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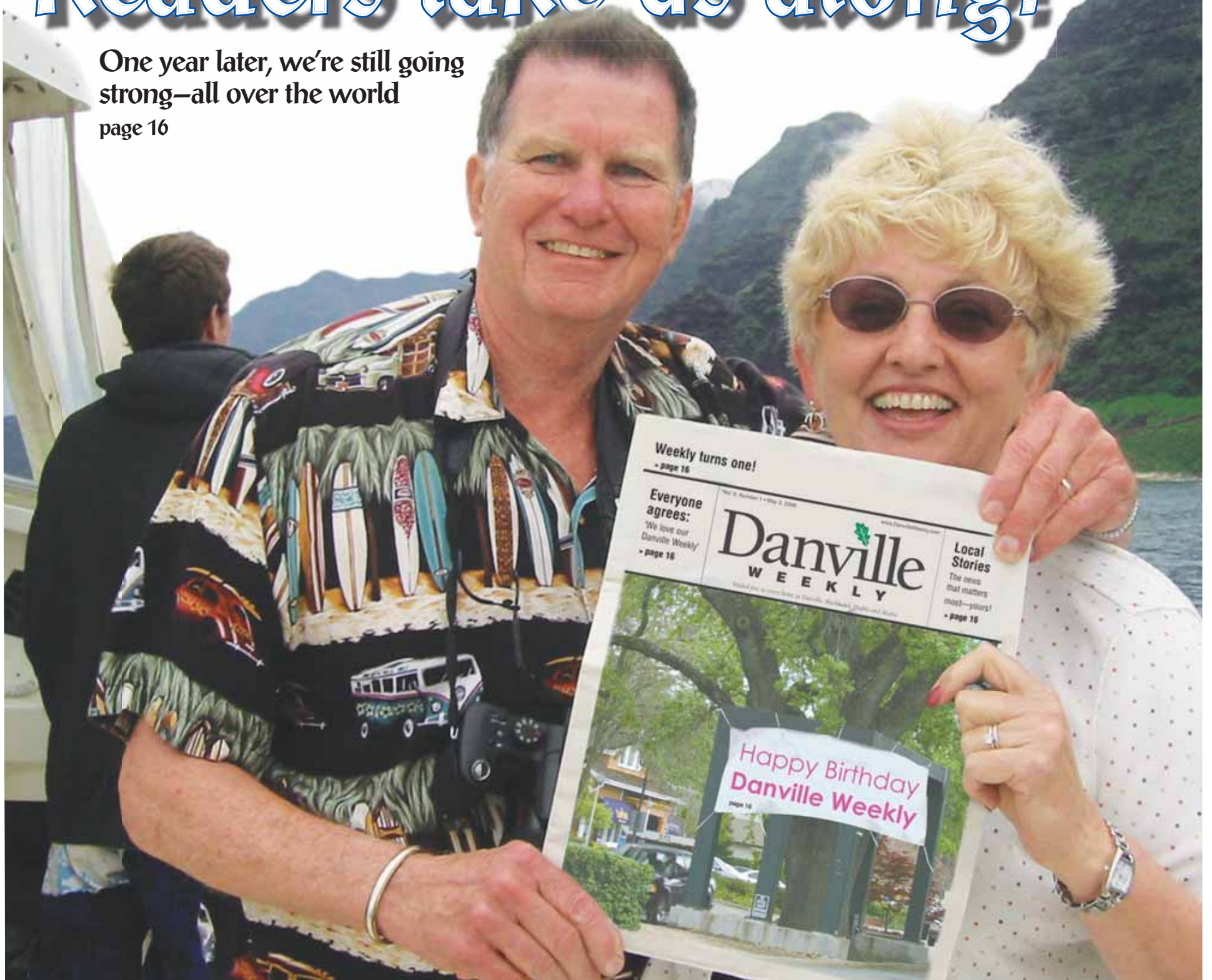
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Bethany Hall
retired financier



Yeah. I think it gives you an opportunity to be on the defense. You would probably steer clear of them.

Jerry Metcalf
retired elevator consultant



If it goes out after a few years, then yes because if someone did enough to get two drunk-driving tickets, they will be a lot more conscientious. If it was for a long period, then no because people can change for the better, I believe, so they should give them an opportunity to learn from life. They shouldn't be punished for so long.

Esther A. Quinn
student



Yes, I do. From what I understand, it's for the second or third offense. After the third offense, you should have something to designate it.

Dietrich Sanchez
developer



It's kind of like the Scarlet Letter. It would deter people from getting another DUI, which kills lives.

Karin Murray
registered nurse

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ABOUT THE COVER

Henry and Barbara Thatcher actually brought along the March 10 issue of the Danville Weekly when they sailed along the Na Pali cliffs in Kauai, Hawaii, but we've taken the liberty of changing the cover to wish ourselves Happy Birthday. Cover design by Jason Lind.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ From the standpoint of lifestyles, they are a perfect market. ”

—Richard Draeger about Draeger's gourmet marketplace opening in Blackhawk Plaza. See story, page 5.

Bryan Ranch rejects limit house size

Residents of Bryan Ranch have voted not to limit house sizes in the rural neighborhood to 10,000 square feet. As a result, David Duffield, billionaire and founder of PeopleSoft, may now have a stronger chance at building his proposed 17,000-square-foot mansion.

For the amendment to pass, 75 percent of all Bryan Ranch residents had to vote “yes” and return the ballot by April 27. Ballots were counted at a homeowners association meeting Friday, and results showed that 67.6 percent of the 321 residents supported the amendment.

The election was a revote after Duffield's attorney, Andrew B. Sabey, cited flaws in a petition filed in November, in which 80 percent of Bryan Ranch residents supported the limit. Some neighbors say the initial petition was a more accurate representation of community opinion.

Duffield's spokesman David Bowlby said they are pleased with the outcome. They now plan to present the homeowner's board with plans for the 17,000-square-foot house, he said.

Still time to register for run

It's not too late to register for the Workday Devil Mountain Run, which begins at 8 a.m., Sunday. Runners and walkers may register online for \$28 until noon May 5. The price goes up to \$35 for registration between 2p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday and before the race Sunday, between 6:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m.

Both the 5K and the 10K runners and walkers take off on Railroad Avenue at Prospect in front of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. The Kids Fun Run begins at 9:30 a.m. with non-competitive 50- to 100-yard dashes for ages 3-8. Registration for kids is \$13; \$15 on Saturday or Sunday.

The run, in its 29th year, benefits Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland. Visit www.rhodyco.com for more information or to register.

Danville man busts plagiarist

Monte Vista High School graduate David Zhou, now a Harvard junior, broke the story last month in the university's college newspaper, the Harvard Crimson, about a fellow student plagiarizing a renowned author in her novel.

Zhou discovered that Kaavya Viswanathan, a Harvard University sophomore, copied passages from two books by prominent writer Megan McCafferty for her own debut novel, “How Opal Mehta Got Kissed, Got Wild and Got a Life,” according to the New York Times and the Associated Press. The Times reported that she acknowledged borrowing the language but said it was “unintentional and unconscious.”

Apparently, Viswanathan lifted passages from McCafferty's “Sloppy Firsts” and “Second Helpings.” The Harvard coed had received \$500,000 for “Opal” and another book. All editions of her book have been pulled off the shelves.

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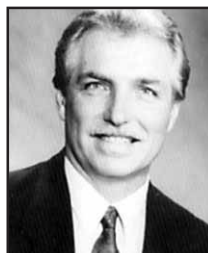
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Gourmet groceries coming to Blackhawk Plaza

Draeger's Market to replace Gottschalks department store

by **Natalie O'Neill**

People who prefer produce to perfume, wine to women's wear, and seasonings to sunglasses may be happy to learn that Draeger's gourmet epicurean marketplace will replace Gottschalks department store in Blackhawk Plaza.

The company signed a lease with CenterCal Properties LLC this week to take over the 43,000-square-foot location and will begin remodeling this summer. Draeger's, which is based on the Peninsula, will offer prepared organic food, home and garden products, imported wine and cheeses, and on-site cooking classes.

Owner Richard Draeger said there are unmet needs in Danville for these foods and services.

"(Danville residents) are well traveled and

they pay a great amount of attention to detail in their homes and gardens. From the standpoint of lifestyles, they are a perfect market," he said.

Property manager Bonnie Monares said she expects the store to do better than F&J's, a grocery market that first leased the space and was known for its brass shopping carts. The surrounding population has grown and changed since the plaza was put in 16 years

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Gottschalks department store at Blackhawk Plaza is going to be replaced by Draeger's, a Peninsula-based gourmet market chain.

Alamo ballots mailed out for increased property tax

Beautification Committee urges yes vote to fund its projects

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Landowners in Alamo will be asked to decide by ballots mailed out this week if they support an increased property tax to fund beautification projects. Ballots are due back to Contra Costa elections offices by June 12.

The increase would be used to fund special projects like landscaping at Alamo Elementary School on Livorna Road, an intersection on Stone Valley Road, and an entry median on the north side of Alamo. The tax, which is now \$9.36, would increase about \$11 in the 2006-7 fiscal year and would be limited to \$45 over several years.

Members of the Zone 36 Alamo Beautification Committee and county Public Works are stressing the urgency of the tax boost, while some landowners are questioning how much "bang they'll get for their buck."

"People need to realize that if it doesn't pass, there will be no future projects. It's not just pie in the sky. We have ideas that need funding," said Zone 36 Chairwoman Valerie Schooley.

Since its formation in 1991, Zone 36, a

lighting and landscaping county service area, has not requested an increase in taxes. Now the tax is needed to stay out of debt, said Lisa Carnahan of Public Works. The committee will have to cut services if the vote doesn't pass, she said.

"You're paying for improvements in your area," she said.

At the Zone 36 meeting last week, one resident said Alamo landowners haven't seen many tangible improvements come out of Zone 36 in recent years. She was concerned funds weren't being spent wisely.

"What can you point to in the last few years that has been done?" she said.

Members of Zone 36 said many improvements are not dramatic enough for the average landowner to observe.

"People don't notice when streets are cleaned and trees are planted and watered," said Zone 36 alternate member Steve Mick.

The committee's budget is about \$50,000 annually. It has funded street sweeping, construction of medians on Green Valley Road, and tree and plant maintenance, plus it contributes to the payment of county staff.

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French exchange students from Beziers, Vivien Santacru and Christophe Ramade, show their excitement on a hike in the hills above Sycamore Valley Park.

Bonjour!

Danville families welcome French students into their homes

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Audrey Mathurin got on a plane in southern France on a recent Thursday night. Half a day and nearly a full hemisphere later, she was greeted by Danville's John and Debbie Barone—her host family.

Forty-six French exchange students arrived in the Bay Area on April 21, 14 of whom stayed with Danville families until they left May 4. The exchange helps students and families understand other ways of life, said Terry Griffith,

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Monte Vista parking lot moving forward

School board OKs design for traffic light, safety improvements on Stone Valley Road

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Trustees unanimously approved a resolution to begin designing and approving the funding sources for the construction of the new Humphrey Ranch parking lot at Monte Vista High School.

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District Board of Education also gave the go ahead to design and fund a traffic light and safety improvements on Stone Valley Road at the high school.

"It makes sense," said Trustee Greg Marvel. "It's good for the taxpayers. It's good for the students. We do need the parking lot."

"The board needed to essentially expedite this process," said Terry Koehne, spokesman

for the district.

At last month's board meeting, the trustees took swift action to approve the project's funding sources and design. They made the motion quickly to meet Davidon Homes summer deadline when it grades areas of the Humphrey Ranch property for homes.

If the district meets Davidon's deadline, the developer will level the district's 10 acres of the Humphrey Property for constructing the parking lot for free.

"It's a no-brainer," said Marvel. "It saves us close to \$1 million."

The district has two sources of funding for the project: \$2 million from Measure A funds and developer fees. The Humphrey family

made 10 acres of the property available to the district, and school officials used \$4 million from Measure A funds to purchase the land.

Then the family gave \$2 million back to the district to be used for improving schools.

"The bottom line is the 10 acres for a small amount of money donated from Mrs. Humphrey (is being used) in a way to help the community as whole," said Marvel.

It will cost the district \$950,000 to build a parking lot; \$300,000 to add a traffic signal; and \$1.1 million to create a buffer zone on Stone Valley Road. The zone includes landscaping between the parking lot and adjacent homes, irrigation at the frontage on Stone Valley, and additional curbs and gutters.

"The more kids you get walking on the sides of the streets is dangerous," said Marvel.

The plans have been submitted to the Measure A Oversight Committee, which governs a \$260 million School Facilities Bond authorizing the district to renovate, upgrade and expand local schools, as well as relieve overcrowding.

If the committee rejects parts of the funding, the district will then look to developers' fees to finance the project.

On campus, student parking continues to get more challenging as enrollment at

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Evening Farmers Market opens Thursday

New program lets customers donate produce to Loaves and Fishes

by Jordan M. Doronila

Hungry people in Contra Costa County may receive an abundance of food when the Thursday evening Farmers Market returns to Danville this week.

Organizers of the market are planning to ask customers to purchase additional food items for Loaves and Fishes—the largest

meal provider to the hungry in the county—when the event returns May 11.

“We’re still talking with Loaves and Fishes,” said Allen Moy, assistant director to the Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association and organizer of the Danville markets.

He added that Loaves and Fishes has been partnering with farmers at the market for sometime, but now he said his group is planning to allow customers to make donations while they shop.

The goal is to have a donation box ready to receive food, said Moy.

Farmers from Northern and Central California will bring fresh fruits and vegetables to downtown Danville for the grand opening of the 2006 season of the Thursday Farmers Market. The market will operate from 4-8 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 14, in the parking lot behind the Museum of the San Ramon Valley at the corner of Railroad and Prospect.

The grand opening will include Mothers Day crafts and other kids activities, and live music by students from California High. There will also be fresh cut flowers, nuts, baked breads, barbeque and kettle corn prepared for the hungry crowds every week.

The Thursday Danville Farmers’

Market is a partnership between the Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association, which operates the market, and the town of Danville, the market’s sponsor. It also operates the Saturday morning Farmers Market in the same location.

“We’ve seen through discussion from local retailers and various surveys the farmers markets have a positive affect on the local economy,” Moy said. “We want the market to become a fixture in the community.”

Moy said the idea of customers buying food for Loaves and Fishes came from an existing program at the Pleasanton Farmers Market. He said a customer suggested buying extra food for Open Heart Kitchen, which provides meals to those in need in Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore.

“When we get good ideas, we like to run with them,” Moy said. “We wanted to create something similar in Danville.”

Since its inception in 1983, Loaves and Fishes has founded six dining rooms in Contra Costa County where more than 2.5 million meals have been served. The organization serves 1,200 meals daily. To volunteer or to find out more about Loaves and Fishes, call 837-8758. ■

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ago, she said.

“I think (F&J’s) was a bit ahead of its time. Now we have a significant population, before it was really rural,” she said.

But longtime Gottschalks patrons and workers say the community is more in need of a clothing store than a food market. Shoppers can buy groceries elsewhere, they said.

“This isn’t something I want to see happen. There are so few retail places here. Without it we’ll have to go to the mall,” patron Mary Neal said.

Monares said she is looking into leasing empty spots to tenants who sell clothing and fashion accessories. Her goal is to sign with businesses that best serve the needs of Danville, she said. Before Gottschalks, the Blackhawk Plaza anchor store was Saks Fifth Avenue.

“We want to fill up the plaza with more fashion for men, women and children,” Monares said.

Other plaza patrons said a gourmet food place offers more of a draw than retail.

“We’ve been shopping here for so long and it’s never been busy,” said Gen Shanks.

“There’s San Francisco for shopping if that’s what you want. I think an upscale food place would be better, especially if they put some tables outside,” Alex Trigos said.

**“We want to fill up
the plaza with more
fashion for men,
women and children.”**

—Bonnie Monares,
Blackhawk plaza manager

The primary difference between Draeger’s Market and other grocery stores in the area are the amount of quality pre-prepared food, Draeger said. He believes the market will attract more business to the plaza because of its lifestyle theme.

“As a result of us being at the epicenter, we’re going to be attracting more customers that will give other tenants exposure,” he said.

Monares said she doesn’t expect the type of customers to change, but she does anticipate the amount of frequent shoppers will increase.

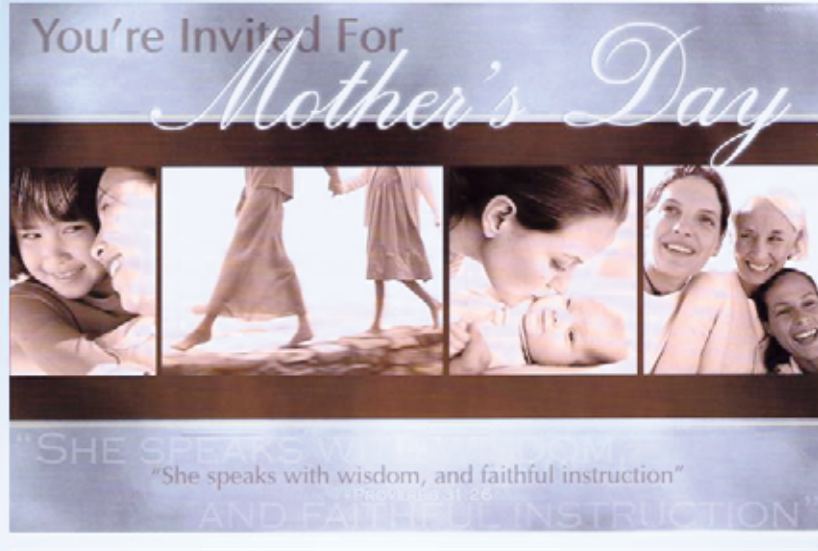
“I really think it’s a winning combination for patrons,” she said.

Construction this summer won’t affect business in the plaza, Draeger said.

“Were going to be sensitive to the ongoing uses of the center,” he said.

When the remodeling is complete, the location will boast outdoor and indoor fireplaces, mood lighting and exterior architectural elements that eliminate wind blowing through the plaza. The store opening is expected in spring 2007. ■

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District 3 chief of staff resigns

Supervisor Piepho recruiting for new manager

by Jordan M. Doronila

Court Supervisor Mary N. Piepho's chief of staff resigned a week ago but his formal resignation did not state why.

Ryan Klobas, Piepho's chief of staff, resigned after a meeting with other members of the supervisor's staff Friday, April 21, in Brentwood. Piepho said he submitted his resignation letter through e-mail and said she asked him to rethink his decision.

"I have no idea why he resigned," said Piepho, in an interview with the Danville Weekly editor. "He resigned at the conclusion of the staff meeting last Friday. I asked him to reconsider. He didn't provide any indication he wished to."

"It came as a surprise," she

added. "Ryan is a good friend. We are disappointed to see his resignation."

Klobas had been her chief of staff for a year before resigning, spending most of his time in the Danville office. The District 3 supervisor also has an office in Brentwood. He worked briefly on U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo's staff and on his campaign, said Piepho, and also worked for former Gov. Pete Wilson.

Piepho said the chief of staff position is one of the top jobs of interest in government, whether at the county or state level.

"It's a fairly prestigious job," Piepho said. "It's a way to gain great knowledge and experience."

Piepho said there was a rumor going around that she fired Klobas

at her own volition or at her husband's request. She said those rumors were inaccurate.

"I want to cut it (that rumor) off at the pass," she said.

She said Monday she is looking for a new person to fill the chief of staff position.

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R, District 15) said chiefs of staff in the county are often young, and they are usually looking for other positions.

"We have a lot of turnover," he said. Klobas also worked for Republican Assemblywoman Lynne Leach, Houston's predecessor, as did Piepho.

Meanwhile Piepho with her assistant and the chief of staff assistant are reorganizing, she said. "The office will remain strong and steady," Piepho noted. ■

Remembering ranching life

The Danville Ranch-California Chateau Homeowners Association will dedicate a plaque and a rose garden to honor the late Rose Peters Emery, who was raised on the property in the early 1900s, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Emery, who died in 2004 at

the age of 94, memorialized her upbringing on the 256-acre Peters Ranch with the beautifully written book, "Footprints in the Soil." The book details her family's journey to the San Ramon Valley, how they settled here, and what life was like almost a century ago for a little girl

growing up.

The public is invited to the dedication to honor the woman who left the neighborhood a legacy in her book. It takes place at the DRCCHA Ranch House, 1895 Ridgeland Circle in Danville. For information, call 831-8966 or 743-9356.

Parking

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Monte Vista grows. In 2004-5, the total enrollment at Monte Vista was 2,322 with 491 students in the senior class.

In 2005-6, the school had an estimated 2,592 students and 614 seniors.

"Our enrollment is growing dra-

matically," said Marvel. "We'll be expanding for a couple of years."

The rise in student population is partly due to the tremendous growth in Dougherty Valley. The students who will attend the new Dougherty Valley High School, slated to open in 2007, are being diverted to Monte Vista High School.

When the Humphrey family decided to sell the property on Stone Valley Road, it first agreed to sell 9.6 acres to the school. This act was

matriarch Marge Humphrey's way of giving back to the community.

Walnut Creek-based developer Davidon Homes eventually purchased the entire Humphrey Ranch property. In buying the property, Davidon also took on the obligation to the school district. While 9.6 acres will be used for the school's projects, 24.43 acres will be used for houses; the remaining 61.83 acres will be dedicated open space. ■

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Drug bust on Brookside

Man found with 35 grams of methamphetamine

by Jordan M. Doronila

Police arrested a Danville man at 1 a.m. Monday of last week for carrying two plastic bags of methamphetamine in a black Volkswagen Jetta on Brookside Drive near Orange Blossom Way.

Danville police Officer Mike Ireland arrested local resident Corianton Trujillo, 30, on charges of carrying 35 grams of methamphetamine. Trujillo already had felony warrants in Utah, which includes auto burglary, said Sgt. Ron Bradley.

He may have been selling the drugs in Danville, said Danville police Sgt. Ron Bradley, and the case has been sent to the Central Contra Costa Narcotic Enforcement Team.

"It's a significant amount, well over an ounce," Bradley said. "I don't know if he was selling the drugs in Danville. That's what we would like to know."

"It's not huge amount, but for Danville it's a fair amount," he added. Methamphetamine

is an addictive stimulant also known as ice, crystal, glass and Tina.

Bradley said Ireland pulled over the Jetta after it made a right turn without signaling. The car also didn't have a break light working, he said. After stopping the car, Ireland found Trujillo sitting on the passenger side and a 24-year-old female in the driver's seat.

Apparently, Trujillo was dumping the drugs on the car floor along with cups of water to dissolve the illegal substances, Bradley said. Ireland called for his narcotics dog Donna to sniff the vehicle for drugs. When she indicated there were drugs, Ireland searched the Volkswagen and found the bags underneath the passenger seat.

After finding the drugs, Ireland arrested Trujillo and his female friend.

"It would be interesting to know where he was coming from," said Bradley. "But at this point we don't know." Bradley said that Trujillo gave Ireland a Danville address. ■



Trio for Tawonga

Second-graders (l-r) Garret Meyer, Kyle Edwards and Trevor Koehne belt out "All Star" at the Twin Creeks Elementary Tawonga Talent Show held March 24 to raise funds to send a student in Malawi, Africa, to a university for one year. The event had 20 acts and raised more than \$2,000, far more than the \$600 goal, which enabled two additional scholarships to be awarded. "Tawonga" means "we are most grateful" in Chitumbuka, the local dialect in the village of the scholarship recipient.

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DOLORES FOX CHARDILLI

Quilting through the Years

Exhibit chairwoman Kate Elliott hangs a quilt made of French fabrics while Marby Bennett of the Quilter's Inn looks on at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. The exhibit, "Quilting through the Years," opened Saturday and runs through May 27. The 50 quilts on display range from those sewn in the 1800s by early valley settlers to creative contemporary quilts made by local artisans. A Friendship Quilt created by the late Rose Bettencourt Ferreira traces her life in the San Ramon and Tassajara valleys and took more than 675 hours to make. The museum is located at 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays.

Alamo ballot

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According to the 2005-6 Zone 36 budget, nearly 50 percent of expenses to date have gone to county staff, a percentage that is higher than other unincorporated areas with similar committees. Eric Whon, a senior civil engineer for Public Works, said there are several reasons for that figure.

"The staff is in a high transition time and we're trying to get the new committee up to speed," he said. "We've also received a lot of questions and things in writing from people in Alamo. It takes more staff time to answer these questions."

Mick said it's fair to say that Alamo residents are more inquisitive than the residents in other unincorporated areas.

Similar committees don't require as much time as Zone 36, Carnahan

said. She said this expense should become less because the transition period is ending.

"(The committee is) comfortable now, there's not that breaking time anymore," she said.

Zone 36 is required to use county crews for general street maintenance and landscape upkeep. Individual contractors would be less expensive, but a committee like Zone 36 doesn't have that option, Whon said. Under the clean water act, street cleaning is mandatory.

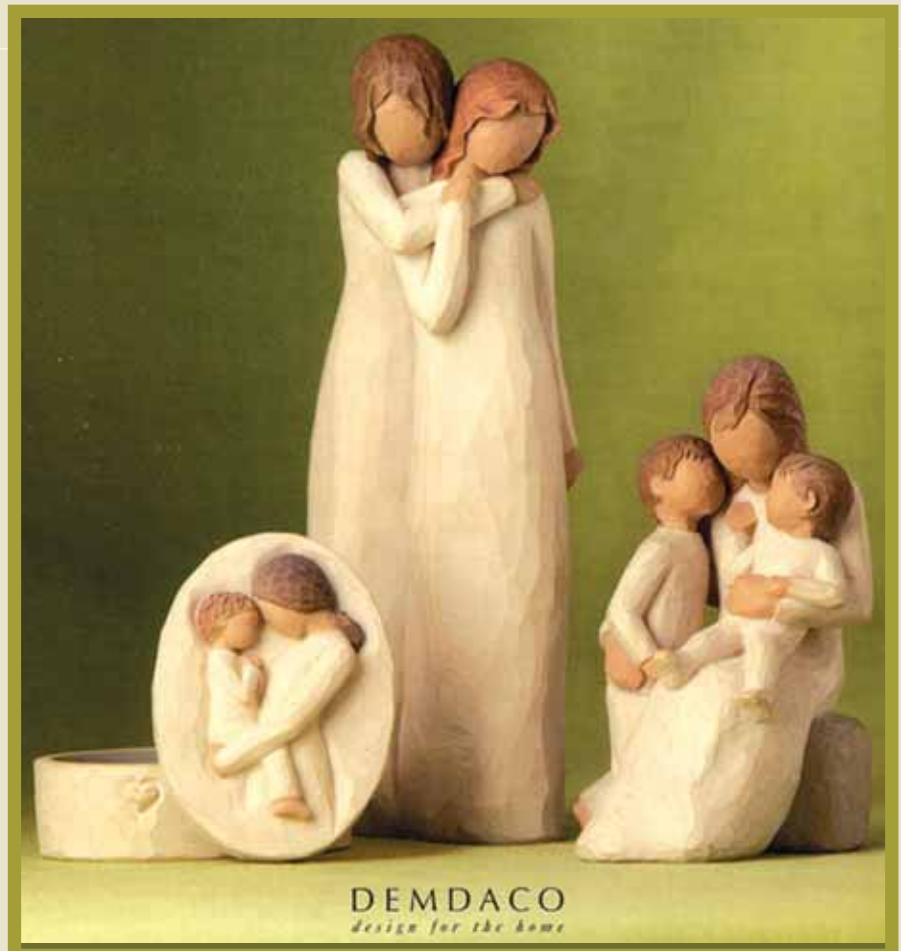
"We're doing everything we can to minimize staff time," he said.

The expense for the vote, which has not been added to the budget yet, will be around \$15,000. To date, Zone 36 is already over budget by nearly \$10,000 for 2005-6.

"If this doesn't pass, we won't have enough money to fund another election," Schooley said.

Results of the vote will be discussed at a Board of Supervisors meeting June 13. ■

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CHRIS BREAUT

Helping out in alligator country

While building houses in Mississippi, volunteers had to look out for more than mosquitoes and ticks. Volunteers from throughout the San Ramon Valley, organized by the Community Presbyterian Church in Danville, headed down to the Gulf Coast in April armed with saws and power tools to help build 16 new three-bedroom homes for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Most of the volunteers were not professional homebuilders but included teenagers, teachers, college administrators and pastors. They spent their time anchoring walls to foundations, raising roof trusses, and installing windows and electrical wires for homes in the project called Victory Park, in McComb, Miss. Volunteer Chris Breault said he was moved by "seeing young and old, men and women, black and white, all working side by side to accomplish God's purpose." He also noted the volunteers "witnessed the full meaning of Southern hospitality."



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Bonjour

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who has hosted French students for four consecutive years.

"It's not a tourist experience. We're connecting with people from another country," he said.

The LECAS program is based out of Beziers, France, and also gives Danville residents the opportunity to stay in France during summer months. Living with a family is a much more authentic cultural experience than staying in a hotel, Griffith said.

"Danville tends to be a pretty homogenous town. I didn't think people would open their homes the way they did," said Faith Feuer, who is hosting this year.

Feuer taught French at Diablo Valley College and said she wanted to be part of the program because it gave her a chance to practice the language. She said she is impressed at how welcoming the area has been.

"There was one Alamo man who went out in the street, door to door, and asked people to help host these students," she said.

Mathurin has participated in the program for two consecutive years and said she was attracted to California because she is fascinated by the American way of life. She likes living in Danville because the people friendly, she said.

"It's like TV—the people and the homes are so nice," she said.

Program creator Martine Causse said the exchange helps the students excel academically, but it's not just about learning languages.

"Students have gotten job placements and some have gotten mar-

"It's like TV—the people and the homes are so nice."

—Audrey Mathurin, visiting French student

ried here," Causse said.

In past years, French students visited Feuer's class and there were exciting discussions, she said.

"They asked questions about the difference between life in France and life here. And they'd talk about their first impressions of America," Feuer said.

Students also visit museums, bike, shop and make frequent trips to San Francisco. The exchange has gained a core group of 12 families who have signed up all four years, Causse said.

The exchange was so popular with students this year, she had more students sign up than host families. Most of the students stayed with families in Danville, San Ramon, Dublin and Moraga, but 16 were at the YMCA in Berkeley.

The program is lacking a local sponsor, which makes it hard to get word out about the program, Griffith said. In Beziers, the students have a sponsor similar to the Parent Teacher Association.

"It would be better if we could get a local organization to fund it," Griffith said.

While she doesn't want the program to get too big, Causse would like more people in Danville and Alamo to participate, she said. ■

Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



The unread letter

Marina Beyer, an Alamo resident, shared a letter she wrote last week. It begins, "Hey Erick," and continues on in a light, conversational tone to tell her son Erick Hodges remembrances of him, growing up and, more recently, as a Marine.

The letter painted a picture of a fun-loving, precocious child, born two weeks early, on her own birthday. "I always think about the time when the neighbor called, saying, 'Do you know what your kids are doing now?' She said you guys were trick or treating. It was July."

She wrote about him joining the Marines even before he had graduated from Mt. Diablo High School, and how during high school ROTC he grew his hair quite long but kept it tucked under his hat. He also attended San Ramon Valley High for a while.

And she wrote about his impressions of Iraq. "I remember you saying, 'The best thing about Iraq is the people, especially the kids, and how they love and treated the Marines like royalty.' She talked about the Iraqi boy Erick nicknamed Ali Pacino because of the hat he wore when he came to sell sodas to the Marines. "And that one letter you sent, where you had escorted an archeologist to a site and they found ancient tablets. And you wrote that 'this is definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience.'"

Lance Cpl. Erick Hodges had a lot of experiences in his lifetime, but it was cut short Nov. 10, 2004, one day after he turned 21. He was killed in the northwestern part of Fallujah, in a Marine attack against an enemy outpost that had begun two days before.

Marina wrote the letter for a DVD produced for a project called "Stories of the Fallen, told by their families," by the Silicon Valley Digital Clubhouse Network. This nonprofit group is working with families who have lost sons in Iraq to produce DVDs about them, to give voice to their loss. The DVDs are put on their Web site and ultimately will be sent to the Smithsonian Institute, Marina said. In the five-minute DVD, she reads her letter while photos she selected show on the screen, beginning with one of her as a young mother in a field of flowers and Erick running along happily ahead of her. She also picked out the music.

Erick was the second of her six children. The two youngest boys, Dustin and Dylan, go to San Ramon Valley High and Stone Valley Middle School. She works at Longs Drugs, within walking distance of her home. She said customers who know of her loss often

just come up and give her a hug.

She traveled to Camp Pendleton when a special service was held for the 19 men in the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment who were killed on the same tour as Erick. It was his second deployment. The survivors of his fire team talked to her of his last days, which she appreciated. She also has talked to the family of the Marine who carried Erick's body away from the site where he was killed; this Marine himself was killed one month later.



Lance Cpl. Erick Hodges with the Iraqi boy he nicknamed "Ali Pacino," who came everyday to sell sodas to the Marines.

Marina is being honored tomorrow at a luncheon from 12:30-2:30 p.m. given by the Healing Place Church women at the Danville Grange on Diablo Road. The event is "A Live Makeover Show," with experts in hair, makeup and fashion, and they chose Marina to receive the works. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20, said organizer Brianna Read, who explained the church's mission is to be a healing place for a hurting world—hence the name. Besides the makeover for Marina, they are sending gift boxes to Erick's unit.

Erick was always so self-sufficient and self-assured that Marina said she really never worried about him. He was gone so much in the last three years of his life and he always returned—so it still seems like he should be coming home or calling. Time is said to heal wounds, Marina noted, but so far it hasn't helped. "I miss him even more," she said.

Marina didn't know how to begin to write about him for the DVD until she thought of composing the letter. "I wanted to put something of Erick's humor in it," she said. "A lot of the DVD's are so sad." The recording session for several families was last weekend at the History Center in San Jose, and she found the young technicians professional and helpful. She is happy with how the letter turned out. But, she said, tears welling in her eyes, "It's hard to realize Erick's not going to be reading it." ■

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Plant the park

Alamo resident Sara Markley wants to remember her grandmother Rose by planting roses in the section of her back yard adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail. She envisions the garden with benches, as a rest stop for users of the trail—a place of beauty and tranquility—her gift to the community.

When Markley presented her offer to build the pocket park to the R-7A parks and recreation advisory committee recently, she was met with skeptical questions from its members and from county personnel. Some of them pertained to questions of liability. Who would pay the insurance in case someone was injured on the property? Others referred to maintenance: The Markleys may be happy to provide water and upkeep, but what about future owners?

It's always a good idea to anticipate problems but in this case it sounded more like bureaucrat-ese and negativity. If community members agree a pocket park on the Iron Horse Trail is desirable, and if the Markleys are willing to plan, finance and execute the idea, wouldn't a better approach be: This is great! How can we make it happen? All of the questions seemed like minor impediments. Markley said she had already begun to investigate acquiring more homeowners insurance.

The county representative said they had dealt with such situations before and they "can be a real hassle." It is good news that the county has had experience in such matters—hopefully this experience can be put to use to avoid "hassles" this time. With the recent news about encroachments onto the Iron Horse Trail as adjacent residents expand their yards a few inches or feet onto the trail, it is good to see someone who wants to enhance it as a gift to the community. She is offering her property as a place of beauty and rest for trail users: Let's take a positive approach to make it happen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landscaping fees needed

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in support of the benefit assessment increase as proposed by the Zone 36 Alamo Beautification Committee. Zone 36 was formed in 1991 and committee members have been involved in a number of landscaping and beautification projects over the years that have enhanced the Alamo area. Many of these activities are "under the radar" such as street sweeping, landscape watering and on-going maintenance.

This requested increase is the first since 1991. We all know that costs for such efforts have increased. In addition, Alamo has grown over the years and this adds to beautification and on-going maintenance costs. The current assessment is just under \$10 per year and the committee has recommended that it be increased to a maximum of \$45. Percentage-wise, this appears to be a large increase but compared to our total property tax bill, it doesn't seem quite so large. Note also that the increase will not be immediate but will take place over time as funds are needed for various projects and maintenance.

There are several new projects under discussion such as landscaping of the Stone Valley Road/Danville Boulevard intersection, an entry median on the north side of Alamo, and landscaping at Alamo School among others.

The residents of Alamo will have an opportunity to continue the fine work of the Alamo Beautification Committee. As a new member of this committee, I'm impressed with the enthusiasm and energy of current as well as past committee members.

Steve Mick, Alamo

Recycling lesson on communism

Dear Editor:

Recently, I stopped by the recycle bin at the Danville Library where free books are available to visitors. I assume that those books

are being purged from the library because there is not much demand for them.

I noticed that one of those books was "The God that Failed" by Andre Gide, Richard Wright, Ignazio Silone, Stephen Spender, Arthur Koestler and Louis Fisher—former communists who have figured out that communism is an enemy of liberty and who wrote about that. I picked up the book, recalling with what difficulties and personal risk I once obtained a copy from the American Embassy Library in the communist Belgrade.

The book tells it like it is. Apparently it is not required reading in civics classes here. After all, communism is "dead" (you think!) and we need not worry about it anymore. Better wait for a chance to relive the history and learn firsthand ... from Bob Kerry or Steve Westly, perhaps.

I think the library should keep a hard cover copy of this book just in case someone in Danville gets the outlandish idea to read it.

Vlado Bevc, Danville

Good use for Weber property

Dear Editor:

I read your article about Sunrise Equestrian Foundation (April 14) and was struck by how the Weber property would be perfect for this organization. The Weber property is the 15-acre parcel off Diablo Road that has a proposed 22-home subdivision pending before the town of Danville. The public hearing was delayed due to an inaccurate biological report.

This is the same property that was owned by Lucille Weber, who never wanted it developed but unfortunately did not stipulate that when she willed it to the Salvation Army. They then took her to court to take title of the property before she died because her conservator was trying to put a conservancy on the property, making it harder to develop.

I know Lucille would much prefer that Sunrise Equestrian Foundation use her land than the proposal that is before the town of Danville.

Kristen Trisko, Danville

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POLICE BULLETIN

School 'bully' gets arrested

A student from Monte Vista High School was arrested last week for threatening a classmate. The police also took him in because he stole money from another student's knapsack, said Danville Sgt. Ron Bradley.

The aggressive youth went into the bag of a female classmate and stole \$5 after class finished on Tuesday, April 25, Bradley said. After the girl's friend—a young male—saw him rummage through her belongings, the youth reportedly told him he would kill him if he told a teacher or a school administrator.

"The bottom line is that they were afraid of him," said Bradley.

Shortly afterward, the victim and her friend went to the school resource officer; the youth was taken to Juvenile Hall.

"His dad came and got him," Bradley said.

Bradley said it's important to tell an administrator, a teacher, a police officer or someone if they see a student act aggressively toward another person.

"The bottom line is that they need to tell somebody," said Bradley. "If the aggressor sees kids will do nothing, then that behavior will continue."

"You have to put out the message that this behavior is unacceptable," he said.

—Jordan M. Doronila

POLICE LOG

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

Tuesday, April 25

- Terrorist threats, arrest, on Stone Valley Rd. at 1:03 p.m.
- Petty theft on San Paulo Ct. at 3:21 p.m.
- Petty theft on Stone Valley Rd. at 3:51 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on St. Christopher Dr. at 3:59 p.m.
- Injury accident on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 4:13 p.m.
- Petty theft on San Paulo Ct. at 5:11 p.m.
- Petty theft on Westward Ln. at 6:49 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, at the Livery and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

- Accident, property damage, on La Gonda Way at 10:44 a.m.
- Drunk in public on Diablo Rd. at 2:43 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 4:46 p.m.
- Misdemeanor, other, on Hartz Ave. at 6:05 p.m.
- Misdemeanor, other, on Diablo Rd. at 6:24 p.m.

Thursday, April 27

- DUI, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 12:02 a.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Hartz Ave. at 12:24 a.m.
- Vandalism on Fostoria Way, #B, at 6:01 a.m.
- Petty theft from building on Fostoria Way at 2:38 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Church St. and Hartz Ave. at 11:40 p.m.

Friday, April 28

- Accident, property damage, on Railroad Ave. at 11:14 a.m.

- Warrant arrest on W. Prospect Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 5:32 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Fostoria Way at 6:31 p.m.

Saturday, April 29

- Auto burglary on Brookside Dr. at 5:49 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and W. Prospect Ave. at 7:40 p.m.
- Possession of dangerous drugs on Bobbie Ct. at 10:33 p.m.

Sunday, April 30

- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Camino Ramon at 12:25 a.m.
- Vandalism on Jasmine Ct. at 7:42 a.m.
- Injury accident on Hartz Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 1:14 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Crow Canyon Rd. at 5:19 p.m.

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

ALAMO

Wednesday, April 26

- Petty theft on Lark Pl.

Friday, April 28

- Residential burglary on Lark Pl. and Lark Ln.

Saturday, April 29

- Residential burglary on Castle Crest Rd.

Sunday, April 30

- Vandalism on Bryan Dr.
- Vandalism, felony, on Sandstone Ct.

DANVILLE

Wednesday, April 26

- Residential burglary on Bourne Ct.

Sunday, April 30

- Vandalism on Mansfield Dr.

DIABLO

Friday, April 28

- Identity theft on Case Nuestra

OBITUARIES

Murhl Roberta McFadden

Murhl Roberta McFadden passed away April 22 at the age of 80. She had been a resident of Danville since 1970.

She was born Feb. 2, 1926, in Havre, Mont., the next to youngest of 14 children. In 1942 she and an older sister moved to Seattle where she worked for F.W. Woolworth Co., and became a department manager. In 1946 she met Archie McFadden, who was recently discharged from the Navy and they were married Aug. 24 that same

year. He returned to active duty.

She is survived by husband Archie McFadden; her son Alan McFadden of Danville; brothers and sisters, Irene Miller of Clearlake, Iowa; Pauline Winchell of Havre, Mont.; and Ezra Wagner of Havre. She was predeceased by brothers and sisters Viola Smith, Hallie Goalie, Tilitha Green, Leona Roper, Barbara Wagner, Lois Wagner, Calvin E. Wagner, Clinton K. Wagner, Carl O. Wagner and Daniel P. Wagner.

Services were held April 29 at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville.

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Hoop scoop

The MVP Flight Elite under-11, an AAU traveling team, emerged victorious at the Las Vegas Easter Classic held April 12-15. Court action to win the championship included defeating teams from the Philippines, California, Arizona and Nevada. MVP Flight elite members are (l-r) Justin Bengay, Anders Turner, Coach Josh, Stevie Olivera, Garrett Coloma, Curtis Black, Robert Ferrero, Coach Matt, Wes Greason, Matt Coble, Kiran Shastri and Jet Reed.

Mustangs tennis undefeated in regular season, tops in EBAL

Mike Starr aces out teammate for his fourth singles title

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

Monte Vista High School's Mike Starr beat teammate Ramsey Lemaich in the East Bay Athletic League finals to capture his fourth straight EBAL singles tennis championship, 6-3, 6-2, at the Pleasanton Tennis Center on April 26. The Mustangs were undefeated in the regular season and are champions of the EBAL.

Monte Vista was also victorious in the doubles championship. James Moody and Chris Mayer rallied to defeat San Ramon's Taylor Wallis and James Hansen 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 to capture the doubles title.

The next order of business is the North Coast Section single and double championships that begin today, May 5, and conclude tomorrow, May 6, at Discovery Bay Athletic Club. The NCS playoffs begin May 9.

Baseball

Monte Vista snapped a seven-game Amador Valley winning streak on the baseball field with a 2-1 victory April 28. The Mustangs are now in second place in the EBAL with a 10-4 overall record. Their EBAL record is 4-1, putting

them one game behind first-place California High.

San Ramon Valley beat Foothill, 7-3, making the Wolves 5-12 overall and 2-5 in the EBAL.

Golf

The Monte Vista golf team beat San Ramon 191-212 at Round Hill Country Club on April 26. Geoff Gonzalez led the Mustangs with a score of 33 and Dan McGrath had 38 for the Wolves. The Mustangs finished in first place in the EBAL with a 11-1 record, one match in front of second-place Foothill, which finished with a 10-2 record.

Girls Softball

The Monte Vista girls softball team beat San Ramon 3-1 on April 25 to go 10-3 overall and 4-1 in the EBAL one game behind first-place Foothill. Ace Mustang pitcher Stephanie Bregante allowed only three hits and had 10 strikeouts.

The Wolves are now 6-4 overall and 3-2 in the EBAL, one game behind the second-place Mustangs. ■

E-mail your results to sports@DanvilleWeekly.com or fax 837-8454.

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday

Baseball: Monte Vista at Livermore, 3:45 p.m.

San Ramon vs. Granada, 3:45 p.m.

Swimming: Monte Vista at San Ramon Valley

Boys Tennis

NCS Singles and Doubles Championships, May 5-6

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

Tuesday

Boys Volleyball: Monte Vista at Foothill, 6 p.m.

San Ramon vs. Livermore, 6 p.m.

Boys Tennis: NCS Team Championships, May 9, 11, 13

Girls lacrosse: San Ramon at Acalanes, 7 p.m.

Softball: San Ramon vs. Livermore, 4 p.m.

Wednesday

Baseball: Monte Vista at Foothill, 3:45 p.m.

San Ramon vs. Livermore, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday

Boys Volleyball: Monte Vista vs. San Ramon Valley, 6 p.m.

Track and Field: EBAL Trials Varsity, 4-8 p.m.

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Donna Bruner reads her Weekly in the jungles of Northern Thailand w three-day trek with friends. She said soon after this photo was taken, dentally dropped the newspaper, an elephant scooped it up in his trunk to his mouth and ate it. Good reading, good eating!



Jessie and Benny Lee share their Weekly with Joey relatives in Sydney, Australia.

Readers take us along!

One year later, we're still going strong—all over the world

It's been one year since the first issue of the Danville Weekly came out, on May 6, 2005. Perhaps the most gratifying response we have received from our readers has been photos submitted from those who brought the newspaper along on vacations all over the world. How wonderful to see the Danville Weekly riding atop an elephant in Northern Thailand! How great to see the smiling faces of a class of seventh-graders posing with their "hometown paper" in the rainforest of Costa Rica!

What better way to celebrate our first birthday than to share some of these travel photos in the newspaper. So far we have received 88 photos and we have printed 44 of them before this issue. This two-page spread will help us get caught up but we hope we always have enough so each week we can show our readers where their neighbors have traveled. Thanks so much to all of you who have taken us along on your adventures plus gone to the trouble to get a photograph of yourselves with the paper and send it to us. It's not always easy to set up that shot.

We have a big map of the world hanging in our office with pins to show where the Danville Weekly has traveled. Drop by at 315 Diablo Road to check it out. We have been to 14 states, 30 countries and six of the seven continents. Does anyone have a trip planned to Antarctica?

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli, Editor



Lulu waits patiently for "mom" Jane Ann Gass to put down her Weekly while on holiday in Florida. They were on vacation before Lulu went to the Paws with a Cause headquarters in Michigan to complete her training to be an assistance dog.



Blackhawk resident Rebecca Papesh reads in front of Gaudi's in Barcelona. Her husband Mike was attending a convention and daughter Lauren in France, where she is spending a semester.



Tim, Nick and Leslie Szumowki knew from the time they began in New Zealand that they were bringing along the Danville Weekly Doubtful Sound in Fiordland National Park.

ABOVE: Scout leaders (l-r) Chris Knaus, Jeff Mason, Steve Lipson and Gary Fox pause to read about the Iron Horse Trail while backpacking on the Kalalau Trail on the Na Pali Coast of Kauai in February.



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Charlotte and Gary Anderson at Lake Atitlan in Guatemala while in Central America for a week in April. They also went to El Salvador and saw many volcanoes.



Charlotte Wood Middle School seventh-graders, led by Debbie Williams, as they prepare to zipline through the different layers of the Costa Rica rainforest while studying biology during spring break.



Science teacher Annie Vargas' seventh-graders from Charlotte Wood prepare for their zipline adventure in the rainforest in Monteverde, Costa Rica. They also went white water rafting and observed the lava flow of the Arenal Volcano.



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The Monte Vista High School Jazz Band with director Chris Pearson reads more than music.



Students from Los Cerros Middle School arrive at Ellis Island during a spring break trip to New York.



Sagrada Familia Cathedral and afterward they visited abroad with Chico State.



Sean and Caroline Carey of Alamo take a break from skiing at Homewood in Lake Tahoe during their winter break from Green Valley Elementary School.



These Blackhawk women brought along two copies of the Weekly when they traveled to Acapulco: (l-r) Lynne Egan, Barbie Wickham, Lori Guidry, Lisa Bavelock, Marie Popelar, Karo Dean, Betsy Jenkins, Ginny Brison and Debbie Roof.



gan to plan their trip to ky. This photo was taken at



Mark, Sherri, Sabrina, Danielle and Kaylee Mullins enjoy a Christmas Caribbean cruise on the Grand Princess. They traveled with members of their extended family to Belize, Grand Cayman and Cozumel before returning to port in Texas.



The Snow Chasers found plenty of what they were looking for at Sun Peaks, British Columbia, Canada, in March.



Katie Morehouse of Alamo enjoys her Weekly while visiting Angkor Wat in Cambodia in December with husband Fred Morehouse and friend Ann Maier.



Diablo resident Gun L. Johnston, a retired Danville teacher, said she'd been fascinated by the name Machu Picchu from the time she was a child in Sweden. She visited Peru in February when the steep last mile of the Inca trail was sometimes obscured by clouds, which would soon clear, affording a breathtaking view.



Olive Gidman reads a Weekly next to a statue of Gen. Eisenhower in London, England, after she completed her application for a visa. She'd just returned from visiting her daughter in Danville and wants to return to live.



Jordan and Devin Pontious left the rainy Bay Area during spring break to enjoy Soak City in Palm Springs.



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Uncorking their dream

After years of fermenting, wine lovers' vision comes to fruition

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

The uncorked bottle of Sauvignon Blanc gently releases the subtle citrus scent of grapefruit and green apple.

Pour the chilled white wine for a pyramid of clear crystal glasses and surround them with silvery plates of crab, halibut and beef lo mein. Add 100 cheery friends to the mix, and all the elements will harmonize to exude an aura of ecstasy and laughter.

Yes, the love of wine and the company of others swayed Danville resident Michael Schmahl and his family away from corporate America to make a living selling their unique varieties of wine, such as their Sauvignon Blanc.

About five years ago, the family—Michael, his wife Gretchen and his brother-in-law Chris—bought a vineyard and started a winemaking company called Gann Family Cellars in Healdsburg, along the Russian River.

Above: The Gann Family Vineyards in Healdsburg sit under the open sky. Below left: Grapes from the Schmahls' vineyards; Christopher Knedel and Michael Schmahl hold glasses of wine in their cellars. Below right: The Schmahl family—Gretchen and Michael, with daughters Natalie and Elizabeth; a view of their vineyards. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SCHMAHL FAMILY



“We live in one of the best wine countries in the planet,” said Michael Schmahl. “I love wine as a product. I love making it and sharing it. It’s a relatively new venture. It has a lot of excitement and challenges.”

“It’s chasing a dream,” he added.

“Wine tasting is a happy thing to do,” said his wife Gretchen.

Gann Family Cellars—named after Michael’s Virginian ancestors who were involved in agriculture—has already produced two varieties of white wine and three varieties of red. In addition to the Sauvignon Blanc, the company has made a Chardonnay that is ready to be released.

For the red, the Cellars has a brand of Merlot; a Petite Sirah, which is a dark inky color flavored in cranberry, plum and black cherry; and an Alexander Valley Syrah, which contains a complexity of flavors such as blackberry and black currant and dashes of black pepper and clove spice.

Michael said his company harvests the freshest fruit to make its wines. His wine products received the Gold Medal Award in 2005 at the L.A. County Wine Fair where more than 3,000 wineries participate each May.

He added that his wine received the best in class of the five wineries that received the Gold Medal Award.

“We want to make the best wine,” he said.

Michael is the chief executive officer for Gann Family Cellars, and Gretchen designs the logos and graphics. Brother-in-law Christopher Knedel is the winemaker. Knedel studied winemaking at UC Davis, which has one of the best winemaking programs in the country, Michael said.

He said that though his company is still in its infancy, it has already sold wines to businesses in Northern and Southern California. He said Safeway, Blackhawk Grille, Bridges Restaurant in Danville and Bing Crosby’s Restaurant in Walnut Creek carry their wine.

Michael said starting Gann Family Cellars was a dream of his. He has a long history in Northern California that began in 1871 when one of his ancestors, Isaac W. Gann, moved to the Golden Coast to purchase 154 acres of agricultural land.

He grew up in Orinda. “I had a great childhood,” he said. He played soccer and baseball throughout his teenage years. After graduating from high school, he went to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and met Gretchen.

Gretchen grew up in the small town of Quincy, which is between Chico and Lake Tahoe.

“It’s a small little world,” she said. “You feel sheltered. Half the people want to explore the world.”

At Cal Poly, she studied graphic communications. Her creative talents and background in visual design made her a perfect fit in creating the logos for the company.

“That’s her strength,” said Michael.

When Michael was a member of a fraternity and Gretchen a member of a sorority, they met through friends. As they got to know each other better, they realized there was a connection.

“We would complete each other’s sentences,” said Gretchen.

After graduating in 1986, they married in 1988 and had two children. Elizabeth attends Charlotte Wood Middle School, and Natalie attends Sycamore Valley Elementary.

The couple’s interest in wine, which had started in college, began to grow.

“Although we were introduced to wine and the emerging wine country of the Central Coast, our interest in wine grew significantly after our return to the Bay Area,” said Michael.

He said that while attending graduate school at Saint Mary’s College, he studied the wine industry, analyzed the underlying economics, compared different business models, and built a comprehensive business plan to pursue his dream.

And after he received his master’s in business administration, he said he put his passion for wine, his brother-in-law’s skills in winemaking, and his knowledge of sound investing together.

For 20 years, he worked in the corporate world, including PeopleSoft. He said one of the big differences in being part of a corporation as opposed to owning one’s business is perspective.

He said working in a large firm a person does not see in-depth the other functions in running a company. But as the owner of Gann Family Cellars, he said he “sees the big picture” and all the parts that make a business move forward.

He also noted there is some anxiety in being an entrepreneur.

In 2001, his family members began seriously researching vineyard properties. They evaluated 80 different properties in Napa and Sonoma and eventually found a vineyard in Healdsburg.

“The vineyard is absolutely stunning and beautiful. It’s peaceful,” he said. “We’re still in launch mode and we’re almost to full production.”

“The dream someday is to open our own winery,” he added.

Now, being experts and entrepreneurs for a several years, their knowledge of wine has fermented into a purer form. Michael and Gretchen said they laughed at several moments in the film “Sideways” but found irony in the film’s main character deriding Merlot. The character Miles chided Merlot but loved Cheval Blanc, which has Merlot in it, Michael said.

“The film did Merlot a disservice,” said Michael. “Is it a social commentary that wine tasters are snobs? I don’t know.”

For more information about Gann Family Cellars, visit its Web site at <http://www.gannvineyards.com>. ■



Many winners at Bingo for Breast Cancer

Michelle Christensen, Katherine Singleton and Sarah Wells earned their Girl Scout Silver Award by hosting a Girl Scout Leader/Daughter Event for more than 100 moms and daughters Sunday, April 23, at the Sycamore Clubhouse. The theme was Bingo for Breast Cancer, and the girls invited a breast cancer survivor to speak about breast cancer awareness and the importance of self breast examination. The girls distributed cards that demonstrated the proper procedure for thorough self breast exam. Also, 24 Hour Fitness donated 10-day passes to its exercise facilities for everyone who attended. The afternoon was filled with bingo games, fun, and prizes for all. Plus the girls collected \$240 to be donated toward breast cancer research.



TERESA WELLS

Brownie help for hospital

Brownie Troops 2510 and 1271 from Tassajara Hills Elementary gathered donations of arts and crafts supplies for Children's Hospital Oakland to celebrate Girl Scout Week. The supplies were donated to the hospital for the young patients' art room.

AT THE MOVIES

CinéArts @ Pleasant Hill: 2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill (687-1100)
Century 14 Walnut Creek: 1201 Locust St., Walnut Creek (937-7025)
Blackhawk Movie 7: 4175 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville (736-0368)
Crow Canyon 6: 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon (820-4831)
Hacienda Crossings 20/ Regal Imax Theater: 5000 Dublin Blvd., Dublin (560-9600)
Vine Cinema: Corner of First and South O streets, Livermore (447-2545)
Internet address: For show times, visit the Danville Weekly Online Edition at www.DanvilleWeekly.com/

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

Akeelah and the Bee (PG)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:35 a.m., 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20 p.m.
An American Haunting (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:40 a.m., 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35 p.m.
Benchwarmers (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:25 a.m., 1:35, 6:55, 9:20 p.m.
Friends With Money (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8, 10:10 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:10, 2:30, 4:40, 7:05, 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:45 a.m., 4:05 p.m.
Hoot (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 11 a.m., Sun-Tues 9:20 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40 p.m.
Ice Age 2 (G)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m., 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10 p.m.
Inside Man (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:55 a.m., 4, 7, 9:55 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 12:55, 6:20, 9:20 p.m.
Kinky Boots (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10 p.m.
Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 11, 11:45 a.m., 12:30, 1:15, 2, 2:40, 3:25, 4:10, 4:55, 5:35, 6:20, 7:05, 7:50, 8:30, 9:15, 10 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 3:45, 7, 9:50 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 10:45 a.m., Sun-Tues 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:30, 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 p.m.; DLP 11 a.m., 2, 5, 8, 11 p.m.; Giant Screen 10 a.m., 4, 7, 10 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Sun 11:10 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 p.m.; No show Fri 11:10 a.m., Sun 9:45 p.m.; Mon-Tues 2:45, 5:15, 7:45 p.m.
Promise (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:25, 6:50, 9:15 p.m.
RV (PG)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 10:50 a.m., 1:20, 4, 7:20, 9:40 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:40 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:55, 11:40 a.m., 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:05, 7, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10 p.m.
Scary Movie 4 (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:05 a.m., 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:30 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:35 a.m., 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 10:05 p.m.
Silent Hill (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 12:45, 3:45, 6:50, 9:55 p.m.
Stick It (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Sun 11:45 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7, 9:15 p.m.; No show Fri 11:45 a.m., Sun 9:15 p.m.; Mon-Tues 3, 5:10, 7:30 p.m.
Take the Lead (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 7:40, 10:15 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 3:55 p.m.
Thank You for Smoking (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 6:55, 9:45 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tues noon, 2:35, 5, 7:15, 9:55 p.m.
The Sentinel (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 7:30, 10 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 11:10 a.m., Sun-Tues 10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:10 a.m., 12:55, 3:50, 6:35, 9:15 p.m.
The Wild (G)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m., 1:25, 3:30, 5:40 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35 p.m.
United 93 (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10:05 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 11:20 a.m., Sun-Tues 9:30 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10, 11:20 a.m., 12:50, 2:15, 3:40, 4:50, 6:40, 7:50, 9:25, 10:40 p.m.
V for Vendetta (R)	Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 1 p.m.
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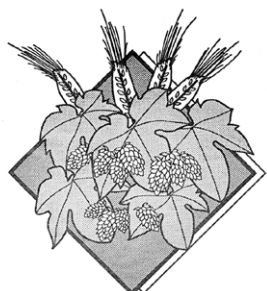
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Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

The 1868 Earthquake— The original “Big One”

The 1868 earthquake was the “Big One” for Bay Area residents before 1906. A major earthquake on the Hayward fault, now estimated at 6.8 on the Richter scale, affected areas 175 miles away from the epicenter in Hayward.

According to the Contra Costa Gazette of Oct. 24, 1868: “At Walnut Creek, Alamo, Danville and San Ramon the shock was particularly severe. The upper front and rear walls of the two-story brick building of Alamo, owned by the Masonic Lodge, were thrown down and the building otherwise damaged. The one-story brick store, belonging to Mr. Peel, at Danville also lost a part of its front wall ... So far as we have any record or tradition, the earthquake of Wednesday morning last was altogether the most violent and alarming that has occurred here since this portion of our coast has been known to civilized men.”

In Charlotte Wood’s “Rambling Reminiscences,” she wrote that 1868 was a memorable year “because of the big earthquake which occurred on October 21 ... Mother said the branches of the old oak swept the earth with its force; the stone milk-house was wrecked; plastering ripped from the wall and ceilings of the residence; chimneys turned half way around. The quake came evidently from east to west, skimming the milk in the milk-house which housed the milk of the then large dairy.

“Father and sister Libbie were in San Francisco that morning, and when they returned home that evening, they found some of the neighbors here, beds made up on the dining room floor, but no one slept!”

Two buildings linked to the San Ramon Valley’s history were demolished by the quake: the 1809 adobe church at Mission San Jose and the two-story adobe home which Jose Maria Amador had built on his Rancho San Ramon headquarters. In mission times,

cattle from Mission San Jose were grazed in this area. The large mission church fell because a new priest removed the buttresses that supported the north wall; it was not restored until 1985.

Amador happened to be near his old adobe house in Dublin during the earthquake. An interview by W. H. in the Oakland Daily Evening Tribune on June 10, 1875, stated “he (Amador) was traveling in the valley that bears his name during the occurrence of the memorable earthquake of 1868. It was his last time to visit his old Alameda Home ... The trees seemed to bend to the ground and he saved himself from falling by clinging to a tree. Many buildings ... were completely demolished. The old adobe church at the ex-Mission of San Jose was ruined.”

This quake damaged or destroyed every building in Hayward, moved Mount Tamalpais several feet, and awakened John Muir in Yosemite. Every house in Hayward was moved off its foundation. Thirty people were killed in San Leandro.

The Oct. 31 Gazette finally asserted: “People generally are inclined to adopt the comfortable conclusion that nature will require a long period of repose after so great a labor and will not soon disturb us again with such a spasm.”

Sources: *Contra Costa Gazette (1868)*, *Charlotte Wood’s “Rambling Reminiscences”* and the *Oakland Tribune*.

—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.”

Photo: Charlotte Wood recalled the earthquake of 1868 in her “Rambling Reminiscences.”



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- Valley Humane Society tour: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, May 7; 10 gardens in Pleasanton with focus on design, fountains, flower and shrub combination, barbecues and fireplaces, and decks and patios. For ticket information, call 918-0799.
- Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour on Sunday, May 7: 65 pesticide-free, water conserving gardens in the East Bay, including Danville, that provide habitat for wildlife and at least 30 percent plants native to the area. Reservations for this tour closed April 20 but it is an annual event.
- Garden Tour by Danville-Alamo Branch of the American Association of University Women: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, Mother's Day weekend. Light refreshments plus eight delightful homes: Hydrangea Heaven, Casual Elegance; Remarkable Renovation; Natural and Spacious, Water World, Venerable View Garden, Heritage Trees with a Stream and Formal Italian Villa. Checks for \$25 to “Danville-Alamo AAUW EF” must be mailed today, May 5, AAUW Garden Tour, 310 Alviso Way, Danville 94526. For late tickets, for \$30, call Tena at 837-0826 or e-mail gardentour@aauw-da.org.
- Greenbrook and Baldwin elementary schools' annual neighborhood Kitchen & Garden Tour: Sunday, May 21; 1-4 p.m. for tour; 3:30-5 p.m. for wine, catered delights and vendor boutique. Check-in begins at school at 12:45 p.m., for \$35 (\$30 if tickets bought earlier). Ten kitchens and/or gardens.
- Personal Sanctuaries Spring Garden Tour benefits Breast Cancer Research: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 20, in and around Danville. Advance tickets for \$25 available at Artscape, 1161 Alpine Road, Walnut Creek. Call 944-1544. Includes garden tours, a garden tea party, botanical art and silent auctions. Tickets are \$30 the day of the event.
- Memories in the Garden to benefit Valley Oak Respite Center, a not-for-profit licensed adult day care for seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia, in Danville: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 3; reception and silent auction from 3-5 p.m. Seven private gardens; tickets are \$25. Call Carmen at 997-3831; or Natasha at 945-8040, ext. 15.

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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL



Moms deserve breakfast in bed

Most of us "kids" think we have the best mom in the whole wide world ... and we do! She's the best because she's our mom and the person to whom our hearts will be forever tethered. There are so many fantastic moms out there like her (well, almost). It's only fitting that a day be set aside to celebrate, love and indulge her a bit. But that's easier said than done. Since moms are at the center of our lives, plans and activities, it's pretty hard to plan an indulgence for her—much less a surprise—without her becoming suspicious or getting intricately involved.

When I was a little girl, I tried to surprise my mom with breakfast in bed one Mother's Day. Poor mom: By the time she directed me to the essential materials (linens, tray, waffle iron, etc.), fielded all my questions about making waffles, and forced herself to stay in bed when, all around her, chaos was breaking out, I'm sure the horizontal breakfast was not worth the pre-meal anxiety (and post-meal cleanup) it took to let her daughter pull it off! (It's a wonder some restaurateur didn't invent the Mother's Day Brunch Buffet far earlier in the century.) The strongest memory I have from that Mother's Day fiasco was not the infinite number of burnt waffle pieces strewn across the kitchen counter and floor or the long hairline crack I put in the saucer to my mother's favorite porcelain cup but the hurried precision with which she orchestrated, from her bed throne, our family's selecting outfits and dressing for church, all the while appearing to be relaxed and enjoying her leisure as I spilled (oops, I meant served!) breakfast in bed.

But that was more than a few decades ago. Surprising mom on Mother's Day should be a lot easier in this high-tech, new-age world, shouldn't it? Actually, the modern day family has more conveniences but less free time to focus on shared family fun or cooking. Still, there's nothing quite as special as a tray of hot coffee and food delivered to your bedside before you've had a chance to shift into overdrive for the day. And, to a mom, it must feel like the first day of a honeymoon or spa retreat.

A breakfast tray fit for your queen!

- Use a silver tray, flat wicker basket, oversized art book or inverted cardboard box-top. Line or cover it with a linen cloth. (Hint: To save mom from worrying about spills on her best linens, use a nice pillowcase or washable tea towel.)
- Create a mini-vase with a cordial glass, empty spice jar or bottle cap and place a single bloom in it. Or lay a single flower on the tray.
- Position the dishes and utensils on the tray. (Hint: Let an adult carry the beverages.)
- For special touches, add one or more of these as space allows: A small framed photo of you and Mom, a piece of ceramic artwork created by you from years past, a memento of a previous vacation (e.g., sea shells) or family event (ticket stubs), your baby picture, a piece of jewelry you gave mom once, a scented votive candle, a handmade card.
- As a final touch, give mom a few slips of paper with words like "big kiss" and "snuggly hug" written on them. Tell her to use them to reward her chefs/servers with tips for a job well done!

With many a desperate housewife or working mom needing some down time, I've planned a simple Mother's Day Breakfast-in-Bed Menu with two alternate entrees (recipes marked * are given here and/or at www.DanvilleWeekly.com). Everything is simple to make and relies on advance prep or store-baked assistance to minimize Sunday's stress. I hope they will strike your fancy. After all, mothers everywhere are counting on a laid-back, chilled-out Sunday morning with the paper ... and the dogs ... and the kids ... and hubby ... and breakfast in bed. Epicure wishes a "Happy Mother's Day" to all you, good cookin' Mamas!


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Mother's Day Breakfast-in-Bed Menu

Entrée #1: Banana Mini-Pancakes served with Crème Fraiche and Smoked Salmon*

Entrée #2: Poached Eggs with Asparagus and Hollandaise Sauce*
Very Berry Parfait*
"Orange-U the Best Mom Ever?" Cocktail*
Lazy Latte* or De-caffeinated Earl Grey Tea

Banana Mini-Pancakes served with Crème Fraiche and Smoked Salmon (serves 2)

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup milk
1 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
1/2 ripe banana, mashed
1/2 cup crème fraiche
4-6 slices, smoked salmon (Note: For a no-meat alternative, substitute Morningstar Farms Soy-Sausage Bits)

1. Preheat oven to 175 degrees.
2. Prepare dry pancake mix: Whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Add egg, milk and butter; whisk until combined but

slightly lumpy.

3. Heat skillet or grill and add 1 Tbsp. oil. Form small pancakes, each about 3 inches in diameter; cooking them until golden brown with crispy edges. As you cook, transfer them to the oven to keep warm.

4. On a plate, top several pancakes with crème fraiche and add salmon slices to side.

Serve with honey if desired.

Poached Eggs with Asparagus and Hollandaise Sauce (serves 2)

2 egg yolks
1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. water
Salt, white pepper and cayenne pepper to taste
4 eggs
1/2 lb. asparagus, trimmed
The night before or morning of:

1. Prepare the sauce:
 - a. Assemble double boiler and heat water in lower pot.
 - b. In a bowl, whisk yolks, lemon juice and water, add to double boiler and whisk constantly until mixture begins to thicken, then whisk 1 minute longer.
 - c. Season to taste with salt, white pepper and cayenne pepper. Transfer

to a thermos bottle and refrigerate.

2. Steam asparagus until tender but firm. Refrigerate until ready to use.

The morning of:

3. Poach eggs in skillet with 1/4 inch of boiling water, using egg cups or holders, until they reach desired firmness.

4. Toast baguette pieces or bread slices and place on plate. Top each bread piece with 1 poached egg. Place several asparagus spears next to bread. Drizzle sauce over all.

Very Berry Parfait: In a champagne or wine glass, alternate layers of fruit yogurt with a mixture of fresh berries (blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, etc.), ending with a yogurt layer. Garnish with one fresh berry and a mint leaf.

"Orange-U the Best Mom Ever?" Cocktail: Mix equal parts orange juice and sparkling cider; add 1 jigger of pomegranate juice.

Lazy Latte: Fill a mug 3/4 full with coffee. Add 3 heaping spoons of General Foods International Fat-free French Vanilla Crème Café mix. Stir well; top off with whipped cream and cinnamon as desired.

Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

Artists Wanted

The Alamo Danville Artists' Society is looking for artists to submit work for the eighth annual Art in the Park on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Painters and three-dimensional artists are encouraged to apply soon for the few openings in these categories. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Norma Webb, 67 Hazelnut Court, San Ramon, CA 94583 or e-mail normawebb@comcast.net.

Author Visits

Author Visit and Discussion

Linda Donn, author of "The Little Balloonist," will be discussing her book over wine and heavy appetizers at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 5, at the Blackhawk Grille, 3540 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Cost is \$25. To reserve a spot, contact Carol Mascali at 352-7640 or cpmascali@aol.com. Space is limited.

Dinner with Kathryn Reiss

Come and join children's author Kathryn Reiss and the winners of the California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo Branch, Young Writers Contest for dinner and a celebration at 6 p.m., Friday, May 19, at Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$17 for CWC members; \$20 for non-members. Contact Camille Minichino at camille@minichino.com or (510) 881-8929.

Clubs

Alamo Cribbage Club

The club plays cribbage for fun. It meets at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday at the Safeway conference room, 200 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call 935-3325.

Bay Area Single Christians

BASC club is a free, large, online group with event listings for Christian single adults around the S.F. Bay Area. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bascingles/>.

Business Development Network

BDN is a group of professionals that share resources and develops business through relationships. It meets 7:45-9 a.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Denny's, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville. Call Bonnie at 648-0222.

Business Network International

The Danville Chapter of Business Network International, a world-wide networking organization that focuses on helping local businesses grow through building strong networking relationships, meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at Denny's Restaurant on Camino Ramon. For information, call Glenn Polanco at 831-3372.

Catholics@Work

Catholics@Work will be hosting John McGuckin, Lieutenant for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, to speak about life as a Catholic Christian in the Holy Land, from 6:45-8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Cost is \$20 for members and \$27 for non-members; buffet breakfast included. To register, visit www.catholicsatwork.org/EventDesc.aspx or call 389-0704.

Contra Costa Rose Society

The Contra Costa Rose Society will have a rose exhibit with cut roses from members' gardens from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at Navlet's, 2895 Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill. The public is also welcome to bring roses with names for display; please submit by 9 a.m. Call 681-1551 or visit www.ccrose.org.

Danville Mid-day Referral Group, BNI

Danville Mid-day Referral Group, a chapter of Business Network International, meets from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., every Wednesday, at Louka's, 267 Hartz in Danville. Call Fran Bates at 363-4327 or e-mail franbates@marykay.com.

Danville PM Toastmasters Club #1785

The club meets from 7:30-9 p.m., every Wednesday, at DVC, San Ramon Campus, Room 217, 3150 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon. Guests are welcome. For information call Debra Elmore at 934-3113 or visit www.danvilletoastmasters1785.com

Danville Rotary

The Danville Rotary meets at noon every Monday at the Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. For information, visit www.danvillero-tary.org.

Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary

The Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary Club meets for breakfast at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Join them for great fellowship and make a difference in your community and the world. Call Scott at 820-8242.

Diablo Black Men's Group

The Diablo Black Men's Group, which promotes fellowship in the Diablo Valley for black men and their families, meets at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 20, at the San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive. Visit www.dbmg.org.

Diablo Singles Dance Club

Diablo Singles Dance Club dances regularly the last Wednesday of the month from 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Arts Education Building, corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. The cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. All are welcome. The club will also host the 5th Saturday Big Band Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Saturday, April 29, at Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Call 837-2851.

Diablo Valley Single Parents

This group meets at 6:30 p.m., on various days each month, and at different locations in the valley. Contact Rich at abersr@toast.net or 838-9487.

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San Ramon Valley Exchange Club

The San Ramon Valley Exchange Club invites you to join them at noon, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Faz, 600 Hartz Ave., (sign in at 11:45 a.m.). Their next meeting on Wednesday, May 10, will feature "Living History - the AWM" talk given by David Behring, President of All Wars Memorial Foundation. RSVP 275-2412 or couchstepper@yahoo.com. The cost for lunch is \$16.

San Ramon Valley Historical Society

The Historical Society will host a Pioneer Nite Dinner Meeting with a presentation of the "Member of the Year" award and interesting speakers who will tell the history of their families. This event will be begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 18, at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane. Cost is \$20. For information and reservations, call Frances at 837-9382.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated

Mike Conklin, founder of Sentinels of Freedom, will be speaking at the clubs' next meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 11, at Garlic de Pasta, 3037 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. New members and visitors are wel-

come. For reservations, call Marilyn at 485-9869.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

The organization's next meeting will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 11, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Concerts

American Music Masters

The Danville Community Band will present "American Music Masters" at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 3, at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Reserved seating is \$14 for adults; \$12 for seniors; and \$10 for students. To order call 943-SHOW (943-7469) or visit www.dlrca.org. For information about the band, visit www.danville-band.org.

The Blackhawk Chorus

"Broadway Hits from the Past 100 Years" concert featuring Special Blend, Relativity and the Blackhawk Barbershoppers will benefit the Resurrection Lutheran Church. This concert will start at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 12, at the church, 7557 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Advance tickets are \$15. Call 828-1580 or visit www.restluthdublin.org.

The Murasake Ensemble

The Murasake Ensemble is a musical experience of sounds unlike any other, which "reaches into the inner spirit." It will perform at 5 p.m., Sunday, May 14, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. This event is free. Call 648-7000 or visit www.peacejourney.org/Jazz.

Events

"A Live Makeover Show"

Healing Place Church Women will be hosting a live makeover show with special guest and gold star mom, Marina Beyer from 12:30-2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Danville Grange, 743 Diablo Road. A special hair stylist from Louisiana will be the emcee. Tickets are \$20. Call 831-9123 or visit www.healingplacechurch.org.

Armed Forces Day

Celebrate Armed Forces Day on the USS Hornet Museum by witnessing simulated flight operations, mission briefings and by meeting former crew members, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 20, at 707 W. Hornet Ave., Alameda. A special family admission price of \$20 is being offered only on this day; regular admission is \$14 for adults and \$6 for children. Call

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Bringing Back Natives Garden Tour

A free garden tour will visit 65 pesticide-free, water-conserving gardens that provide habitat for wildlife and have more than 30 percent native plants, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 7. This event is free, registration is required and closes Thursday, April 20. Call (510) 236-9558, e-mail kathy@kathykramerconsulting.net, or visit www.bringingbackthenatives.net.

Celebrate Jewish Women

Chabad of Contra Costa Women's Circle will host Celebrate the Jewish Women with a delectable dinner catered by Milk and Honey of L.A., fine wines, goody bags and Chassidic scholar and speaker Shimonah Tzukunftnik. This event is from 5:30-9 p.m., Monday, May 15, at Walnut Creek Marriott, 2355 N. Main St. RSVP to Shtrernie Kagan at 209-1373.

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Family Stargazing BBQ

Save Mount Diablo will host a sunset BBQ and short hike at its Chaparral Spring property for star gazing that will be interpreted by St. Mary's professor Ron Olowin. Everyone will meet at the park at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 3, at the Three Springs Entry, March Creek Road, two miles east of Regency Drive. Guests should bring flashlights, warm clothing and a blanket. A \$5 donation per person is requested for the BBQ; RSVP by calling 947-3535 or jseelen@savemountdiablo.org.

Farmers Market

The Danville Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Saturday, at

the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Call 825-9090 or visit www.pcfma.com. Thursday night Farmers' Market will be from 4-8 p.m., May 11-Sept. 14.

Filoli Estate and Gardens Visit

Pleasant Hill Recreation is offering a day trip to visit the Filoli Estate and Gardens, from 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 20. The Filoli Estate and Gardens is known to be one of the finest country estates of the early 20th century. Tickets are \$25 and include bus, admission and the tour; deadline is May 4. The bus will pick people up in the Pleasant Hill Community Center parking lot, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. Call 682-0896.

Grizzly Peak Cyclists Ride

Bart Borland from Grizzly Peak Cyclists will lead a ride starting at the Park-N-Ride lot at Rudgear Road and I-680 and then riding over to Athenian

School, continuing to ascend up Mount Diablo. The descent will take you into Danville for coffee at Peet's. This ride takes place from 8:45 a.m.-noon every Tuesday until June 13. Contact Bart Borland at (510) 601-5062 or gborland@yahoo.com.

'Jump Start Your Summer' at the Alameda County Fair

The theme for the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton is "Jump Start Your Summer," beginning June 23-July 9 with concerts, funnel cakes, games and the fourth annual Cooking Academy. There will be special discounted days and discounted admission tickets for advance purchases; visit www.alamedacountyfair.com or call 426-7600.

Livermore Valley Wine Auction

Come and celebrate the spirit of the children in your community at the 12th annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction on Saturday, May 20, at the Wine Vineyards, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Call 447-WINE (447-9463) or visit www.livermorewine.com.

Oyster Point Bike Tour

Nick Maufe will be leading a ride of Oyster Point south-east section of Mount Diablo starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 13, meeting at Finley Croad, Riggs Canyon, north east of Blackhawk-Camino Tassajara. The ride will take you approximately 16 miles and to a 3,000 feet elevation. Rain cancels. For information, contact Nick at 719-2504 or nickmaufe@hotmail.com.

Realtor Round Table

This conference will include Realtors from Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Texas and presentations about their areas so buyers will feel more comfortable investing in different areas, at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, at the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. This event is free, but reservations are required. Call 395-2217.

Small-Fry Shoppe is Turning 5!

The Small-Fry Shoppe in downtown Danville will be celebrating its fifth birthday and rewarding its customers with 20 percent off spring and summer apparel Monday-Friday, May 1-5. The store is located at 155 Railroad Ave. Call 838-8885.

Spring Fest! for Families

The Danville Police Department and the town of Danville will be hosting a free family Spring Fest for all ages. This event will include performances, face painting and carnival games, raffles and more, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Danville Community Center. Call 314-3400.

Spring to Success Luncheon

Wardrobe for Opportunity will be hosting its 11th annual Spring to Success Luncheon to honor two Clients of the Year with a silent auction, award ceremony, drawings and a fabulous lunch from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, May 19, at the San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive. Jessica Aguirre from ABC 7 will MC the ceremony. Cost is \$75. Call (510) 463-4100, ext. 1, or visit www.wardrobe.org.

'Stand-Up Saturday!' Dinner and Show

Stacey's at Waterford in Dublin and Laugh-A-Lot Productions, are featuring a comedy show, "Stand-Up Saturday," 9 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at Stacey's at Waterford, 4500 Tassajara Road, Suite C, Dublin. Advanced tickets are \$10; \$15 at the door. Dinner patrons receive priority seating. Call 264-4413 or visit www.laughalotproductions.com.

Telescopes as Time Machines

Mt. Diablo Astronomical Society will host Experience Telescopes as Time Machines, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 20, meeting at the park, Lower Summit lot, Mt. Diablo Summit Museum. Plan to enter the North/South Gates by 6:45 p.m. Leader Jim Head can be contacted at outreach@mdas.net.

Tour of the Blackhawk Museum

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


Fundraisers

18th Annual Charity Auction

Pleasanton North Rotary will be hosting this charity event to benefit Danville's Wheelchair Foundation with a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing starting at 5 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Pleasanton Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive. For information, tickets or questions contact Ron Hyde at 846-2757, shundahal@comcast.net or www.pnr-rotary.org.

Athenian's Spring Fling Carnival

The Athenian School's sophomore class will be hosting a Spring Fling Carnival to raise funds for its activities, from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, May 6, 2100 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Danville. There will be a jump house, giant slide, dunk tank, food and much more! Free admission; \$1 per ticket per activity or \$20 for an all-day pass.



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Ellen Yang and her classmates from Foothill High School's Leadership Academy are hosting a benefit for the Taylor Family Foundation in Livermore, from noon-5 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. The Taylor Family Foundation provides Camp Arroyo for terminally ill children. Teams consisting of 5-7 people are required to raise a minimum of \$123. Information packets are available by contacting Melanie Gin at m_gin_state@yahoo.com.

Devil Mountain Run

The 29th annual Devil Mountain Run will begin with sign-in at 8 a.m., 5K, 10K and Kids Fun Run! all starting at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, May 7, in Downtown Danville on Railroad Avenue at Prospect. The day will end with awards, refreshments and live music by Christopher Ford Band. Registration can be done online (through noon, Friday, May 6) and through the mail (until Friday, April 28). Early fee is \$28 (\$13 for Kids Run ages 3-8); Race Weekend Fee is \$35 (\$15 for Kids Run) at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley parking lot. For information, contact RhodyCo at (415) 759-2690, www.childrenshospitaloakland.org or www.rhodyco.com.

Fourth Annual 'Stars and Cars' Dream Gala

Barry Sims, from the Oakland Raiders, and Foster a Dream will hold its fourth annual "Stars and Cars" Dream Gala to raise funds for Bay Area foster children. This event begins with a wine tasting for VIP ticket holders at 5:30 p.m., dinner, a comedy show and an auction at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Blackhawk Auto Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The rest of the night will include auctions, celebrity impersonators and other star guests. Tickets are \$150 per person. Contact Vanessa Kinney at (707) 747-0100 or vanessa@fosteradream.org.

Grateful Families Gala

The Grateful Families Program at Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland will be hosting the third annual gala to thank the doctors, nurses and hospital staff that have cared for their children. The night will begin with a cocktail reception and silent auction at 6 p.m., and dinner, a live auction, an awards ceremony and dancing at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Tickets are \$65 each. Call Tina Evans at (510) 428-3885, ext. 5767, or email tevens@mail.cho.org.

Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour

A benefit for the Valley Humane Society Adoption Center will be hosting a self-driven garden tour, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, May 7. There will be 10 gardens included in the tour; a map and brochure will be provided at the first garden. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at Valley Humane Society Adoption Center, 273 Spring St., Pleasanton, or by calling Charli Hyden at 918-0799.

Second Annual Wiggle Waggle Walk-A-Thon

This Walk-A-Thon will help defray costs for general operations at the Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton. This event will be 4-7 p.m., Saturday, June 3, at Robertson Park in Livermore. The walk will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the course will be flat and mostly paved. Walkers should bring bottled water; water stations will be available along the course for dogs. Registration is \$25 per person or walkers can raise pledges of \$50 or more. Registration forms are available at the Valley Humane Society or at Fleet Feet Sports, 310 Main St., Pleasanton., or by calling 426-8656.

Spring Boutique Sale

The MOMS Club and Children's Film Festival will be hosting a Spring Boutique Sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. This event will benefit a national charity, Mother to Mother Fund. Free refreshments will be provided, with drawing prizes and entertainment for the kids. For information, contact Cori at 803-8083.

Style with Substance Gala

Style with Substance Gala will be benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, hosted by Channel 5 personalities, and will include culinary delectations and confections, complimentary champagne, Spring Fashion show and more! This event will take place from 6-10 p.m., Sunday, May 7, at Aura, 4825 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased at the door or by calling Jenae at 462-2375.

Kids & Teens

Kids Day

Comerica Bank along with the Danville police and fire departments will celebrate kids safety awareness, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at the bank, 318 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville. There will be a special appearance by the Oakland A's mascot, Stomper, from 11 a.m.-noon

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Manners for Teens

Pleasant Hill Recreation will be offering "Modern Manners" for middle and high school students from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at the District Office Conference Room, 147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Topics will include cell phone use, dining etiquette, listening, showing gratitude and more. Cost is \$22. Call 682-0896.

Miscellaneous

Host Families Needed for German Exchange Students

Interested Danville families are needed to host one or two German exchange students from Aug. 9-30. Families are required to provide a bed in a shared or private room, meals and transportation to and from the weekday events. If you are interested or need more information, call Dawn Garlieb at 552-8017 or visit www.educulture.org.

On Stage

Disney's Aladdin Jr.

Walnut Creek Civic Arts Education presents Disney's Aladdin Jr. starting tonight at 7 p.m., Friday, May 5, and 2 and 7 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice

Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$11 for general admission and \$8 for seniors and children. For tickets, call 943-7469.

'Footloose'

St. Joan of Arc LIGHT Youth Ministry will open the Broadway musical "Footloose," at 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, May 4-6; Friday-Saturday, May 12-13 and at 6 p.m., Sunday, May 7 and 14, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the church or online at www.sjasr.org.

'Laughter on the 23rd Floor'

Center REPeritory Company will present Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" from May 18-June 17 at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, showing a hilarious behind-the-scenes peek into the writers' room for the Sid Caesar TV show. For tickets, call 943-7469.

S.T.A.G.E. Troupe Presents 'Godspell'

The 12th season of S.T.A.G.E. Troupe Musical Production presents "Godspell," at the School House Theatre in Pleasant Hill. The show starts at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 6. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. For information or for advance tickets call 682-0896.

Spiritual

Catholics@Work Breakfast Meeting

Catholics@Work will be hosting a breakfast series with an opportunity to network with people who are looking for a purpose and leadership in their lives, from 6:45-8:30 a.m., every second Tuesday of the month until June and September-December, at Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville. For information, call 389-0704 or visit www.catholicsatwork.org.

Volunteering

Alzheimer's Association

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

Assistance League of Diablo Valley

This chapter of the National Assistance League seeks new volunteer members to help with a wide range of philanthropic service projects

in many Contra Costa communities. These include vision screening in elementary schools, distributing clothing to school children in need, daily reassurance phone calls to homebound elderly and handicapped clients, and staffing the chapter's Lafayette thrift shop. Call 934-0901 or visit <http://diablovalley.assistanceleague.org>.

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.

Child Abuse Prevention Council

The Contra Costa County Child Abuse Prevention Council needs volunteer speakers for the community education program. Volunteers must complete a mandatory 24-hour speaker's training course. For information, call 946-9961.

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art

The academy seeks new volunteers and members to help with tasks ranging from bookkeeping to recruiting instructors. The group meets noon-1 p.m., the second Friday of the month at Richard's Art & Craft Store, 225 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call Beth Batchelor at 837-5654.

Devil Mountain Run Needs You!

Race weekend volunteers are needed all for the Devil Mountain Run activities. Help out, have fun and get a T-shirt! For information, call (415) 759-2690 or email nancy@rhodyco.com.

Diablo Valley Literacy Council

The Diablo Valley Literacy Council (DVLC) is looking for volunteers to help non-English speaking adults learn how to read, write and speak English. There will be three tutor-training workshops held: Saturday, May 6; Tuesday, May 9; and Saturday, May 13, at DVLC, 4000 Clayton Road, Concord. There is a non-refundable \$15 registration fee. For information or to register, call Jane at 938-0139.

Help Your Senior Neighbors

A lot of Danville seniors need rides to their appointments, stores or to special events. The Seniors' Club at Veterans Memorial Hall is looking for volunteers to provide rides on an "as-needed basis" on one or more Mondays a month. Call Jenn Overmore at 314-3476 for more information.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and oth-

ers about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. Call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Make a Difference

Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living (RCJL) in Danville provides assisted living, Alzheimer's and skilled nursing care in a community our residents call home. Volunteers play a key role at RCJL and opportunities are available for students and adults. For information, call Volunteer Coordinator Irma at 964-2098.

Outdoor Adventure Faire Needs You

Remember the thrill of that bite, hook up, the fight and the landing? Help Christ's Kids Sports Ministry bring that excitement to a child by volunteering at the fishing program of its Outdoor Adventure Faire from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. Call Jim at 820-3874.

Project Second Chance

Help an adult to read, write or spell better with Project Second Chance (PSC) and the Contra Costa Country Library adult literacy program. Training will begin from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 3 and will continue from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 6 and 13, at the PSC office, 75 Santa Barbara Rd., Pleasant Hill. For information, call 927-3250 or e-mail psc@ccclib.org.

Regional Medical Center

The Contra Costa Regional Medical Center needs volunteers to work in patient services, gift shop or at the information desk. For an application or information, call Julie Kelley, Volunteer Coordinator, at 370-5441.

Rides for Seniors in Lafayette

Rides for Seniors, based in Lafayette, is looking for volunteers (25 years and older) to allow seniors "to age in place" in their homes and be safe when transported to a doctor appointment or grocery shopping. If you are available for a couple of hours periodically, call 284-6699. Fingerprinting and DMV background check required.

Search and Rescue

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team needs volunteer members to respond to missing person incidents, disasters and other critical incidents. Team members are on call 24/7 year round. The program provides required training including wilderness traveling, first aid, map and compass, tracking disaster response and search skills, and may additionally include special training for canine, equestrian, technical, mountain bike or other rescue skills. For information and applications, visit www.contracostasar.org or call 646-4461.

Trails Maintenance

East Bay Trail Dogs is an all-volunteer group that has built, repaired and helped maintain single-track trails in the East Bay Regional Park District, the Mt. Diablo State Park, and Walnut Creek open space. Volunteers meet the fourth Saturday and one weekday each month. To participate, call Harry at 443-3925.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) will be offering volunteer orientations from 1-2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 28, at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS), 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin. For information, contact Cathy Bergren at 426-2472 or calico-cathy@yahoo.com

Volunteer Interpreters

The California Medical Association seeks community volunteer interpreters for Contra Costa County to assist physicians when other interpretation resources are not an option. If you possess a proficiency in any foreign language and experience interpreting in a health care setting, you are encouraged to apply. Contact CMA at (866) 241-4262, or e-mail community-vip@cmanet.org.

shop on the shaping and pruning techniques of bonsai. This event will begin at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 18, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Attendees will be entered in a drawing to win a free bonsai tree.

California Vacation Land

The Blackhawk Auto Museum will be hosting a hands-on family program by Robin Wiley where she will take you on a road trip across California without ever leaving your seat. This event is from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, June 25, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Creating a Loving Relationship With Your Body

Are you constantly striving to change yourself into the "ideal" woman? Constance Smith will talk on rediscovering a loving relationship with yourself from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 11, at Blackhawk Country Club's Terrace Room, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive. Cost is \$25 per person, continental breakfast included. Contact Constance at constance.smith@sbcglobal.net to reserve your spot.

Historic Trans Am Racing Lecture

The Blackhawk Museum presents Historic Trans Am Racing, its 40th Anniversary Tour, from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 27, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The lecture will kick off the tour and Trans Am cars will be on display. Lecture is free with paid admission. Call Jon Hart at 736-2277, ext. 248, or visit www.blackhawkauto.org.

In Search of El Dorado

The Blackhawk Auto Museum will be hosting a hands-on family funshops "In Search of El Dorado" by Robin Wiley from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, May 21, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Learn the meaning behind Spanish-named cars, participate in silversmithing, and make Mexican paper flowers. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 736-2288 or visit www.blackhawkauto.org.

Lead Group for B2B Business Developers

This event will include instruction on the development of your business and will be from 7:45-10 a.m., Thursday, May 18, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin. Cost is free; \$40 for non-members, including breakfast. Call 201-3410 or visit www.b2bpowerexchange.com/dublin.htm.

Memory Switchplate Workshop

Artist Kristina Young will be teaching a workshop from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Participants will create a collage light switch plate adorned with family photos, buttons or small objects. Registration is required. Cost is \$40 per person. Call 295-1417.

Operations Start-Up, Monitoring, HR

This event will include business organization development processes and will be from 8:30-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 24, at Carr American Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. This event is free, but registration is required. Call 960-1600 or visit www.techventures.org.

Real Estate Investment Expo

GeoPoint Research Systems will present a workshop, "Real Estate Investment Expo: How to Buy With 20 Percent Instant Equity," from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at San Ramon Marriot, 2600 Bishop Drive. This event is free, but registration is required; visit www.nwbuexpo.com/location.html.

The Art of Floral Arranging with Tina Quaintance

Leku Eder will be hosting an Art of Living series and will begin with two floral arranging workshops. The first workshop, "The Art of Table-Scapes," will be from 11 a.m.-noon; and the second workshop, "The Art of Ikebana" will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Thursday, May 11, at the new location: 178 E. Prospect Ave., Danville. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 820-8012 or visiting the store.

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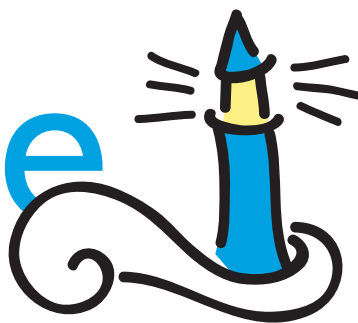
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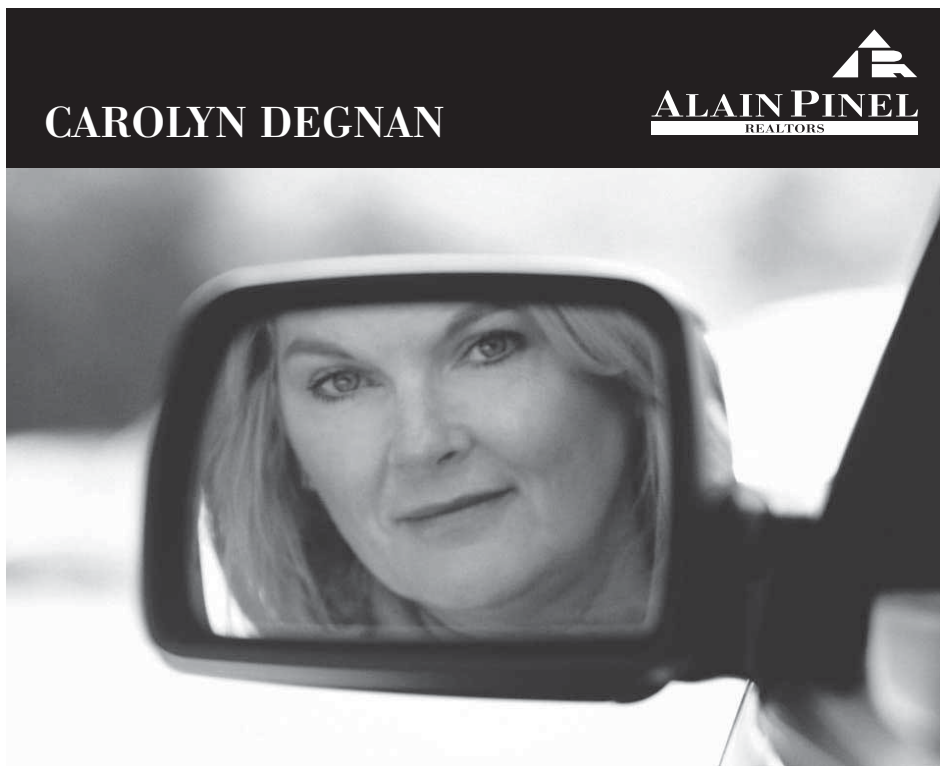
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- 2 Bedrooms**
- 216 Garden Creek** \$499,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 977-8965
- 527 Sycamore Cir.** \$525,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 791-2580
- 604 Hartley Dr.** \$574,990
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 457-6960
- 658 Morninghome Rd.** \$625,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4075
- 1165 Sunshine Dr.** \$699,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 217-5017
- 2198 Shoshone Cir.** \$700,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 984-1787

3 Bedrooms

- 114 Rassani** \$1,150,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4159
- 311 Prospect Ave.** \$1,365,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 648-5374
- 4 Danville Oak Pl.** \$689,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 413-1068
- 434 Winfield Ln.** \$829,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 217-5050
- 1653 Brush Creek Pl.** \$845,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Liberty Properties 963-7428
- 35 Mt. Valley Pl.** \$849,900
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk 484-2104
- 27 Nob Hill Dr.** \$850,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 943-3333
- 208 Promenade** \$853,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 699-3527
- 42 Casablanca St.** \$859,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 833-1822
- 708 Oakmont Ct.** \$889,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 837-5679
- 248 Abigail Cir.** \$925,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 314-2428

4 Bedrooms

- 605 Ambience Wy.** \$1,079,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 323-6735
- 591 Bridgewater Rd.** \$1,135,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 683-5165
- 795 Brookside** \$1,199,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4155
- 13 Meadowlark Ct.** \$1,224,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4022
- 214 Sabina Ct.** \$1,399,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 943-3333
- 41 Diamond Dr.** \$1,499,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 800-492-6365
- 310 Amelia** \$1,585,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 317-5048
- 576 Del Amigo Rd.** \$3,985,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 217-5048
- 840 Glasgow Cir.** \$949,000
Sun 2-5 p.m. By Owner 858-0981
- 14 Woodranch Cir.** \$959,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Empire 217-3112
- 605 Glasgow Cir.** \$960,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 519-6838
- 108 St. Edwards Ct.** \$979,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 876-6935

5 Bedrooms

- 45 Vicenza Ct.** \$1,199,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4046
- 1085 Yorkshire Pl.** \$1,329,000
Sat 1-5 p.m. Intero 286-7087
- 742 Danville Blvd.** \$1,399,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 998-9747
- 15 Discovery Ct.** \$1,625,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord 838-4100
- 6 Maplewood Ct.** \$1,699,000
Sun 2-5 p.m. Intero 855-4072
- 37 Lily Ct.** \$999,999
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4072

Hardy Ct. (5 homes available) \$mid 900,000
Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Heritage 997-3966

6 Bedrooms

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

Diablo

4 Bedrooms

21 Calle Del Casarillo \$1,895,000
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5 Bedrooms

1528 Avenida Nueva \$2,848,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. UCB 831-6230

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3 Bedrooms

2027 Danville Blvd. \$799,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4155

4 Bedrooms

- 1456 Paseo Nogales** \$1,200,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 943-3333
- 151 Pebble Ln.** \$1,448,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3329
- 117 Samantha Ct.** \$1,499,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 943-3333
- 30 Vernal Ct.** \$1,725,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 217-3126
- 1606 Litina Ln.** \$1,799,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 323-6735
- 2139 Las Trampas Rd.** \$3,650,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 736-1666

5 Bedrooms

- 94 Park Meadow Ct.** \$1,295,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4155
- 1427 Vine Ln.** \$1,395,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 998-3098

Blackhawk

3 Bedrooms

11 Deer Meadow Ct. \$1,298,000
Sun 2-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk 736-4155

4 Bedrooms

- 311 Live Oak Dr.** \$1,299,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Heritage 577-4004
- 520 Blackhawk Club Dr.** \$1,525,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Blackhawk 683-5689

5 Bedrooms

33 Liquid Amber Ct. \$1,345,000
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk 510-406-4836

Walnut Creek

2 Bedrooms

- 1919 Ygnacio Villy Rd., #36** \$379,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 648-5354
- 52 Iron Horse Ln.** \$629,900
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Intero 487-2629

3 Bedrooms

- 72 Iron Horse Ln.** \$769,900
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Intero 487-2629
- 1940 San Luis Rd.** \$824,800
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 457-4551
- 475 Le Jean Wy.** \$830,000
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