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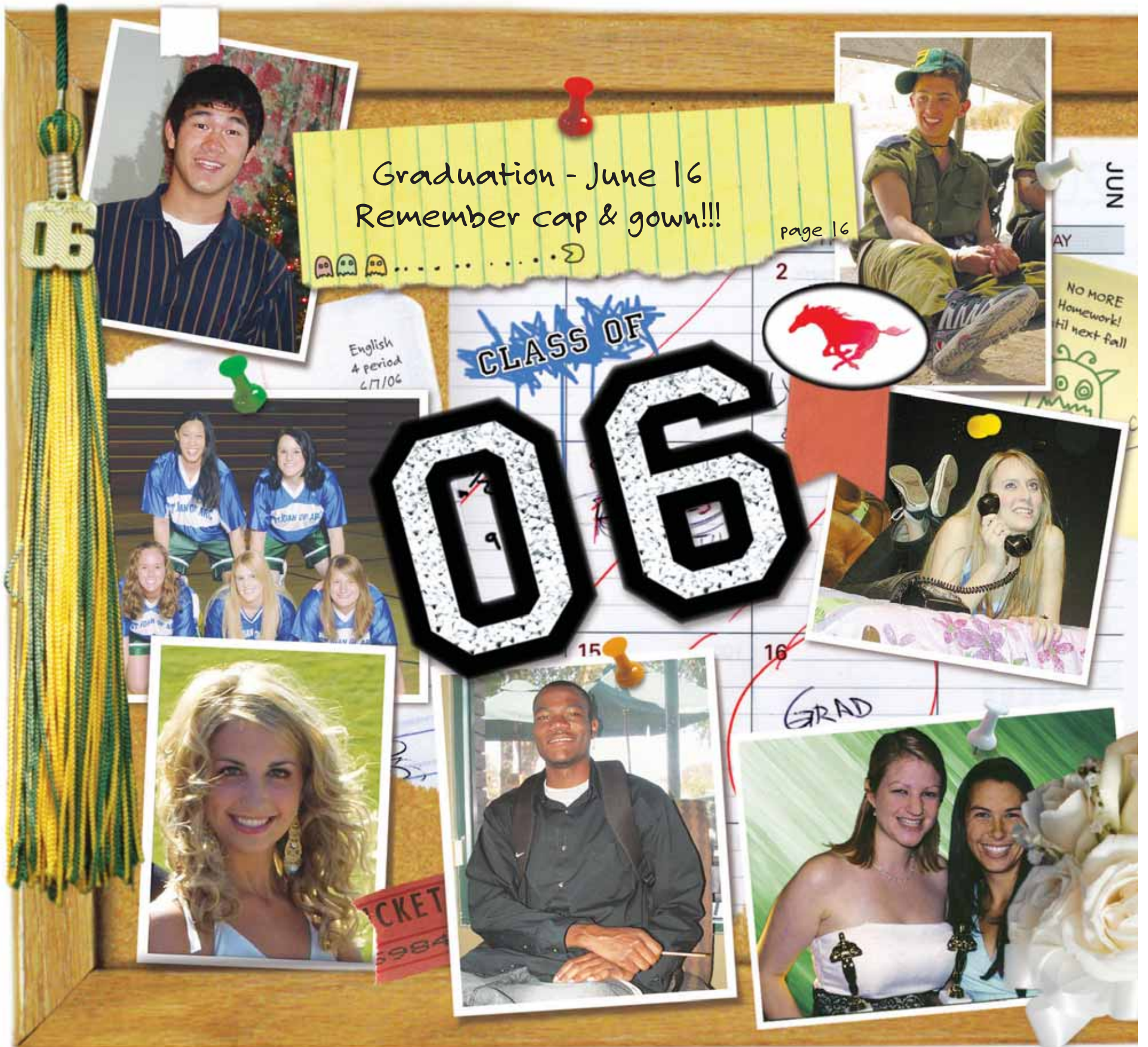
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—Derek Siu
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That's a hard question. I think I'd like to be a stay-at-home dad. Then my wife could work and I could chill out with my son. When he's between 7-14 years old, I would really want to be there for him.

—Vincent Natali
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I don't know if I could handle my kids for 12 hours a day, to tell you the truth. I admire my wife and other women who can, especially mothers who give up a successful career for their kids.

—Kris Lynds
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I am now. I'm retired. My time is my own and I can do what I want whenever I want. I have no schedule and I like that. I think there's an age when you need to work. Some people still work. I'm not one of those people.

—Fred Mayfield
retired



No. It's a lot of work—staying at home. In your job you can get out and be creative. At home it doesn't work. It's important to be creative with everything you do even if you're a stay-at-home parent.

—Gary Ramirez
electrical engineer

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ABOUT THE COVER

Graduating seniors on the bulletin board are (clockwise from top left) Kevin Zhou; Josh Rottman, shown at an Israeli army camp; Carly Weckstein performing in "Bye Bye Birdie"; Laura Mizes and Caitlin Shaw receiving their Outstanding Student Service Awards for Vocal Music; Gerren Taylor; Megan McDermott; and Ashley Cheung with basketball teammates Dani King, (bottom, l-r) Meghan Yetman, Devon Pierce and Jen Dreessen. Cover design by Jason Lind.

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“ People love horses.
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—Christine Perry, owner of Christine's on Hartz Avenue, who advertised her special shows with a life-sized horse statue in front of her shop until the Town of Danville ordered her to remove it. See story, page 5.

Fire season begins

Despite relatively low temperatures this week, the 2006 fire season officially began June 12 in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Heavier rains this winter and spring resulted in extra growth of grasses and low-lying vegetation, according to local fire chiefs.

Residents are warned to clear flammable vegetation around structures to a minimum of 30 feet; remove tree limbs within 10 feet of chimneys; remove pine needles and leaves from roofs and gutters; remove dead tree limbs overhanging structures; and ensure that a half-inch metal wire mesh screen covers the chimney or flue outlet.

They also say to always mow before 10 a.m. when dry grass has the highest amount of moisture. “If it's too hot for you, it's too hot to mow,” they warn.

For more information about fire safety and fire resistant landscaping, visit the Diablo FireSafe Council at www.diablofiresafe.org or the Department of Forestry & Fire Protection at www.fire.ca.gov.

High Strung performance for teens

Are you high strung? Do you want to be?

The Danville Library is presenting “The High Strung and the Music Industry,” at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 8, on the library front lawn. The High Strung will perform, then provide teens with an insider view of the recording industry, signing with a major label, and working with MTV on a music video.

Other July events are:

- The Magic of Videogames with LucasArts at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 15. This is a chance to learn about the magic behind videogames and how they are created.
- Summer Science fun for Everyone in Grades 3-8, at 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 25. It will include demonstrations and experiments from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.
- Curious Affair: The Fascination between East and West, at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 26. This is a preview of the new exhibit at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco.

The Danville Library is located at 400 Front St.; call 837-4889.

Buckwheat makes comeback

The Mt. Diablo Buckwheat Working Group announced last week that the Mount Diablo buckwheat has been propagated at the UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, a fundamental step in helping ensure the continued existence of a rare plant species. The buckwheat had been last seen in 1936 until May 2005 when it was discovered on Mount Diablo by a UC Berkeley graduate student who was monitoring the wild population in the state park.

“The Mt. Diablo buckwheat is a Bay Area treasure,” said Cyndy Shafer, an environmental scientist for the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and leader of the Mt. Diablo Buckwheat Working Group. “The plants may be small, but they demonstrate the immense importance of protected lands in preserving biological diversity. Mount Diablo can be seen from 200 miles away but the impact of this conservation success story inspires people all around the world.”

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Albertsons closing Diablo Road location

New owner blames low sales, will keep other Danville store open

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Change is on the way for grocery shoppers. Local Albertsons workers and patrons will have to adapt to the closing of the supermarket on Diablo Road this summer.

Owners announced last week the company will shed one of the two Danville Albertsons along with 36 others of the Northern California-based stores. The store on Diablo Road will close by August because of low sales, said Quyen Ha, spokeswoman for Albertsons.

"We took a step back and looked at under-performing stores," Ha said.

Eleven East Bay locations will shut down, leaving about 600 employees jobless—with a small chance of transferring to other stores.

One employee, who asked that his name not be printed, said workers are hoping to get job placement based on seniority. At the Diablo Road Albertsons, he said, a lot of loyal workers are scared they won't have a job next month.

"There are people who have three kids and have worked here 12 years who are going to lose their jobs," he said.

There is currently an effort to find positions for these workers at near-

by Albertsons, Ha said. In Danville, the management has already given employees job request papers to fill out. The papers give employees a chance to ask for a preferred position and store location.

"We are definitely working to actively place associates in other locations based on seniority," Ha said.

But there will be significantly more workers than positions to be filled. With about 600 laid-off East Bay employees and 10 nearby remaining locations, some employees will inevitably be out of work.

"We need all the support we can get," the Albertsons worker said.

A plan to close the stores came less than a week after Cerberus Partners, the new owners, took over the company. Stores that were closed accounted for 22 percent of the Albertsons stores in Northern California and only 12 percent of sales.

Closing these store locations will help the company improve customer service by giving it the means to put more capital into successful stores, Ha said.

"We'll have a stronger base of solidly performing stores and we'll be better able to serve the community," she said.

Some local shoppers, however, say the closure hurts the community more than it helps. Patrons who depend on a nearby mid-range grocery store said they aren't happy to see it go.

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Albertsons on Diablo Road in Danville will be vacated by the supermarket chain this summer along with 36 others. Officials cited declining sales as the reason. The Albertsons on San Ramon Valley Boulevard will remain in operation.

NATALIE O'NEILL

Trains return to the old Depot

One-year-old Joah DeWolfe and his mother Adrian enjoy watching the Lego trains zip by at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley last Friday. Various types of model trains will be exhibited through July 29, and the museum's annual family Train Day will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, June 25, featuring model train displays, games such as a jump house and a dunk, antique cars, old-fashioned fire trucks, train rides for kids, ice cream, kettle corn, sodas and more. The event is free, though the museum encourages donations. For more information, call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsvr.org. The museum is located at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Prospect.



JORDAN M. DORONILA

Town says 'nay' to promotion using horse

Replica in right of way is liability to town, says planner

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Town officials have ordered a Danville beauty salon owner to remove a white Arabian fiberglass horse that she displays outside her shop during her equestrian show every month.

Kevin Gailey, Danville Planning Director, has told Christine Perry—owner of Christine's on Hartz Avenue—not to showcase the horse. She had exhibited the horse outside her salon, which is a public space and it could be dangerous for pedestrians, he said.

"We have to regulate what happens in the right of way," said Gailey. "It pinches the sidewalk." The town could be found liable if someone gets hurt.

"Town officials said it was encroaching on town property," Perry said.

But she said the horse has helped bring approximately 120 shoppers to Danville, and it is an integral part of her IronHorse Equestrian Trunk Show. For the event, she turns her beauty shop into a high fashion boutique with a horse theme, which sells equestrian hats, jeans, tank tops and Brazil Roxx jeans.

For the show, the establishment is adorned with drapery, fabrics and mirrors. Perry said she holds the show the first Sunday and Monday of every month, and she has held the event three times.

"I pull a lot of people into town who don't normally shop in Danville as well as capture the people who are strolling into town," Perry said. "I'm trying to stretch the retail market."

She said the horse attracts visi-

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Wilderness leader retiring from Athenian

Ustin spent 27 years helping students to find themselves

by Jordan M. Doronila

Relationships, respect, reverence and responsibility. The R's are the heart and soul of Arlene Ustin's wilderness curriculum at the Athenian School.

For 27 years, Ustin has directed the Athenian Wilderness Experience program at the Athenian School in Danville and has taught the students to develop their critical thinking skills and encouraged them to find themselves.

But now, she is retiring from her position and is moving to Florida to be with her mother.

"I needed more private time," she said. "I felt I was going to get unbalanced. I never wanted to be sour or stale to a student if I stayed too long."

The Athenian Wilderness Experience is a graduation requirement for students at the Athenian School taken in the junior year. It is offered during the late summer in the Sierra Nevada and during the spring at Death Valley National Park.

The program runs for 25-26 days and promotes personal growth and instills a sense of community by presenting students with specific physical and social tasks demanding an immediate response, said Ustin.

Students wander through an unfamiliar environment, experience the natural stresses of uncertainty and understand the needs for problem solving. They develop ways to communicate and make decisions under the supervision of instructors.

"It was an amazing experience," said Rebecca Guyon, a 2000 graduate of the Athenian School. "Well, it was obviously different. You're 16. You were surrounded with people that you didn't necessarily like. You talk to people you wouldn't normally talk to in high school."

Students who disliked each other in school were sometimes put together in the program intentionally, she recalled. And later on, many of them became friends.

"It was scary," she said. "It was an interesting experience. I would like to go back again."

Students put on heavy backpacks and hike on trails over canyons, ridges, snowfields, slopes and meadows, for 12-15 days. They hold group meetings, write journals, have inspirational readings, do service projects, climb mountains and spend three days in solitude.

"They learn how to be still,"



JORDAN M. DORONILA

Arlene Ustin is retiring from her position as director of the Athenian Wilderness Experience program at the Athenian School for 27 years. She recalls the joys and splendors of seeing her students grow from her program.

Ustin said. "They get reflective."

"One student said, 'I found a place of peace and beauty where everyone can be their best without competition,'" she added.

They learn how to be helpful and sensitive in their behavior, to be responsible, to become physically fit and to appreciate the wilderness, said Ustin.

"It was her brainchild," Guyon said about Ustin's program. "She just loves the program. She's very passionate about it."

"It's hard to imagine the program without her," she added.

Ustin grew up in the South Bronx in New York. She recalls knowing people in her neighborhood and enjoying a strong relationship with her mother, who was a big advocate of nature. She received her bachelor's degree in art from City University of New York—Hunter College. And she did two years of graduate study in art at Columbia University. She also has two master's degrees, in public health and education, from UC Berkeley.

She heard about the Outward Bound program from a fellow student in a course about drug abuse at Hunter College, which she took to understand why many of the students she taught in the inner city were taking drugs. She remem-

bered rushing three students to the hospital from drug overdoses.

She said she fell in love with the personal growth program. She took an Outward Bound course and shortly after, she was offered a position as the first female instructor of the program in North Carolina.

"There were 39 men and me," she said. "It was really breaking."

Soon, the Athenian School heard about her work and asked her to join its staff. She accepted and took the ideas she learned from Outward Bound and integrated them at Athenian.

Ustin also started the community service program at Athenian in the 1980s, and incorporated using Mount Diablo as part of the educational curriculum for the school. And she networked with businesses and employers to provide internships off campus for students.

When Ustin leaves Athenian for good, she plans to continue her work as an instructor of an online course at Prescott College in Arizona and fight the No Child Left Behind Act by developing other alternatives for schools.

"It's a sham," she said about the act. "One size does not fit all. Teachers are compelled to teach to the tests. What happens to the arts? Arts nurture the spirit of the person." ■

Also retiring

Teachers retiring from Danville schools in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District are: Robert Alpert, Director of Instruction at the District Office; Judy Anderson, seventh-grade teacher at Los Cerritos Middle School; Dureen Bishop, third-grade teacher at Montair Elementary; Clinton Bragg, math teacher at Diablo Vista Middle School;

Renate Corbett, French teacher at Los Cerritos; Nancy Francis, kindergarten teacher at Sycamore Valley Elementary; Pauline Gagnon, second-grade teacher at Montair; Barry Hart, math teacher at Monte Vista High; Chuck Herndon, photography teacher at San Ramon Valley High; Allen Kamin, English teacher at Monte Vista; Buzz Kiley, history teacher at Monte Vista; Vince Lazo, teacher at Venture Independent

Study; Jan MacDougall, third-grade teacher at John Baldwin Elementary; Maureen Reschke, English teacher at San Ramon Valley; Irene Schneller, Spanish teacher at Charlotte Wood Middle School; Ellen Severud, library media teacher at Stone Valley Middle School; Patricia Tillotson, physical education teacher at Rancho Romero Elementary; and Martin Ware, teacher at Los Cerritos.



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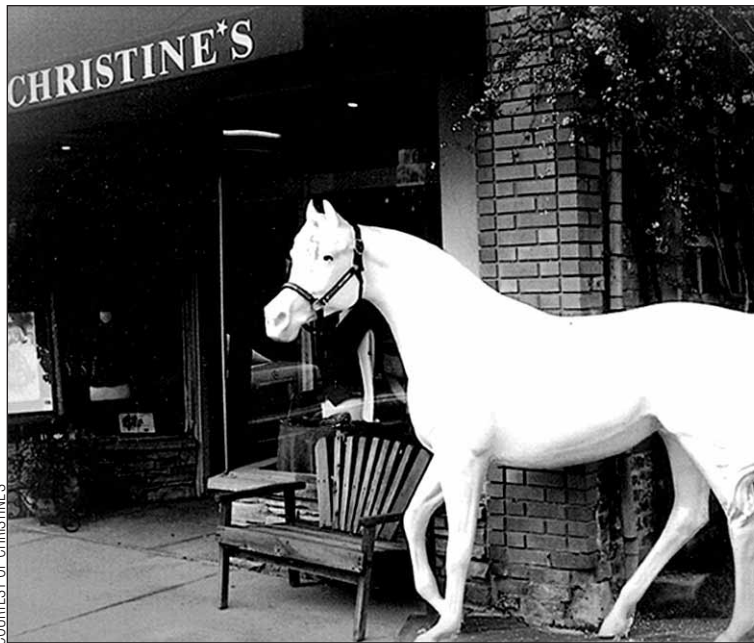
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COURTESY OF CHRISTINE'S

In happier days, this white fiberglass Arabian horse was a call to customers during Christine's IronHorse Equestrian Trunk Show on Hartz Avenue.

Horse

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tors, and it has been in the community for several generations.

"It's been at Lacy's and Blackhawk Ranch," she said. "I borrowed it from the Danville Arabian Horsemen Association."

"People love horses," she added. "It brings a little magic."

Perry contended that the horse has a strong foundation, and it would not fall over.

"My father secured the foundation of this horse so it would not tip over," she said. "It's very steady, and it's always brought in at night. And it's only for two

days a month."

"Why is my horse such a problem?" she asked. "I don't know why the city would not work with me. I don't want to have negativity from this."

"It would look a lot better on the sidewalk," she added.

But Gailey said putting the horse on the sidewalk is inappropriate.

"That horse represents a liability," he said. "It can't be used in that location."

If a youth decides to get on top of that horse and gets injured, the town may be named in a claim, he said. Gailey said Perry could use large banners to advertise the event.

"She has other options," he said. ■

Albertsons

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"It's a shame that we're losing a large chain supermarket. It's so convenient," said patron Steve Allen.

Chary Phunon, who owns Christy's Donuts, a pastry and coffee shop adjacent to the Albertsons, said she is disappointed to see the store close. She said she shops there because the workers are friendly and the location is familiar.

"I'm sad to see Albertsons employees go; they come in (to Christy's) all the time," she said.

She guessed that the store closure will affect her business and the others in the shopping center, but only on a small level.

Other patrons were not bothered by the change, as long as another food store fills the lease soon.

"If there's a different grocery chain that comes in, that's fine," said Randy Roque, who shops at Albertsons from time to time.

"We'd like it if they put a Trader Joe's in," said Bill Ashurst, who lives within walking distance of the store.

Some said they'd gladly spend an extra 10 minutes in the car to get to the Albertsons on San Ramon Valley Boulevard.

"I'll just go to the other one,"

shopper Julia Bramer noted.

There is no news on who will take over the store's lease, but similar locations have already been filled with mid-priced grocery stores. The Albertsons in downtown Walnut Creek will be replaced with a Trader Joe's.

"It would be bad if the spot was vacant for a long time," Ashurst said.

The Albertsons stores in Danville were Lucky stores until Albertsons purchased the Lucky chain in 1998 and converted its supermarkets to the Albertsons brand a year later. ■

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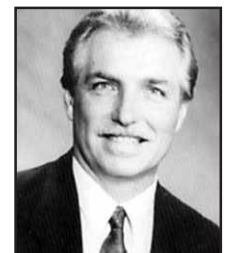
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This poster by Katie Weinstein of Sycamore Valley Elementary was the grand prize winner of the third- through fifth-grade division of this year's Street Smarts contest to foster traffic safety.

Showing off street smarts

Program announces winners of second annual Poster Contest

by Kevin Zhou

Book smarts aren't the only things students are picking up at school these days.

The second annual Street Smarts Poster Contest Awards Ceremony was held recently at the San Ramon Community Center to announce and honor the winners of the competition for students to express their thoughts on traffic safety.

In the kindergarten through second-grade division, Patricia Militante of Country Club Elementary was the grand prize winner; Danielle Morelan of Sycamore Valley Elementary was first-prize winner; Selena Lugosi of Golden View Elementary won second prize; and Sarah Joo of Sycamore Valley Elementary took third.

In the third- through fifth-grade division, Katie Weinstein of Sycamore Valley Elementary was the grand prize winner; Adam Hurd of Country Club Elementary was the first prize winner; David Eddy of Tassajara Hills Elementary won second prize; and Cody Geiger of Montair Elementary took third.

Regardless of the outcome, however, all of the contest participants were eagerly on hand to see if they had been selected as winners.

"We had a full room," said Terry Koehne, community relations coordinator for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. "There was a lot of energy in the room."

Local celebrities and politicians also took part in the festivities. Mark Curtis, the morning news anchor of KTVU Channel 2, acted as the Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Karen Stepper of Danville, Mayor Abram Wilson of San Ramon, Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, and Bob Pack, the founder of the Troy and Alana Pack Foundation, delivered speeches to the crowd.

The contest, which was created last year, asked students to create a poster that promoted traffic awareness. They were encouraged to create catchy traffic safety slogans that resonated with pedestrians.

"The purpose of Street Smarts is to get into the minds and hearts

of community members who ride bicycles, scooters or walk," said Koehne. "We try to use the kids' creativity to get our messages out there."

This year, the contest generated a great deal of buzz on school campuses across the district. More than 175 students submitted posters that ranged from being serious to being funny. The large pool of entries made it particularly difficult for the judges to determine the winners, they said.

Prizes included iPod Nanos, gift certificates at Target, and digital cameras. To view the finalist's artwork, log on to www.streetsmarts-srv.com.

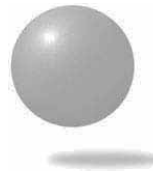
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—Terry Koehne,
community relations coordinator
for the San Ramon Valley Unified
School District

At its last meeting, the Danville Town Council recognized Lisa Ward, the principal of Los Cerros Middle School, which won the grand prize for the "Be Smart, Be Safe, Be Reel" video contest. The winning team consisted of eighth-graders Ari Eastman, Lauren Ha and Stephanie Jaber. The finalist team, also from Los Cerros, was Gunita Singh and Brittany Hatter, led by Katharine Kusch.

The videos were judged as finalists in the "Street Smarts Mini Short" category at the 2006 Danville Children's International Film Festival held May 19-21. ■

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Caltrans stabilizing hill with slide repair project

Hillside near Livorna Road was starting to slip

by Natalie O'Neill

Perceptive commuters may have noticed a construction team perched on the steep hill alongside northbound I-680 just south of the Livorna Road exit.

A \$344,000 slide repair project began recently with the removal of loose dirt and will be completed by July, Caltrans representatives said Tuesday.

The effort to stop the hill from crumbling onto the freeway is a safety precaution to prevent potential accidents.

"It was starting to slip and slide. We've had a lot of ground work repair to do because of the winter rains," said Steve Cobb, Caltrans spokesman.

Cobb said the project was awarded in November and is about one-

fourth of the way complete. He said the rainy season prevented the work from getting started earlier. Soil erosion projects are generally more expensive if they are done while it is raining.

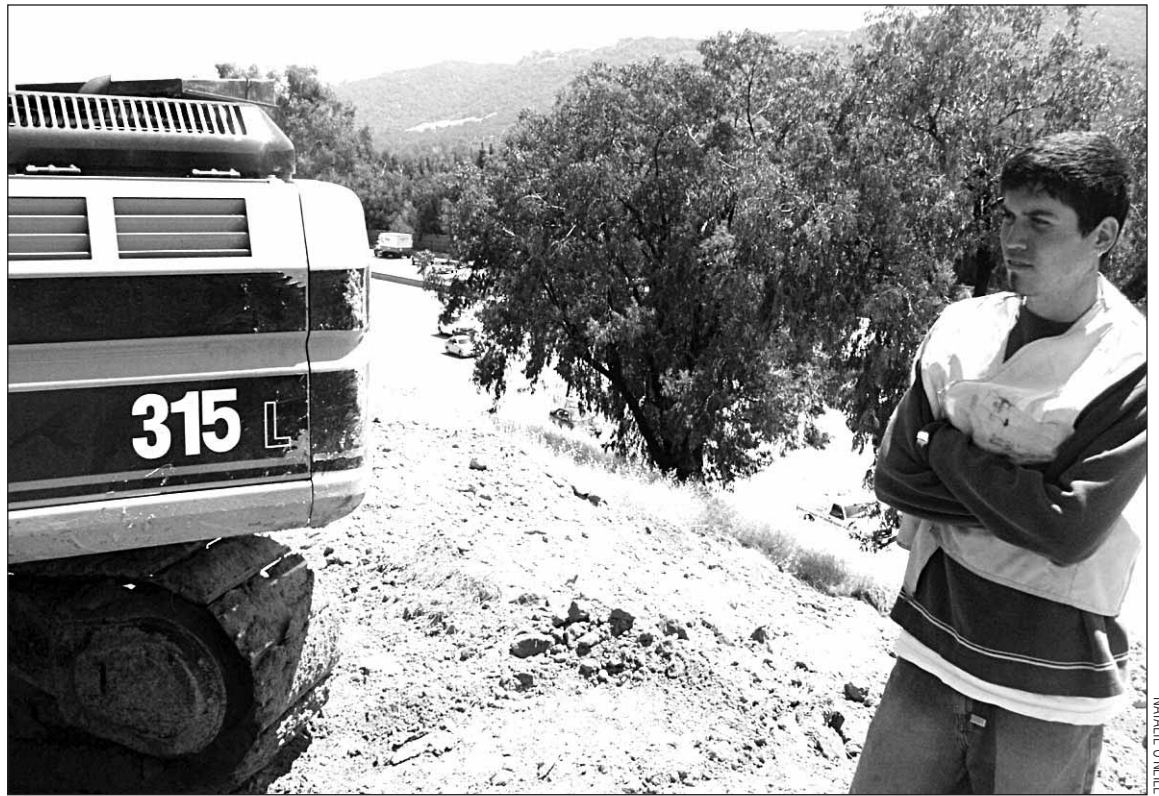
"A roadway's worst enemy is water," Cobb said.

Project completion will depend on the conditions of the site, but Sitework Construction operators said they expect it to be done in three weeks at the earliest. The construction team is battling hot sun, sliding dirt and insects from the neighboring field.

"A lot of it depends on the weather," said operator Noe Parra of Sitework Construction.

"We don't want all of this dirt to fall into the freeway and cause an accident," Parra added.

Lea Castleberry, acting Chief of Staff for Contra Costa County District 3, said a county grading inspector would be onsite to review the project this week. ■



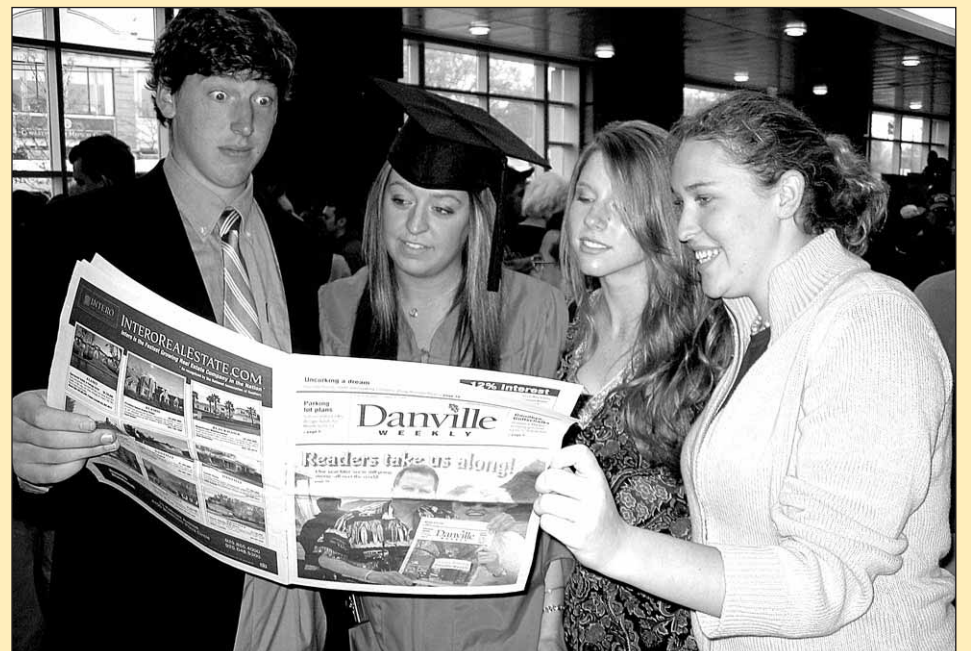
A Sitework Construction operator sizes up the amount of sliding dirt on a steep hill overlooking northbound I-680 in Alamo just south of Livorna Road. Caltrans is repairing the slide in a \$344,000 project.

TAKE US ALONG



Graduation time

Nkyone Okoh graduates from Princeton University, and her cousin Sasha Williams, 5, of Danville joins in the festivities, along with a Danville Weekly provided by Nkyone's aunt, Yolanda Ward-Williams, a Danville resident.



Johanna Gass and her cousins check out the Danville Weekly for employment ads after her graduation from Boston University. The others just graduated, too: Matt from Washington and Lee University in Virginia; Amanda from high school in Tennessee; and Kristina from high school in Virginia.

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



The second daughter

My father wasn't much on singing. He occasionally stated that he only knew one song, which he would then sing for his delighted little daughters:

*K-K-K-Katie, beautiful Katie
You're the only g-g-g-girl that I
adore,
When the m-m-m-moon shines
Over the cow shed
I'll be waiting at the k-k-k-kitchen
door.*

I recently discovered it's the chorus of an old World War I song. In his day people didn't question the political correctness of imitating a stutterer, although I never remember him making fun of anyone otherwise.

My father was a big sports fan; he had been sports editor of the old Mercury Herald in his 20s and was especially a fan of college sports. He was also a boxing inspector for the State of California during my childhood and headed out one evening a week to weigh in the fighters at the San Jose Civic Auditorium

and watch the matches.

At some point it began to dawn on me that this sports enthusiast had two daughters whose idea of a sport was twirling the baton. I had vaguely heard he had wanted a boy when my older sister was born, so when I was old enough to think about it I was sure that must have been the plan the second time around, too. One afternoon, while he was watching a college football game on TV, I sat down next to him on the couch and asked what my name would have been if I'd been a boy. He answered right away: Gary. It made me sad that he still remembered it so well, even seven or eight years later. I was really supposed to be a boy! I realized. I had to go ahead and ask, trying to sound casual, "Were you disappointed that I wasn't a boy?" His eyes twinkling, he smiled the special little smile he had when I said or did something particularly clever. "Oh, no," he assured me. "By then I knew how wonderful little girls were and I wanted another one."

I've never forgotten his response although I know now that more likely he would have preferred a boy but was mainly glad I was healthy and anyway there wasn't much he could do about it. I never doubted he loved me just as I was but he did try to interest me in sports. Once when I was very young, just the two of us went to a baseball game but apparently the only thing I was interested in was the peanuts: I was amazed, so the story goes, to discover they were wrapped in that little red "paper" as well as a shell. The other highlight of the day was his concern when he let me go alone into the restroom while he waited by the door; I took so long that he finally asked a woman to check on me. She walked out with me a few minutes later, explaining I hadn't been able to figure out how

to flush the toilet. I think after that he resigned himself to enjoying sports alone, except the two of us did attend a track meet at Stanford when I was in high school and had a brief interest in the sport while I was dating a pole-vaulter.

When my father died six years ago, I found that he had saved birthday and Father's Day cards that my sister and I had given him, from the cute, heartfelt ones of our younger years, to the hastily assembled cards of our adolescence, to the store-bought cards when we were adults. He'd written the dates on the back.

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As much as sports, my father loved San Jose history and was proud of its early residents. Although he recited poetry as seldom as he sang, he used to quote this four-liner by Edwin Markham, who lived and taught in San Jose for a while:

*He drew a circle that shut me out.
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout
But love and I had the wit to win;
We drew a circle that took him in.*

My father's life indeed was a big circle, drawing in people from many different walks of life. I never shared his love of baseball or boxing but I did learn to love people and be interested in them and the world around me. ■

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EDITORIAL

Running Danville

There's an old adage we believe to be true: A government is only as good as the people running it. Since this is an election year in Danville, now is a good time for interested residents to learn more and to get involved in the running of their town.

The 2006 town election season has officially begun now that Mayor Karen Stepper has had the kickoff party for her re-election campaign for a second four-year term on the Town Council. Her term is up in November as is that of Councilman Mike Shimansky, who first took office in December 1989. We are looking forward to seeing who, in addition to the incumbents, might be interested in running.

Danville has been fortunate since its incorporation in 1982 to have well qualified people elected to office. When Councilwoman Millie Greenberg became County Supervisor for District 3 in 2003, the council picked Candace Andersen as her replacement. She then ran and was elected in 2004. Her term expires in 2008, as do the four-year terms of Councilman Mike Doyle, who began his first term in December 1991, and Councilman Newell Arnerich, who first took office in December 1995.

Interested parties can pick up papers to file for candidacy beginning Monday, July 17. The deadline to file is Friday, Aug. 11. If either of the incumbents does not file by 5 p.m. Aug. 11, the deadline is extended until Aug. 16.

Danville has no term limits and, indeed, no incumbent has ever been defeated in an election. This may discourage some folks from jumping into the election fray. We hope not because it is interested and involved residents who make Danville a great community.

If you can't see yourself as an elected official, keep in mind there are other ways to be involved. Learn more about the candidates and the issues in Danville and work for the candidate of your choice. If you've ever had an interest in town politics, now is the time to learn more.

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LETTERS

Another DAZE, another DOLLAR

Dear Editor:

What does the county know about Alamo and what relationship does it have with our community? That question should be the first answer county officials provide at the June 22 evening community update at Alamo School. Although it is likely few Alamo residents will attend the update, it is more likely that Alamo residents know the answers to Alamo's issues and know very well the county's opposition to providing those answers. The county's answer: Alamo is a "taxable asset" and nothing more.

Decision after decision, approval after approval by county boards, districts, departments and agencies have opposed the interests, needs and advisory of the Alamo community, neighborhoods, services and resident groups. Resulting decisions will bring commercial and institutional operations to our neighborhoods, more commute traffic to our roads and lanes, more monster boxes in our skyline and on our ridgeline, prejudiced isolation of community leaders from special district committees, and attempts to destroy our community groups such as the AIA (Alamo Improvement Association). Since June 2000, the county has had a record of failure upon failure in serving Alamo and, recently, has increased that failure with a published disrespect for our community, neighborhood and service group volunteers.

When Alamo attends the update meeting, it would be appropriate for Alamo residents to write the answers to Alamo questions on county-required speaker's cards and then let the county prove to the community that they know the important questions in Alamo. It will be another county sideshow, so what's the worth?

Hal Bailey, Alamo

Incumbents in the Valley

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on your excellent article on Mayor Karen Stepper campaigning for a second Danville Town Council term. No incumbent Danville council member has ever been defeated for re-election since the town's incorporation in 1982. In 2004, incumbent Dick Waldo was in the field of five who filed; he dropped out but it was too late to be removed from the ballot. In that race, Stepper narrowly defeated the candidate who came in second.

The same rule of no defeat of incumbents doesn't hold for the other major San Ramon Valley races. Two incumbents were removed in a recall election for San Ramon Valley Unified School District around 1990. Karen Stepper, then SRVUSD board president, was defeated in the general election. Likewise, the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Board, I believe, has a history of incumbents being defeated, and the city of San Ramon definitely has defeated incumbents.

All of these races impact Danville, so as the summer and fall progress, the Danville Weekly coverage of candidates would be a great service, which other Valley dailies and weeklies neglect. A San Ramon resident may also be a subscriber to the Danville Weekly at a Danville post office box.

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Artists Wanted

The Alamo Danville Artists' Society is looking for artists to submit work for the eighth annual Art in the Park on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Painters and three-dimensional artists are encouraged to apply soon for the few openings in these categories. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Norma

Webb, 67 Hazelnut Court, San Ramon, CA 94583 or e-mail nor-mawebb@comcast.net.

Clay Arts Guild Art Extravaganza

This Art Extravaganza will include handcrafted ceramic works by members, including from Danville and Alamo, at attractive prices. The opening party will feature the artists, good music and food from 5-9 p.m., Thursday, June 22, at Civic Arts Studio D and E, 1313 Civic Drive,

Walnut Creek. The sale will continue through the weekend. Call 943-5846.

Author Visits

Nancy Peterson's 'Raking the Ashes'

The San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society will host Nancy Peterson, author of "Raking the Ashes: Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research," at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 20, at the Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley Road, Alamo. She will talk about writing the book, dealing with lost records, and solving genealogical stumbling blocks. All are welcome. Call 648-4653.

Clubs

Alamo Cribbage Club

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

Alamo Merchants and Professional Association

AMPA meets the second Tuesday of each month for its business luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. for networking, and noon for lunch, including a guest speaker, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Round Hill Road, Alamo. AMPA also holds a mixer the fourth Wednesday of each month. For information regarding the luncheons and mixers, call Barbara Malan at 831-3329 or visit www.alamobusiness.com.

Contra Costa Rose Society

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

Danville Area Cultural Alliance

The Danville Area Cultural Alliance

(DACA) will have a board meeting at 7 p.m., every third Monday of the month at the Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., Danville. For information, call Paul Skeckler at 820-5391 or visit www.danvilleareaculturalalliance.org.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

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

San Ramon Valley Newcomers

This club is open to both "new" and "not so new" Tri-Valley residents. Prospective members are invited to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 20, at Stix and Steaks Restaurant in the Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. For information, call Jan at 735-3508.

San Ramon Valley Rotary Club

This club meets for dinner at 7 p.m., each Wednesday, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Guests are welcome. The club offers a great way to make new friends while making a difference in your community. Call Bill at 838-9110.

Concerts

Alamo's Summer Concert Series

Alamo Parks and Recreation will host its Summer Concert Series from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fridays, June 23, July 7, July 21, and Aug. 18, at Livorna Park, 801 Livorna Road, Alamo. Night Fever will perform June 23 and will bring its all-ages Vegas-style show. You are sure to get up and boogie! Call 451-9176.

Concert in the Hills Series

Astound Broadband presents the seventh annual Concert in the Hills Series with four different concerts at Cal State East Bay's Concord Campus, 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road, Concord. Gates open at 6 p.m., concert opening arts at 7 p.m. and the main acts at 8 p.m. These concerts are free, and

food and beverages will be available for purchase, but you may bring your own picnic. All seating is on the lawn so bring a blanket or short lawn chair. A list of concerts is at www.concord.csueastbay.edu/concertinthehills.htm

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 Intero Real Estate. July 8 will feature Lydia Pense & Cold Blood; July 22, Pride & Joy; Aug. 5, East Bay Mudd; Aug. 19, the Cheeseballs.

Events

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.

Aloha Golf Classic

Danville Area Chamber of Commerce presents the Aloha Golf Classic event starting at 10 a.m., Monday, July 17, at the Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive. The day will include golf, contests for both men and women, lunch, no-host cocktails, silent and live auctions, awards and dinner. Tickets are \$195 for golf, lunch and dinner; \$50 for dinner. Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillechamber.com.

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 craft booths will be on display along with gourmet food, fine wines and microbrews, Italian street painting and entertainment. Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillechamber.com.



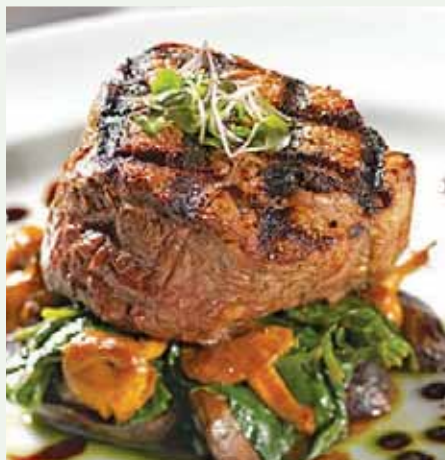
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WEEKEND PREVIEW



Martini anyone?

Project Second Chance will be the winner after Level Vodka by Absolut and the Lafayette Park Hotel and Spa host the seventh annual Best Martini in the East Bay Contest from 6-8 p.m., Monday, June 19, at the hotel, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. While sipping on your martini and listening to music provided by Generations in Jazz, 14 different bars will compete for two cash prizes. All proceeds will benefit Project Second Chance. Tickets are \$20, available at the door only. Must be 21 to attend. Call 927-3250.

com. Admission is free. All vendors must contact MLA Productions at (831) 438-4751 or claudette@mla-productions.com.

Family Campout

The Town of Danville presents Family Campout including swimming, youth crafts, family games and a movie under the stars starting at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 29, and ending at 11 a.m., Sunday, July 30, at Oak Hill Park, 3031 Stone Valley Road. Danville residents' cost is \$30 per family of four, \$5 each additional family member; non-resident cost is \$36 per family of four, \$6 each additional family member. To register and find out what families should bring, go to the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Family Fun Nights

Alamo Parks and Recreation will be hosting Family Fun Nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, June 29 (at Hap Magee Ranch Park), July 13 (at Livorna Park), and Aug. 3 (at Hap Magee Ranch Park). There will be games, karaoke and roasting marshmallows around the campfire. Call 451-9176.

Free Shakespeare in the Park

The city of Pleasanton will host the annual Free Shakespeare in the Park, with "The Tempest" by the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, June 24-July 9, Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Admission is free. Picnic suppers and low lawn chairs are welcome. Call 931-5340.

Geocaching

Learn the logistics of geocaching, a modern day, outdoor treasure hunt using a park or trail map and a GPS to find "caches" that can be hidden anywhere. This event starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, July 15, Oak Hill Park, 3031 Stone Valley Road. For information about the event call 314-3400; for information about geocaching, visit www.geocaching.com.

Horse Racing at the County Fair

This year the Alameda County Fair will host 11 great days of thundering hooves as the jockeys battle for the final turn. The races post time starts at 12:15 p.m. daily from Wednesday-Sunday, June 28-July 9 (no racing Wednesday, July 5), at the Fair in Pleasanton. Promotional days include: Beach towel give-away on Thursday, June 29, to the first 1,000 race fans; and Photo Jockey Day on Monday, July 3, keepsake picture taken with their favorite jockey. Box seats are sold out, but there's still room in the Trackside Terrace; call 426-7600 or visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

'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.

Moonlight on the Mountain

Save Mount Diablo will celebrate its 35th anniversary at its fifth annual Moonlight on the Mountain at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2 near China Wall. The night will include an elegant dinner, auction and entertainment with the south slopes of Mount Diablo as the backdrop. Tickets are \$200 per person; RSVP by calling 947-3535.

Movie in the Park

Alamo Parks and Recreation along with the East Bay Regional Park District will host a Movie in the Park from 7:30-10:30 p.m. (movie begins at 9 p.m.), Saturday, July 29, at Livorna Park, 801 Livorna Road, Alamo. Bring a picnic supper, blankets, and chairs to enjoy a family film on a giant outdoor movie screen. Snacks will be provided for purchase. Call 451-9176.

Summer Sewing Room Sale

The Diablo Valley Quilter's Guild is hosting a sewing sale, silent auction and bake sale from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 21, at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Lots of fabric, quilt books and patterns will be priced at bargain prices. The public is invited. Free admission. Call Dianne at 837-1863.

Train Day at the Depot

Museum of the San Ramon Valley presents Train Day at the Depot from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, June 25, at the museum, corner of Railroad and Prospect Avenues. The day will include three model train layouts, train history, photos, fire engine, music and ice cream. For information, call 837-3750.

'Twist and Shout Schools Out!' Party

Pure Girls store will host a "Twist and Shout Schools Out" Party for girls ages 6-17 from 3:30-8 p.m., Saturday, June 17, at the store, 660 Main St., Pleasanton. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of; space is limited. Call 485-4380.

Walking Tours of Historic Danville

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley docents will lead tours of historic buildings and sites in Danville. Danville Mayor Karen Stepper will lead walking tours starting at 6:15 p.m., every fourth Friday, May-August, meeting in front of the Village Theater, 233 Front St. Museum docents will lead morning tours starting at 10 a.m., every second Saturday, May-Aug., meeting in front of the museum, 205 Railroad Ave. Call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsvr.org.

Wente 'Summer Cinema Series'

A special screening of "E.T. The Extra Terrestrial" will be shown as part of Wente Vineyards' Summer Cinema Series. Dee Wallace who played the mother will be present to do a meet-

and-greet and sign autographs at 6:45 p.m.; she will have a Q&A session at 7:40 p.m.; and the movie will begin at twilight Tuesday, June 20, at Wente, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Suggested donation is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. For information and tickets, call 456-2400 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Exhibits

Contrast of Photography and Surreal Oils

Blackhawk Art Gallery will be hosting 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 (415) 531-2556 or visit www.blackhawkart-gallery.com.

'The Art of the Poster'

Blackhawk Museum is paying tribute to the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance with a special exhibition titled "The Art of the Poster." Museum hours are from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, now through August. For more information, contact Jon Hart at 736-2280 or www.BlackhawkMuseum.org.

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

14th Annual Pete's For Charity Golf Tournament

Pete's Brass Rail will be hosting its 14th annual Pete's for Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Cure Autism Now Foundation (CAN), from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday, June 26, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo. Tickets are \$195 per person or \$780 for a foursome; includes green fees, lunch and dinner. Call 837-6207.

'A Night at Casablanca'

The Blackhawk Museum Guild and Party at Pat's will present their annual fundraiser, "A Night at Casablanca" to help support the Children's Education and Transportation Fund, at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 1, at the Behring Estate in Blackhawk. The night will include a reception, dinner, auction and drawing. Tickets are \$150. Black-tie optional. Make checks out to Blackhawk Museum Guild and mail to Linda Swofford, 1703 St. Norbert Drive, Danville 94526. For information, call Emilie Pennington at 855-9216.

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.

Climb Against the Odds-Mt. Shasta 2006

Breast Cancer Fund's seventh major mountaineering expedition, "Climb against the Odds-Mt. Shasta," will take place July 7-13 at Mount Shasta. The cost and registration is \$1,750. For information, visit www.breastcancerfund.org, e-mail connie@breastcancerfund.org or call (415) 346-8223, ext. 30.

Danville Open Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of Danville will be sponsoring the Greater Danville Open Golf tournament to benefit Discovery Center, SRV YMCA, Tri-Valley Crisis Centers and others. The day will include golf from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and cocktails and dinner from 5-9 p.m., Thursday, June 22 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Road, Livermore. The golf package is \$225 including green fees, cart, lunch, refreshments, awards dinner and live auction. Non-golf options are available. For information, call Jeffrey Behring at 648-3829.

Sixth Annual Comedy Night

This annual show, in sponsorship with John Muir Women's Health Center, will benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. Comedian Andrew Norelli will headline the show, at 8 p.m., Saturday, July 15, at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts-Hoffman Theatre, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Other comedians include: Ross Turner, Michael Meehan, and Charlie B. Earley will take the stage as emcee. Reserved seating is \$37; \$32 for seniors. Call 943-SHOW (943-7469).

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.

Step It Up Alamo

ShapeXpress of Alamo will be hosting a free six-week walking program open to men, women and children of all ages at 9 a.m., Saturdays, from June 17-July 29, meeting at the gym, 230-A Alamo Plaza, Alamo. To kick off the challenge on June 17, pick up your "walkers" log and start the program. Challenge a friend or neighbor to compete! Call 838-5200.

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, visit www.diabloyogacenter.com.

Holidays

4th of July Parade

The theme for the 2006 Danville 4th of July Parade hosted by the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley and sponsored by Heller Jewelers will be "Honoring Teachers and Educators - Unsung Heroes" and it will start at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 4. The parade runs from the corner of Hartz Avenue and Railroad Avenue, continues down Hartz and San Ramon Valley Road and ends at the corner of San Ramon Valley Road and Sycamore Valley Road. Call Chris Joy at (510) 297-7693 or e-mail parade@kiwanis-srv.org

Father's Day Variety Show

Walnut Creek Honda and Oakland Acura present a Fabulous Father's Day Variety Show at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 18, Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. KTVU's Mark Curtis will host this event that will benefit Contra Costa Youth Council. General admission is \$20, \$18 for seniors and \$15 for youth. For tickets or information, call 943-SHOW (943-7469).

Kids & Teens

Kids Country Sports Camps

Kids Country will be offering Sports Camps for Youth ages 8-12 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays-Fridays, June 26-Aug. 18, at Vista Grande School, 667 Diablo Road, Danville. There are four different sessions including: baseball/softball, soccer, flag football and basketball. Children may register for as many sessions as they wish. The fee for each two-week session is \$380 with extended care from 7

a.m.-6:30 p.m. at no extra charge. For information or to register, call Denise at 831-3530.

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.

Summer Sports, Activities Programs

LifeStyleRx will be presenting a lot of sports and activities for kids and teens including, Basketball, Boot Camp, Speed Agility Quickness (SAQ), All-Access, Volleyball, Multi-Sports and Activities, Lacrosse, Foot Hockey, Hukilau Hula, Cardio Hip-Hop, Tweens and Teens Power Yoga, Princess Pointers, Summer Splash, Group Swim Lessons, Summer Rec Swim Team and Teen Chefs! These classes are held Monday-Friday with different times and dates that can be found by calling 454-6342 or by visiting www.lifestylex.com.

YMCA Summer Specialty Camps

The Mt. Diablo Region YMCA is hosting numerous summer camps for children grades K-12 with different times from June 19-Aug. 25. Camps for children grades K-6 include: Wizard Camp, Chess Camp, Drama Camp, Princess Camp, Cheer Camp, Magic Camp, Carpentry Camp, and Super Sports Camp. Camps for children grades 5-12 include: Dude Ranch Camp, Team Challenge-Water Sports Camp, Babysitting Camp, Experience the Bay Camp, Rock and Roll Camp (Beginners and Advanced), High School Caravan Camp, and Southern California Coaster Caravan Camp. There are different fees for each activity. Call 831-1100 or visit www.mdrymca.org.

Youth Football Camp

Youth Football Camp for ages 8-14 runs from 5-7:30 p.m., Monday, July 17, through Friday, July 21, at San Ramon High School, 140 Love Ln. Cost is \$150 and due by Friday, July 1. Call Coach Lee Becker, 640-8941 or e-mail srvfbcamp@aol.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

California Vacation Land

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

Jewish Ethics and Medicine

Dr. Arnold Jacobson will present "Jewish Medical Diseases Meets In-Vitro Fertilization - Ethical and Medical Consequences" at 7 p.m., Friday, June 16. This event is free, but participants are asked to bring a dish for eight. For location and reservations, call 485-1049 or e-mail CulturalJews@aol.com.

Leads Group for True B2B Business

B2B Power Exchange presents Leads Group for True B2B Business Developers from 7:45-10 a.m., Thursday, June 22, Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin. Cost is free to members, \$40 for non-members. Call 201-3410 or visit www.b2bpowerexchange.com/dublin/htm.

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



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Miscellaneous

Adopt a New Friend

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) offers wonderful animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturday, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., dogs and cats are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at West Angela and First Street. Dogs and cats are also available at Petco, San Ramon; PetSmart, Dublin; Pet Foot Express, Dublin; Pet Food Express, Livermore and Pet Extreme, Livermore. For dates and times and other information, call TVAR at 803-7043 or visit its Web site at www.tvar.org.

Host Families Needed for German Exchange Students

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

Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust

The Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust is accepting nominations for its 2006 Teacher Awards for outstanding Contra Costa Country teachers who have made extraordinary contribu-

tions to their students. This year, the amount of each award will be \$10,000 and may be used in any manner the recipient wishes. Nominations will be accepted until June 30. For information, call Marianne Fogle at 945-0200.

On Stage

'Wigged Out!'

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

Seniors

Prime Time

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

Valley Oak Respite Center Activities for Seniors

Valley Oak Respite provides an interactive program for frail seniors and those afflicted with Alzheimer's or related dementias and physical disabilities, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1936 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. The cost is \$25 per session, which includes a morning snack and beverage; participants should bring a bag lunch. For information or an application, call Carmen McCarthy at 945-8040.

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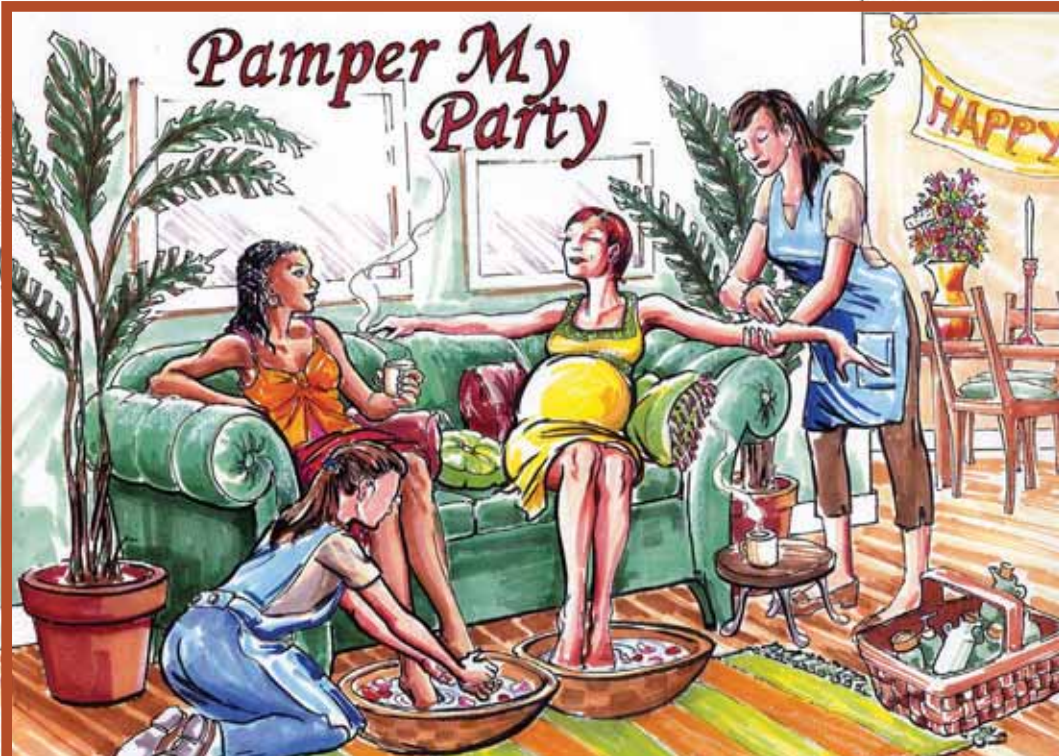
San Damiano Summer Series

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

Summer Adult Sport Programs

The Town of Danville will offer many different summer programs for adults including: Adult Basketball League (3 on 3 on Tuesday nights; 5 on 5 on



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Thursday nights), Thursday Pilates (6-7 p.m., Thursdays, June 22-July 13), Velocity Sports Performance (6:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, June 19-Aug. 9), Senior Softball (9 a.m., Thursdays, June 22-Sept. 14) and more. Each activity has different fees. For information or to register, call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Support Groups

Overeaters Anonymous

The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia and bulimia. It meets from 7-8 p.m., every Tuesday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No fees. Call Susie at 275-1391.

PFLAG

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

Sam Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue and Chronic Pain Support

San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue and Chronic Pain Support meets from 7-9 p.m. every other Monday in Danville. Call Denise for location and information at 837-0510.

Volunteering

Assistance League of Diablo Valley

This chapter of the National Assistance League seeks new volunteer members to help with a wide range of philanthropic service projects in many Contra Costa communities. These include vision screening in elementary schools, distributing clothing to school children in need, daily reassurance phone calls to homebound elderly and handicapped clients, and staffing the chapter's Lafayette thrift shop. Call 934-0901 or visit <http://diablovalley.assistanceleague.org>.

Child Abuse Prevention Council

The Contra Costa County Child Abuse Prevention Council needs volunteer speakers for the community education

program. Volunteers must complete a mandatory 24-hour speaker's training course. For information, call 946-9961.

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art

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

Help Your Senior Neighbors

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

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and others about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. Call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Make a Difference

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

Search and Rescue

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

Sheriff Seeks Senior Volunteers

The Sheriff's Valley Station Office in Alamo is seeking people interested in assisting law enforcement in the community. Citizens should have a clean criminal history and would be responsible for one shift a week for four-and-a-half hours. Interested applicants should call James Hogan or Elmer Glasser at 837-2902.

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Graduates are heading into the future with confidence

Megan McDermott

It's "senior cut day," but she's not at the beach or at the mall. Instead, talented San Ramon Valley High School jazz ensemble member Megan McDermott is singing with her choir class.



"We call ourselves 'choir nerds' because so much of our time is dedicated to it," she said.

High school is a time to explore and find what you're passionate about, she said. For Megan, acting and singing are what make her heart race. She has been in several community musical theater productions in the Tri-Valley area and prefers to be in comedies. Next year she plans to study theater at the University of Southern California and to "just see how it goes."

"It has a really good film school, so it will be nice to act for films," she said.

While she's a little apprehensive about leaving her family, she is excited that she will live in Los Angeles and be in a less sheltered environment. Like many other SRVHS students, she refers to Danville as "the bubble."

"This is a good place to grow up, but I'm ready to get into the real world," she said.

For the last four years Megan has been involved in so many organizations, she has had barely any free time. It has been a challenge to juggle all of her activities and still have a social life, she said.

Megan may be focused and driven, but she doesn't take herself too seriously. You have to be able to laugh at yourself, she said, recalling one embarrassing situation in high school. At a pep rally—in front of the whole student body—she was singing with the jazz ensemble and she tripped and fell over the carpet.

"I jumped up in the air and didn't miss a beat. I know I'm clumsy ... you can't take yourself too seriously," she said.

Overall, she said she is looking forward to making new friends and having a fresh start in college.

—Natalie O'Neill

Josh Rottman

Call him the inquisitor. What does this mean? How does it work? Why do we care?

Asking questions and understanding complexities defined high school senior Josh Rottman's experience at Monte Vista High School.

"It's better to learn something more than at face value," he said. Understanding how things work enabled him to apply his findings practically in life, he said.

When Rottman attends UC Davis in September, he will harness his inquisitive energy and pursue political science. He said he is eager to begin a new life even though he enjoyed his high school experience. At Monte Vista, he played the tenor saxophone, played lacrosse and participated in mock trial debates.

He said when he discusses social and political topics, he gets riled up and feels the need to express his point of view. "I'm very verbal," he said. "It's a good outlet." In debates, he said most people do not understand how illegal immigrants are important to the economy; the War in Iraq had good intentions, but U.S. troops have been there too long; and the current U.S. President does not have sufficient knowledge to run the country.

Often when he hears a comment he feels strongly about, he asks himself, "How can I refute that?"

Questioning has also helped Rottman get through challenges. Not being able to play on the lacrosse team this year because he had broken his hand in an accident was disappointing. He said he had worked hard to get on the varsity team, which is ranked high in the state.

"I put a lot of work into something and I felt I didn't get the role I deserved," he said. To release his frustration, he made a highlight reel of his team; his teammates saw what he did for them, and he then felt he was a part of their success.

Studying Hebrew and the Old Testament and forming bonds with Jewish youths during a trip to an Israel helped him understand how his culture related to him.

"I bonded with them," Rottman said about the Jewish youth group. "They are real. You need people like that in your life."

—Jordan M. Doronila



Kevin Zhou

After watching their parents work tirelessly to earn money for their betterment, Monte Vista senior Kevin Zhou and his older brother David Zhou promised



each other to succeed in life and not waste what has been given to them. Kevin said his parents moved from China to the U.S. so their sons would have a chance to thrive in a prosperous environment. His father works at the Livermore Lab and his mother was a professional ballerina.

"We want to repay them," Kevin said. "We motivated ourselves."

David is currently a student at Harvard and intends to pursue a career in law. And now Kevin will join him at Harvard this fall. Kevin has received a full scholarship from the Frank H. & Eva B. Buck Foundation.

"My brother was a good example," Kevin said. "I just fed off of that."

For much of his high school experience, Kevin said, writing was one of his most enjoyable activities. He had opinion pieces printed in the San Francisco Chronicle, the Los Angeles Times and the Christian Science Monitor. He has written about how the new SATs were unfair to disadvantaged students and how teenagers care too much about what college they get into instead of focusing on where their passion lies.

He has also been part of the speech and debate club at Monte Vista and received a \$3,000 scholarship from the national John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest for High Schools last year; two were chosen out of 2,000.

Kevin is also applying his writing talents by working as an intern at the Danville Weekly. He has written features, news stories and a column. "It's pretty cool. You get feedback from people," he said. "People read your work."

"Writing is something I enjoyed," he said.

Kevin said he did not find high school demanding. Though he performed exceedingly well in his studies, he said he does not spend long hours locked in a room studying, and his parents have not pressured him or his brother to achieve success, which is a stereotype of Asian families.

"If you have balance, you will achieve success," Kevin said.

—Jordan M. Doronila

Ashley Cheung

Ashley Cheung is more than a basketball star, although that's how many in the San Ramon Valley High community know her.



Ashley and four other girls, Dani King, Meghan Yetman, Devon Pierce and Jen Dreessen, have been together on the basketball court since they played CYO in the fourth grade, culminating this year as Wolves by winning the North Coast Section title, against all odds. "It's been a crazy season and a crazy journey," said Ashley. "We worked hard and believed in ourselves."

Ashley was in the Danville Girls Chorus for eight years and has studied dance, as the student body found out when she joined the dance team onstage at the last rally. She also studied the violin for 15 years, and gave her senior solo recital last Friday night. "It will be my way of saying goodbye," she said.

She also took AP honors classes and was student body vice president. Ashley is proud of the leadership role she played on the student council and the changes they affected, such as keeping the campus cleaner. And she enjoyed being elected homecoming queen. "You can't change who you are but you can make yourself better," she said she has learned. "You have to try different things, and can't be afraid of looking stupid."

She was sentimental about her friends, teachers and family, and the emotions leading up to graduation day. "San Ramon has given me so much," she said. "I couldn't have had a better high school experience." She said her older sister advised her it's better to leave a good situation, even if it is sad.

Now she's heading off to UC San Diego, to pursue a degree in business management. "It's a daunting experience," she said. She purposely chose a large university. "It enticed me because you have more opportunity to explore who you are," she said. "There are different avenues."

Ashley plans to try out for the UCSD basketball team, too, and has already sent a tape and talked to the assistant coach. But if she ends up playing at the intramural level, she said that's fine, too.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Carly

All life a stage, Shakespeare, the stage captivates Monte Vista senior Carly Weckstein is one present the Bard's pl She is attend summer prog for the third y hoping to be of Lady Mac production.

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interviewed seven graduating students. They expressed good memories and sadness at leaving their friends. They talked about their future and what the next year will bring. They are excited to meet any challenges—they, they can be proud.

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Gerren Taylor

Four schools in four years—it may not be typical or even ideal. But for Gerren Taylor, moving around the country with his family has taught him more about life than a textbook ever could.

"I've had different friends every year," he said. "You gotta run *with* life, not away from it."

When he reflects on the people he has known and the things he has done in high school, he has to specify what part of the country he was in. You might hear him say "Back in Kansas City, we..." or "Down in Sacramento, I..."

Gerren is happy living in Danville and he isn't scared of change, he said.

"It's a more positive area. It's safe out here," he said. He has made the best of his time at Monte Vista High School by excelling in track and placing 18th in the state last year. Track was a good way to make new friends and he especially liked the fact that it was coed, he said.

"If you do well (in track) people want to come up and talk to you. I got to hang out and meet new people," he said.

Math classes have been the biggest struggle for him academically and he prefers to study English and philosophy. When he studies at Sacramento State next year, he wants to focus on political science with an emphasis in public administration.

He wants to learn how to run a city and he hopes to be involved in politics and public planning. Having lived in several cities, he understands urban life.

"If I had to change Danville, I'd put in more low-income housing," he said. "For Oakland, I'd take out some of the liquor stores and build more churches."

Modeling and acting are two hobbies Gerren also hopes to pursue in college, but in the future there is just one area where he wants to excel.

"The only thing I want to be good at is being a father," he said.

He is nervous about the responsibilities of being on his own but is looking forward to it. He said he may keep pursuing track or join the U.S. Air Force. Whatever he does, he'll keep running *with* life.

—Natalie O'Neill

Laura Mizes

Looking beyond the big Danville Oak Tree and the bright California coast, San Ramon Valley High School senior Laura Mizes sees a promising future in the southern state of Missouri.



She plans to follow her passion for writing at the Columbia School of Journalism at the University of Missouri.

"I get kidded a lot about that," she said. "But whatever." Her grandparents and her father were from St. Louis.

Laura said leaving high school and entering college is the start of her new life.

"It's the beginning of the end," she said. "I'm really excited about college and living alone."

"I aspire to my own dreams," she added.

Laura said she learned a great deal about her love of writing, about herself personally, and the world outside high school by singing in New Orleans with her choir group, feeling the community spirit at her local synagogue, and being involved as a counselor for the Contra Costa County Midrasha, a Jewish community for teens.

Though Laura had an eventful teenage experience, she is ready to move forward.

"I will miss my friends, but I will not miss the essence of high school," she said. "I think groups of people at an early age develop cliques. Four years is about the right time for being in high school."

She said she had many positive moments in high school that helped her grow. Laura was an arts editor for her school newspaper. She was disappointed when the school administrators censored her staff from printing a story about teenagers smoking a hookah at a bar. She said surrounding one's self with friends that are supportive yet challenging helps one mature. She also experienced close bonds with other students who were part of musical choir director Ken Abram's program.

"It was the highlight of high school," she said. "We are so blessed to have an amazing program. We are really a family—we fight but we find a way to get together."

Now Laura said she is looking forward to moving to Missouri because of the openness of strangers there and the lively school spirit.

—Jordan M. Doronila

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- Michael Sean Cassidy
- Michael Antonio Castillo
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 Leah Broom
 Tawny Bruner
 Sabrina Brylowe
 Lauren Burns
 Jazziel Camancho
 Elliott Carter
 Alexandra Castro
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 Katie Chreston
 Justine Clinton
 Spencer Clohan
 Sema Conde
 Chelsea Cooper
 Jacqui Costanzo
 Charlee Couto
 Megan Crowe
 Tara Cumiskey
 Lorraine D'Anna
 Sarah Daher
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 Katie DeBoer
 Conrad de Chabert
 Allen DeMoss
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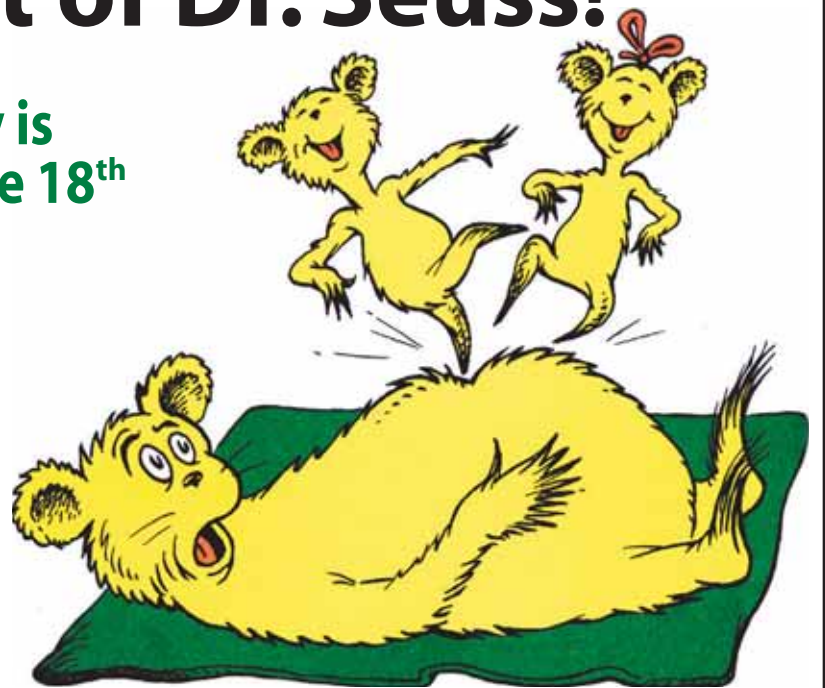
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 Christina Regan
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 Nick Sanborn
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 Joseph Spanne
 Alexander Steinhauer
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 Ashley Tan
 Trevor Tobie
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 Benjamin Vanni
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It's hard to imagine downtown Danville without the train depot museum, Rakestraw Books and the Livery. But long ago the Valley boasted more barns than buildings, and it has been captured in oils by local artist Virginia DeFreitas.

At 86, DeFreitas speaks in a soft, whispery voice and probably doesn't reach the five-foot mark, but her grace and intellect slice the air deftly.

"I feel lucky to live in such an area of beauty—so many enjoyable landscapes to paint," she said.

Just as Danville was about to celebrate its 125th birthday, DeFreitas submitted one of her oil paintings in a contest and won the coveted cover on the 1984 phone book. This same rendition of "old Danville" was transferred to a collector's plate that still hangs in the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Many of her paintings show vivid details of a time long ago, such as the Southern Pacific Train Depot in Danville that is now the museum.

DeFreitas holds the keys to many unlocked secrets and stories about Danville. She talks about a time when Carmen DeVivi, a gentleman who was known as the original Father Christmas in Danville, would pull up in a horsedrawn carriage to the old Oak Tree and turn the lights on to help create the "Magic of Christmas." His costume is in the museum. DeVivi also had an art gallery in Danville where he sold some of DeFreitas' paintings until he moved to New Mexico to pursue his own way in the world of art.

DeFreitas grew up in Oakland and moved to Danville in 1963 with her husband, Joe.

"I was very lucky that he was so encouraging and supportive. He was a good man," DeFreitas said of her late husband.

She also talked about how painting was a perfect complement to being a stay-at-home mother.

"I'd paint when I had time," she said. "But my family always came first."

For years, DeFreitas was a member of the Alamo and Danville Art Association and won many ribbons for her artwork. Although she no longer enters contests or sells her paintings, her talents are still abundant as proven by the dozens of paintings that hang in a small office, her "art studio" in her Danville home. Only a lucky few folks have one of her originals but anyone can still view her work at the museum.

"Art is a way to look at things differently," DeFreitas said. "I still scan things to see if they would make interesting paintings."

Because of diminishing health, she no longer paints like she once did but she remains busy with her two children, eight grandchildren, five great grandkids, and many friends that visit often. She also loves to garden, and recognizes that creativity takes many forms, bragging about a daughter who is an interior designer, a son who is a woodworker, and a couple of grandsons in the dramatic arts.

DeFreitas is still inspired by landscapes but now works with watercolors to avoid the strong turpentine smells from oil painting and the messy cleanup. Her busy social calendar ensures she isn't home for long periods of time anymore.

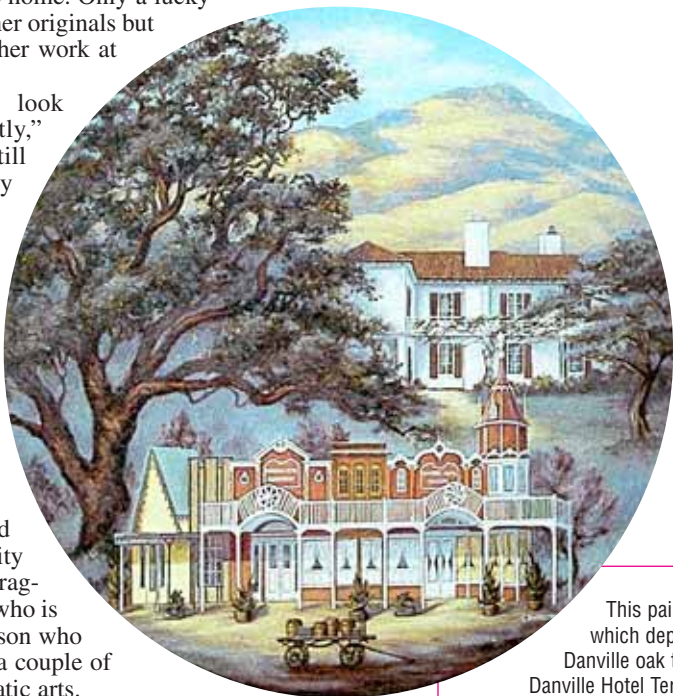
"You should take up painting," she advises visitors. "It's a great hobby and brings a lot of joy."

Anyone heeding her advice might begin to take notice of the houses and places of business among the rolling green hills illuminated by the fading sun and find a little inspiration known as Virginia DeFreitas. ■



CHERI EPLIN MOLNAR

Artist and longtime Danville resident Virginia DeFreitas shares the paintings that hang in her "art studio," the office in her home. Art by grandkids also gets a place of honor.



This painting, which depicts Danville oak trees, the Danville Hotel Territories and the Tao House, was chosen for the cover of the 1984 telephone directory.

Yesterday's Danville lives on in oils

Painter offers inspiration in her interpretation of the local scenes

by Cheri Eplin Molnar

Presenting the Past

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The Toonerville Trolley, 1914-1924

In 1914 the "electric" came to town, linking Alamo and Danville to the outside world in a whole new way. Riders could transfer to Sacramento or Chico or travel through a new tunnel to Oakland's Key Line, then take the ferry to San Francisco.

For a decade the Danville Branch of the Oakland, Antioch and Eastern Railway extended from Saranap (west of today's Rossmoor), over the hills near today's Crest Avenue, down Danville Boulevard through Alamo and Danville, turning east over the fields to the new Mount Diablo Park Club. The branch was about 10.15 miles long and carried both passengers and freight.

Danville entrepreneur Robert Burgess convinced the railway directors to extend the tracks to his new country club of going to Pleasanton or Livermore. This swank country club drew wealthy people looking for a warm summer home and provided golf, tennis, horseback riding, a lake and a clubhouse. Weekend trains to Diablo were scheduled, dubbed by the locals as "Million Dollar Specials."

Called the "Toonerville Trolley" after a popular cartoon of the day by Fontaine Fox, the trolley was used by teachers coming to the new Danville high school and by workers during the Great War. While Motor 1051 did not move that fast and its equipment had already experienced a long life, riders were very fond of it. They gave it several colorful nicknames, including the Alligator, the Dinky and the Riveter.

Each day at Saranap, Car 1051 was unbuckled from a larger train and sent to the Valley. During the War, Valley commuters used the electric to get to the shipyards at Bay Point (Port Chicago). Paul Ogden said it took him 15 minutes to get from Alamo to Saranap on the "Dinky," where he boarded the regular train with hundreds of other people going to the shipyard. One conductor, William French, was evidently very superstitious and would not make a trip with 13 people aboard; sometimes he would ring up a 14th or delay the train by matching coins for the extra fare with passengers.

Margaret Baldwin and her brother John rode the train to dental appointments in Oakland. Later, when they attended UC Berkeley, they used it to return on weekends, transferring to the Danville Branch at Saranap.

The San Francisco Chronicle liked to produce humorous articles and once featured the Danville Branch's Trolley in this verse:

Out of the roundhouse at dim break of day,
The Toonerville Trolley starts on its way;
Down through each San Ramon village and farm
The squeak of its wheels is a first-class alarm



Taking on milk, gossips, handgrips and freight,
It often arrives just a day or two late;
It goes clackety-click and clickety-clack
Over to Saranap and all the way back

It paddles in winter when waters are high
It wades through the dust when the summer is dry;
It has ten miles of roadway, ten curves and a knot—
But it's all the darned railroad the folks there have got.

There were large protest meetings when the train's abandonment was proposed in 1923. The Danville Grange Herald, produced by George Wood, pointed out that Valley residents had subscribed thousands of dollars in stock to support the train and that "the beautiful settlement at Diablo depends upon it." The paper also linked a campaign to fund the Mt. Diablo State Park with the need to keep the electric train.

Nevertheless, in 1924 electric train service ended. Buses met each electric train in Walnut Creek and bus service appeared on the Danville Highway. The Toonerville Trolley was no more. The Contra Costa Courier on Feb. 29, 1924, commemorated its end with a droll little poem:

Toonerville, old Toonerville, we knew you well,
No more you'll battle through the dell,
No more your faults, to all, disclose.
At last you've earned a long repose.

Source: Irma Dotson's "Danville Branch of the Oakland Antioch & Eastern Railway"; Ira Swett's "Sacramento Northern Through the Sacramento Valley."

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

OF NOTE

Rewarding scholars

The Alamo Merchant and Professional Association presented \$1,000 scholarship awards to two Alamo residents, at separate night ceremonies at their respective high school. Mika Nagashima of Monte Vista was presented the award by AMPA president Joe Combs and treasurer Roberta Morris (see photo). San Ramon Valley High School's Garrett



Drew received his award from secretary Bruce Marhenke and incoming president Rich Wood.

The Troy and Alana Pack Foundation awarded

three \$1,500 memorial scholarships to area high school seniors last week, based on academics, community volunteerism and their ideals related to drugs and alcohol at the high school level. The winners were Janessa Radford of Monte Vista, who will attend UC Santa Barbara; Amy Dittmore of San Ramon Valley High, who is going to UC Irvine; and Jaqueline Crinnion of Cal High, who will attend University of Southern California.

The Danville Women's Club also awarded scholarships to three deserving seniors, one from each of the district's public high schools: Adrian Samson of Monte Vista, who plans to attend UC Davis; Meghan Moore of San Ramon Valley, who will go to Loyola Marymount University; and California High School's Kellie Leigh Langewisch, who is going to UCLA. All three girls were active in their high schools and the community and showed a better than average ability to master academic studies, according to a press release.

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Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m., 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:35 a.m., 1:40, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:05 a.m., 12:15, 2:35, 4:45, 7, 9:15 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m., 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9 p.m.
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X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tu 11:20 a.m., 1:45, 4:10, 6:55, 9:20 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 1:55, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50 p.m.; No show Tues 10:30 a.m.



Thai cooking yields a wealth of flavors

Thailand is an ancient culture dating back to the early 13th century. The original name of the country means "Dawn of Happiness" so it's not surprising that the cuisine of Thailand is grounded in pleasure through food. That philosophy is still felt today in the elaborate ways Thai food is prepared, presented and served—often called "palace cuisine." Food in even the humblest of Thai restaurants is always served in overly generous portions, beautifully arranged on the plate and garnished with masterfully carved vegetables and fruits. It is a feast for the eyes as much as the palate. And, there is usually a generous supply of waiters in attendance, ready to assist as needed. One of the most revered cooking schools for Thai cuisine is part of Bangkok's famous Oriental Hotel, with the school and a graceful restaurant across the water from the riverside hotel.

While the cuisine of Thailand has been somewhat influenced by its neighbors—Laos, Cambodia, China, India and Burma—Thai cooking has a personality all its own. Thai cooks incorporate the gamut of indigenous herbs and spices to generate varied and unique flavors. A common ingredient of Thai foods is fish sauce. Its deliciously salty flavor is used to season almost everything Thai except desserts. In fact, on the island of Phuket—a location hard hit by the recent tsunami—the dominant, often overwhelming smell of fish sauce pervades the air. Dozen of varieties of chili peppers give Thai foods a trademark reputation for being fiery hot, but peppers are but one ingredient. Others include curry blends, garlic and onions, cilantro/coriander, lemongrass, basil, mint, kaffir lime, tamarind and coconut cream. Contrast and balance are central to a Thai meal. Within one sitting, you can experience sweet and sour, hot and spicy, pungent and fragrant.

Epicure readers have the advantage of a first-hand experience with Thai foods. Danville Weekly editor Dolores Ciardelli spent seven years in Thailand with her husband, Jim, and their children. Dolores nostalgically recalls their years in Thailand: "Each morning, if we were up at dawn, it was a solemn, beautiful sight to see a row of monks in saffron-colored robes padding quietly down the road with their 'begging' bowls in hand. Folks would meet them at

their gates and, without a word, dish food into the bowls." As far as eating the food in Thailand, she notes: "For the non-Thai, food was sometimes so hot as to be inedible, particularly food from the Issan region. 'Street' food was abundant and inexpensive. A big bowl of delicious noodles was 50 cents; there were always deep-fried pastries in the mornings ... and delightful satays. The noodle stands were everywhere. Each little folding table would have small pots of chilies or fish sauce with chilies and the Thais would often load on the chilies until the perspiration ran down their faces." As mentioned here about other ethnic cuisines, dishes in hot regions are often spicy to encourage perspiration and natural cooling of the body.

For those of you considering a visit to Thailand, Dolores advises: "Bangkok has some great down-home river restaurants. Although hotel personnel might discourage visitors from going there and steer them toward the more elegant places, these river restaurants are huge, full of families, each with a bottle or two of Mekong (Thai whiskey) on the table for the men to enjoy—and they do."

Jim, the Ciardelli family cook, learned to make Thai dishes upon their return. Dolores recalls: "Every Saturday our maids would make us Pad Thai for lunch—it was simply delicious. Jim adapted a recipe that is also wonderful. The main thing American restaurants do wrong is make it with regular shrimp instead of the little dried shrimp." Jim has graciously shared several of his adapted recipes, which are included below and at www.DanvilleWeekly.com.

Dolores ends her Thai memoir on this note: "Regrettably, Thai food in U.S. restaurants often bears little resemblance to the real thing although owners might say they've adapted it to American tastes. Once we ordered Mee Krob in a restaurant in Lafayette and instead of a delicate sweet-and-sour sauce, the noodles were fried in ketchup! A wonderful authentic Thai dish to look out for is chicken chunks grilled in banana leaves with a special sauce—Gai Hor Bai Tong. If you ever see it on a menu, order it and enjoy!"

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

RECIPES

Jim's Pad Thai (serves 4)

7 oz. Asian rice noodles (thin)
3 Tbsp. oil
1 clove garlic
2 green onions
Sauce:
1/4 cup fish sauce
1/4 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. paprika
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 green onions, chopped
Add late in cooking:
1 cup bean sprouts

1/4 cup small dried shrimp
1/2 cup fried tofu, cut into 1/2" squares and fried
2 eggs, cooked omelet-style and cut into strips
Condiments:
1/4 cup roasted unsalted peanuts, chopped
1/2 cup bean sprouts
1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
1 lime, rolled to release the juices, and cut into quarters
Sugar
Chili flakes

1. Soak the rice noodles in warm water for 1/2 hour until soft. Drain and set aside.
2. Mix the sauce ingredients in a bowl and set aside.
3. In a large pan or wok, heat the oil and sauté the garlic and onions until soft and lightly browned.
4. Add the noodles and cook through, about 3 minutes. Add the sauce and blend in with the noodle mixture. Finally, add the remaining ingredients; blend all and cook over low heat for 3 minutes.
5. Transfer dish to a serving platter and sprinkle some of the peanuts on top.
6. Serve with the bean sprouts, cilantro and lime quarters to the side, and with extra peanuts and sugar and chili flakes in separate condiment dishes.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Senior arrested on drug charges

Danville police arrested a senior from San Ramon Valley High School last Friday in his 1994 white Dodge Dakota truck, said Sgt. Ron Bradley.

Officer Mike Ireland arrested Brandon Barnum, 18, on charges of possession of narcotics for sale,

after he was found allegedly carrying 1 ounce of cocaine while driving his car northbound on Danville Boulevard.

"He planned on selling some of the cocaine," Bradley said.

Ireland followed the youth on the road and saw him shift lanes frequently, according to reports. He pulled him over, thinking he

was under the influence, Bradley said. Ireland made Barnum take a sobriety test, and Donna, the Danville police K-9, sniffed Barnum's car to detect drugs.

After Donna had just begun to sniff, Ireland told Barnum that Donna's behavior made him believe that he had illegal substances in his car.

"Yeah, there is cocaine in my car," Barnum allegedly replied, according to reports.

He was arrested and was taken to County Jail, Bradley said.

"Our concern was that this kid is a high school senior," he said. "Was he going to sell it to high school kids?"

—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, June 5

- Injury accident on Diablo Rd. and Matadera Wy. at 9:25 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Corte Encanto at 11:05 a.m.
- Petty theft, shoplifting, on Town and Country Dr. at 3:02 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Fostoria Wy. at 3:13 p.m.
- Forgery, fraudulent documents, on Diablo Wy. at 9:05 p.m.

Tuesday, June 6

- Drunk in public at 3:21 a.m.
- Littering on La Gonda Wy. at 8:42 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Love Ln. at 1:54 p.m.
- Abandoned vehicle on El Dorado Ave. at 2:45 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Capitan Dr. at 4:58 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

- Accident, property damage, on Lamont Wy. and Love Ln. at 9:53 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Fairview St. at 3:33 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Benjamin Ln. at 5:36 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Everett Dr. and Paraiso Dr. at 6:42 p.m.

Thursday, June 8

- Suspicious circumstances on Ridgeland Cir. at 10:01 a.m.

- Warrant arrest on La Gonda Wy. at 10:29 a.m.
- Vandalism on Harlan Dr. at 11:15 a.m.
- Vandalism on Hartz Ave. at 3:34 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplifting, on Fostoria Wy. at 6:20 p.m.
- Hit-and-run, misdemeanor, on Ocho Rios Dr. at 7:58 p.m.

Friday, June 9

- Warrant arrest on Conway Dr. and St. Norbert Dr. at 4:18 a.m.
- Stolen vehicle on Laurel Dr. at 9:30 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Old Town Ln. at 10:50 p.m.

Saturday, June 10

- Property, lost or missing, on Hartz Ave. at 12:54 a.m.
- Vandalism on Paraiso Ct. at 8:58 a.m.

Sunday, June 11

- Drunk in public on Mustang Ct. at 2:03 a.m.

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

ALAMO

Tuesday, June 6

- Auto burglary on Camille Ave.

Wednesday, June 7

- Petty theft from vehicle on La Sonoma Wy.

Friday, June 9

- Under the influence of drugs, on Wayne Ave.
- Possession of narcotics on Camille Pl. and Danville Blvd.

Saturday, June 10

- Vandalism on Lunada Ln.

Sunday, June 11

- Civil problem on Via Del Rey

BLACKHAWK

Thursday, June 8

- Civil problem on Whispering Oaks Dr.

Sunday, June 11

- Vandalism on Cottonwood Dr.

DANVILLE

Friday, June 9

- Grand theft on Meadow View Ct.
- Vandalism on Camino Tassajara and Monterosso St.

DIABLO

Sunday, June 11

- Vandalism on Via Diablo

ROUNDHILL

Saturday, June 10

- Vandalism on Bolla Ave.

OBITUARIES

Nicholas Ermak

Danville resident Nicholas "Nich" A. Ermak, 22, died June 8 at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, two days after sustaining head injuries after a fall while rock climbing on Mount Diablo. He graduated from San Ramon Valley High School in 2002 and was a senior at UC Santa Cruz, majoring in history.

He was active in martial arts training and recently on a trip to Japan, he performed before the Grand Master and received his black belt.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Tricia and Fred Leonard of Pleasanton; father and stepmother Don and Lois Ermak of Danville; brother Mike Ermak of Redmond, Wash.; sister Lisa Barbera of Littleton, Colo.; stepsisters Laura Johnson of San Francisco and Stacy Berkley of Pleasanton; stepbrother Chris Poulos of Forest Grove, Ore.;

and grandmother Patricia Adamson of Aurora, Colo.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at Wilson and Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville.

Margaret 'Peggy' Mary Jannisse

Danville resident Margaret "Peggy" Mary Jannisse, 67, passed away June 6 after a two-year fight against ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

She was born in Oakland on April 23, 1939, and attended St. Elizabeth High School. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother; her priorities were family and spending time with friends. She has built a community that will survive way beyond her years, and she will be remembered for her kindness and compassion.

Peggy is survived by her "high school sweetheart" husband of 46

years, Bill; her children and their spouses, Annie and Paul Barendregt, Billy and Mary Jannisse, and Paul and Jody Jannisse; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was held June 12 at St. Mary's Church in Walnut Creek. Contributions can be made in Peggy's name to either ALS Association Greater Bay Area Chapter, 131 Stuart St., Suite 200, San Francisco 94105; or Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin 94568.

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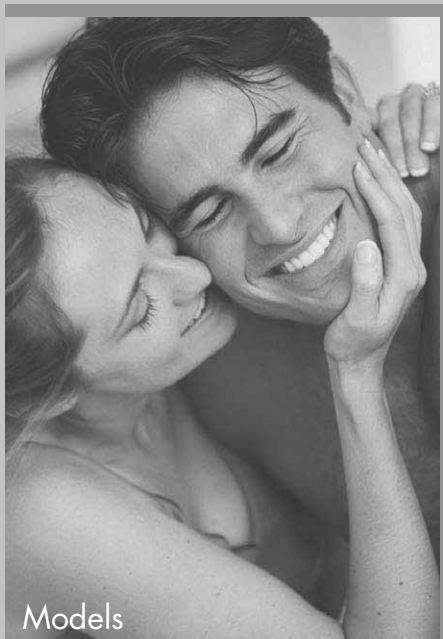
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Mustang golfers add more success to season

Monte Vista ties for 5th place in the California State Championship

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The Monte Vista boys golf team ended a successful year at the California

Interscholastic Federation/California Golf Association State Championship on June 6 at the Santa Maria Country Club in Santa Maria. The East Bay Athletic

League champions were one of three Northern California teams to earn the right to play in the state championship. On May 22 at Mira Vista Country Club they finished third in the Regional Championship to qualify. De La Salle and Juniper Serra of San Mateo were the other two teams from Northern California.

"Overall the boys had a very successful season and we're very proud of all of them," said first-year Mustang coach Ron Hirschman.

Geoff Gonzalez led Monte Vista with a score of 72 to finish with a team score of 383, tied with Torrey Pines-San Diego. De La Salle won the state championship by one stroke with a score of 363. Star golfer Roberto Galletti made a 10-foot putt on the last hole to seal the victory for De La Salle.

Cathedral Catholic-San Diego was second at 364, Juniper Serra-San Mateo at 374, and Damian-La Vern scored 382.

In other golf news, 2002 Monte Vista graduate Alex Coe qualified for the 106th U.S. Open that is taking place June 15-18 at Winged Foot Golf Club in New York. He won one of the four spots in the qualifying tournament at Lake Merced Country Club on June 7. In addition, the recent Pepperdine graduate is one of eight golfers selected to play in the U.S. vs. Japan Collegiate Championship to be held at Sun Hills Country Club from July 13-15 in Japan. ■



Pitching with purpose

Pitcher Michael Hernbroth, 12, of the Blue Jays in the Majors Division, Tassajara Valley American Little League in Danville, shows determination as he winds up to let one fly in the June 3 playoffs against the Angels at Sycamore Park. Hernbroth struck out five Angels and gave up zero runs as the winning pitcher in the 5-4 play-off win. Cody Chavarria, shown playing first base in the background, hit the game-winning homerun.



Hoopstars shining bright

The Tri-Valley Hoopstars took second place at the AAU memorial Day Basketball tournament in Reno against other Division One fifth-grade girls. "The Hoopstars put on an awesome display of shooting with tenacious defense before losing to the No. 1 fifth-grade girls team from San Francisco in the championship game," said Brad Bonner, one of the coaches. Players include (front row, l-r) Brianna Lane, Angela Rigo, Cali Castagnola, Kerriane Hunt, Sara Jensen; (back row) Amy Harioka, Sammy Simonich, Jacqi Bonner, Miranda Bidwell and coaches Bonner and Kevin Hunt.

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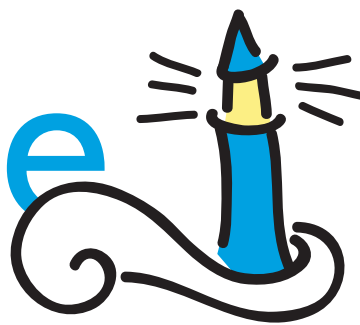
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2006

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 14	Total sales reported: 3	Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$525,000	Lowest sale reported: \$755,000	Lowest sale reported: \$295,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,425,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,625,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,450,000
Average sales reported: \$1,001,179	Average sales reported: \$1,260,000	Average sales reported: \$757,914

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

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Danville

- 1242 Ariel Drive** Shapell Industries to K. & J. Lau for \$1,336,000
- 663 Bridgewater Circle** I. Moretti to R. & N. Worth for \$1,185,000
- 56 Casablanca Street** K. Meurell to F. & V. Guijo for \$870,000
- 312 Garden Creek Place** Sullivan Trust to B. Frances for \$525,000
- 1150 Lawrence Road** P. & M. Schneider to S. Dwyer for \$1,425,000
- 167 Midland Way** M. Ford to R. Beebe for \$528,000
- 298 Paraiso Drive** Hulme Trust to S. Kuhl for \$950,000
- 3862 Sheffield Circle** Gibbs Trust to K. & K. Gerrity for \$1,100,000
- 373 Squirrel Ridge Way** B. Graskow to E. & A. Tracey for \$945,000
- 1313 Still Creek Place** H. & L. Traback to K. Lober for \$1,399,000
- 301 Sun Stream Court** L. Gee to J. Cruz for \$1,225,000
- 120 Tuscan Way** Hernandez Trust to M. & K. Rodriguez for \$1,350,000
- 404 West Camino Arroyo** Prudential Relocation to R. & C. Neuhauser for \$618,500
- 265 West El Pintado Road #C** R. Seidman to V. Medve for \$560,000

Alamo

- 227 Acacia Lane** A. & N. Scott to F. Rouihani for \$755,000

- 212 Austin Lane** Welter Trust to R. & J. Rhodes for \$1,400,000

- 234 Via Bonita** C. Commiskey to M. & H. Palamountain for \$1,625,000

Walnut Creek

- 1681 Alvarado Avenue #19** M. Serrano to S. Molina for \$436,000
- 130 Arlene Lane** Hawkley Trust to M. & S. Francois for \$989,000
- 5954 Autumnwood Drive #1B** Paulino Trust to Lum Trust for \$492,000
- 3125 Bowling Green Drive** P. & R. Burke to C. & B. Amacker for \$1,450,000
- 120 Camelia Lane** Lang Trust to D. & T. Malone for \$920,000
- 935 Camino Verde Circle** G. Parker to C. Speer for \$675,000
- 1786 Candelerio Court** V. & L. Lambert to I. Largaespada for \$640,000
- 41 Castle Hill Court** Henning Trust to C. Commiskey for \$930,000
- 1873 Castle Oaks Court** Carpenter Trust to S. Cardenas for \$1,225,000
- 1276 Durant Court** R. Ranftl to D. & C. Moeller for \$1,275,000
- 3232 Eccleston Avenue** G. Detwiler to M. Gattrell for \$675,000
- 1300 Juanita Drive** N. Coronado to M. Acasamoso for \$860,000
- 1181 Las Juntas Way** GMAC Global Relocation to S. & S. Moussaviarfa for \$885,000
- 440 North Civic Drive #315** Picker Trust to F. Nuri for \$295,000
- 2530 Oak Road #105** Bridgeport Commons to L. Mays for \$491,500
- 1275 Oakshire Court** Z. Mrozek to M. Yim for \$910,000
- 2087 Olympic Boulevard** Moody Trust to M. Saki for \$500,000
- 367 Pimlico Drive** M. Buchanan to Acumen Property Inspection for \$673,000
- 606 Preakness Drive** S. McLaughlin to M. & A. Shen for \$692,000
- 3281 Rogers Avenue** B. Marbry to K. & K. Reeg for \$675,000
- 2630 Saklan Indian Drive #3** Ambrose Trust to Ostrander Trust for \$614,500
- 12 Shady Lane Court** D. Berge to S. Squire for \$810,000
- 3128 Shire Lane** F. Oliver to H. Lam for \$655,000
- 175 Sierra Drive #203** M. Blue to V. Yanovsky for \$330,000
- 2472 Sky Road** Shockley Trust to J. Senhaji for \$1,297,500
- 2086 Stratton Road** M. Sheu to M. & T. Johnson for \$1,030,000
- 1564 Sunnyvale Avenue #6** A. Blatchford to P. Lemke for \$369,000
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887 Redwood Dr. \$1,279,000
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11 Deer Meadow Ct. \$1,298,000
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk RE 736-4155

4 Bedrooms

18 Silver Birch \$1,340,000
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk RE 736-6000

59 Deer Meadow Ln. \$1,399,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 648-5336

3098 Deer Meadow Dr. \$1,425,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4072

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2 Bedrooms

2198 Shoshone Cir. \$695,000
Sun 1:30-5 p.m. Empire 984-1787

2138 Myrtle Beach Ln. \$768,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4076

3 Bedrooms

140 Maiden Ln. \$1,150,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max 943-3333

311 Prospect Ave. W. \$1,365,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 638-5374

216 Jewel Terr. \$654,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 214-5045

167 Heritage Park Dr. \$710,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 855-6410

1803 N. Forest Hill Pl. \$729,950
Sat 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4030

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Sun 1-3:30 p.m. Blackhawk RE 200-0426

20 Laurel Ct. \$805,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. CRH Group 216-8082

186 Tivoli Ln. \$835,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 413-1068

1160 Delta Wy. \$875,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 855-6410

4 Bedrooms

441 Woodbine Ln. \$1,049,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4059

504 Honey Lake Ct. \$1,109,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 785-4959

114 Rassani \$1,115,000
Sat 12-3 p.m. Intero 855-4159

84 Stowbridge Ct. \$1,120,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 209-7498

3845 Sheffield Cir. \$1,124,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 484-0900

162 Merano St. \$1,200,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Empire 217-5047

695 Bourne Ct. \$1,289,000
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk RE 736-4155

214 Sabina Ct. \$1,349,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max 943-3333

404 Plata Ct. \$1,375,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 788-6155

33 Woodranch Cir. \$1,399,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. MaxCap 510-301-6128

9623 Crosby Dr. \$1,875,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Windermere 922-0822

1981 Camino Ramon Pl. \$765,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Intero 997-1787

315 Gil Blas Rd. \$895,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 855-4108

319 Deepcreek Ct. \$975,000
Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Intero 997-0806

5 Bedrooms

15 Lakefield Ct. \$1,274,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 963-0093

230 Lyon Ct. \$1,429,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 846-6500

6 Maplewood Ct. \$1,550,000
Sun 2-5 p.m. Intero 855-4072

132 Alta Vista Wy. \$1,565,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 339-3500

8 Mrack Ct. \$2,400,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Windermere 922-0822

6 Bedrooms

211 Milwaukee Pl. \$1,200,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 p.m. Re/Max 510-701-8383

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

8975 Alcosta Blvd. #127 \$349,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-9500

218 Plumpointe Ln. \$659,900
Sat 1-4 p.m. Re/Max 735-7653

205 Majorca Dr. \$829,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3373

3 Bedrooms

2113 Joree Ln. \$699,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 989-4123

7595 May Wy. \$699,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 846-6500

9974 Foxboro Wy. \$719,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Re/Max 735-7653

3121 Lakemont Dr. #5 \$724,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4059

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Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4128

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Tiffany resides in Danville and enjoys spending time with her husband Francis, a general contractor, and their five-month old daughter. Tiffany is also active in Pleasanton's soccer community.



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1068 Vista Pointe Cir. \$874,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 855-4128

310 Pearlgrass Ln. \$885,000
Sun 12-3 p.m. Interio 736-0717

166 Berkshire Ct. \$950,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3333

429 Donner Wy. \$979,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 855-4128

4 Bedrooms

718 Bowen Ct. \$1,235,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Empire 217-3112

880 Bandal Wy. \$1,238,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 216-2283

3582 Rosincress Dr. \$1,750,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max 998-5334

25 Brian Ct. \$695,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3390

2026 Bayporte Wy. \$789,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Golden Pacific 362-1048

32 Cree Ct. \$889,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 855-6410

2977 Morgan Dr. \$899,885
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 217-5072

572 Fallen Leaf Cir. \$929,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3390

64 Foster Dr. \$930,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell PV 462-5950

9150 Belle Meade Dr. \$959,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 855-6410

2128 Watercress Pl. \$998,950
Sat 1-4 p.m. Interio 833-1822

5 Bedrooms

361 Adelaide Hills Ct. \$1,168,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 785-1386

117 Avalon Ct. \$1,298,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 785-1386

9652 Velvetleaf Cir. \$1,459,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. All State 858-6530

636 Hardcastle Ct. \$1,549,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3859

Walnut Creek

2 Bedrooms

1077 Wesley Ct. \$429,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 785-8369

3 Bedrooms

475 Le Jean Wy. \$797,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 457-4551

1940 San Luis Rd. \$799,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 510-435-5050

4 Bedrooms

180 Springside Rd. \$914,800
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 855-4179

Dublin

2 Bedrooms

7310 Cronin Cir. \$494,988
Sat 1-4 p.m. Interio 989-1581

6445 Sherwood Pl. \$545,000
Sat 1:30-4:30 Keller Williams 997-8267

4134 Clarinbridge \$650,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell PV 462-5950

3 Bedrooms

7124B Cross Creek Cir. \$489,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 621-4086

7822 Hillrose Ave. \$670,000
Sat 12-3 p.m. Hometown GMAC 699-3122

5228 Charlton Ct. \$765,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Interio 251-2553

4503 Peacock Ct. \$779,999
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential 997-9636

4241 Haro Loop \$785,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 337-2989

4204 Preciado Dr. \$789,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Golden Pacific 362-1048

4 Bedrooms

7864 Bristol Rd. \$655,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 p.m. Cashin Co. 650-853-7100

5752 Shadow Hill Dr. \$799,999
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 397-4390

5355 Francia Ct. \$824,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-9500

4005 Mt. Vernon Pl. \$825,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-9500

5210 San Vicente Loop \$834,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-9500

4712 Boxwood Wy. \$869,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 251-1111

4418 Foxford Wy. \$939,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-2253

5 Bedrooms

3321 Oak Bluff Ln. \$1,229,500
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 997-9348

4486 Sparrow Ct. \$938,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Golden Pacific 362-1048

6 Bedrooms

5518 Crestridge Terr. \$1,299,000
Sat 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk RE 963-3567

Pleasanton

2 Bedrooms

648 Concord Pl. \$449,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 577-HOME

194 Peters Ave. #2 \$549,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. UCB 426-7200

4149 Amberwood Cir. \$559,900
Sat 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3834

2426 Second St. \$825,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 200-4723

3 Bedrooms

565 St. Mary St. \$1,249,000
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