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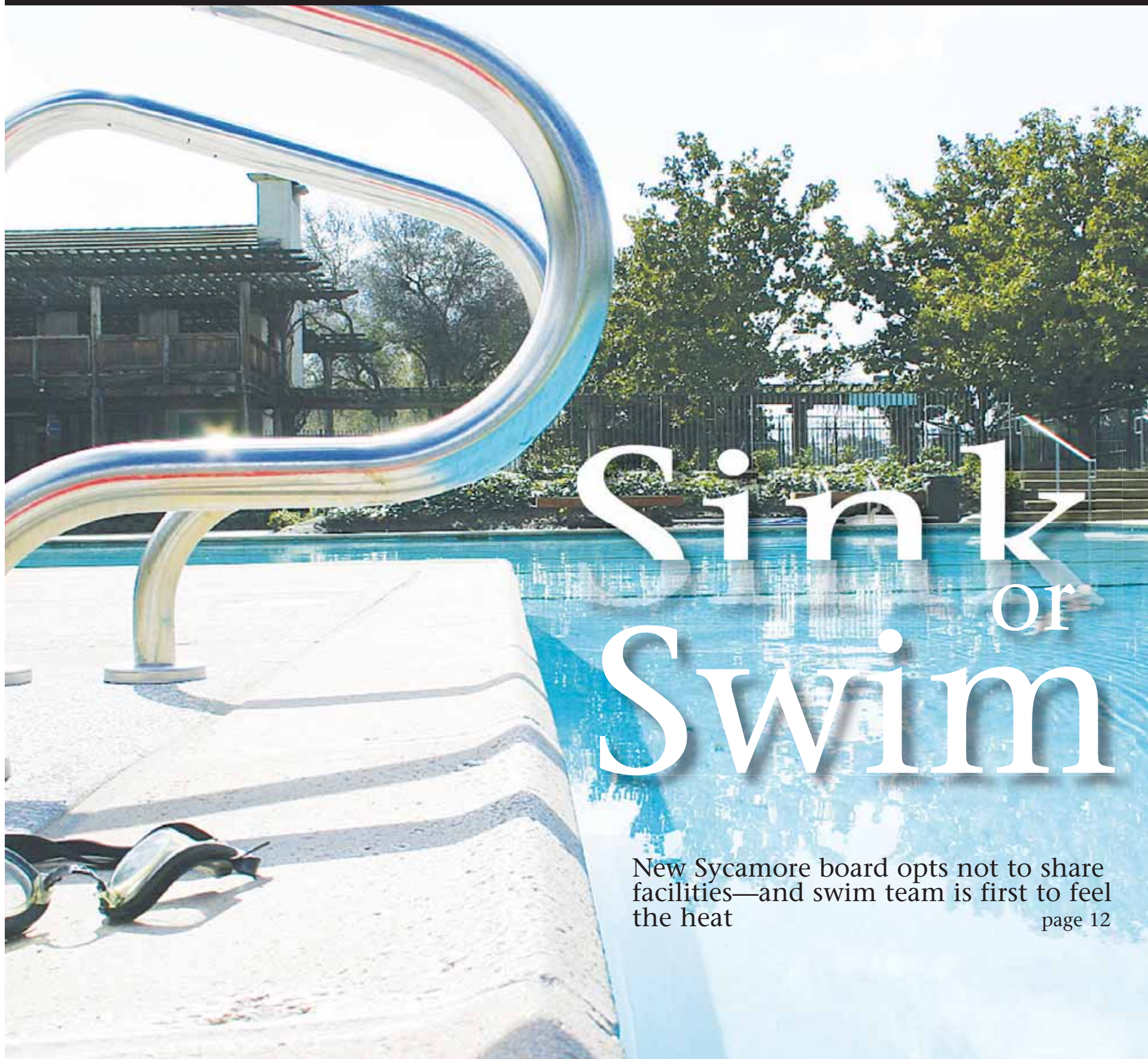
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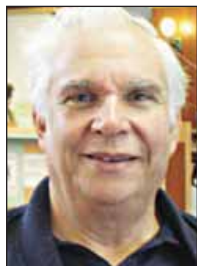


## Q: Is it difficult to be the child of a famous parent?



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**Colleen Vitalis**  
*retired public affairs*



I was thinking it might be the child of a person who was famous in a bad way. Also, a lot of offspring of famous movie parents have had a difficult time in that industry.

**Nick Vitalis**  
*retired computer specialist*



Oh, yes. Too many other people are distracting that parent from being a parent. The children can't possibly be first because the parents have too much else to deal with. The sense of competition where the child may not feel they can live up to their parents may also be overwhelming.

**Patty Foreman**  
*homemaker*



It is and it isn't. I think it is because a great deal is expected of you. It can also be good because of the name recognition. It would depend a lot on the quality of the parent.

**Margaret Knopuf**  
*retired teacher*



I would say in today's celeb-focused world, being such an offspring would attract a lot of attention as much for your parents as for yourself.

**Rex Morgan**  
*retired sales*

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### ABOUT THE COVER

The Sycamore Homes Association swimming pool has been the scene of swim meets for many years, but last week the new board passed a motion to limit use of its facilities to association members.

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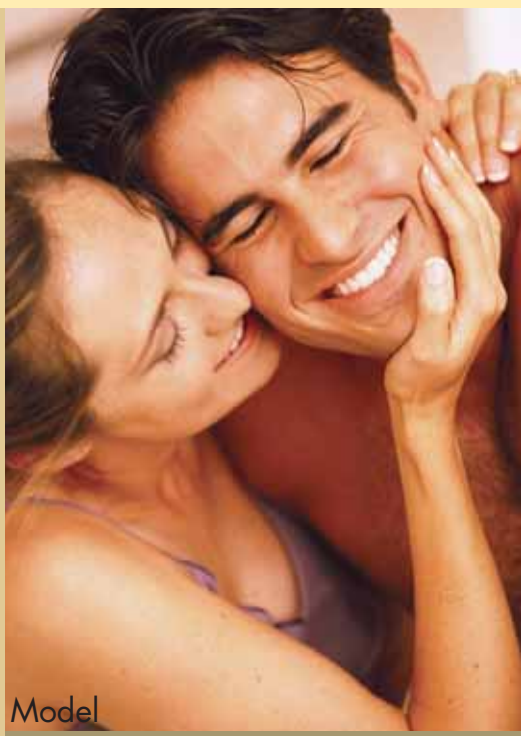


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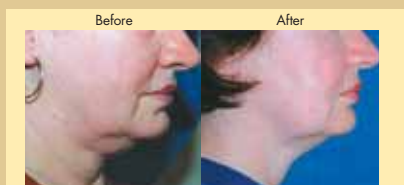
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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ There’s no reason to serve alcohol at a family event on a public street in Danville. I don’t think it’s going to be any better by serving alcohol. ”

—Councilman Mike Shimansky responding to a request by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce to serve alcoholic beverages at its Danville Fine Arts Faire in June.  
See story, page 5.

### Vial of Life for seniors

The Danville Sycamore Valley Rotary club will be distributing Vial of Life information and supplies to seniors tomorrow morning, March 18, at the Farmers Market on Railroad Avenue. This program is designed in case of an emergency to provide medical information to the first response team. Seniors fill out a form with their medical history and information about medications and place it in a vial stored in the refrigerator. A magnetized sign on the refrigerator door alerts the first responders that the vial is inside. Danville firefighters, usually first responders, are aware of the program.

Mary Tuttle, a longtime Danville resident, is spearheading this project for the Rotary Club and is herself using the Vial of Life Program. She will be at Farmers Market to hand out materials and answer questions. Tuttle may be called at 837-5634.

The Sycamore Valley Rotary Club also invites anyone who cares about their community to join them at 7 a.m. for breakfast any Tuesday morning at Crow Canyon Country Club.

### Teens want to comfort troops

Two Danville boys, Evan Mossop, 16, and Julian Mossop, 13, are collecting paperback books, DVDs, CDs and books on tape or CD, phone cards and socks to send to veterans receiving medical treatment at Travis Air Force Base and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

“Many of the soldiers dealing with serious injuries spend agonizing hours with little to do, and little to comfort them,” the boys said in a letter asking for donations. To arrange a pickup, call 831-1978.

“The three of us will pick up things, package and ship them,” said Jim Mossop, the boys’ father. He noted that a lot of different programs are run through the Red Cross, but his sons chose this way to help when they heard of troops being treated at Travis.

### Saving more of the mountain

Saving Mount Diablo has announced that it will purchase 208 acres of rolling foothills on the mountain’s north side, thanks to a \$900,000 grant awarded by the State Coastal Conservancy. The ranch property, which borders Lime Ridge Open Space, has been owned by the Mangini family since the 1880s. In line with the historic use of ranchlands, Save Mount Diablo will allow a neighbor to continue grazing cattle on the property.

After two years of negotiations, the ranch’s current owners will keep a separate 25-acre portion of the original ranch. The price for the 208 acres is \$1,455,000 of which Save Mount Diablo will contribute \$555,000. Most of this has been obtained from private donors, including \$34,000 from 900 families raised in a local effort. In the 35 years since its founding, Save Mount Diablo has increased open space on and around the mountain from under 7,000 acres to more than 89,000 acres.

**Corrections** Leku Eder had its ribbon cutting scheduled for Thursday this week, not Wednesday. Its grand opening is Saturday, March 18, on Prospect Avenue near Front Street.



## All Wars Memorial to expand

Two granite blocks will feature quotes from Abraham Lincoln

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Inspired utterances on destiny, freedom, liberty and peace already grace the walls and statues at the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park.

Now two additional quotations by Abraham Lincoln will be added, thanks to a motion approved by the Danville Parks and Leisure Services Commission last week.

Parks commissioners approved a measure that allows two 2,000-pound granite blocks with words of Abraham Lincoln to be placed at the memorial. The All Wars Memorial Foundation plans to

have the two items displayed before Memorial Day, said Kent Rezowalli, vice chairman of the Parks Commission.

One new quote to be engraved is: "Pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice on the altar of freedom." Lincoln wrote this to a mother who had lost five sons in the Civil War. This quote was also featured in the film "Saving Private Ryan."

Two weeks ago, the All Wars Memorial Foundation asked the

commission's approval to install two rectangular granite boulders adjacent to the memorial's healing circle.

"They are a nice addition," said Rezowalli. "They enhance the attraction."

"The people from the All Wars Memorial Foundation worked really hard on the project," he added.

The other boulder will contain words from Lincoln's second inaugural address on March 4, 1865: "...with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive

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## Creativity unleashed

High school artists display prize works

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Dozens of Danville locals sauntered last week through a spacious suite full of pictures of frowning jesters, miniature model estates and bronze statues forged by creative teenagers in the San Ramon Valley.

Hundreds of high school students showcased their class projects last Thursday at the district's annual Student Recognition Project Open House in San Ramon.

The event was designed to view and acknowledge the work created by high school students in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, said Terry Koehne, the district community relations director.

Davi Lucus, a sculpting instructor at Monte Vista High School, said much of the quality work displayed last week is a result of students learning in a good environment.



"You learn to produce if you have a good teacher," she said.

Students compete in 20 categories and win recognition for first prize and honorable mention. Entries included acting, architecture, photography, creative writing, visual arts, dance, financial planning and instrumental music.

Members of the San Ramon



Right: Judy Li, a junior at San Ramon Valley High, views some of her peers' architectural work at the annual Student Recognition Project Open House last week. Above: A little bronze sculpture of wolf sits on display by the entrance to the open house. Left: San Ramon Valley High junior Caroline Sheahan looks closely at student photos.

Valley Business and Education Roundtable coordinated the event.

"The purpose of the program is to create collaboration among students, educators and the business community in the San Ramon Valley to promote educational excellence and to prepare students for the business world of the 21st



JORDAN M. DORONILA

## Council splits over allowing alcohol at street fair

Street fair to allow liquor within limits

by **Geoff Gillette**

A request by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce to allow alcoholic beverages to be served at a summer event sparked a lengthy discussion over the appropriateness of the action at the Town Council's meeting last week. Finally council members gave their approval to a change in date for the Chamber's annual Danville Fine Arts Faire as well as allowing alcohol within a

designated area.

A resolution allowing the change was pulled from the consent agenda after members of the public asked to be allowed to speak on the subject. All who spoke expressed concerns about alcohol being served.

Tammy Beckman said she was opposed to having alcohol at an arts and crafts show that is primarily designed as a family event. She said a message is being sent to the community's children.

"It seems like such a conflict of interest for the town to spend thousands on Red Ribbon Week and then support an event that serves alcohol," Beckman said.

**"We'd like the council to reconsider and reinstate allowing alcohol to be served at our street fairs."**

—Chamber President Melony Newman

Resident Jacob Hamblin also called for the request to be struck down.

"The thing that bothers me," he said, "is that I just don't want alcohol served if it's a family affair.

You can say all you want about it, but if there are little kids there I don't want it there." He added, "I voted for all of you when you came on the council and I want to keep voting for you."

Chamber President Melony Newman next addressed the council.

"We'd like the council to reconsider and reinstate allowing alcohol to be served at our street fairs," Newman said. "This is for adults. We are very careful to serve alcohol only to those 21 years old and older. Since this started we've had no incidents of alcohol-related problems at the

street fairs."

Newman explained that forcing the organizers to only allow alcohol on private property denies those attendees the true feel of the event.

"We want people to be able to take part in the ambience. They want to be near the music and be among the booths," she said.

Councilwoman Candace Andersen said that while the street fair is one of her favorite events during the year, she could not support the Chamber's request.

"I was willing to compromise if you kept it tucked away on private

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## Let it snow, let it snow

About a dozen kids etched patterns in the snow and tossed snowballs in the parking lot at Primo's Pizza & Pasta in Danville around 7:30 p.m. last Friday while hundreds of patrons huddled inside to stay warm. The excitement lasted approximately 30 minutes until the snow turned to rain and slush.



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## Drinking at fair

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property," Andersen said.

Mayor Karen Stepper said she did not feel that approving the request would send the wrong message to the town's young people.

"I don't think anyone wants to encourage underage drinking in our town. Neither do we put up a sign that says 'prohibition' at the entrance to our town," Stepper said. "I think when we encourage people to go to our restaurants that's great. But I appreciate what Melony is saying about the ambiance."

Councilman Newell Arnerich agreed. "There's nobody sitting up here who doesn't agree with the concerns about our youths

and drinking," he said. Arnerich suggested that the resolution limit the serving area to a designated spot with no one allowed to leave. That, he said, would be in accordance with the town's Open Container Ordinance, which prohibits open alcohol.

One of the architects of the town's Open Container Ordinance, Councilman Mike Doyle, came down in favor of the designated area.

"They'll be in one place. They won't be able to walk around with it," he said. "The Chamber does a good job of making sure people stay in the area, that they aren't handing out beers."

Vice Mayor Mike Shimansky stated firm opposition to the request.

"There's no reason to serve alcohol at a family event on a public street in

Danville," he said. "It's a great event. I know a lot of people who never miss it. I don't think it's going to be any better by serving alcohol."

Shimansky said that sentiment against having alcohol at public events is growing.

"I've been pushing this for years and years," he said. "It's always been a 4-1 vote. Maybe this year it will be a 3-2 vote. Maybe next year it'll be a 3-2 vote going the other way."

After further discussion, the request to allow alcohol in a designated area in accordance with the town's ordinances was approved 3-2 with council members Andersen and Shimansky dissenting. The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce's 2006 Danville Fine Arts Faire is now scheduled for 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25. ■

# Volunteers needed to set up homes in Mississippi

*Churches working hard; more hands are needed*

Each weekend recently at churches in Danville, Alamo and throughout the San Ramon Valley, members have gathered to frame 1,200-square-foot houses to be delivered to victims of Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi. A nonprofit group known as Umbrella of Churches is sponsoring the building of 16 new single-family homes with the help of more than 165 volunteers.

After the houses are delivered, the group plans two trips to McComb, Miss., to assist in the new home construction efforts, and more volunteers are needed. Trip dates are April 1-7 and April 9-15. On Tuesday, the Umbrella of Churches loaded the 16 framed houses onto trucks headed for Mississippi.

"We're not necessarily looking for skilled carpenters, just able-bodied adults who want to contribute their efforts and demonstrate their support for victims of

Hurricane Katrina," said Umbrella of Churches spokesperson Fred Hull, former president of Ponderosa Homes. "Joining this journey to Mississippi could be an unforgettable, life-changing experience for volunteers."

To join the effort, call 837-5525, ext. 303, or e-mail Hull at fredandjanh@comcast.net.

The group has also raised \$145,000 toward its goal of \$600,000. Local partners in the project are Community Presbyterian Church, St. Isadore's Catholic Church and East Bay Fellowship Church in Danville; Creekside Community Church and United Methodist Church in Alamo; Kinko's and Kelly Moore Paints.

Some 160 residents of McComb have expressed interest in purchasing the three-bedroom, two-bath homes. A "Pay It Forward" concept will be used so proceeds from the sales go toward new home construction.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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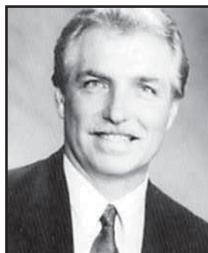
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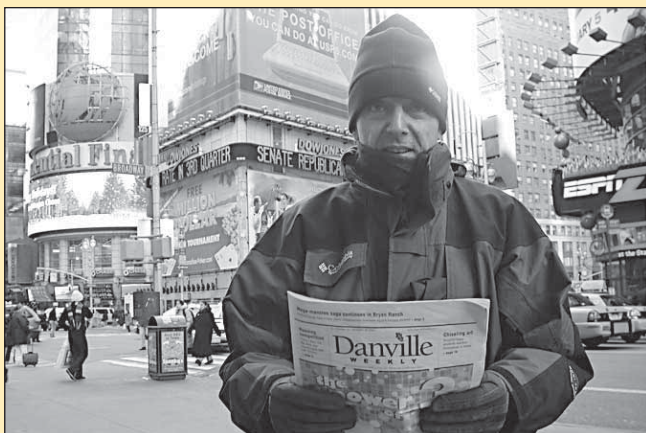


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## Freezing in the Big Apple

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## Governor's rep talks to Chamber

*Kaufman predicts another win in November*

by Jordan M. Doronila

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's political steward from San Francisco drove to the green hilly slopes of Danville to spread the word that her Austrian-American boss has done a terrific job in improving the state.

Barbara Kaufman, the director of Gov. Schwarzenegger's San Francisco Regional Office and a former San Francisco Supervisor, promoted the governor's achievements at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce in early March.

Around 16 local officials, business people and residents attended the event, which was sponsored by the Town of Danville's Government Relations Committee.

"I think the governor is on the right track," Kaufman said. "He has the attitude that he just wants to get things done."

As the gubernatorial election

approaches in November, the governor is readying his re-election campaign and has hired political consultants from President Bush's administration to help win in the fall, she said.

Kaufman, 72, predicted the governor will win the Republican primaries in June.

"He has a zest for living that seems to ooze out every pore," she said. "He looks like he is having a good time as governor."

"He is running unopposed," she added.

Kaufman—a Democrat—said Schwarzenegger has improved California during the past two years. She said the governor has cut the state's \$16 billion deficit to \$4.7 billion, reformed the state's workers compensation, not raised taxes, and lowered the unemployment rate from 6.7 percent to 5.1 percent.

After talking about the governor's achievements, she shared some of her experiences with meeting the former mega movie star and fitness

mogul. She said when she met him, she realized that he wasn't that tall but she still found it difficult to embrace him.

"He's impossible to hug," said Kaufman, who stands at 5 foot 1 inch. "It's like hugging a refrigerator."

Kaufman said Sacramento focused too much on partisan politics, and there was too much gridlock in the Capitol.

"I hated the way government was being run, and I thought I could do a better job," she said. "I suspect that's the same reason why Schwarzenegger decided to become governor."

Robert Storer, Government Relations Committee chairman and Danville planning commissioner, said speakers are scheduled at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce at 11:45 a.m. the first Thursday of the month. Bill Pollacek, Contra Costa County Tax Collector, will give a talk April 6; and Stephen Weir, Contra Costa County Clerk, will speak May 4. ■

## Memorial

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on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Members of the Memorial Foundation said the two new additions will help others heal in times of struggles.

"We can think of no better way to promote the message of healing and reconciliation than with President Lincoln's own words during perhaps the most significant crisis our nation has ever faced," foundation members wrote to the commission.

The All Wars Memorial contains an upward climb through a valley of oak trees leading to a healing space, two bronze figures that depict American soldiers at war, and spiral pathways.

The All Wars Memorial Foundation is comprised of local veterans, businessmen and elected officials and was established in April 2003. ■

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# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## When losing is winning

I had the honor last Saturday of attending a luncheon for losers. Almost 30 people, mostly women, were gathered at Round Hill Country Club to celebrate the results of eight weeks of exercise and fitness training with their Weight Loss Challenge Group.

The challenge was the brain-storm of Debbie Carmel of Alamo, who not only works full time in San Francisco but has 8-year-old twins. She invited everyone she knew to participate, starting with a weigh-in eight weeks ago. Then each Sunday morning the group would meet at 8 a.m. at Fit, a personal fitness studio in downtown Danville, and owner Sandy McEnroe would lead the group in stretching and warmups before they hit the Iron Horse Trail for a one-hour walk. The last weekend they hiked in Las Trampas wilderness as a grand finale. Although it was not really a finale, more like a milestone, because they are going to continue their Sunday morning walks—although at a more civilized 8:30—and add on Wednesday evenings. Sandy and co-owner of Fit, Gwen Johnson, are signing up 100 participants for the next eight-week program, which will begin in April and cost \$59 if registered before March 25.

The women at my table shared tips about diet and exercise. One has replaced her office chair with a fitness ball to get a continual workout as her muscles continually work to keep her upright. Another woman

reported that she kept a thighmaster under her desk. Nancy Logan of Danville told about power-walking in the Chicago airport while waiting for her connecting flight to Europe. At first she said she hesitated to take on a weight-loss challenge because she would be in Austria for two weeks right in the middle but Sandy gave her a regimen to do in her hotel room using an exercise rope. And rather than forego any of the gourmet meals, Nancy delicately pushed aside half of the food and thoroughly savoured what remained.

Several of the woman also belong to Weight Watchers but found its weigh-ins were not enough. "This was the missing link in Weight-Watchers," as one said—the camaraderie, the exercising together, the sharing and the laughter. Debbie also organized other activities. They had a skate night, where someone told her she'd never had so much fun on a diet. Plus she sent continual e-mails, sometimes several a day, with news and words of encouragement. After a few weeks of continual exercise, one woman told me, she began to think of herself as an athlete. "It was the biggest high, to get back into my clothes," another said.

Debbie reported that a total of 157 pounds was lost by the 19 who reported for the final weigh-in, out of 39 who started out. "We lost 50 percent, but you're still here," Debbie told the people at the luncheon. She said she started

the challenge because she knew it was hard to diet and exercise when we all lead such busy lives. "Not everyone in Alamo is a size 3," she noted. Carrying extra weight is not healthy, she said, so she asked herself, "How can I make this event work for myself and our community?" She decided to put her organizational skills to work, and they obviously are considerable. "It has been an experiment for me," she continued. "I would go home and feel so good inside that maybe I made a difference."

At the luncheon, we celebrated the accomplishments of the last eight weeks, and Debbie awarded the top three losers fabulous gift baskets, with the grand prize an overnight stay in San Francisco, lunch at Bridges, meals at Xenia Bistro, haircuts, facials, shoes from Foot Solutions in Alamo and more. The top loser/winner was Liz Cherene, who kept a journal of every bit of food she consumed so she would become aware of what goes into her body and make sure it is healthy. She lost 22.2 pounds or 9.11 percent of her body weight. John Saunders placed second, losing 25.6 pounds or 9 percent of his body weight; Robert Quinonez was third, with 24.6 percent or 8.68 percent. The average weight loss was 8.27 pounds. When Liz accepted her prize, she noted the rivalry between herself and Robert, and challenged him to a rematch. What a great group of losers. ■

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**EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY**

**Sea change at Sycamore**

Action was taken at the Sycamore Homes Association board meeting last week to limit facility use to members. At face value, this would seem to make sense. Let those who pay for it, use it. But this action may be a deathblow to the popular Sycamore Stingrays swim team, which has some residents up in arms.

For years, Sycamore welcomed nonresidents to rent its three clubhouses, use its facilities as polling places, and allowed tennis and swim competitions. As a result, Sycamore has been woven into the greater community of Danville and the San Ramon Valley. Its clubhouses have been the site of countless fundraisers, classes, Scout meetings and Mustang Soccer gatherings. Nonresident rental fees have been more than twice as high as for residents, but still a bargain and only fair.

The Sycamore Stingrays swim team began to admit nonresidents some 15 years ago when there were not enough residents signing up to make the viable number of 200. This was a way to keep the popular activity going for Sycamore residents, who sign up first; allowing nonresidents is common among swim teams as they see their neighborhood demographics change.

Every neighborhood with a swim team has to make some concessions, such as limited access during home meets and increased costs to heat the pool for practices. Residents may sometimes be inconvenienced by meets and practices but many feel it is worthwhile because swim teams are an important thread in the neighborhood, pulling families together and teaching children the love of swimming.

The facilities at Sycamore have been welcoming to outsiders for many years so the recent action by the board to limit them to residents only may have unforeseen consequences. At the same meeting, the board gave permission to Community Against Substance Abuse to rent the main clubhouse for training, which seems rather contradictory. While there are differing opinions in the Sycamore neighborhood, it certainly would be a shame if the beautiful swim complex were to sit almost empty every summer, and young Sycamore swimmers were left high and dry.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Board doesn't want Stingrays to go under**

Dear Editor:

From your Diablo Views article last week it appears that a few disgruntled people have been pushing the swim team around but the truth is quite the opposite. The primary issue is liability. Renting to the Stingrays team, which includes over 100 non-residents, significantly increases our risk and liability (see story, page 12). Also, the idea that "\$12,000 per year" raised by the swim team "helps to keep down homeowners fees" is misleading. That \$12,000 divided by the 649 homeowners is \$18.49 per homeowner per year if you don't count the extra heating bills for the pool as well as other costs, along with wear and tear on the facilities. A full analysis would reveal that Sycamore homeowners actually lose money having the swim team rent our facilities. As well, frequently we cannot use our own pool or are begrudgingly allowed to use a single lane to play with our families.

The idea that the Stingrays "may go under" due to "board members who want to close the swim team to 'outsiders'" is also misleading. The Stingrays found other pool facilities to rent last year while the Sycamore pool was closed for repairs. The largest reason not to take that option is because the Stingrays pay fair market price for those facilities.

Finally, you should consider the possibility that you have been used. There really is no reason for the Stingrays to go under. I certainly don't want that to happen and neither do any of the board members. But the Stingrays need to use people like you to pressure the board because they lost control of it to the majority of the Sycamore homeowners.

*Ed Costa, Sycamore homeowner*

**Sycamore needs creative solutions**

Dear Editor:

After reading "Sycamore Swim Team May Go Under" on March 10, I sat back in my chair wondering if my neighborhood is becoming curmudgeonly. Egad! I hope not. The swim team issue has been festering for some time so it is not new to me. But the column made me wonder about the direction our nice little community is headed. The potential lock out and lock down (if not outright dissolution) of the Sycamore swim team is, indeed "sad." For many years, the Sycamore Homeowners' Association has welcomed families from other neighborhoods to be part of the swim team. The original motive, to meet the required number of teammates (200) to field a team, made it possible for a generation of kids within and outside of Sycamore to experience the joys of competitive sports, and to learn about team-work and good sportsmanship—qualities seemingly lacking in the board on this issue.

Is the community exclusion a value that we want to teach our kids? No! What should be done? The board should put aside their differences and show some leadership. They could start by bringing together the stakeholders and letting them find a solution. This issue has been discussed at several board meetings but not with the real intent of finding a solution. The group should include some of the kids on the swim team. My guess is that they will be the ones who come up with the creative solution that presently escapes the board members. Which will it be: a curmudgeonly Sycamore that withdraws into itself or a Sycamore that throws out the welcome mat and values the extended community?

*Mike Ammann, Danville*

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# Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Author Visits

### Cupcake Brown at Rakestraw Books

Cupcake Brown, a dynamic and utterly original storyteller, will be at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., telling a story that will guide you on the most "satisfying, startlingly funny, and genuinely affecting tour you'll ever take," at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 23. And yes, they will be serving cupcakes!

## Clubs

### Julie's Book Club

Julie's Book Club will meet and discuss "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 24, at Rakestraw Books, 209 Railroad Ave. "We try to read good fiction you might not pick out for yourself. Join us!" says Julie. Registration is at Rakestraw Books, which will offer a 10 percent discount on the group's monthly selection.

## 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 Road, 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.

## Events

### 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., Friday, 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.

### The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce presents the "State of the Town Address," breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m., and the presentation starts at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 23, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive. Cost is \$25 if paid before March 16 and \$30 if paid after March 16, pre-registration is required. Sign-up online at [www.danvillechamber.com](http://www.danvillechamber.com) or call 837-5709.

## Fundraisers

### 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](http://www.vges.srvusd.k12.ca.us/auction). For more information, contact Kim Short at 838-8511.

## Health

### Breast Cancer Conference

Dr. Gwen Stritter will be highlighting information about the advances in breast cancer treatment, from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free, but reservations are required. To register, call 933-0107.

### Steps to a Healthy Heart

Mathew De Vane, a cardiologist and an author, and Pam Wilson, a chief clinical dietitian, will be speaking at a free educational seminar on "Steps to a Healthy Heart," from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center. This event is free, but reservations are required. Call (800) 284-2878 or visit [www.sanramonmedctr.com](http://www.sanramonmedctr.com).

## Kids & Teens

### Cuz'n Philburt and Wilburt the Pig

Come see a very special pig and some amazing pig tricks, at 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, in the Children's Reading Room, Danville Library, 400 Front St. This event is for all ages. For more information, call 837-4889.

## Lectures/Workshops

### B2B Power Exchange Workshop

B2B Power Exchange will be presenting a workshop called "Leads Group for True B2B Business Developers" from 7:45-10 a.m., Thursday, March 23, at Mimi's Cafe, Dublin. Registration is required. The cost for members is free and is \$35 for non-members, including the cost of breakfast. For more information, call 201-3410 or visit [www.b2bpowerexchange.com/dublin](http://www.b2bpowerexchange.com/dublin).

### Creation vs. Evolution Lecture

Frank Sherwin, speaker and author from the Institute for Creation

## WEEKEND PREVIEW



## Debi Derryberry IS Jimmy Neutron

Come and see Debi Derryberry (voice of Jimmy Neutron) perform "What a Way To Play," which explores different genres of music like jazz, rock, boogie-woogie and campfire. Come prepared to wiggle, dance and sing starting at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 18, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Tickets are \$5 at the door or call 552-7335.

Research, will be presenting two free lectures from 7-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, at Rolling Hills Community Church, 1565 Green Valley Road, Danville. The first lecture, "Scientific Evidence for Creation" will be from 7-8:10 p.m., and the second, "Mount St. Helens," will be from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Call 964-1086 or 838-7729.

### Mortgage Trade Show

California Association of Mortgage Brokers presents the third annual Mortgage Trade Show with three different seminars lead by Jeff Davi, Tim Braheem and Chris George. This event will start at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 23, San Ramon Convention Center. Admission to the main event is free to CAMB members, \$20 for non-members; Tim Braheem session is \$45 for members and \$90 for non-members. Call Barbara Jaye at (510) 206-2389 or visit [www.eastbaycamb.com](http://www.eastbaycamb.com).

### Motor Trend Styling Lecture

Mike Lamm, managing editor of Motor Trend, will be presenting reflections of styling themes in American history from 1900-today, from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 25, Blackhawk Museum. Lecture is free with paid admission into the museum. For information, call 736-2280 or visit [www.blackhawkmuseum.org](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org).

## Miscellaneous

### Celebrating the Second Half of Life

Sage-ing Circle, Second Journeys ... Celebrating the Second Half of Life will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. four consecutive Thursdays beginning April 6, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., aimed at baby boomers turning 60. Preregistration is required and is \$60 for Danville residents including all four sessions. Call 314-3400 or email Jean Crane at [jcrane88@pacbell.net](mailto:jcrane88@pacbell.net).

### Child Car Seat Safety Check

The Nurses and Cops Caring for Contra Costa Children will be hosting a free Child Car Seat Safety Check from 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, March 22, at the Danville Park and Ride lot, Sycamore Valley Road and I-680. For information, call Shawn Desmond at 314-3355.

## On Stage

### Actor Does F. Scott Fitzgerald

Kurt Gravenhorst will be taking on the role of F. Scott Fitzgerald during California Authors Night, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 24, Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. This event is sponsored

by the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District and the California Writers Club. Tickets are available from any club member or Jack Russ at 820-4244.

### 'Oliver!'

The Los Cerros Middle School Drama Club invites the community to see its musical "Oliver!" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, and Thursday, March 23, in the Los Cerros Middle School Multi-Purpose Room, 968 Blemer Road in Danville. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance. For more information, call 552-5620.

## Spiritual

### San Damiano Retreat presents 'The Man Born Blind'

San Damiano Retreat presents "The Man Born Blind" as part of its Lenten Series, from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, 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](http://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](http://www.mustangsoccer.com).

### T-bird Football and Cheer

T-bird Football and Cheer are holding registrations from 1-4 p.m., 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.srvtbirds.com](http://www.srvtbirds.com).

## Support Groups

### American Chronic Pain Association

The ACPA group meets from 11a.m.-1p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Community Presbyterian Church Library at 222 W. El Pintado Road.

### Bipolar Support Group

The Tri-Valley Support Group provides free peer support for people with mood disorders. It meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m., every Wednesday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Call 560-0842.

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## POLICE LOG

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

### Monday, March 6

- Accident, property damage, on Brookside Dr. at 12:43 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Parkhaven Dr. at 12:52 a.m.
- Vandalism on Auburn Ct. at 2:50 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Diablo Rd. at 5:05 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplifting, on Prospect Ave. at 5:21 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 7

- Commercial burglary on Crow Canyon Rd. at 2:33 a.m.
- Injury accident on Camino Tassajara and Hill Meadow Dr. at 4:22 a.m.
- Grand theft, vehicle parts, on La Pera Cir. at 5:14 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Leafield Rd. at 11:02 a.m.
- Warrant arrest on Blackstone Dr. at noon
- Accident, property damage, on

Danville Blvd. and El Cerro Blvd. at 3:26 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 8

- Warrant arrest on La Gonda Way at 10:53 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Hartz Way and Railroad Ave. at 3:59 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on La Gonda Way at 3:12 p.m.

### Thursday, March 9

- Abandoned vehicle on roadway on Camino Tassajara at 7:18 a.m.
- Abandoned vehicle on roadway on Hartz Ave. at 10:55 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on La Gonda Way at 2:23 p.m.
- Injury accident on Baldwin Dr. and Camino Ramon at 5:44 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Lawrence Rd. at 7:40 p.m.

### Friday, March 10

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on El Cerro Blvd. and I-680 northbound at 12:44 a.m.
- Vandalism on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 7:25 a.m.

- Suspicious circumstances on Parkhaven Dr. at 9:11 a.m.
- Drunk in public on Diablo Rd. at 5:55 p.m.

### Saturday, March 11

- Vandalism on El Dorado Ave. at 10:56 a.m.

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

### ALAMO

#### Saturday, March 11

- Assault with a deadly weapon on Livorna Rd. and Miranda Ln.

#### Friday, March 10

- Disturbance on Miranda Ave.

#### Monday, March 6

- Auto burglary on Garden Part Ct.

#### Tuesday, March 7

- Residential burglary on Danville Blvd.

### DIABLO

#### Monday, March 6

- Vandalism on Alameda Diablo

## OBITUARIES

### James Francis Gavin Jr.

James Francis Gavin passed away Feb. 6 in Danville at the age of 77 after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in San Francisco on Sept. 28, 1928, graduated from St. Ignatius High School and attended the University of San Francisco. He retired from Pacific Telephone after 43 years of service as a finance professional.

He touched many lives with his gentle caring spirit, love of singing, church and community activities, but most of all his devotion to his wife, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and large extended family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Leone; his children Anne Andrade, Cynthia Pond, Joan Bertuccelli, Dennis Gavin, Brian Gavin and Jim Gavin; his sons- and daughters-in-law Rod Andrade, Randy Pond, Dennis Bertuccelli, Eva Sage-Gavin, Carol Ann Gavin and Lauren Gavin; many grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Francis and Margaret Gavin of San Francisco, and his sister, Margaret Graham of Novato.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 9 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church. His final resting place is at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Glen Wayne Langston

Glen Wayne Langston died Feb. 14 in Alamo at the age of 66.

He was born April 24, 1939,

in Ozie, Mo., and served in the Marine Corps from 1957-60 as a lance corporal. He grew up in Modesto and came to the Bay Area in 1960 when he married his wife Pat, a descendant of the Macedo ranching family.

He founded the Great American Real Estate Team in 1976 and later opened the Diablo Funding office in 1992. Besides working, he found time for nonprofit organizations like Meals on Wheels, the Leukemia Society, the Contra Costa Food Bank, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He also served as a lifetime member of the 100 Club, which helps families of fallen police and firefighters.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Langston of Alamo; his son Dean Langston of Danville; his mother Blanche Lake of Emmett, Idaho; and his sisters Gwen Taylor of Emmett, Patricia Wood of Moraga, and Yolanda Corbett of Victoria, B.C.

A memorial service was held Feb. 17 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church, and his final resting place is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. Memorial gifts may be made to the Contra Costa Association of Realtors Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 2715, Walnut Creek 94595.

### Patrick Louis Ross

Patrick "Pat" L. Ross of Danville passed away suddenly Feb. 28 at the age of 74 from complications of heart disease.

He was born April 24, 1931, grew up in Oakland, and attended Fremont High School. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force for four years during the Korean

War. He then worked in the mining and mineral industry and retired in 1985.

He has resided with his family in the San Ramon Valley for the past 40 years. During his retirement he enjoyed time with his family and friends, being outdoors, traveling and attending Oakland A's games. He will be missed for his zest for life and his sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Norine; his three children, Elizabeth, Patrick Jr. and James; his sister, Marjorie Standow of Oakland; and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass was celebrated March 7 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church. Donations may be made to the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF.net) or the American Heart Association (americanheart.org).

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Sycamore swim team fans sat stunned as they watched their homeowners board take action at last week's meeting to end their beloved Stingrays.

"I find it a sad day that we are not working together," said Lisa Knebel, a board member in the minority with Ron Lemberger in the 4-2 vote to limit facility use to Sycamore Homes Association members; more than half of the swim team members come from outside the neighborhood. "This is not a country club. We should be working together."

Gail Bowser fled the room in tears after expressing disbelief that her family had paid \$1 million last year for a home with a swim team that was soon to be defunct. "I would like some reasons why you don't like the swim team," she had asked the board earlier, her voice strained with emotion. "What is it about the swim team that is so objectionable?"

The four Sycamore Homes Association board members who voted to limit use of the facilities—new chairman Mark Raitz, long-time board member Earl Lubell, and newly elected Doug Allen and Ron Barrios—said only that they wanted to bring the neighborhood into conformance with its original Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

The Sycamore CC&Rs state the pool is for the exclusive use of members, families, tenants and guests. The Stingrays swim team was open to outside membership 15 years ago when it did not have enough members from the neighborhood, said former board member Jim Lane, and the board at the time discussed whether this would be appropriate under the CC&Rs and voted that it was.

Next at the March 9 meeting, board member Lubell moved to limit the Stingrays swim team membership to residents beginning this year. But the previous board had already signed an agreement for the 2006 swim season regarding hours and operation, and the board's attorney, Steve Weil, had advised in a letter that cancellation could result in damage claims, said Lemberger.

"It might be wise to table the motion until we can review this," said Allen. They decided to meet as soon as possible with their attorney to discuss the ramifications of rescinding the swim team agreement. The seventh board member, Dwight Winn, was out of town.

One woman who agreed with the decision to limit facilities use to residents was willing to give her reasons but did not want her name in the newspaper. "This is a private association and my dues go to pay for those amenities," she said. "I do not want to be relegated to have to go to another pool. It's not just meets but during peak hours in the summer." The neighborhood has a second smaller swimming pool a few blocks away.

The woman, who has lived in Sycamore for 23 years, said she has brought her

3-year-old grandson to the kiddie pool during meets and swim team practice and boys of 9 and 10 were jumping in the pool intended for toddlers. "When children aren't actually swimming, they are running around," she noted. She also said that bags of garbage collected after the meets attract ants and flies.

"It's all this," she added, that makes her want to limit use of the pool to residents.

Stingrays swim team president Mark Thornton said he had been hoping the 2006 season would go forward without problems.

"We've hired our coaches and taken everyone's money," Thornton said. "Even if one of our swimmers wanted to go to another swim team, it's done."

That night, Thornton was at the meeting of the Valley Swim Association, which includes the Stingrays as well as swim teams from Blackhawk, Crow Canyon, Diablo and Round Hill country clubs, the Del Amigo Dolphins, San Ramon Aquacats, Danville Sea Lions and ClubSport San Ramon.

League president Dick Harris said that of course the league would continue to exist without the Stingrays, but its demise would still have an effect. "We don't exist to populate Monte Vista, or San Ramon High, or De La Salle with good swimmers, or to make polo players. We exist so kids can learn the love of swimming," he said. "If any part of us ends up not being able to do that, the league is diminished and the San Ramon Valley is diminished as well." The league is preparing a resolution in support of the Sycamore Stingrays swim team, he said.

The Stingrays need around 200 swimmers to be competitive, said Thornton, which is why it is open to members outside the Sycamore neighborhood. Blackhawk and Crow Canyon each have 350 members, it was noted at the meeting.

"Seventy to 100 of the swim team members are Sycamore residents," Thornton said. He has three children signed up to swim this year. "Two hundred is our cap, and we turn people away. But Sycamore people take precedence."

"We have 20 new kids from Sycamore and they're all young," he added.

The Sycamore team hosts four to five meets a year. The 2006 schedule lists three Saturday morning meets and one on Wednesday evening, with a possible second Wednesday meet during a "bye" week. Practices take place after school in the spring and on weekday mornings during summer vacation.

"The swim team put Sycamore on the map," said Lowell Crow, a 31-year resident, whose home is on the hill overlooking the competition-sized swimming pool. His son Barry was on the team as a child. "I think it's an absolute disaster."

Crow was on the homeowners' board for 10 years, he said, and during that time it dealt

with a handful of people who said swim team practices interrupted their lap swimming.

"Three or four out of 649 homes would complain," he recalled. "At the time, we made an agreement we would keep one lane open at all times, except during a swim meet."

"When the development was built, it was built with this (the swim team) in mind," Crow said. "We have had a team even since the inception."

The recent election of the two new Sycamore Homes Association members against nonresidents on the swim team was a contentious one. Close to 480 ballots were



The Sycamore Homes Association main pool has hosted four to five swim meets each summer.



cast, according to the association newsletter. Knebel, who was re-elected to the board, said the meeting last week was the culmination of two years of maneuvering to get four members elected to take this action.

"They had two people on the board already, out of seven altogether, and only needed two," explained Crow.

Those against nonresident participation sent fliers to the residents, citing insurance problems that could affect them. "They used scare tactics," Thornton said. "They said we didn't have insurance." He said the group trying to save the swim team is putting together an informational printed piece to mail to residents. "I believe there's a lot of homeowners that were fed information that was not correct."

Both the Homes Association and the swim team have insurance policies. The association's policy was \$2 million with a \$5 million umbrella, said Jim Lane. On Thursday night, a new association insurance policy was approved for \$3 million with a \$15 million umbrella. In addition, the swim team carries its own insurance for \$2 million.

Thornton noted that rentals and swim team fees keep homeowners dues at \$230 per quarter. The swim team pays \$12,000 per year to the Homes Association. Resident swimmers pay \$275 for the first family member and go down \$10 for each additional child. Swimmers 15-18 are free. Nonresidents pay \$335, with each additional swimmer \$10 less, and swimmers ages 15-18 pay \$75.

Ed Costa, in a Letter to the Editor (see page 9), pointed out the swim team has been "generously supported" by the board, including the money to heat the pool during the extra hours required by the team and the costs of wear and tear on the facilities.

"It is my opinion that a full analysis would reveal that Sycamore homeowners actually lose money having the swim team renting our facilities," wrote Costa. "As well, frequently we cannot use our own pool, or we are begrudgingly allowed to do so while limited to our single lane in which to play with our families."

The Sycamore neighborhood covers 250 acres, which includes 10 acres of parkland with walking paths that weave among the custom-built, single-family homes. Facilities include a two-story clubhouse on Old Orchard Road with a full kitchen that can accommodate 200 people, adjacent to the 25-yard swimming pool with a diving well, and a separate kiddie pool; an annex with a 25-person capacity; four tennis courts; three play areas; and a smaller swimming pool next to a smaller clubhouse south of Sycamore Valley Road.

"It was the first Planned Unit Development in Contra Costa County," said Crow, after the county passed a PUD ordinance in 1964. Before that, homes were built in neighborhoods and residents looked to the greater community for swim facilities, tennis courts and community buildings. "The original planners did a terrific job."

"The swim team is a thread in the community," said Gail Bowser said before the meeting. "The beauty is swimmers are welcome at all levels." The Bowsers chose the neighborhood for the swim team, and daughter Erin, an eighth-grader at Los Cerros Middle School, immediately joined the Sycamore Stingrays.

Susan Bradley, a former board member, moved to Sycamore 17 years ago from San Ramon, choosing the neighborhood because of its swimming pool and tennis courts. "The original sales literature advertises the pool was built to have swim champion-

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Sycamore board not to share facilities—and swimmer is first to feel heat

she recalled. "That's why it has lines at the bottom, places to put blocks on the edge of the pool, and the whole bowl and grassy area."

found out about the swim team from other moms," she said. "The best thing I ever did was raising our kids here."

youngest daughter Paige, 14, a freshman at Monte Vista High, now swims with the Concord Terrapins, one of the Top 10 swim teams in the nation.

remember swimming came easily to me and I had fun because everyone was so nice and it was a really great environment," said Paige. She noted it was nice to have friends from the greater Danville community through the swim team.

Paige said she was looking forward to being hired as an assistant coach when she turns 16. "I really want the swim team to be going strong," she said. "There were so many great people and so much fun."

is swim team they are getting rid of the pool as an institution in our neighborhood for 16 years," Susan Bradley added. "These facilities are just going to sit empty?"

the woman who spoke in favor of restricting the swim team suggested that its support be door to door to enlist new members. "I encourage families that have kids to get more kids to join," she said. "They rightfully deserve to use the pool. They pay for it." Paeta, too, felt there were other possibilities to save the swim team. "The Stingrays used other pool facilities to rent last year when the Sycamore pool was closed for 16 years," he said. "The venue is not as nice as the Sycamore parkland and pool, but the large reason not to take that option is because the Stingrays pay fair market price for those facilities." The team rented the swimming pool at the Athenian School last summer for the season while the Sycamore main pool deck was being refinished.

The issue will soon be going to mediation. Both sides already met and conferred to resolve their differences but were unsuccessful.

It comes down to the word 'guest,'" said Paeta. "It says members can invite guests." The new policy to restrict use to association members could also affect tennis courts and use of the clubhouses for other activities, including as a polling place for residents and non-residents.

At the same meeting, the board approved a fee for two events scheduled at the clubhouse. One was for an Alzheimer's support group to hold a fundraiser, which was sponsored by a homeowner. The other was for Community Against Substance Abuse to hold a training session for its youth program being held that weekend, which had no resident sponsor. Whether either of these uses be allowed under new restrictions? The questions—and debates—continue. ■

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## Goodbye popcorn, hello 'Smooovie'

**Danville man combines smoothies with movies**

by Jordan M. Doronila

**A**s a freshman at Louisiana State University, Steve Nilforoushan enjoyed crawfish boils, barbeque, tailgate parties and the close knit community of Baton Rouge. But though he loved the comforts of Southern hospitality, he deplored the fat and grease of crunchy golden french fries and cheeseburgers at McDonalds.

When he realized he had gained 20 pounds by eating too much fast food, he willfully lifted barbells every week and watched what he ate.

Now, at 30, the robust, muscled Danville resident is using his zest for fitness and his zeal for being unique to create Smoovies, which are smoothies that contain vitamins and minerals, for movie theaters around the globe.

"I'm real health conscious," Nilforoushan said. "All movie theaters have is junk food. There's nothing healthy."

He and Jason Melancon, his business partner and best friend, exhibited their idea this week at ShoWest in Las Vegas, one of the largest gatherings of motion picture professionals and theater owners in the world. The event began Monday and ended Thursday at Bally's and Paris hotels.

Each year, the event attracts thousands of professionals from over 45 countries in North and South

America, Europe, Asia and Australia. It has educational seminars, screenings and sponsored events. Exhibitors participating in ShoWest showcase their products and services to the motion picture elite.

"We're hoping to sign ...with every major cinema chain," he said. "Both in the U.S., Canada and overseas."

The drinks currently come in strawberry-banana and tropical fruit flavors, which include mango, pineapple and watermelon. They have vitamins A, B and E. They also have protein.

"Today's consumers are taking charge of their health and are more and more interested in and receptive to the concept of nutritional supplements," Nilforoushan said. "Health and well-being products are hot, and consumers are yearning for healthy alternatives."

He said that smoothie sales being generated by juice bars and other retail venues are estimated to top \$2 billion per year.

The market has grown more than 30 percent each year since the late 1990s and is not showing any signs of slowing down, he said.

Nilforoushan, a civil engineer who

works in Napa, said pitching his Smoovies to regional managers of movie theaters would be a challenge to travel to meet each one. So he and Melancon decided to take their Smoovies concept and present them to the bigwigs in Las Vegas.

He came up with the concept of Smoovies two years ago when he noticed movie theaters didn't sell any healthy foods.

"It would be awesome if they had," he said.

He came up with the word Smoovies by combining smoothies and movies together.

"It's movies without the guilt," he said.

He called Melancon, who is still living in Louisiana, and pitched him the idea.

At first, his friend thought it was ridiculous. But then Melancon called him back and told him the Smoovies concept was fantastic.

The two buddies worked together and found a supplemental company to produce a quick and easy premix of healthy smoothies. Nilforoushan also said he has found a machine that produces the Smoovie quickly.

Nilforoushan, who is of Persian descent, lived in Baton Rouge for 25 years.

He said newcomers don't have to know a soul to feel welcome when they visit or move to Louisiana.

"It's a big small town," he said.

"You're accepted really quickly. You feel you belong."

He said he met Melancon in English class during his freshman year in high school. The two of them got together for a project, and they have been close friends ever since.

After graduating from high school, they went to LSU. Nilforoushan majored in civil/environmental engineering, and Melancon, who was valedictorian in high school, received his bachelor's in biological engineering. Melancon found the job market for biological engineering difficult, and so he got his law degree at LSU.

Nilforoushan said he and Melancon also plan to develop other new products in addition to Smoovies. They want to build a wireless headphone for Apple's iPod. And they want to design fitness apparel called "RipWear."

He declined to discuss their new ideas in detail for business reasons.

"We're always thinking outside the box," he said. "There is so much opportunity people just take for granted."

"The possibilities are endless when you think outside the box," he added. ■





## Thank goodness for neighborly get-togethers

I'm glad some traditions haven't been totally lost to a high-tech world. Like Trick-or-Treat night, summertime lemonade stands and door-to-door Girl Scout cookie sales. Some families' lives naturally overlap via car pools and sleepovers but, for someone who now lives in an adult-only household, I look forward to any chance to get more acquainted with the kids in my neighborhood ... and for them to get to know us and our barky (but very friendly) dogs.

Connecting with your neighbors on a more than accidental basis enhances the sense of community, humanity and security we'd all like to have. A wave here, a cup of sugar there, congrats on the new baby or an over-the-fence chat about the weather ... these momentary but intentional exchanges help us reach out and touch people who could easily be strangers if we didn't.

That's how I feel about the neighborhood "Happy Hours" on our block. When I observe how early most of my neighbors' days begin—my own hubby leaving before dawn every morning—and how late some arrive back home, it's a wonder our paths even cross. Our semi-regular block get-together is one of the ways we stay connected to our neighbors—especially those who live more than one house past ours on both sides of the street. I'll admit I'm not one of the "regulars" but, when we are in town and without social activity conflicts, it's a fun

T.G.I.F. event to attend.

The price of admission is pretty cheap—a bottle of wine and an appetizer or dessert. It's always a culinary adventure to taste the compilation of dishes that grace the hosting couple's table. In addition to sharing a neighborly buffet and an evening of chitchat, more than a few treasured recipes have also been passed around. It's also where we found out about the porch painter who was making his way through the development, how our neighbor's dog got lost for a day, different strategies for ridding our yard of pesky voles, and who may be moving next. The sharing of resourceful information about Realtors and schools ... restaurants and vacations ... wines and new investments is endless. And, truth be told, what better way to check out your neighbor's décor and lifestyle without appearing too nosy.

If you're anything like me, you're perpetually in search of new dishes to take to potluck affairs. I mean, how many times can I take my artichoke dip without it losing its appeal? So, I surveyed a few friends and compiled these recipes that promise to please your neighbors' eyes and palates. If you've got a favorite appetizer or dessert for such occasions, please share it with Epicure readers by e-mailing me at [Epicure@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:Epicure@DanvilleWeekly.com).

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

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*Jacqui's Artichoke Dip (serves 4-8) Better than Costco's...and always gets rave reviews!*

- 1 (14 oz.) can artichoke hearts, drained and coarsely chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Mix hearts, mayo, cheese and pepper and spread into a baking dish.
- 3. Bake for 20 minutes until top is golden brown. Serve hot with crackers or small rolls.

*Tuna Tartare & Chips (serves 10)*

- 1/2 pound sushi-grade tuna, diced into 1/4-inch bits
- 1 Tbsp. snipped chives, plus extra for garnish
- 1 Tbsp. toasted sesame oil
- 2 tsp. soy sauce
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 tsp. grated lemon zest, plus extra for garnish
- 2 large bags, premium-grade potato chips
- 1. In a non-reactive bowl, combine tuna, chives, sesame oil, soy sauce, salt and zest. Cover and marinate for 1 hour in refrigerator.
- 2. To serve, spoon 1 tsp. tuna mixture on each chip. Garnish with extra chives and zest. Or, serve tuna mixture in a non-reactive bowl surrounded by chips and garnish; let guests self-serve.

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<b>Find Me Guilty (R)</b>	<b>Hac. Cross. 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:55, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 p.m.
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<b>Munich (R)</b>	<b>Cent. 14:</b> Fri-Tues 4, 9:40 p.m.
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<b>Syriana (R)</b>	<b>Cent. 14:</b> Fri-Tues 1:25, 7:05 p.m.
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<b>Tsotsi (R)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2, 4:20, 6:45, 9 p.m.
<b>Ultraviolet (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hac. Cross. 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 9:50 p.m.
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## Lady Wolves end great season

Two-time defending state basketball champion Oakland Tech edges No. 1-seeded San Ramon

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The Lady Wolves received the No. 1 seed in the Northern California Interscholastic Regional girls basketball play-offs with a stunning victory at Oakland's McAfee Coliseum in the North Coast Section finals over Berkeley, 50-49.

The San Ramon Valley team then hosted the two-time defending state Champions, Oakland Tech, on March 7, and the Wolves' successful basketball season came to an end in front of a packed house of loyal and appreciative fans. Leading 34-30 at halftime, the Lady Wolves increased their lead to 38-30 in the third quarter. Oakland Tech's intense defensive pressure caused turnovers for the Lady Wolves and resulted in the

Bulldogs taking the lead 43-41 with 3:35 to go in the fourth quarter.

The defensive struggle continued for the next few minutes and, with 38.6 seconds to go, Meghan Yetman scored a lay-up to bring the Wolves within 1 point of the lead, 46-45. San Ramon turned the ball over with 38.2 seconds to go in the game on an errant pass to Yetman. The Wolves never regained the lead and were forced to foul the Bulldogs to try to stop the clock. Oakland Tech converted 7 of 10 free throws in the final 30 seconds to seal the victory 53-46.

This was the first North Coast Championship for the Lady Wolves. They finished the successful season with an overall record of 23-8 and were also crowned East Bay Athletic League champions. Yetman led the Wolves with 14 points, and

Ashley Cheung had 13. Marresha Lynch led the Bulldogs with 26 points that included some key free throws at the end of the game.

Oakland Tech moved on to play Napa in the semifinals March 9 and were edged by Napa 53-51. Napa played Berkeley for the championship on March 11 at Arco Arena in Sacramento. In the Northern California Championship game, Berkeley avenged its loss against San Ramon in the North Coast finals and dominated Napa 66-28. They will now play for the California State Championship tomorrow, March 18, at Arco Arena against Long Beach-Poly.

### EBAL basketball honors

#### All-EBAL boys

Co-MVP: Cory Higgins, Monte Vista, senior; Brandon Adams, San Ramon Valley, senior. First team: Ryan Whalen (MV), junior; Ben Wilson (MV), senior; Mike Kehrig (SRV), senior; Stefan Tappin (SRV), senior

#### All-EBAL girls

Co-MVP: Sara VanderHorst, Amador Valley, senior; Meghan Yetman, San Ramon Valley, senior. First team: Naveen Rasheed (Monte Vista), freshman; Carlyn Raphael (MV), junior; Erin Tao (MV), senior; Ashley Cheung

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### Today

**Swimming:** Monte Vista at Amador Valley. San Ramon vs. Foothill

**Girls Lacrosse:** Monte Vista vs. Amador Valley, 5:30 p.m.

**Softball:** San Ramon at Logan, 6 p.m.

#### Saturday

**Baseball:** Monte Vista vs. Antioch, 11 a.m.



### Rampage wins State Cup 2006

The Mustang Rampage U-12 Division 1 girls soccer team has won the 2006 State Cup Championship, defending their title from last year, and beating the Almaden United 2-0 in the championship game. Team members include Stephanie Amack, Jill Anderson, Dorsa Ansani, Madison Bickel, Darlene Dang, Mandy Davis, Cori Davis, Shannon Hennessy, Quinn McLaughlin, Cassidy Nicks, Lucy O'Leary, Sami Schrakamp, Katie Strazza, Brynne Terry, and Allie Torru. The Rampage will now travel to Idaho to participate in the Far West Regionals in June.

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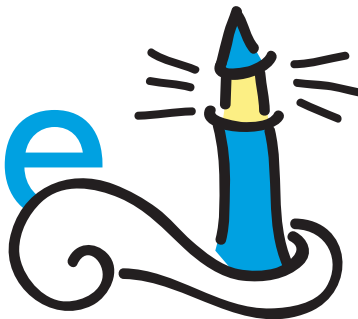
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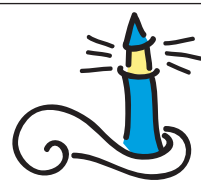
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## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during February 2006

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 5	Total sales reported: 2	Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$455,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,750,000	Lowest sale reported: \$421,000
Highest sale reported: \$931,500	Highest sale reported: \$1,765,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,250,000
Average sales reported: \$694,300	Average sales reported: \$1,757,500	Average sales reported: \$737,214

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource This weeks data represents homes sold during February 2006

Danville	Walnut Creek	Alamo
<b>212 Borel Lane</b> J. Noero to B. & S. Reed for \$540,000	<b>1800 Alma Avenue #212</b> Crist Trust to W. & N. Thomas for \$1,125,000	<b>1417 Emmons Canyon Drive</b> K. & S. Fischer to Scowley Trust for \$1,765,000
<b>314 Borel Lane</b> A. Shimada to D. Lawver for \$455,000	<b>1315 Alma Avenue #462</b> Alpine Development to M. Potter for \$465,000	<b>310 Livorna Heights Road</b> Kennelly Trust to L. & A. Bruder for \$1,750,000
<b>355 Glasgow Circle</b> S. Chan to R. Ishimaru for \$931,500	<b>24 Carlos Court</b> J. & M. Cappa to J. Knox for \$749,000	
<b>1090 Sunshine Circle</b> C. Marchese to P. & A. Rickey for \$685,000	<b>2700 Cherry Lane</b> Schilling Trust to A. Rouhani for \$765,000	
	<b>20 Corte Ellena</b> W. Gould to P. & M. Berbon for \$1,175,000	
	<b>1415 Marchbanks Drive #4</b> M. Mast to J. Kim for \$426,000	
	<b>1439 Marchbanks Drive #4</b> S. Heffernan to M. Prebilic for \$424,000	
	<b>1463 Marchbanks Drive #4</b> P. Hyde to P. Weinberg for \$421,000	
	<b>512 Monmouth Court</b> Darno Limited to R. & M. MacAsaet for \$1,250,000	
	<b>1943 Olmo Way</b> A. Milton to L. White for \$540,000	
	<b>402 Seville Lane</b> Citrus Walk Limited to J. & S. Lopera for \$741,000	
	<b>8 Sheldon Court</b> M. & S. Francois to M. & H. Hamilton for \$690,000	
	<b>857 Tampico</b> Kirk Trust to Ames Trust for \$625,000	
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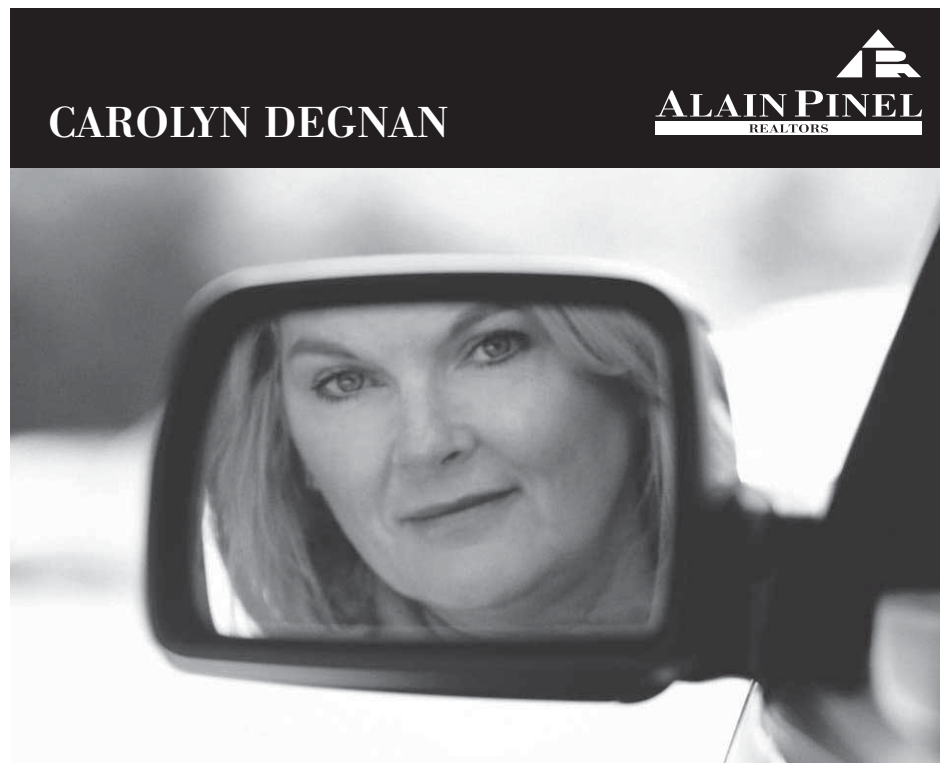
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## Danville

### 2 Bedrooms

<b>113 Midland Wy.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$485,000</b> 648-5336
<b>407 Oneida Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$665,000</b> 984-1787
<b>690 Silver Lake Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$690,000</b> 837-5679

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>124 Lawnview Cir.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$644,950</b> 791-2567
<b>64 Leeds Ct. East</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. United CA Brokers	<b>\$749,000</b> 855-2000
<b>151 Heritage Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$757,950</b> 251-2579
<b>812 Luz Ct.</b> Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Pacific Union	<b>\$799,000</b> 314-4803
<b>1344 Fountain Springs Cir.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord	<b>\$810,000</b> 895-2804
<b>545 Silver Lake Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$825,000</b> 586-5456
<b>315 Freitas Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$899,000</b> 699-7004
<b>248 Abigail Cr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA	<b>\$945,900</b> 314-2428

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>73 Edgegate Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams	<b>\$1,079,000</b> 260-8883
<b>710 Contada Cir.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA	<b>\$1,149,000</b> 314-2456
<b>269 Jasmine Wy.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$1,150,000</b> 217-3126

<b>504 Honey Lake Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams	<b>\$1,175,000</b> 785-4959
<b>220 Manchester St.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$1,275,000</b> 217-5090
<b>403 Laurel Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,375,000</b> 250-4599
<b>67 Grado Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$1,449,000</b> 837-5679
<b>110 Sunhaven Rd.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,599,000</b> 997-5120
<b>6 Maplewood Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,699,000</b> 855-4072
<b>11 Jillian Wy.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$1,890,000</b> 330-6768
<b>124 El Cerro Ct.</b> Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Pacific Union	<b>\$899,000</b> 314-4803
<b>265 Stetson Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord	<b>\$937,000</b> 735-7653
<b>1012 River Rock Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$959,000</b> 217-5050
<b>610 Los Robles Ct.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes	<b>\$974,900</b> 785-4320
<b>14 Woodranch Cir.</b> Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$979,000</b> 217-3112

### 5 Bedrooms

<b>3842 Sheffield Cir.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord	<b>\$1,159,950</b> 998-5334
<b>742 Danville Blvd.</b> Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,449,000</b> 998-9747

### 6 Bedrooms

<b>265 Montego Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	<b>\$4,600,000</b> 831-3329
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## Diablo

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>21 Calle Del Casarillo</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	<b>\$1,950,000</b> 984-3060
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## Alamo

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>1491 Laurenita Wy.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,249,000</b> 838-4300
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### 4 Bedrooms

<b>1859 Piedras Cir.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,500,000</b> 791-2567
<b>504 Oakshire Pl.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$4,399,000</b> 785-6219

### 5 Bedrooms

<b>94 Park Meadow Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,395,000</b> 855-4155
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## Blackhawk

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>2570 Holly Oak Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,400,000</b> 831-2929
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<b>64 Blackhills Pl.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,599,000</b> 838-4300
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<b>29 Chestnut Pl.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. UCB Real Estate	<b>\$2,297,500</b> 351-8686
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### 5 Bedrooms

<b>4339 Quail Run Ln.</b> Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate	<b>\$1,459,000</b> 683-6058
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## Walnut Creek

### 1 Bedrooms

<b>1403 Marchbanks Dr., #4</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$324,900</b> 997-5120
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### 2 Bedrooms

<b>1919 Ygnacio Valley Rd., #36</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$375,000</b> 648-5354
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<b>1919 Ygnacio Valley Rd., #35</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$394,950</b> 648-5354
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<b>542 Churchill Downs Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$549,000</b> 217-5050
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### 4 Bedrooms

<b>1942 Highridge Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell	<b>\$859,990</b> 339-3500
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## San Ramon

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>3512 Sandalford Wy.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,110,650</b> 833-1822
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<b>3917 Crow Canyon Rd.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$589,950</b> 855-4075
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<b>1111 Nancy Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$695,950</b> 642-0365
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<b>313 Bellflower Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$719,950</b> 855-4072
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<b>115 Shadowhill Cir.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$774,999</b> 876-4459
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<b>3019 Sombrero Cir.</b> Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate	<b>\$777,000</b> 736-4155
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<b>135 Enchanted Wy.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$782,500</b> 984-1787
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<b>5260 E. Lakeshore Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$799,000</b> 648-5346
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<b>2935 Langhorne Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord	<b>\$865,000</b> 735-7653
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<b>2360 Canyon Lakes Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes	<b>\$874,900</b> 785-4320
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### 4 Bedrooms

<b>1946 Hollyview Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$1,040,000</b> 217-5050
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<b>300 Flax Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA	<b>\$1,053,800</b> 819-7653
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<b>200 Oakham Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,099,000</b> 949-3059
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<b>73 Elmwood Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 .Hometown GMAC	<b>\$809,990</b> 426-3815
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<b>35 Elmwood Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$845,000</b> 251-2559
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<b>7435 Hillsboro Ave.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$859,950</b> 788-6155
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<b>9590 Broadmoor Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$869,950</b> 352-3521
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<b>266 Sunridge Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$924,900</b> 216-7092
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<b>174 Pebble Pl.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$934,500</b> 968-1452
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<b>34 Ascot Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord	<b>\$939,000</b> 735-7653
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<b>1357 Kellybrook</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$949,950</b> 876-4459
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<b>120 Fallbury Ct.</b> Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$975,000</b> 998-9747
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<b>413 Donner Wy.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$984,500</b> 968-1452
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<b>6046 Lakeview Cir.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$994,500</b> 968-1452
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### 5 Bedrooms

<b>2954 Ascot Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,124,500</b> 968-1452
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<b>57 Longwood Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,224,500</b> 968-1452
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<b>361 Adelaide Hills Ct.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,228,800</b> 785-1386
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<b>3062 Hastings Wy.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,249,000</b> 855-4179
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<b>117 Avalon Ct.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$1,369,000</b> 785-1386
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<b>636 Hardcastle Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	<b>\$1,750,000</b> 426-3859
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<b>818 Jadecrest Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord	<b>\$1,755,000</b> 735-7653
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## Dublin

### 2 Bedrooms

<b>11831 Newbridge Wy.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$509,950</b> 997-0806
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<b>7310 Cronin Cir.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$514,888</b> 989-1581
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<b>10725 Wallace Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$534,900</b> 413-1068
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<b>3275 Dublin Blvd., #406</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$549,000</b> 855-4125
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<b>4613 Sandford Ct.</b> Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate	<b>\$587,500</b> 736-4155
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<b>3637 Whitworth Dr.</b> Sun Noon-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$639,000</b> 251-2545
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### 3 Bedrooms

<b>6996 Amador Valley Rd.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$685,000</b> 855-4159
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<b>5228 Charlton Ct.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$778,000</b> 251-2553
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<b>4417 Talle Wy.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord	<b>\$785,000</b> 735-7653
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### 4 Bedrooms

<b>7760 Bloomfield Terr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	<b>\$1,345,000</b> 417-8611
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<b>10818 Inspiration Cir.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	<b>\$1,449,000</b> 417-8636
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<b>4143 Cardena Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$849,000</b> 968-1452
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### 5 Bedrooms

<b>4072 Rosehill Pl.</b> Sun 1-5 p.m. ReMax Aecer Realty	<b>\$1,100,000</b> 215-9595
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<b>7831 Galway Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord	<b>\$1,649,000</b> 735-7653
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### 6 Bedrooms

<b>5439 Signal Hill Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,459,000</b> 382-9746
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### 2 Bedrooms Condo

<b>3275 Dublin Blvd., #104</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. United CA Brokers	<b>\$559,000</b> 855-2000
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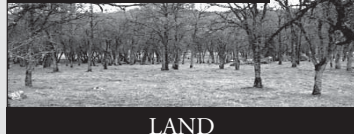
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