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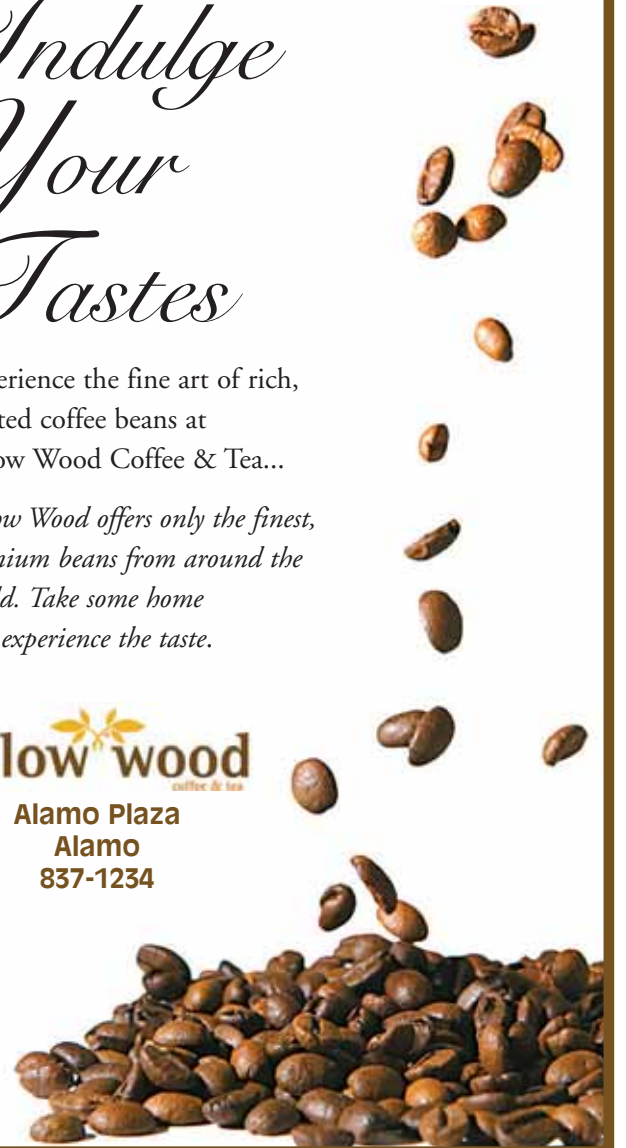
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Christa Bankhead

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Yvonne Mojzes

manager of Furbelow



I would start the day with exercising and then go home and straighten up my house. Then I would go to one of my volunteer jobs either at Kaiser or the Sheriff's Department. The perfect day would include a visit from one of my kids. The perfect ending to the perfect day would be going out for a nice dinner with my husband someplace where we would do Latin dancing.

Leslie Herman

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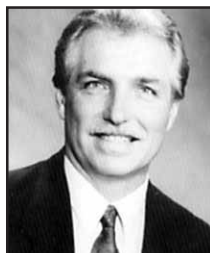
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ In general, kids say things online that they wouldn't normally say. ”

—Jennifer Kessler, a San Ramon Valley High counselor who has worked directly with students affected by bullying remarks posted on Web sites. See story, page 5.

SRVHS grads: Where are you?

A new edition of the San Ramon Valley High School Alumni Directory is being compiled to feature detailed personal and professional information on graduates from all class years. Publisher Harris Connect is collecting the information, and it has sent cards to everyone in the last directory asking for updates.

Alumni who did not receive postcards can e-mail the publisher at gcupdate@harrisconnect.com, putting San Ramon Valley High School on the subject line. Contact them by regular mail at San Ramon Valley High School Alumni Directory Project, c/o Harris Connect, 6300 Center Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Local alumni are responsible for several pages at the front of the book and are requesting photos. Contact Marilyn Bailey, president of the SRVHS Alumni Association, at 933-4076 or e-mail alumni@mphb.net.

Diablo Vista team shows MathCounts

Diablo Vista Middle School's MathCounts team traveled to UC Berkeley on Feb. 25 to compete with other middle schools in the East Bay Region's annual Math Competition. Of the 23 schools competing, Diablo Vista Middle School's team finished third overall, and Kevin Wong took second place among more than 120 students competing from throughout the East Bay.

Diablo Vista's team will now travel to UC Davis on March 18 to compete in the Northern California state finals. Besides Wong, team members are Adriel Hsu, Louis Li, and Jake Erlick.

New stores downtown

Bella Belly Maternity, an upscale maternity shop that caters to expectant exec moms as well as stay-at-home, had its grand opening Friday at 700 Hartz Way. "I wanted to provide a way for women to find the same clothes that you find on Madison Avenue in New York without having to make the trip," said owner Janet Scarpelli, a CPA who has two toddlers of her own. The store will carry fashions by designer Liz Lange, who is known for dressing expectant moms such as Gwynneth Paltrow.

Leku Eder has relocated its shop from the Livery to Prospect Avenue in the location formerly known as Father Nature's Shed. Its ribbon-cutting will take place Wednesday and it will host an all-day grand opening Saturday, March 18. The store features treasures from Asia, such as antique furniture and special decorative pieces, and the showroom demonstrates how Asian influences and Western design meet to be functional and have style.

Check out your child's car seat

The Danville Police Department is hosting a free child car seat safety check sponsored by Nurses and Cops Caring for Contra Costa Children, a not-for-profit group. It will take place 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, March 22, in the Park and Ride lot on Sycamore Valley Road on the east side of Interstate 680, next to the northbound onramp.

This is a good chance for parents and childcare providers to make sure their car seats are installed correctly. For more information, call Danville's Community Services Officer Shawn Desmond at 314-3355.

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MySpace.com invites bullying, possibly danger

San Ramon Valley Unified School District takes action to keep popular teenager Web site off campuses

by Kevin Zhou

For several hours each night, some teenagers sit in front of their computers and lavishly decorate their MySpace.com profiles. By posting risque pictures and eye-opening blogs, they hope to entice more of their friends to visit their sites and post complimentary comments. But what they don't realize is that teens aren't the only ones visiting their sites. Adults are, too.

There have been increasing concerns about the safety of social Web sites like MySpace. Although police now say MySpace has not produced any major leads, the Web site was still one of the first places they turned after discovering the body of 15-year-old

Kayla Reed, a student at Livermore High School.

"There is the issue of predators who have access to information that is very personal, including identity, school, home address and name, which a predator could very easily use to find individual students," said Scott Gerbert, coordinator of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program.

Many adults feel teens do not understand the full gravity of the situation. School administrators across the district believe many teenagers are too naive when it comes to the site's dangers and are mindlessly posting too much personal information online.

"I think that many teenagers

don't understand the risks they put themselves in on a daily basis," said Gerbert. "I think this is just another example of a way that may feel safe, but if not taken seriously, it does have the potential for having serious backlash."

"I don't think they realize how easy it is to find out who they are," said Danville police Officer Nubia Zamora.

The MySpace profiles of some high school students have only heightened these concerns. In some cases, girls post pictures of themselves in bathing suits or skimpy outfits, and invite others to comment on them.

The Danville Police Department has also had its attention brought to a teenager's picture that was transposed onto a pornographic image, said Zamora.

"I think that in their own minds, they think it's just a joke," said Shawn Wells, assistant principal at Monte Vista High School. "But if that's the case, we have some really warped senses of humor."

While teens run the risk of attracting adult stalkers with their provocative profiles, they also run the risk of attracting school administrators. In an effort to appeal to their peers, teenagers sometimes post pictures of themselves holding beer cans or cigarettes. They also fill out surveys asking whether they have done drugs or had alcohol in the past month, and many are not shy about answering "yes."

With all of this information available on the public domain, school officials have started to take note.

"Do they really want to have that image of themselves?" said Wells. "When I show it to a parent, he knows in his mind his child will never do that."

When it comes to actually cracking down on the students who post these types of pictures, administrators have their hands tied behind their backs, thanks in large part to district policies.

"It's actually very tricky because unless the student admits that yes, there was actually alcohol in the can or bottle I was holding or there was actually tobacco in the pipe I was holding, if their response is that I am holding the bottle to pose for a picture, we are in a place where we

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O'Neill takes center stage

Great-granddaughter, biographers in town for film screening

by Jordan M. Doronila

The great-granddaughter of Nobel Prize winning playwright Eugene O'Neill, who is also the granddaughter of film legend Charlie Chaplin, visited the Tao House in Danville to discover her roots last week.

Kiera Chaplin, a 23-year-old blonde-haired, blue-eyed model from Switzerland and chairman of Limelight Films, toured her great-grandfather's estate last Friday to connect with her past and understand her heritage.

"It's great to revisit the past," Chaplin said. "I'm curious to know more."

As reporters and photographers flocked around her, Park Ranger and Tao House aficionado Margaret Styles guided Chaplin through her great-grandfather's home, where O'Neill created "A Long's Day Journey Into Night" and "A Moon for the Misbegotten."

Chaplin saw pictures of O'Neill's wives and visited his prized study, where O'Neill didn't want to be disturbed when he wrote his plays.

"I'm taking it all in," Chaplin said.

Her arrival accentuated the preview of Ric Burns' documentary of O'Neill, which was screened for about 200 people that night at the AT&T Complex Center in San Ramon. Barbara and Arthur Gelb, O'Neill biographers and the documentary's main collaborators, also flew from New York to visit



Park Ranger Margaret Styles tells Kiera Chaplin historical nuggets about her great-grandfather Eugene O'Neill at the Tao House.

the Tao House and promote the event.

Arthur Gelb said the reason he and his wife studied O'Neill was to "unravel a genius' vision." He said they are constantly discovering new facts about the great playwright.

Gelb was managing editor for the New York Times and author of "City Room," which chronicles his adventures from being a copy boy to his rise as a reporter then as Times editor.

Burns, the Gelbs and Chaplin attended the screening and spoke at the event. Burns wrote the two-hour film in collaboration with the Gelbs; it documents the story of O'Neill's bitter relations with his family, his failed marriages, and drinking problems during his youth—as well as his highly acclaimed plays.

"All of us marveled at the high quality of the film," said Bob Rezak, public relations director of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation. "We felt it was a masterpiece in its own right. I sat there wonder-

ing how Kiera Chaplin felt about seeing baby pictures of Oona." PBS will broadcast the feature on its American Experience program Monday, March 27.

Eugene O'Neill was born Oct. 16, 1888, in a New York hotel in what later became known as Times Square, according to the PBS Web site. His mother, Ella O'Neill, became addicted to morphine. His father James O'Neill was an affluent professional but a somewhat disappointing stage actor.

The future playwright enrolled in Princeton University but was kicked out because of his poor academics and heavy drinking. Nonetheless, despite his struggles, O'Neill wrote prolifically. After leaving Princeton, he wrote numerous plays such as "The Emperor Jones," "The Hairy Ape," "Desire Under the Elms," "Mourning Becomes Electra," and Pulitzer Prize-winners "Strange Interlude" and "Anna Christie."

His first two marriages failed, to Kathleen Jenkins and Agnes

Boulton. But his marriage to his third wife Carlotta Monterey, who lived with him in Danville, lasted until his death in 1953.

O'Neill had one child with Jenkins and two with Boulton. Kiera Chaplin's grandmother was Oona O'Neill, the daughter of Agnes Boulton O'Neill. At 18, Oona married Charlie Chaplin, who was 54 at the time. Her father alienated her from his family after hearing the news. Nevertheless, Oona and Charlie enjoyed a long and happy marriage. She died of pancreatic cancer in 1991.

Chaplin had a modeling career in Paris when she was 16 and is now focusing her efforts in the film business. She was installed as chairman of Limelight Films Inc., a family-owned film distribution and production company, when she was 20.

"I have a few projects I'm working on," she said.

Now, Kiera Chaplin hopes to take her legacy to the next level. ■

Council to study economic strategy

Town to set goals and objectives

by Jordan M. Doronila

The Danville Town Council is drafting a new plan to encourage economic health and more revenue from the downtown area.

Mayor Karen Stepper said the plan will provide local officials a reference when they determine where to allocate money in the town budget. The new strategy will go through a first reading at a council study session at 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 14, at Town Hall, 510 La Gonda Way.

"It gives you short term goals," Stepper said. "That's a source of our budget."

She added the strategy helps Danville's overall prosperity, which generates money to operate public services for residents.

"Revenue comes from economic health," she said. "It's why people move to Danville. They enjoy being part of a community."

The proposal also calls for Danville to connect its local economy with other cities in the Tri-Valley including San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. Danville is part of the Tri-Valley Vision 2010, a strategy created by the Tri-Valley Business Council to promote economic, social and environmental opportunities in the region.

The proposed goals in the draft plan include promoting a local economy that supports the quality

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Youths talk to youths about healthy lifestyles

High school students speak out against substance abuse

by Kevin Zhou

Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA) is sponsoring the 12th annual Youth to Youth Middle School Conference tomorrow, March 11, at Iron Horse Middle School. The program aims to persuade adolescents not to use alcohol or drugs during their high school years.

"Peers set behavior; parents set the attitude."

—Kimberly Gallagher,
Youth to Youth project director

"For middle school kids, it's especially important because between the ages of 12 and 13, they probably have the greatest change in terms of access to and attitudes toward drugs and alcohol," said Kimberly Gallagher, Youth to Youth project director. "It is important for kids who are on the fence of making that decision to listen to other kids."

More than 80 high school students from across the district are scheduled to work at the event. The students will perform in skits and in a variety show that encourage their younger peers to live a drug-free lifestyle. Youth to Youth organizers hope this positive peer influence will help attendees make the right decisions when they encounter negative peer pressure.

"The reality is that peers affect their behavior. They listen more intently and it makes a bigger impact," said Gallagher. "Peers set behavior; parents set the attitude."

Throughout the day, teens will have a chance to participate in more than 20 different workshops. Topics include building self-esteem, reducing stress, maintaining positive body images, dating and relationship troubles, self-defense and communication skills. A panel from Thunder Road, a drug and alcohol recovery center for teens in Oakland, will also be on hand to discuss true stories involving substance abuse. The program will culminate with a dance.

About 325 middle-schoolers are expected to attend the event. The students will be divided into smaller groups of eight to 10 participants and led by two to three high school staff leaders.

"We try to keep them small," said Gallagher. "There are opportunities for smaller groups to bond and talk about things that are really important to them."

Youth to Youth was founded in 1995 by a California High School student who had learned about such a conference in Southern California. Ever since the first meeting, attendance by middle school students as well as high school staff leaders has steadily risen, said Gallagher.

The program costs \$35, and all sixth- through eighth-grade students are encouraged to apply. The conference will last from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. To obtain a registration form, visit www.srvcasa.org or contact Gallagher at 838-0663. ■



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MySpace danger

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can't do anything," said Gerbert. "It's an unfortunate loophole."

"There is a fine line over what we have jurisdiction on," said Wells.

That's not to say administrators have no control over what happens in cyberspace. When fights broke out at Monte Vista High School over inflammatory racial and sexual remarks made through MySpace, punitive action was taken.

"What I've seen is it incites anger in some of the students and it creates disruption," said Wells. "If it carries over into something that affects the learning environment, I suspend them for the fight."

Increasing incidents of cyberbullying at both San Ramon Valley and Monte Vista high schools have worried administrators. Jennifer Kessler, a San Ramon Valley counselor who has worked directly with students affected by bullying remarks posted on Web sites, said these cases often lead to anguish among the victims.

"They feel really helpless," Kessler explained. "They feel really caught

off guard, and they're not sure how to deal with it. They'll have friends or kids they know that will say things to them like, 'That's a really ugly picture,' or sending negative comments. In general, kids say things online that they wouldn't normally say."

With all of these negative results that could arise from MySpace, the school district has started to take action. The technology department recently blocked MySpace from its server so students using computers from within the district would not be able to access the Web site.

Officials are also becoming more involved in parent education nights, and are e-mailing parents about the potential dangers of adult-stalking or cyberbullying. The Parent Teacher Student Association is including information in its newsletters as well.

The Police Department is also trying to set up a parent information night on suspicious signs to look for, with April 25 as a possible date. Officer Zamora has already gone to middle schools explaining the dangers of the Internet.

Many agree it's important for parents to closely monitor what their children are posting on their MySpace

profiles. While some teens are concerned this represents a gross invasion of privacy, officials believe it is necessary to ensure their safety.

"I think a lot of the parents are not concerned because they don't know," said Kessler. "Some of them who have become aware of what their child's MySpace account looks like become frightened. I think when parents are aware of what their kids are doing, they become concerned."

"I absolutely think that this is an opportunity to sit down and talk with their children," said Gerbert. "Many parents don't understand what's out there and available that wasn't available 15, 20 years ago."

In the meantime, adults generally agree that teens will continue logging on, regardless of what they say. But to avoid running into problems, they believe teens need to exercise caution whenever they are surfing MySpace.

"Don't give any personal information out, and refrain from using provocative photographs," said Zamora. "They can't find you if they don't know what you look like or where you live." ■

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It also noted that completing the beautification of North Hartz Avenue and having more parking spaces at the Clocktower Municipal Parking Lot, on Front Street, and at San Ramon Valley High School

will contribute to economic opportunities in town.

“We see that as an enormous part of our anchor goals,” she said.

She said Danville will continue its role in building relationships with the Tri-Valley Business Council and attracting outside consumers to shop in town. She added that it’s important for businesses to work in a central area so owners can use each other’s resources to promote their services or products.

Since the mid 1980s, Danville has been redeveloping and improving its downtown area to bring a sense of place and more life to it, according to the draft plan. Moreover, the development of Dougherty Valley and Alamo Creek will bring approximately 37,000 new people to the area.

Also the Rose Garden Shopping Center being built at Sycamore Valley Road and Camino Ramon

will provide 860,000 square feet of new retail space in Danville.

The low crime rate, high percentage of residents who are employed, and transportation accessibility add to Danville’s allure. As a result of opportunities in Danville, there has been a significant amount of physical change, noted the draft plan, including redevelopment, rehabilitation and expansion of properties, as well as historic preservation.

The town has been working closely with the Discover Danville Association, the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Tri-Valley Business Council to achieve its goals. Participation in the Tri-Valley Vision 2010 has made Danville’s economy integrated and competitive with its neighboring cities, according to the Draft Economic Development Strategy. ■

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BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Sycamore swim team may go under

It's hard to believe it's that time of year already, when swim teams are having signups for this summer. I'm a huge fan of swim teams. We signed up our reluctant daughter Zoe for the Livorna Swim Team when she was only 4, saying she had to try it for two weeks, then it would be her choice whether to continue or not. We believed it was great exercise, would perfect a lifetime skill and give her a wonderful summer activity. Oh, and we also wanted the social life it brought to the parents. The two weeks went by and she was hooked for the next few years until we moved away. We enjoyed the meets, "shepherding" the 6-and-unders, manning the snack bar and bringing Rice Krispies treats on our assigned day. And, yes, we also valued the camaraderie of the other parents as we fundraised, managed our kids, and did the myriad volunteer jobs that go into running a team.

That's why it made me so sad to sit last week with some parents from the Sycamore Stingrays. They have an exciting season planned with 200 swimmers. But underlying this enthusiasm is a deep sadness because this may be their last season. Since its inception,

the Sycamore team has welcomed members outside the neighborhood since they were needed to make the 200-member team necessary to compete with others in the Valley Swim Association, they told me. But recently the homeowners elected new board members who want to close the swim team to "outsiders," as well as clubhouse rentals. This would be the end of the swim team, said its president, Mark Thornton, since usually 70 to 100 swimmers come from the neighborhood. Unless they can somehow save the team, it will disband after the 2006 season.

I had been through the Sycamore neighborhood many times but until last week had never walked along its paths or taken a look at its swimming facilities. The 649 homes are spread over 250 acres, including 10 acres of lovely parkland, with a large hilly open space behind the main clubhouse and

swimming pool. It's easy to see why the neighborhood draws new families. The Stingrays supporters told me that over the years the board had made many concessions to the few who objected to the swim team. Even during swim team practice, after school in the spring and in the mornings once summer vacation begins, one lane is available for other people to swim laps, and more would be opened if necessary. The neighborhood also has another swimming pool a few blocks away, which the swim team never uses. Only four or five home meets are held per season, they also said. The swim team raises \$12,000 per year, some of it from the higher fees charged the outside members. This helps to keep down hom-

owners fees, as does rental of the clubhouses.

I also met Madison White, 11, and her brother Forrest, 8, who got their start as Sycamore Stingrays before they moved to Blackhawk and joined its team. They are well-known in the swimming world with her rated 12th in the nation and him 10th. Their family credits the Stingrays with giving them their love of the sport and kicking

off their skills, and they are continuing the friendships begun in Sycamore.

As the families in my neighborhood matured, Livorna Swim Team needed more swimmers and so it was opened to outsiders. This was considered to be a good step, since it meant more children, more friends and expanding our community. Although my children are grown, I still consider our swim team an asset both to our immediate neighborhood and the greater community. A few years ago I went to ClubSport with Zoe, now 26, where she swam lap after lap of freestyle. I listened proudly when a mother near me pointed to Zoe and told her two young sons, "Look at her swim. That's the correct way." I managed not to speak up and say she was my daughter. But I was sure happy our neighborhood had had a swim team for her. ■

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Weigh in on downtown

Ask almost any Danville resident what attracted them here and they will mention the downtown. We hope many are interested in attending the town's study session at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning at the Town Hall offices, 510 La Gonda Way, to discuss its Economic Development Strategy, which is currently in draft form. Efforts since the 1980s have focused on improving the downtown area to make it the gem it is today. This current strategy is being developed to help the downtown continue its prosperity, strengthen it, and address any concerns before they become problems.

This week both our cover story and a news story deal with the future of Danville. Both provide information on plans for its future and things to be considered while moving forward. For instance, everyone seems to agree it would be good to have only retail shops on the street level in the core of downtown and discussions are being held on how to make sure the actual spaces fit the retail requirements. The complete forum recently held on the Future of

Some people say downtown lacks parking, which is being addressed ... The beauty of this "problem" is that the walk to the car is bound to be a pleasant one.

Downtown Danville Opportunities & Challenges is being rebroadcast at 7 p.m. March 10 and March 24 on Comcast Channel 26 for all who were unable to attend.

The town is also looking for ways to help businesses at risk of leaving and to identify problems that might cause their departure. Some people say downtown lacks parking, which is being addressed by enlarging existing parking lots and adding another one on Front Street. The beauty of this "problem" is that the walk to the car is bound to be a pleasant one.

To learn more about the town government's plans and hopefully to offer your input, attend the public study session Tuesday morning, and tune in to Channel 26. Meanwhile don't forget to check out the Danville Sidewalk Sale being held today through Sunday in downtown Danville. It is one more event being held by Discover Danville to give folks a reason to visit their downtown, and it should be fun.

YOUR TURN

The Danville Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or on issues of local interest. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday for that week's edition; please limit letters to 250 words, and provide your name, street address and daytime telephone number. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length and style and for factual errors known to us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sad response to ports

Dear Editor:

It was sad but not surprising to read the views in Streetwise in your March 3 issue regarding the proposed Arab ownership of U.S. ports. Some of the responses reflect the paranoia of many Americans in relation to the so-called "war on terror." Having visited the UAE twice and seen how businesses and people there operate, I expect that the change in ownership will have no impact whatsoever.

Rick Laverack, Danville

Thoughts on teens

Dear Editor:

Your article "Teens in Trouble" Feb. 17 brought up important points about our teenagers. As a grandparent of two girls, 9 and 12, I am concerned about their future. First, it is important to teach our children respect, toward themselves and others. It is the parents' obligation to teach children how to respect others and in return earn respect for themselves.

Furthermore, money is spent freely in this area and even children under 10 have too much and buy things they don't need. This money can easily be used to buy drugs and alcohol. Maybe an investors group can teach kids how to invest money for college and later in life.

Television, magazines, games, movie stars and athletes influence kids, who try to copy famous people in their appearance, smoke, drink, etc. Can we persuade famous people and athletes to help our kids with better dress styles and good manners?

One last thing: Kids have a lot of homework and not enough time to relax. My granddaughter in middle school comes home at 3:30 p.m., starts her homework and works until 9, sometimes 10 or later on certain projects. I have a problem with homework on weekends, holidays and even on vacation. Teachers my daughter has spoken to agree there is too much homework but say some parents from different cultures want it.

I can understand why some children, due to the stresses from school, homework and other pressures, lash out with aggressive and destructive behavior.

Chris Gonzalez, Danville

Will Bryan Ranch become 'Duffield Ranch'?

Dear Editor:

In your March 3 edition, you had what was tantamount to an interview with the Duffields' lead attorney, Andrew Sabey. Mr. Sabey attended the March 2 Bryan Ranch Homeowners meeting and did not identify himself until the end of the session when most homeowners and the board's legal counsel had left. That may be legal but it is certainly unseemly. The Duffields themselves have never attended any of these meetings.

Perhaps PR specialist David Bowlby arranged your discussion with Mr. Sabey. Bowlby is a Bryan Ranch resident hired by Mr. Duffield last year (around the same time that Supervisor Mary Piepho put him on the SRV Regional Commission). Possibly the interview was orchestrated by

Tom Koch, developers' lobbyist and Delaware Senate candidate (who, coincidentally, helped get Mary Piepho elected). Koch had been hired as a consultant for Duffield, according to one of the daily newspapers in November 2005.

I mention these facts to give you an indication of what the neighbors of Bryan Ranch are up against. I'm increasingly concerned that in today's world those with deep pockets get to play by special rules simply because they can afford the best lawyers.

Bryan Ranch is a family-friendly, built-out neighborhood with strict covenants, codes and regulations that have protected and preserved our way of life. If the Bryan Ranch homeowners wanted this neighborhood to become the next bastion of "beached cruise ships," we would have eliminated those CC&Rs long ago. When will the Duffields accept that fact?

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POLICE BULLETIN

Thieves nab DVD player, other valuables

Danville police are looking for the persons involved in a theft from an auto involving over \$500 worth of merchandise. Police Sgt. Ron Bradley said the incident occurred on Pinnacle Ridge Court sometime overnight Feb. 19 and was reported early the next morning.

Bradley said the owner discovered that during the night someone had entered the unlocked vehicle and made off with a portable DVD player, a pair of binoculars and an ashtray filled with assorted change. No damage was reported. No arrests have been made; the investigation is continuing.

Residents are urged to lock their vehicles, even in their own driveways, but Bradley says people

should do more than just lock the car.

"More importantly, people should take their valuables inside with them when they leave the car," he said. "If they have to leave them in the car, lock them in the trunk, don't just leave them on the passenger seat."

Bradley said that during the summertime, police receive numerous reports of people having their windows smashed in and laptops, purses or other valuables taken because they were left in plain sight on the passenger seat.

"If your valuables are locked in the trunk and not easily seen, thieves have very little reason to risk getting caught breaking into your vehicle," Bradley noted.

—Geoff Gillette

POLICE LOG

The Danville Police Department made the following information available.

Wednesday, March 1

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Front St. at 12:51 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Blackhawk Plaza at 7:15 a.m.
- Petty theft from building on Stone Valley Rd. at 9:57 a.m.
- Petty theft from building on Stone Valley Rd. at 10:22 a.m.
- Hit-and-run, misdemeanor, on Blackhawk Rd. at 11:55 a.m.
- Misdemeanor DUI, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 10:11 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

- Suspicious circumstances on Del Amigo Rd. at 8:26 a.m.
- Malicious mischief on Boone Ct. at noon
- Suspicious circumstances on Hartz Ave. at 12:49 p.m.
- Petty theft from building on Stone Valley Rd. at 1:32 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Danville

Blvd. and Del Amigo Rd. at 5:31 p.m.

Friday, March 3

- Misdemeanor DUI, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Front St. at 1:17 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Sycamore Valley Rd. and Turnbridge Rd. at 8:38 a.m.
- Hit-and-run, misdemeanor, on Brookside Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 8:36 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on La Gonda Way at 11:08 a.m.
- Public nuisance on Boone Ct. at 10:47 a.m.
- Malicious mischief on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sonora Ave. at 11:14 p.m.
- Felony vandalism, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:14 p.m.

Saturday, March 4

- Misdemeanor DUI, arrest, on Danville Blvd. and Del Amigo Rd. at 1:32 a.m.
- Warrant arrest on Rassani Dr. at 10:06 a.m.
- Malicious mischief on Creekledge Ct. at 5:32 p.m.

- Commercial burglary, arrest, on Fostoria Way at 6 p.m.
- Drunk in public, arrest, on Greenbrook Dr. and Harlan Dr. at 12:34 a.m.

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

ALAMO

Wednesday, March 1

- Grand theft from vehicle on Erselia Trail

Thursday, March 2

- Malicious mischief on Evelyn Ct.

Sunday, March 5

- Domestic disturbance on Carleton Way

BLACKHAWK

Monday, Feb. 27

- Malicious mischief on Blackhawk Dr.

DANVILLE

Wednesday, March 1

- Residential burglary on Deepcreek Ct.

ROUNDHILL

Tuesday, Feb. 28

- Petty theft from vehicle on Augusta Ct.

OBITUARIES

Vivian E. Kellner

Vivian E. Kellner, 91, died Jan. 27. She was born April 12, 1914, and raised in Berkeley, graduating from Presentation High School in Berkeley in 1931. She married Ralph E. Kellner, whom she first "met" at the age of 7. They moved to Danville in 1953, raised their two children here, retired in San Ramon in 1971, and were married 62 years when Ralph died in 2001.

She was a member of Crow Canyon Country Club, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and a past member of the Alpha Zeta Beta national sorority. She was a card-carrying member of Harvey's Casino. She also enjoyed entertaining friends and family.

She is survived by her son Erik Kellner (Valerie) and her daughter Marna Garriety (Ron); grandchildren Krista Ciapponi, Alisa Davis-Manibusan, Heather Johansen and Barry Garriety; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Lady Wolves win NCS championship

Monte Vista boys beat San Ramon in 53-52 thriller; De La Salle defeats Mustangs in semifinals

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The Lady Wolves fought off three visitors to the Wolf Den last week on their quest to become NCS basketball champions.

The 5th-seeded Lady Wolves beat 12th-seeded Newark Memorial 46-41 on Feb. 28 in the first round of the tournament. Jen Dreessen led the Wolves with 16 points.

In the quarterfinals on Wednesday, March 1, the Lady Wolves knocked off 4th-seeded San Leandro 51-43. The Wolves led 36-25 at halftime. Ashley Cheung opened the third quarter with a 3-point shot and the Wolves led the rest of the game. Cheung finished the game with 14 points and Meghan Yetman had 12 points to lead the Wolves to victory.

"The team executed a great defensive plan and hit big tosses when they had to," said coach Hans DeLannoy.

The Wolves upset Deer Valley 58-53 last Friday. Trailing 29-25 at half-time, Dreessen opened the third quarter with a 3-point shot to set the tone for the second half. Jenny Cheung hit another 3-pointer to take the lead 44-42 with 5:51 left in the fourth quarter. The

game changed leads until Meghan Yetman converted two key free throws with 14 seconds left to take the lead 56-53. Katie Falk sealed the victory making two more free throws with 4.2 seconds left to seal the victory for the Wolves 58-53.

After the game, a tired and happy Yetman was asked if she was nervous when she went to the line to shoot the free throws. "No, not at all," she said with a smile.

The next day, at the McAfee Coliseum in Oakland, the Lady Wolves won their eighth straight game upsetting No. 3-seeded Berkeley 50-49 to win the NCS Division I Championship. The Wolves erased a 14-point deficit in the third quarter to rally for the victory. With 1:06 in the game Devon Pierce made two free throws to take the lead 48-47. Cool and confident Yetman scored a final lay-up from a crisp Ashley Cheung pass to seal the victory for the Wolves with 1.5 seconds left in the game. Yetman led the Wolves with 13 points to an overall 23-7 record.

Besides winning the North Coast Section championship, the Lady Wolves received the top regional seed and were to host a first round game in the California Interscholastic Federation Northern

California playoffs March 7. They will play the winner of Lowell-San Francisco and Oakland Tech at 7 p.m. The finals will be held Saturday, March 11, at Arco Arena in Sacramento.

The 6th-seeded lady Mustangs were eliminated in the first round of the tournament by 11th-seeded Liberty 53-50. Naveen Rasheed had 18 points for the Mustangs.

Boys basketball

The 5th-seeded Monte Vista boys beat 12th-seeded California in the first round of the NCS championship basketball tournament 61-46. Ryan Whalen led the Mustangs with 18 points. The victory set up a rematch with the 4th-seeded San Ramon Wolves on Wednesday, March 1.

The two Danville teams were crowned co-champions of the EBAL winning against each other at their home courts during regular season. In a typical hard fought battle, the Mustangs came out the winner this time 53-52. Corey Higgins made two key free throws for the Mustangs with 4.7 seconds in the game to take a 1-point lead. The Wolves got the ball back but a pass to Brandon Adams sailed out of his hands as the horn sounded. Higgins led the Mustangs with 17 points and Brandon Adams led the Wolves with 19 points.

In the semifinals March 3, the Mustangs were edged by No. 1-seeded De La Salle 36-28 at St. Mary's College. In a hard fought defensive battle the Mustangs missed a 3-pointer for a chance to tie the game with two minutes left. De La Salle made six of nine free throws to seal the victory. Higgins led the Mustangs with 14 points and Luther Gunn scored 16 points for the Spartans.

De La Salle went on to win the NCS Division I Championship against 7th-seeded Deer Valley 44-28. De La Salle ended the season with a record of 28-1 and was ranked 20th in the nation by studentsports.com. ■

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When you're hot you're Hot - spurs

The U10 Division 1 Mustang Hotspurs boys team won the Celtic Cup, which was played in San Bernardino in January, and their dads were all in attendance, too. They also won their second consecutive AC Playing League title with a perfect 10-0-0 record after winning the league title in 2004. The Hotspurs, coached by former Earthquakes player Jason Annicchero, compiled an overall 2005 record of 33 wins, 3 draws and 4 losses. Assistants were Ryan Hughes and Lance Glossup. Team members are Scott Breshears, Jordan Corral, Andrew Ferber, Nicolas Ginocchio, Jeffrey Greenberg, David Griffith, Jerry Karczewski, Cameron Lyall, Marco Neves, Matthew Peter, Peter Tagliaferri, George Waidelich and Matthew Winaker.



Coach Hans Delannoy gives instructions to the Lady Wolves in their 58-53 upset of Deer Valley in the semifinals of the NCS Championship. The Lady Wolves went on to win the NCS Championship against Berkeley 50-49.

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday

Swimming: San Ramon at De La Salle

Tuesday

Boys Golf: Monte Vista vs. Livermore, 3 p.m.

San Ramon at Granada, 3 p.m.

Baseball: Monte Vista at Castro Valley, 3:30 p.m.

San Ramon at Newark Memorial, 3:30 p.m.

Swimming: Monte Vista at De La Salle

Boys Tennis: Monte Vista at San Ramon

Wednesday

Girls Lacrosse: Monte Vista at Campolindo, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

Boys Golf: Monte Vista vs. California, 3 p.m.

Boys Volleyball: Monte Vista vs. Cal High, 6 p.m.

San Ramon at Castro Valley, 6 p.m.

Track and Field: Monte Vista at

Amador Valley, 4 p.m.

Boys Tennis: Monte Vista vs. Cal High

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Downtown Danville: Where

by Geoff Gillette



Despite its cozy feel and quaint charms, a simple fact about Danville remains: It's not a small town anymore.

Constant growth over the past years has brought hundreds of businesses to the town, many of them located on Hartz Avenue, Front Street, Prospect Street or Railroad Avenue. The question on the minds of residents, town officials and business owners is: What does the future hold for that core downtown area?

That question was addressed at a recent event held by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce. Town Hall was packed with over a hundred representatives of both the business and residential communities, all looking to give and get some input on how the downtown area could be improved and where its slow evolution is leading.

The meeting was broken up into two panel discussions. The first, led by Jerry Hunt of Blake Hunt Ventures, examined the retail side and what changes will need to be made in order for the downtown to grow and prosper. Hunt led off the panel by asking about how potential retailers look at Danville and why or why not to locate there.

Panelist Lynn Gibson Deveau of Petrovich Development of Sacramento said one issue has to do with what is available in the town and how it meshes with the company's vision.

"If you break it down by category, when you're in the business for a long time you have a pretty tight business model," Deveau said.

She gave the example of a home decorating business. Such a retailer might consider the area's population and age before setting up shop. A town with many older neighborhoods where you can expect a fair trade in remodeling and gentrification would be more desirable than a town with lots of brand new housing.

Panelist John Cumbelich of Cumbelich Associates of Walnut Creek agreed.

"I echo Lynn's comment that each retailer has a key set of criteria that lets them evaluate an area," Cumbelich said. "What are the income levels? What is the population of the trade area? That's different than the population of the city limits. A retailer is going to look at a trade area and determine how people are going to shop."

He added that obstacles like rivers or walls that divide off sections of a trade area will be factored in because they can have an effect on the amount of foot traffic a location might see.

Cumbelich described the main trade area in downtown Danville as cigar shaped. He said that can work against the town as it doesn't lead to a very dense trade area. However, he said it can be made to succeed through the judicious use of trails linking the area and shops that complement one another and provide a wide selection for customers.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the relative lack of nightlife downtown, said Cumbelich. "I was with a retailer. They looked at Danville on paper. They said, 'Wow, there's some high population and income numbers to work with.' He decided he wanted to look at the downtown on his own at night. The next day he called me and said, 'That town rolls up its sidewalks at 6 p.m.,'" Cumbelich recalled.

Groups like Discover Danville and the Chamber of Commerce have worked to increase activities at night in the downtown. The town has also made an effort in this direction by adding a Thursday evening Farmers Market and trying to coordinate with retailers to hold events of their own in conjunction with it.

Panelist Craig Semmelmeier of Main Street Property Services in Lafayette said the current status of businesses in downtown will also have an effect on bringing in more retailers.

"One of the most important components of a site selection is co-tenancy," he said. If a retailer can look at a co-tenant and see how it's working they can extrapolate how their own store would do."

Deveau suggested the town use the tools they already have to attract retailers that fit what is already there.

"It's called competitive advantage. You make a list of all your characteristics and figure out how to use what's going to work for you and what will work against," she explained.

An example she gave was the fact that Danville is very sports and recreation oriented. "There are stores that work better in those types of environments. You have to find the retailers that are a good fit for the town."

At the same time, she suggested the downtown adopt a plan for contiguous retail.

"Customers want uninterrupted entertainment. If you are a business owner next to a bank or real estate office or whatever, it can hurt you. Pick one key area and build out from that."

Deveau said the strongest base for the town will be a mix of local and regional tenants.

There was some debate over whether a national chain should be a part of the mix. Deveau said that it is possible, but due to the specific criteria such chains normally have, it would be difficult. All of the panelists agreed having an anchor store can help to create foot traffic that then increases business at all of the neighboring retailers.

Semmelmeier was quick to point out that the common perception of an anchor store is a "big box" store like Wal-Mart, Target or Best Buy. He said that perception is not accurate.

"What it really means is traffic generation," he said. "That can come from a large format store or a collection of stores that work collectively or with foods or food courts."

What it all comes down to is generating foot traffic through the area.

Semmelmeier said Danville already has anchor stores, but the problem is where they are situated.

"The locations for those stores in the downtown don't give consumers a good reason to walk to other stores. I might come to Danville for Trader Joe's, but I would most likely drive to any other places I needed to go," he said. "If Danville is going to reach its potential, you need to find an anchor. I think for Danville that anchor is going to be a collection of retailers."

The question then becomes, how do you create this group of retailers and where do they locate? Semmelmeier said the problem isn't having the retailers, it's getting them all grouped together. "It's not a lack of retailers or restaurants coming into town, it's a lack of viable space."

Where do we go from here



That same thought drove much of the discussion during the second panel formed by developers. Brad Blake of Blake Hunt Ventures led the panel, with members Robert Enea of Enea Properties Co. and Deke Hunter Jr. of Hunter Properties Inc. The first question posed to the panel was: "Does Danville need new development?"

"Danville has some intrinsics already in place," Hunter responded. "I think you're in a position to really move forward and make a lot of positive progress."

He added, "You're not far behind the curve and you're out in front in the way you are positioning yourself." He said that depending on how the downtown moves from this point will determine its success.

One of the problems that will hinder increased development is the fractionalized ownership, Hunter noted. Several buildings have multiple owners, and some of those owners have long lease arrangements. Hunter said this will make it difficult to provide a united front to approach issues of growth and management.

Enea agreed. "It's a function of market demand. Development is driven by supply and demand," he said. "Danville is basically out of property. In order for new development to occur you will either need to buy land and tear down the existing structures or buy something you can add on to. We do need some new development and we do need to look at renovating the buildings to add value. If you increase the value of the buildings you can increase the rents."

According to the panel, developers may be shy about coming to downtown Danville, primarily due to the relatively small parcels available. Hunter said that building on anything less than a 20,000-40,000-square-foot parcel would be very hard.

Blake broke it down using a hypothetical example. He said if he were working with a 5,000-square-foot parcel, he would use 80 percent of the land area for buildings. Doing so, he would then create a ground floor retail area and the second floor would be broken down into residential units. With underground parking, costs for the project would be up around \$9.3 million.

Blake noted that even if all of the residential units were sold and all of the retail rented, they would see a rate of return of only 9.4 percent. "That sort of return is what we call mediocre at best," he explained.

Enea said Blake's estimate is actually optimistic. He figured that the rents would need to be lower, dropping the rate of return to just over 5 percent. "Treasury bills are 4 percent, so that's a lot of risk for a return that's only 1 percent better than a treasury bill," Blake said.

The panelists all agree the town is in need of some redevelopment, but said there are other things as well that can be done to help the downtown thrive.

"You already have a lot of the building blocks here. I think some pedestrian links to the downtown would help," Hunter said. He added that town support for increased parking would also be helpful, as well as town support in bringing in additional development.

Part of the problem is the prohibitively high cost of land. "Most people will try to get the highest price for their property," said Enea. "I think that will lead to the investor side. Developers are wholesale buyers."

Blake said price is part of it but also the desirability of

the area.

"In Danville people love their real estate. It's a romance market, it's the Carmel of the East Bay," he said. "People will do things that don't make economic sense in order to have property here."

"I think you are unlikely to see any new development in downtown Danville. I think it's going to be very incremental," he concluded.

Many in attendance walked away with some good ideas; others felt it was a positive first step.

Loucy DeAtley, past chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, said getting the different elements of the downtown together is what is needed to get the ball rolling.

"This was just what we needed. We've got the landowners, retailers, investors, brokers and developers talking about what has to happen," DeAtley said. "We needed to do that because we have to work together. Danville is too small for us not to work together."

She said there will be more meetings to continue the process and keep the lines of communication open. "We're already seeing some great progress," she added. "During the meeting, one of the property owners on Prospect said she'd like to meet with other property owners. They're back there right now talking and getting to know each other."

Chamber president Melony Newman said she was very pleased with the turnout and how many different elements of the business community were there.

"We have the Chamber, we have Discover Danville, it's going to open a lot of dialogues on the downtown," Newman said because not all businesses are a part of the Chamber it will be imperative for those elements to talk and plan together.

Danville Economic Development coordinator Bonnie Guttman said she was excited by the thoughts and ideas that came out of the event.

"It opened up the dialogue between the various interests in the downtown and got them talking," Guttman said.

The town is working to help foster growth in the downtown as well, she said. "We do work with the developers. We recently put in zoning changes that were asked for by Discover Danville. We are continuing to provide more parking."

Guttman pointed to the 50 additional spaces in the Clocktower parking area, as well as the 80 additional spaces planned for this summer at 172 Front St.

"You also have the library parking lot. A number of people will park at the library, and then walk to the downtown. It's only a block away."

Mayor Karen Stepper agreed. She said the town is very aware of the need to keep moving ahead in the downtown and is anxious to keep all the principals talking.

"More and more often we have found that we will have joint meetings between the Chamber, the council and Discover Danville. People who are developers come and meet with our planning director," she said.

In addition, they are looking for feedback on a draft economic development policy. (See story, page 5.)

"The reason we have a draft economic strategy out there is so we can discuss whether the city wants to take a stronger role," Stepper said. "This is something we have been working on for a while and the council is going to be taking a look at it at their March 14 study session." ■





Legend lives on

Al Gentile Theater honors Monte Vista High School's first drama teacher

COURTESY OF MONTE VISTA DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Al Gentile, the founding drama teacher at Monte Vista High School, poses with the cast of "Death Takes a Holiday" in 1991 when the theater was formally dedicated to him.

by B. Lynn Goodwin

Almost every weekend, and many weeknights, too, folks flock into the Al Gentile Theater at Monte Vista High School for a performance. They may wonder: "Who is—or was—Al Gentile?"

Al Gentile was the first drama teacher at Monte Vista High School, when it opened in 1965. Although he passed away in 2002, he is well remembered in Danville and the high school community.

"He loved education. He loved kids," said Vicki Stadelhofer, Monte Vista's current drama teacher.

Al Gentile was born in 1917 in the Bronx to Italian immigrant parents and as a young man worked as an extra in the New York operas. That may be where his love of theater and history began.

In the late 1930s, Gentile joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and during World War II, he worked as a sergeant major in a U.S. Army Supply Group. He studied on the GI Bill to be a teacher and began his teaching career in the San Ramon Valley School District in 1955.

At San Ramon Valley High, he taught English and history as well as drama and his classroom was next to that of another history teacher, Steve Marshall. A folding wall separated the rooms, and they used to joke about the fact that "the back of Al's class heard my lectures and the back of my class heard Al's lectures," Steve Marshall recalled.

Their friendship extended beyond their work. Gentile was Marshall's godfather when he converted to Catholicism as an adult. A big part of Marshall's attraction to the church was "Al's wonderful voice" when he read as a lector at St. Isadore's Church in Danville. Marshall followed in his footsteps, becoming a lector at St. Isadore's. He continues in that position today at Good Shepard Church in Pittsburg.

The Rev. Daniel Cardelli, who retired last year after 27 years as pastor from St. Isadore's Church, remembers that Gentile was quite active in the church and was the founding president of the Italian Catholic Federation at St. Isadore's.

"Though Al is gone, the organization is still thriving," Cardelli said.

Gentile was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. "Al was concerned about his students, his parish and the community," Cardelli said. "He never had a bad word for anybody."

After Monte Vista High School opened but before its theater was built, Gentile would direct plays in the library, in a pod of four classrooms or in the gym. Shows with large casts like "The Man Who Came To Dinner," "You Can't Take It With You," and "The Night of January Sixteenth" gave many students a chance to perform. Later he helped design the original theater-in-the-round at Monte Vista and was the first director in that space.

Though he retired from teaching in 1979, Gentile stayed in touch with both students and faculty. He often came back to substitute teach.

"He always came to the Thanksgiving luncheon and talked to my classes every year," said Stadelhofer. "He talked all about when Monte Vista was first built and how he designed the theater and how he loved drama and about the plays he put on here."

In addition, he attended the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's Student Days at Tao House for several years, allowing him to become closer to the students in the drama club.

In 1991, former drama teacher Barbara Abbott pointed out that no one had ever actually dedicated the theater to him. Stadelhofer took that news to her drama club and as a club project they said, "Let's dedicate the theater to Al." Under Stadelhofer's direction, they made their dedication on the closing night of "Death Takes a Holiday," which they performed in 1991.

"That Friday night after the show, everybody sat down and we presented him with the plaque and his picture. We read the dedication on the plaque to him. His wife and children were there," Stadelhofer said. "Before the theater was remodeled, that picture and the plaque were in the entryway." The plaque now hangs in the school's rehearsal room.



Al Gentile, a board member of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, discusses writing during Student Days at the Tao House.

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"Public education is the hope and ambition of America," are the words of Gentile that are engraved on the plaque. It also reads: "His ability to pass on his own love for education to the young people whose lives he touched has made him a legend."

Year after year, new students ask about the plaque and the man behind it, which gives Stadelhofer a reason to tell them the history of the theater.

His most outstanding talent was his voice, his lectures, and the way he talked, Steve Marshall recalled. "He loved teaching English."

Al Gentile died in Southern California at the end of June 2002. He had been in failing health and moved there to be closer to his grown children.

He had a talent for connecting with his students. He often wrote about them in his column for the San Ramon Valley Times, which ran for nearly 20 years. He is remembered fondly throughout the San Ramon Valley as a man who gave generously to the young people growing up here. ■

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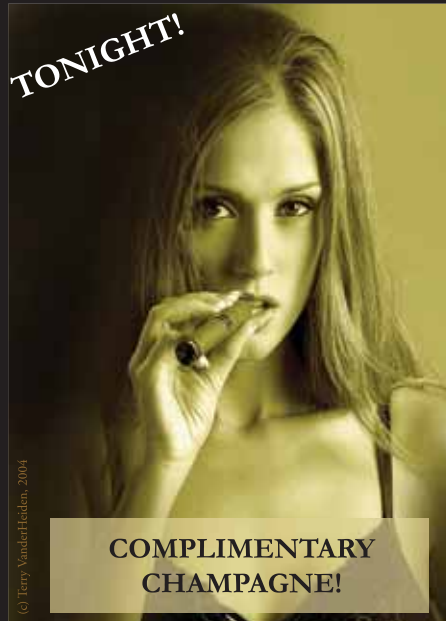
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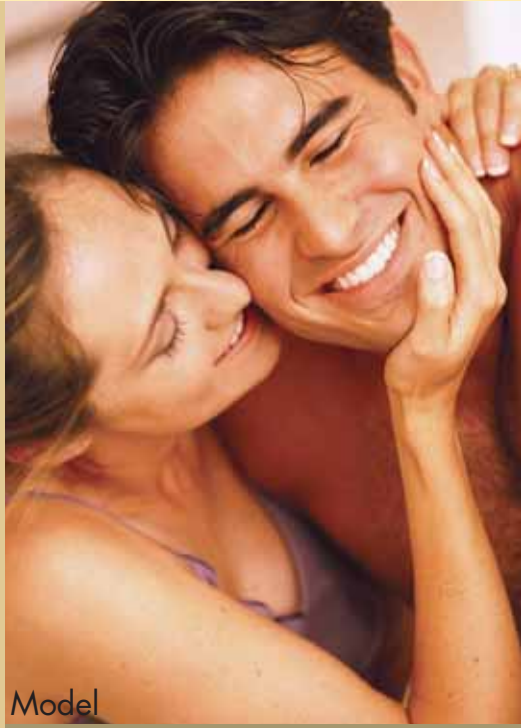
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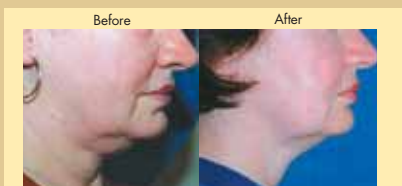


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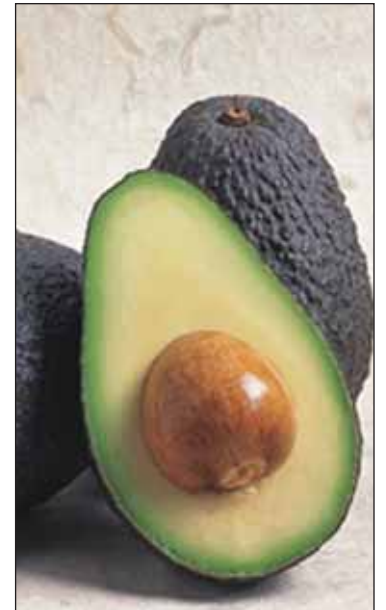
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Richly creamy with a custard-like consistency, avocado pears are really fruits not vegetables. A member of the pear family, some cultures refer to them as Alligator Pears because of their dark green, tough skin. Their origins date back to south-central Mexico, circa 7,000-5,000 B.C. But, according to the California Avocado Commission, "...it was several millennia before this wild variety was cultivated. Archaeologists in Peru have found domesticated avocado seeds buried with Incan mummies dating back to 750 B.C. and there is evidence that avocados were cultivated in Mexico as early as 500 B.C."

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Epicure Tip: How to peel and pit an avocado

1. Cut the avocado lengthwise, completely around. Then, twist the halves and separate them.
2. Using a knife, pierce the pit and pull it out, being careful not to disturb the flesh.
3. Peel the skin away from each half. To slice first, cut into each half and remove the slices with a knife or by peeling. To mash, use a spoon to mash right in the skin and scoop out.
4. Sprinkle lemon or lime juice over the flesh to retard browning.

variety being the Hass. Coming from Miami, I love both Florida/Caribbean and California avocados with their distinctly unique shapes, texture and tastes. (I'd describe Florida avocados as more nutty and fibrous; California avocados as more creamy and sweet.)

The avocado is eaten by common folk around the world but has been considered a fruit for royalty as well. To that end, one of my favorite hostess gifts is a firm, fat, perfectly green avocado wrapped in a bit of tulle fabric and tied with a ribbon. Your host will love your creativity and, like a special bottle of wine, can even break open the pear that evening for all to share.

My favorite ways to eat avocados are tossed in a salad or layered on a BLAT sandwich (see recipe). Beyond some of the more obvious usages of avocados in dishes, especially in Mexican meals, my love of them has caused me to be more and more adventurous with avocados over the years. To vary your enjoyment of avocados, try one of the recipes shown at www.DanvilleWeekly.com.

Jacqui Love Marshall lives in Danville with her vintage-car-loving husband, two pugs and binders of recipes. E-mail her at Epicure@DanvilleWeekly.com.

Bacon, Lettuce, Avocado and Tomato (BLAT) Sandwich (serves 2)

6 bacon slices, cooked
5 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 firm-ripe California avocado
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
4 medium pieces lettuce
1-2 medium tomatoes, sliced
4 slices whole-grain bread, toasted
Salt and pepper to taste

Spread mayonnaise on bread slices. Halve, pit, and peel avocado, then slice lengthwise. Gently toss slices with lemon juice. Make sandwiches with toast, mayonnaise, avocado, bacon, lettuce and tomatoes, seasoning with salt and pepper.

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Presenting the Past

Where pioneers gathered

by Beverly Lane

Today El Portal marks part of a quiet border between Danville and Alamo. But 150 years ago the area had plenty going on. Midway between the two small villages, there were annual revival meetings, schools, a cemetery and a church. Pioneers Mary Ann Jones and James Smith wrote extensively about gatherings in this area.

Pioneer religion

Several religious camp meetings were organized and supported by Mary Ann Jones in the early 1850s. In her biography Mrs. Jones stated that people decided to host a camp meeting, which they hoped would lead to the building of a church. The first camp meeting lasted 10 days and "people came from every place in reach." James Smith recalled people coming from Santa Clara, Napa and Sonoma counties. He said the meetings were led by preachers who were "wonderful exhorters," with baptisms performed in the valley's best San Ramon Creek swimming hole.

Around 1856 about 10 people organized and then built the Cumberland Presbyterian Church "on a lot which is now a driveway leading to the cemetery," according to Mrs. Jones. Other Protestant congregations such as the Methodists shared the church building for Sunday services.

Schools

Two schools were established in the 1850s in this area. One of the first grammar schools in the valley

began here, with the Jones family boarding teacher Richard Webster. Smith, who was one of the students, said that Webster "was popular with the pupils. He had good discipline, but I never knew of his punishing a pupil." Corporal discipline was sometimes a problem in these early schools.

Then, in 1858, a private high school, the Union Academy, was established on the west side of the Martinez Road, which is today's Danville Boulevard. The first trustees were John M. Jones (Mary Ann's husband), Silas Stone and Robert Love.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church actively promoted higher education in new western settlements; it set up a committee in 1857 to create a high school in the county, which deadlocked on the location. Finally, leaders from Alamo and Danville organized the Contra Costa Education Association and built the three-story Union Academy for boarding and day students. It was the largest building in the Valley and was used for school and other events. After it burned down in 1868, students went to Oakland or San Francisco for their high school education.

The cemetery

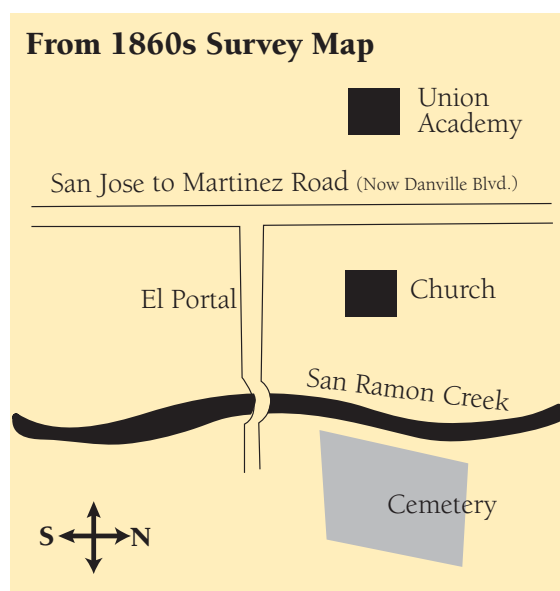
The Alamo Cemetery was placed on a gentle hill east of San Ramon Creek in the 1850s. There might have been earlier burials, but the first recorded one was that of 6-year-old Callie Chrisman in 1856. Although the land was once part of a Mexican grant established in the 1830s, precise American ownership of the hill at that time is unknown. John B. Watson owned property along the Martinez Road in this area and sold a parcel to August Hemme for his first home in 1856. Watson and Hemme were both community-minded. Watson donated land for the new Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1856, while Hemme sold the Union Academy parcel at a very reasonable price in 1858.

By the 1860s, valley residents and visitors developed small downtowns in Alamo, Danville and Limerick/San Ramon. Disagreements over the Civil War created tensions during these years. But the existence of the high school, church and cemetery clustered on the Alamo-Danville border helped gather people together and nurture the new Valley communities.

Sources: Image from a survey in the 1860s; Irma Dotson speech on Hemme, J.D. Smith's *Recollections and Virgie V. Jones' "Remembering Alamo."*

—Beverly Lane, a longtime Danville resident, is curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and co-author of "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

Alamo-Danville Artists

The Alamo-Danville Artists are hosting Randall Stauss, who will be giving an oil painting demonstration, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. This event is free and visitors are encouraged to come. For more information, call Ginger Miller 837-6414.

Author Visits

GIANT KILLER attacks!

Dan Brereton, who wrote and illustrated the newly released trade paperback edition of "GIANT KILLER," will be signing his books at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 11, at Flying Color Comics, 2980 Treat Blvd., Concord. The first 50 people at the event will receive a signed illustration by him and proceeds will benefit the Save Mount Diablo nonprofit organization.

Clubs

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

The organization meets at 7 p.m., the second Thursday of each month, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Concerts

Danville Girls Chorus Spring Concert

Danville Girls Chorus, under the direction of Ken Abrams, 2006 Educator of the Year, will be performing its Spring concert at 11 a.m., Saturday,

March 18, at East Bay Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara Rd., Danville. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 14 and can be purchased in advance by calling 837-2624. Tickets will also be available at the door, but concerts have sold out in the past.

Dixieland Festival featuring Bob Schultz and the Frisco Jazz Band

A Dixieland Festival featuring Bob Schultz and the Frisco Jazz Band will be held from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, March 12, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Admission is \$20 per person. For tickets and information, visit Mark Kahn Jewelers, 3202 Danville Blvd., Alamo, or call 837-3262 or 820-6847.

Events

Blackhawk Republican Women's Luncheon

The topic for the next luncheon will be the Study of Family History with speaker Lisa Cooke at 11:15 a.m., Monday, March 13, at the Blackhawk Country Club. The cost is \$16 and reservations are required by noon, March 10. Contact Marianne at 820-6452 or e-mail rylons1009@sbcglobal.net.

Danville Sidewalk Sale

Discover Danville will be hosting Downtown Danville's Sidewalk Sale to celebrate their customer appreciation with huge discounts on normally priced items from the downtown Danville businesses, from Friday, March 10, through Sunday, March 12. Come and join the fun!

Paint Satrick's Day Meeting

"All Things Alamo and Pop(ular)" will hold its annual Paint Satrick's Day meeting at 2 p.m., Friday, March 17, at Alamo's Round Table Pizza, in its role as ODDS, a Saloon for Fools, The Hotel Snaysmuth. For more information, call Hal at 943-1170.

St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance

The Irish-American Culture Club will be holding its sixth annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville. No-host cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dance and music from 8-11 p.m. Formal or party attire. Cost for members is \$45 per person, non-members, \$50 per person. Call Betty at 939-5285.

Women's History Month Celebrated on the USS Hornet

The USS Hornet Museum will be hosting "Living Ship Day" to celebrate Women's History Month with flight simulations from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and a special presentation at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 18, at the USS Hornet Museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda. Activities will be

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p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 11, at the Blackhawk Museum. Cocktail attire. \$75/person. Call 648-2487.

Easter Hat Parade

Blackhawk Museum Guild presents an Easter Hat Parade fashion show and lunch catered by Scott's Seafood Grill & Bar (no host bar) at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 1 (no fooling), Blackhawk Museum. This event will sponsor the Children's Education Transportation Fund, which helps defray transportation costs for schools in Contra Costa County. Call the Museum Guild at 736-2277 or visit www.blackhawekmuseum.org.

Film Fest Award Showcase

The California Independent Film Festival is hosting the 2005 Film Festival Award Showcase, a two-hour program featuring several award winners from the 2005 California Independent Film Festival and the 2005 Danville International Children's Film Festival, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 17, at the Village Theatre, Danville. Tickets are \$10, available by calling 552-7335 and also at the door.

Hats off America Masquerade Ball

Hats off America is hosting a Masquerade Ball to benefit the families of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Come and enjoy a champagne reception, live auction, dancing and prizes for the best costume starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 18, at the Blackhawk Museum. Call 855-1920 or visit www.hatsoffamerica.us.

Thrift Shop Winter Clearance

Assistance League of Diablo Valley is holding its annual Winter Clearance sale, with all items 50 percent off from Tuesday, March 7, through Thursday, March 9. The sale will continue offering each piece of merchandise at only \$1 on Friday, March 10, and items will be \$1 per piece or \$5 per "Fill a Bag" on Saturday, March 10, at Way Side Inn

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Vista Grande Elementary School
Vista Grande Elementary School is holding its annual Art Auction Gala on Saturday, March 25, at the Behring Museum, Blackhawk. Prior to the event there will be an online silent auction from Feb. 23-March 23, at www.vges.srvusd.k12.ca.us/auction. For more information, contact Kim Short at 838-8511.

Health

African Drumming Circle

Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism for cancer patients. Patients, friends and family are welcome to join Patricia Frame and experience this fun way to get "good vibrations," from 5-6 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. No rhythmic or musical ability is required. This event is free, however reservations are required. For information, call 933-0107.

When Mom or Dad Has Cancer

School-age children whose mom or dad has cancer can participate in fun, creative activities to help them express themselves while teens have a group where they can discuss concerns from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 11, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Parents meet concurrently. Reservations are required. For information, call 933-0107.

Kids & Teens

Debi Derryberry 'What a Way to Play!' Show

Debi Derryberry, the voice of "Jimmy Neutron," will be in the area to perform "What a Way to Play!" The show begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 18, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 552-7335.

Mother Goose Time

Bring your 0-3-year-olds to Mother Goose Time and enjoy storytime, finger play, songs and nursery rhymes, at 10:15 a.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 30-March 15, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Registration is required, call 837-4889 or visit www.ccolib.org.

Preschool Storytime

Bring your 3-6-year-olds to Preschool Storytime at 11:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 30-March 15, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Caregivers must attend with child. Registration is required, call 837-4889 or visit www.ccolib.org.

Town of Danville Teen Dodge ball Tournament

The Town of Danville will be hosting a Teen Dodge ball Tournament with a pre-game warm-up with a lesson from the pros., starting at 5 p.m., Friday, March 10. After the tournament, put your game face on for a Round Robin Tournament with prizes awarded to the winners! Pay \$5 at the door for admission. For more information, call Austin Teames at 314-3481.

Youth to Youth Middle School Conference

The Youth to Youth (Y2Y) and Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA) will be presenting the 12th annual Youth to Youth Middle School Conference for sixth-eighth graders from 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, March 11, at Iron Horse Middle School, San Ramon. The conference will have over 20 workshops and an exciting drug free dance at the end. This event costs \$35 and registration forms can be found at any middle school or by visiting www.srvcasa.org.

Lectures/ Workshops

Beyond Screaming: Women's Self-Defense

Danville Karate International is offer-

ing a comprehensive eight-hour course for women from 2-6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 11, and 1:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday, March 12, at 105 Town and Country Drive, Danville. For more information, call 820-9612.

Diablo Bonsai Club

The Diablo Bonsai Club will be hosting a lecture and workshop on the basics of how to plant and raise Bonsai Plants, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, at Heather Farm Garden Center, Camellia Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 979-1708 or visit www.angelfire.com/ca2/diablobonsai.

Financial Management Session

Technology Ventures Corp. presents a Financial Management session with information that explores raising capital, understanding and using financial statements, and dealing with various tax issues, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, at Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. This event is free, but reservations are required. Call 960-1600 or visit www.techventures.org.

Memoir Writing

San Damiano Retreat presents a Memoir Writing event, "Viewing my Life," with Ursula Casparly Frankel. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and the session is from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 14. Registration is \$55, including lunch. For more information, 837-9141 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Teen SAT Strategy Session

The Princeton Review is presenting a free strategy session on taking the SAT college entrance exam to give high school students an overview of the college admissions process, new changes to the exam, and effective test-taking tips and strategies from 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 16. Seats are limited and registration is required. Reserve a spot at the Danville Library, 837-4889.

Literary Events

Great Books Weekend at Asilomar

All book lovers are welcome to the San Francisco Great Books Council's spring event weekend, April 7-9, at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove. "Madame Bovary," "Democracy in America," "The Price" and selected poetry are on the agenda. The event includes six meals, reading materials, and two parties. Rates are \$227-\$368 per person. To sign up, visit www.greatbooks-sf.com or call Jimmie Harvey at (415) 383-1319.

Live Music

The Paul Scheffert Trio

The Paul Scheffert Trio, a soulful and funky jazz group, will be performing a free jazz set with the theme "Jazz at Peace," at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 12, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassjara, Danville. There is no

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Celebrating the Second Half of Life
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On Stage

'Wigged Out!'
Victoria's Hair on Stage in downtown Danville presents the outrageous musical comedy "Wigged Out!" at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., on March 18, at Victoria's Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Wigged Out, voted "Best of the Best" in the Tri-Valley for two years running, is produced by Shelly Award winner Jeff Seaberg. Tickets are \$38 and can be purchased at Victoria's Hair on Stage Box Office, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday or by calling 855-7469.

Seniors

Prime Time
Prime Time, a non-denominational gathering of "seasoned citizens," meets from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado. Various activities are offered in addition to educational speakers and day trips. Free tax help for taxpayers with middle and low income, will be held Tuesdays, Feb. 7 - April 11. For an appointment, call 837-5229. Lunch is served at noon for \$3. Drop in or call Ruth Ann at 820-6387 for information. If you need transportation, call 837-5229.

Spiritual

Athletes Discuss Christian Values
Catholics@Work will feature a panel of professional athletes at their breakfast meeting including Dave Casper, Dave Fernandez, Joe Fonzi and Brian Winters, who will be discussing the pressures of trying to live their Christian values in the "win at all cost" sports environment, from 6:45-8:30 a.m. (optional Mass at 6:15 a.m.), Tuesday, March 14, Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville. Cost is \$20 for members and \$27 for non-members. For information or registration, visit www.catholicsatwork.org/eventdesc.aspx.

San Damiano 'I Will Lead You Into the Desert' Retreat
San Damiano Retreat is hosting the Men's Lenten Retreat, "I Will Lead You Into the Desert," with conferences, quiet time, small group sharing, reconciliation and Eucharist. The retreat

starts at 4 p.m., Friday March 10, and ends with lunch Sunday, March 12. The cost is \$180 for a single occupant and \$150 for a double occupant. Call 837-9141 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

San Damiano Retreat presents 'The Women at the Well'

San Damiano Retreat presents "The Women at the Well" as part of its Lenten Series from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Preregistration is helpful, but walk-ins are welcome and the cost is \$15/evening, or \$75/series. Call 837-9141 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Sports

Mustang Soccer League
Online registration will be held for the Mustang Soccer League from Feb. 1 through March 31. Fees are \$175 per player, except for the U6 Mustang Pony Program which is \$100 per player. For more information, call 831-1323 or visit www.mustangsoccer.com.

T-bird Football and Cheer
T-bird Football and Cheer are holding registrations from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, March 11, Sunday, March 19, and Sunday, April 2, at Vista Grande Elementary, Danville. Football only registrations will be held 1-4 p.m., Sunday, May 21, and from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 6. For information, visit www.srvbirds.com.

Support Groups

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

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

Volunteering

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

Blackhawk Museum Docent Training
If you are interested in becoming a much appreciated part of the Blackhawk Museum family while contributing to your community, making new friends, learning new things, and having fun, become a docent! Training is from 10 a.m.-noon, Mondays, Nov. 7- mid-June 2006, at the Blackhawk Museum. For information, contact Norma at 736-2277 ext. 238.

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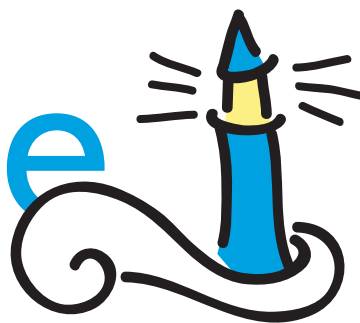
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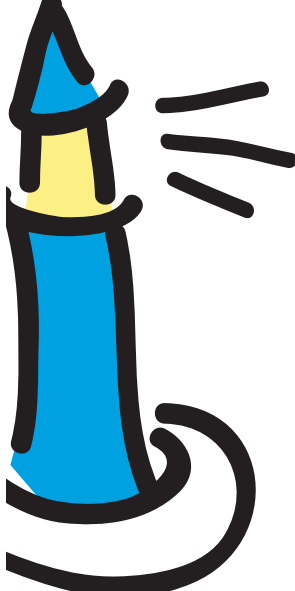
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during February 2006

Danville

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$540,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,988,000
Average sales reported: \$933,667

Alamo

Total sales reported: 4
Lowest sale reported: \$920,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,765,000
Average sales reported: \$1,346,000

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 33
Lowest sale reported: \$300,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,325,000
Average sales reported: \$696,864

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville

15 Cannes Court B. Woodall to S. & F. Petersen for \$860,000

55 Glen Valley Circle J. Hunt to D. & E. Rohde for \$605,000

1002 Jennifers Meadows Court Stame Trust to J. Arthur for \$1,340,000

430 Old Orchard Court Patterson Trust to K. Boyce for \$540,000

19 Pulido Court S. Berz to L. & P. Henderson for \$1,024,500

1043 River Rock Lane R. & C. Santin to Oler Trust for \$917,500

1179 River Rock Lane D. Albery to G. Lopez for \$775,000

115 Rubicon Circle R. & S. Kennett to Ohmen Trust for \$553,000

2186 Shoshone Circle G. Tessman to M. Murad for \$697,000

582 Silver Lake Drive M. & F. Fanai to Anderson Trust for \$865,000

1 Sunrise Terrace Chuang Xing Construction to D. & J. Garr for \$1,988,000

6 Woodranch Circle Amaral Trust to J. Freitas for \$1,039,000

Alamo

1417 Emmons Canyon Drive K. & S. Fischer to Scowley Trust for \$1,765,000

5 Brookdale Court K. Son to J. Yen for \$920,000

323 Bryan Drive J. Swenson to B. Trembath for \$1,399,000

2962 Roundhill Road M. & R. Shay to S. Potts for \$1,300,000

Walnut Creek

1315 Alma Avenue #462 Alpine Development to M. Potter for \$465,000

1439 Marchbanks Drive #4

S. Heffernan to M. Prebilic for \$424,000

1463 Marchbanks Drive #4 P. Hyde to P. Weinberg for \$421,000

1943 Olmo Way A. Milton to L. White for \$540,000

2164 Ward Drive Tye Trust to D. & S. Vanhoften for \$925,000

2700 Cherry Lane Schilling Trust to A. Rouhani for \$765,000

8 Sheldon Court M. & S. Francois to M. & H. Hamilton for \$690,000

1315 Alma Avenue #154 Alpine Development to Birnbaum Trust for \$565,000

1915 Cactus Court #3 Moffitt Trust to B. Klein for \$599,000

1016 Camino Verde Circle L. Jach to Dilg Trust for \$690,000

1600 Carmel Drive #24 J. & C. Hewatt to B. Fishler for \$444,000

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Danville

2 Bedrooms

- 404 Camino Arroyo West** \$650,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 314-2414
- 407 Oneida Ct.** \$665,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 984-1787
- 198 Pulido Rd.** \$999,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Pacific Union 314-4814

3 Bedrooms

- 150 Town and Country Dr.** \$1,099,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4104
- 151 Heritage Dr.** \$757,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2579
- 1344 Fountain Springs Cir.** \$810,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 895-2804
- 1926 Saint George Rd.** \$819,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel 791-2685
- 248 Abigail Cir.** \$945,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 314-2428

4 Bedrooms

- 269 Jasmine Wy.** \$1,250,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 217-3126
- 1362 Van Patten Dr.** \$1,145,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. United CA Brokers 640-1949
- 220 Manchester St.** \$1,275,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5020
- 553 Verona Ave.** \$1,349,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 838-4300
- 403 Laurel Dr.** \$1,375,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 250-4599
- 40 Glenhill Ct.** \$1,539,000
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155
- 6 Maplewood Ct.** \$1,699,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4072
- 209 Fieldcrest Ct.** \$2,300,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 577-4165
- 265 Stetson Dr.** \$937,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 735-7653
- 1012 River Rock Ln.** \$959,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5050

5 Bedrooms

- 3842 Sheffield Cir.** \$1,159,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 998-5334
- 644 Dunhill Dr.** \$1,245,000
Sat 2-5 p.m. Prudential CA 202-6475
- 644 Dunhill Dr.** \$1,245,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 734-5000
- 742 Danville Blvd.** \$1,449,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel 998-9747
- 230 Lyon Ct.** \$1,479,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 846-6500
- 25 Brightwood Ln. West** \$2,249,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4162

6 Bedrooms

- 265 Montego Dr.** \$4,600,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3329

3 Bedrooms Townhouse

- 147 Heritage Park Dr.** \$750,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 381-3660

Diablo

4 Bedrooms

- 21 Calle Del Casarillo** \$1,950,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 984-3060

Alamo

3 Bedrooms

- 1491 Laurenita Wy.** \$1,249,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 838-4300

5 Bedrooms

- 94 Park Meadow Ct.** \$1,395,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 787-8205

- 31 Shadelin Ln.** \$2,850,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 876-6935

Blackhawk

4 Bedrooms

- 3765 Deer Trail Ct.** \$1,495,000
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 683-6058
- 401 Bent Oak Pl.** \$1,969,000
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155
- 29 Chestnut Pl.** \$2,297,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. UCB Real Estate 351-8686

Walnut Creek

2 Bedrooms

- 1919 Ygnacio Valley Rd., #36** \$375,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 648-5354
- 542 Churchhill Downs Ct.** \$549,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5050
- 47 Iron Horse Ln.** \$679,900
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Intero 487-2629

3 Bedrooms

- 1877 Holland Dr.** \$539,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 672-0325

Dublin

2 Bedrooms

- 7310 Cronin Cir.** \$514,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 989-1581
- 10725 Wallace Ln.** \$534,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 413-1068
- 3275 Dublin Blvd., #406** \$559,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4125
- 4512 Central Pkwy.** \$575,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 p.m. Intero 413-1068
- 4613 Sandford Ct.** \$587,500
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155
- 3637 Whitworth Dr.** \$639,000
Sun noon-4 p.m. Intero 251-2545
- 3275 Dublin Blvd., #112** \$Upon Request
Sun 1-4 p.m. Golden Pacific 216-4799

3 Bedrooms

- 7674 Jasmine Ct.** \$629,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 314-2414
- 6996 Amador Valley Rd.** \$685,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4159
- 3341 Monaghan St.** \$699,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 895-1137
- 5228 Charlton Ct.** \$778,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2553
- 4417 Talle Wy.** \$794,990
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 735-7653
- 10789 Inspiration Cir.** \$985,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Tri-Valley 989-4123

4 Bedrooms

- 7734 Bloomfield Ter.** \$1,315,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 398-0234
- 7831 Galway Ct.** \$1,680,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 735-7653
- 11729 Solana Dr.** \$829,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Tri-Valley 989-4123

Pleasanton

2 Bedrooms

- 845 D Division St.** \$419,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2556
- 847 A Division St.** \$419,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 251-2556
- 4353 W. Las Positas Blvd.** \$432,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Wonder Agents 989-6640
- 4269 Pleasanton Ave.** \$457,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-0436
- 685 D Palomino Dr.** \$499,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 580-8011

- 2153 Rheem Dr.** \$565,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 998-0605
- 5507 Baldwin Wy.** \$614,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3846

3 Bedrooms

- 4148 Georgis Pl.** \$635,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 397-4300
- 5439 Cameo Ct.** \$639,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Wayside Park 251-1709
- 6859 Vale Ct.** \$680,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 462-0728
- 2259 Delucchi Dr.** \$710,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 413-2866
- 5622 Hansen Dr.** \$720,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 734-5000
- 3937 Petrified Forest Ct.** \$749,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 339-3500
- 1821 Sinclair Dr.** \$789,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 586-5456
- 6767 Paseo Santa Cruz** \$797,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Century 21 800-637-0318
- 7333 Joshua Cir.** \$799,990
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 600-0006
- 5325 Prato Ct.** \$809,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4131
- 196 Kottinger Dr.** \$856,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3852
- 4719 Golden Rd.** \$899,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Tri-Valley 200-2602

4 Bedrooms

- 567 Montori Ct.** \$1,450,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 202-6298

- 512 Bunker Ln.** \$1,840,000
Sun noon-4 p.m. Intero 917-9070
- 5381 Springdale Ave.** \$669,500
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 200-3939

- 4122 W. Las Positas Blvd.** \$774,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 997-8405

- 2520 Via Espada** \$795,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. All Star Investments 408-750-6596

- 4242 Fairlands Dr.** \$815,000
Sun 1-3 p.m. Re/Max Allied Brokers 989-1332

- 6788 Melody Ct.** \$815,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-0436

- 2318 Tanager Dr.** \$839,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 462-7653

- 6626 Via San Blas** \$839,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. United CA Brokers 417-7129

- 5474 Greenfield Wy.** \$849,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Excel Realty 200-5624

- 3276 Touriga Dr.** \$859,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes 963-1565

5 Bedrooms

- 2411 Via De Los Milagros** \$1,339,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 734-5061

- 1993 Nicosia Ct.** \$1,725,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 202-6298

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

- 2654 Sanderling Wy.** \$994,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 397-4300

6 Bedrooms

- 2820 Victoria Ridge Ct.** \$1,395,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. ERA Premier Realty 323-7438

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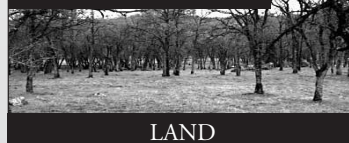
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