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Danville commission  
passes policy on  
historical markers

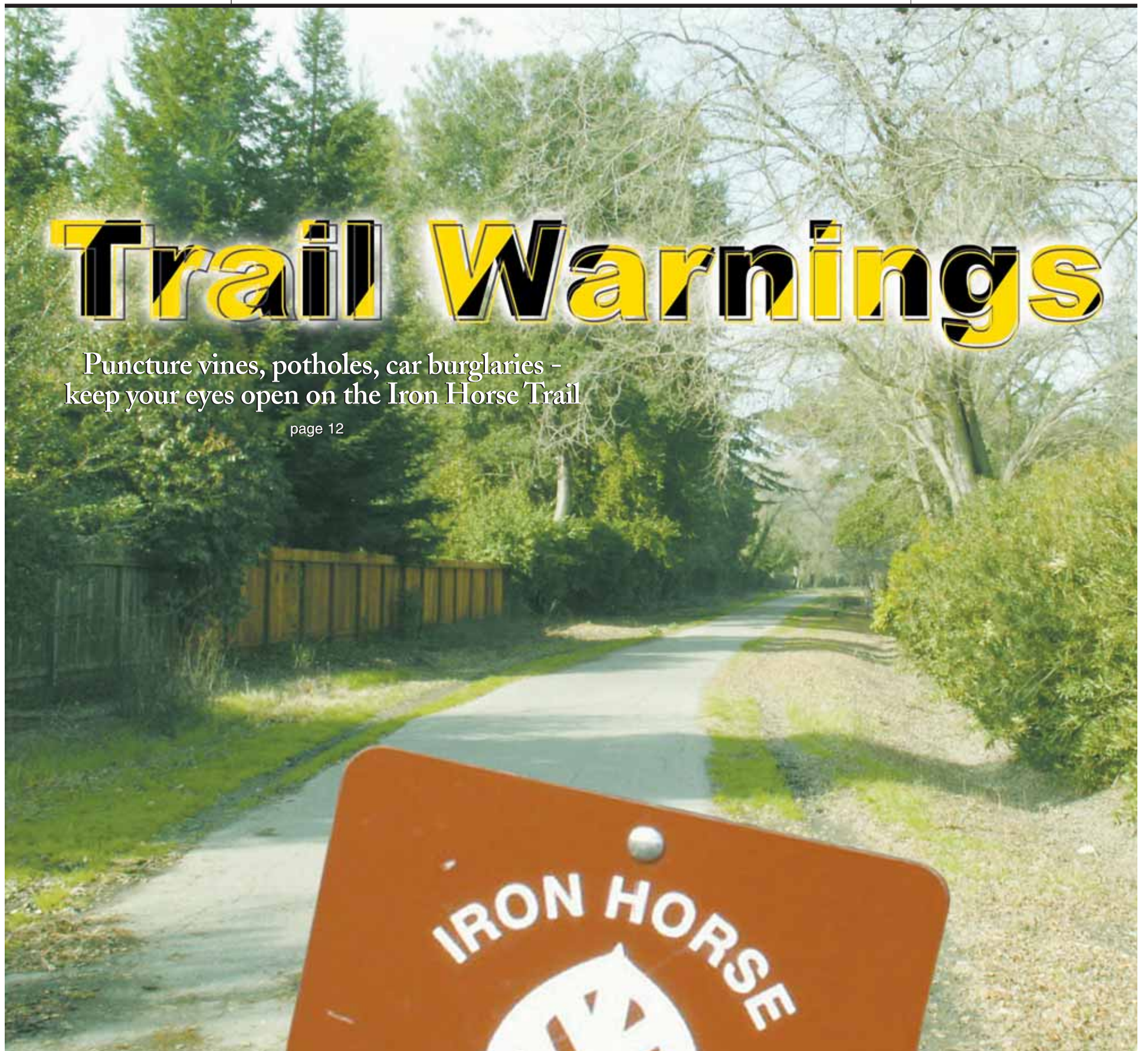
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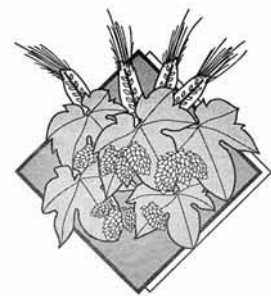


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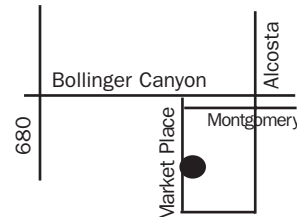
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—**Seng Lovan**  
*acting branch librarian*



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—**Camilla Ewing**  
*homemaker and volunteer*



I choose them by subject. Right now, I'm doing Abraham Lincoln. I got a new book for Christmas, and I'm going to read five more around it. I found an English book that gives a perspective on Lincoln from the rest of the world. I've also done golf, baseball and investing.

—**David Hall**  
*retired director of sales*



Mostly for entertainment, or if there's something that I want for reference, like gardening. I like lighthearted stuff, like "A Woman of Substance."

—**Pat Thergusen**  
*instructional assistant*



I usually choose by favorite authors, and authors I've read most often. I often look at newspapers to see the book clubs. I like mysteries, and I've read a lot of Harlan Coban. I also like biographies but I don't read enough of them. My favorite was the autobiography by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

—**Sandy English**  
*retired teacher*

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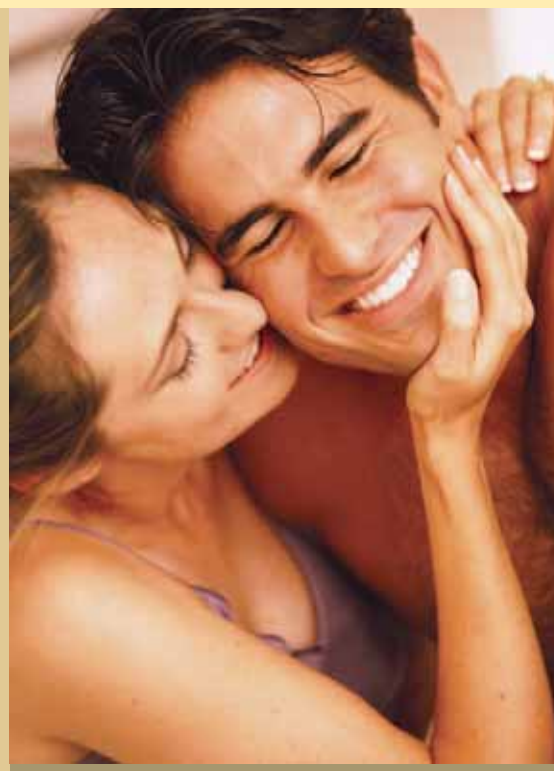
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“ You work really, really hard and it's very consuming. ”

—Danville resident Michael Lynch on why he left the corporate world to become an entrepreneur, developing the nutritious Fuelers Cookies. See story, page 7.

### Your back yard, 10 million years ago

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley is opening its new exhibit, "Beasts in Your Back Yard," this Tuesday, Jan. 24, to run through April 22. The exhibit will be presented in conjunction with the UC Berkeley Museum of Paleontology and the Blackhawk Museum.

"Beasts in Your Back Yard" will provide an opportunity to learn about the animals that roamed the area nine million to 10 million years ago. The exhibit will include a saber-toothed cat skull and mastodon skeletons and fossils.

All of the fossils on display were discovered by Dr. Bruce Clark in 1929 in the Blackhawk Quarry, located near Mount Diablo. Other fossil finds in the quarries included camels, antelopes, horses and pigs.

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley is located at 205 Railroad Ave. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. There is no charge for admission but donations are welcome. For more information, call 837-3750 or visit [www.museumsv.org](http://www.museumsv.org).

### Chance to buy books

This weekend is the big book sale by the Friends of the Danville Library, a chance to stock your library, grab some casual reading, and help the programs of the Friends. The group sells books year-round in its library bookstore, but this sale, held several times a year, offers thousands of books in the Mt. Diablo Room at the library, 400 Front St.

The sale begins today, Jan. 20. Members of Friends of the Danville Library are admitted from 9-10 a.m.; the sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale continues from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21. The last day, Sunday, is a bag sale, with books being sold noon-3:30 p.m. at \$5 per bag.

Volunteers accept donations all year of books, videos, books-on-tape and CDs. All donations must be in good, clean condition, and they do not accept magazines or textbooks.

Membership in Friends of the Library costs \$10. Members receive a newsletter and discounts at some local stores. The group uses its proceeds to provide the library with books and materials, plus sponsors children's programs, a book discussion group and special activities.

### 'Ask the Doctor' about heart disease

Cardiologists Kristine Batten and Matthew DeVane will answer questions on "Heart Disease, Stroke and Cholesterol" on the "Ask the Doctor" show airing live from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 1. The phone-in educational program is cosponsored by the San Ramon Regional Medical Center and Contra Costa Health Services.

Viewers can send in their medical questions by fax at 313-1185 or e-mail [askthedoctor@contracostatv.org](mailto:askthedoctor@contracostatv.org). Or they may telephone 313-1190.

Contra Costa Television cablecasts the educational program on Channel 27 in most of the county, including Danville. It airs live on the first Wednesday of the month and is rebroadcast all other Wednesdays at the same time and Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. For scheduling, visit [www.sanramonmedctr.com](http://www.sanramonmedctr.com).

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## Commission passes historical marker policy

*New guidelines specify what qualifies as historic site*

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

One marker for all! The Heritage Resource Commission in Danville hopes.

The commission approved a new policy last week to have all history buffs work together by creating one marker for each historical site in town. The new measure also gives specific guidelines on what constitutes a historical place.

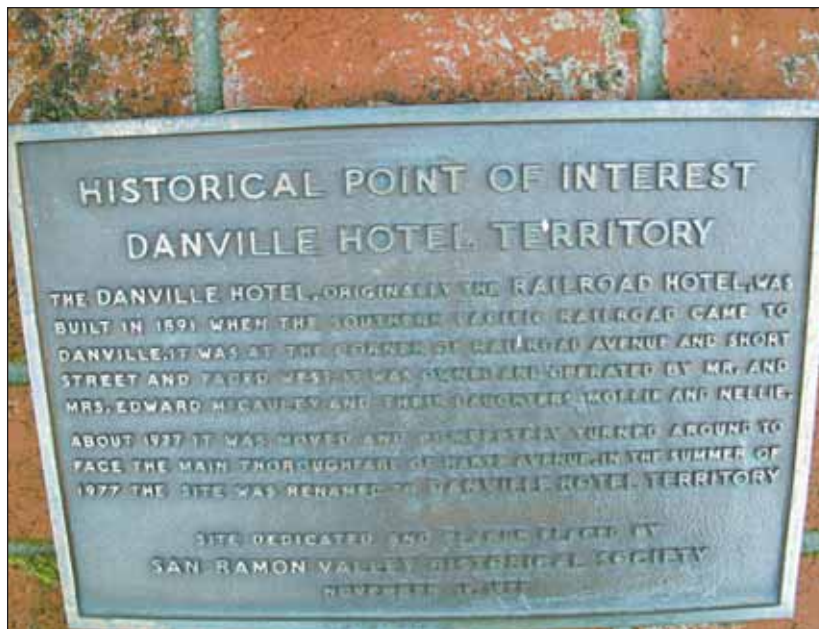
"Markers gives the community a sense of place," said Lynn Osborn, who stepped down from the position of chairwoman of the Heritage Resource Commission at last week's

meeting in the Town Meeting Hall. "I love our town. I love history."

Before the policy was passed, other historical groups did not have clear guidelines on what made a site significant enough to memorialize. Also, commission members and the San Ramon Valley Historical Society would often produce two separate markers for one site.

The Heritage Resource Commission is a seven-member board appointed by the Town Council and responsible for establishing criteria for identifying and

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JORDAN M. DORONILA



Two types of historical markers around town are, above, the Heritage Resource Commission's oval-shaped marker, and left, the San Ramon Valley Historical Society's detailed plaque. The commission hopes its new ordinance will bring history lovers together to create one uniform marker.

## Dedication of Alamo's Andrew H. Young Park is a priority

*New R-7A members decide not to wait for park renovation*

by **Dolores Fox Ciardelli**

Andrew H. Young Park must be dedicated as soon as possible, decided the new committee of Alamo's parks and recreation R-7A county service area at its meeting last Thursday.

The small corner park on Danville Boulevard at Jackson Way opened several years ago, named for Young

in honor of his years of dedication to recreation programs and parks in Alamo. The formal dedication ceremony was never held although the plaque was made.

The county is planning to renovate the park to make it conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act, but the R-7A committee members agreed not to wait any longer for the dedication. Roy S. Bloss of Alamo pleaded with the committee to hold the ceremony while he and other aging friends of Young's could attend.

"Three or four years ago, Mr. Bloss came to us," Nancy Kaplan, a

former member of R-7A, told the committee members. "We were in your position a year ago, two years ago." She said the dedication of Andrew H. Young Park had been grouped with the dedications of Livorna and Hap Magee Ranch parks. "You ought to separate it out."

The new committee members agreed they wanted to take action as soon as possible, at their February meeting. "I want to make sure we have a date for the dedication for Andrew H. Young Park as an action item," said chairwoman Marianne Sasso.

The committee also gave top pri-

ority to getting bids for Livorna Park improvements, including a new sandbox, a toddler play area, a picnic area redesigned for handicapped access and improvements to the restrooms.

"The landscape architect said it will be two weeks before it is ready to go out to bid," said Lisa Carnahan, special districts planner from the county Public Works Department, who is staff liaison for R-7A.

Another priority is getting an Alamo recreation program under way. Valerie Matlock introduced herself to the committee, saying

she was recently hired to coordinate the recreation program. She will begin Feb. 7.

In discussing priorities, the four committee members also said they would like to see pocket parks along the Iron Horse Trail; to see more trails for jogging or hiking and access to Las Trampas Regional Wilderness; to take a look at Alamo's distribution of parks; and to find out what residents of Alamo feel is missing from the local recreation scene.

The committee, along with

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## New owners for Alamo classic

*Ristorante Forli will keep food like 'grandma used to make'*

by **Dolores Fox Ciardelli**

Ristorante Forli in Alamo has changed hands, after decades of serving Italian food "like grandma made it" as well as having a popular bar with live entertainment. The Cala Corp., headquartered in Titusville, Fla., assumed ownership Jan. 9 after the previous owners failed to renew their lease.

CEO Joseph Cala said he was in Alamo about two months ago on business concerning his UnderSea Resort and Residence, a membership club with luxury residences on ship sites worldwide. The Realtor



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Gabriele Davanzante is the new manager at Ristorante Forli in Alamo since it was purchased recently by the Cala Corp. The new owners say they don't plan to change the menu or prices, just to upgrade the service and wine list.

he was working with brought him to lunch at Ristorante Forli.

"The food was terrific," Cala recalled, "but no one said hello. I asked, 'Is it closing?'"

A longtime waiter with a big smile eventually stepped up to help him and ended up suggesting he buy the place and give it the attention it needed. After some

investigation, Cala did just that. He found it had been purchased about 10 years ago by three partners, one of whom also owned Marcello's in Danville, which was getting most of his attention.

The public corporation paid no money for the actual business but

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## Danville council discusses waste fee increase

*Waste Authority wants 45 cents more per month from residents*

by **Geoff Gillette**

The Danville Town Council is looking at the possibility of raising the rates for garbage haulers, for the first time since 2001. Town Manager Joe Calabrigo laid out waste cost options at the council meeting Tuesday.

Danville is one of several members of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (CCC-SWA), represented by Councilman Mike Doyle and Vice Mayor Mike Shimansky. In 2004, a 10-year franchise agreement was entered into with Allied Waste and Valley Waste Management. The first year of the contract is now ending, with the second beginning March 1.

Calabrigo explained that in November, the town was notified by the authority that they would need to begin discussions over a rate increase for Year 2. The reason for the suggested increase was that

the actual revenues in 2005 were lower than what was required in the agreement, which if carried over into the next year, would eat away at cash reserves.

The initial request called for a 5 percent increase, said Calabrigo, but over the course of several conversations, that number was dropped to 2.8 percent. The effect of a 2.8 percent increase on residential customers would work out to 45 cents per month. Calabrigo said many of the other members of the authority, such as Lafayette, Moraga, Walnut Creek and Contra Costa County, had already approved increases to offset the revenue shortfall from the previous year.

The bottom line, Calabrigo said, would be to either approve the 2.8 percent increase or keep rates the same and defer any increase until next year. He added that even with

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### Marker

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protecting historic sites, as well as developing preservation incentives for property owners.

The San Ramon Valley Historical Society is a private group of 250 people who promote history in the valley, said Beverly Lane, San Ramon Valley Museum curator and Historical Society member. She said the society has put 18 plaques in the valley.

Commission members said they hope the new policy will bring all interested parties that want to be actively involved in Danville's history to work together and create a uniform plaque.

"A uniform look attracts the public," said Osborn. "The policy makes it easier for everyone so they're not wandering in the dark when they want to put up a historical plaque."

In the past, the resource commission produced oval shaped plaques that labeled a historical site but they did not have any description on them. The Historical Society produced square markers with a brief description of the site.

The commission and the Historical Society are now working together to develop a marker for the area where the old Danville Grammar School was located near the Grange Hall, now the Village Theatre on Front Street, said Catarina Kidd, assistant planner and town staff liaison for the

Human Resource Commission.

Kidd said town officials first passed an ordinance to preserve history in the community in 1987. Lane recalled as a council member at that time, that everyone felt it was important to preserve Danville's historic resources, including buildings and trees.

"History is very important," Lane said, explaining that learning history increases one's knowledge, which helps provide a strong foundation for building a sense of community.

The San Ramon Historical Society began in the 1970s. Lane

Alamo Elementary School.

Plaques started appearing on historical sites in the 1960s, Lane said. She said President John F. Kennedy influenced the national desire to have history remembered through markers. Since then, markers have evolved over time. ■

#### Historical plaque requirements

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- Building must have an unusual natural feature

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- All marker faces should be bronze
- Verification of historical accuracy of text should be standardized through the hierarchy of research (i.e., primary sources take precedence over secondary sources, etc.).

"A uniform look attracts the public. The policy makes it easier for everyone so they're not wandering in the dark when they want to put up a historical plaque."

—Lynn Osborn, member of  
Heritage Resource Commission

said its primary focus was putting markers at historical sites.

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## These cookies have the right fuel

Danville man develops nutritious new snack

by Jordan M. Doronila

Nutritious and perhaps delicious chocolate chip cookies laced with vitamins B and C will be ready at major supermarkets in Danville and other stores in Northern California by the end of the month, thanks to a Danville man.

Albertsons grocery chain will begin selling Fuelers Cookies in 175 of its stores in Northern California, said Danville resident Michael Lynch, owner of Fuelers, which is a new company based in San Ramon selling healthy cookies. Lynch said there are plans for selling the cookies in 500 chains of Longs Drugs, 50 outlets in Costco, and 10 Safeway stores.

"There's plenty of evidence that healthy snacks represent a huge untapped need in the food marketplace and that inadequate nutrition and childhood obesity are growing concerns," Lynch said.

Lynch said he hired a food technology company to develop recipes for nutritious snacks for kids. The cookies come in four different flavors: chewy chocolate chip; chewy chocolate chunky chip; chewy peanut butter; and chewy oatmeal

raisin.

All the cookies contain vitamins and complex carbohydrates for sustainable energy, Lynch said. They typically have about 25 percent fewer calories than similar traditional cookies and one-third the fat content.

Fuelers also offer about three times as much protein as traditional cookies and are an excellent source of Vitamin C, calcium, Vitamin B12, Vitamin B6 and magnesium, among other nutrients, said Lynch.

"As a father myself, I want to help kids limit their consumption of empty calories and have access to the nutritional building blocks they will need to have active lives," he added.

Lynch said starting his own business was a laborious struggle, but he said it was the best decision of his life.

"Getting to this point took a bit longer than I expected," Lynch said. "However, the end result is exactly what I had hoped for, and the testing we've done with the kids has been very positive and extremely rewarding."

Lynch was born in Ohio but moved to Michigan when he was 12. He said he first developed his business skills when he worked on a paper route collecting money in



JORDAN M. DORONILA

Danville entrepreneur Michael Lynch enjoys his new brand of cookies, Fuelers, which he developed as a healthy snack option for children.

his community. In high school, he met his sweetheart Crystal, who was to start her own hair salon. Lynch studied marketing at Eastern Michigan University and earned a masters of business administration at the University of Michigan. After his graduation from college, they married. They moved to Chicago and then California because of job-related reasons.

Now they have two sons CJ, 11, and Connor, 8.

Lynch said he enjoyed working as an executive at Kraft Foods and Dreyers Grand Ice Cream. He said the companies offered a lot of resources, especially a high salary, but the demands of Wall Street and global markets tainted the morale among corporate employees.

"There are a lot of unhappy

"The testing we've done with the kids has been very positive and extremely rewarding."

—Michael Lynch

campers out there," he said. "There's so much pressure across the board for increased earnings. You work really, really hard and it's very consuming.

"People are running scared," he added.

When he left the corporate world, he said he found it gratifying being able to be involved in all business aspects as an entrepreneur.

"You have to believe in yourself," he said. "As an entrepreneur, you're always problem solving."

He said his involvement with kids, and the community, and the desire to help others influenced him to develop a product that would help children, as well as make money, too.

And everyone loves the cookies, which are aimed at ages 9-14. "The reception I have received in the marketplace so far has been extraordinarily gratifying," he said.

Lynch said he plans to branch out nationally into salty snacks and energy bars. "Fuelers are just the beginning," he said. "As long as we stay true to our core concept, we believe that there is no limit to the success we can have." ■

## Calling for winter warmth

Students from Heather Raines' leadership class at Charlotte Wood Middle School (l-r) Amber Neukum, Ally Peed, Tyler Koteskeey and Robbie Thomas show a few of the contributions to their blanket drive, which they are holding for the earthquake victims in Pakistan. They said it's not too late for members of the community to drop off blankets at the school, 600 El Capitan Drive. Call 552-5600.



YVONNE GILCHRIST

## Forli

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assumed its debts of \$60,000 in exchange for the entire inventory of equipment, including furniture, china, silverware, glassware, food and beverages.

"I brought love and a penchant for the business," said Cala.

He said he does not plan any changes to the menu. "The only thing customers will see is better management," said Cala, "one-to-one personal touches. The menu and prices will not change."

He hired a new manager, Gabriele Davanzante, who started work two weeks ago. The first thing Davanzante did was to order

fresh flowers for each table and to upgrade the wine list, including organic wines. They have also added some focaccia sandwiches to the lunch menu, using the focaccia baked in Forli's own kitchen. And Davanzante plans to spiffy up the premises, he said.

The restaurant has an annual revenue of approximately \$1 million, according to a Cala Corp. press release. Cala expects sales to increase along with the improvement in service. The restaurant has about 30 employees, including management.

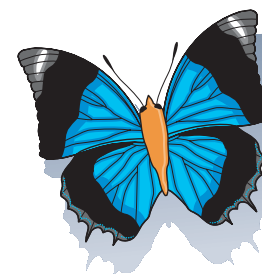
Cala said they are planning to eventually open other restaurants along the same lines, with good homemade Italian food. "The concept is perfect," Cala said.

"It will be first-class everything," said Davanzante. The restaurant displays art from the Alamo Danville Artists Society for diners to enjoy, in keeping with his love of art and Cala's. In the women's restroom hangs the famous photograph by Ruth Orkin: "American Girl in Italy 1951."

"The food is like my grandma's cooking," said Davanzante, who moved here from Barletta Puglia, Italy, six years ago. "We will stay the same." The live entertainment in the bar will also continue.

Davanzante said everyone has been very welcoming to him at Ristorante Forli, and patient with his Italian accent. "I want to say thank you to this community," he said. ■

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**Role Players Ensemble wins big at Shellies**

*Danville theater company recognized at award ceremony*

by Kevin Zhou

Role Players Ensemble, a Danville theater company, scored big at the 27th annual Shellie Award Gala. Sandra Gardner won the award for best costuming for her work in the play "Don't Dress for Dinner," and Jane Ayles was honored for her outstanding contribution to the arts.

More than 800 people showed up Saturday night to attend the awards ceremony at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts. The four emcees for the evening were Jeff Collister, Jerry Motta, Kerri Shawn and Michael White. Guest presenters included artistic directors from area theater companies, Danville Mayor Karen Stepper, Eugene O'Neill Foundation President Claudia

Nemir, and Contra Costa County Clerk Steve Weir.

By the end of the night, about 120 individuals had been honored for their achievements.

"The Shellie Awards were founded 27 years ago in order to recognize outstanding achievement in the performing arts in Central Contra Costa. This is an evening to honor the nominees, as well as the winners," said Regional Center Manager Scott Denison.

The Shellies recognize actors and designers for their work in local productions. Nominees for the awards come from 12 regional theater companies, including Act now!, Contra Costa Musical Theater and Diablo Light Opera Company. All award recipients receive custom-designed porcelain Shellie statuettes.

The Shellies are similar in many ways to Broadway's Tony Awards. In addition to the awards presentations, the night included musical numbers and scenes from each company's nominated shows. Screens above the stage provided the audience with live views from the backstage area.

The first award ceremony took place in 1980. Throughout the years, the program has been funded by donations. This year's gala received a large grant from the Diablo Regional Arts Association, the fundraising arm of the Center for the Arts.

Proceeds from ticket sales are used to support future award ceremonies as well as local theater companies. The 28th annual Shellie Award Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007. ■

**Dedication**

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Carnahan, put together a timeline to accomplish its goals. It called for having the enrichment program in place in 45 to 60 days; a supervisor's Town Hall meeting to get input from Alamo residents within 60 days, to be coordinated by Juliet Blake, field representative for District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, who was also at the meeting; following up on leads for pocket parks; and locating an Alamo trails brochure that was done by former R-7A member

John Osher.

"We also need to contact Walnut Creek and Danville to see the big picture," said Carnahan.

Last week's meeting agenda included three action items recommending park dedication funds to the Board of Supervisors for Livorna Park, Andrew H. Young Park and Hap Magee Ranch Park. Committee members asked Carnahan to come back with the dollar amounts before they discussed the items.

Former members of R-7A were in attendance at the meeting to provide the continuity lost when the committee was disbanded in August by the county Board of

Supervisors, at Supervisor Piepho's suggestion. None of the members was reappointed.

Former committee member Nancy Dommes told the new members that they have a post office box and a telephone number that should be monitored. Former members also told them about the existence of the trails brochure, and suggested better financial accounting for projects.

Two positions are still open on the committee.

"I believe we have several applications and we're hoping to have the positions filled by next month," said Blake. ■

# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## The day the king came to town

Next time you go into the Danville Auto Parts store at 551 San Ramon Valley Blvd., take a careful look at the door. Imagine Elvis Presley walking through it—the young, slim rock 'n' roll Elvis of the 1950s. When Elvis came to town, it was Rex's Drive-In, but the door is still the same, as are the big plate glass windows across the front. Elvis and his entourage stopped at Rex's for breakfast, and the current store manager, Milo Glass, said every once in awhile someone stops in to talk about it. "He sat over there in a booth by the window," he said, pointing toward the front of the store.

"The story goes that Elvis consumed 12 slices of bacon, two fried eggs, one order of french fries, two bottles of 7-Up and a quart of milk, plus ordered a chocolate milkshake to go."

It was around 10 a.m. on a beautiful September morning in 1957, when Elvis was topping the charts. It was also when Interstate 680 was in the early planning stages and all the north-south traffic drove through downtown Danville on old Highway 21. Vally Medlyn's was the diner on the north end of town and Rex's was on the south end; each was a popular stop for cars going in either direction. That morning a big bus pulled up into

the parking lot in front of Rex's and about 15-20 young men got out, recalled Al Kaplan, whose real estate office is still across the street. It wasn't unusual for tour buses to stop at Rex's, he said.

"They stopped the bus and got out," remembered Kaplan. "I assumed it was a band or something." He said it took about two minutes for word to reach his office that this was the famous King of Rock 'n' Roll. Kaplan called his wife, Ann, to tell her about the chance to check out Elvis, but she declined. "Several guys from the office went over to see him," said Kaplan. He said by the time they arrived, a lot of other people had showed up, too. "He liked to have a crowd around him," Kaplan said. "He was very friendly and ordinary but you could tell by the way he walked that it was him. He was wearing slacks and a sport shirt." Elvis' companions kept everyone from getting too close, plus some were over-seeing the food preparation in the kitchen. One version of the morning's events holds they were telling Rex how to prepare food for Elvis but Kaplan surmised it was a safety precaution. Elvis was the King, after all. The story goes that Elvis consumed 12 slices of bacon, two fried eggs, one order of french fries, two bottles of 7-Up and a quart of milk, plus ordered a chocolate milkshake to go. Kaplan said they tried to figure out where the musicians had been and where they were going and thought maybe they'd had a show either in Sacramento or at the Oakland Civic Auditorium, a popular venue at the time.

Kaplan said it may have been just another breakfast on the road for Elvis, but it was much more than that



for the drive-in owner, Rex Ide. He knew right away that Elvis' appearance was something he could capitalize on, said Kaplan, and he immediately hired a painter to produce a sign that read: "Elvis was here." Austin Graham, who went by Tom Graham at the time, lived on Estates Drive next to Rex's and worked there as a soda jerk after school. He recalled the post-visit excitement and agreed the event was a big one for Rex. "He painted all over everything that Elvis had touched," Graham said, labeling any object he'd come into contact with. "For awhile you couldn't sit where Elvis sat." Graham said he heard that Elvis wasn't looking for attention, he'd just stopped to get something to eat. "Then Rex said, 'Yahoo! You're Elvis!'" Graham had a lot of other memories of the drive-in—the pinball machines and the pool table in back, and hanging out drinking cokes and smoking cigarettes. Though Graham missed actually seeing Elvis, he heard Rex talk about it for a long time afterward. "It was a big deal for Danville," said Graham. ■

He added that he did not feel the council would agree to advise other members serving on committees as to how they should vote and he feels the same should apply to himself and Doyle.

Councilman Newell Arnerich disagreed.

"Every time we talk about garbage rates it's always here," he said. "I've never heard our representatives say they aren't going to listen to you and vote the way they want. We've always done it as a council."

As for the increase itself, Arnerich said making this decision should be a no-brainer because a small increase now would prevent drastic action later. "This is math. This isn't complicated."

Other council members expressed concern as well. Councilwoman Candace Andersen asked Shimansky point blank, "If we don't approve the increase this year, will we have to do an increase next year?"

"Maybe. Maybe not," Shimansky replied. "All I can say is that this year we don't have to raise rates. Next year we may have to raise rates. But you can't sit there and tell me that we have to raise rates this year."

Andersen said she agreed with Arnerich that it made more sense to approve a smaller increase now. "If I'm going to be hit by a rate increase, I'd rather be hit gradually. In my mind I'm looking at all the cities and counties in California with insufficient reserves and it feels irresponsible to me to dip into this," she said.

Doyle said he agreed with Arnerich's assessment that the council discussed the best approach and passed their wishes on to the representatives.

No action was taken by the council following the discussion. Doyle and Shimansky are expected to vote on the rate increase at a January meeting of the authority. ■

## Council

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the increase, waste costs would still be 27 percent less than they were when the town began managing its contracts with waste haulers.

Shimansky said he viewed the situation somewhat differently.

"Everything Joe said was factual, but I have a different take on this," he said. "I think we established that we should let our representatives vote independently." Shimansky expressed disapproval with Calabrigo for bringing this issue before the council.

Shimansky said the request for a rate hike was sprung on the council with little warning or time for cogent discussion. Additionally, he felt the fact that authority officials dropped the rate percentage was suspect. "We seem to be fishing for some number," he said.

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**EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY**

**The work behind recreation**

Last week's meeting of the county service area R-7A Citizens Advisory Committee for parks and recreation for Alamo was impressive in several ways. The newly formed R-7A committee, currently with four members and two vacancies, seemed anxious to push forward pending items, to learn about their new positions and what had been done in the past, and to implement plans to ensure better parks and more trails for Alamo, as well as recreation programs. They also voiced the importance of getting more input from community members and brainstormed ways to get it.

It was also good to see former committee members, who were dismissed by Supervisor Mary N. Piepho last summer, in attendance to provide some continuity to R-7A. Continuity is important in councils, boards and committees, and usually there is overlap to provide it. Several of the former members applied for the new committee and were unhappy not to receive interviews for their former positions. They also say they have never received a satisfactory explanation for their removal. But, nonetheless, they showed up to help the new committee members, so they would not have to reinvent the wheel. They, too, are keeping their eyes on the goal: making Alamo's parks and recreation areas and programs the best they can be.

Missing from the proceeding were any dollar amounts, for renovating the three parks that were action items; for hiring the new recreation coordinator; or a budget of any kind. Voters approved an increase from \$675,000 to \$990,000 in the annual budget for R-7A in November's election, and former committee members cautioned their successors on the importance of tracking that money, as well as receiving user fees from the Sports Alliance, and getting back borrowed funds. Committee chairwoman Marianne Sasso assured them that their concerns were heard and they would get the budget and track R-7A's finances carefully.

The new R-7A committee is off to a good start, thanks to the dedication of new and former members. There is also a new liaison person in Lisa Carnahan, special districts planner with the Department of Public Works. This positive beginning bodes well for smooth-running parks and recreation in Alamo.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**More to the Weber story**

Dear Editor:

The article about the Weber property (Jan. 13) puts a positive spin on a controversial development. Lucille Weber never wanted the property developed but that was not stipulated in her will. A friend started court proceedings to put a conservancy on the property, which would have significantly reduced its value and made it harder to develop. When the Salvation Army, the beneficiary of her estate, got wind of this, they took it to court to take over title before she passed away. Their argument was that she was land rich and cash poor, and they would provide her with an annuity for the rest of her life. The Salvation Army prevailed and, motivated by greed, immediately sold the property to Davidon Homes for development.

Danville, which seems so eager to get access into Oak Hill Park, is forgetting its ranching and farming roots, and is ready to turn this farmland into "22 family homes," the smallest being approximately 4,500 square feet. These mini mansions may be Danville's idea of family homes, but they will be unaffordable to the vast majority. Can this not wait until Lucille passes on so that she does not have to witness her farm being turned into one more Planned Unit Development? I think it will kill her. What about her five horses? I live adjacent to the property and have been taking care of the horses. What about the deer that reside there or the falcons and hawks in her trees? There are also the seasonal wetlands. Danville says there is no negative environmental impact. I think the wildlife that lives on this

acreage would disagree.

*Kristen Trisko, Danville*

**Revoked driver's license**

Dear Editor:

I am always disappointed when no one has written a letter to the Danville Weekly, as was the case in your Jan. 13 edition. I take our First Amendment Rights of Freedom of Speech and Press as you do, and hope to abide to the highest level of ethical standards of journalism in my letters.

I found your editorial "The privilege of driving" in this issue particularly interesting. I wholeheartedly agree that driving is a privilege, not a right. I find myself without my driver's license, revoked since May 16, for reasons I can only understand in terms of political retribution for whistle-blowing of wrongdoing by area electeds, and to discourage my own run for local elected office. My driving record over 47 years is virtually spotless. In all of those years, I have been involved in only one non-injury accident, never even accused of driving under the influence, and the few traffic tickets I've received have all been no higher than infractions.

Based on a 20-page Petition, prepared by my attorneys, for Writ of Administrative Mandate to Overturn the Suspension of my Driver's License by the DMV, defended by a Deputy Attorney General at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 2 in Superior Court Department 60, the Honorable Judith Sanders presiding, I will be prosecuting on my own behalf (which proverbially rates my client a fool!). Any resident of the Town of Danville, or Blackhawk, Diablo and Alamo is of course invited to attend this hearing as a spectator.

*Ralph Hoffmann, Danville*

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# Baseball pro is a winn-er, that's for sure

Center fielder Randy Winn eager to start second season with San Francisco Giants

by Kevin Zhou

Last year, there was a lot of uncertainty surrounding professional baseball player Randy Winn's future. With the New York Yankees and the San Francisco Giants both poised to make their playoff runs, speculation continued to buzz around the league about which team would be able to land the center fielder.

After playing for eight seasons in Tampa and Seattle, Winn, who graduated from San Ramon Valley High School in 1992, learned that he was finally coming back home.

"It feels great to be back where I grew up," said Winn. "I have been able to catch up with some old friends as well as some past coaches. Also, my family is able to watch more games in person."

It's not surprising that Winn's future led him into professional baseball. Growing up, he had a knack for sports and was quite the Renaissance man in the athletic world. He enjoyed playing a wide variety of sports ranging from tennis to soccer to football, but his true passions were always baseball and basketball.

"I have been playing baseball for as long as I can remember. I believe my first team was a T-ball team when we lived in Texas," Winn said.

"As a kid, I dreamt of being both a professional baseball and basketball player," he added. "One of my favorite players was Ozzie Smith. He was a tremendous short stop for the St. Louis Cardinals."

While he was still in high school, Winn excelled in both sports. In 1991, Winn helped the Wolves win the North Coast Section

baseball championship, the first in the school's history. He went on to help the basketball team win two Northern California championships, and even started in two state championship games.

"He was a good baseball player, but since he played basketball also, he had to split his time playing and preparing for both sports," said Rick Steen, who coached Winn in baseball during high school.

However, what distinguished Winn was not only his extraordinary ability on the field or court but his extraordinary character off.

"He is and was an outstanding young man. He rarely spoke and just communicated through his actions," said Steen. "He was extremely well respected by his teammates, and very well liked."

John Raynor, who coached Winn in basketball while he was with the Wolves, described him as a "fierce competitor, exceptional student, tremendous athlete, and real pleasure to coach."

Upon his graduation, Winn went on to attend college at Santa Clara University. In just one season, he earned All-WCC honors for his performance on the baseball diamond and played basketball in the same backcourt as Steve Nash, who later won the NBA's Most Valuable Player award.

"When he was able to concentrate on baseball after a couple of years at Santa Clara, his talents took over and his improvement blossomed," said Steen.

In 1995, Winn received a chance to live his dream when the Florida Marlins drafted him in the third round.

"The biggest positive is that I am doing something I love to do," Winn said. "On the

other hand, I really don't enjoy the publicity, but it is something that comes with being a major league baseball player."

While the media attention certainly increased from the time that he was a Bronco to the time that he became a pro, Winn didn't find the transition to be particularly difficult on the actual baseball diamond. In 2002, he was selected to the American League All-Star Team while he was on the Seattle Mariners.

"It was a real thrill to play in a game that I had grown up watching on TV as a kid and to play against the best players in the game," said Winn. He added that it would be an honor to be selected to the 2007 All-Star Game, which will be held at SBC Park, and play in front of his family and friends.

His success didn't stop there. After he came to San Francisco in a 2005 trade with the Mariners, Winn got off to a hot-start in a Giants uniform, batting .359 with 14 home runs and 26 runs batted in.

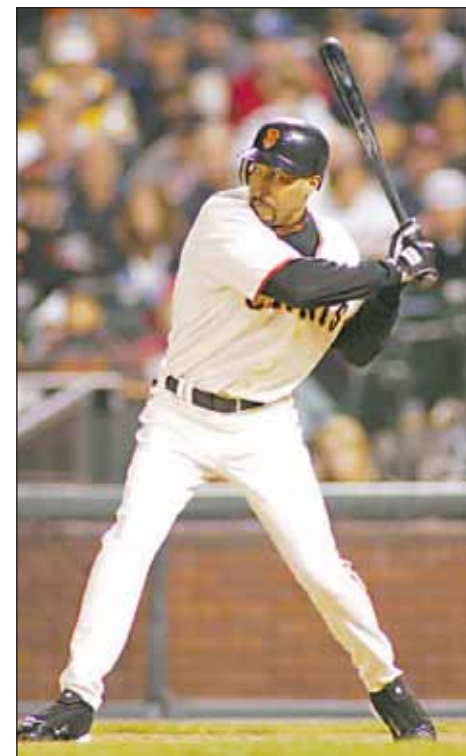
What's his secret? Good, old-fashioned hard work.

"I believe that preparation and hard work are key," said Winn. "I work hard every off season to be prepared for the challenges that lay ahead in the upcoming season."

He noted that after each season, he only takes about a month off before he begins his training, and you can often find him during the off-season in the weights room. This year he also took a three-week vacation in Italy with his wife, Blessings.

With an All-Star appearance already under his belt, Winn is now focusing on helping his home team reach the postseason.

"I really don't set any 'numbers' goals for



Randy Winn, a 1992 graduate of San Ramon Valley High, is beginning his second season with the San Francisco Giants.

myself, but one of my big goals is to make it to the playoffs. I came close in 2003 when I was in Seattle," he said. "I am anxiously looking forward to playing with the Giants in 2006 and can't wait till the season begins." ■

Mike L. Mc Colgan contributed to this story.

# San Ramon shocks Foothill

Wolves upset Foothill, Mustangs beat California in EBAL Basketball Opening Game

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

San Ramon made a bold opening statement for the East Bay Athletic League competition upsetting Foothill 65-59. EBAL competition began Jan. 11.

The Wolves are defending EBAL champions and the 13-2 Foothill Falcons were pre-season favorites to win the league this year. The Wolves erased an eight-point deficit with three minutes to play to take the Falcons into overtime. Brandon Adams led the Wolves to victory with a game high 31 points. In the second game of EBAL competition, the Wolves beat Granada 70 to 50 to go 12-4 overall and 2-0 in the EBAL. Brandon Adams had 17 points for the Wolves.

Monte Vista ran its record to 12-5 and 2-0 in the EBAL with an opening win over California 47-26 and beating Livermore 59-23. The Mustangs are now tied for first place with the Wolves in the EBAL.

The Lady Wolves, 11-5 overall and 2-0 in the EBAL, beat Granada 68-58. Meghan Yetman and Ashley Cheung combined for 29

points to lead the Wolves to victory and first place in the EBAL.

The Lady Mustangs won their second game of the EBAL season, extending their record to 12-4 with a 59-23 victory over Livermore. Caroline Raphael led the Mustangs with 11 points. Monte Vista is tied for first place in the EBAL with San Ramon.

## Soccer

San Ramon Valley High boys soccer team remained perfect in the EBAL 4-0 and 12-3 overall with a 2-0 win over Amador Valley. Tommy Comer had one save for San Ramon. The Wolves are in first place in the EBAL.

Monte Vista boys soccer team beat Granada 3-0 to go 2-2-1 in the EBAL and 11-4-1 overall. BJ Byrns had three saves for the Mustangs.

The Lady Mustangs beat Granada 4-1 and ran their record to 10-2-1 and 5-0-1 in the EBAL. Melissa Buich scored two goals for the Mustangs.

The Lady Wolves beat Amador Valley 2-0 to go 14-1-1 overall and 5-0 in the EBAL. Aubree Southwick had three saves for the Wolves. ■

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San Ramon Valley High's Meghan Yetman, No. 22, shows her stuff on the basketball court.

## PREP SCHEDULE

### Friday

**Girls Basketball:** San Ramon vs. Amador Valley, 7 p.m., Monte Vista at Granada, 7 p.m.

**Boys Basketball:** San Ramon at Amador Valley, 7 p.m., Monte Vista vs. Granada, 7 p.m.

**Boys Soccer**  
San Ramon vs. Foothill, 5:30 p.m.  
Monte Vista vs. Cal High, 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

**Girls Soccer:** San Ramon vs. Granada, 5:30 p.m., Monte Vista at Livermore, 5:30 p.m.

**Girls Basketball:** Monte Vista vs. Foothill, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday

**Boys Soccer:** San Ramon at Granada, 5:30 p.m., Monte Vista vs. Livermore, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball:** Monte Vista at Foothill, 7 p.m.

### Thursday

**Girls Soccer:** San Ramon vs. Livermore, 5:30 p.m.

### Friday, Jan. 27

**Girls Basketball:** San Ramon vs. Cal High, 7 p.m., Monte Vista at Amador Valley, 7 p.m.

**Boys Basketball:** San Ramon at Cal High, 7 p.m., Monte Vista vs. Amador Valley, 7 p.m.

**Boys Soccer:** San Ramon at Livermore, 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Jan. 28

**Girls Soccer:** San Ramon vs. Washington, 1 p.m.

# Trail Warriors

## Puncture vines, potholes, car burglaries—keep your eyes open

**R**ain or shine, every day finds a burgeoning number of bikers, hikers, dog walkers, rollerbladers, scooters and skateboarders pounding the asphalt of the 26-mile Iron Horse Trail, which runs from Concord to Dublin. Following the old Southern Pacific railroad right of way, the Iron Horse Trail provides a major artery running through the San Ramon Valley.

The trail is not just for recreation. An estimated 20 percent of the Iron Horse Trail use is commuter traffic. People riding to work or walking to school stroll side by side with those seeking physical fitness with their daily jog.

One million people use the trail annually, according to statistics provided by the East Bay Regional Park District. Public Affairs Director Shelly Lewis said that figure does not reflect the number of people on the trail each year.

“When we say users, we’re talking about someone who is on the trail. It could be the same person who runs or bikes on the trail every day,” Lewis said. Additionally, Lewis said that number is from a 1997 trail survey and most likely does not reflect the level of use it sees now.

With all of that traffic, some issues are bound to crop up. Danville resident Carol Sandifor, a frequent user of the trail, said she sees things that concern her.

“For one thing, I think it needs to be kept up better. It’s really hard for skaters and rollerbladers with all the cracks and potholes,” she said. “I won’t go out and walk when it is dusk outside because it gets to be too hard to see those things.”

Another concern is one of the trail’s most frequent users—dogs. Every day, people will walk, ride or jog with their pets along the trail. Although signs are posted regarding leashes, it seems that many regard it as an option. Sandifor said many times she has seen people let their pets off leash to run free along the trailway. Others use the extendible leashes so their pets run across the trail and create a barrier with the leash.

“I was walking with a woman who is afraid of dogs and a person came along the trail with their dog off the leash,” Sandifor said. “We talked to the man and he put the dog back on the leash. As we watched him, he went further up the trail, then took the dog off again.” Add to that the amount of dog waste left on and beside the trail and it can be quite a chore navigating the pavement, she noted.

Besides the fauna, the flora can present challenges for those who bike or push strollers along the Iron Horse Trail. Tara Parsons, another resident who uses the trail, said a problem she has seen is puncture vines. Tara Parsons and her husband Brad have spent many hours on the trail running and pushing a jogging stroller.

“There was a section that had a lot of (puncture vines) growing along the side,” said Tara Parsons. “There’s nothing worse than being away from home with two kids and having your jogging stroller’s wheels go flat due to the thorns.”

Puncture vines, also known as Goathead or Caltrops, grow close to the trail and spawn small marble-like seeds with razor sharp thorns. When the seed dries and splits, it cracks open, revealing a second thorn, much like a set of horns. Bicycle repair shop personnel in the area say it’s a bull market on self sealing “slime” tires, due to the abundance of puncture vines along the trail.

Park District officials say these issues are valid, but they are ones that occur naturally and are dealt with as efficiently as possible.

“In the Contra Costa Regional Trail system we have about 96 miles of trail we have to maintain,” said Al Olivera, Regional Trails Unit Manager for the Park District. Some of the work on the trails is done on a complaint basis, but the district also proactively patrols the miles of trails looking for problem areas.

Olivera said they patch potholes and cracks in the asphalt as quickly as they can once they are aware of them but the sheer volume of traffic on the trails, coupled with the climate and the soil conditions, means there will always be some shifting in the road surface, which will result in imperfections.

“Because it’s all foot traffic we don’t see a lot of heavy weight on the trail. We mostly see longitudinal cracking,” Olivera said. “When you have a soil with a high percentage of clay it’s going to swell when it rains and then dry up and crack.”

As for the overall condition of the trail surface and the effect on skaters and rollerblading, he said, “These are hiking trails. They’re not rollerblading trails. We maintain them at a certain level. It’s not brand new, flawless asphalt.”

But, he stated, that doesn’t mean they don’t strive to keep the surface conducive for rollerblades as well as biking. “We try to exceed our standards, but there’s only so much we can do,” he said. “A seven- or eight-person staff can only do so much.”

Part of the routine maintenance is the clearing of brush from the side of the asphalt, as well as trimming to keep the grass from growing too tall.

“Puncture vines are very difficult to spot sometimes, especially if you only have a small plant growing,” Olivera noted. “It’s much easier to spot a large section of it.” Nonetheless he said his crew members are aware of what a nuisance the plant can be so they work very hard to keep it away from the general thoroughfare.

Olivera said there is work being done on the trails year round. Some is done by his crews but larger operations such as repaving are contracted out. Annually, the Park District spends an average of \$25,000 per mile to keep up the trail. Construction of a new trail costs around \$150,000 per mile and repaving can run upwards of \$250,000.

“Our trails are designed to have a 25-year lifespan,” said Olivera. “With patching and maintenance there’s no reason why they shouldn’t last that long.” The trails have been built in stages beginning in 1986.

While maintenance may help with the cleanup of dog waste, Olivera said it is really the responsibility of the district’s police agency

to enforce leash laws.

Beverly Lane, a board member of the Park District, agrees with Olivera. “Other than having the rules posted, we do have some people who go up and down the trails,” she said. “We have police and we have the Volunteer Safety Patrol. They educate trail users on what’s appropriate to do within the rules. One of the safety groups walks with dogs, so if they see someone who is letting their dog off the leash or on a very long leash where it creates a barrier, they have an ‘education talk’ with them.”

Lane said those talks will very often center on cleaning up after the pet and keeping them under control.

One of the issues of an extended trail system like Iron Horse is that there are many sections of the trail that are somewhat isolated. Both Sandifor and Tara Parsons have expressed concerns about what could happen.

“There are areas of the trail that I wouldn’t want to be alone,” Parsons said. One example she gave was the underpass for the freeway. “Places like that are away from the businesses and homes. If you were to be injured or if something happened, there is no one around to help.”

Sandifor said a woman told her she was running on the trail when a man exposed himself to her. Sandifor added, “I see kids walking by themselves down the trail in the early morning. These are things we need to be concerned about.” Sandifor said Danville isn’t the “inner city” but crime does occur here and the best way to avoid an incident is to be cautious.

“It’s only safe as long as we take care,” she said. “You always hear those stories about ‘I can’t believe it happened here.’ Things can happen anywhere.”

Park District officials say they are doing what they can to patrol the entire trail system. There is a police force, which is responsible for the parks and trails, as well as the volunteer system.

Ned Mackay, who serves as a volunteer, said that for the past three years, he has been spending

a minimum of nine hours on the trails with a two-way radio. He said he finds himself in areas where he can’t see the main police unit if he finds a problem.

“The Volunteer Safety Patrol is divided into four groups,” Mackay said. “We have a mounted component, a bicycle component, a walking component of the patrol. You have a walking component, a hiking component, a group of companion walkers, and a group of people who walk the trails with dogs. We keep people informed about what’s going on regarding pets are.”

The Volunteer Safety Patrol has about 100 members and each one is required to spend a minimum of nine hours per week in the patrol. Mackay said he hasn’t seen much crime on the trails in years, but there are things that the patrol should know.

“One of the things we do is to have an eye out for is auto burglaries in the areas,” Mackay said. “There are a lot of areas. We’ve been alerted to areas where we see someone who is walking their cars, possibly casing the area. We’ve seen the police dispatcher say last summer someone was spotted in a patrol which led to auto burglaries.”

“Other than that, I’ve seen a lot of emergencies,” he added. “I’ve seen a lot of people being approached by patrol members on the trail, but they’re not being approached by patrol members.”

Danville police Sgt. Mackay said there are a lot of incidents where kids were running on the trail, but they’re not being approached by patrol members.

More than one car/bicyclist has been stopped by a patrol member. Mackay said he hasn’t heard of anyone being approached by patrol members on the trail. Iron Horse Trail runs through streets in Danville and the patrol handles calls that occur



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## Open on the Iron Horse Trail

by Geoff Gillette

ers per week walking the radio. He assists residents in distress and contacts the police if something amiss.

Safety Patrol is broken up by Mackay explained. "You know, which is the oldest and has a biking component and a walking group there is a sub-group. They are the ones who have their dogs and help with what the rules are."

Safety Patrol has around 170 members. He agrees to spend nine hours a week and attend at least 10 meetings per year. Mackay said that in the last three years there have been no drug users of the trail system.

"We've been told to keep an eye on burglaries at the staging area. That is a problem at those times and I told that if someone is loitering around the trail, we should contact the police on our radio." Mackay said that members of the safety patrol should be around the cars, and they have made one drug arrest.

As far as personal safety on the trail goes, Bradley said users should try to remain aware of their surroundings in order to be as safe as possible.

Tara Parsons agreed. "You don't want to be running with your headphones blasting. You should keep one ear uncovered so you can hear if someone is coming up behind you."

Anyone who sees something that looks suspicious or has concerns should look for a member of the Park District police force or a Volunteer Safety Patroller. If they are not available, Ned Mackay said there are other ways of getting the information to Park District officials.

"What people can do if they encounter any criminal activity is fill out a park watch report," he said. "Either online at the Park District Web site or you can find these forms in the information panels at trailheads. You can write out a description of what happened and a description of the suspect."

Park Director Lane also pointed to the high numbers of pedestrians and riders as a means of maintaining safety.

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Bradley said that when crossing streets that intersect the trail, a user's best bet is to ride or walk defensively.

"You should never assume you have the right of way," he said. "I run on the trail and I bike on the trail. If I'm running and I assume the car is going to stop and I get hit, my assuming isn't going to do me a lot of good."

Bradley said the calls they generally receive have to do with assisting motorists. "We'll get a call from someone who's broken down and they use the trail as a reference point," he said.

Bradley said the police log from last year showed they received a few calls of loitering around the trail crossings, one for public drunkenness at a crossing, and they have made one drug arrest.

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## Artists strut their stuff

### Danville Area Cultural Alliance offers outlet for all types of artists

by B. Lynn Goodwin

**W**hen the boy who took first place in the recent “Visions of Youth” show walked into the Danville Fine Arts Gallery with his family members, they didn’t know the results of the judging. His mother took one look at his exhibited art and his first-place award and burst into tears.

“I didn’t know you could do that,” she said to her son.

Paula Jackson, executive director of the Danville Area Cultural Alliance, was thrilled that the mother was so moved by her son’s work. The boy and his family will never forget that moment, she said, adding, “This is what a Cultural Alliance can do.”

“This was the first time these students ever exhibited in a public gallery,” said Jackson, who had revamped the show’s plans in order to accommodate the work of more than 100 exuberant middle school students.

DACA, the nonprofit organization that supports the Danville Fine Arts Gallery above the Village Theatre on Front Street, is open to all kinds of artists and offers a place for people to share their work and build a community.

“I am a true believer in the arts,” said Jackson, an artist, poet and painter of abstract watercolors.

“Tell me the story of your work,” she said she tells all artists, young and old, convinced that each artist shares a slice of contemporary culture at the beginning of the 21st century with their art.

DACA offers new and emerging artists a place to share their work, a focus echoed in the title of the upcoming show, “Struttin’ Our Stuff.” This new exhibit, featuring DACA members, opens tomorrow afternoon, Jan. 21, in the Danville Fine Arts Gallery. The show will feature digital artists, landscape painters, plein air painters, known for working outdoors, and other forms of artwork. Many of the pieces will be for sale.

Those attending the opening night of Role Players Ensemble’s “Wrong Turn at Lungfish” tonight in the Village Theatre will see a preview, since the post-show party held on opening night always occurs in the gallery. DACA believes in artists’ groups supporting one another.

Artist Marilyn Gray-Raine painted “Woman With the Black Lace Gloves,” which is being used as the logo for “Struttin’ Our Stuff.” Gray-Raine said she has worked in several creative mediums, including fabric and clothing design and pottery. She rediscovered her true love—painting—four years ago, when she took off from her job because of an illness and picked up her brushes. She said she loves painting and continues to explore.

Most DACA members are emerging or re-emerging artists and the organization gives like-minded people a place to share their enthusiasm and artistic challenges as well as their art.

“Now I have to do the getting-it-out-in-the-world part, which is not as much fun,” Gray-Raine said, and she feels DACA is the right place to start exhibiting.

DACA reaches out to all kinds of artists, knowing that most of them work in more than one medium. For artists who want to hone their skills, DACA offers art classes. Another branch of DACA, the



“Woman with the Black Lace Gloves,” a painting by Marilyn Gray-Raine, is being used to promote the new Danville Area Cultural Alliance art show, “Struttin’ Our Stuff,” which opens tomorrow.

Society of Poets, meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month in the gallery. Members get together, read and give feedback that honors each writer’s unique voice.

“On poetry night, we sit around and literally open the world,” Jackson said.

DACA would love to have a more active membership, Jackson said, and is looking for people interested in art, photography or poetry or to be art patrons. Membership benefits include the opportunity to showing one’s work, discounts on classes, trips—plus the intangible perk of being in a community of like-minded people. Applications are available at the gallery or

at [www.danvilleareaculturalalliance.org](http://www.danvilleareaculturalalliance.org). Members help defray expenses and keep local culture alive. Call 838-1959.

“Struttin’ Our Stuff” will run through Feb. 25. On closing night the gallery will host the fifth annual Wine Tasting for the Arts, which will feature a buffet dinner and a drawing for gifts and music.

The new exhibit and the fundraiser offer a chance for people to visit the gallery and get acquainted.

“Come in, buy the work of our artists and let them know that one of the ways we count is in cash,” Jackson said as she watched exciting new works arrive to be hung. ■

#### Danville Area Cultural Alliance events

**What:** DACA Membership Exhibit “Struttin’ Our Stuff”

**Where:** Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., above the Village Theatre

**When:** Noon-5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 21-Feb. 25

**Opening:** Public reception from 4-6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21

**What:** Fifth annual Wine Tasting for the Arts, with wines donated by the Wine Sellers, 411 Hartz Ave., served by Wayne Wickham; buffet dinner, drawings, music

**Where:** Danville Fine Arts Gallery

**When:** 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25

**Cost:** \$35 per person

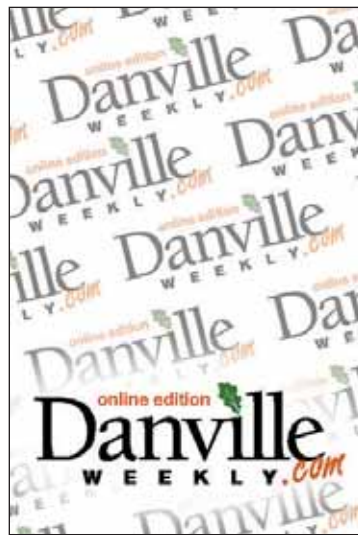
**Tickets:** Purchase from board members or call 838-1959

**What:** DACA classes for artists of all levels include Oil & Acrylics with Charles White, 10 a.m.-noon Mondays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays; Watercolors with Karen Mason, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; Drawing with Ron Norman, 7-9 p.m. Mondays.

## AT THE MOVIES

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

<b>Brokeback Mountain (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:55 a.m., 4, 7, 10:05 p.m. <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:40 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:30, 7, 10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10 p.m. <b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tues 1, 4:05, 7:15, 10:40 p.m.
<b>Capote (R)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 2:35, 7:25 p.m.
<b>Casanova (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fr-Tu 11:25 am, 1:55, 4:35, 7:25, 9:55 pm <b>Hacienda:</b> Fr-Tu 10:40 am, 1:35, 4:15, 7:30, 10:20 pm
<b>Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 7:55, 10:10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:10 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:55 a.m., 1:30, 4:25, 7, 9:40 p.m.
<b>Chronicles of Narnia (PG)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 1, 4:05, 7:10, 10:15 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:15 p.m. <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:20, 3:20, 6:45, 9:35 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 12:10, 3:15, 6:40, 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. <b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:35, 3:50, 7:05, 10:20 p.m.
<b>Coachella Premiere (R)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Tues 7:30 p.m.
<b>End of the Spear (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:50 a.m., 1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10 p.m.
<b>Family Stone (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fr-Tu 11:50 am, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 pm <b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:45 a.m., 4:10, 6:50 p.m.
<b>Fun With Dick and Jane (PG-13)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 1:10, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50 p.m.
<b>Glory Road (PG)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:05 p.m. <b>Century 14:</b> Fr-Tu 11:20 am, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10 pm <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 p.m.
<b>Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13)</b>	<b>Regal Imax Theaters:</b> Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m.
<b>Hoodwinked (PG)</b>	<b>Blackhawk 7:</b> Fri-Tues 12:55, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25 p.m. <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 12:15, 2:40, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:45 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:25 p.m., Open captioned Tues 1, 10:25 p.m.
<b>Hostel (R)</b>	<b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fr-Tu 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 8:05, 10:35 pm
<b>King Kong (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 3:35, 7:55 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tue 11:50 a.m., 3:40, 7:30 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 2:30, 6:30, 10:15 p.m., Mon no show 2:30, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Last Holiday (PG-13)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m. <b>Century 14:</b> Fr-Tu 11:45 am, 2:20, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15 pm <b>Hacienda:</b> Fr-Tu 10:40 am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 pm <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues noon, 2:25, 4:45, 7:15, 10 p.m.
<b>Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World (PG-13)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues noon, 2:25, 4:45, 7:15, 10 p.m.
<b>Match Point (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:30 p.m. <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:45, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55 p.m. <b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:40, 3:45, 6:55, 9:50 p.m.
<b>Memoirs of a Geisha (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:50, 7:05, 10:25 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues noon, 3, 6:50, 9:50 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:50 p.m. <b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:55, 7:20, 10:40 p.m.
<b>Munich (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:05, 3:30, 6:55, 10:20 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 3:10, 6:45, 10:10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:10 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 3:20, 7:10, 10:50 p.m., Open captioned Fri-Sun 11:20 a.m., Sun 10:50 p.m., Mon 7:10 p.m.
<b>New World (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:35 a.m., 1:35, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50 p.m.
<b>Pride &amp; Prejudice (PG)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:05, 4:55, 9:45 p.m.
<b>Rumor Has It (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tu 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 9:50 pm <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 1:20, 9:40 p.m.
<b>The Ringer (PG-13)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Sat 9:30 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 8:05, 10:35 p.m., Tue no show 5:05, 8:05 p.m.
<b>Tristan &amp; Isolde (PG-13)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:50 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:50 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:50, 10:50 p.m.
<b>Underworld: Evolution (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues noon, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 12:40, 4, 7:15, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8, 10, 10:45 p.m., Mon no show 8 p.m. <b>Walk the Line (PG-13)</b> <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:10, 3:40, 6:50, 9:45 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 9:55 p.m.
<b>White Countess (PG-13)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:50 p.m.



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# Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Teen theft plot ends with police action

Plans by a pair of teenagers to steal electronic game devices from the Danville Costco were foiled by alert store employees. Danville police Sgt. Ron Bradley said the incident occurred Jan. 6 when the two Dublin juveniles, ages 16 and 17, entered the store with the intent of stealing Sony PSPs (PlayStation Portable). Bradley said the two were acting on the advice of a third juvenile who claimed to have stolen similar devices from the Livermore Costco store.

"After they got in the store, they called their buddy and asked him again how to steal the PSPs," Bradley said. "The friend didn't know the layout of the Danville store but described how it worked in the Livermore store."

The pair was observed by a store employee as they went to the electronics aisle and took two of the game units off the shelves. They then took them to the luggage aisle and hid them inside a piece of luggage, according to reports. Moments later they took two more and placed them inside the luggage also. Concerned they were being followed by employees, they wandered around the store for about an hour before getting a cart and going back to where they had stashed the loot.

Under observation by a loss prevention employee, the pair went back to where they left

the consoles, but the aisle was too crowded for them to safely take the PSPs out of the packaging, police said. So, they set the consoles in the bottom of the cart and put luggage on top to hide them and began searching the store for a more secluded location.

Bradley said one of the teens crawled in between the shelves in an aisle and lay on top of a pallet. The second teen handed him two of the PSPs and the hiding youth was expected to use a knife to get the unit out of its packaging, according to reports.

"They were trying to get it out of the package so they didn't set the alarms off," said Bradley. While the hidden youth was opening those up, the second went back to electronics to get yet another PSP.

At this time, the loss prevention employee approached the hiding teen and took him into custody. A few moments later, the second teen was also detained until police could arrive. The pair was taken to the Danville Police Department and subsequently released into the custody of their parents.

Bradley said the pair may be charged with commercial burglary and conspiracy, but the case will be forwarded to the Juvenile District Attorney's Office for any formal charges to be filed.

—Geoff Gillette

## OBITUARIES

### Allen M. Margolies



Allen Margolies passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 14, surrounded by family and friends after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born March 13, 1933, in Philadelphia, Pa., was raised in Atlantic City, N.J., and moved to California with his wife Patricia in 1958. He graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, served his country in the Army and was a loyal employee of the Bechtel Corp. for 25 years. He lived his final years in Danville, and was an avid golfer, home chef, baseball enthusiast and 49er faithful.

Mr. Margolies was the beloved husband of 47 years to Patricia M. Margolies; loving father and father-in-law to Sharon and David Platter of Greenwich, Conn., and Amy McKelligan of Danville; granddad to David and Brian Platter and Kevin McKelligan; uncle to Melinda (deceased) and Jamie Martens, and Albert and

Taylor Valle. He was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Sarah Margolies of Pennsylvania.

"Allen was the 'spice of our lives,' with a wonderful sense of humor and a deep love of family and friends," said his daughters. Everyone is invited to join his family in a memorial service to celebrate his life, at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road in Danville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Presbyterian Church or Martinez Kaiser Hospice, 200 Muir Road, Martinez, CA, 94553.

## POLICE LOG

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

### Jan. 9

- Selling dangerous drugs: arrest on Railroad Ave. and School St. at 2:10 a.m.
- Burglary, auto: on Fostoria Wy. at 1:42 p.m.
- Accident investigation: on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 4:17 p.m.

### Jan. 10

- Driving under the influence (DUI): arrest on El Cerro Blvd. and La Gonda Wy. at 12:24 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: at Stone Valley Rd. at 12:25 p.m.
- Accident, property damage: on Linda Mesa Ave. and Verona Ave. at 1:46 p.m.
- Warrant for arrest: arrest on Hartz Ave. at 4:15 p.m.
- Grand theft from building: on Love Ln. at 4:45 p.m.

- Forgery of fraudulent documents: on Fountain Springs Cr. at 4:10 p.m.
- Auto burglary: on Bobbie Ct. at 5:26 p.m.
- Malicious telephone calls: on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 7:18 p.m.

### Jan. 11

- Burglary, commercial: on Sycamore Valley Rd. at 3:51 a.m.
- Burglary, residential: on Blackhawk Rd. at 9:03 a.m.
- Littering: on Love Ln. and Verona Ave. at 12:52 p.m.
- Accident, property damage: on Brookside Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 3:59 p.m.
- Malicious telephone calls: on Raven Ct. at 4:12 p.m.

- Accident, injury: on Crow Canyon Rd. and St. George Rd. at 6:45 p.m.
- Burglary, residential: on Kendall Lane at 9:16 p.m.

### Jan. 12

- Misdemeanor: arrest on Love Ln. at 2:59 a.m.
- Checks, insufficient funds: on Camino Ramon at 11:30 a.m.
- Accident, injury: on Crow Canyon Road and Tassajara Ranch D at 2:51 p.m.
- Accident, property damage: on El Cerro Blvd. and La Gonda Wy. at 3:39 p.m.
- Accident, property damage: on Interstate 680 southbound and Diablo Rd. at 5:57 p.m.

- Driving with suspended revoked license: on Interstate 680 southbound and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 10:41 p.m.

### Jan. 13

- DUI, misdemeanor: arrest on Diablo Rd. at 1:27 p.m.
- Burglary, auto: on Stone Valley Rd. at 3:32 p.m.

### Jan. 14

- DUI, misdemeanor: arrest on Hartz Ave. and Linda Mesa at 2:26 a.m.
- Warrant for arrest: arrest on Ackerman Dr. and Dolphin Ct. at 4:08 p.m.

### Jan. 15

- Burglary, residential: on Donna Lane at 11:20 a.m.

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

### ALAMO

#### Jan. 10

- Petty theft from building on Wilson Rd.

#### Jan. 11

- Burglary, commercial: at Alamo Plaza

#### Jan. 12

- Burglary, commercial: at Alamo Square Dr.
- Burglary, commercial: at Alamo Square Dr.
- Burglary, residential: at Post Rd.

#### Jan. 15

- Felony vandalism: at Alamo Plaza

### BLACKHAWK

#### Jan. 9

- Malicious mischief on Redwood Dr.

### DANVILLE

#### Jan. 13

- Malicious mischief on Ariel Dr.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Art

### Secrets of Plein Air Painting

The Alamo-Danville Artists' Society will host plein air artist Mark Farina at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Mark paints in both watercolor and oil with a loose impressionistic flair. The session is free to artists and art lovers. For information, call Ginger at 837-6414 or visit [www.adas4art.org](http://www.adas4art.org).

## Author Visits

### San Ramon Valley: A Historical Perspective

Beverly Lane, curator of the Museum of San Ramon Valley and Ralph Cozine, docent, will present their new book, "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville and San Ramon," with an author's discussion, slide show and book signing, at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. For information, call 837-4889.

## Clubs

### Danville AM Toastmasters Club

The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at Father Nature's, 178 E. Prospect Ave. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Dave Miklasevich at 899-1543 or [dmik210@yahoo.com](mailto:dmik210@yahoo.com) or [www.danvileamtoastmasters.org](http://www.danvileamtoastmasters.org).

### Diablo Valley Networking Group

Come join this dynamic team of business professionals to network and promote your business at 7:30 a.m., every Tuesday at Father Nature's restaurant in Danville. For information, e-mail [Coach2Excel@aol.com](mailto:Coach2Excel@aol.com)

## Events

### Annual Hats Off America Casino Night

The second annual Hats Off America Casino Night will be from 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Jan. 21, at Club Sport, 350 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Proceeds from the Casino Night benefits Hats off America, a non-profit organization created to provide financial support to the families of military personnel killed in the line of duty while serving the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan. Tickets are \$75 per person. For reservations, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, contact Sparky George at 855-1950 or e-mail [thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com](mailto:thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com). For additional information, visit [www.hatsoffamerica.us](http://www.hatsoffamerica.us).

### Blankies for Grown-Ups

Community members are invited to attend a Quilting Bee from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Mt. Diablo Medical Center, 2540 East St. in Concord. Learn the art of "quilting" and help make comfort quilts and afghans for cancer patients, wounded veterans and other seriously ill adults. No experience is necessary. The event is free and all quilt-making supplies will be provided. If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it along. Reservations are not required. For more information, call 943-7290.

### Claws for Paws Crab Feed

Enjoy all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad, bread, tea, coffee and dessert, plus dancing and drawings, from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb 11, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. in Pleasanton hosted by the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR). A cash bar will provide other drinks. Individual tickets are \$40, or purchase two for \$75, or a table of 10 for \$350. Tickets may be purchased by visiting [www.clawsforpaws.com](http://www.clawsforpaws.com), [www.tvlar.org](http://www.tvlar.org), a TVAR adoption event, or by sending a check to TVAR Crab Feed, P.O. Box 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588. For more information, email: [events@tvlar.org](mailto:events@tvlar.org).

## Exhibits

### Hot Wheels at Blackhawk Museum

Nathan Proch, director of Design for Hot Wheels Basic Cars, Collector Products, Monster Jam, all Entertainment lines and Graphics will showcase the latest Hot Wheels and what he is working on for the future at 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Blackhawk Museum. Students are admitted free. Admission is charged for non-museum members. For more information, contact Jon Hart at 736-2277, ext. 248, or [www.BlackhawkMuseum.org](http://www.BlackhawkMuseum.org).

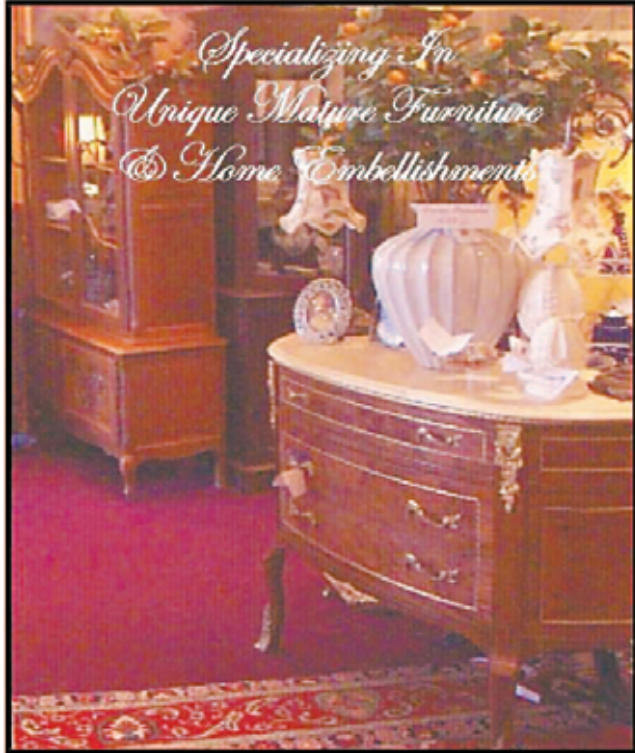
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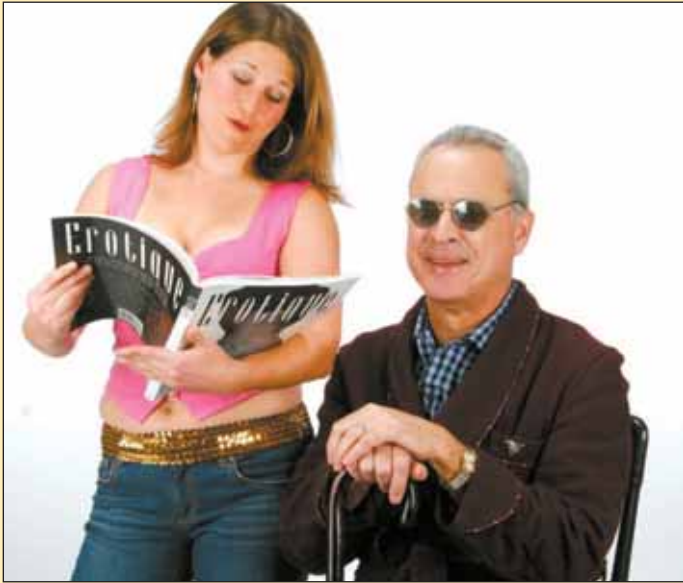
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Laurel Ryerson and Chris Chapman star in Role Players Ensemble Theater's "Wrong Turn at Lungfish," the story of a blind and bitter college professor and his encounter with a saucy, streetwise young woman who volunteers to read to him. The play runs Jan. 20-Feb. 11 at Danville Town Meeting Hall, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$13-\$22; call 314-3463 or visit [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com).

27 at the Dean Leshler Regional Center in Walnut Creek. The tickets are \$42 for adults and \$22 for children. Following the event, brain tumor survivors along with their families will be recognized onstage with the cast and then friends and families will proceed to Massimo restaurant for a no-host cocktail reception post-performance cast party. For more information call 943-7469.

**Dog Fashion Show**  
Wardrobe by Molly's Pup-Purr-EE of Danville will be featured at the Dog Fashion Show to benefit Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord. There will be a live auction where 100 percent of the proceeds go to ARF. The Fashion Show competition entry fee is \$25 per entry. For information and/or reservations, call 827-2000.

**Giant Book Sale**  
Friends of the Danville Library will host a giant book sale with a large selection of bargain-priced books in the Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St., from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 20 and 21; and a bag sale day, from noon-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 22. Early shopping for Friends of the Danville Library members will be from 9-10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 20. For more information, call 837-1293.

**Kids & Teens**

**Cars, Cards at Blackhawk Museum**  
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**Magic by Alex**  
Award winning magician Alex Gonzalez will delight children of all ages with his magic skills, at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Children's Reading Room at the Danville Library, 400 Front St.

**Young Writers Workshop**  
The Mt. Diablo Branch of the California Writers Club is hosting an interactive writing workshop led by two published children's authors, Sarah Wilson and Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff, from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 28, at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill. This workshop is for sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students. The cost is \$20. Bring a pen

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**First Wednesday Programs**  
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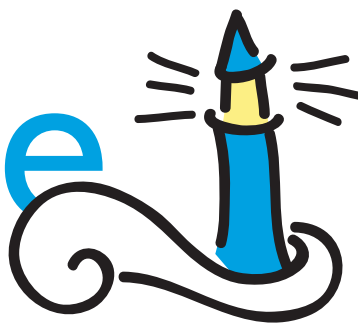
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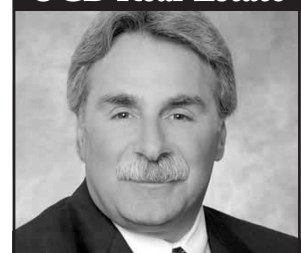
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This week's data represents homes sold during December 2005

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 7	Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$650,000	Lowest sale reported: \$995,000	Lowest sale reported: \$286,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,397,000	Highest sale reported: \$995,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,150,000
Average sales reported: \$1,045,928	Average sales reported: \$995,000	Average sales reported: \$578,304

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville	Walnut Creek	Walnut Creek
<b>114 Blackstone Drive</b> Civitate Trust to G. Nguyen for \$860,000	<b>1315 Alma Avenue #146</b> Alma Development to A. Magbitang for \$414,000	<b>1731 Mendota Way</b> D. Zuniga to Smurzynski Trust for \$860,000
<b>209 Madeline Lane</b> Shapell Industries to W. & M. Cheng for \$1,335,500	<b>1315 Alma Avenue #263</b> Alma Development to D. Sabatte for \$370,000	<b>145 Montanya Court</b> Lanci Trust to J. Ness for \$681,000
<b>701 Senca Court</b> D. Luger to C. & S. Twirbutt for \$790,000	<b>575 Cabot Court</b> Nickolaus Trust to C. Park for \$660,000	<b>2609 Ptarmigan Drive #2</b> Sheiner Trust to K. Himmelman for \$425,000
<b>667 Silver Lake Drive</b> Spencer Trust to J. & C. Hemmenway for \$650,000	<b>2069 Gill Port Lane A.</b> Rodriguez to R. Wong for \$890,000	<b>3350 Rossmoor Parkway #2</b> Asensio Trust to P. Lanci for \$620,000
<b>814 Tunbridge Road</b> R. & C. Culin to C. Peterson for \$1,397,000	<b>100 Hamlin Loop</b> Citrus Walk Limited to J. Yang for \$286,000	<b>121 School Lane</b> J. Tirtet to S. & Z. Hasic for \$545,000
<b>130 Westwich Street</b> H. & G. Washauer to A. & K. Walz for \$1,340,000	<b>1715 Holland Circle</b> Paloma Trust to J. Dye for \$475,000	<b>1309 Skycrest Drive #5</b> Gross Trust to L. Servis for \$347,500
<b>426 Woodbine Lane</b> J. Todisco to K. Calloway for \$949,000	<b>359 Kinross Drive</b> Prusky Trust to J. Luna for \$555,000	<b>1511 South Villa Way</b> P. Olson to E. Jennings for \$398,000
	<b>1340 Las Juntas Way #A S.</b> Foot to A. Nishihara for \$475,000	<b>15 Vartan Court</b> P. & J. Bergum to L. Demerritt for \$625,500
	<b>Alamo</b>	<b>1236 Walker Avenue #214</b> J. Ma to Q. Lei for \$435,000
	<b>110 Paseo De Sol</b> G. Li to C. Chien for \$995,000	<b>2570 Walnut Boulevard #15</b> Peters-Gier Trust to D. Johnston for \$479,000
	<b>Walnut Creek</b>	
	<b>1721 2nd Avenue</b> M. Heath to B. Trumbull for \$690,000	
	<b>1611 Mendota Court</b> D. Fabrizio-Garcia to M. Almeida for \$840,000	

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Danville	Alamo	Blackhawk
<b>2 Bedrooms</b>	<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	<b>4 Bedrooms</b>
<b>409 Sycamore Hill Dr.</b> *\$574,950 Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty Associates 200-0525	<b>522 Tara Jean Ln.</b> *\$879,000 Sat/Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Intero 413-1068	<b>4039 Eagle Nest Ln.</b> *\$1,349,000 Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 389-0425
<b>407 Oneida Ct.</b> *\$665,000 Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 984-1787	<b>742 Danville Blvd.</b> *\$1,495,999 Sat/Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Alain Pinel Realtors 998-9747	<b>3342 Quail Walk Pl.</b> *\$1,399,999 Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 209-7498
<b>404 Camino Arroyo W.</b> *\$685,000 Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 314-2414	<b>2 Maplewood Ct.</b> *\$1,499,000 Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 360-0350	
<b>3 Bedrooms</b>	<b>205 Morris Ranch Rd.</b> *\$1,538,000 Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 683-4900	
<b>1833 N. Forest Hill Pl.</b> *\$699,999 Sun 1-4 p.m. Century 21 Heritage 846-7997	<b>9 Creeklodge Ct.</b> *\$1,995,000 Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 998-1818	
<b>63 Woodvalley Dr.</b> *\$792,900 Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2556	<b>11 San Andreas Dr.</b> *\$3,199,000 Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5048	
<b>1344 Fountain Springs Cir.</b> *\$825,000 Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 895-2804		
<b>1525 Peters Ranch Rd.</b> *\$836,950 Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4046		
<b>40 Casablanca St.</b> *\$925,000 Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 209-7498		
<b>215 Glasgow Cir.</b> *\$939,000 Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-6000, ext. 232		
<b>157 Clydesdale Dr.</b> *\$949,900 Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4046		
<b>4 Bedrooms</b>		
<b>271 Jasmine Wy.</b> *\$1,010,000 Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 963-2588		

**325 Red Maple Dr.** \*\$1,529,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 389-0425

**529 Kingswood Pl.** \*\$1,549,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 209-7498

**340 Pheasant Run** \*\$2,895,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 389-0425

**5 Bedrooms**

**816 Redwood Dr.** \*\$1,499,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5044

**10 Pepperwood Ln.** \*\$2,139,000  
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155

**209 South Ridge Ct.** \*\$2,600,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 389-0425

**San Ramon**

**3 Bedrooms**

**301 Caraway Ct.** \*\$1,019,950  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 899-8651

**10006 Foxboro Cir.** \*\$709,900  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 989-1748

**105 Landsdowne Loop** \*\$764,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 209-7498

**2440 Millstream Ln.** \*\$795,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2521

**3019 Sombrero Cir.** \*\$795,000  
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155

**9624 Camassia Wy.** \*\$799,000  
Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 389-0425

**1022 Vista Pointe Cir.** \*\$815,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4128

**2745 Moet Ln.** \*\$849,990  
Sat/Sun 12-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 735-7653

**1295 Canyon Side Ave.** \*\$895,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty Associates 217-5089

**4 Bedrooms**

**9586 Velvet Leaf Cir.** \*\$1,499,990  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 735-7653

**2963 Cheyenne Ave.** \*\$729,900  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes Realty 791-4263

**670 Greylyn Dr.** \*\$810,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 397-4300

**1044 Vista Pointe Cir.** \*\$879,950  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4128

**19 Latera Ct.** \*\$935,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Empire Realty 217-3112

**1154 Arrowfield Wy.** \*\$939,500  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452

**21 Centerpoint Ct.** \*\$939,888  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Century 21 Heritage 846-7997

**5425 Canyon Crest Dr.** \*\$975,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 314-2428

**1357 Kellybrook Wy.** \*\$979,950  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 876-4459

**711 Pradera Wy.** \*\$999,900  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 324-9700

**5 Bedrooms**

**2567 CraneFord Wy.** \*\$1,494,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3326

**314 Pearlgrass Ln.** \*\$949,900  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 314-2428

**Dublin**

**3 Bedrooms**

**11693 Regio Dr.** \*\$738,500  
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 577-2600

**4417 Talle Wy.** \*\$809,990  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 735-7653

**8163 Via Zapata** \*\$849,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3824

**4 Bedrooms**

**8372 Locust Pl. N.** \*\$638,900  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Pleasanton Valley Help-U-Sell 462-5950

**8202 Holanda Ln.** \*\$660,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Pleasanton Valley Help-U-Sell 462-5950

**4143 Cardena Ct.** \*\$874,500  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452

**Livermore**

**1 Bedrooms**

**27 Meritage Commons** \*\$392,139  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 785-1586

**2 Bedrooms**

**1093 Ventura Ave.** \*\$489,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Realty 292-7653

**4104 Bristlecone Wy.** \*\$511,888  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes Realty 989-1115

**3 Bedrooms**

**5202 Sundance Dr.** \*\$145,000  
Sat/Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 998-0605

**5556 Mines Rd.** \*\$1,450,000  
Sat/Sun 12:30-3:30 p.m. Realty World Estates 321-0468

**379 Garden Common** \*\$514,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 330-1122

**104 Tamalpais Ave.** \*\$565,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Realty 292-7653

**4117 Bristlecone Wy.** \*\$565,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 998-0605

**371 Lincoln Ave.** \*\$624,950  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5020

**1524 Murdell Ln.** \*\$624,990  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 339-3500

**Pleasanton**

**1 Bedrooms**

**829B Division** \*\$369,900  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2556

**829D Division** \*\$369,900  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2556

**2 Bedrooms**

**843B Division** \*\$419,900  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2556

**2 Bedrooms Townhouse**

**650 Concord Pl.** \*\$484,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 577-4663

**5375 Black Ave., #2** \*\$509,900  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 924-0444

**5375 Black Ave. #4** \*\$537,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Pleasanton Valley Help-U-Sell 462-5950

**5762 Belleza Dr.** \*\$600,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 362-2058

**2228 Goldcrest Cir.** \*\$630,000  
Sat 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-7355

**5001 Porta Rossa Cir.** \*\$695,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 830-4764

**3 Bedrooms**

**7305 Stonedale Dr.** \*\$589,900  
Sat 1:30-4:30 p.m. Re/Max Accord 997-8405

**5640 Baldwin Wy.** \*\$652,500  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 989-6500

**1811 Harms Dr.** \*\$669,950  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 998-0605

**4319 Holland Dr.** \*\$719,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Century 21 Heritage 846-7997

**4015 Page Ct.** \*\$725,000  
Sat 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 858-4198

**247 Tomas Wy.** \*\$789,950  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Tri-Valley 383-4036

**4343 Diavila Ave.** \*\$799,950  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Golden Pacific 216-4799

**4719 Golden Rd.** \*\$890,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Tri-Valley 200-2602

**4 Bedrooms**

**4444 First St.** \*\$1,099,999  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 417-8607

**5711 Ohana Pl.** \*\$2,565,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-7355

**3232 Verde Ct.** \*\$714,950  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Tri-Valley 200-2602

**4122 West Las Positas Blvd.** \*\$789,900  
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Re/Max Accord 997-8405

**3044 Staples Ranch Dr.** \*\$815,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Golden Pacific 216-4799

**650 Orofino Ct.** \*\$905,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 462-7653

**5 Bedrooms**

**4353 W. Ruby Hill Dr.** \*\$1,950,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Tri-Valley 989-4123

**5745 Hanifen Wy.** \*\$2,099,000  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 621-4085

**2766 Huff Dr.** \*\$969,000  
Sun noon-4 p.m. Pacific Union 945-4566

**6 Bedrooms**

**7338 Shady Mill Ln.** \*\$1,849,950  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Pleasanton Valley Help-U-Sell 462-5950

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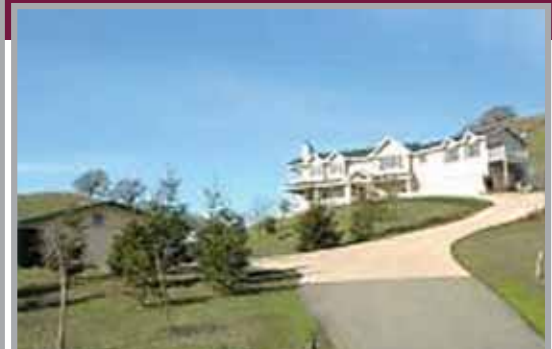
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