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Probably a good jacket. That tends to be professional looking.

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It's always a jacket. Most of the time I do wear a jacket and tie but I didn't today because I didn't want to look like Cary Grant.

Edward Garcia

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A blazer or a jacket. It's more professional, especially for work. My jewelry is mainly silver or gold, not flashy, to inspire confidence.

Kathi Bradley

human resources manager and recruiter



My blue power suit. It was the first business suit I got from Wardrobe for Opportunity and I still have it and wear it, three-and-a-half years later. I just wore it last month. I always keep it cleaned and hanging in the closet.

Maxine Johnson

paralegal

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ My mustache has turned gray in the time we've been trying to get an agreement with you. And you know that the only reason you're here is because they (AT&T) are. ”

—Danville Councilman Newell Arnerich taking Comcast to task for its slow negotiating with the town. Now AT&T wants to bring its service to town, too. See story, page 5.

Celebrating the \$5 million mark

The Friends of Discovery women's auxiliary volunteer organization expects to reach the \$5 million mark on June 7 at its thrift shop to support the programs and services of the Discovery Counseling Center. On June 7, the auxiliary will celebrate with a cake cutting at 5 p.m. at the shop, which is called the Station, located at 486 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Everyone is invited to attend.

Also the Danville Town Council will issue a proclamation hailing the group's success, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, at the Town Meeting Hall. The proclamation will be accepted by Marge Early, president of the Friends of Discovery in 1973; Janie Mohr, the current president; and Charlie Pass, president of the board of directors.

The Friends of Discovery was founded in February 1973. It welcomes donations of household items and clothing. It also welcomes interested volunteers; call 820-1988.

The Discovery Counseling Center, founded in 1969, offers affordable and high quality counseling to individuals, couples and families. Its School Counseling and Intervention Program offers counseling to all 31 schools in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Mayor leads step into the past

Mayor Karen Stepper will lead historic walking tours of downtown Danville every fourth Friday of the month, from May through August—May 26, June 23, July 28 and Aug. 25. All are welcome to join. Anyone who wishes to participate should meet at 6:15 p.m. in front of the Village Theatre, 233 Front St.

Museum docents will also lead historic walking tours on the second Saturday of the month, from June through October. They meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave.

The walks are free of charge, but donations are accepted. For additional information, call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsrsv.org.

Learn about cancer treatments

The San Ramon Regional Medical Center will be offering a free educational seminar on "Breast Cancer: Advanced Treatment Options," from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 7.

Medical oncologist Michael Sherman will be on hand to discuss chemotherapy drugs and biological treatments available to treat breast cancer. He will provide updates on national research and will explain the advantages of the new treatments.

Women with breast cancer and their family members or high risk women are encouraged to attend the event. The seminar will be held in the South Conference Room of the San Ramon Regional Medical center, 7777 Norris Canyon Road.

To make reservations, call (800) 284-2878 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

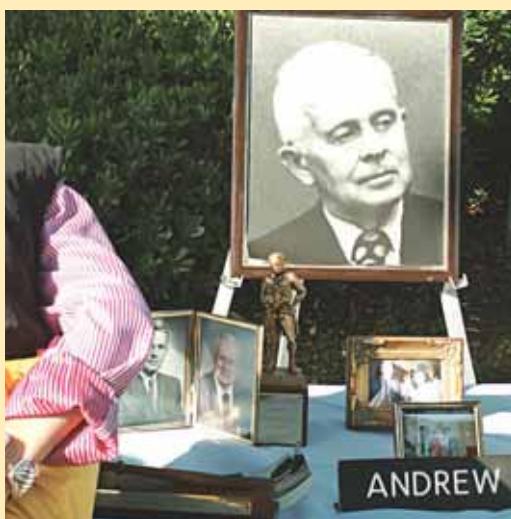
Clarification Living Well 2006, a special section devoted to health and wellness, was not delivered last week as planned. Instead it is inside this issue.



NATALIE O'NEILL

Friends and neighbors honor Andrew H. Young

Supervisor Mary N. Piepho and friends of the late Andrew H. Young, Jeannine Kikkert and Roy Bloss, listen to a speaker at the dedication of the Andrew H. Young Park in Alamo on Monday evening. Kikkert also gave a speech, using metaphor to describe Young's personality and their relationship: After you've had a delicious cup of tea, she said, you can't go back and measure the spoonfuls of sugar. "You just know it was sweet," she noted. Other speakers remembered his determination, local civic involvement, and positive attitude.



Carothers named Teacher of the Year

Teacher's enthusiasm has rubbed off on biology students—for 30 years

by Jordan M. Doronila

Only a few trusted them—those who were falling through the cracks. But biology tutor Patricia Carothers moved these high school students to excitement over osmosis and diffusion.

Afterward, the students, who were living in San Jose, gave her a note thanking her for believing in them and for giving them a reason for coming to school.

Now as a biology teacher for Monte Vista High School, Carothers has continued sharing her knowledge with her students. Because of her dedication to education, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District named her Teacher of the Year at last week's board meeting.

Her students attended the cer-

emony with kind words and colorful flowers for her 35 years worth of service.

"Basically, she's very kind," said Andrew Finch, a junior who wants to attend medical school. "She teaches her class like a mother. She's very enthusiastic."

"She's very lively and animated," he added.

She also has started a Science Alliance Club at Monte Vista where her students pair up with fifth-graders in the district. She said in the beginning, kids were reluctant to join the club because of the impression that it was "nerdy."

Nonetheless, she said her enthusiasm rubbed off on many students she recruited and after they joined, they enjoyed the club's activities. It has grown from 10 members to 50.

"It's a great opportunity for kids to be role models," she said.

She has also asked officials from Monte Vista to do a trash audit.

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Danville to open cable negotiations with AT&T

Residents may get choice in cable services

by Geoff Gillette

Residents of Danville have had two choices when it comes to cable television: Comcast or dish. There may soon be a third option: AT&T.

Officials from the telephone giant addressed members of the Town Council at last week's meeting to discuss the possibility of bringing their new Lightspeed service to town.

AT&T spokeswoman Shiyama Clunie spoke to the council regarding the company's recent entry into neighboring San Ramon and stated that it would like to include Danville on its itinerary.

"This will enhance the quality of life in Danville," she stated.

Clunie said the Lightspeed service has different components. One is a general upgrade and improvement of the service currently provided. Another would be the inclusion of new IP-TV, which would provide consumers with many of the same benefits of cable. IP-TV, Internet Protocol Television, delivers a digital television service to subscribers over a broadband connection.

There has been some debate among the cable companies regarding IP-TV and its effect on fran-

chise agreements. Clunie claimed that issue had more to do with competition than with fees.

"The reason the cable companies are arguing about the franchise is because they want to keep us out of the marketplace," she said.

Competition was the evening's buzzword as not only Clunie but several other AT&T employees, all Danville residents, hammered home the point with the council that the town has limited options with regards to cable service.

"I think that's what competition gets you, more service and better prices," resident Diane Giacovelli said. She added she had read that having better access to high technology could affect the sale value of your home. "I don't want my house to be worth less than a house in San Ramon."

"I'm all about the choices," said resident Bill Huber. "I think choices bring about competition and superior service."

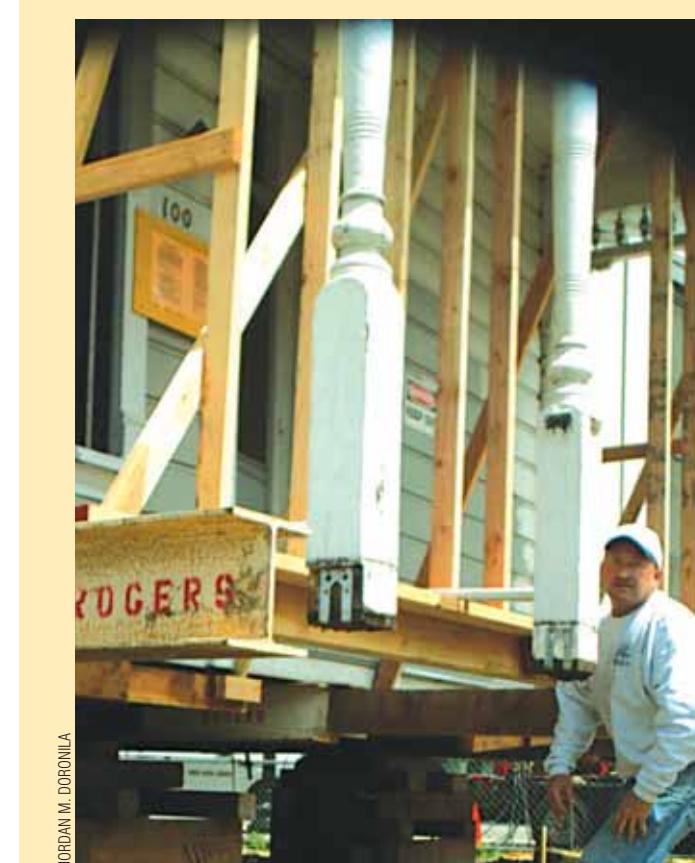
Julie Gonzalez said she felt the new service would appeal to younger residents. "Young people like to have the newer technology," she said. "I haven't gotten to see IP-TV yet, but I've seen a video of what it can do. We urge you to look at this hard and give us this choice."

Comcast representative Phil

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Moving day

Contractors prepare to move the historic Victorian house on School Street and Hartz Avenue five feet forward to address problems with the foundation and to make better use of the lot. The Shuey family of Shuey Dairy Co. in Berkeley owned the house in the 1890s. In 1939, LaMay Podva and his wife Cecile Bradley purchased the home for their family, where they raised their children Marilyn and David. Marilyn Podva Kristick now lives in Parker, Colo., and recalls her brother getting a bath in the wash-tub on the back porch. The Podva family owned the house until it was bought by Branagh Development, which plans to convert it into commercial space plus build a 2,000-square-foot separate building on the lot with retail space in the front and offices in the back.



JORDAN M. DORONILA



LANI ALLEN

Roseanne at the Film Fest

"Get me a Realtor—I love Danville!" said actress comedienne Roseanne Barr last Friday as she exited a black stretch limo and climbed the back stairs of the Danville Village Theatre. Dressed in vibrant colors and a warm smile, Roseanne introduced Danville to her self-produced, "Rockin' With Roseanne: Calling All Kids" to start off the third annual Danville International Children's Film Festival. Tim Neely, festival director, honored her with a Humanitarian Award for her comedic and entertaining talents over the past few decades.

Sugarloaf residents hoping for senior neighbors

Age restrictions pending for new development

by Natalie O'Neill

Residents of Sugarloaf Terrace voiced disappointment and outrage this week over details of a plan to build an eight-unit subdivision on Livorna Road at I-680 in Alamo.

The Board of Supervisors OK'd the construction in 2002, stating in the approval document that the housing must be for seniors.

Now, California real estate experts and Discovery Builders say the county won't legally be able to enforce the age restriction. And Dennis Barry, director of Community Development for Contra Costa County, said the issue is up in the air.

"The question is pending," he said.

Neighbors decided back in 2002 that an age regulation would eliminate most of their concerns about the subdivision. High density population, crowded Alamo schools, and safety and noise issues wouldn't be as much of a problem with the restriction, many residents agreed. It seemed like a good enough solution, said neighbor Jack Behseresht.

"There was still a feeling of uneasiness in the community, but we decided to compromise," Behseresht said.

But the 55-plus age limit violates the Unruh Act, under the Fair Employment and Housing Act. The law states that persons seeking housing in California can't be discriminated against on the basis of age. It notes senior housing is an exception to the rule but states that to qualify, the dwelling must have at least 35 units.

"Why did no one know this age restriction was contrary to California housing law?" said Bill Bush, a Sugarloaf neighbor.

Like Sugarloaf residents, San Ramon Valley Regional Planning Commission and Alamo Improvement Association recommended denial of the project four years ago. The Board of Supervisors then met with property owner Peter Ostrosky and overturned the denial.

Planning Commissioner Scott Couture had a long list of reasons the project should have been denied.

"It's not consistent with what already exists," he said. "It's on an off-ramp of the interstate, and it's in a bowl so the sound reflects the freeway."

Houses in the area are all large single-family dwellings and the subdivision will be multi-unit complexes, about 1,600 square feet. Couture also pointed out there were holes in the argument that it would be appropriate for the elderly.

"It's posed for seniors, but there

is no transportation for them," he said.

Donna Gerber, who was District 3 supervisor at the time, told neighbors the decision was based on the strong need for senior housing in the area. She stated there was a critical need for older empty-nester housing in the San Ramon Valley, Bush said.

Behseresht has had trouble addressing the issue with the current county staff because there has been a high turnover rate, he said. He has already worked closely with four members of the Contra Costa County staff who have left the administration.

"Their successors don't see it as their problem and don't try to fix it," Behseresht said.

"Ignoring the problem is their solution," said Bush.

Barry said he had no comment about sugarloaf neighbors' upset response. He said the details of the project's approval years ago were hard to recall.

But some residents say they know why the project was approved. Former Supervisor Eric Hasseltine was a major player in Pete Ostrosky's development team—the group that sought approval for the subdivision from the County Board of Supervisors. The approval was clearly related, neighbors said.

"There is a feeling that (the county) had an obligation based on a prior supervisor," Behseresht said.

Barry said that Hasseltine's involvement with the development team had nothing to do with the project's approval.

"I'd say that wasn't the reason (for approval). The facts were," Barry said.

While Discovery Builders say they are marketing to the senior community, denying potential buyers housing on the basis of age could be considered discrimination.

"Our problem is with the county, not with Discovery Builders," Behseresht said. "There are no checks and balances as far as what the county can do."

Bob Drake, who worked in the Community Development Department at the time of approval, said he wasn't prepared to comment on the issue.

Drake said it isn't entirely unusual for the Board of Supervisors to overturn decisions.

"It happens from time to time; the planning committee sees it one way and the county sees it another way," he said.

The subdivision will be built in a circular shape, which is designed to block sound for the common area courtyard and garden. The units will have vinyl windows, concrete roofs and cultured stones. Discovery Builders Project Manager James Wang said it is too early to set a price range for the housing. ■

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On the McCloskey campaign trail

Former congressman seeks to unseat Pombo in June 6 primary, 'restore ethics to Congress'

by Jeb Bing

Former Congressman Pete McCloskey has stepped up his efforts to unseat U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R-11th) in the June 6 Republican primary.

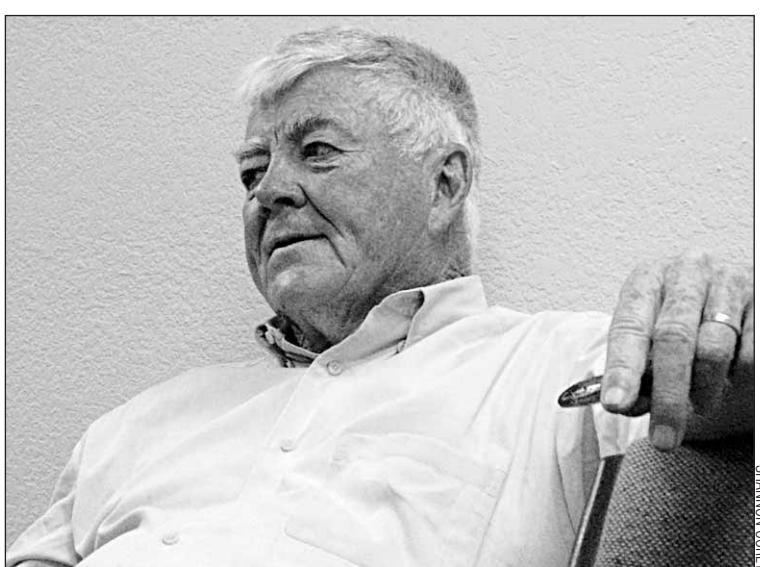
Calling Pombo "one of the most corrupt members of Congress," McCloskey, who served as the Peninsula's congressman for 15 years starting in 1967, has moved to Lodi to challenge Pombo, who is seeking re-election to his eighth term. The 11th Congressional District includes Lodi, Pombo's hometown of Tracy and Danville and Pleasanton along the I-680 corridor.

With Congress adjourned for a Memorial Day recess, both Pombo and McCloskey will be crisscrossing the district over the next 11 days with talks planned at major Republican fundraisers and public events. In an interview with editors of the Danville Weekly and Pleasanton Weekly, McCloskey said he relocated to the 11th District specifically to "move Pombo out of office and restore ethics to Congress."

McCloskey, who has addressed local Democratic Party organizations to solicit their support in defeating Pombo, said the three Democrats appearing on that party's primary ballot on June 6 "are basically too weak" to defeat the Tracy congressman. Those candidates are Jerry McNeerney, Steve Filson and Steve Thomas. He has been encouraging Democrats to switch their registration for this election to the "Decline to State" category so they can vote for him in the Republican primary to unseat Pombo.

"I would not have run had we been able to find a Democrat with a chance of challenging Pombo," said McCloskey. "My wife Helen and I have moved to Lodi because we feel that Congressman Pombo, by reason of his voting record and close ties to Indian gaming lobbyist Jack Abramoff and former Majority Leader Tom DeLay, has become an embarrassment to the Republican Party."

McCloskey, who helped write the Endangered Species Act when he was in Congress, said he is particularly incensed by Pombo's efforts to dismantle it.



SHANNON COREY

Former Peninsula Congressman Pete McCloskey is challenging U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (D., Tracy) for the 11th Congressional District in the Republican Primary.

"If he's re-elected, Mr. Pombo would likely chair the House Committee on Natural Resources two more years and wreak even more damage on our environment," McCloskey said. "He must be stopped."

"Mr. Pombo has been designated by the nonpartisan watchdog group, Center for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, as one of the 13 most corrupt members of Congress," McCloskey said. "I want to see him voted out of office so that we can restore ethics to Congress."

While criticizing Pombo and the Republicans in Congress generally for losing the "real Republican values" the party had in the 1970s and 1980s, McCloskey said the Democrats have been just as corrupt when their party was in power.

"We say the Republicans are crooked, but we have to ask the Democrats if they know where they are on the issues," he said. "If I'm elected I will work for an honest ethics committee, an oversight committee that will stop this corruption. I will work for a balanced budget. And, I will work to get Republicans and Democrats—both sides of the aisle—speaking to each other again."

"I think it is a disaster for the country when the Republicans or Democrats control the House, the Senate and courts and the executive

branch," he explained. "You need balance to make sure there's oversight on abuse by any of those."

On Iraq, McCloskey said the issue facing the country today is not whether we were lied to into going into Iraq, but how long our troops must stay there.

"Having toppled Hussein, the real issue today is how long can we occupy a Muslim country to our benefit?" McCloskey said. "My own opinion is that you cannot occupy a foreign country very long; they have to rebuild it themselves. We have given Iraqis a reasonable chance to go through the electoral process and select their leaders."

"But there comes a time when Iraqis have to govern Iraq and we can't tell them how to do it," he added. "I don't think it's worth one more 20-year-old's life unless we know why we are staying there."

A fourth generation Californian, McCloskey was first elected to the House of Representatives in a special election in 1967 and re-elected seven times to represent the Peninsula and Silicon Valley. A Marine who served in three wars and in combat in Korea, he received the Navy Cross and Silver Star for heroism and two Purple Hearts for wounds suffered in the Korean War. Later, as a congressman, he initiated the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in 1969, earning him a reputation for being "anti-war." ■

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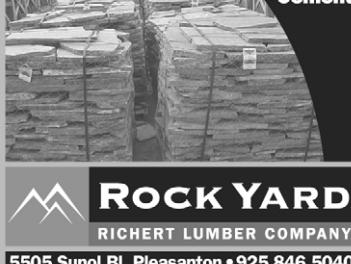


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Teacher

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Maintenance would compile all the garbage—except from the bathrooms—into one lot, and the data collected from the garbage would tell how much recycling is needed at the school. Her students would find ways to get cash receipts from the waste material.

Additionally, she is a teaching fellow at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, which is part of the National Nuclear Security Administration within the Department of Energy. She is involved in the Lab's science fair where her students participate.

Carothers grew up in Orinda and received her bachelor's degree in health sciences from San Jose State University in 1971. She attained her teaching credentials with a specialization in secondary teaching in 1972 from the same school.

She has participated in the Advanced Placement Biology

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Patricia Carothers—San Ramon Valley Unified School District Teacher of the Year—enjoys the bouquet of roses she received from one of her many admirers.

Summer Institute at Stanford University and studied at California State University Hayward and UC Berkeley.

Carothers wanted to become a veterinarian but decided to try teaching as a high school science tutor and lab technician when she received the offer in San Jose. She said at first the tutoring sessions were like a trip to the dentist; none of the lower achieving students had been trusted to work with lab equipment or chemicals.

After some hesitation by her and her students, they became enthusiastic in their work and found a connection with each other.

"These students quickly became empowered to do a job well, be accountable and soon they had new reasons to come to school," she said. "The tutoring sessions became easier and it dawned on me that I had been given the responsibility for another person's learning and it affected me in a positive way."

Shortly after working in the San Jose Unified School District, she

received a job offer from Monte Vista High School to work as a biology teacher. She has now been there for more than 30 years.

"It felt like it was a good match," she said. "The district allowed me the freedom to teach what I wanted to teach. I've been happy here."

"Teaching here has made me a whole person," she added. "I love it."

Her son is a junior at Foothill High in Pleasanton.

In addition to being the district's Educator of the Year, she has been awarded the Region IV Northern California Educator of the Year; Warren Eukel Teacher Trust: High School Teacher of the Year; Johns Hopkins University Talented Youth Program California Teacher Recognition Honoree; Intel Science and Talent Search Project Mentor Teacher—Internationalist Finalist; Jerome R. Davis Grant Monte Vista High School Teacher of the Year; and other honors.

Carothers is now one of the five finalists for Best Teacher of the Year for Contra Costa County. ■



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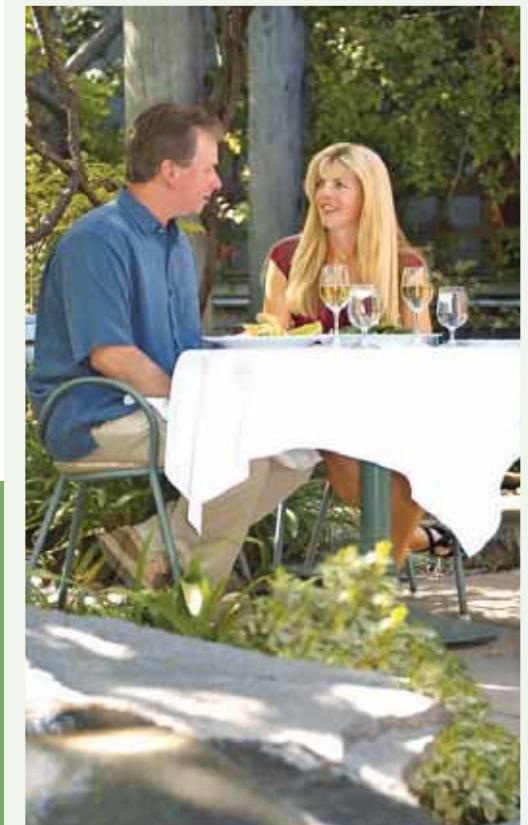
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AT&T cable

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Arndt attended the meeting and debated the merits of IP-TV and its immunity to the same franchise laws that apply to Comcast.

"This isn't just about bringing competition to the marketplace," he said, "the requirement about getting a franchise is technology agnostic."

Arndt said Comcast is not opposed to competition, but would request a level playing field.

"The Town of Danville must hold AT&T and any other providers to the same standard," he said.

Of the assertion that the technology behind IP-TV isn't a cable service he noted, "CNN, ESPN and the other channels will look the same. To use an old saying, 'If it walks like a duck and talks like a duck.'"

One bone of contention brought up by the council is the five-year wait the town has dealt with in trying to negotiate a contract with the cable provider. Arndt said those issues are nearly done. He stated that draft documents were in the proper hands and they could be before the council within a few weeks.

Councilman Newell Arnerich agreed the various providers need

to be under similar constraints. However, he took Arndt to task for the slow negotiating process the town has seen in dealing with Comcast.

"My mustache has turned gray in the time we've been trying to get an agreement with you," Arnerich said. "And you know that the only reason you're here is because they (AT&T) are. Why the heck did it take five-and-a-half years to get an agreement, and why should we believe that there's any agreement coming?"

Arnerich also said he would be supportive of bringing in the new provider if an adequate arrangement could be made. AT&T officials initially asked for an encroachment permit, which would allow the company to begin the process. Arnerich said he'd rather start work on an agreement.

"Issuing the encroachment permit doesn't give us any leverage," he said.

After more discussion, council members directed City Manager Joe Calabriko and City Attorney Robert Ewing to begin negotiations. Because of AT&T's wish to begin the construction process as soon as possible, officials plan to use a proposal for San Ramon as a blueprint for Danville. ■

The effect of science on a sophomore

Rob Ray, a sophomore at De La Salle High School and a resident of Alamo, represents Contra Costa County at the recent Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis. The fair had 1,500 students representing all 50 states and 47 countries. Ray earned the right to represent this county by being one of the top two winners of the Contra Costa County Science and Engineering Fair held for the first time in March. Ray's project was titled "The Effect of Temperature on the Affinity of Carbon Dioxide to Molecular Sieve 4A." Other students in this area participate in the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair, administered by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.



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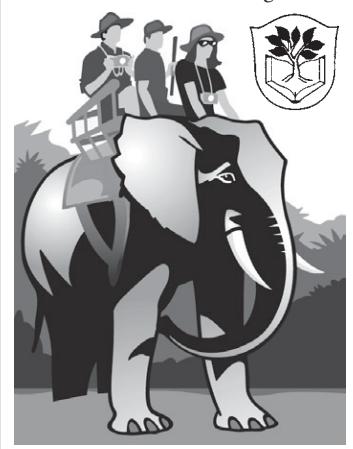
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Clothes make the man and woman

The audience listened attentively as Catherine Stewart, dressed in a shimmering blue pantsuit, told her story. She was a star volleyball player at her high school in Oakland but played her last game when she was 15—and six-and-a-half months pregnant. In her senior year she gave birth to her second child. After graduation she married the father of her two children, who worked at San Quentin, and he abused her mentally and physically for the next 12 years. She often would wake up in the middle of the night with him standing over her, holding a gun to her head.

They separated and three years later, he was killed in a car accident. Eventually she came to a point in her life where she was able to work and was referred to Wardrobe for Opportunity to be outfitted for job interviews. She was thrilled to discover that the shop was like an upscale department store, she said, and the volunteers who outfitted her were fabulous. Those clothes helped her get started on the road to self-sufficiency, and she now works for one of the 70 social service agencies that refer people to Wardrobe for Opportunity.

Next, Jorge Ramirez took the podium to tell in slightly accented English of arriving in Oakland from Mexico at age 13, living in a one-

bedroom apartment with his family of 10, and the challenge of learning English. After just a year and a half, he no longer needed help with the language, and two years later he was accepted at UC Berkeley. He wasn't successful there, however; he didn't have the background or support system to succeed. When he was referred to Wardrobe for Opportunity, its volunteers dressed him from head to toe, and he still recalls looking in the mirror: "I didn't believe I could look that good. I looked impeccable."

spree in New York; the money was matched by the Morris Foundation for a total of \$100,000. This can help provide a lot of professional clothing.

I remember when I interviewed for a managing editor position in 2000. I wore a plain black skirt and white sweater. After a two-hour interview I knew I really, really wanted that job so when I was called back, I went to Macy's and a saleslady helped me find the perfect blazer and skirt. I went to the second interview feeling relaxed

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It was the 11th annual Spring to Success luncheon for 600 at the San Ramon Marriott to benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity, and Catherine and Jorge received the Client of the Year Awards. This nonprofit group helps low-income people go to their job interviews looking professional. After a client secures a job, the organization provides three to five more outfits.

It helps 1,600 both men and women clients each year, and has assisted 11,000 since its inception in 1995. The luncheon raised \$50,000, with \$75 tickets, a drawing and a silent auction offering treasures from financial advising sessions to a Saks Fifth Avenue shopping

and confident and got the job. After learning about Wardrobe for Opportunity, I thought about how lucky I was. What if I'd needed everything from the basic outfit to shoes to a purse to hosiery and hadn't had the money to buy them? That's where this wonderful group steps in to help.

There are seven drop-off points throughout the East Bay for people to donate clothing suitable for the workplace, including one in Danville at Union Bank of California, 617 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Clothing must be clean and on hangers to make sure it arrives without wrinkles. Retailers also donate new clothing, plus Wardrobe for Opportunity purchases some things to make sure it has plus-size clothing as well as accessories. It now has two boutiques, in Oakland and in Pleasant Hill, and 200 active volunteers and six staff members. The volunteers do everything from sorting the clothing to helping the clients choose clothes to planning the annual fundraising luncheon. The organization is also branching out to help clients with mock job interviews and resume preparation. Volunteer orientations are being held from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, in Pleasant Hill; and 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, in Oakland. To talk to the volunteer coordinator, call (510) 463-4100, ext. 12, or e-mail volunteer@wardrobe.org. There are a lot of Catherine and Jorges out there waiting to be dressed for success. ■

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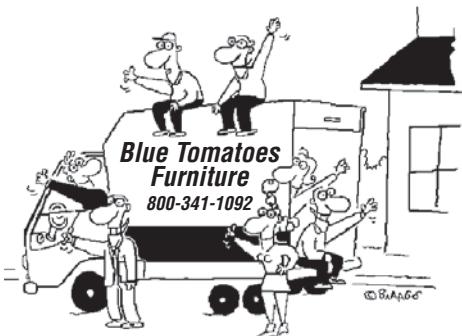
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POLICE BULLETIN

Irate customer aims car at Safeway employee

A fuming customer tried to run over a Safeway employee last Sunday after he refused to refund two sheet cakes she purchased at the store, Danville Sgt. Ron Bradley said.

A 37-year-old woman wearing a white coat with blue sleeves and blue pajama bottoms went to the Safeway store on Camino Tassajara on Sunday afternoon to return two half sheet cakes. She spoke to a 34-year-old male employee who told her he was not going to give her a refund.

Upon hearing the news, she became irritated and knocked down one of the displays, swear-

ing at the employee. He escorted her out of the store and all the way to her 1994 Black Saturn.

When she got into her car she told him, "I'm gonna run your ... over," according to reports.

She started her car, put it in reverse and sped toward the employee. He jumped toward a couple of parked cars to avoid being hit. She drove away, but he received two phone calls afterward saying "he was getting his ... kicked," Bradley said.

"He did good in making sure she left," Bradley noted.

He said people should avoid dangerous situations.

"He got too close to her car," Bradley said. "We would prefer you not to get involved to the point where your safety is in jeopardy."

—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.

Monday, May 15

- Grand theft from vehicle on San Vicente Ct. at 12:33 a.m.
- Injury accident on Glasgow Cir. and Stirling Dr. at 9:24 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Windover Dr. at 4:20 p.m.
- Petty theft on El Dorado Ave. at 8:07 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

- Identity theft on Tunbridge Rd. at 8:02 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 12:13 p.m.
- Disturbing the peace on Liahona Ln. at 11:39 a.m.
- Disturbing the peace on Hartz Ave. at 5:28 p.m.
- Petty theft, bicycle, on Love Ln. at 8:36 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

- Vandalism on Greenbrook Dr. at 8:49 a.m.
- Petty theft on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 7:48 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

- Accident, property damage, on Stone Valley Rd. at 7 a.m.
- Petty theft from building on Stone Valley Rd. at 9:07 a.m.
- Grand theft on Laurel Dr. at 8:21 a.m.
- Suspicious person stop on Town and Country at 10:49 a.m.
- Petty theft, bicycle, on Front St. at 3:59 p.m.

Friday, May 19

- Credit card fraud on Paraiso Ct. at 12:06 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Molitas Rd. at 12:20 p.m.
- Petty theft, vehicle parts, on Garden Creek Pl. at 12:26 p.m.
- Injury accident on Stone Valley Rd. at 1:31 p.m.
- Injury accident on Hartz Ave. and

Linda Mesa Ave. at 3:22 p.m.

- Injury accident on Camino Tassajara and Tassajara Ln. at 3:32 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 2:16 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Ramon and St. Patrick's Dr. at 3:17 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

- Drunk in public, arrest, on Railroad Ave. at 2:26 a.m.
- Petty theft on Foothill Ct. at 10:52 a.m.

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

ALAMO

Monday, May 15

- Petty theft, shoplifting, at Alamo Plaza
- Vandalism on Hemme Ave.
- Vandalism on Las Quebradas Ln.

Wednesday, May 17

- Possession of unlawful weapon on Miranda Ave. and Roundhill Rd.

Friday, May 19

- Suspicious circumstances at Alamo Plaza

Saturday, May 20

- Auto burglary on Bolla Ave.
- Auto burglary on Vernal Dr.
- Auto burglary on Jennifer Ct.
- Auto burglary on Miranda Ave.

Sunday, May 21

- Suspicious circumstances on Wilson Rd.

BLACKHAWK

Monday, May 15

- Suspicious circumstances on Quail Run Dr.

OBITUARIES

Janice Palludan Sargent

Janice Palludan Sargent, a resident of Danville since 1965, passed away May 18 at age 70 after a battle with cancer. She was born Aug. 31, 1935, in Fallon, Nev., to Eric and Hannah Palludan.



She was a retired elementary teacher and later an administrative assistant at Ponderosa Homes. She was active in the local alumni chapter of Delta Delta Delta, belonged to bridge clubs and book groups, and was active in the San Ramon Senior Center exercise program. She loved life, and enjoyed her family and friends, especially her two grandsons.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Vernon; son Eric Sargent and his fiancée Lynn Deurloo of Danville; daughter Kristin (Todd) Smith of Sacramento; grandsons Ryan and Steven Smith of Sacramento; sister Helen Dalbey (James) of Scottsbluff, Neb.; brother Chris Palludan (Glenna) of Fallon; and a large extended family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Contra Costa, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill 94523. A remembrance of her life took place Wednesday.

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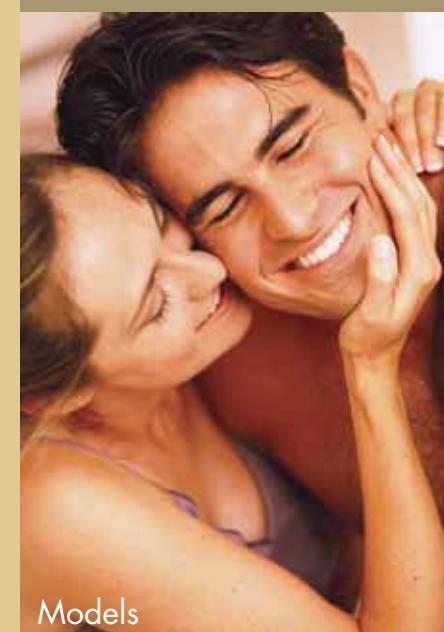
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Alamo voting on assessment increase

This information was provided by the Contra Costa County Public Works Department.

The Contra Costa County Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District Alamo Area-Benefit Zone 36 has been maintaining and operating landscaping and recreational facilities since the Benefit Zone was formed in August 1991. While the cost of electricity, labor and materials has risen significantly since then, the county has not asked the property owners to increase their assessment.

The county has also added a higher intensity of landscaping along Stone Valley Road and the Zone 36 Citizen's Advisory Committee has prioritized future projects, which include:

- Landscaping the medians at both the downtown entry and at Roundhill.
- Landscaping of the entry of Alamo Elementary School.

Because of the increased costs and the new proposed landscaping areas, an increase is needed to maintain the solvency of the Benefit Zone.

The assessment allows the Benefit Zone to operate the following on Danville Boulevard, Livorna Road, Miranda Avenue

and Stone Valley Road:

• Stone Valley Road landscaping. Phase I—Utilities and capital replacement only, maintenance paid by others. North side of Stone Valley Road from Stone Valley Way to Austin Lane. South side from Alamo Ranch Road, approximately 280 linear feet East and South Side from High Eagle Court, approximately 760 linear feet west. Phase II—Full responsibility for select areas between Austin Lane to St. Paul Drive, excluding the Phase I area described above;

- Median islands at the intersection of Stone Valley Road and Green Valley Road;
- Street sweeping along uncurbed sections of these roads;
- Additional litter pickup, and sidewalk and jogging path cleanup along these roads; and
- Miscellaneous expenditures related to handling various issues associated with the "Danville Boulevard of Trees" project.

The proposed fiscal year 2006-07 assessment is proposed to be increased from \$9.36 to \$20 for each single-family home. Multi-family parcels are assessed at half of the single-family residential rate per dwelling unit, and commercial and industrial parcels are

assessed based on acreage. The maximum annual assessment is proposed to be increased to \$45 per single-family house. It is anticipated the maximum assessment will not be needed until all future landscaping projects have been constructed. In future years this maximum assessment may be increased based upon the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Francisco Bay Area during the previous fiscal year. No other increase in the amount of assessment can be made without future property owner voter approval.

The assessment is based on the Benefit Zone's budget and the type and total number of properties in the Benefit Zone. The total cost required to maintain the proposed improvements is estimated to be \$105,563.14 for Fiscal Year 2006-07. This figure was then divided by the total number of units within Zone 36, resulting in a per single family parcel assessment of \$20 (multi-family is \$10/unit and commercial and industrial parcels are assessed based on their acreage).

If approved, the \$20 rate will be included on your upcoming FY 2006-07 property tax bill. There is no sunset provision for

the assessment.

At the close of the Public Hearing on June 13 the ballots will be opened and all valid ballots will be tabulated. Ballots are weighted by the amount of the assessment shown on the ballot. The ballot tabulation process is expected to take approximately two days to complete. The results of the ballot tabulation are expected to be reported to the Board of Supervisors on June 20, at which time the Board will determine if there is support to impose the increase in the annual assessment.

Majority support occurs if the number of returned ballots supporting the proposed assessment increase is greater than the number of ballots opposing the increase. By law, the ballots are weighted in proportion to each property owners proposed increase in their assessment. If the weighted "No" votes number more than the weighted "Yes" votes, a majority protest exists and the assessment increase cannot be imposed and the assessment proceedings will be abandoned. If the weighted "Yes" votes number more than the weighted "No" votes, the assessment increase will be levied.

TAKING SIDES

In support of Alamo parcel tax

Alamo property owners will soon be asked to vote on a proposal for an increased assessment for the Contra Costa County Landscaping District to benefit Zone 36 in Alamo. If you are interested in maintaining and building property values and keeping Alamo pristine, please take action and support this assessment.

Alamo is fortunate enough to fall between Walnut Creek and Danville, two beautiful incorporated towns that have built-in structure overseeing budget for up-keep and improvements. However, as an unincorporated town, Alamo relies on volunteers to sit on the Zone 36 committee. Property assessments are our only sources for beautification, and this assessment is conservative, the smallest amount possible to maintain Zone 36, and make some simple improvements.

If this initiative is successful, Zone 36 can maintain its current service, and move forward on the following projects:

- Landscaping median on Stone Valley Road
- Landscaping at the entry to

Alamo Elementary School on Livorna Road

- Two signature median entries to downtown Alamo

All the initiative asks is a maximum of \$45 per year; it will cost even less until all future landscaping projects have been constructed. The maximum contribution comes down to less than a dime a day to keep this town beautiful and to invest in the long-term strength of property values here. Please take pride in this community, and support this assessment.

Without your support, Alamo will not be able to move forward with these programs, or even support the beautification programs that we all benefit from right now.

If you send in a ballot, it must be received by the Elections Department by 5 p.m., Monday, June 12. You may also deliver ballots in person at the public hearing to be held at 9 a.m., Tuesday, June 13, at the County Board of Supervisors Chamber, County Administration Building, 651 Pine St. in Martinez.

—Valerie Schooley

Against Alamo parcel tax

I am against the Zone 36 Assessment Increase. Following is a summary of my concerns:

Budget Questions

• The current \$9.36 tax pays for all projects listed by the county. No increase is needed to do what is already in the ground and is routine maintenance.

• Questions include high county administrative rates: In 2004-05, they were 29 percent of the budget, and for 2005/06 they were 26 percent and actuals were close to 50 percent! Other county committees pay minimal or zero! Why is Alamo charged an excessive rate?

• No projects were completed in the last three years during this time of high fees.

• Misapplied and wrong charges are not answered and never reversed.

No Plan and Projects But County Rushing for Money

• Background information states the maximum wouldn't be levied until planned projects are under way. Since no project has been designed, no costs are projected; it is at least a year minimum out to begin new

projects. If their statement is true, no money is needed now.

- Why the rush? Why now? Why not more planning and methodical input from residents?
- With no projects designed and no figures, will the money be used in Alamo? Is the tax increase really for county administrative fees to fund a department?

Election Integrity

- While the ballot goes to the Contra Costa County Elections Department to hold, it is neither secure nor confidential and thus cannot be counted by Elections.
- Who will count them? Are there impartial observers? Where is the integrity of this vote?

—Vicki Koc,
former Zone 36 member

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Lady Wolves, Mustang boys win NCS Lacrosse Championships

High school teams competing in championships across the board

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The San Ramon Valley High girls lacrosse team won the North Coast Section Lacrosse Championship on Saturday, held at Acalanes High School in Lafayette. They beat Amador Valley in the finals, 13-12. This was the first NCS Championship win for the Lady Wolves.

The Wolves started out hot, scoring four goals in the first few minutes of the game. Amador Valley fought back and took a 7-5 lead in the second half. After a hard fought battle, Allie Van Dorn scored the winning goal with two minutes left to play to seal the victory. The Wolves finished the season with a record of 17-3.

Monte Vista boys won their third straight NCS Lacrosse Championship defeating De La Salle, 9-5. The coaches continued their winning tradition of shaving their heads prior to the NCS Championship. They had done it the last two years and it proved to be good luck again this year.

Trailing 3-1 in the first half, the Mustangs kicked it up a notch

and scored seven straight goals to move ahead, 8-3. They never relinquished the lead and finished with a final goal by Monte Vista's leading scorer, Ryan Westfall, to secure the victory. Monte Vista finished the season with an 18-1 record.

Golf

The Monte Vista boys advanced to the CIF state golf championship after shooting a team score of 380 on Monday at Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito. Geoff Gonzalez led the Mustangs with a score of 73.

De La Salle finished first with a score of 377, and Junipero Serra of San Mateo finished second at 379. All three teams and the low six individuals will now advance to the California Interscholastic Federation championship in Santa Maria on June 6.

Tennis

Monte Vista boys tennis team lost a close match in the semifinals of the NCS Championship on Saturday at the Fremont Tennis

Center. The Mustangs lost 4-3 to Sacred Heart Prep-Atherton. Tim Lantin was edged in the final match by Mirza Klis, 6-0, 6-7, 7-6. The Mustangs finished the season with a 22-4 record.

Volleyball

In the semifinals of the NCS Championship, San Ramon lost to Foothill, 25-16, 25-20, 25-13. The Wolves finished the season with a 27-6 record.

"Foothill played very well, and took control through most of the match," said Coach Sean Stratton. "We started off strong, but in each game we started to have some difficulty when we got to 15 or 16 points."

"The thing I was most impressed with was their sportsmanship," he added. "They tried as hard as they could and took the loss with pride that they had a very successful season both on and off the court." ■

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

SPORTS DIGEST

Adult basketball leagues

The Town of Danville is offering two adult basketball leagues: 3-on-3 basketball or 5-on-5 basketball. All games will be played at the Los Cerros Community Gym, 968 Blemer Road, Danville.

The 3-on-3 games will be played Tuesday nights. All games are played on half court and are 25 minutes. Teams will play two games per night. There are no referees and players are responsible for calling their own fouls. The league runs eight weeks.

The 5-on-5 Adult Basketball League will be held Thursday nights and also runs eight weeks.

The leagues begin the week of June 25 and run through Aug. 24. For more information or a roster, call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Track and field signups

Starting June 1, youths from 7 to 18 are welcome to join the

Tri-Valley Track Club that meets throughout the year. Practices will be held from 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Call Coach Rik Richardson at 862-0855 or 518-9356, or visit www.trivalleytrack.com.

National Women's Golf Week

The Bridges Golf Club is sponsoring free golf clinics and discounted green fees in

celebration of women during National Women's Golf Week. The clinics are Fundamentals of G.O.L.F. Exhibition and Demo, 10-11:30 a.m., Sunday, June 4 (no registration required); Short Game Clinic, "The Pitch and Chip," from 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 6, and from 6-

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 7 (open to first 20 registrants); Long Game Clinic "Woods and Driver" from 5:30-7 p.m., Friday, June 9 (open to first 20 registrants). All clinics will be held at the Bridges Practice Center. Discounted green fees for women are \$20 from June 6-8, including a cart. Call 735-4253.

Danville Tennis Club

The Danville Tennis Club meets 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9-11 a.m. Saturdays for drop-in tennis at San Ramon Valley High School. This free co-ed club provides play for 4.0 to 5.0 and very strong 3.5 level players. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/danvilletennisclub>.

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Remembering Vietnam vets recall wartime battles and brav

A mile-long black wall of smoke erupted as bombs exploded on Quang Tri, dropped by U.S. jets. Del Loewe and his amphibious squadron treaded through the warm South China Sea as a battery of bullets fired at them from Tiger Island in June 1972.

The fireworks seemed to last through light and dark, and Loewe felt his eardrums pulsing. The U.S. carpet bombing continued around the clock and smoke extended three to four miles, he said.

"It was awesome to imagine the devastation the bombings could inflict," said Loewe, now president of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley. "We wanted to flank the communists."

Soldiers do not choose to fight in war; but they nonetheless have sworn an oath to serve their country, he said.

Nevertheless, it is still important for those who fought to remember the dead, he said.

Such is the path to freedom,

the price of liberty,
and the pursuit of happiness,
many veterans believe.

Local Vietnam veterans like Loewe—who shares his stories with history classes at San Ramon Valley High School—Bill Picton and Richard Lambert and other veterans will hold a ceremony for veterans at the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park on Memorial Day, Picton said.

Also, the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and the All Wars Memorial Foundation will unveil two new 2,000-pound granite blocks that contain Abraham Lincoln's words.

"Memorial Day is the premier event," said Picton, president of the All Wars Memorial Foundation and an Alamo resident involved in the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley. "We are recognizing those who served and died since the revolution."

"We want to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice," he added.

Loewe and his two war buddies said they were enthusiastic about joining the Army when they were in their teens. Picton said he always wanted to fly jets.

"I was infatuated with the Navy," he said. "Frankly, I wanted to fly." He said he joined the U.S. Marines.

Loewe said his father was a World War II veteran, and he used to watch the 1950s documentary, "Victory at Sea." He also said he was around U.S. Naval bases in California. He said he enjoyed being around soldiers.

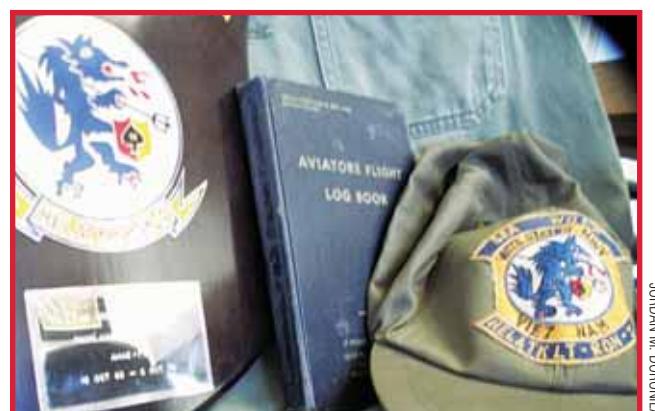
"I admired those guys," he said. Loewe was drafted when he was 18 and went to train in Pensacola, Fla.

Lambert's family members were also involved in World War II. And like Loewe, Lambert had great respect for the Army, he said.

"I wanted to see the world and wanted to fly," he said. So he joined the U.S. Navy and flew helicopters.

But though they wanted to serve, their family members had reservations about them leaving. Picton said even though public opinion toward the Vietnam War was not heated yet, his mother was hesitant to let him join the Marines.

"She was reluctant," he said.



Richard Lambert's hat and uniform from his service in the Vietnam War.



Veterans find solace along the pathway at the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park at its unveiling at the 2005 Memorial Day ceremony.

Loewe said his mother also had her misgivings about joining. But he said his dad was proud.

"I had a friend that said I was crazy nuts," he said.

After joining, they said they soon began to truly understand what they were getting into when they went through training.

Picton recalled chuckling when one of his classmates in Marine training shaved his head, which afterward looked like a cue ball. The drill sergeant yelled at him and ordered him to do 50 pushups. He said he did that easily because he was in shape.

Upon seeing how quickly Picton did his pushups, the sergeant became angry and told him to do 50 more. And he told him to do a "captain's chair," which involved squatting down with his back against the wall. After a few minutes, his legs began to shake.

Loewe said one of his shipmates when he was training in San Diego had a thick beard and failed inspection. So his commander ordered his shipmate to cut his beard in front of him without any water or shaving cream with a dry double-edged sharp razor. When his mate came out, Loewe could see red lines slashed across his face.

"His face looked like a raw hamburger," he said. "It was ugly."

"No one failed inspection after that incident," he added. "It was punishment by example."

He also added that the drill sergeants were physical, and they would slap you around.

The whole purpose of training was to strip individuality and promote a mentality of serving your squad, they said.

Picton said humor was one of the best ways to get through training. And Loewe said seeing the light at the end of the tunnel was how he got through his experiences.

Being in combat was challenging, they said, but they were trained to do their jobs quickly and not think about the consequences. If they did, then their tasks would have been more difficult, they agreed.

Picton said after pressing the release button to fire his rockets when he flew his McDonnell

Douglass A-4 Skyhawk jet over the southern part of North Vietnam, he felt a thud. He said the enemy had shot a 51-caliber bullet through his plane.

He thought about ejecting, but he didn't want to lose a good jet.

So, he landed on a metal platform, which was used by helicopters and small planes, at a Marine base in Hue Phu Bai and people there doused the burning aircraft with foam before it exploded.

Afterward, his commander told him he should have ejected.

Lambert—who also flew jets—said he lost so many friends in battle.

When they came back to the U.S., they said life was different. Picton and Lambert arrived in California before the peak of the anti-war movement. But Loewe said when he returned, he dealt with harsh remarks from war protestors.

"Most of the people who talked to me about it said we were engaged in a wrong, illegal and losing effort," he said. "They gave you the cold shoulder. The public was war weary. They didn't want to be reminded that they were involved in this action."

"They wanted to stop U.S. imperialism," he said. "Not that anyone complained about communist imperialism."

Protestors in San Diego said veterans were "baby killers," recalled Lambert.

Picton said he was more hot-tempered when he returned to the States. He said he was angry at how President Lyndon B. Johnson mismanaged the war and because he had lost many friends in Vietnam.

He said he was able to control his anger, but when he loses his cool, he explodes. He said when he was in his early 20s and serving in the Marines, his perspective was different from those who protested the war in the 1970s.

When a reporter asked him what he thought about the protestors near San Jose State, he spoke bluntly: "They should take them in the back and shoot them," he told the reporter.

Loewe said his mother worried about him. "What did they do to you?" she asked. He said

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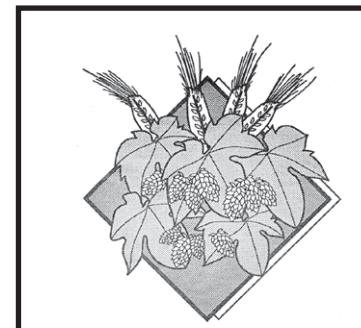
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Author Visits

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.

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Calvin Trillin

To celebrate the new release of "A Heckuva of a Job," author and journalist Calvin Trillin will be talking about his book full of poetry satirizing contemporary American politics, at noon, Sunday, June 4, Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-7337.

Children's Authors Visit

Polka Dot Attic will be hosting a number of children's authors with continuous readings from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 3, at 411 Hartz Ave. (Danville Hotel courtyard). Authors include Dashka Slater, Kim Zarins, Suzanne Williams and Susan Elya. There will be food, drawings and fun! Call 838-8004.

Michael Pollan

Bestselling author and prize-winning journalist Michael Pollan will be discussing his new book, "The Omnivore's Dilemma: The Natural History of Four Meals," at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 1, Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. The store is still putting the final touches on the plans for this evening, which will include a special dinner. Call 837-7337.

Clubs

Blackhawk Republican Women

Blackhawk Republican Women will host a luncheon meeting with speaker Fred DaSilva of the Contra Costa Grand Jury. He will talk about the jury's role, history of constitutional institution and how people can get

involved. This event will start at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon, Monday, June 5, at the Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. Cost is \$16 and reservations will be accepted until noon, Thursday, June 1. Call 820-7313.

Contra Costa Rose Society

The Contra Costa Rose Society will host a talk by Barbara Gordonat, "Leave the Prickles on the Rose," at 7:15 p.m., Monday, June 26, at the Gardens at Heather Farms, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. For information, call 681-1551 or visit www.ccrose.org.

Danville Women's Club

The Danville Women's Club will award scholarships to seniors from selected high schools at noon, Thursday, June 1, at the Clubhouse, 242 Linda Mesa. Friends of Hospice will also be present to receive the club donation from the Blossoms into Spring benefit held in April. Guests are welcome. For information and to reserve your spot, call 837-7528.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

The organization's next meeting will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 8, 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"



'Wigged Out!'

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Events

Blankie Day

Join Blankies for Grown-Ups Project and help make "blankies" for breast cancer patients, wounded veterans and other seriously ill adults from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 27, John Muir Medical Center, Concord Campus, Rooms 1 and 2, 2540 East St. All materials will be provided and novices-to-experts are all welcome. Contact Susan Gray at 943-7290 or thequiltlady@prodigy.net.

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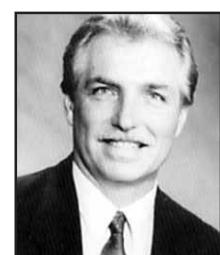
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CALENDAR

world class BMX stunt team, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Friday, June 9, at Creekside Community Church, 3250 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Call 552-5777.

Cancer Survivors' Day

A Celebration in the Park will be held to honor all cancer survivors and their families from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, June 4, Castle Rock Park, 1700 Castle Rock Road, Walnut Creek. It will be hosted by the Picnic People, American Cancer Society, Anna's Program, John Muir Health, Kaiser Permanente, San Ramon Regional Medical Center, Sisters Three and the Wellness Community. A free BBQ lunch will be served from noon-2 p.m. and the afternoon will have many fun-filled activities. RSVP to John Muir Cancer Institute at 947-4447 by Wednesday, May 30.

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.

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 gbborland@yahoo.com.

Spring-tober Fest

Alamo Rotary presents Spring-tober Fest with music, dancing and Bavarian food from 4-8 p.m., Sunday, June 4, at St. Isidore's Church, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Music will be Joe Smeill's Bavarian Fest Band. This event will help support schools and your local community. Tickets for dinner are \$10 and can be purchased at Mark Kahn Jewlers or by calling 820-6847. Drinks and dessert will be sold separately.

Exhibits

Quilting Through the Years Exhibit
The Museum of the San Ramon Valley in partnership with The Quilter's Inn will be showing a collection of historic and contemporary quilts created by talented local quilters until May 27. The museum is open Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in the old Depot, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. Call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsvr.org.

'Visions of Youth' Art Exhibit

The Kiwanis Club, Danville Area Cultural Alliance and art teachers around the county will host an art show celebrating the work of students from kindergarten through seniors in high school. The work will be on display from now until June 3, at the Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., Danville. There will also be a closing reception to honor the exhibitors from 3-5 p.m., Saturday, June 3, at the gallery.

Fundraisers

Auction Benefits Student Ministries

The Church of the Valley Student Ministries will host a dinner catered by Kinders Deli, Meat and BBQ and auction at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, June 3, at the church, 19001 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. This event will help support students going on a trip to the Washington, D.C., area to help the needy. For information, call Matt Moore at 829-3366.

Everything Elvis!

An Elvis-themed dinner and a dance to benefit the Wall of Hope Breast Cancer Survivors' Project will begin at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 3, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599

Blackhawk Club Drive. Costumes are the "order of the day" and the men are asked to come as their best version of "Elvis" and women as "Elvis" fans. Prizes will be awarded in several categories including best "Elvis Couple." Cost is \$75 per person. Call Marilyn Burch at 736-7100 or visit www.wallofhope.org.

Kids Helping Kids Benefit Concert

The Contra Costa Youth Orchestra (CCYO) has spent months planning a benefit concert, "Kids Helping Kids," to benefit children and teens in hospice, starting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, at the Dean Lesser Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Regular admission tickets are \$15; senior tickets are \$12 and tickets for children 17 and under are \$10; call 943-7469.

Memories in the Garden

Valley Oak Respite Center will be hosting a "Memories in the Garden" self-guided tour of private gardens with a reception and silent auction, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 3, at the Clubhouse, between Sycamore Valley and Greenbrook. For information, call Natasha Ong at 945-8040, ext. 15.

Oakland Raiders Golf Classic

Oakland Raiders Golf Classic to benefit Special Olympics Northern California will start at 11 a.m., Monday, June 5, at Wente Vineyard, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. The day will include golf, cocktails, longest drive, hole-in-one, closest to the pin and 5K putting contests, live and silent auctions and an awards dinner. For information, call 944-8801, ext. 203, e-mail jennifers@sonc.org or visit www.sonc.org.

Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk

Hats Off America will be hosting a 10K Run and 5K Walk to raise awareness and money for families of soldiers who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The event will start at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 10, at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive. Entry fee is \$35 per person; runners will receive a red T-shirt and food after the run. For information or to register, call Sparky George at 855-1950 or thebearflag-runner@yahoo.com.

Kids & Teens

Music Industry and the High Strung Band

Calling all teen musicians! The High Strung Band will give a performance and present insiders' view about recording albums for major labels and creating a music video for MTV at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 8, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Call 314-3400.

University Academy

Attention all students entering sixth and seventh grades in Contra Costa County: JKU University will host a Language Arts and Math program to help you "bridge the gap" between elementary and middle school, from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, June 26-July 14, on its campus, 100 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill. For information, call 969-3575, e-mail ifox@jku.edu or visit www.jku.edu.

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Lectures/Workshops

Breakthrough Leadership Workshop

Stephen Ministries of St. Louis will be hosting a new leadership training workshop, "Breakthrough Leadership Workshop," from 5:30-9 p.m., Saturday, June 2, and from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, June 3, Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road, Danville. Cost is \$45 and includes refreshments, workshop handouts and lunch Saturday. To register, call 855-1367, ext. 534, or visit www.cpcdanville.org.

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.

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'Wigged Out!'

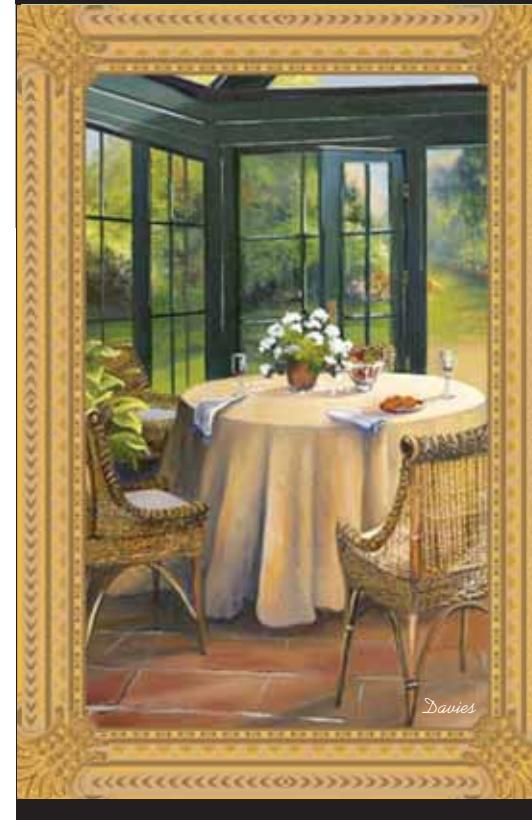
Victoria's Hair on Stage is proud to present the musical comedy, "Wigged Out!" featuring Desperate Housewives, the CSI guys, Anna Nicole Smith, Michael Jackson and many more. Performances start at 7 and 9 p.m., Saturdays, May 27 and June 3, 10, 17 and 24. Proceeds benefit Hats Off America. Wine and beer bar available; no one under 21 admitted. Tickets are \$40. Call 855-SHOW (855-7469) for tickets.

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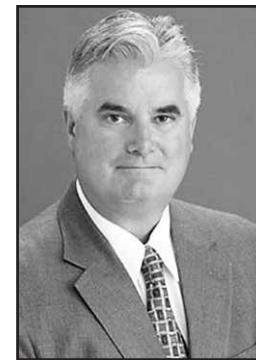
Voices of Courage Choir

The Voices of Courage Choir under the direction of Stefan Safsten will perform lyrics by a Folsom inmate serving a life sentence and the poetry of Dag Hammarskjold. This event will be apart of the worship service starting at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 28, Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. For information, call 648-7000 or visit www.prison-wings.org.

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by Kevin Zhou

Senioritis— it's epidemic

Students, teachers, administrators dealing with the final months of school

If you ever thought it was difficult to sit through a typical workday, imagine what it must feel like to be a high school senior around this time.

With graduation coming up in less than a month, "senioritis"—the ubiquitous disease that seems to infect 12th-graders every year as their high school careers draw to a close—is making its rounds throughout high school campuses across the district. And while its presence can sometimes be seen as early as October, its effects have really started to intensify.

"I hardly study now," said Lauren Williams, a senior at Monte Vista High School who will be headed to the University of Mississippi in the fall. "I studied for my AP tests the night before."

Since senioritis has already taken over in many classrooms, teachers have started to notice the students' condition.

"Not apathetic but definitely looking forward to the summer and September rather than the last few weeks in high school," said Tim Brown, an AP Calculus teacher at San Ramon Valley High School. "In a word, relaxed."

For the most part, senioritis stems from

a student's growing sense of apathy toward his or her schoolwork. After finding out where they will be headed in the fall, they no longer believe it is important to maintain high grades.

"I know I got into college, and I know that I'm not a junior," said Kurt Sakata, a senior at Monte Vista who will be headed to UC Davis. "It's been the easiest year ever because I didn't do anything, but I'm still going to college."

"For many students this starts once they start hearing and deciding what colleges they are going to. Once that happens, they want to coast," said Steve Johnson, who teaches senior English at San Ramon Valley High. "For others, senioritis happens this whole year, because they see little connection between high school and the 'real world,' especially with a schedule that mandates that they be here the whole day, often filling up their schedule with 'meaningless' classes."

But mainly, seniors simply feel that they deserve a little break after working hard for three-and-a-half years.

"They are getting close to the end of their public school careers," said Craig Ritts, a

San Ramon Valley High counselor. "I think that's human nature."

Seniors usually start to relax when they learn about their college acceptances, or when they realize there are only a few more months left of school. But while senioritis is prevalent on almost every campus in June, it is almost nonexistent in the opening months of school.

"The first semester was stressful because of college applications, but I've kind of taken this semester off," said Nishant Batsha, a senior at Monte Vista who is Columbia bound. "In anatomy, I have a 92 percent test average, but I have a 20 percent homework average. I'm capable of doing the work, but I choose not to because there is no goal that I'm working toward."

As difficult as it is to be a senior at this time of year, it has been equally difficult for teachers instructing seniors. Besides preparing their daily lesson plans, they must deal with an increased sense of apathy in their classrooms.

"As a teacher of seniors, it's always a struggle," said Johnson.

School administrators continue to stress the importance of working hard, even if it

is the final semester of high school. At the end of the year, every student must submit a final grade report to the university where they were accepted. If their grades slipped considerably from their previous years, then the universities reserve the right to rescind their applications, said counselor Ritts.

More important, however, the final months of high school serve as a stepping-stone to the first few months of college.

"Because many senior students have not been rigorous in their studies, I believe this makes the college transformation even more difficult because instead of two months off they've had four months or longer choosing to not be intellectually challenged," said Johnson. "This makes for a pretty steep learning curve."

For the time being, teachers have been trying everything to keep their seniors actively engaged. Perhaps Brown found the perfect ailment to deal with senioritis in his AP Calculus class: He has the students play two games of cricket each week. ■

Kevin Zhou is a senior at Monte Vista High School and an intern at the Danville Weekly, where he is still giving 100 percent. He will attend Harvard University in the fall.



BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Nos gusta comida mexicana (We love Mexican food)!

There's something casual and joyful about Mexican cuisine. Think piñatas, Cinco de Mayo parades, frozen margueritas in oversized glasses and, well, fun. Maybe the magic is in the peppers—spicy yet playful, strong yet friendly. Perhaps that's why we often serve Mexican dishes at parties. Most dishes are easy to make, fun to eat and reliably hunger-satisfying.

Having enjoyed Cuban, Puerto Rican, Mexican and other Latin American cuisines, there's a universal delight to Mexican foods that transcends geography and culture.

Maria Capdevielle, a classically-trained Italian pastry chef and local cooking instructor, adds her personal sentiments: "I got to try the spicy, strong flavor of Mexican food when I worked at different restaurants in the Bay Area and I fell in love with it immediately. There was always a Mexican cook or chef who wanted to share his culinary heritage with us. Although savory dishes are very strong in flavor, sweets are simple, delicate but full of fantasy." Maria shares her recipe for delicious "churros" below. (Foodies, please note: Maria's cooking class, "International Sweet Tour," will be offered Tuesday, June 20, at Andronico's, Danville. For more information, visit www.mariatereskitchen.com).

Aztecs and Mayans, the original Mexicans, relied heavily on corn-based diets enhanced with herbs and peppers and balanced with side dishes of beans and squash. Indigenous pre-Columbia foods include chocolate, maize, tomato, avocado, papaya, pineapple, chile pepper, beans,

squash, sweet potato, etc. However, when Spanish conquistadors and colonists arrived, they influenced them with the rice, beef, pork, chicken, wine, garlic, onions and other spices they brought from Spain. You can also trace a Caribbean influence in certain Mexican dishes, especially in regions like Yucatan and Veracruz, and the occupation of Mexico by the French provided touches of influence on Mexican cooking as well.

Different regions have been influenced to varying degrees by the Spaniards' colonization of Mexico. And, as with other cultural cuisines, Mexican foods vary by region, because of micro-climates, geography and local culture. Southeastern Mexico produces spicy vegetable and chicken-based dishes while the northern region of Mexico is known for its meat dishes. Veracruz-style cooking involves special preparation of seafood dishes.

Comida prehispanica (or prehispanic foods) are rarely served today but are still familiar to most Mexicans. They employ exotic ingredients like rattlesnake, monkey, deer, iguana and certain insects and are cooked in the Maya or Aztec style. Finally, many Californians are quite familiar with the blending of Mexican and American cuisines to create Tex-Mex and Mexi-Cali dishes.

So, cook up some Mexican food soon. You'll be saying "Me gusta" (I love it) too!

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

Recipes

Café de Olla: Sweet Cinnamon Coffee (serves 6)

You'll love this hot beverage for all-nighters or for a late afternoon boost of energy. In fact, it is often served at all-night wakes with plenty of sweet rolls.

6 cups water
3 heaping teaspoons medium-grind coffee (not instant)
1 stick cinnamon
4 Tbsp. brown sugar or to taste
1. Bring the water to a boil. Add the coffee, cinnamon and sugar, and continue boiling for 30 seconds.
2. Stir and strain into hot mugs.

Maria's Churros (makes 24)

Churros are fried strips of dough typically served hot and sprinkled with sugar or dipped in chocolate. While the original recipe comes from Spain, churros have become very popular in Mexico and other Latin American countries.

2 quarts vegetable oil for frying
1 cup all-purpose flour
5 Tbsp. melted butter
2 tsp. granulated sugar
3 eggs
1/4 tsp. salt
Grated zest of 1 orange
1 cup hot water
Toppings: 1/4 cup white sugar or 1/2 cup melted chocolate
1. In a medium sized pot, place the water, salt and butter, and heat until boiling.
2. Add the flour all at once, and mix well over the heat for few minutes, or until the mixture dries and begins to pull away from the pan. This may take anywhere from 2 to 5 minutes.
3. Remove from the heat, and pour the paste into

a mixing bowl. Beat in the eggs, one at the time. Beat in the sugar and orange zest.

4. In a heavy deep skillet or deep-fryer, heat oil to 360 degrees. Oil should be about 1-1/2 inches deep.
5. Spoon the mixture into a pastry bag fitted with a large star tip. Carefully squeeze out 4-inch-long strips of dough directly into the hot oil. Fry 3 or 4 strips at once, until golden brown, about 2 minutes on each side.
6. Remove from hot oil to drain on paper towels. Stir together the sugar and cinnamon; roll churros in the granulated sugar. Optional: Dip churros in melted chocolate.

Huevos Rancheros: Ranch-style Eggs (serves 2)

4 eggs
4 tortillas
1 medium tomato, diced
1/4 onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, chopped
1-2 serrano peppers, chopped
1 Tbsp. butter
Oil
Salt and pepper as desired
1. Melt the butter with the oil in a skillet. Sauté the onion, garlic and peppers until the onion is translucent.
2. Roast and peel the tomato. Cook it down to a liquid with the other ingredients. Add salt and pepper. Cook until it thickens and the flavor emerges.
3. Dip the tortillas in hot oil to heat them up and in the salsa for flavor.
4. Fry the eggs in oil, breaking them carefully so the yolks do not break. On top, spoon the oil over the eggs and cook until the egg whites are firm.
5. Place the tortillas on a plate and place an egg atop each tortilla. Pour the remaining salsa on top and serve hot. Optional: Top eggs with shredded Queso Fresco.

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OF NOTE



Brownies do civic duty

Brownie Troop 377 from Green Valley Elementary poses with Mayor Karen Stepper before leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Town Council meeting May 16. The Brownies are (back row, l-r) Julianna Ceccarelli, Natalie Brooker, Elyse Nunnery, (front) Jenelle Doolittle, Kylie McCann, Samantha Teshima, Caroline Carey and Chelsea Rodgers.

Jennifer Kim takes global role

Danville resident Jennifer Kim has been named an EF Educational Tour Global Citizen Award winner, one of 13 from the U.S. and Canada who will travel on an EF Educational Tour to Europe for their award. The award encourages college-bound high school seniors to think about their roles in local and global communities and how their actions affect the people around them and around the world.

In addition to a required school nomination, the applicants submit a 1,500-word essay. The 13 winners—11 from the U.S. and two from Canada—will travel together on a 10-day, expenses-paid educational tour to Europe to experience Global

Citizenship firsthand and put their words into practice. This year's tour to France and Spain will depart in July.

This year's essay question was, "How has a person in your community inspired you to live as a global citizen?" Jennifer wrote about her grandmother, as well as her life as a Korean American high school student in Seoul, where she attended 9th and 10th grade. She is a student at College Preparatory School in Oakland.

Realtors, Blue Star Moms join forces

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Danville is joining forces with the Blue Star Moms for the third year to collect items to be sent in care packages to troops serving overseas in time for the Fourth of July. Now until June 3, Coldwell Banker will serve as an official collection center for those wishing to donate items.

"We are so grateful that Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Danville has once again partnered with our efforts to help our troops overseas," said Patty Harris, a member of the Blue Star Moms. "The care packages mean so much to them and the involvement of the local community means so much to the Blue Star Moms."

Items to donate include pre-sweetened powdered drink mixes (i.e. Kool-Aid, Gatorade, Crystal Light), Chicken and Tuna Creations, protein bars, coffee and tea bags, fruit snacks, trail mix, cookies, heavy white and black socks, DVDs, CDs, Nerf footballs, basketballs, hand-held battery operated fans and camouflaged-colored neck coolers. Monetary donations are also appreciated. After June 3, the Blue Star Moms will be packaging all of the donated items and sending them to troops for their Fourth of July celebration.

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Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE



Bell's Post Office Store in Alamo

Vina Bell stands in front of Bell's store, which was at the corner of today's Las Trampas Road and Danville Boulevard and was also the post office from 1910 to 1936. Two Bells were postmasters during that time: David (1905-1923) and his son Roy (1923-1936). For a time it was called Bell's Post Office Store, a gathering place where residents could buy groceries and pick up the mail. The Alamo post office itself began in 1852 and for years was the only post office between Martinez and San Jose.

Sources: Virgie V. Jones' "Remembering Alamo"; Beverly Lane & Ralph Cozine's "San Ramon Valley—Alamo, Danville, San Ramon."

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Crow Canyon 6: 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon (820-4831)
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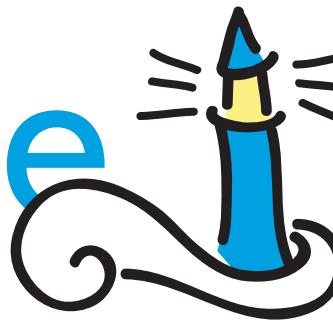
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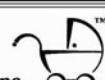
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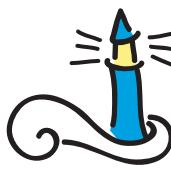
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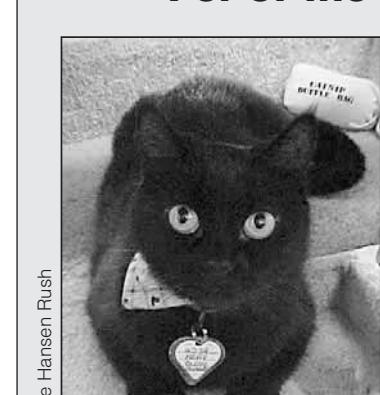
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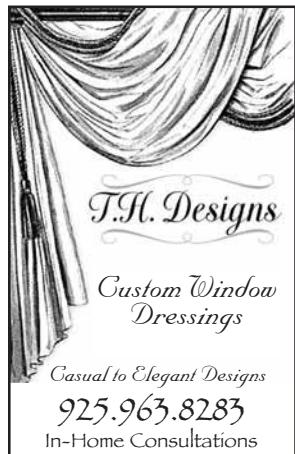
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2006

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Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$406,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,075,000
Average sales reported: \$1,121,370

Alamo

Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$206,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,095,000
Average sales reported: \$1,413,000

Diablo

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$1,400,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,400,000
Average sales reported: \$1,400,000

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$309,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,940,000
Average sales reported: \$787,375

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville

213 Abigail Circle W. Murray to P. Robinson for \$925,000
91 Amberfield Lane N. Jiroudi to R. Killingsworth for \$745,000
1230 Ariel Drive Shapell Industries to N. Barn for \$1,565,500

5455 Blackhawk Drive Smith-Basu Trust to S. Enochian for \$2,075,000

1281 Camino Tassajara Michael Trust to K. Lydon for \$709,000

1925 Casablanca Street Yan Trust to M. Washington for \$1,610,000

4436 Fleetwood Road D. & L. Pursel to A. & T. Dumay for \$1,320,000

1454 Greenlawn Drive M. & F. Voiard to K. Lewis for \$640,000

4 Heartland Court B. & L. Robinson to F. & L. Williams for \$1,425,000

1318 Knolls Creek Drive Shapell Industries to K. Daggubati for \$1,300,000

230 Marigold Street B. Simon to G. Scalarone for \$840,000

671 Park Hill Road Markewitz Trust to J. Mesaros for \$722,000

4199 Quail Run Drive Raible Trust to Everette Trust for \$1,725,000

411 Shirlee Drive S. & M. Kim to S. Nasrat for \$1,480,000

2192 Shoshone Circle J. & T. Moseley to N. Key for \$728,000

690 Silver Lake Drive Theuriet Trust to J. Lee for \$720,000

22 Sky Terrace Flynn Trust to M. & M. Janatpour for \$1,550,000

1926 St. George Road B. Corrie to Moore Trust for \$406,000

2006 Swan Street H. Son to D. Loomis for \$549,000

53 Torino Court A. & M. Prine to R. & K. Hunt for \$1,448,000

150 Town and Country Drive

M. Elder to J. Geppert for \$1,099,000

1362 Van Patten Drive C. Nguyen to M. Kicklighter for \$1,110,000

1251 Whispering Oaks Drive Graumann Trust to M. & L. Simpkins for \$1,100,000

Alamo

190 Camille Court Colman Trust to Schmitt Trust for \$1,600,000

10 Camino Monte Sol R. & S. Waal to RS Homes for \$206,000

1060 Livorna Road Craft Trust to J. Weymouth for \$960,000

23 Mott Drive B. & J. Crowder to J. & J. Chestnut for \$1,725,000

3049 Stonegate Drive Jones Trust to K. Farzaneh for \$1,650,000

925 Underhill Drive Underhill Limited to Zilk Trust for \$2,095,000

1549 Via Romero D. & B. Ford to D. & A. Geary for \$1,655,000

Diablo

2065 Diablo Road R. Heinrich to C. & E. Marshall for \$1,400,000

Walnut Creek

1315 Alma Avenue #243 Alpine of Alma Development to E. Chua for \$391,000

60 Amigo Lane Janatpour Trust to J. Richards for \$1,800,000

825 Bertram Street R. & R. McDonald to S. & L. Chappell for \$1,750,000

1646 Candelero Court NSHE Bailey Limited to Lee Trust for \$650,000

1806 Cole Avenue #3A D. Pagano to A. Thompson for \$410,000

1411 Creekside Drive #2 B. Luepke to S. Sivan for \$372,000

29 Diablo Ridge Lane Ashley Partners to M. & K. Chatfield for \$917,500

348 El Divisadero Avenue R. Berkman to M. Dankman for \$955,000

1103 Glengarry Lane C. Wilkes to K. Haughian for \$660,000

800 Kane Circle Gowen Trust to L. Gowen for \$785,000

301 Lennon Lane #203

Gynecologic Oncologists to Asta Trust for \$749,000

21 Martin Court

W. & S. Ward to J. & A. Rodriguez for \$749,000

1314 Milton Avenue

S. & C. Bennett to G. Frederick for \$1,060,000

968 Mojave Court

Kelly Trust to Lee Trust for \$1,300,000

320 North Civic Drive #405

Brown Trust to A. Gourkani for \$309,000

223 Northcreek Circle

Ennis Trust to R. Ennis for \$420,000

2550 Oak Road #113

Bridgeport Commons to B. Tumambing for \$392,500

2550 Oak Road #316

Bridgeport Commons to J. Cruz for \$416,500.00

2734 Oak Road #92

C. Martin to M. Madad for \$310,000

2539 Oak Road

D. Simkin to Walden Park Associates for \$1,728,500

20 Rodrigues Lane

R. Myer to C. Freeding for \$1,940,000

1614 San Miguel Drive

K. Misumi to R. Berkman for \$585,000

1570 Sunnyvale Avenue #23

T. Aleman to K. Taguindor for \$370,000

740 Tampico

R. Hardy to Grantham Trust for \$642,000

823 Tampico

K. Schulz to J. Borgman for \$605,000

974 Tera Court

C. & A. Gonzalez to D. Silva for \$1,010,000

1840 Tice Creek Drive #2417

Morehouse Trust to Heyde Trust for \$395,000

1428 Via Loma

J. Feuerborn to J. Dunning for \$610,000

1945 Warm Springs Court

Hayes Trust to D. & A. Ball for \$985,000

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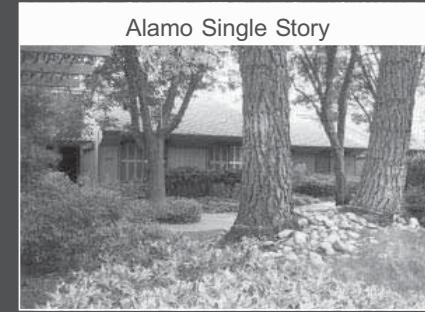
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3040 Fostoria Ln.
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527 Sycamore Cir.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel

615 Morninghome Dr.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams

2201 Shoshone Cir.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA

2198 Shoshone Cir.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire

1846 St. George Rd.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel

3 Bedrooms

147 Birchbark Pl.
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel

243 Ashley Cir.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes

4 Danville Oak Pl.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero

167 Heritage Park Dr.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams

1160 Delta Wy.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams

4 Bedrooms

209 Walnut Creek Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA

605 Ambience Wy.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel

3845 Sheffield Cir.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA

503 La Mancha Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty

33 Woodranch Cir.
Sun 12-3 p.m. MaxCap

115 Siena Pl.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero

152 Santa Clara Dr.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel

5 Bedrooms

416 Coventry Pl.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel

Diablo
4 Bedrooms

21 Calle Del Casarillo
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker

Alamo
4 Bedrooms

340 South Ave.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel

30 Vernal Ct.
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire

1606 Litina Ln.
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5 Bedrooms

92 Las Quebradas Ln.
Sat/Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Alain Pinel

153 Smith Rd.
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel

Blackhawk
4 Bedrooms

967 Redwood Dr.
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk RE

5842 Dresslar Cir.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams

2816 Vine Ct.
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker

2974 Picholine
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max

3 Bedrooms

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Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero

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