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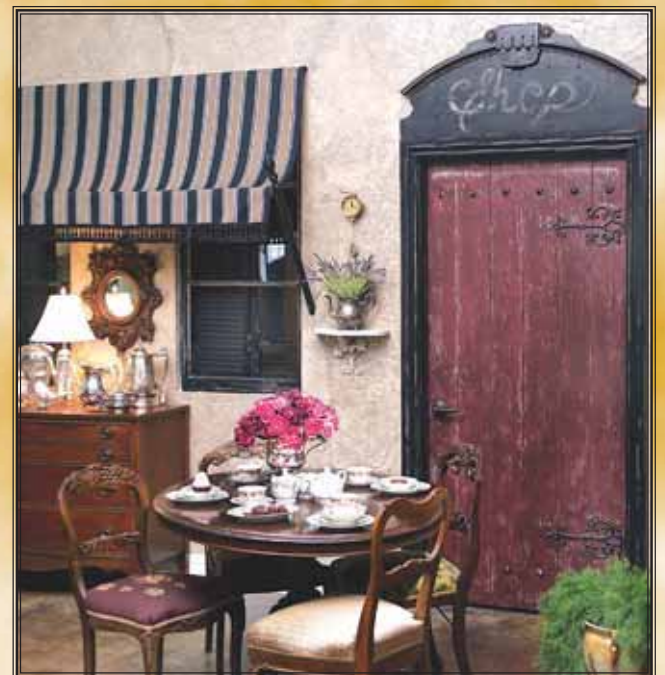
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Q: How involved should people get when they see a crime in progress?



It depends on the crime. You should always report it immediately, provided you could do it safely.

David Hall
retired sales management



I think they should get involved; contact the police, try to stop it if they can. They should also make people turn away if anything's going on.

Katie Carney
administrative assistant



For a woman, it's kind of scary. You should do what you can to seek help. I'm kind of short and am not the best for a physical thing, so I'd try to seek help. I know that many good Samaritans get hurt, but you should still try.

Edda Stark
entrepreneur



Call 9-1-1. Keep a safe distance. Warn your neighbors.

Greg Sosa
physical therapist



If it's a really bad crime, then they definitely have to do whatever they can to prevent or stop it. Small crimes should also be intervened in if possible because small crimes add up. They shouldn't be unnoticed.

Silas Ensign
high school student

compiled by Kevin Zhou

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ It’s intense for the people who own it—being right there in the public day to day. ”

—Betty Felton, one of the owners of the Pascal French Oven, who was just appointed to the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County.

County will give Alamo update

District 3 County Supervisor Mary N. Piepho will meet with Alamo residents for a Community Update at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 22, in the multipurpose room at Alamo Elementary School. County staff will provide news and details about current projects in the area. There will also be a question-and-answer session between residents and county staff members from several departments. For more information, contact the county offices at 820-8683.

Yogurt Shack to open Tuesday

The Yogurt Shack is scheduled to open its doors to the public in downtown Danville on Tuesday, June 13. The store will offer a variety of choices, ranging from regular frozen yogurt to a non-dairy fruit and ice product. Yogurt flavors will include peanut butter and chocolate, vanilla swirl and cappuccino.

The Yogurt Shack will be partly self-serve. Customers place their own toppings on their yogurt, and the price is then determined by weight. People can also make reservations for birthday parties. The new shop is located at 290 Hartz Ave., next to Primo's Pizza and across from Pete's Brass Rail. Call 837-2222.

Leadership graduation

Leadership San Ramon Valley graduated 25 members yesterday, June 8, the culmination of a 10-month program designed to give a historical perspective and in-depth look at issues facing the community, and to sharpen participants' leadership and management skills. The sessions each month brought them face to face with educators, corporate executives and public officials.

The graduating class includes Robert Bogle, Jason Brown, Janice Colby, Valerie Davis, Janet Evans, Alice Gracer, Barbara Heilmann, Rachel Hurd, Jeff Jacobs, Steve Jones, Janet Kleyn, Eric Leffler, Reggie Meigs, Amy Mockoski, Jim Parke, Stacy Pickavance, Denise Rousset, J. Scott Sampson, Stuart Steele, Michael Stella, Marilyn Stone, Spencer Tyrus, John Weaver, Roderick Wui and Neda Yegani.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2006-07 Leadership Class, to begin in September. Call director Nancy Lieber at 355-2554 or visit www.leadershipsrv.org.

Camping close by

Enjoy the adventure of family camping, even closer than Mount Diablo. The Town of Danville is presenting a Family Campout at Oak Hill Park, 3031 Stone Valley Road, on Saturday night, July 29. The fun will start at 3 p.m. and include swimming at the adjacent Monte Vista High School community pool, youth crafts, family games and a movie under the stars. Camp ends at 11 a.m. Sunday morning.

Cost is \$30 per family of four and \$5 for each additional family member for residents. Register at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St; call 314-3400; or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

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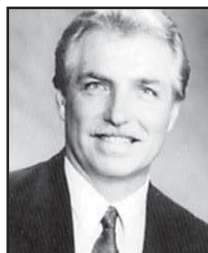
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Bakery owner named to county board

Members help small business owners face challenges

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Most of the town is still asleep when Bette Felton opens the doors to Pascal French Oven in Danville. At 5:30 a.m. the sun isn't up, but the smell of brewing coffee and the sound of crackling old jazz records is already coming from inside the cafe.

"I love opening up in the morning, welcoming all my friends and

getting in touch with the world," Felton said.

Felton was selected last week to serve in the private business sector of the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County. The board is made up of volunteers who help local people become economically self-sufficient in order to strengthen the greater community.

She will help the board understand the challenges faced by small business owners, said MariAnn Fisher, chairwoman of the Workforce Development Board.

"She knows what issues are

daunting for small business owners," Fisher said.

On a typical Monday morning, Felton's regular patrons greeted her with smiles and hugs.

"You are the mocha queen," one customer joked.

"Breakfast was a divine pleasure," another patron said with a smile.

Keeping both workers and customers happy to facilitate a productive work environment is a day-to-day challenge, Felton said. During the first week of ownership, she also had to cope with a bigger chal-

lenge—a burglary.

When you own a business you are always problem-solving, she said.

"I learned the term, 'There's always something,'" she said.

Felton previously served in the education sector of the Workforce Development Board and has coordinated efforts to support experiential learning, which combines education and work experience to make each more relevant. Preparing children and teens for the working world is her goal.

"My intent was to get kids in

schools more prepared and ready for work," she said.

Now that she is hiring and doing her own worker training at Pascal, she fully understands the need for relevant work-related learning, she said.

"Whether it's for welding or childcare, experience makes education more relevant," she said.

Customer service techniques, time management and the ability to multi-task are work skills that are needed for her staff, she said.

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Jeff Seaberg as the "Fanta" of the Opera, Peggy Huff-Stratten as Christine Victoria, and John Stenger as Frankenstein sing an opera about the haunted hair salon in the opening scene of "Wigged Out."

'Wigged Out'—unique to Danville

Last chance to enjoy 13th season of hair salon humor

by **Natalie O'Neill**

It's safe to say there's only one place to find Tom Cruise singing and dancing with a baboon and a six-foot jar of grape jelly.

The place is Victoria's Hair Onstage, the venue for Danville's notoriously campy cabaret-style

comedy "Wigged Out." And there are only three showings left this season.

"I've had people come up and tell me they are sore from laughing," said director-producer Jeff Seaberg.

The flashy fast-paced short pokes fun at everything from celebrities

to food products and is ending its 13th season this month with full houses and rave reviews from playgoers. The production began as a small skit put on by employees of Victoria's and has grown into a professional-quality play.

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Stepper campaigning for second council term

She wants to continue working regionally on traffic, preparing for disaster

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Danville Mayor Karen Stepper kicked off her re-election campaign at Ha's Restaurant on Hartz Avenue last week. She is seeking her second term on the Town Council; this year she is serving her turn as town mayor.

Around 100 residents showed

up and registered at the Stepper's kickoff, received nametags, ate Chinese food and mingled. Danville Councilwoman Candace Anderson also attended the event. Stepper shook hands, chatted and laughed with her supporters.

"It was a kind of a drop-by-after-work event," said Stepper, who has been on the council for three-and-a-half years.

Stepper, who is a certified public accountant, said her political platform involves reinforcing Danville's small town atmosphere

while encouraging residents to shop locally; improving traffic congestion; cooperating with other towns in the region; and making sure the community is prepared in times of disasters.

She said attracting more shoppers to do business in Danville puts more money into the town. And she said it's important for the town to work with neighboring communities.

"We have to cooperate with others," she said. "A lot of what we

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Parents want facts on instructor change

Ensemble jazz taken away from 24-year music teacher

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Some parents and students from San Ramon Valley High School bemoaned the plight of their music instructor, who has been an influential fixture in the community for 24 years, at an emotionally charged meeting Monday evening.

Cheryl Glass—the instrumental music program director at San Ramon Valley High and the school district coordinator of music—will not be teaching jazz ensemble for the next school year.

Jazz ensemble is the premier jazz musical performance group for the school, the parents said.

More than 34 members of the Wolf-Tones, the parent booster group for all of the music bands at the high school, gathered together at the school and voiced their anguish to Principal Joseph Ianora. Glass said school administrators had recommended to her that she stop teaching jazz ensemble.

Parents said they wanted to know why Glass is unable to continue teaching jazz ensemble. They said

students loved learning from Glass.

Ianora and district officials said they could not comment on why Glass was asked to step down.

"I am bound on what I have to do," Ianora told the parents. "I have certain constraints I work under." Ianora said he could not give details about a personnel matter.

"We wish there was some way to reduce your frustration about a lack of information," wrote Roberta J. Silverstein, assistant superintendent of human resources, and Ianora in a memo to the Wolf-Tones. "Unfortunately, because the issues relate to an ongoing investigation, the district is not at liberty to divulge any information about the investigation."

Likewise, Glass declined to comment.

Members of the Wolf-Tones have appeared at two school board meetings and publicly spoken about how the music program has been negatively affected by the issues surrounding Glass.

"The risk of lost opportunity is too great to just let it go," Janice Lewis, Wolf-Tones president, said later in an e-mail. "This program

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Mayor Karen Stepper talks to supporters at her campaign kickoff for a second term on the Danville Town Council.

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“(The board) has a wonderful potential for collaboration and partnership,” Felton said.

Danville’s local economy depends largely on privately owned business and has fewer corporate chains than most towns and cities in the county. Felton’s hands-on perspective will be instrumental in developing a strong local market, Fisher said.

Eight months ago Felton bought Pascal with three of her friends from church: Susan Kelchner, Nancy Dowell and Sandra Leich. They saw a posting for the bakery on craigslist and decided to buy the business. Felton said she jumped into it for the challenge.

“It’s intense for the people who own it—being right there in the public day to day,” Felton said.

Working at Pascal has been more than just a job, she said. It is a way to keep in contact with her friends and neighbors.

“I hear about what someone’s child is doing or who’s on vacation. In the mornings it’s almost like a



Barista Alison Shaw, pastry chiefs Felipe and Delfino Apaaz, and owner Bette Felton take a break after a Monday morning rush at Pascal French Oven in Danville.

community center,” she said.

Longtime patron Alma Gilbert said she comes to the café to see friends and to catch up on what’s going on in Danville. She said it is a very social place, but she also comes in to read by herself.

“It’s a coffee community,” Gilbert said. “It feels comfortable and safe here.”

With a background in nursing, healthcare and education, Felton is a valuable resource to the Workforce Development Board, Fisher said.

She taught nursing at California State University Hayward and has organized efforts to get more registered nurses in the county.

“This position is along the same lines of running meetings and planning strategies,” Felton said.

She said she relies greatly on customer loyalty and noted that working with partners she gets along with has made the experience enjoyable.

“I love being able to provide for my friends,” she said. ■

Stepper

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do is regionally oriented. Money doesn’t come externally without strings. Danville has so many ways of reaching out to people.”

She said the town’s involvement in the Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, a group that provides information to people who visit Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Livermore, helps Danville regionally.

Stepper said she has had a wonderful time working on the Town Council.

“It’s been a rewarding experience in a lot of ways,” she said. “I’ve been very impressed with the dedication of our staff.”

“I’ve been amazed at (the number) of volunteer organizations out there,” she added.

As early as she can remember, Stepper has been involved in the community, she said. She was

involved in 20 clubs in high school when she lived in Illinois.

“I enjoy interacting with people and problem-solving,” she said.

One of her favorite aspects of being a councilwoman is participating in focused public meetings.

“I love meetings,” she said. “I think they are very valuable.”

“They also provide (an opportunity for) networking with other people in the community. It’s also a place for generating ideas,” she said.

“It’s not new for me,” she added. “That’s the way I live my life.”

Stepper said she received her undergraduate degree in mathematics from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She earned her masters of business administration at California State University Hayward.

She said moving to California was something she had wanted to do for a long time.

“I was always told people that I was going to live in California,” she said.

“It’s a place where a lot of things

start. It’s open to new ideas.”

Now, after being here for 32 years, she said her initial impressions about the Golden State were true.

“There’s nothing like the landscape in California,” she said.

She enjoys skiing and the ocean. She is also a soccer coach for girls under 16 in Dublin. She lives in Danville with her husband Tony. They have two grown children, Shawn, 33, and Shannon Minor, 30.

Prior to becoming a council member, Stepper was a trustee with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District for nine years. She has been president of Mustang Soccer for three years.

She is currently president of the Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley, commissioner of Contra Costa Transportation Authority, an alternate for the Council of Mayors for Contra Costa Transportation Authority, and is a member of the League of California Cities—Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee. ■

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Music

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has become a stepping stone for students to become professional musicians and to go on to teach our children’s children.” Glass has spent countless hours helping to build the program, and it means a great deal to many people, she added.

They have also raised concerns about the lack of fluidity in the selection process for students auditioning for jazz ensemble and band. But school district officials said Glass developed a rubric specifically for the 2006-07 school year auditions, and it is based on standards created by the California Music Education Association.

They said the auditions to per-

form in jazz ensemble or jazz band for the next school year now have new requirements. Glass had developed guidelines for the adjudicator to use, and the district hired outside judges to determine which students are chosen for the musical groups.

“In prior years, there were no written standards or a grading rubric utilized during the process,” according to Ianora and Silverstein’s memo. “It is our opinion that Ms. Glass’ development of written standards and a grading rubric for use by the adjudicators for the 2006-07 school year, is an improvement to the audition process that is beneficial to all students.”

Ianora said Glass will continue to teach other music courses and will still be music coordinator for the district. ■

To bee or not to bee

Evan will still compete in spelling bees, but after he takes a break

by Natalie O'Neill

Danville's beloved whiz kid Evan O'Dorney returned home late Sunday night from Washington, D.C., after placing 21st out of 275 at the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee. He brought home a \$500 cash prize along with books and a \$100 savings bond.

Evan and his mom, Jennifer O'Dorney, who studied words together all year, said it was a good experience despite the fact that Evan didn't make it as far as he had hoped. He was stumped in Round 7 over the word "mirliton," a tropical American squash-like fruit.

"It was very exciting and nerve racking when I was waiting for him to get his words—wondering if he would know it," Jennifer O'Dorney said.

Evan nailed "cicerone," "occultation," "spheterize," "maquilage" and "antilegomena" in the beginning rounds, but missed "mirliton" by one letter. The home-schooled 12-year-old said he thought they had made a mistake in studying.

"We forgot to mark that word," he said.

He added that with all of the words in the English language, it's impossible to not make a mistake eventually. Jennifer and Evan's father Mike O'Dorney said they felt good about the results.

The event was aired on prime-time ESPN for the first time and was viewed by thousands of people nationally. Jennifer said this year was different from last year because the filming of the spelling bee made it more hyped up and intense.

"When it was your kid's turn to spell, they put a camera right in your face," she said.

Viewers love to watch the drama and suspense of the spelling bee, she said, comparing it to a reality TV show.

While Evan and Jennifer will definitely still compete in future spelling bees, they both said they want to take a break from studying to relax for a little while.

"We are going to keep on doing it but not as intensely as before," Evan said.

After the spelling bee was



Evan O'Dorney studies his spelling words before leaving for the National Spelling Bee, where he placed 21st out of 275.

over, the two went on a tour of Washington. They visited the Smithsonian, the spy museum and museum of American History.

With a less intense study schedule, Evan will have more time to do the other activities he enjoys, like playing piano, card games, board games and reading with his mom. ■

What's this?

Cody, a yellow Labrador retriever, looks confused when offered a 2-1/2-oz. cup of ice cream at the Blackhawk Baskin-Robbins on Sunday at a fundraiser for Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation. Baskin-Robbins presented a check for \$6,000 to ARF, whose volunteers were there with their adoption mobile. Nine-year-old Cody is an ARF success story, adopted by Darlene Rouke. Cody enjoys dancing, walking and visiting—even if he's not acquainted with ice cream.



Wigged Out

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"It's an awesome Danville tradition ... it's People Magazine onstage," said Michelle Stedman, who saw the June 3 showing.

Other members of the audience compared the play to "Beach Blanket Babylon," a larger scale parody of popular culture that runs in San Francisco.

Seaberg said the venue for "Wigged Out"—a salon on the corner of Hartz Avenue and San Ramon Valley Boulevard—is part of what makes the show uniquely offbeat.

While some of the actors play hairdressers, the common idea that they are actual employees of the salon is a myth. Most of the cast has professional experience and acts in plays in the Tri-Valley area.

"We've got a professional quality play without a drive into the city and we don't have a two-drink minimum," Seagram said.

"It's a little piece of entertainment gold," he said.

The storyline is written collaboratively by the entire cast but is updated as material from news and pop culture develop. Dick Cheney,

for example, wasn't included in the show until he made headlines for accidentally shooting his friend. And similarly, there was no Janet Jackson reference until her "wardrobe malfunction."

The cast is constantly editing, rewriting and reviewing what humor "works" and that doesn't, said actress Donna Turner, who plays a poodle, a hairdresser and Princess Latte. She said the creative process develops the way an episode of Saturday Night Live does.

"It's a living, breathing thing," Turner said.

Actress Peggy Huff-Stratten said they draw from a lot of trial and error and leave room for some improvisational comedy.

"We have the freedom to do what we want with the show because it evolves over time," she said.

While there is a clear plot and story line, the show is made up of quick two-minute scenes.

"We joke that if you don't think this is funny, wait two minutes," Seaberg said.

The actors often break the "fourth wall" and talk directly to the audience. At one point the fictional character Christine Victoria

goes into the audience and flirts with a man in the front row. This part of the show is totally ad-lib and prompts a lot of laughter and response from the audience.

Members of the cast guessed the show was about 80 percent scripted and 20 percent improv.

"It's live so anything can happen," Seaberg said.

This season's storyline centers around Christine Victoria's search to find who is haunting her hair salon. Each scene has a smooth transition into the next and there is a clear beginning, middle and end. While the comedy is off-the-wall, it is important to have a developed plot, Seaberg said.

Next year's production will start in November and will have totally new material. The conflict will focus on the idea that the new salon owner may lose the business. It will follow the same format as previous years, running about 75 minutes.

Tickets for the remaining shows are \$38. They will run at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, June 10; 7 p.m. June 17; and 8 p.m. June 24. For more information, call the box office at 855-SHOW (855-7469). ■



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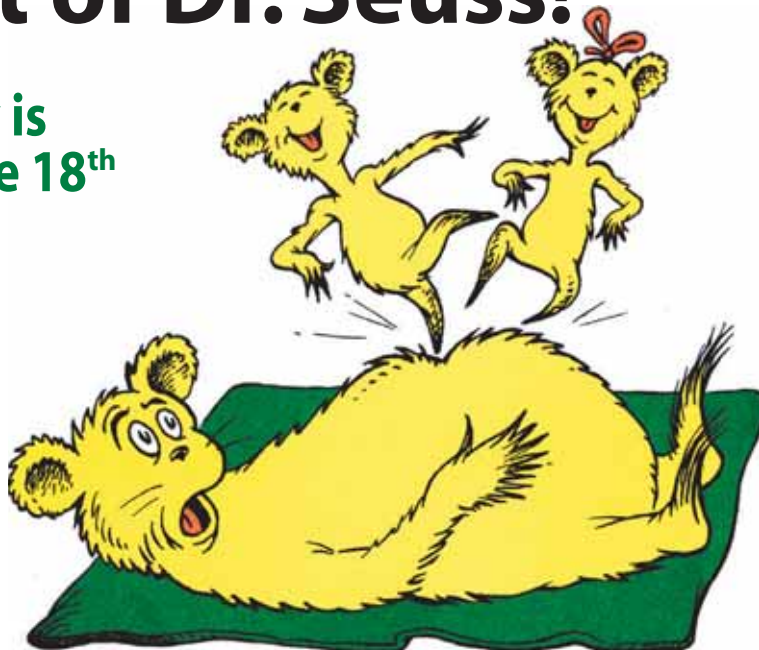
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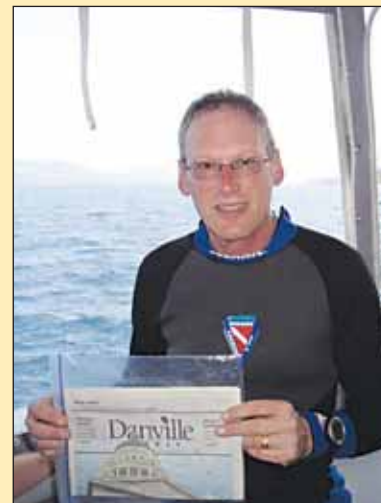


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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Saving Sudan

The handsome African man spoke in correct, accented English to the folks sitting in a circle in the youth room at the Danville Congregational Church on Sunday. His words on this beautiful sunny day were surreal as they told of rape, murder and starvation in Sudan, his homeland. "As I speak right now, people are dying," said Silvestro Akara Bakhiet. He was surrounded by members of his extended family, including his parents, brothers, his wife and baby, two other little children, 13 in all. They were visiting from San Francisco to take part in the church's worship service, its after-service coffee, then lunch and this conversation.

Silvestro has been in the United States since 1997. But most of the family members only recently joined him from a refugee camp in Uganda where they found shelter after escaping from their village of Pageri in southern Sudan in 1985 during the North-South Civil War. Silvestro went many other places, and only recently were they all reunited. In the capital, Khartoum, he was arrested for attempting to found an English school. He eventually went to Egypt where he met an American who invited him to visit in San Francisco, then advised him to apply for political asylum. In 2000, Silvestro founded New Sudan Generation in San Francisco; it has opened a girls elementary school in southern Sudan and is planning the New Sudan Generation Resource Center.

Open warfare broke out in Darfur in early 2003 when two rebel groups attacked military installations and the government responded by supporting indiscriminate destruction and killings by the Janjaweed militia, recruited from groups of Arab extraction in Darfur and Chad. A neighbor of mine, Marilyn Hirsch, has worked since February 2005 to raise a public outcry against the atrocities. First she worked with the Jewish communities, since they have learned from the Holocaust what happens when people remain silent. Next she reached out to the Christian churches and other individuals.

In October they held a vigil in Oak Hill Park to raise awareness. "At least 450 people came, that's how many signatures we got," Marilyn said. In February they joined the National Call-In Day, which aimed at 1 million calls to the White House and members of Congress to express concern. The following week, President Bush made a statement that genocide is happening in Darfur and it has to end, said Marilyn. This was an important first step—getting our government to realize there is a problem. In April, a vigil rally drew 50,000-70,000 in Washington, D.C., and 15,000 in San Francisco. At this event, Marilyn and her friend Deena Levine met Silvestro and put him in touch with the Danville Congregational Church, which is known for its outreach and social action.

Silvestro spoke Sunday of the suffering of his family—his 16-year-old sister shot to death by army troops as she hid under the bed, his father's brother shot to death in his house, his 50-year-old aunt raped to the point of death. "That is the pain we had," he said of his family. "Yet I see others' pain and know mine was nothing compared to theirs." He said the people in Sudan are friendly and honest, and love each other despite religious differences, and the government in Khartoum must give them their rights. Millions are at risk of rape, murder and starvation, after the destruction of towns, food and water supplies. There are no roads between the north and the south, Silvestro said, and even government officials live in tents. Some 400,000 civilians have been killed in the violence; 2.5 million have been displaced; and 3.5 million are hungry, according to the U.N. and the Coalition for International Justice. Ten thousand are dying every month. Silvestro said other African countries are dealing with their own problems so he hopes NATO can help. He would also like to see groups, such as the church, sponsor a water project for at least one village, to help build a peaceful life; and a school for at least one village, to raise future leaders. One of his brothers added that medical help is also needed.

Deena was at the lunch, as was the Rev. Laura Barnes, associate minister of the Danville Congregational Church. There was an older man who had served in equatorial Africa during World War II, as well as a young woman who had gone to Africa on her honeymoon last year. After our visit, we all walked out onto the church grounds and stood under the trees. Silvestro and his good-looking family obligingly posed for photos and expressed thanks for the visit. The two little children dashed around as children will after sitting still, and the little girl shook my hand with a shy smile. I am so glad this family has escaped the death and destruction. But what about the others? ■

How to help

- E-mail Marilyn Hirsch at cmhirsch@astound.net to be on a Sudan activist e-mail list for future events.
- Gather postcard signatures for a million voices for Darfur; go to www.millionvoicesfordarfur.org and click on "get postcards."
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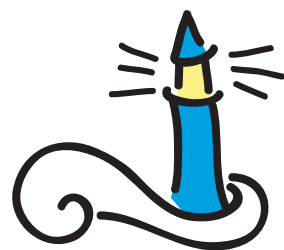
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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Handling crime

What should you do if you witness a crime in progress? Call 9-1-1, say police, and let the professionals take over. California law states that citizens can make an arrest, but the Danville police say they'd rather people stay safe.

Recently a Danville resident heard someone was hiding from the police in his neighborhood and went out to confront him, with a gun. Although we admire his willingness to help combat crime, several things could have gone very wrong with this action. Any time a gun is involved, there is a chance it could hurt someone, and perhaps not the "bad guy." Even if the resident had not had a gun, perhaps the suspect might have, or he might have caused bodily harm in his effort to get away. That is why police would rather handle things themselves.

Report crimes or suspicious activities to police immediately, and encourage your employees and families to do the same. Police appreciate 9-1-1 calls and residents who can help them with information. Good witnesses are invaluable. But police do worry about innocent bystanders being injured.

Residents can perform a valuable service being eyes and ears for the police. Leave the actual pursuit to the officers.

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There are several ways for those interested to learn more about the Danville Police Department. The department offers an eight-week Citizen Police Academy every spring. Once this is completed, participants may become part of the volunteer force, which does clerical work in many areas and performs vacation checks on homes. If interested, contact Community Services Officer Shawn Desmond at 314-3355.

The department also offers ride-alongs for residents over the age of 18 for up to four hours, although they must be completed by 10 p.m. Go in person to the Police Department, 510 La Gonda Way, to complete the necessary paperwork. The department also gives tours by appointment. Call 314-3410.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Weekly visits Sioux Falls

Dear Editor:

On Nov. 11, you published a picture of myself, husband and friends on the Panama Canal. A friend who lives in Pismo Beach was visiting in Sioux Falls, S.D. She was at the airport, and saw the Danville Weekly. To her surprise there was the picture of the four of us. You never know where you will run into the Danville Weekly.

Lorraine Silva, Danville

Tree needs to breathe

Dear Editor:

I'm concerned for the health and beauty and long life of the

stately large old Oak Tree on Diablo Road near downtown Danville. I see the strong steel structure around the tree to protect automobiles from a falling branch, but the better way to keep this mighty Oak Tree from getting sick and losing a limb is to keep it healthy.

The asphalt roadway under the tree needs to be removed out to the drip line so it can breathe and get water. You can sponsor a fundraising event to raise enough money to replace the black-top with a breathable surface.

P.S. I can provide the live music.

Tim Rickey, Danville

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POLICE BULLETIN & LOG

POLICE BULLETIN

Counterfeit note swindle costs \$60,000

Con men masquerading as salesmen selling pencil art from the British Isles swindled an elderly man from Danville for \$60,000, said Danville police Sgt. Ron Bradley.

He said the victim had been cashing counterfeit U.S. Postal notes at his bank and now has to pay the amount that he had been liquidating based on the false documents, said to be valued at \$60,000.

"He's embarrassed," Bradley said about the victim. Bradley said the victim received an e-mail from four salesmen in May, saying they were selling pencil art and drawings for a lot of money in checks and U.S. Postal notes, and they needed the Danville man to cash them. The salesmen, who said they were from Ireland and London, explained there was a high cost involved if they cashed the checks in Europe and told the victim they would pay him a fee for cashing them.

They told the victim the U.S. Department of Commerce had given him a good recommendation; because the victim had been in contact with the federal agency, he believed their statement.

The salesmen sent the Danville man the financial documents, he cashed them at his bank, and transferred the money to a Western Union address they provided. He continued this process until he received a call from his bank telling him the notes were counterfeit, Bradley said.

"He had sent \$60,000 to all these people," Bradley said. "And then about 10 days later, he gets a note from the bank that all these U.S. Postal notes were fake or counterfeit."

Bradley said the victim is still in contact with the salesmen, hoping that someone will follow them. The case has been forwarded to the FBI in San Francisco.

"You need to confirm who are you dealing with," Bradley said. He recommended waiting until a check clears before forwarding funds to anyone.

—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 29

- Drunk in public on Sutton Cir. at 12:40 a.m.
- Auto burglary, arrest, on Briar Pl. at 5:46 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Las Barrancas Dr. at 8:18 a.m.
- Commercial burglary on Hartz Ave. at 9:05 a.m.
- Grand theft, bicycle, arrest, on Estates Dr. at 9:50 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Veda Dr. at 11:08 a.m.
- Vandalism on Diablo Rd. at 2:10 p.m.
- Vandalism on Rubicon Cir. at 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30

- Residential burglary, arrest, on Veda Dr. at 1:34 a.m.
- Injury accident on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 9:42 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on La Gonda Way at 10:21 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Elizabeth Ln. at 10:43 a.m.
- Possession of marijuana for sale, arrest, on Stone Valley Rd. at 2:53 p.m.
- Petty theft from building, arrest, on Stone Valley Rd. at 3:46 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Casablanca St. at 5:23 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Fountain Springs Cir. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:36 p.m.
- Interfering with public officer, arrest, on Fountain Springs Cir. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:58 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31

- Vandalism on Camino Tassajara and Lawrence Rd. at 6:16 a.m.
- Vandalism on Lawrence Rd. at 7:38 a.m.
- Vandalism on Lawrence Rd. at 7:39 a.m.
- Vandalism on Lawrence Rd. at 7:55 a.m.

- Residential burglary on Jewel Terrace at 4:34 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Ocho Rios Dr. at 4:13 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 5:28 p.m.

Thursday, June 1

- DUI, arrest, on Alegre Ct. and Paraiso Dr. at 3:10 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Front St. and Hartz Way at 9:04 a.m.
- Warrant arrest on Summerside Cir. at 11:30 a.m.
- Petty theft, shoplifting, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:32 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Arroyo Dr. and Diablo Rd. at 4:47 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Jewel Terrace and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 5:11 p.m.

Friday, June 2

- Misdemeanor under the influence of drugs, arrest, on La Gonda Way at 2:18 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and Green Valley Rd. at 3:34 p.m.

Saturday, June 3

- Suspicious circumstances on Diablo Rd. at 4:52 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Esther Ln. at 8:29 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Fontaine Dr. and Old Blackhawk Rd. at 12:34 p.m.
- Warrant arrest on Sycamore Hill Ct. at 4:18 p.m.

Sunday, June 4

- DUI, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 1:45 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Joaquin Cir. at 3:19 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Harlan Dr. at 11:35 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 29

- Petty theft on La Sonoma Way

- Felony vandalism on Austin Ln.
- Tuesday, May 30**
- Possession of marijuana on Stone Valley Rd. and White Gate Rd.
 - Felony vandalism on Via Del Gato

Wednesday, May 31

- Two auto burglaries on Winding Glen
- Felony vandalism on Monte Sereno Dr.

DIABLO

Friday, June 2

- Suspicious circumstances on Calle Arroyo

Saturday, June 3

- Verbal disturbance on Club House Rd.

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Thursday, June 1

- Grand theft from vehicle on Oakshire Pl.
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Robert E. Darnell, Sr.

Robert E. Darnell, Sr., who was born Aug. 1, 1918, in Apache, Okla., died May 21. He was 87. He was a resident of Livermore and enjoyed bowling and playing poker.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Darnell, in 2002. He is survived by his son Robert Darnell Jr. of Danville; daughters Suzann Bonin of Oklahoma and Brynn Cope of Livermore; five sisters and brothers, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Private services were held.

William Robert 'Bill' Gregory

William Robert "Bill" Gregory, 62, passed away May 22 at Stanford Hospital after a second courageous battle with leukemia and lymphoma. He was born Oct. 21, 1943, in Spangler, Pa., and was a 26-year resident of Danville. He enjoyed golf and travel.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sandy; their two children, daughter Kristine of Memphis, Tenn., son Eric of Lake Ozark, Mo.; four grandsons, Justyn, Ryan, Tony and Trevor; and a host of relatives, friends and business associates.

A memorial Mass was celebrated May 25 at St. Joan of Arc Church.

1924, one of 14 children to William and Mabel Concannon. He resided in La Mirada prior to settling in Danville 41 years ago. He played All-American in high school, and was a semi-pro softball player.

He retired from the U.S. Army during World War II. He received the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and was a paratrooper for the 11th Airborne Division. He was one of the last surviving men who liberated 2,147 civilian prisoners of war, men, women and children from the Los Baños Internment Camp in the Philippines on Feb. 23, 1945. He received three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star.

He retired from Safeway after 30 years of service in charge of all meat processing. He was an avid golfer and a member of Castlewood Country Club, where he served on its board of directors.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruth Concannon; son Michael Concannon; daughters Karen Suzanne Day and Kelleen Ann Barry; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a sister, Genevieve Silva. He was predeceased by his son, Garry F. Concannon, in February. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Isidore's Catholic Church. Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette.

Edna E. Miner

Edna E. Miner died May 25 at the age of 93.

Born in Butte Valley Township, N.D., she was the last survivor of nine children born to Norwegian immigrants. She graduated from the Fabiola School of Nursing in

Oakland in 1932 and worked in the profession for 40 years. In the mid 1960s, she fought to improve working conditions for nurses.

For two years, she left nursing and owned and operated a yardage store in Castro Valley.

She played the organ in her church and over the years was a member of the Elm Club of Oakland, Sons of Norway, Eastern Star and the Republican Women's Club. After retirement, she built a ranch house in Tracy and spent the next 18 years raising cattle, horses and chickens. She also worked in construction, was a talented seamstress, an excellent Scrabble player and enjoyed deep sea fishing.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hollis and first-born daughter Mary Susan. She is survived by three daughters and their husbands: Holly Gillingham and Chuck of Campbell; Patty Parks-Telek and Frank of Danville; and Marty Daniels and Steve of Pleasanton; and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Rolling Hills Church in Danville. Donations may be made to the National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Carol Hermann Tate

Dr. Carol H. Tate, resident of Danville and a respected environmental engineer, died in Alamo after a prolonged struggle with cancer. She worked for 33 years for MWH, most recently as a vice president in its Walnut Creek office.

She is survived by her daughter, Hilary Tate; her mother, Lillian Hermann; her brother, James Hermann and his wife Pam; her sister, Susan Day; her in-laws George and Jennifer Tate; and countless friends and family members. A memorial service was held June 3 at the Creekside Community Church in Alamo. The family requests that donations be directed to the "Tate Scholarship Fund" at UCLA, and forwarded to Donna Arcaro, MWH, 300 N. Lake Ave., Suite 1200, Pasadena, CA 91101.

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SPORTS DIGEST

Athletes plus academics

The Monte Vista Boys Varsity 3A East Bay Baseball team has attained the highest goal of school athletics, combining outstanding academic performance with interscholastic athletic participation. With a grade-point average of 3.19, Monte Vista High School's student athletes earned the North Coast Section Boys Scholastic Baseball 3A East Bay Championship Team Award for spring 2006. The boys Tri-Valley track team also attained the goal, with a grade-point average of 3.16, winning the NCS Boys Scholastic Track Tri-Valley Championship Team Award.

These awards are presented to the top three NCS varsity teams in each division or classification in each sport with the highest composite GPA of 3.0 or above. There are 171 schools in the North Coast Section.

Cubbies Soccer

A six-week program to introduce children ages 3-5 to the game of soccer in being given by the Town of Danville and begins July 10 at Osage Station Park. It's parent participation, and the moms and dads will instruct the kids on the basics of dribbling, passing, trapping and shooting. The town will send each parent a practice outline and field map for the six weeks; it will include basic drills and game ideas. Town staff will be at the first practice to answer questions, mark fields and hand out equipment.

The cost of \$55 for residents (\$66 for non-residents) includes a T-shirt and an award for each

participant, plus soccer balls and cones for each team during its practice. All parents are expected to actively participate at each practice. A parents meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. June 22 at the Los Cerros Middle School gym, 986 Blemer Road. Online registration is recommended: www.ci.danville.ca.us. Call 314-3482 to indicate an interest in coaching.

Looking for golfers

The Rotary Club of Danville is seeking golfers for Thursday, June 22, for its Greater Danville Open Invitational Golf Tournament. The club hopes to raise \$35,000 to donate to Discovery Counseling Center, the San Ramon Valley YMCA, Hospice and Crisis Centers serving children and parents in the area. In addition, proceeds fund college scholarships and leadership programs for local teens. Space is still available to play in the Tournament, which starts at 11:30 a.m. at Poppy Ridge in Livermore.

Entry fees cover the cost of a box lunch and dinner at the clubhouse for this championship-level course. Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$10,000. To sign up, call Tony Leonard at 837-3716 or Jeff Behring at 648-3829.

Golden Skate Roller Hockey League

Roller Hockey teams are forming now for the Golden Skate Roller Hockey League, which plays at the rink at 2701 Hooper Drive in San Ramon. New players are welcome. The leagues are as follows: Mites (ages 6-9), Squirrels (10-13) and Juniors (14-19). The season starts June 19, and the deadline for signups is June 13. Register online at www.thegoldenskate.com/hockey.html or call Kristie at 314-0457.

Adult softball

The Danville Senior Softball League plays pickup games at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round. New members are welcome. Call Bob Randall at 855-4646 for more information.

San Ramon Valley Tennis Club

The San Ramon Valley Tennis Club is looking for new members. It offers league play for women throughout the year for both A and B players. Games are played on weekdays and during the day, in the East Bay. Membership fee is \$30 per year. For information, call Laurie at 820-0695.

Parent photographers

Send a jpeg to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com of the best action shot from your child's game for consideration for our Sports page. Remember to include caption information: who, what, when, where—and the score.



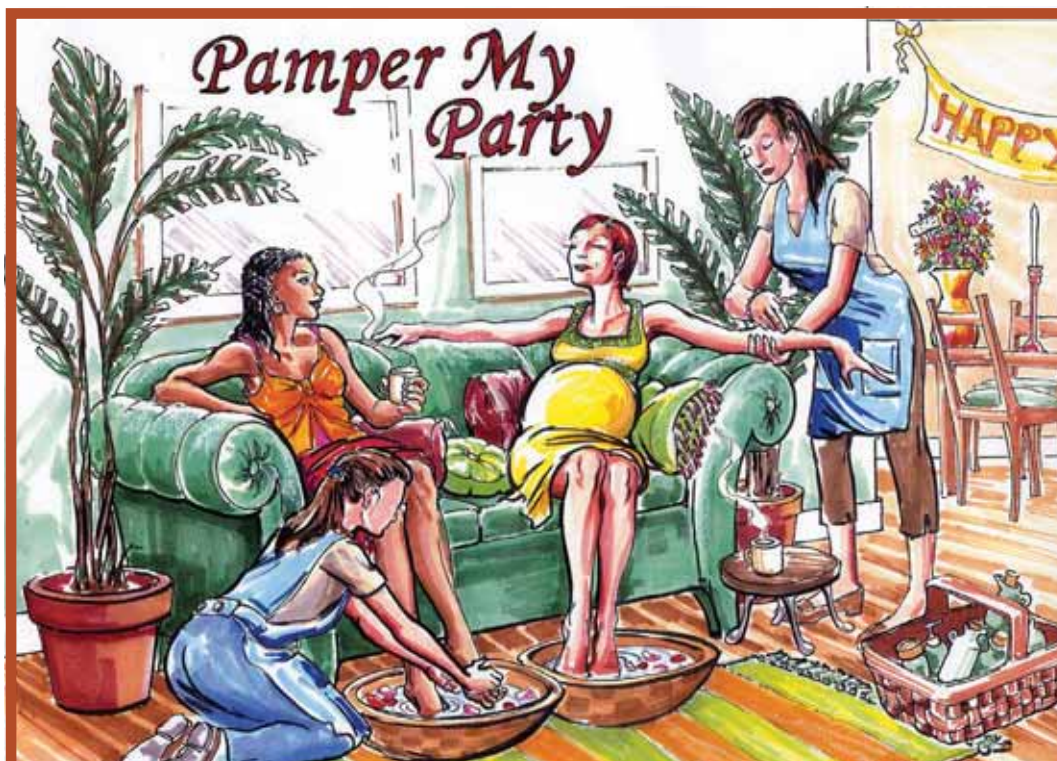
Go, slugger!

Jordan Weil, an Alamo resident, hits a double when his Single A Red Sox team of the San Ramon Valley Little League faces the Indians. The teams are ages 7-8, and the games are played at Stone Valley Middle School.

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Disfiguration causes Alamo man to look

FACE TO FACE



The malignant tumor attacked his face, and his surgeon thought about removing his right eye.

Horrified, Terry Healey, 21, wanted to keep his eye and hoped then his handsome features, which made him popular with the girls, would be saved from Fibrosarcoma.

But it was inevitable. His life of appearances had ended. And his journey to within had begun.

After 25 reconstructive surgeries and wide press coverage of his struggles dealing with a disfigured face, Healey has spent the past few years rewriting his book, "At Face Value: My Triumph Over a Disfiguring Cancer."

"There was a lot of growth in the past two to three years," he said.

He hoped that it would give others the knowledge and wisdom to handle adversity.

"It's very rewarding dealing with challenges everyday," said the Alamo resident.

The new additions to the book, he said, included the importance of forgiveness and trust to heal from emotional scars.

He said he had thought some of his friends abandoned him when he was helpless. However, later he realized they didn't necessarily leave him because of his looks but they may have had other priorities in their lives. He needed to forgive them.

"It's not so easy because we are so busy," Healey said. "Their lives get complicated."

"We all make mistakes," he said. "There are reasons why people do what they do. I need to forgive people."

He added that trusting other people, such as his family and women who saw his beauty despite his physical appearance, helped win back his self-confidence.

"Trust is critical to being successful," he said.

Healey, who works as a technology marketing strategy consultant, continues to give motivational and educational speeches about his challenges to business clientele and other communities throughout the Bay Area, such as schools.

His book talks about how his early high school and college years at UC Berkeley were based on appearances, and details the dramatic changes in his perspective when he was battling a cancer in his face.

Growing up in Walnut Creek was mostly a breeze, Healey said. At Las Lomas High School, he ran track and cross country and played basketball. Also, his good looks and outgoing personality convinced his peers to make him homecoming prince. Dating women was easy for him, he said.

"I didn't stress over anything," he said. "I achieved what I wanted. My experience with the opposite sex was easy."

At the time, his life was based on appearances, and he didn't have much of an identity otherwise.

"Identity is the way you look," he said.

Additionally, he had strong bonds with his parents and brothers, he said. And his Roman Catholic upbringing helped bring him guidance and faith.

At UC Berkeley, he joined a fraternity and soon became its president. He partied, drank and performed decently in his academics.

His success at dating women continued. "It wasn't challenging," Healey recalled.

His dates were based mostly on physical attraction. He dated a girl named Marilyn, a graduate student double-majoring in psy-

chology and economics, and recalled attracted mainly to her physical appearance. She had heavy dark eyebrows, long hair and a great smile.

"She was beautiful," he said. "I was way beyond me. I was crushed through this."

His easy life came to a halt when he realized there was a lingering blemish on his nose. He went through sessions with a doctor, and the early diagnosis was that he had a form of cancer on his face. Healey said he wanted to consult with specialists about his condition.

"I was shocked," Healey recalled. "I thought I was invincible."

Nonetheless, his doctor said he caught his cancer early, and it was treatable. Healey continued walking at an easy pace, but he reflected a lot more.

"I wasn't concerned about my prognosis," he said. "(But) I was much more concerned about life. I had to cherish it with all I had. I had to enjoy the ride."

"I could die," he added. "It woke me up to all the important things."

However, his cancer continued to spread and bother him.

"It was a hard mass," he said. "There was a tingly sense. It was like ants crawling under my skin."

His doctor diagnosed him with fibrosarcoma and Healey needed surgery to remove the tumor. He went to the UCSF Medical Center for surgery.

"That was the kiss of death," he said. "It was pretty shocking. I'm facing death. I'm never going to look the same."

Healey's surgeon promised him he would look "streetable."

But after surgery, his face was disfigured. "It was pretty horrific," he said. "I looked like an elephant man."

What he feared most was the reaction he would get from people outside his family, especially women. After surgery, he was unable to date with women with confidence.

"What in the hell happened to me?" one woman asked him when he was in a law firm in San Francisco.

"I had cancer," he begrudgingly admitted. "But I'm fine."

He recalled another experience when he and two friends ate at a diner and a waitress who went to his high school said the girl had had a crush on him in the past, but when she saw him, she said, "My God!" And she went the other way.

Many women would look at him with shock, and others would often run away. He would look scared when he walked toward them.

He would get very emotional and would shout back at people who asked "what happened to you?" or those who would behave maliciously toward him. His confidence was shattered, and he fell into a state of hopelessness.

Healey went through a series of surgeries to reconstruct his face. But he still felt insecure and suffered from scars—wounds that were visible.

"I felt so crappy about myself," he recalled. "I had no confidence, no self-esteem. It was a long spell where I was going out with anybody."

Nonetheless, Healey continued to date.

While at a hospital, he met a journalist named Dina. The two hit it off and engaged in long conversations in the waiting room. He said the two drank a lot of wine at the hospital.

deeper into himself

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He also was getting support from a group of people who were facing similar issues. And his parents and three brothers, compassion from his nurses and his faith in God got him through the tough times.

“You can’t get through anything alone,” he said.

Soon, he began to trust and his emotional wounds started to heal.

“There’s really nothing wrong with me,” he said.

But Dina broke up with him. He became devastated. He said she broke off their relationship because she had to keep reassuring him about his insecurities—not because of his looks.

This was a major event, he said, because it forced him to look even deeper inside himself and realize, “I had to accept who I was.”

Though his heart was broken, his breakup with Dina was one of the major turning points of his life.

Later on, he met a girl named Sue at Perry’s in San Francisco when he was with his buddies. Sue was also with her friends, and they were looking for a bar in town. Healey—who was intentionally hitting on her—chimed in and suggested they go to the Silhouettes club because it had a mature crowd.

They followed his suggestion and went to Silhouettes. Shortly after, Healey told his friends that he wanted to go there, too, and he met up with Sue. He got to know her, and both realized there was chemistry between them.

They connected and talked about everything, he said. They married after dating for two years.

Healey said Sue saw his beauty beyond his face.

“Beauty is the most individual thing,” Sue said. “What’s ugly to (others) is beautiful to some. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.”

“I appreciate his unique character,” she added.

“People will never forget your face,” she told her husband. ■

About Terry Healey

Terry Healey has been published in the Guideposts Magazine, Psychology Today and Coping Magazine. He is also a contributing author of “Make Your Own Miracle: Surviving Cancer,” released in November 2004 and a contributing author of “Open My Eyes, Open My Soul,” released in December 2003.

He is an honorary member of the board of directors for The Cancer League Inc. Healey is also a general partner in a sales and product strategy consulting firm called Iron Horse Ventures.

Healey recently appeared on ABC’s Sunday on Seven with Cheryl Jennings, Total Living TV Network with Jerry Rose, KTVU/Fox 2 Mornings on 2 with Ross McGowan, and has also appeared on more than 30 radio stations across the country.

As a professional speaker, Healey makes presentations to corporate sales professionals, medical professionals and students.

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Walls are a special fascination of ours as my family travels. At left: While visiting Spain in late 1978 we moved our snacking 7-year-old son in front of a wall to compose this photograph. It especially seemed appropriate because he has a Spanish name, Pepe. Below: An old woman in the white-washed village of Mijas, Spain, walks in the afternoon shadows. Center: When we visited the lovely blue-and-white village of Sidi Bou Said in Tunisia in 1977, I happened to be wearing blue so my husband made me part of the picture.

MORE THAN A SNAPSHOT

Create works of art with vacation photographs

story by Dolores Fox Ciardelli ■ photos by Jim Ciardelli

What's the most-loved souvenir you bring home from a vacation? Your photos! Shoot them with an eye toward "framing quality," and you won't have to drag out the scrapbook to be reminded of the family's idyll on the shore.

"I like to take candid pictures," said Beverly Tobie, owner of Epic Events photo studio in Alamo. "I have kids and I like to see them doing what we went on vacation to do rather than posed."

"You need patience to do that," she explained. "In Australia I have nice pictures of my family walking to the Sydney Opera house, on the harbor bridge with the wind blowing in our hair, with the opera house in the background."

She said her family is used to her camera recording their every move. To better document the trips, she begins snapping away as they pack their suitcases and load up the car.

"I have pictures of things that are crazy, like on the way to the airport and out the car window," she said. And she also photographs the tired but happy travelers as they return home to make a complete record of the trip. Her professional photography is largely portraits and weddings.

Photographer Alan Manewitz of Danville travels to exotic locations and sells his photographs at street fairs. He just returned from a scuba diving trip to Micronesia, and will be at the Danville Fine Arts Faire on June 24-25. But he said it is possible for anyone to take great shots.

"Most people don't know how to use their digital cameras," he said. "Most people have this mental block, they think of them like computers. Digital cameras are just like normal cameras—you need to learn how to set it."

He advised setting the resolution large enough to be able to make a print of any good ones. Some people set the camera at a small resolution to fit 600 on a card, he said, but then any print larger than postage stamp size loses clarity.

He also said people should learn when to use a flash.

"Flashes with digital cameras tend to be really good for only three to five feet," he said.

Manewitz said most people get too far from their subject when taking a shot.



"They try to encompass the whole vacation in one shot," he said. "They should try to get as close as possible; those are the nicer pictures."

But Tobie cautioned not to narrow the field down too tightly—you might miss the "big picture."

"You can crop the images later after you download them from the camera," she noted.

Manewitz also advised taking photos from different angles.

"Pictures people like tend to have more unusual angles that you might get just looking at something and shooting," he said. "Try getting close to a building and shooting up, or down, or getting it from the side."

He also suggested people buy a souvenir frame while on vacation.

"They can enhance it with the picture they take," he explained. "It makes it more memorable."

Ansel Adams used to teach students to train their eyes to "see" shots by cutting out a rectangle and practice "framing" shots. He believed that each snapshot represented something the photographer wanted to keep as a memento, a flash of recognition.

Photos of family members are wonderful but don't overlook the small touches that make foreign countries or other vacation destinations unique—the ancient doorways, the colorful markets, the foreign signs. The things that give a destination its charm and allure will also work well as photographs in your home.

Framing an artistic photograph and displaying it in your home is a great way to cherish vacation memories. ■





BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Rollin' in dough with seasonal fruits

Spring is almost gone and summer is not far behind. That means a new crop of summer fruits—nectarines, peaches, apricots, cherries, plums, blackberries, blueberries—are headed our way.

Seasonal fruits are ideal eaten freshly picked, with sun-warm juices running down our cheeks, or right on the spot at an early morning farmers market. However, a good cook always plans for a follow-up round of enjoyment by baking up a fruit pastry or two during the height of the fruit season. So, this is a perfect time to talk about fruit pastries—cobblers, crisps and similar creations.

What's a cobbler? Cobblers are good for the soul but we're not talking shoes here. A cobbler is an old-fashioned dessert with fruit filling and a thick crust. It is a close cousin to the pie and can be made from just about any fruit, singularly or in combination. Technically, cobblers are made with a top crust and no bottom crust. There are many ideas about the possible beginnings of cobblers but the one I favor is this: Knowing the practicality of Southern cooks, one can easily imagine leftover biscuit dough and a few wilting berries coming together as a just-in-time dessert creation. In fact, the term "cobble up" means to mix together a meal in a hurry, probably from items on hand—hence, cobbling up a ... cobbler.

Dori Sanders is a novelist ("Clover," "Her Own Place," etc.) who was raised and lives on one of the oldest black-owned farms in South Carolina. She and her nine brothers and sisters run the farm and the now-famous peach stand. Her cookbook, "Dori Sanders' Country Cooking: Recipes and Stories" from the Family Farm Stand is as much a personal memoir as a collection of recipes. Regarding Dori's cobbler recipe, one cook said this: "I never liked peach cobbler until I made Dori's cobbler. I love it now. I ran out and bought Dori's cookbook right afterwards." (review source: www.amazon.com) An adaptation of that recipe is included below.

Beyond cobblers, there's a peck of desserts involving fruit and pastry. While all are tasty, each one plays with your taste buds in a slightly unique way. A "pandowdy" is usually made from fruit sweetened with brown sugar

or molasses. Its crust is most like a pie's without a bottom crust. Halfway through baking, the crust is broken to allow it to soak up the fruit juices and soften, giving it a dowdy look that welcomes the hearty and carefree eater. A grunt, or slump, is cooked on a stove top, with hearty dumplings topping the cooked fruit. The bubbling fruit grunts and groans as it cooks. A "betty," or brown betty, is a spiced fruit dessert with buttered breadcrumbs or cake-crumbs topping that browns as it cooks. (No one seems to know who the first Betty was but we're glad she thought of it.) Similarly, a "crisp" is a crunchier concoction of sweetened fruit and a crumbly topping. The British form of crisp is a crumble, a mixture of berries or other fruit with a textured sugary topping, usually including oats. "Buckles" are cake-like cobblers with crumble toppings. The buckle batter is poured into a pan, with fruit and topping placed over it. As the dessert bakes, cracks and crevices form, making buckles as the dough rises.

Cobblers and related desserts were passed down person-to-person for years before they became written recipes. In 1839, in "The Kentucky Housewife," Lettice Bryan references a peach potpie: "Although it is not a fashionable pie for company, it is very excellent for family use, with cold sweet milk." In our ready-set-go world today, these humble desserts are perfect ways to enjoy seasonal fruits at family meals or with special guests.

Let your personal tastes and cupboard guide you; then experiment with different fruit combos and use your imagination to create new culinary interpretations. Regardless of what fruit you choose or how you make it, any fruit pastry dessert is as American as apple pie and always a welcomed treat at the dinner table. I also like cobblers, crisps, etc. as an easy breakfast meal (following a quick "nuke" in the microwave) with steaming hot coffee. And, need I mention that all of these creations are made more delicious served with a scoop of ice cream or a generous dollop of whipped cream?

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.

Tips for making delightful pastries

- Select the freshest and tastiest fruit available; tap fruit in the height of its harvest season.
- A basic strategy for substitutions: One berry for another and any pit-fruit for another.
- Sample the fruit before cooking. Use sugar and fresh lemon juice as needed to even out sweetness and flavor.
- Use flour and cornstarch as needed to help thicken juicy fruits to the right consistency.
- Alter the proportion of crust and fruit filling based on your family's preferences.
- When making grunts, be sure to make at least one dumpling per person.

RECIPE

Dori's Adapted Easy Peach Cobbler (serves 6-8)

1-1/4 lb firm-ripe peaches (5 to 6 medium)*
 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
 1-2/3 cups sugar
 1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, melted
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 1 Tbsp. baking powder
 1/4 tsp. salt
 1 cup whole milk
 Cinnamon or nutmeg for sprinkling (optional)
 Optional: Lightly sweetened whipped cream or ice cream

1. Put over rack in middle position and preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Cut an X in bottom of each peach with a sharp paring knife and blanch peaches in 2 batches in 3-quart saucepan of boiling water 10 seconds. Transfer peaches with a slotted spoon to a bowl of ice and cold water. Peel off skin with a paring

knife, beginning from scored end, and discard. Halve peaches, then pit and cut length wise into 1/4-inch slices.

3. Transfer peaches to a 3-quart heavy saucepan and add lemon juice and 2/3 cup sugar. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly, then boil, stirring occasionally, 4 minutes. Remove from heat.

4. Pour melted butter into a 13-by-9 inch baking dish. Whisk together flour, baking powder, salt and remaining cup sugar in a bowl, then whisk in milk just until combined. Pour batter over butter (do not stir). Pour peaches over batter (do not stir). Sprinkle lightly with cinnamon if desired and bake until cobbler is bubbling and top is golden brown, 40 to 45 minutes. Cool in pan on a rack until warm, about 25 minutes.

* Another fruit may be substituted.

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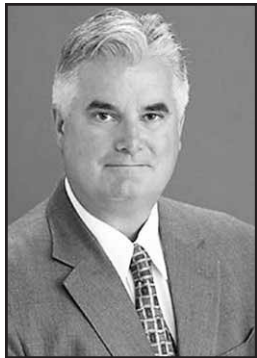
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Front Street in 1910

Front Street was Danville's main street in this c. 1910 view, which shows both horses and cars on the street. The buildings are, left to right, the original Cohen's Store, Prospect Avenue, Gibbon's Harness Shop, Joe McCeil's Barber Shop, Conway Store, Post Office, Blacksmith Shop and Close's Store. The post office had a small library upstairs tended by Lillian Close, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows met upstairs in the Close store until 1913, when they moved south into the new Fraternal and Social Hall (today's Village Theatre).

OF NOTE



Danville Rotary spotlights achievers

The Rotary Club of Danville held its 11th annual Scholarship Day recently and presented four \$1,000 Scholastic Excellence awards for scholastic performance coupled with demonstrated participation in other community activities to San Ramon Valley High School students. This year Danville Rotary added a \$1,000 Community Service award.

Pictured are Scholastic winners (l-r) Megan Nelson, Club President Victor Georgiou, Stephani Roberts, Mahlya Fahimuddin, Avinash Gandhi and Community Service winner Lars Holmgren.

Danville Rotary solicits applications from the high school to include a transcript, an autobiographical statement and letters of reference from educators and community leaders. Danville Rotarians select the winners. Its annual Golf Tournament funds

the scholarships and other youth activities in the valley. This year's tournament is Thursday, June 22, at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore. For more information, contact Tony Leonard at 837-3716

Recognition for Monte Vista

Monte Vista High School vocal music instructor Bruce Koliha and his singers were chosen for a first-place trophy at the Golden State Choral Competition under the "small choir" category. This prestigious award marks a lot of hard work and careful song selection by Monte Vista singers and their teacher, said Principal Becky Smith.

Monte Vista also did well in the 2005-2006 Bank of America Achievement Award Regional competition held in May, where 32 students represented Applied Arts, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts, and Science and Mathematics. Monte Vista had two students make it through the initial appli-

cation screening of more than 10,000 applications: senior William Leiter won first place and \$2,000 in the Liberal Arts category; senior Nishant Batsha won first in the Fine Arts category and also took home \$2,000.

The Prudential California Realty's Education Foundation recognized Mike Huntsman of Monte Vista High School as an "Outstanding Teacher" at its awards night in May. Huntsman, a computer assisted drafting teacher, was recognized for his teaching and work with students in the Monte Vista community and for his accomplishments both in and out of the classroom.

Local stars were shining

The Walnut Creek Civic Art Education's production of "Classy Review" at the Dean Leshar Regional Center for the Arts on Tuesday featured several local youths: Kate Turley of Danville as Jasmine; Joey Borromeo of Alamo as Aladdin; plus Mallory Cless, Brittany Cureton, and Courtney and Eric Spagner of Danville; and Dallas Morris of Alamo. Composer Nicole Carpentier, 14, a student at Stone Valley Middle School, is also from Alamo. She performed her song "Forever Love" on the piano, accompanied by her brother Bryan Carpentier, 15, a Monte Vista High student on violin, and Jack Gedney, also of Monte Vista, on cello.

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 Movies 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.

A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 1:55, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10 p.m.
An Inconvenient Truth (PG)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues Noon, 12:45, 2:20, 3:05, 4:40, 5:25, 7, 7:45, 9:20, 10 p.m.
Break-Up (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 10:35, 11:30 a.m., 12:20, 1:10, 2, 2:50, 3:40, 4:30, 5:20, 6:20, 7, 7:50, 8:50, 9:30, 10:20 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 10:35 a.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 11:15 a.m., Sun-Tues 10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:05, 11:30 a.m. 12:05, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 7:05, 7:35, 8:05, 9:45, 10:15, 10:40 p.m.
Cars (G)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Sun 9:10, 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30 p.m.; No show Fri 9:10, 11:50 a.m., Sun 10:30 p.m.; Mon-Tues 1:40, 4:20, 7 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 10:40, 11:25 a.m., 12:05, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 2:55, 3:35, 4:20, 5:05, 5:45, 6:25, 7:10, 7:55, 8:35, 9:15, 10 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 10:40 a.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 1:15, 4, 7, 9:45 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 10:30 a.m., Sun-Tues 9:45 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 a.m., 12:10, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:05, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05, 6, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:55, 9:55, 10:25, 10:55 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:20 p.m.
Da Vinci Code (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 1:40, 3:10, 5, 6:40, 8:20, 9:50 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues Noon, 3:10, 6:40, 9:50 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:50, 11:50 a.m., 2:05, 3:20, 5:30, 6:40, 9, 10 p.m.
District B13 (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 9:35 p.m.
Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:15 p.m.
Kinky Boots (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 1, 5:15, 9:30 p.m.
Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:45, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:15 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 3:30, 6:35, 10:20 p.m.
Over the Hedge (PG)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 10:25, 11:15 a.m., 12:25, 1:20, 2:35, 3:45, 5:50, 8, 10:10 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 10:25 a.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 10:45 a.m., 1, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 10:45 a.m., Sun-Tues 9:40 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:20, 10:40 a.m., 12:30, 1:05, 2:55, 3:25, 5:20, 5:50, 7:40, 8:10, 9:55 p.m.
Poseidon (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 12:55, 10:10 p.m. Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 10:10 a.m., 12:40, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20, 10:45 p.m.
RV (PG)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:35 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:55 p.m.
Thank You For Smoking (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 3:15, 7:30 p.m.
The Omen (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:45, 11:35 a.m., 1:50, 2:20, 4:30, 5:10, 7:20, 7:50, 10:05, 10:35 p.m.
X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 1:45, 4:10, 4:50, 6:45, 7:25, 9:20, 10:05 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30 p.m.; No show Mon-Tues 11 a.m., Sun-Tues 9:30 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:05, 10:30, 11 a.m., 1:25, 3:40, 4:40, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 p.m., Mon-Tues 12:55, 2, 3:50, 5:30 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:25 p.m.

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Author Visits

Playwright Kathryn G. McCarty Visit

Playwright Kathryn G. McCarty will share tips for finding inspiration for stories at a luncheon sponsored by California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo Branch, starting at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 10, at the Concord Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave. Cost is \$17 for CWC members; \$20 for non-members. RSVP by Monday, June 5. For information or to RSVP, call Camille Minichino at (510) 881-8929 or e-mail camille@minichino.com.

Civic Meetings

Alamo Community Council Meeting

The Alamo Community Council will be meeting at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 29, at the Swain House at Hap Magee Park, 1029 La Gonda Way, Danville. Contact Gina Ferretti at 240-7260 to propose any new items for the agenda. The public is welcome.

Town Council Meeting

The Danville Town Council normally meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Clubs

Danville Lions Club

The Danville Lions Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Join us as our guest to learn the contribution you can make as a Lion. For information, call President Ted Fichter at 227-6617.

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 Toastmaster 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.danville Rotary.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 743-8449.

Diablo Bonsai Club

This club will be sponsoring a lecture and workshop on planting and raising Bonsai trees, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 21, Heather Farm Garden, Camellia Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 736-9157 or visit www.angelfire.com/ca2/diablobonsai.

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. Call 837-2851.

Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild

The Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild meets at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Guests are welcome (\$2 donation). Annual membership fee is \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65+). For information, call Dianne at 837-1863.

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.

Diablo View Toastmasters

This chapter meets from 7:55-9 a.m., every Tuesday, at the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Novice and veteran speakers meet to develop speaking skills. Guests are welcome. Call Josh Taves at 791-2233.

eWomen Network Accelerated Networking Luncheon

The eWomen Network holds its monthly accelerated networking luncheon from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., the second Thursday, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Contact Claire at 648-3105 or clairesheperdson@ewomennetwork.com.

Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley

This club will be hosting a meeting with guest speaker Joel Golub, Superior Court Commissioner, on "An Insider's View of the Courts" starting at noon (sign-in at 11:45 a.m.), Wednesday,

June 14, at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. Cost is \$16 for lunch; RSVP by calling 275-2412 or coach-stepper@yahoo.com.

Friends of the Danville Library

Friends of the Danville Library are renewing annual memberships and recruiting new members to help support, raise funds and sponsor programs for the Danville library. There are many benefits of being a Friend including merchant discounts, volunteer opportunities and preview of book sales. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Application forms are at the library, 400 Front St. Call 837-4455.

Kiwanis San Ramon Valley

The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis meets from noon-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Mudds Restaurant in San Ramon. Meeting includes a guest speaker and lunch. For information, visit its Web site at www.kiwanis-srv.org.

Model RC Boaters Association

The Danville Model RC Boaters Association seeks new members. To learn more, call president Rich Mahan at 785-0421.

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

The society meets from 1:15-3 p.m., the third Thursday of every month except August, at the California Savings Building, Rossmoor Shopping Center, Tice Valley Blvd. and Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Creek. Guest speakers are at each meeting.

Mt. Diablo Macintosh Users Group

Get questions answered, solutions for problems, share experiences and explore new Mac developments. Club meets at 7:30 p.m., the third Monday of every month, at the Alamo Safeway Community Room. For information, call 837-1111 or 829-5501.

Porsche Club of America, Diablo Region

This club is for owners and enthusiasts of all Porsches. It meets at 8 a.m., every Saturday for breakfast at Denny's, 803 Camino Ramon, Danville. For information, visit www.pca.org/dia.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club Hikes

The San Ramon Valley Newcomers would like to invite prospective members to a luncheon including a game of Bingo and cash prizes at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 15, Marie Callenders, 18070 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon. To reserve your spot, call Jan at 735-3508 or visit www.newcomers.home.comcast.net.

Concerts

Danville Girls Chorus Auditions

Danville Girls Chorus will be holding auditions for the upcoming 2006-07

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Run to help soldiers' families

Hats Off America will be hosting a Red T-shirt 10K Run and 5K Walk to raise awareness and money for families of fallen American soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. The event will start at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 10, at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville. Participants will receive a red T-shirt and food after the run. The entry fee is \$35 per person. For information, call Sparky George at 855-1950 or visit www.hatsoffamerica.us.

season from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, San Ramon Valley High School, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Singers grades 3-8 will learn a variety of musical styles, quality choral music education, the fundamentals of musicianship and participate in exciting local performances. Call 837-2624.

Jazz at Peace Series

Peace Lutheran Church will host the Gerry Grosz Quartet as apart of the Jazz at Peace Series at 5 p.m., Sunday, June 11, at the church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. This event is free. For information, call the Rev. Steve Harms at 648-7000.

Music in the Park

The Town of Danville is holding its 21st annual Music in the Park series from 6-8 p.m. on four Saturdays, in July and August at Oak Hill Park, 3031 Stone Valley Road. The concerts are supported by East Bay BMW, Charterhouse Mortgage and Inter Real Estate. July 8 will feature Lydia Pense & Cold Blood; July 22, Pride & Joy; Aug. 5, East Bay Mudd; Aug. 19, the Cheeseballs.

Events

24th Annual Alamo Music and Wine Festival

Alamo Rotary presents the 24th annual Alamo Music and Wine Festival including music, wine and food from 2-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9. All proceeds will benefit Alamo Schools Music Departments. For information, call Mark Kahn at 837-3262 or any Alamo Rotarian.

Alamo Community Meeting

Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary N. Piepho will be hosting a

Community Update Meeting for Alamo at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 22, in the Multipurpose Room at Alamo Elementary School, 100 Wilson Road. For information or to RSVP, call 820-8683.

Asian Antique Fair

As the finale to Leku Eder's Art of Living Series it will host an Asian Antique Fair from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, June 10, at its studio, 178 E. Prospect Ave., Danville. For information, call 820-8012 or e-mail Jeanette Ugarte at jeanette@abeautifulplace.biz.

BMX Bike Safety Show

OnTrack Learning presents the second annual BMX Bike Safety Show including half-hour demonstrations featuring "Perfection on Wheels," a 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.

Danville Fine Arts Faire

Danville Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Danville Fine Arts Faire from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 24-25, on Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville. 200 Fine Art and Contemporary Crafts will be on display along with gourmet food, fine wines and microbrews, Italian street painting and entertainment. Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillecchamber.com. Admission is free and a free shuttle service will be available. All vendors must contact MLA Productions at (831) 438-4751 or claudette@mlaproductions.com.

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

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'Jump Start Your Summer' at the Alameda County Fair

Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton is from June 23-July 9 with concerts, funnel cakes, games and the fourth annual Cooking Academy. If you buy your tickets before Thursday, June 22, you will save 33%. Special admission days include: Military Appreciation Weekend June 23-25 with free admission with valid military I.D.; Kids Free Fridays (12 and under) on June 23, 30 and July 5; Monday Madness, June 26; Everyone is free before 3 p.m. and \$2 off ride wristbands; Seniors Free Wednesdays (62+), June 28 and July 5; and Wacky Wednesday: \$3 admission fair all day and \$2 off ride wristbands. For information, visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

National Trails Day

Town of Danville and other communities will be celebrating National Trails Day from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 10, at Oak Hill Park, 3031 Stone Valley Road. For information, call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Pediatric Department Open House

San Ramon Valley Primary Care Medical Group's Pediatric Department will be hosting an open house from 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, in the department's office, 200 Porter Drive, Suite 300, San Ramon. This event will allow expectant couples to meet the pediatricians, tour the facility and ask questions. Refreshments will be served. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling Kathy Dunne at 314-2502.

The Science of Everyday Negotiations

Diablo Valley Women in Business present "The Science of Everyday Negotiations" from 7:30-9:30 a.m., Friday, June 9, Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Cost is \$25 for members; \$40 for non-members. The first part of the event will include a networking breakfast; afterwards the Golf Clinic will provide a clinic from 9:30-11 a.m. which costs \$30 for members; \$45 for non-members. Call 866-0260 or visit www.dvwib.org.

Exhibits

Contrast of Photography and Surreal Oils

Blackhawk Art Gallery will be hosting "A Contrast of Photography and Surreal Oils," and receptions to honor featured artists, from 5-8 p.m., Saturday evenings, June 17-Sept 16, Blackhawk Art Gallery, 3628 Blackhawk Circle, Danville. Jim Bryant and Bill Weber will be honored on June 17; Stephen Sanfilippo and Connie Lambkin on July 15; Jim Halverson, Lonia Zabarovsky and Linda Lemanski on Aug. 12; and Sandra Speights, Bill Paskewitz and Bill Carmel on Sept. 16. The works of art will be on display for a few weeks prior to the receptions. These events are free. For information, call Tracy

Bauer at (510) 531-2556 or visit www.blackhawkartgallery.com.

Trains at the Depot

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley will have different trains on display from June 6-July 29 along with related children's activities. Lego Trains will be featured June 6-17; ETE Trains, June 20-July 8; Bay Area NTRACK, July 11-22; and S Scale Club from July 25-29. Entry is free although donations are encouraged. Call 858-4466.

Fundraisers

Best Martini Contest

Level Vodka by Absolut and the Lafayette Park Hotel and Spa will present the seventh annual Best Martini in the East Bay Contest to benefit Project Second Chance. This event is from 6-8 p.m., Monday, June 19, at the hotel, 3287 Mt Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Generations in Jazz will provide music while you sip martinis and watch bartenders from 14 different bars compete for two cash prizes. Tickets are \$20, available at the door only. Must be 21 to attend. Call 927-3250.

Huge Sale Benefits Animals

Lots of new and gently used furniture, glassware, toys, clothing, books, art, household items and more will be on sale at the Benefit Yard and Boutique Sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 10, Amador Valley High School Parking Lot, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. All proceeds will benefit homeless animals through the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Call 426-2406.

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 thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com.

Health

Community Walk

Fit Studio is hosting free community walks starting at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the studio, 294 B Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 362-8001.


Yoga Classes

The Diablo Yoga Center offers community classes (taught by student teachers), from 4-5 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, at the Diablo Yoga Center, 125A Town and Country Drive, for \$8 per class. For information, call Lauren at 838-7878 or visit www.diabloyogacenter.com.

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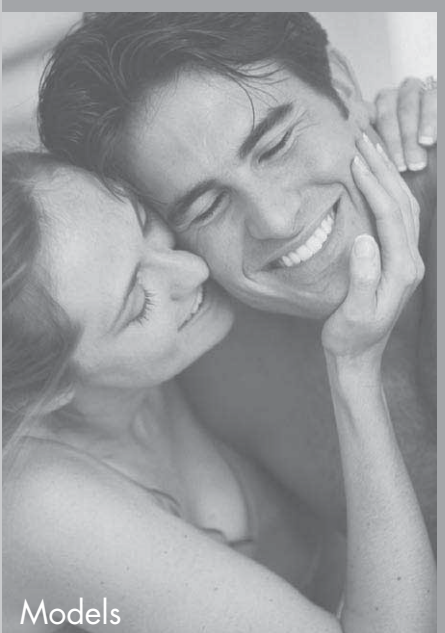


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Kids & Teens

Danville Library Teen Advisory Board

The Danville Library will accept applications for the 2006-07 teen advisory board that begins in the fall. Teen board members, ages 13-18, will play an active role in teen programming and the teen adult collection. Applications are due Aug. 25. Call 837-4889.

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.

Lectures/Workshops

Adjustable Rate Mortgages

Meridian Financial will present a free seminar about "The Facts, The Figures, The Future of Adjustable Rate Mortgages," from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 15, at 2694 Bishop Drive, Suite 202, San Ramon. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 328-4907 or rsvp@meridianf.com.

Attracting Equity Investors

Technology Ventures Corp. presents "Attracting Equity Investors and Lessons Learned" from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. This event is free, but registration is required by calling 960-1600 or visiting www.techventures.org.

Focus on Colorectal Cancer

Dr. John Ganey will present updates on treatment and managing side effects for colorectal cancer, from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Sales Management Lunch Executive Briefing

Roberts Management Group Inc. presents "Sales Management Lunch Executive Briefing" from noon-2 p.m., Friday, June 9, Roberts Management Group, Inc., Bishop Ranch 6, 2410 Camino Ramon, Suite 164, San Ramon. This event is free, but registration is required by calling 355-9300 or by visiting www.robertsmanagementgroup.com.

Town Hall Meeting With Ellen Tauscher

Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center will host U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher, at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 10, at the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. She will be talking about U.S. nuclear weapons and possible U.S. attacks on Iran. Call 933-7850.

Understanding Grief Workshop

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa is offering a workshop about how to understand grief, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 3470 Burkirk Ave., Pleasant Hill. For information and/or to register, call 887-5678.

Whispering Tombstones Lecture

Museum on Main will host Richard Finn and Mary Dillon giving a talk and slide show on "Whispering Tombstones" at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 20, at the Lynwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. They will talk about some of the colorful and interesting people who lived in Pleasanton and are now buried in the two Pleasanton cemeteries. Admission is \$5 for museum members; \$10 for non-members. Call 462-2766.

Literary Events

Summer Reading Program

Contra Costa County Libraries will sponsor many different summer reading programs for all ages from June 12-Aug. 21. At every level of reading, there will be great reads, fun prizes and special events at your local library. To get started, visit the Danville Library, call 837-4889 or visit www.ccclib.org.

Miscellaneous

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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 weekend events. If you are interested or need more information, call Dawn Garlieb at 552-8017 or visit www.educulture.org.

Save Mount Diablo

Save Mount Diablo - which works to preserve open spaces and to raise public awareness and appreciation - has many upcoming hikes and events on and around Mount Diablo. For information, call Julie Seelen at 947-3535 or visit www.savemountdiablo.org.

Spiritual

Fifth Interfaith Worship Celebration

Witness our Welcome (WOW) will be celebrating its fifth annual Interfaith Worship Celebration at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 10, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassjara, Danville. People of all sexual orientations come together to worship God in His house. Call 648-7000.

San Damiano Summer Series

San Damiano Retreat is presenting a Thursday Evening Summer Series on Creativity and Spirituality, with the next event from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Kathy Miranda and Rena Grant will present "Soul Collage," and participants will create soul cards to unearth their longings. Cost is \$15. Register by calling 837-9141 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Sports

Adult Basketball Leagues

The Town of Danville will start offering two different basketball leagues: 3-on-3 games played on Tuesday nights and 5-on-5 games played on Thursday nights. The leagues play June 25-Aug. 24 at Los Cerros Community Gym, Los Cerros Middle School, 968 Blerner Road, Danville. The teams will play two games per night. There are no referees, and players should call their own fouls. Call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.us.

Adult Softball

Adult Softball plays pickup softball at 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round. New members welcome. Call Bob Randall at 855-4646 for more information.

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Association

The ACPA group meets from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Community

Presbyterian Church Library at 222 W. El Pintado Rd., Danville.

Bipolar Support Group

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

Breast Cancer Support Group

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Danville TOPS

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Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa Offers Support Groups

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa is offering different support groups; individual grief counseling for Hospice families is also available. "Widow and Widower's Support Group" meets from 6-8 p.m., until June 21, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill; "Adults Who Have Lost a Parent Support Group" meets from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays evenings, from now until June 20; "Footsteps: A Support Group for Children" meets 5:15-6:30 p.m., Tuesday evenings, from now until June 6. For information and/or to register, call 887-5678.

Wellness Practices

Deborah Norton will be hosting a six-week series helping people to make life changes by assessing 12 areas of their lives, from 2-4 p.m., Tuesdays until June 13. This event is free to cancer patients and their support team, but reservations are required. Call 933-0107.

Volunteering

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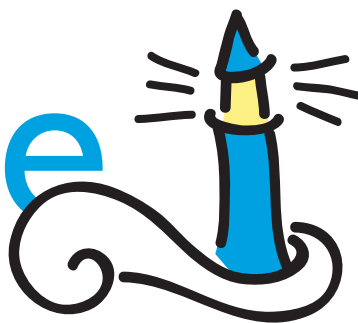
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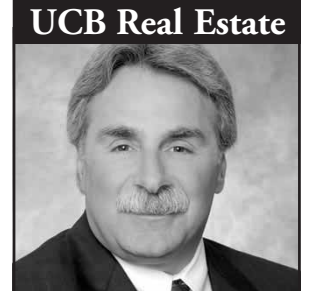
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Country French Chateau **\$3,800,000**
6bd, 5.5ba, 2 offices, granite, limestone, Crestron Sound, Viking range, massive windows take in the pool, spa, BBQ, gazebo and golf course beyond.
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Westside Danville **\$1,837,000**
Beautifully remodeled executive ranch home with 4bd, 2.5ba, gourmet kitchen on 1.5+/-acres with views of Mt. Diablo. Heated pool, guest house.
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Charming Westside Danville **\$1,365,000**
Freshly landscaped, beautifully appointed, hardwood floors and a huge fireplace in the dining room copied from the Heritage House in Mendocino.
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Largest plan, seldom on the market. Private yard backs to open space and a creekside setting. 3bd, 2.5ba, marble tile entry, spacious master on upper level.
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Large Corner Lot **\$1,100,000**
Brand new roof, exterior paint, new driveway, updated kitchen and baths, hardwood floors, wood interior doors, large master with French doors to deck.
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Gorgeous remodeled kitchen with slab granite, hardwood flooring, new carpet, newer roof.
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