camino Tassajara and Hansen Lane plays a part in some of the traffic congestion, said town officials.

"In the afternoon it's worse," said Shakerin. "All the parents are coming at the same time. Everybody wants to pick up at the bell time."

The traffic has been moved from the northside of Camino Tassajara between Hansen Lane and Tassajara Hills to the southside. No left turns are allowed from Camino Tassajara westbound into Diablo Vista at Hansen Lane. Drivers who normally make this left turn must head west to Lawrence Road to make a U-turn, said Shakerin.

Both Tassajara Hills Elementary School and Diablo Vista Middle School are along the affected

stretch of Camino Tassajara, although Diablo Vista is the most impacted. Even though the east end of Camino Tassajara is under the jurisdiction of Contra Costa County, Danville residents are still greatly impacted, said Tai Williams, Danville transportation manager.

The two biggest causes of traffic congestion, said Williams, are the flashing red light installed at Hansen Lane and Camino Tassajara, and the U-turn at Lawrence Road.

"During the a.m. peak hour, over a thousand cars go through that intersection. That is a lot of cars that have to stop every single time," Williams pointed out.

The town was aware that the construction would have a huge impact on drivers during school dropoff and pickup times and peak morning and afternoon commuting times, and held a meeting with the involved agencies. Town officials were also concerned about students crossing Camino Tassajara at Hansen Lane. During construction, this crosswalk has been closed. Students, for the month of September, can only cross at Lawrence Road, where there is a signalized light.

The developer, along with the county, sent out informational fliers to parents at Diablo Vista and residents who live in the vicinity informing them of traffic changes, said Shakerin.

In an effort to alleviate congestion, the county has asked the developer to have trained flaggers at the intersection during the morning and afternoon peak hours, said Warren Lai with the county Public Works Department. The flaggers act as a manual traffic signal.

"It is a struggle. We can only hope that the county and project developers are able to move along quickly," said Williams. ■

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Katrina

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Orleans, said Karen Pratt.

Donna Bruner, owner of Tribes Salon in Danville, and her staff have decided to host a fundraiser at their salon from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27. Tribes will offer complimentary Kerastase hair treatments and blow dries, which are valued at \$65, in exchange for donations to Katrina relief. All proceeds will go toward helping victims of Katrina. Kerastase has offered to donate their products to the event, and the 20 hairdressers will be donating their time.

Janice Builta, a makeup artist at Tribes, recently signed up to volunteer with the American Red Cross. She received volunteer training this past week in Stockton and will be sent for one to two weeks to either Louisiana or Texas to help in the relief efforts.

Kellye French of Danville was watching television coverage of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath and decided she had to help. She wanted to roll up her sleeves and help people affected by the hurricane. The stay-at-home mother of two young children began calling different charities to see how she could pitch in.

She found that most charities wanted money but a few were accepting material donations like clothes and food. French felt the people down there needed basic supplies and she finally got in touch with Mike Tullock of Dublin Worldwide Moving and Storage.

Tullock, who has also donated a fully furnished home in San Antonio to victims left homeless by the hurricane, was looking for a way to donate one of his tractor-trailers.

"Business was not exactly screaming. We had a tractor-trailer sitting out here with nothing to do, the thing happened, we kept seeing how the government wasn't doing enough fast enough. I called St. Vincent de Paul, said, 'I have a truck, let's put some stuff in it and send it down there,'" said Tullock.

At the same time, French con-

tinued for a truck. Tullock and French pooled their efforts. He donated a 48-foot tractor-trailer while she rallied for volunteers to come out to St. Isidore Church on La Gonda Way last weekend to help fill the truck with donations.

Because French was organizing the fundraiser so quickly, she was afraid word hadn't spread and people might not show up. She went armed with her address book in the event volunteers and donations were scarce. She was pleasantly surprised.

"It was an amazing effort. I had no idea how big this thing was. We spent all day Saturday filling the truck," said French.

At first, they were only able to fill 8 feet of the truck. It was a more daunting task than French had realized. Eventually, with over 200 volunteers they managed to fill the rest of the truck. A total of 900 boxes were packed, said French.

The truck, which was full of food, clothes, towels, personal hygiene items, phone cards and gas cards, probably was worth over \$100,000, said French.

The truck left for Houston on Monday night. A huge banner on the truck reads, "Donations from Danville, California." Volunteers in Houston will be unloading the truck when it arrives, said French.

French will continue her efforts throughout the month of September. She will be loading other trucks in the back parking lot of St. Isidore's on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. She is hoping to load the trucks with more of the same. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring packing tape and black markers.

Jero'l Salon of Danville is helping French in her effort, hosting a "cut-athon" on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the salon at 301 Hartz Ave. All haircuts are \$25. The salon will also be offering nails service. All proceeds will go toward the cost of renting tractor-trailers, said Amy Costello, a receptionist at Jero'l.

French is asking corporations like Chevron to donate fuel for the tractor-trailers, rental companies to donate trucks, and class-A drivers to donate their skills and time. ■



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A mid-week treat—Thursday night farmers market a success

Hartz was overflowing with fresh produce, flowers and music on Thursday night last week. People walked up and down Hartz to check out the new evening farmers market that is having its trial run each Thursday in September. Dee Dee Cross of Danville, seen here purchasing fruit from farmer Jill ViDeaune of Lone Oak Ranch (above), raved about the new farmers market, saying, "It's fabulous and it's long overdue. I hope it brings people downtown." Bob and Debbie Saravia of Danville (far left) liked the idea of having a farmers market downtown on Thursdays as opposed to other shows. "I like it much better than Hot Summer Nights," said Debbie Saravia. Pat Madsen of Danville (left), seen here buying strawberries from Jaime Medina of Medina Berry Farm, is glad to shop for her fresh produce on Thursday. She finds the Saturday farmers market too crowded.

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From traffic to endangered species to ROTC

Pombo proud of road funding; looking forward to new term

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

When Congress recessed for the summer, U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R., 11th) was pleased to announce that \$75.3 million in federal funds had been secured to help alleviate traffic congestion in the 11th district.

"Transportation is the No. 1 issue wherever he goes in his extensive district," said Nicole Taylor Philbin, Pombo's press secretary, who was in the East Bay last week. And extensive the 11th District is, reaching from Lockeford in the northeast to Morgan Hill in the south, and looping north to form an I-680 peninsula that includes Danville, Diablo and Blackhawk.

Of these funds, \$7.6 million is allocated for a feasibility study to build a highway to connect the Central Valley and the Bay Area, also known as the State Route 130 Realignment Project. The goal is to relieve congestion on I-580 and I-680 from commuters on the weekdays and vacationers on the weekends.

The funds will be used to study all aspects of the proposed road, the idea for which has been bantered about since the 1950s, said Philbin. It would head West just south of Tracy and end up linked to Highway 101, and be approximately 23 miles long. Some options being studied are allowing cars only or using tolls to benefit carpooling and gas-efficient vehicles.

The funds also included \$5.8 million for resurfacing, redesigning and construction projects on Crow Canyon Road and Camino Tassajara.

Pombo is currently on leave from the Transportation Committee while serving as the chairman of the House Resources Committee; he also serves on the Agricultural Committee.

Pombo, a member of a ranching family, has been in the office since 1992 after serving as a city councilman in Tracy from 1990-92. He first became interested in politics through issues of property rights, Philbin noted. In 1996, St. Martin's Press published his book, "This Land Is Our Land," advocating property rights. This topic is again in the spotlight as legislators deal with issues of eminent domain.

Philbin said a priority for Pombo as chairman of the Resources Committee is to protect property owners by revamping the Endangered Species Act.

Environmentalists have been critical of the initial draft, saying it changes the law's focus from conserving habitats to preventing extinction. The Endangered Species Coalition says the bill would require agencies to compensate landowners for the costs of complying with federal endangered species protections, which would bankrupt the programs.

Philbin said Pombo worked last session with U.S. Rep. Nick

Rahall (D., W.Va.), the ranking minority member of the committee, on the draft and it will be one of the "hot items" in the new Congressional session, which convened Sept. 6.

Another hot item will be a Supreme Court decision on allowing ROTC on college campuses.

"Sacramento State kids came to meet with him (Pombo) about this," Philbin said. They were worried they were going to lose their ROTC scholarships as the university was throwing ROTC off campus because officials didn't agree with the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy being formalized in the U.S. Army Forces.

Philbin referred to an article in the New Yorker on July 25 by Jeffrey Toobin called "Sex and the Supremes," which has several paragraphs on Pombo, including a threat to hold back funding to universities that eliminate ROTC. Toobin wrote: "In a speech on the floor of the House in 1994, Pombo said that the universities who received money from the federal government 'need to know that their starry-eyed idealism comes with a price.'"

Danville resident Democrat Steve Filson, 58, a United Airlines pilot, has announced he will challenge Pombo in the 2006 election. In the last election, he soundly defeated Democrat Jerry McNerney of Pleasanton, who is saying he plans to run again. ■

Montair

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courage Sequeira had throughout his life. When Sequeira was 26 years old, he immigrated to the United States knowing very little English. Hermann said Sequeira showed this same courage when battling cancer.

Students presented Fatima Sequeira with flowers, handmade cards and messages. To celebrate and remember Sequeira's love of wine and olives, the school is planting an olive tree in his memory at the school. Alongside the

olive tree, Montair is planting a weeping willow and Japanese maple and installing a bench to remember other members of the school who have passed on. There will also be a plaque in the wall of the school with Sequeira's name.

"Every time he walked by, he would smile and say hi," said Taylor Lee, a fifth-grader at Montair.

"He was always really nice," said fellow fifth-grader Evie Farmer.

Sequeira's grown son, Kevin, gave an emotional thank you to the many students, teachers and parents in attendance. He reiterated how much Montair meant to his father. Afterward, white doves

were released into the sky. Fatima Sequeira held onto one dove and kissed it before she let it go to join the others. The students all gazed upward and watched the doves fly away until they disappeared.

"We were totally blown away by the amount of people, the words, the emotion everybody put into it. He always said he was beloved at Montair, but you had to see it with your own eyes," said Kevin Sequeira.

"It is amazing. It makes me feel at peace," said an overwhelmed Fatima Sequeira. "We stayed together for 42 years. I feel what he feels. I know he is happy." ■

Blackhawk

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D to Restore our Blackhawk Police Services.

Scott was pleased with election results but surprised by the number of people who voted against the measure. He spoke with many Blackhawk residents about the Measure, he said, and could only recall six people having objections.

"I heard from some but I sure didn't hear from 600. I talked to hundreds of people. There was overwhelming support. Where the

600 came from, I don't know," said Scott.

Some residents, Scott believed, may have misunderstood the police officers arrangement with the Blackhawk Police District.

"There was a misperception that the deputies were our direct employees—that we would be responsible for their retirement and benefits. Whether some folks who voted against it had those misperceptions, I don't know," said Scott.

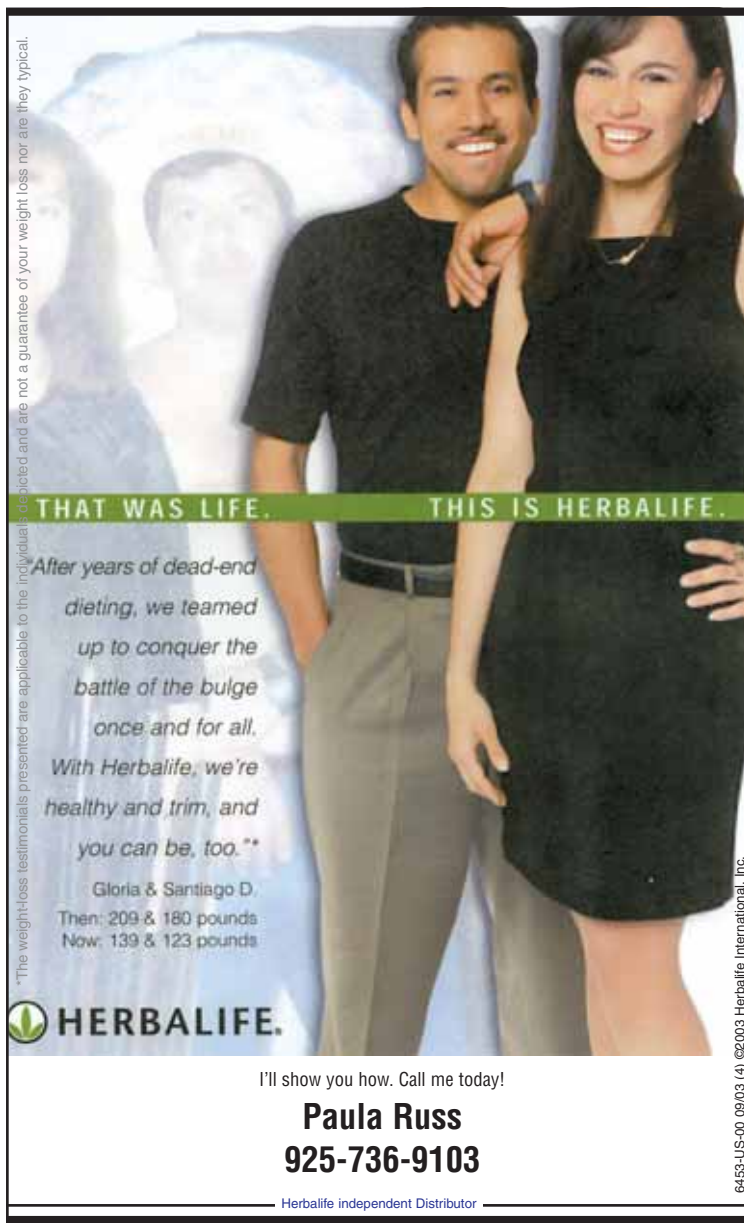
The police officers are contracted through the County Sheriff's Department. Blackhawk is not responsible for the police officer's

pensions or benefits, said Scott.

Banducci felt that residents may have been under the impression that having four police officers meant four officers on duty all the time. He explained that the four officers are spread over 21 shifts. Even though there are four total, there is only one officer who is covering solely Blackhawk for approximately 75 percent of the time.

"Our response time is exceptional when we have a Blackhawk police officer on duty. It's much longer when we don't," said Banducci. ■

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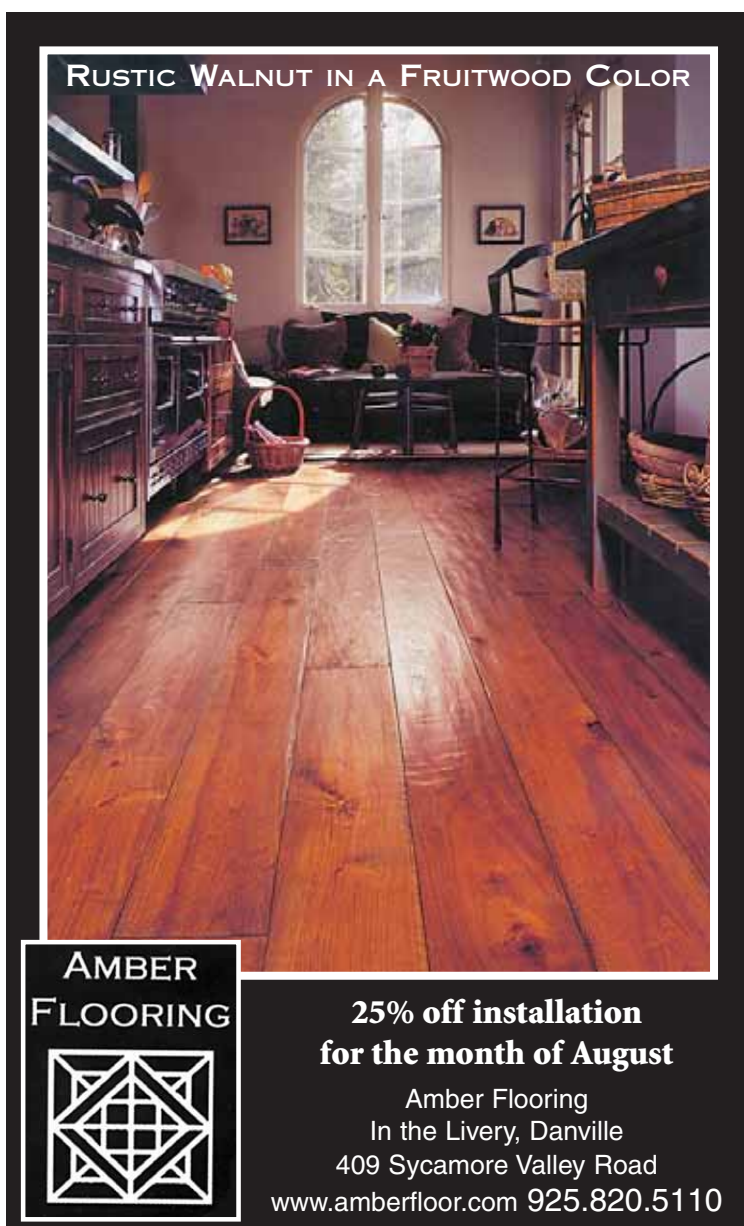
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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Tragedy as touchstone

On that Tuesday morning four years ago, Danville contractor Richard Hamlin knocked on my door at the designated time. He was about to begin remodeling our kitchen, and we had one last appointment to discuss the granite and cabinet choices. I was ready for work early so I could talk to Richard then leave right afterward. But his first words when I opened the door were: "Did you hear about the airplane that crashed into the World Trade Center?" It was Sept. 11, 2001.

We immediately turned on the TV. When the second plane struck, the reality began to dawn that it was an attack. Finally I tore myself away from the images to go to my job in Pleasanton. The drivers on I-680 seemed different. We were each cocooned in our own vehicles, with our radios on, with our private concerns and reactions. But we drove slower and were more polite.

Meanwhile my 30-year-old son Pepe, who lives in Berlin, was on a Lufthansa flight to visit some friends in New York. They were a few hours away when the captain announced that the airspace over the United States had been closed until further notice. The flight crew kept everyone informed as events unfolded, he recalled, plus passengers began to get the news on their radios. His plane ended up being one of 40 that waited the rest of the day on the runways in Gander, Newfoundland, while the town of 10,000 people quickly made arrangements to give shelter to their 6,500 surprise visitors. The 350 passengers from Pepe's flight were given refuge in a local high school, where he slept on a cot along with others in a math classroom. The townspeople kept up a steady stream of pots of chili and soup, casseroles and baked goods, plus donated a mountain of clothing since the passengers did not have access to their luggage. After three days of hanging around watching CNN and walking a half hour into town to look around, the passengers finally continued on to New York on Saturday. Pepe took them up on the option of returning to Germany immediately. He didn't want to continue on to the devastation—physical and emotional—that was gripping New York.

That same morning Casey Reivich, who was to become a reporter for the Danville Weekly a few years later, was walking to work down the streets of Manhattan. It was her third day living there and her second day work-

ing at Simon & Schuster as an editorial assistant. She heard from other pedestrians about the first airplane striking the World Trade Center and, indeed, looked toward downtown with the others and could see the smoke. By the time she arrived at work, the second plane had hit and people were beginning to panic. Everyone left the office and she ended up walking the 26 blocks home, sometimes breaking into a run as the others did. Although her roommate took the train out of the city the next day to stay with her family, Casey wasn't sure what to do, she said, so she reported to work again where she and the publisher were the only two to carry on.

"The drivers on I-680 seemed different. We were each cocooned in our own vehicles, with our radios on, with our private concerns and reactions. But we drove slower and were more polite."

Our advertising account executive Amy McKelligan recalled that she had been "kidnapped" by some girlfriends for her birthday a day earlier for a brief trip out of town, leaving her 7-year-old son Kevin with her parents. The women were at Seascapes when they heard the news, and they couldn't wait to get home to their loved ones. Amy was especially grieved because Tom Burnett, one of the passengers credited with diverting a terrorist plane from attacking the White House, was a dad at her school. His daughters were at San Ramon Valley Christian Academy in Danville with Amy's son, and she was acquainted with his wife Dina. She was also personally touched by other deaths in addition to the national trauma of being attacked.

Everyone has their story to tell about that day, which changed our lives forever. It has replaced President Kennedy's assassination Nov. 22, 1963, as people's benchmark in their personal lives and for history. After 9-11 we were no longer the same; we had lost our innocence. ■



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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Let's learn from Katrina: Be prepared

In the wake of the disaster in the Gulf region last week, it is ironic that September is National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the American Red Cross and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. While hurricanes are an annual danger in the southeastern United States, the magnitude of the devastation from Katrina is unthinkable. It does remind us, however, of the need to take Mother Nature seriously, and to be as prepared as we can be for a natural disaster.

While it is common knowledge to emergency workers and public safety employees, many people do not realize that following an emergency it is not unusual to be without any outside help for an average of three days. For this reason, the American Red Cross tells us that we need to be prepared to take care of ourselves while emergency efforts are mobilizing and those in most need are being helped first.

We hear the emergency preparedness warnings continually in California but Katrina is another wakeup call to focus on the possibility of a natural disaster striking and crumbling our infrastructure. Earthquakes remain foremost in our minds, and the "Big One" would strike suddenly with no time to evacuate.

The Red Cross urges us to do four things now:

- Get a kit. An emergency kit should include water, food, battery powered radio, flashlight and a first-aid kit.
- Make a plan. What will you and your family do in an emergency? Have all family members carry the telephone number of someone outside the area where everyone can call to check in.
- Be informed. Visit www.redcross.org/preparedness to learn more about potential threats.
- Get involved. Training in first aid and emergency response can help your family and your community.

We should also check for hazards in our homes, anything that can move, fall, break or become a fire hazard during an earthquake. Water heaters and shelves should be fastened securely, and no pictures or mirrors should be hung near beds.

Hurricane Katrina has caused death and destruction to people living throughout the Gulf region. Let the rest of us heed the warning and be prepared.

While it is common knowledge to emergency workers and public safety employees, many people do not realize that following an emergency it is not unusual to be without any outside help for an average of three days.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not the Danville I know

Dear Editor:

The developers have arrived in my Danville neighborhood in a big way. Their huge, profitable projects in the Tassajara Valley are crowding thousands of new homes into our rural community. Diablo Vista Middle School is adjacent to the Alamo Creek project in an area that until recently was surrounded by horses and rolling hills. We now face near gridlock as we inch along in traffic among bulldozers and construction workers, trying to deliver our children safely to school or get to work.

The parking spots at Monte Vista High have been reduced due to the new portable classrooms on the parking lot to accommodate all the new students. Monte Vista has instituted a lottery for parking spots for seniors, and only half will receive spots. More cars will clog Stone Valley Road, and teenage drivers will fight for fewer spaces

on the surrounding side streets. The potential parking lot across the street is being debated. With a record 2,600 students, the school is bursting at the seams.

Mustang soccer in Danville is affected. With lots of new kids, they have to play all hours of the weekend including Sunday mornings. Where are the new fields that were promised and who is representing our interests?

I sadly realize this is only the beginning. Thousands of homes are sprouting up. The developers are pros at this game; they are patient, smart and have great financial means. They are throwing us a couple of bones, a chain linked walkway along Tassajara Road and an unfinished "park" nearby.

Meanwhile, I will be sitting in my car, trying to carpool children to school or looking for a parking spot at Safeway. This is no longer the Danville I know.

Sarah Williams, Danville

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POLICE LOG

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Aug. 29

- Drunk in public: Arrest on Hartz Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 2:15 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: Citation issued on Camino Tassajara and Jasmine Way, at 7:51 a.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Cliffside Dr., at 10:09 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: on San Ramon Valley and Sycamore Valley Rd. West, at 11:35 a.m.
- Hit & Run-misdemeanor: Accident investigation on Camino Tassajara, at 2:26 p.m.
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI)-misdemeanor: Arrest on Camino Tassajara, at 3:34 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Railroad Ave., at 4:43 p.m.
- Warrant arrest: Arrest on Serene Ct., at 7:42 p.m.

Aug. 30

- Burglary-commercial: on Railroad Ave., at 3:12 a.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Highbridge Ct., at 9:46 a.m.

Aug. 31

- Warrant arrest: Arrest on Zagora Dr., at 8:15 a.m.
- Disturbing the peace: on Love Ln., at 9:14 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Diablo Rd. and El Cerro Blvd., at 9:59 a.m.
- Misdemeanor-other: Citation issued on Del Amigo Rd., at 11:12 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Edinburgh Cr., at 2:37 p.m.
- Hit & Run-misdemeanor: Accident investigation on Diablo Rd. and

McCauley Rd., at 2:30 p.m.

- Drugs-sales of marijuana: Arrest on Greenbrook Dr., at 6:33 p.m.

Sept. 1

- Accident-property damage: Citation issued on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd., at 7:56 a.m.
- Accident-injury: on Camino Tassajara and Diablo Rd., at 8:36 a.m.
- Unlicensed driver: Citation issued on Camino Tassajara and Hill Meadow Dr., at 11:14 p.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Diablo Rd. and Southbound I-680, at 11:34 p.m.

Sept. 2

- Suspicious circumstances: on Glasgow Cr., at 11:57 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Canfield Dr. and El Capitan Dr., at 2:14 p.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley at 10:27 p.m.

Sept. 3

- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Boone Ct., and San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 1:07 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Hartz Ave., at 8:46 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Diablo Rd., at 10:17 a.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Jonathan Ridge Dr. and Zenith Ridge Dr., at 10:20 p.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Danville Blvd. and El Cerro Blvd., at 10:51 p.m.

Sept. 4

- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Hartz Ave., at 12:58 a.m.
- Burglary-commercial: on Railroad Ave., at 5:57 a.m.

- Stolen vehicle: on Garden Creek Pl., at 10:33 a.m.
- Stolen vehicle: on Brookside Dr. and Zephyr Cr., at 7:53 p.m.
- Battery-domestic: Arrest on Clear Creek Pl., South at 8:46 p.m.
- Drunk in public: Arrest on Ackerman Dr. and Matadera Ct., at 10:07 p.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Jewel Terrace, at 11:06 p.m.

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

ALAMO

Aug. 30

- Burglary-auto: on Daniel Dr.

Sept. 1

- Battery-misdemeanor: on Finley Ln.

DANVILLE

Aug. 29

- Forgery-fraudulent documents: on Fleetwood Rd.

Sept. 3

- Disturbance: on Laurelglen Ct.

ROUNDHILL

Aug. 30

- Grand theft-from building: on Roundhill Rd.

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Aug. 31

- Battery-misdemeanor: on Camino Tassajara

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The San Ramon Valley High School Wolves celebrate their 2004 NCS football championship victory.

Football season kicks off

Wolves and Mustangs to face each other in 'Big Game' on Nov. 10

by **Mike L. Mc Colgan**

Kickoff is tonight for Danville high schools, with the Monte Vista Mustangs facing Antioch at 7 p.m. in Antioch while San Ramon also plays away, at Campolindo.

Danville's "Big Game" will be Nov. 10—when the Mustangs and the Wolves play each other, at San Ramon Valley High, in the last game of the regular season. But first they face an exciting season of

competition.

San Ramon returns to the gridiron as last year's North Coast Section Champions; "2005 will be very challenging," said Dave Kravitz, San Ramon head coach of 14 years. "We'll be young. We have two returning starters coming back. But many of our players played a lot vs. other team's starters last season because we had some big wins. When they were in, they did very well."

"We are looking forward to this season," said Monte Vista Coach Craig Bergman. "We have a good mix of returners and newcomers this year and we hope to improve

week to week"

"Our top returners are Mike Costanzo on the offensive and defensive lines as well as John Seroy and David Rudberg on the lines," he added. "We have two inexperienced but very athletic quarterbacks competing for the job, in Drew McCallister and Chip Tengler with a plethora of receivers led by senior Luke Langon and junior Ryan Whalen."

He also noted that the East Bay Athletic League is the most competitive league in the NCS. "This year will be no exception with all teams being very strong," he said.

Next week, the Mustangs play

at home against Merrill West from Tracy.

San Ramon's Kravitz said the league competition is great, with good players and coaches and lots of school support. He said next year there will be a State Bowl system. "The top teams from Northern California will play the teams from Southern California," he explained. "It will be broken up by the size of the schools."

But right now he's planning for this season, which starts at 7 p.m. tonight at Campolindo High School. Next week, Sept. 16, it's a home game against Irvington.

"Our goal is to minimize our mistakes early in the season so we can be 'experienced' when league play begins," said Kravitz. "Our players have worked hard all off-season, so we're expecting good things." ■



Classic Heat score

Josh Corral scores the second of his three goals against the Almaden United soccer team in game one of the El Dorado Kick-Off Classic, U-14 division, on Aug. 27, played in Folsom. The Mustang Heat, coached by Brett LeQuesne, went on to win the game 7-0 and ultimately took second in the tournament, losing in the Championship game on Sunday to the Folsom Cosmos. The team had two shutouts in the tournament lead by goalie Josh Brown.

PREP SCHEDULE

(Varsity at 7 p.m.; JV at 4:30 p.m.)

Monte Vista

Sept. 9 at Antioch
Sept. 16 Merrill West (Tracy)
Sept. 23 Berkeley
Sept. 30 California
Oct. 7 Livermore
Oct. 14 Freedom
Oct. 21 at Granada
Oct. 28 Foothill
Nov. 4 at Amador Valley
Nov. 10 at San Ramon Valley

San Ramon Valley

Sept. 9 at Campolindo
Sept. 16 Irvington
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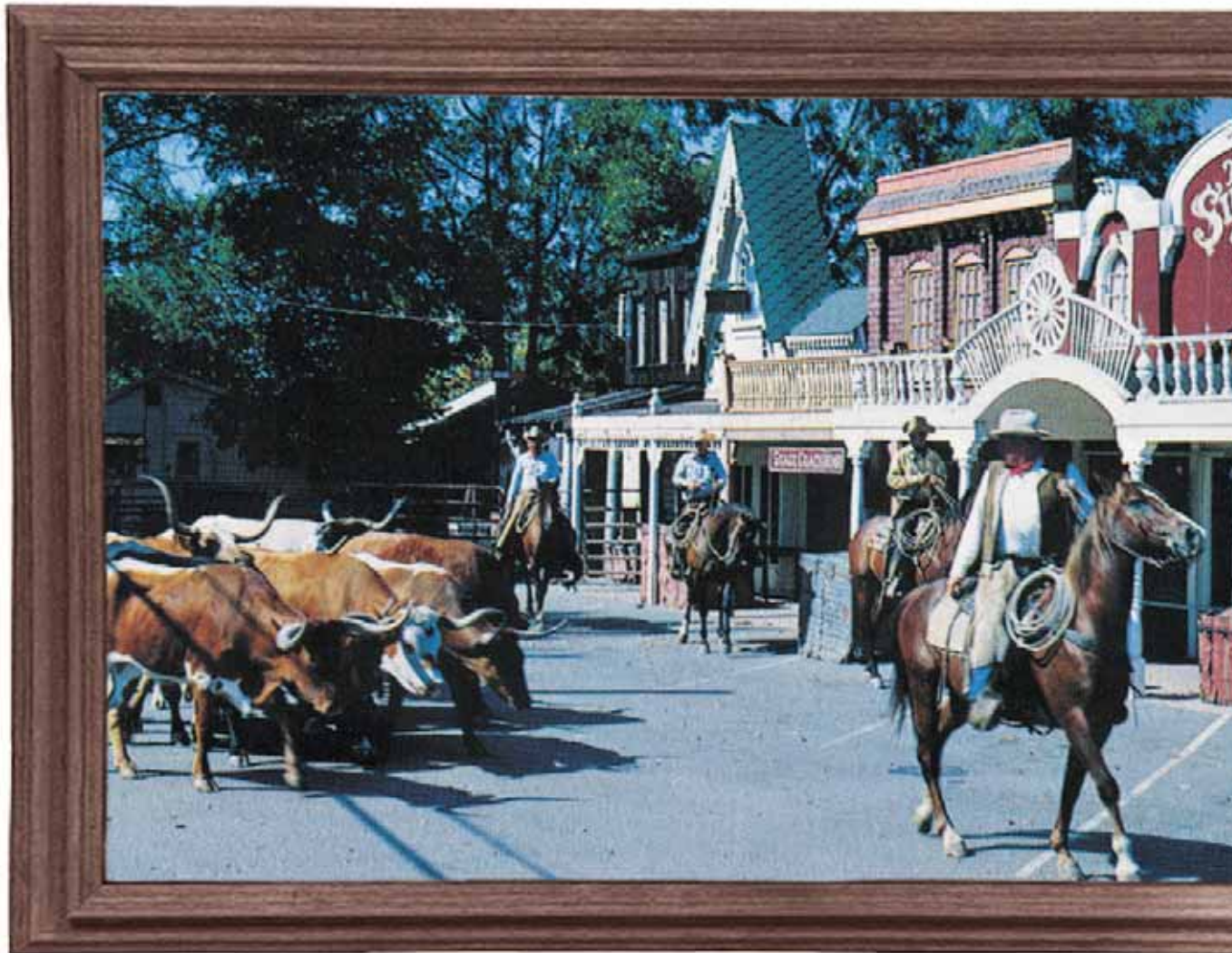
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Colorful character was one chapter in the history of this popular park

WHO WAS HAP MAGEE?



In his later years, Magee shared his collection of memorabilia with the community by setting up displays to help educate folks on the ways of the West.

“Who was Hap Magee?” Recent visitors to Hap Magee Ranch Park seemed perplexed by the question although willing to give answers.

“A farmer.”

“A rancher.”

“A founder of the area.”

One person ventured, “He was a person, right?”

In fact, all the answers are correct, and each covers a small part of Hap Magee’s story.

Hap Magee Ranch Park is situated on La Gonda Way on the Danville-Alamo border. Its story is long and rich, dating back 150 years. And if the story of Hap Magee Ranch Park were a book, Hap Magee’s life and times on the property would be just a chapter.

The story of the land begins with its first recorded purchase by August Hemme in 1852, just after California achieved statehood. Hemme, one of the area’s earliest settlers, bought 3,000 acres in total extending from Alamo down the flatlands of the San Ramon Valley, according to “Remembering Alamo...and Other Things Along the Way” by local historian Virgie Jones.

Jones’ book describes Hemme as a man known for his generosity. He gave property to churches and schools, and for many years, he owned the land where the present day park is located. Hemme went into the assaying business but ended up filing for bankruptcy during a depression in the late 1890s. He died in 1904, leaving his estate in control of his holdings.

The tale of the land then begins a new chapter, which is now memorialized on a drinking fountain outside the children’s playground. The plaque commemorates an act of generosity, reading “A donation made by Captain Isaac Swain and his wife, Ann Tasker Swain, to the San Francisco Protestant Orphanage Asylum.”

The Swains, a prominent San Francisco couple, donated money and property to the charity in 1874. Their donation was to go toward the purchase of land for the charity’s use. The Swains, who died in the 1880s, according to genealogy records, most likely never visited the land in Alamo, but their kindness made the land’s second chapter possible.

For 37 years, the charity invested wisely, and in 1911 the San Francisco Orphanage Asylum purchased 17.5 acres of land from the August Hemme Estate, which was detailed in a report in the Walnut Creek Courier-Journal in 1937.

The charity spent years making the site a home away from home for disadvantaged youths from San Francisco. News reports of the day indicate that the first buildings at Camp Swain were not completed until 1913. Lore has it that the first campers slept in tents while Neil Harrison, a well-known local builder, finished construction on the earliest structures.

The buildings still standing on the parkland were completed between 1923 and 1925. The Magee

House and the Swain House originally served as homes for the caretakers of the retreat. Handwritten notes found at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley show that the building now housing the YMCA is the original junior boys dorm, but it has been modified since it was first built. In its former glory days, the camp had many buildings: dorms for boys and girls, a nursing building, a dining hall and even a swimming pool.

About 150 children once made the long trek to Alamo from San Francisco and spent 10 weeks in the warm sun of the East Bay each summer. One account says the early attendees of Camp Swain spent their summers harvesting fruit for local farmers. Later news reports state that the kids ages 6-18 had the time of their lives exploring and playing on the Alamo ranch.

As with the Hemme era on the land, the Camp Swain chapter comes to a close with another real estate transaction. In 1946, Harry and Juanita Magee, Hap Magee’s parents, purchased the 17.5-acre parcel of land from the San Francisco Protestant Orphanage Asylum, according to another book by Virgie Jones, “Historical Persons and Places...in the San Ramon Valley.”

Newspaper accounts tell that the orphanage continued to operate Camp Swain on the ranch site until 1952. The next year, Hap Magee and his wife Ruth moved to the Alamo ranch after a downturn in the cattle business. Here, the Magee chapter truly begins.

Born in 1922, Hap grew up in Piedmont, graduating from Piedmont High School in 1941. Legend has it that at the age of 10, Magee met silent film cowboy Tom Mix, who gave him a pair of gloves made by Native Americans. That gift inspired a lifetime dedicated to collecting and preserving the Old West.

By the time Magee and his wife, Ruth, relocated to the Alamo property he was not only an experienced rancher but also an avid collector of Old West memorabilia and a dedicated fan of Texas longhorn cattle.

According to multiple news reports of the 1960s and ’70s, Magee’s herd of longhorns, split between his Alamo ranch and his property in Nevada, was one of the largest herds in the country. At one point, the herd’s fame transcended its status as a local novelty: The Hayward Daily Review in May 1976 quoted Magee as saying that his herd had a theatrical agent to handle its numerous commercial and public appearances.

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WAS Hap Magee?

by Julie Nostrand

fact, it was not uncommon for Magee to herd a his cattle through Danville to the Silver Dollar et Room (now Celia's in the complex behind the le Hotel), so the community could see the cattle e. One story in the local papers said that Magee de in a Danville parade with one of his bulls in ck of a black limousine, but photographs of that le are sadly lacking.

spite the attention his cattle garnered, Jones' nd many other sources assert that it was Magee's ion of Western memorabilia and branding irons de him a local legend. Sources place the size of nd collection anywhere from 1,000 to 2,500 At one point, the collection included brands Daniel Inman, Bing Crosby, Beatrice Kay, y Stores and the King Ranch.

famous was his collection of brands and Old memorabilia, that in 1977, Magee became a for the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and n Heritage Center in Oklahoma City.

his later years, Magee shared his collection of abilia with the community by setting up dis- o help educate folks on the ways of the West. He load up trailers and bring the West to the Diablo parking lot for residents to enjoy.

ose who knew Magee remember him as an affa- y. Mike Doyle, current mayor of Danville and a t since the early 1950s, recalled Magee as "a llow who loved this city and community."

e was a real nice guy," remembered author and an Virgie Jones, who has lived in the area since s and knew the Magee family.

gee, his wife, Ruth, and their daughter Julie, n the land until the late 1980s.

e Magee chapter of the story ends after his eath in Napa when his wife sold the land to a ofit land agency for about \$940,000. The y then sold the land to Danville and Contra ounty for about \$1 million, and a commission rmed to plan and operate the park, beginning rent chapter of the story.

The first public meetings on the park began in 1988. For a long time it was an open grassy area and a few buildings, but slowly it has evolved into the popular place it is now. Today, Hap Magee Ranch Park is a wonderful asset to the community. Its children's play area is crowded, the dog park is a popular spot, and the buildings are used to host a number of special events annually.

The current chapter is punctuated by the laughter of children and underscored by the importance of preserving history. If the question ever arises about the identity of Hap Magee, answer confidently that he was a colorful character who played an important role in the community. Given the property's history, it seems fitting that the land is making kids smile once again. ■

THE MYSTERY OF THE BRANDS

Help write the ending of a chapter in the history of Hap Magee Ranch Park. We would like to know: What happened to Magee's famous brand collection? The huge assortment of brands is a well-known piece of local lore, but its current location remained elusive to our researcher.

News accounts report Ruth Magee stating her intentions to donate the collection to a museum in Caliente, Calif., but searches for such a museum were fruitless. An anonymous handwritten note in the museum file suggests the brand collection was donated intact to a museum in Southern Nevada, but searches for the collection in Nevada were dead ends.

Do you know what happened to Magee's brand collection? Did it remain intact? Was it sold off in pieces? Were brands of significance donated locally? We would welcome any information, to bring closure to this subplot in the history of the Hap Magee Ranch Park. Call 837-8300 or e-mail editor@DanvilleWeekly.com.



The Swain House, above, was built in the mid-1920s for caretakers, and is named after Ann and Capt. Isaac Swain, who gave money to the San Francisco Orphanage Asylum that enabled it to buy the land for a summer camp. The building now housing the YMCA offices was once the junior boys dorm.

Top left: Hap Magee herds some of his longhorns through Danville to the Silver Dollar Banquet Room just so folks can see what they look like up close. He's also reputed to have appeared in a Danville parade in a limousine with a bull by his side—but no photograph of this spectacle could be found.

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SHANNON COREY

Fast action, fun feats

Roller hockey provides thrills and camaraderie for players and their families

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

The action is fast on the roller rink as the padded hockey players fly along the expanse, wielding sticks often larger than themselves, swooshing this way and that, following the action of the bright orange little ball.

It's Tuesday, game night for the Golden Skate Hockey League, run out of the Golden Skate in San Ramon. The league has three levels of competitors—Mites (ages 6-9), Squirts (10-13) and Juniors (14-18)—about 100 players, mostly boys and some girls. They spend one hour a week in practice with their teams and then face each other in fast-paced competition each Tuesday.

"We've loved it from the moment we joined the league," said Kristie Turoff, league commissioner, an Alamo resident. "We enjoy the other families and the kids. And Golden Skate is a comfortable place to be."

Her son Phillip Turoff-Ortmeyer, 11, a sixth-grader at Stone Valley Middle School, began as a Mite but moved up to Squirts at age 9. Her younger son Sam Turoff-Ortmeyer, 8, attends Rancho Romero Elementary and has been a Mite for a couple of years now.

"We used to go to Golden Skate to go skating," said Kristie Turoff, recalling when Phillip was younger. "They had a big sign saying, 'Hockey leagues forming now.' My husband Chuck and I love hockey. We would say, 'We should get him in it because he's a good skater.' We put him on skates at 3 and could tell at an early age he had 'talented feet' on skates."

Eventually they did sign him up. Phillip loved it—as did the whole family.

"Originally Chuck and I helped to coach the Mites," said Turoff. Then Phillip moved up to the Squirts at age 9, and Dad went along with him. "When our younger son started, I began helping coaching at the Mites level."

When Turoff became league director, it coincided with the arrival of Jessica Fitzgibbons and her son Chase, now 8. Fitzgibbons once competed in figure skating and had played more than 10 years of ice hockey, said Turoff. "The minute she came in, I said, 'I'd love to have you help out with the Mites,'" recalled Turoff. "I quickly realized she would be a far better coach. She is doing a wonderful job helping them to understand the game."

"All of our coaches, whether parent or Juniors, are all really good, really respectful," Turoff added. "It's just about having a good time. But they take their job seriously. The kids learn."

"It's personally challenging but they're learning teamwork," pointed out one father at last week's championship games. "Baseball can be boring, especially for kids."

Turoff said one good thing about the hockey league is that it allows time for other sports. Especially the younger kids are usually also trying their hand at soccer and baseball. Her sons also play other sports and now are enjoying boxing.

The hockey league has four seasons in the year, each with 11-week sessions. The fall hockey season begins Sept. 19.

Some of the Golden Skate Hockey League players have joined their high school teams. Others have coached the younger players in the league while playing themselves then gone on to play in college, such as Andy Hillier, who is starting Cal Poly, and Jordan Hopstone.

Hopstone, 18, started last week at San Francisco State, and plans to join an ice hockey league in the city. He said he has been told that after

playing hockey at Golden Skate since he was 6 years old, he will be able to transfer his hockey skills to ice easily. He said he enjoyed coaching the younger kids, 10-13, as well as playing.

"A key thing is communication," he said. "A lot of players try to do it by eye, but it helps to shout out."

He said every player has strengths and weaknesses, and one of his challenges as



Other than the obvious difference between the two sports—roller hockey is played on anything smooth and dry from parking lot asphalt to plastic-tiled Sport Court, and ice hockey is played on frozen water—here are a few more distinguishing details:

The Game.

	Roller	Ice
No. of players	4	5
Game time*	Two 20-minute halves, running time	Three 15-minute periods, stop time
Offsides	None. Pass can be made to any player, anywhere on the rink	Puck must cross Blue Line before a player can enter offensive zone
Icing	no penalty	icing penalty
The "puck"	Plastic puck or ball 3.5-6oz	rubber puck 6 oz

*Game times may vary among leagues

The Gear.

The gear used in both sports is basically the same. For ice and roller, players must have helmets, gloves, elbow pads, knee/shin guards. Unlike roller, shoulder pads are required on the ice. Roller players sport long pants over their pads, ice players wear heavily padded short pants and long socks.

The Cost.

There's some truth to the bumper sticker that reads: "Driver carries no cash, my kids play ice hockey." The ice hockey season is generally a little longer, but costs four times as much. Typical Bay Area league fees for roller: \$80-120; ice: \$400-500.

The higher cost of equipment is just about a tossup between the two sports. Skates for both roller and ice will run anywhere from \$80-\$400+. Roller hockey players won't need to get their skates sharpened unlike ice blades (\$10 each time), but will pay \$5-\$10 per wheel.

And what makes hockey, hockey... gotta have a stick (\$25-\$150+).

The Bottom line.

Ice hockey and Roller hockey share the basic fundamental of the game—get the puck in the net. Both genres of player can converse completely about face-offs, forechecking, hat tricks, slap shots and power plays. Some hockey purists believe roller is a substitute for the real thing, but for the novice who wants to clock a lot of hours practicing there's something to be said for California weather and putting on skates and some gear and playing any-time you want for free.

Give it a shot.

Don't let the hit to your pocketbook keep you away from a fun, fast sport—ice or roller. Used equipment is easy to find and there are lots of ice and roller hockey programs for beginners of all ages.

—Shannon Corey



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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

What's summer without lemonade?

"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

If you can get through a steamy summer in Danville without one tall glass of icy cold lemonade, you are a better person than I. Like ice cream and cones, burgers and buns, chips and dip, lemonade is the perfect mate for summer. It's a completely satisfying sensory experience. There's the tangy taste of citrus to revive us after working too long in the garden, balanced by a sweetness to take the edge off any summer blues. The sound of sharp edges of ice cubes tinkling in the glass is soothing as the liquid flows down our throat.

There's even the side benefit of condensation to cool our fingertips or brow with every sip. And going down, ahh ... no drink (short of water from a well ladle) is as totally refreshing. Almost every California residential block has at least one prolific tree that supplies the neighborhood with lemons—Eureka, Meyer, Lisbon, some variety or

another—so getting your hands on tree-ripened lemons hardly takes effort. But even if you have to resort to buying a dozen from your local grocer, be sure to make at least one icy cold pitcher of lemonade before summer's end.

Lemonade was one of the first beverages I was encouraged to make on my own as a kid. Maybe it was because my mom felt the culinary adventure couldn't do much damage in her kitchen. As

long as she cut the lemons in half first, I could finish the assignment alone and, she assumed, with minimal mess. Well, there was always a sugar spill that left the kitchen floor sticky but she surmised that the outcome was worth the cleanup. That's probably because everyone, including her, wanted a cold glass of it themselves but were too busy to make it. After creating a pitcher of the drink, my job was to serve an ice-filled glass of it to everyone in my household. Not a simple task when you consider the

time to free ice cubes from those metal trays and refill them with water. Still, I felt like the queen of the kitchen as I worked my magic, and I took great pride in the smiles I produced as I handed off each glass. I thought I had reached the pinnacle of culinary artistry when I once added a pack of

red Kool-Aid and some frozen strawberries to the cold concoction.

One day when I was getting in her hair, mom offered to let me sell lemonade in front of our house. Like every other kid in the world, I had visions of becoming the first lemonade millionaire. Alas, my fingers gave out after the fifth pitcher and, at 2 cents a glass, I barely made enough money to buy myself a cold RC Cola. It was only years later that I valued the busi-

Lemonade: variations on a theme

Base: Squeeze 8 lemons into 5 cups cold water. Sweeten to taste with sugar, Equal or honey.

- Add 1/2 cup of pomegranate or cranberry juice
- Add 8-10 stems of fresh lavender
- Add a handful of crushed mint leaves
- Add 1 cup peach slices, white grapes or strawberry halves
- Substitute limes for 1/2 of the lemons
- Add 1/2 cup of mango nectar or grapefruit juice
- Add 1/4 cup peeled and thinly sliced ginger
- Add 10 oz. bottle of tonic or sparkling water
- Add 1/2 cup peach brandy

ness lesson of being subsidized by my mom's pantry.

Lemonade is such a familiar summer beverage, that it's easy to get ho-hum about it. Try giving your lemonade a new twist this summer. It doesn't take much creativity to transform a humble pitcher of the cooler into an exotic summer cocktail. Above, I've compiled a few ways to kick up your lemonade a notch. And if you're smart, you'll talk some energetic child—a grandchild or even a neighbor's kid—into making a pitcher of the summer beverage and serving it up to everyone. The total experience will far outweigh the sticky floor.

Jacqui Love Marshall lives in Danville with her vintage-car-loving husband, two pugs and binders of recipes.

Let the songs begin

Alamo music fest takes place tomorrow to benefit school program

The big event in Alamo tomorrow takes place right in the center of town. It's the 23rd annual Alamo Wine and Music Festival, with school bands, jazz bands, dancers and more, from 2-11 p.m. at Alamo Plaza.

Wine to be tasted will come from several California vineyards, and commemorative wine glasses will be available for purchase as well as Music Festival polo shirts. Family activities will include a play zone set up by the Mt. Diablo Regional YMCA, plus food, games and business booths. Barbeque dinner tickets will cost \$15 but there will also be hotdogs sold by the Alamo Merchants and Professional Association.

Both high school bands will perform, as well as their jazz bands,

beginning at 2 p.m. The Fabulous Cruise Tones, an oldies, classic rock dance band, will go on stage at 8 p.m.

The event will also feature drawings. Top prizes are a Hawaiian vacation, donated by Elene Ferguson of Alamo World Travel, and a bicycle, courtesy of Mike Wells at Alamo Bicycles. Tickets may be purchased at the festival or at Mark Kahn Jewelers.

The festival is a fundraiser for the music education programs at local schools including Alamo Elementary, Rancho Romero Elementary, Stone Valley Middle School, Monte Vista High School, San Ramon Valley High School and Lucille Glass Mauzy School.

"We raised more than \$17,000

during last year's festival," said Don Morton, sponsor chairman. "Much of the money came from very generous sponsors."

The event is presented by Alamo Rotary, which will announce its annual Citizen of the Year Award at the festival. Each year Alamo Rotary selects from the many nominees the person who epitomizes the ideals of Rotary through active involvement in community affairs and projects. Last year's award winner was Greg Schuyler of Celebrations on the Bay. Others have included Deputy Rick James, Claudia Waldron and Bruce Marhenke.

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—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Sat 1, 3:50, 7:10, 9:50 p.m.; Mon-Tue no 9:50 show
The Man (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Mon 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10 p.m.
The Memory of a Killer (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tue 12:20, 5, 9:45 p.m.
The Skeleton Key (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Mon 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20 p.m.
The Transporter 2 (PG-13)	Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Sat 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:20, 9:30 p.m.; Sun-Mon no 9:30 show Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Mon 12:05, 1:25, 2:35, 3:45, 6:05, 7:25, 8:25, 9:45, 10:45 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:10 p.m.; Sat-Sun 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:10 p.m.; Mon-Tue same as Fri.
The Underclassman (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Mon 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 9:40 p.m.
Valiant (G)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Mon 1, 3:05, 5:05, 7:15, 9:30 p.m.
Wedding Crashers (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Mon 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55 p.m.

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Hockey

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a coach was to find exercises to benefit everyone, to work on improving their game. He also had to teach them not to bunch up, to stay organized.

"I played defense," Hopstone said. "One of my strengths is skating backwards." He is looking forward to playing on ice and using the flat puck, instead of the balls used in roller hockey. "The puck is heavier," he explained. "It has more force, it's going to travel faster."

Turoff also noted that roller hockey is an enjoyable sport because you're not out in the heat—or the cold. She said the

owner of the rink, Hassan Sharifi, has done a lot to help the league.

"It's a totally family-run program," said Sharifi. "I just come every Tuesday and enjoy myself."

Turoff said the league draws players from Danville, Alamo, San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Walnut Creek, Lafayette and Castro Valley. Parents are a big part of the game, coaching, score-keeping and organizing.

"It's a really nice group of people, a nice community," Turoff said. "It's a fast-paced sport. Because it's a recreational league it's fun but the right amount of competition. It's a terrific group of kids through and through."

For more information, visit www.thegoldenskatecom/hockey. The fall season is Sept. 19-Dec. 6. ■

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

Kontroll

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1 hr 46 mins
Director: Nimród Antal



Lurking beneath the city streets is the grimy, mechanized world of the ever-suffering subway ticket inspector in director Nimród Antal's "Kontroll," which veils a compelling drama with thriller elements for a great mix of humor and suspense. It is set in the Budapest underground, and director Antal wisely chooses to never show us the light from above: All the action takes place in the confines of the subway tunnels and occasionally at a grimy cafeteria and meeting hall where the inspectors trade insults and war stories, all cloaked in an aura of self-loathing and deprecation.

We are introduced to Bulcsú (Sándor Csányi, a Hungarian Marlon Brando) napping on the subway platform, then rising amid the erratic hum of the fluorescent lights. He impassively wipes away his morning nosebleed (we have a feeling this is common) and sets out to his daily meeting with the other ticket inspectors. We learn from his meeting that the inspectors are the lowest on the job circuit—their status is one of vermin whose only function is to verify passenger ticket stubs so as to bust riders taking advantage of the ancient ticketing system. The boss wants to crack down even more, setting up quotas and badgering the already exhausted men, all of them with skin of a strange grayish hue.

Bulcsú's team is made up of some of the surliest and dim-witted the job could offer: Professor (Zoltan Mucsi) sadly treats the job like his own personal calling, trying to apply a philosophical edge to his thankless profession; Tibi (Zsolt Nagy) is the newcomer whose enthusiasm becomes a naive crusade against the tyranny of the impatient passengers; and Muki (Csaba Pindroch), whose narcolepsy starts to drag the team's already failing enthusiasm down a few circles in their hellish workdays.

There has been some mischief on the platforms recently: A lone man cloaked in an ominous black-hooded sweatshirt has been pushing passengers into the oncoming trains. The management refuses to believe it is a serial killer, but every so often Bulcsú has glimpses of the man hiding behind the pillars and ducking round corners. Another distraction is a cute commuter in a bear costume, whose flirtations are signals for Bulcsú to take the escalator to the surface.

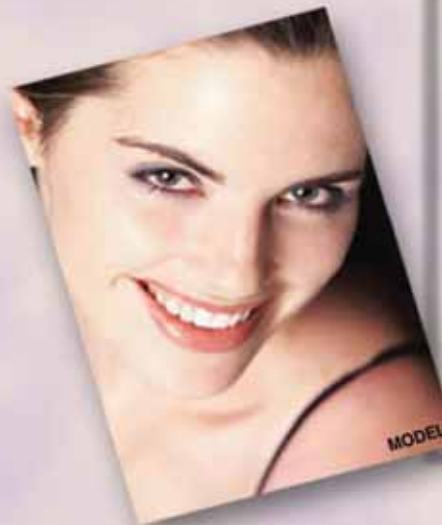
What makes "Kontroll" unique is its lighter moments that seem to dominate and balance the darker tones of the film. They could have descended into glib action film banter (which usually indicates a lack of imagination) but instead seem to be the backbone of the story. The characters breathe their lives to the audience through their gripes and painful gasps of air (when usually chasing down some poor punk), and their pangs add to our empathy. Never have I found a film so interested and celebratory of the sufferings of the workingman.

"Kontroll" ultimately treads the line of pretension, with a strange hallucinatory rave in the tunnels being held at the end of the film while Bulcsú trails his stalker. It feels as if director Antal knew this was what audiences expected rather than this is what was needed. It could have been something more inspired to complement the rest of this ingenious little film.

-Joe Ramirez

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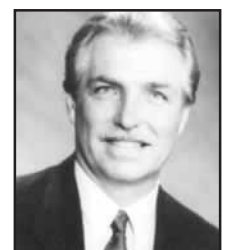
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Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

Art in the Park

The Alamo Danville Artists' Society & the town of Danville will present its seventh annual Art in the Park from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2, on Front Street (next to the Library and Community Center). Benefits Art in the Schools Program. Admission is free.

Art of Fashion

The show, which benefits Danville Area Cultural Alliance (DACA), will be from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18, in the Village Theater, 233 Front St. There will be a bazaar and wine tasting after the show. For information, call Yasmine Austere at 998-9747.

Portrait Painting Demonstration

The Alamo-Danville Artists' Society will host an artist's demonstration by portrait painter Wanda Kemper, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. The session is free and visitors are welcome.

Author Visits

Bestselling author Joshua Braff visits

Joshua Braff will read and sign his new book, "The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave. For confirmation, call 837-7337.

Bestselling Author M.J. Ryan

Join one of the creators of the "Random Acts of Kindness" series, bestselling author M.J. Ryan as she discusses and signs her latest book, "The Happiness Makeover," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room. For information, call 937-4889.

Christopher Paolini Book Signing

Meet Christopher Paolini at a reading and signing of his latest book "Eldest," at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at the San Ramon Valley High School Performing Arts Center. This event is sponsored by Rakestraw Books. Tickets are \$5.25 and can be purchased at Rakestraw Books on Aug. 15. For additional information, call 837-7337.

Joan Bechtel, Linda Cohen

Local authors Joan Bechtel and Linda Cohen will discuss and sign their new book, "Motherhood Confidential: The Strange Disappearance of My Best Friend," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Rakestraw Books at 409 Railroad Ave. For confirmation, call 837-7337.

Civic Meetings Clubs

Danville Parks and Leisure Services Commission

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

Danville Planning Commission

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

Town Council Meeting

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

Class Reunions

Greenbrook Mother's Group

The Greenbrook Mother's Group invites all alumni of the Greenbrook Babysitting Co-op to join them at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Greenbrook Clubhouse to celebrate past, present and future members. The cost is \$15 per person or \$30 per couple, which includes appetizers, desserts, wines and fun drinks. For information, call Kelly Hales at 552-8149 or e-mail rchales@juno.com.

Classes

Divorce Recovery

A safe environment for those going through divorce to explore ways of moving toward wholeness. The class is from 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 15, at Community Presbyterian Counseling Center, 375 Diablo Road, Suite 109, and facilitated by Pat Powell, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. Cost is \$240. To register, call 820-1467 or visit www.cpccounseling.com.

Effective Preschool Parenting

Understand your children and make the most out of those critical years. The class is from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursdays, Sept. 22-Oct. 27, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Room 200. The class will be taught by Bonnie Summers, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. Cost is \$160/individual, \$210/couple. To register, call 820-1467 or visit www.cpccounseling.com.

California Writers Club

Novelist Nina Schuyler, a finalist for the 24th annual Northern California Books Awards, will talk about the process of novel writing at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Hungry Hunter, 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Lunch fee is \$17 CWC members, \$20 non-members. Call 510 881-8929 or email camille@minichino.com before Wednesday, Sept. 7, for required reservations.

Country Western Dance Club

When do the Country Hustlers dance in Danville? From 8-11 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 at the Danville Veteran's Hall at 400 Hartz Ave.; Friday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Danville Grange Hall at 743 Diablo Blvd.; and Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Danville Veteran's Hall. Admission is \$9 for guests, \$7 for members, and \$5 for senior members. For information, visit the Web site at www.countryhustlers.com/whenwedance.htm

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 claireshepherdson@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 HRC Chapter Dealer or call the HRC at (310) 785-3955.

Kiwanis San Ramon Valley

The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis meets from noon-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Mudds Restaurant in San Ramon. Meeting includes a guest speaker and lunch. For information, visit its Web site at www.kiwanis-srv.org.

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

The society meets from 1:15-3 p.m., 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.

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.

Newcomers 'Get Acquainted Coffee'

WEEKEND PREVIEW

Red Light, Green Light

Remember the game Red Light, Green Light? Well, here's a chance for children to learn all about bus safety and make stoplight cookies while playing games like Red Light, Green Light. Just in time for the school year, this informative and entertaining Family Funshop is ongoing from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Blackhawk Museum. Feel free to drop in at any time to hear a story or participate in a hands-on activity.



The San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites prospective members to join them for their Get Acquainted Coffee from 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Sept. 28. Come meet the members and learn about their various activities. For information, call Audrey at 244-1492.

Porsche Club

Porsche Club of America Concours will display 70-90 cars on the Blackhawk Museum Plaza at 10 a.m., 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 Newcomers Club

Members and guests are invited to attend the San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, at Garlic dePasta in Pleasanton. Come enjoy lunch and bingo. For information, call Mickey at 803-2918.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club

The San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club Hiking Group invites prospective members to join as they explore East Bay Regional Parks. The group meets at 8:30 a.m., every Friday. Hikes are usually two hours and within 30 minutes of San Ramon. For information, call Sharon at 735-8960.

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. 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 Luna Loca's Restaurant, 500 Sycamore Valley Road, West. The general business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., and is open to all members and visitors. For information, call Bob Franco 736-5272 or visit the Web site at www.vnvdv.com.

Concerts

Concerts at Livorna Park

Bring the family and a picnic and enjoy local talent. The last concert of the year will feature Silk and Soul (jazz, blues and soul) from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 16, at Livorna Park, Livorna Road and Miranda Avenue in Alamo.

Events

Blackhawk Republican Women

Blackhawk Republican Women will host speakers Tiffany Delepine, Executive Director for Contra Costa Republican party, and Troi Martin, author of "Behind the Cosmetic and Plastic Surgeons Mask," at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 12, at the Blackhawk Country Club. Cost is \$16 per person, reservations required. Call Barbara at 837-7679 or Baduffy@juno.com.

Blessing of the Animals

A hands-on blessing of the animals will take place at 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18, at Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. For information, call 837-6944.

Blessing of the Animals

San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Drive, will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1. Bring four-legged and feathered friends to receive a blessing in the Franciscan spirit. For information, call 837-9141.

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. Members of the HCCA will discuss some of the great horseless carriages from the Brass Era. Museum's docents will tour the Brass Era cars inside the Museum after the presentation. For information, contact Jon Hart at 736-2277, ext. 248.

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Business Showcase, Food & Wine
Danville Area Chamber of Commerce presents its 14th annual Business Showcase, Food & Wine Event from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22, at Blackhawk Plaza, Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Road. Cost and registration: \$10 covers entrance to event plus food tastes; \$15 covers entrance to event plus food and five wine tastes. For information, call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillechamber.com/index.html.

Discovery Counseling Center's Golf Classic
The Discovery Counseling Center of the San Ramon Valley announces its 6th annual Golf Classic charity golf tournament on Monday, Sept. 26, at Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon. For registration information, call 837-0505.

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 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Saturday, at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues; and from 4-8 p.m., Thursdays, Sept. 1-29, on Hartz Avenue between Prospect and Church. Call 825-9090 or visit www.pcfma.com.

Institute of Management Consultants, East Bay
IMC USA, East Bay presents Branding for Consultants from 7:30-9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 19, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive. Cost and registration is \$15. For information, call 236-2296, e-mail Michaelnorth@comcast.net or visit www.imcnorcal.org/breakfast.htm.

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.

Opportunity Quilt 2005
The Diablo Valley Quilters will present its 22nd annual quilt show from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25, at Charlotte Wood Middle School, 600 El Capitan. Sally Collins, award-winning quilter and DVQ member, is the featured artist. Funds raised are used to sponsor educational meetings and community outreach programs. In addition, there will be quilts for sale, a silent auction of members' quilts, numerous vendors, handcrafted items and door prizes. Admission is \$6.

Patriot Day at USS Hornet Museum
Join us in honoring Bay Area's First Responders (police, fire, rescue, etc.) who risk their lives in service to their community, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, onboard the USS Hornet Museum, Pier 3, Alameda Point. There will be emergency apparatus displays, guest speakers, as well as all ship exhibits. Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 children, and free for all first responders and their immediate family. For information, call (510) 521-8448, ext. 282, or visit www.hornetevents.com.

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.

Primo's Run for Education
Primo's Pizza & Pasta sponsors Primo's Run for Education, benefiting the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, on Sunday, Oct. 9. Register for this 5K and 1/2 Marathon run by visiting www.primosrun.com. Save money with an early registration, deadline Sept. 15. Online registration closes Oct. 5.

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.

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

Wildlife in the Valley
An exhibit from the Lindsay Wildlife Museum is now at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley through Sept. 15. It has displays of mounted animals, including birds, a bear and a mountain lion. Demonstrations will feature live birds and other native animals Saturday, Aug. 27. Hours during August are 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturdays. During September, museum hours are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. The museum is located at 205 Railroad Ave. Call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsvr.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 dlimcsweeney@msn.com.

Quilt Drawing for Hospice
"Hearts of Hospice" is the name given

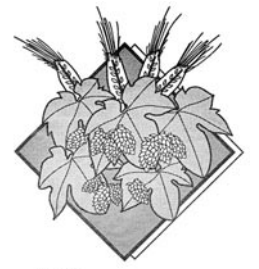
to a spectacular double-bed size quilt that features 70 large "ragged" hearts set on a mixed off-white background and has been professionally machine quilted. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation's annual auction and gala at Blackhawk Country Club on Oct. 29. Make checks payable to Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill 94523. You need not be present to win. Proceeds go directly to the Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation, benefiting Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa.

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 advance and \$55 at the door. Tickets are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market TVAR adoption booth, or online at www.tvvar.org, or call 803-7043. All tickets will be available for pickup at the event.

Unique Flair of Fashion
Join the 2005 Danville Area Cultural Alliance and Art Gallery fundraiser show and bazaar, "The Unique Flair of Fashion," from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Village Theater, 233 Front St. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the gallery and Flobell Boutique at 362-0813. For phone orders and information, contact the gallery director at 838-1959.

Health

Hospice Offers Support
Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa offers a variety of support groups and classes for people experiencing grief and loss after the death of a loved one. Individual counseling for Hospice families is also available. Groups are offered from 7-9 p.m., Friday evenings at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in



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Kids & Teens

New SAT Strategy Session

A free strategy session on taking the new SAT college entrance exam and getting into the college of your choice will be presented by the professionals from the Princeton Review from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room. Seats are limited and registration is required. Reserve your spot at the

Danville Library Information Desk or call 837-4889.

Lectures

Debunking myths of 'The Da Vinci Code'
The September breakfast event of the

Catholics@Work fellowship will feature Carl E. Olson, co-author, and medievalist Sandra Miesel, of "The Da Vinci Hoax: Exposing the Errors in the Da Vinci Code" at 6:45 a.m. (full buffet breakfast), Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive. Mass is offered at 6:15 a.m. at the same location. Cost is \$20 for members and \$27 for non-

members. To register, visit www.catholicsatwork.org/EventDesc.a.spx.

Live Music

Antonia Venezia performs live
Vocalist Antonia Venezia, and Josh Kay will perform from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 26, at the Six 80 Lounge, 519 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No cover charge for the Happy Hour jazz show. For information, call 552-6050.

Studio 6 Big Band of San Francisco

Presented by the San Ramon Library as part of its Jazz series, All-star Bay Area musicians will perform contemporary big band jazz for listening and dancing at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. For information and confirmation, call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Miscellaneous

Got E-Waste Inc.

Got E-Waste Inc., in partnership with An Elderly Wish Foundation, is sponsoring a free public collection/recycling event for electronic waste (e-waste) from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18-Monday, Sept. 19, at Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, "L" Street Parking Lot, Antioch. For information call 510 31-7511 or visit www.gote-waste.com.

Seniors

Bridge

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

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Prime Time for 'Seasoned Citizens'

Prime Time for "seasonal citizens" begins Tuesday, Sept. 13, and will continue to meet from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Tuesday thereafter, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado. Homecooked lunch is \$3. For transportation, call 837-5229. Call 820-6387 with questions.

St. Isidore's Young at Heart

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

Walking Buddies

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

Sports

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

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Support Groups

Breast Cancer Support Group

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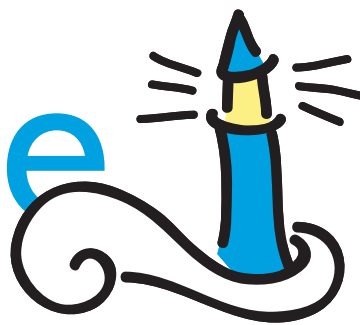
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Average sales reported: \$1,185,770

Alamo

Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$620,000
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Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$288,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,385,000
Average sales reported: \$727,977

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Danville

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5054 Blackhawk Drive Cabral Trust to S. & C. Falk for \$1,690,000
133 Briar Place Wondolowski Trust to M. & J. Jamati for \$1,212,000
1010 Cedar Lane Court Land Trust to J. & D. Rayome for \$719,000
104 Clover Hill Court Goldman Trust to D. & M. Irvine for \$700,000
8 Creekledge Court R. Saso to S. Moore for \$1,685,000
480 Eagle Valley Way Raasch Trust to T. Robison for \$901,000
130 Emerald Drive Hoyle Trust to Wondolowski Trust for \$1,625,000
2004 Fostoria Circle J. & Y. Lewis to B. Parcasio for \$530,000
751 Liquidamber Place Kingsborough Trust to Colton Trust for \$1,520,000
28 Mariposa Court B. & V. Wasserman to J. Dempsey for \$1,549,000
66 Milano Court N. McDonald to C. & R. Apostolopoulos for \$1,100,000
1300 Mustang Drive M. & M. Davis to M. & A. Corritone for \$959,000
3440 Quail Walk Court Rudd Trust to Abood Trust for \$2,750,000
1 Rainbow Circle J. Luengo to J. & B. Hinchcliffe for \$750,000
100 Rassai Court E. Yang to C. McGlockton for \$1,858,000
947 Redwood Drive K. & E. Schlaff to Moody Trust for \$1,092,000

195 Santa Clara Drive Turley Trust to R. & J. Shonfeld for \$911,000
3499 Shadow Creek Drive F. Fereydouni to A. Shirkhani for \$1,100,000
3547 Shadow Creek Drive M. Martin to T. Tarookh for \$1,082,000
4025 Skylark Lane J. Rayome to C. Gillison for \$578,000
66 St. Ann Court D. & J. Garrison to C. Griffiths for \$1,480,000
44 Summer Hill Court T. Tingley to X. Meng for \$842,500
265 West El Pintado Road #A Stevens Trust to K. Burke for \$550,000

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214 Britain Court Serrano Trust to B. Haber for \$1,100,000
1394 Danville Boulevard #206 K. Ramirez to C. Libert for \$620,000
117 Garydale Court G. Wood to Cautis Trust for \$1,100,000
1597 Hillgrade Avenue J. Harris to C. & J. Devinney for \$1,375,000
26 Kimberley Place Corrie Development to J. Martarella for \$2,700,000
2829 Litina Court D. & K. McKean to T. & A. Elwell for \$1,125,000
1566 Serafix Road R. & M. Michelman to J. & M. Geagea for \$2,100,000
3258 Stone Valley Road S. & S. Simons to A. & A. Silvestri for \$1,455,000

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21 Arlene Lane Krueger Trust to J. Rosenbaum for \$1,095,000
1101 Cardigan Court G. & J. Greth to Raine Trust for \$658,000

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217 Conifer Lane Aldrich Trust to A. & E. Maxim for \$877,000
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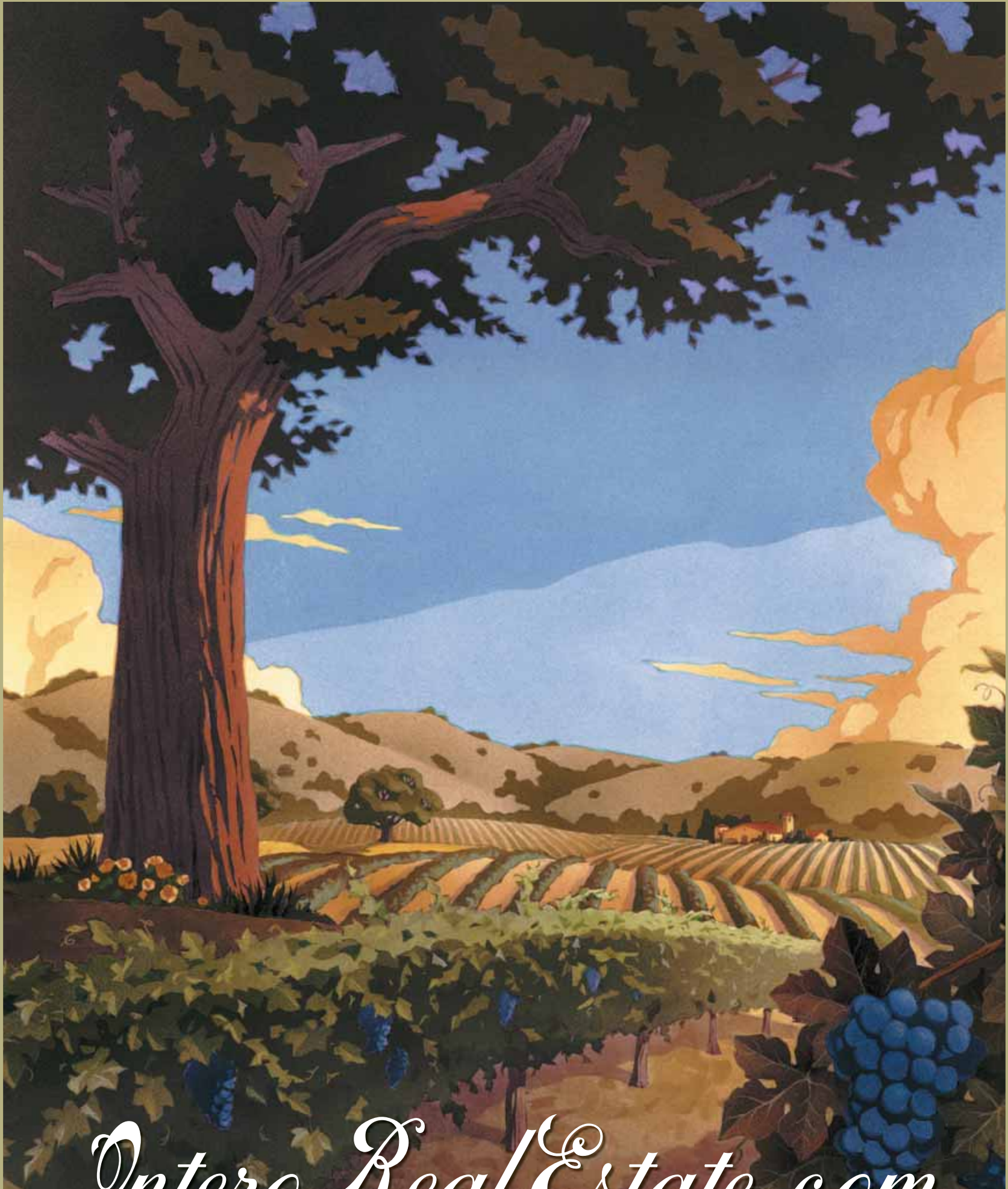
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