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I don't agree with it because I think it's discrimination. It discriminates against a large segment of our population. I live near San Francisco. I feel live and let live.

Kat Simpson
barber



No. Some of my best friends are gay. And I want them to be happy.

Karyn Maynard
hospice volunteer



No. I think people should have the rights like everybody else. They should have medical benefits.

Jacqui Rubenstein
hospice customer



No. I don't. I think it's stupid. I think people who are in love should be able to marry who they want regardless of religious beliefs and political background. I don't know how this breaks traditional family. The world is changing everyday.

Janae Kelly
salon coordinator



I don't agree with it. We should do everything that we want to do as long as we are not hurting anybody.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ We'll have to scrape and save. I think we have enough to maintain what we already have, but not enough to do anything more. ”

—Valerie Schooley, chairwoman of Zone 36, commenting on plans for Alamo lighting and landscaping after a parcel increase did not pass. See story, page 6.

LPGA needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed when the Blackhawk Country Club hosts the Ladies Professional Golfers Association "Longs Challenge" tournament Sept. 18-24. It is expected to bring 132 of the best women golfers, attract 60,000 spectators, and will be televised on the Golf Channel. More than 800 volunteers will be used to work at the tournament. For more information, visit www.longsdrguschallenge.com.

Also, volunteers are being trained as ambassadors to give out information on Danville restaurants and shops, to prepare a downtown walking map, to make gift bags for the players, and other activities. To serve on a committee or to work while the tournament is on, call Danville Economic Development Coordinator Bonnie Guttman at 314-3359 or e-mail bguttman@ci.danville.ca.us.

Special summer market events

The Danville Farmers Market is holding special events at its Thursday evening markets through the summer. Last night, June 29, was a Kids Fest with a jump house and other fun for children.

On Thursday, July 6, a Health Faire will be held with Kaiser Permanente, presenting information on women's health issues, nutritional education and diabetes information. There will also be blood pressure screening. Market chef John Silva will also present helpful tips in his cooking demonstration. Big Dog and the Bite will provide live music. On July 13, the market will take place along with the first Hot Summer Nights car show downtown.

The evening farmers markets take place from 4-8 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 14 in the town parking lot at the corner of Railroad and Prospect in Danville, next to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. The Saturday morning market is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. year round at the same spot.

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Town passes \$22.5 million budget

Spending plan maintains Danville's safety, character

by Geoff Gillette

Months of workshops and effort culminated in the quick approval of a two-year financial plan for the town of Danville. At their June 20 meeting, members of the Town Council held a public hearing on the plan, which garnered little response, and unanimously approved it.

Finance Director Elizabeth Hudson gave a short presentation on the status of the town's revenues and expenditures prior to the public hearing. Hudson said one of the pluses in planning this year's budget was not having any unexpected costs coming from the state level.

"That gave us a bit more stability with our revenues," Hudson said.

The \$22.5 million spending plan for 2006-07 was intended to follow along with the service philosophy outlined by the Town Council and staff, Hudson said. Some of the items in the service philosophy include:

- Assurance of public safety and disaster preparedness;

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Family and friends remember Andrew Maute by posting items that symbolize his spirit at the site where he died in a car accident last week.

JORDAN M. DORONILA

Teens mourn loss of friend

17-year-old dies in single car crash

by Jordan M. Doronila

High school seniors vacationing in Oahu lit a candle by the ocean after hearing their beloved friend Andrew Maute had died in an auto accident Friday night.

"It was hard to find him not in a good mood," said Josh Rottman, Maute's friend and teammate on the lacrosse team at Monte Vista High School. "He's a great person and he is missed."

Maute was driving a silver Mercedes Benz on McCauley Road just before midnight Friday, June 23, when it slid off the street and crashed into a tree, destroying a wooden fence, said Danville police Sgt. Phillip Wisotsky. He was pronounced dead after the paramedics and fire department arrived at the scene, he said.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation, and police were unable to disclose details, said Wisotsky.

"Excessive speed is a factor in the collision," he said.

Gilda Rottman, Josh's mother, said 100 people showed up at a vigil Saturday evening by the tree

where Maute died.

"It was a moving and touching experience," she said. "He is well-loved. As a team mom, I knew him."

She said he always had a smile on his face.

Maute was born in Newport Beach in May 1989 and had lived in Danville with his family for the past five years. This fall, Maute would have been a senior at Monte Vista. Family members knew him to be competitive and athletic.

He played varsity lacrosse at Monte Vista, participated in the Heavenly Foundation Snowboarding team, and excelled at his studies. He wanted to attend the University of Colorado.

He is survived by his parents, John and Julie Maute of Danville; his older sister Katie Maute; and his grandmother Marge Maute.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. yesterday at St. Isidore's Church in Danville. Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities of the East Bay, 433 Jefferson St., Oakland 94607, or Mustang Lacrosse at 116 Shadwell Drive, Danville, 94506. ■

Project neighbors want a say on decisions

Alamo residents voice complaints at community meeting

by Natalie O'Neill

A heated question-and-answer session followed county representatives' speeches at the Alamo Community Meeting last week.

Supervisor Mary N. Piepho and officials from county departments gave updates on Alamo projects to an audience of 50 at Alamo Elementary School on June 22. After their speeches, residents demanded the county closely consider community input before OK'ing projects and making decisions in Alamo.

"The (Humphrey) project was approved without polling the community. Is that your intention?" said Larry Levit, who lives across from Monte Vista High School and battles traffic from student drivers on his way to work.

The controversial part of the proj-

ect to develop the old Humphrey Ranch is a plan to add a second parking lot for students at Monte Vista. This topic generated tense discussion at the meeting, as did the reconfiguring of stoplights on Danville Boulevard at Stone Valley Road and the role of the Alamo Improvement Association in local decision-making.

Eric Whan, a Public Works Department Senior Civil Engineer, said the process for approving the Humphrey project had been very public and had gone before the Alamo Improvement Association and the Board of Supervisors.

"Plans are available if you'd like to stop by county offices and take a look ... quite a few people at (past) meetings have commented on the project," Whan said.

Whan confirmed that construction teams would begin building the parking lot at Monte Vista in early July and that the project will likely be completed in time for the first day of school in late August. The lot will be located across the

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Splash for cash

Lizzie Mondani of Charlotte Wood Middle School swims in the second annual Hox swim-a-thon last Friday, organized by the Blackhawk swim team—the Hox—to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Last year, the team raised \$26,000 for the foundation. "Our team is made up of excellent competitors, but more importantly, caring young people who come together to get behind an extremely important cause," said Jill Hessler, communications officer for the Hox. She also noted that several young members of the swim team have diabetes.

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Zone 36 to tighten belt

Failed measure means limited funds for Alamo lighting, landscaping

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Alamo's Zone 36 beautification committee is starting to pinch its pennies.

The committee plans to cut projects, budget conservatively and use more volunteers, Zone 36 members and county officials said this week. Talk of budget adjustments came after ballots counted last week showed that 61 percent of landowners in Alamo were against an increased parcel tax to fund beautification.

"We'll have to scrape and save," said Valerie Schooley, chairwoman of Zone 36. "I think we have enough to maintain what we already have, but not enough to do anything more."

A "yes" vote would have raised the tax from \$9.36 to about \$20 annually in order to fund landscaping at Alamo Elementary School, an intersection on Stone Valley Road, and an entry median on the north side of Alamo. Now, these projects will either be postponed or stopped completely.

"Some things may take a 5- to 10-year plan to complete," Schooley said.

Public Works staff will meet with Zone 36 in the following weeks to discuss what projects the limited funds will allow, said Eric Whan, Contra Costa County Senior Civil Engineer. "It's a flat-line revenue—as costs are increasing, revenue stays the same. It's more of a challenge," Whan said.

The annual budget for Zone 36 is about \$50,000, but the committee is currently about \$10,000 in debt from borrowing money from R-7A parks and recreation committee.

Paying off their debt will be their first priority, Schooley said. Other priorities include maintaining the Boulevard of Trees Project and keeping streets and parks clean.

"We're hoping to have people volunteer to mark and catalog (the Boulevard of Trees) so there is reference with the county," she said.

Most previously planned projects will be limited financially, but the Stone Valley Road and Round Hill median plan still has a bright future.

"Volunteers from Round Hill are putting in electricity and water, so all we'll have to do is pay for planting and maintenance," Schooley said. "That's a huge part of it."

Voters who didn't support the tax said too much of the budget went to paying county staff, and others noted that the committee couldn't point to any completed projects in the last three years.

Members of Zone 36, however, said the increased tax would have kept the area pristine and helped maintain property values in Alamo. Much of the funding in previous years has gone to behind-the-scenes projects like watering trees and cleaning streets.

"I voted 'no' because there was zero information provided to help make the decision," one audience member said at the Alamo community update said last week.

As a result of the majority vote, Whan met with Supervisor Mary N. Piepho this week to discuss options for the committee. While Zone 36 doesn't currently know what projects will be cut, members plan to discuss the issue at their next meeting, at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, at Hap Magee Ranch Park. The meetings are open to the public and input from the Alamo community is welcome.

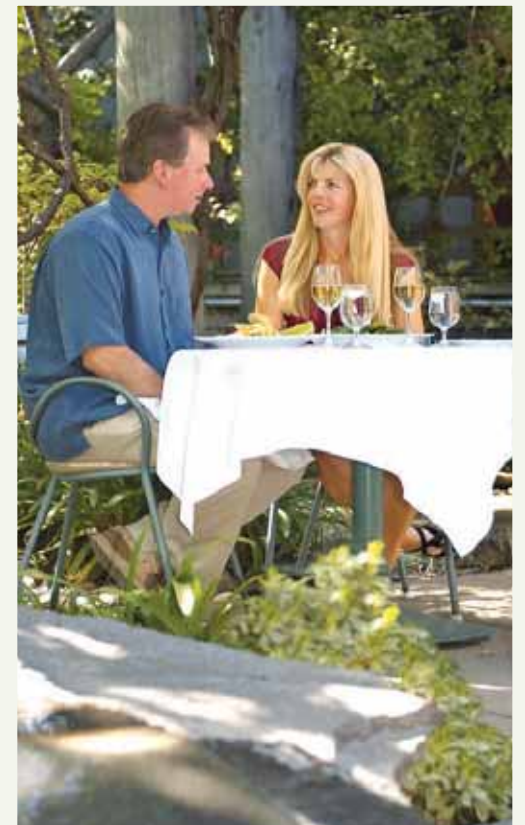
"We'll have to go back through the budget and look at what we can do," Schooley said. ■



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Lisa Strempek of Danville tries on a floppy hat at Jax Hatz at the Danville Fine Arts Faire last weekend. The two-day downtown event, sponsored by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, featured artists and artwork, food and drink, music, and hats for both people and their pets. "It was a very successful weekend," said Melony Newman, president of the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce. "It would have been even more successful if it had not been so hot. The people who were there were serious art connoisseurs and interested in being involved in the community."

Alamo

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street from the high school and will add about 380 parking spots for students, he said.

After Whan's update, neighbors voiced that they felt left out of the decision-making process.

"(Public meetings) were a one-way discussion ... they said take it or leave it," Levit said.

The parking lot was approved with the intention of preventing double parking and excessive traffic on Stone Valley Road in the morning and afternoon as school begins and lets out. The county is confident a parking lot will eliminate these issues, Piepho said.

Bill Schrader, president of Alamo Oaks Home Owners Association and a Monte Vista neighbor, brought up another point. He cited a letter Piepho had written to him about the Humphrey project in December, which stated that Superintendent Robert Kessler would contact him and other neighbors and work with them on the project.

It is now June, the project has been approved, and neighbors still have not been called, he said.

"Part of the frustration is that you said Kessler would call and get us involved," Schrader said.

Piepho said she was not aware those phone calls hadn't been made and said something would be done about it.

"I'll encourage them to have another meeting," she said.

There are important elements of the project that the school board and the county don't understand, Schrader said.

"The reason there's a problem is

because students don't want to park in the lot. The gate locks at 8:30 a.m. and doesn't open until 3:30 p.m.," he said after the meeting.

If students have outside appointments or jobs, they can't get their cars out of the parking lot before 3:30 p.m. This makes them more likely to park on the street as opposed to the lot, other neighbors agreed.

Along with the Humphrey project issue, Chris Lau and Eric Whan of Public Works gave updates on the stoplight that will be put in at the corner of Danville Boulevard and Stone Valley Road.

"The project will be awarded sometime in August," Lau said.

Members of the audience said they felt the light should be accompanied by a sign enforcing no right turn on red from Stone Valley Road north onto Danville Boulevard. Many commuters use the Stone Valley Road exit as a throughway when I-680 is backed up during rush hour, and these drivers—who are rushing and who don't live in Alamo—are likely to roll through the light without stopping, residents said.

"They won't actually stop ... they'll do what you call a 'Hollywood stop,'" one Alamo audience member said.

After the light is put in, Public Works will observe the area for a year and make changes accordingly, Lau said. The audience responded with muffled comments and appalled laughter.

"It will be reviewed in a studied environment ... we are very open to its future," Piepho said.

"Ultimately it comes down to enforcement," Lau added.

This concern may be better dealt with as an enforcement issue, Lau

said. Lt. Steve Warne added that the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department will enforce traffic violations in the area if asked to.

"It doesn't take a lot to watch an area," Warne said.

"Just the presence of a deputy in a vehicle really helps," Piepho said.

As a final audience comment, Alamo Improvement Association member Charles Garrett addressed Supervisor Piepho. He said it is unacceptable that there isn't a single member of AIA on Alamo county service area committees.

"There has been no greater advisory committee in Alamo than AIA ... I think it is an egregious mistake," Garrett said.

The audience responded with applause, which was the first and only applause of the night. Piepho said she agreed that AIA was an important voice in Alamo, but pointed out it was a private, membership-based group.

"It is not a sign of disrespect. I have had a number of meetings and have discussed issues with AIA," Piepho said.

County representatives also spoke about construction of yellow lights on Danville Boulevard at Jackson Way, Zone 36 budget restrictions, improvements at Livorna Park, and funding concerns for the San Ramon Valley High School Aquatic Center.

As updates on projects develop, more community meetings will be held. Until then, South County Field representatives encourage Alamo residents to participate in local public meetings like R-7A, for parks and recreation, and Zone 36, for lighting and landscaping. ■

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Budget

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- Providing economic vitality and growth locally and within the region.

The 2006-07 budget is an estimated 6.5 percent higher than the 2005-06 budget. Increases were seen in personnel costs, increased police contract costs, utilities and fuel, municipal elections and disaster preparedness. Hudson said she is estimating that the budget for 2007-08 will show only a 3.5 percent increase with an expected bottom line of \$23.1 million.

Revenues for the year are projected at \$27 million, which is slightly down from last year. Figures from the town show that slight decrease is due to a one-time Gap loan repayment last year of \$732,809. Hudson said property tax revenues were up 37 percent and sales tax revenues were up 12 percent. Estimates show that by the 2007-08 fiscal year, revenues will have increased to nearly \$28 million.

Under the plan, the town would have a reserve of \$7 million, roughly 30 percent of the annual budget.

No one from the public questioned the finance plan, but Town Council members asked for some clarification. Vice Mayor Mike Shimansky asked about general fund revenues and how they were

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—Councilman Newell Arnerich

utilized. Hudson explained that the town will take in \$18.6 million in general fund revenues. Of that money, \$3.4 million would be transferred to capital projects with the rest being budgeted for general fund items.

Shimansky complimented Hudson on the fine work of the Finance Department in planning for the future and handling the town's financial planning.

"Unlike other city's in the county who are under a pension black cloud, the residents of Danville should know that our obligations are yearly obligations and we're not saddling future council's with this albatross (deferred benefits)," he said.

Councilman Newell Arnerich agreed.

"I think it's extraordinary to see a general fund over \$18 million," Arnerich said. "We have no real debt. We're also one of the few communities that have an A rating on debt. We have an above-average reserve and we are providing one of the most cost-effective places to live as far as government services."

Councilman Mike Doyle moved for approval of the budget plan, which was passed 4-0. ■



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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



What a kick

When Germany scored against Sweden in the World Cup last Saturday, cannons blasted in Berlin, fireworks went off, and screams of joy echoed in the streets of the German capital. I received a personal report from my son Pepe, who has lived in Berlin for five years now.

"It was a great atmosphere here in the neighborhood," he said. "On my tree-lined street, three cafes next to each other have big screens set up on the sidewalks, and not only were their chairs and tables filled to capacity, people in the street were standing on the parked cars, straining to get a look."

Last winter when I suggested Pepe take a trip home in June, he said he could not possibly leave Germany between June 9 and July 9 when everyone would be flocking there for the 2006 World Cup. Silly me, I didn't even know it was a World Cup year, much less taking place in Germany. World Cup, I have learned, is more than an athletic event; it's an international phenomenon. Three billion people were expected to watch some of it on TV, while 250 million gathered around radios, for the games taking place each day at 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

"Countries come to a complete standstill when their team is playing," Pepe said. When Germany isn't playing, the people in Berlin take sides with one of the countries scheduled for a match, dressing in its colors and supporting them wholeheartedly. "Anytime there is a goal, I hear a cannon going off somewhere in the city," Pepe reported.

The nationalities of team members are mixed so it's pretty easy to find a way to give allegiance to any side, he noted. "The Tunisians and the Japanese have Brazilian players," he said. "The Turks who live in Germany play for Turkey. When Germany played Poland, both German forwards were born in Poland." That game was fraught with history, of course, as are many of the inter-European games. Others are fraught with colonial memories, such as England vs. Trinidad and Portugal vs. Angola. Pepe tells people he has seven teams to cheer for since his heritage is Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, English, Czech and German, which, of course, equals an American.

Pepe saw the Croatian-Brazil (0-1) game at the Adidas Arena, a miniature replica of the Berlin Olympics Stadium, which was erected in front of the Reichstag parliament building for World Cup. It seats 8,500 and shows a live broadcast of each game. On the "field," four Croatian fans who had won the honor sat

on a couch to watch the game. "McDonalds girls came out and gave them hamburgers and did cartwheels," Pepe said. So I guess there are some things stranger than Super Bowl halftime shows.

He's watched games in bars, in homes and at outdoor restaurants. But the most fun, he said, was in a beer garden when Germany beat Poland, 1-0. He even found himself hugging strangers. "German soccer can be boring," he said, "but this time they are playing super-offensive and the team is more likeable than last World Cup."

"On my tree-lined street, three cafes next to each other have big screens set up on the sidewalks, and not only were their chairs and tables filled to capacity, people in the street were standing on the parked cars, straining to get a look."

—Pepe Ciardelli

Pepe has come to love the game after living in Germany for seven years. He explained what happened when the Italians scored a goal for the U.S., making the score 1-1. "It happens pretty often," he said. "There was a foul right in front of the goal, then one guy kicks it and every other player is there. It's total chaos. I don't know how anyone keeps track of anything—it's basically 15 people fighting for the ball in a small space." He also described the tension and the relief when a goal is finally scored. He likes the fact that you have to watch the action closely. "There are not too many rules, there are no timeouts, and no cheesy close-ups of people's faces," he said. He highly recommended watching when Brazil plays. "What the Brazilians do with their feet is crazy," he said. "Watch the fights for the ball. It's a mix of brutality and finesse."

He's also enjoying the World Cup scene, the streets filled with people wearing the colors of that day's competitors, the fans from around the world, and the craziness of a giant soccer ball next to the historic Brandenburg Gate and the sphere on the top of the TV tower transformed into another enormous soccer ball. "It's great," Pepe said. "It's everything I expected." ■

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Thank you, Kiwanis

More than a week ahead of time, everything was in order for the Danville Fourth of July Parade, sponsored each year by the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley and Heller Jewelers. After so many years, said parade chairman Chris Joy, everything falls into place "like a runaway boulder down the hill." That's a colorful image but a runaway boulder landing in the right spot takes either a great amount of guidance or fantastic luck. In this case, the Kiwanis Club provides the leadership, and a lot of hard work to make the parade come off without a hitch.

The parade continues to get better and better as the Kiwanis fine-tune the event. Last year it seemed like a good idea to situate the Danville Community Band next to the judging platform, but in reality this meant the band could not play for much of the event. This year it has been moved to the end of Hartz Way where Hartz Avenue becomes San Ramon Valley Boulevard. Also this year the Kiwanis were able to procure the Budweiser Clydesdales after many years of trying.

The organizers continue to analyze needs—such as more bands and plenty of free water—and to fill the needs. The Kiwanis also add another dimension to the parade by choosing members of the community to honor. This year they have chosen teachers and educators, and are gathering members of that profession and their families to march alongside a float that will carry two teachers of the year.

Last year, police estimated that 35,000 people attended the Danville parade. That's quite a party for the town and for Kiwanis to host for the residents of the San Ramon Valley. On the Fourth, we celebrate our nation's independence and freedoms. We can also celebrate all those who work so hard to present the Danville Fourth of July Parade.

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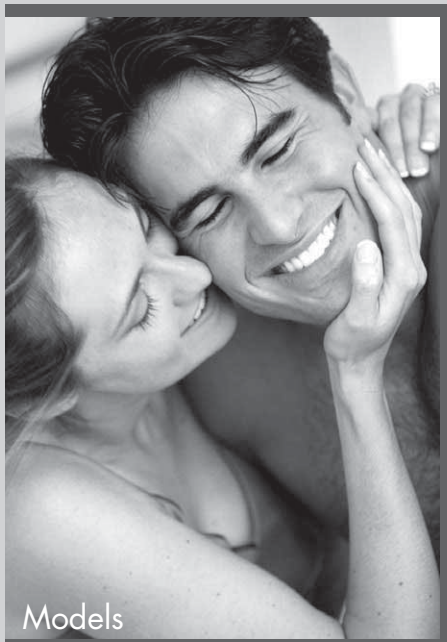
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POLICE BULLETIN

Animals rescued from dangerous fire

Firefighters saved two furry frightened cats and a small bird from a blazing attic fire in Danville on Monday.

San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District firefighters rescued a black cat and a gray feline hiding under a bed in a white, single-family home on fire on Clover Hill Court Monday morning. They also saved a small bird in a birdcage.

No one was injured.

"We're absolutely happy," said San Ramon battalion chief Bert Byers about saving the pets.

A neighbor saw smoke coming from the house and called the fire department at 11:07 a.m., said Byers. After arriving at the scene, firefighters saw the blaze coming from the attic

and kept it from spreading downward in other areas of the two-car-garage home.

"We saved everything inside the house," Byers said.

Byers said firefighters kept the attic fire from spreading by cutting a hole on the roof for ventilation. He said they also saved all the items in the attic.

Nonetheless, most of the roof was destroyed. Damages are estimated from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Byers said the owner was startled when he saw his house on fire.

"The owner was upset, surprised and shocked," he said.

—Jordan M. Doronila

POLICE LOG

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

Monday, June 19

- Vandalism on Brookside Dr. at 8 a.m.
- Grand theft from vehicle on Diablo Rd. at 8:48 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Glen Rd. at 9:49 a.m.
- Embezzlement, felony, on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 2:59 p.m.
- Vandalism on Brookside Dr. at 7:27 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 7:46 p.m.
- Petty theft, purse snatch, on Brookside Dr. at 9:27 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Laurel Dr. at 9:46 p.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 10:36 p.m.
- Vandalism on Kingston Dr. at 11:28 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20

- Petty theft from vehicle on W. El Pintado Rd. at 7:47 a.m.
- Vandalism on Town and Country Dr. at 8:12 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Camino Tassajara at 10:04 a.m.
- Petty theft, purse snatch on Railroad Ave. at 10:41 a.m.

Wednesday, June 21

- Credit card fraud on Piedmont Ln. at 11:05 a.m.
- Vandalism on Sunhaven Rd. at 1:46 p.m.
- Terrorist threats on El Pintado Rd. at 3:20 p.m.
- Vandalism on Valle Vista Dr. at 4:34 p.m.
- Petty theft, vehicle parts, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:07 p.m.

Thursday, June 22

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Brookside Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 12:11 a.m.
- Littering on Rock Island Cir. at 8:07 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Chadbourne Dr. at 3:15 p.m.

- Injury accident on Danville Blvd. at 6:12 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 6:19 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Danville Blvd. and Hartz Ave. at 9:39 p.m.

Friday, June 23

- DUI, arrest, on Brookside Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 2:08 a.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and southbound I-680 at 3:05 a.m.
- Vandalism on Del Amigo Rd. at 7:51 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on E. Prospect Ave. at 9:26 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Glen Rd. at 4:53 p.m.
- Probation violation, arrest, on Front St. at 7:29 p.m.
- Fatal accident on Savona Ct. at 11:58 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

- Commercial burglary on Diablo Rd. at 10:13 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Oakgate Dr. at 11:11 a.m.
- Vandalism on Parkhaven Dr. at 6:23 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

- Vandalism on Brookside Dr. at 11:23 p.m.

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

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Monday, June 19

- Vandalism on Livorna Rd.

Wednesday, June 21

- DUI on Green Valley Rd. and Stone Valley Rd.

Saturday, June 24

- Residential burglary on La Serena Ave.

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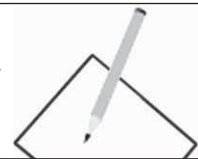
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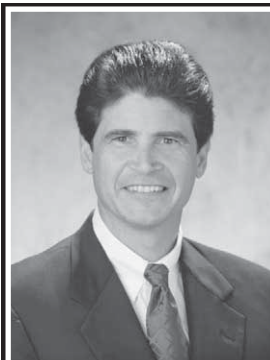
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OBITUARIES

William 'Bill' C. Roper

William "Bill" C. Roper, a resident of Alamo, passed away at home June 16 with his family by his side after a short battle with cancer.

He was born Nov. 23, 1937, in Bellingham, Wash., and was a resident of Alamo for 30 years. He worked for Chevron for 37 years before retiring. He loved playing bocce ball and was a member of the Pleasant Hill Senior Center. He was also a docent at the Blackhawk Museum, a member of SIRS and enjoyed poker with his friends.

He is survived by his wife Judy; sons Jim and Mike; and his two grandchildren, Taylor and Hailey. There was a memorial service at St. Timothy's in Danville on June 24 and a private burial by his family. In lieu of flowers, his family requested remembrances to the cancer society.

Dorothy Eunice Jensen

Dorothy Eunice Jensen, a resident of Danville, died June 22 at the age of 85. She was born in Minneapolis, Minn., and moved to Los Angeles where she worked at Hughes Aircraft during World War II and met her husband Irvin. They married in 1945.

She was an active parent volunteer with the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts

and also sold Avon for many years in Southern California. She moved to Pleasanton 38 years ago, where she did volunteer work and spent time with her family. She also loved to sew, knit and do crafts. Irvin passed away in 2004, and Dorothy moved to Sunrise of Danville where she made many friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Duncan of Livermore, and three sons, Jon C. Jensen of San Jose, George Jensen of Ojai, and Gary Jensen of Alamo; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held June 27 at Graham Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton with burial at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore.

Neil McKelvie

Neil McKelvie, 78, a Danville resident for 15 years, died peacefully June 23 with his family present.

He was born in San Francisco on Feb. 21, 1928, and raised in Burlingame. He graduated from UC Berkeley, served in the 65th Army Band, married his wife Virginia in 1953, and was a Mason and a member of SIRS.

He is survived by Virginia; daughters Lucy Westenburg and Debbie Lawson; grandchildren Laurel and Katie Lawson, and Brent Westenburg.

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Coming together on the baseball diamond

Mariners defeat Giants for Little League AA Division title

by Kevin Zhou

When the Danville Little League AA Division Championship Game began, the Giants and the Mariners, ages 9-10, stepped onto the baseball diamond filled with energy and exuberance. When they finally stepped off the field, the Mariners emerged as champions, and both teams were completely spent.

"They were tired," said Bruce Henry, president of the Danville Little League. "Within 24 hours, these kids played over 17 innings of baseball. They worked their tails off."

The stage was set for an epic game when the two teams met each other in the recent championship. The Mariners and the Giants finished the season in first and second place, making it a hotly contested match up. Because the Giants finished in second place, they would have to beat the Mariners twice in order to win the league.

The game was tied at 8-8 on the first day after three hours of play and was forced to resume the following day. When play resumed,

the Giants, who were looking to repeat their championship from last year, were finally able to break the tie in the 11th inning. This forced a second game with the Mariners.

The players didn't even get a chance to take a breather as the second game began immediately after the first. After six innings of intense play, the Mariners came out on top.

But to Henry, what made the game great was not what happened during the game, but what happened afterward.

"They play hard, and yet afterwards, they are all friends," he said. "They put their game face on when they play, but when they do the high fives, you can see the smiles." ■



Junior 90's clinch championship

The Danville Little League Junior 90's Giants beat the undefeated Livermore American on June 20 by a score of 4-3 to claim the California District 57 TOC Championship. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Stephen Shahbazian, Tyler Calamoneri, Ryan Vincent, Thomas Murray, Jiries Jajeh; (back) Coach Allan Calamoneri, Andrew Storer, Andrew Katz, Manager Greg Minton, Coach Jamal Jajeh, Kaelin Ragan, Christian Felter, Kevin Schirmer. Not shown: Josh Corral, Brandon Darrah.



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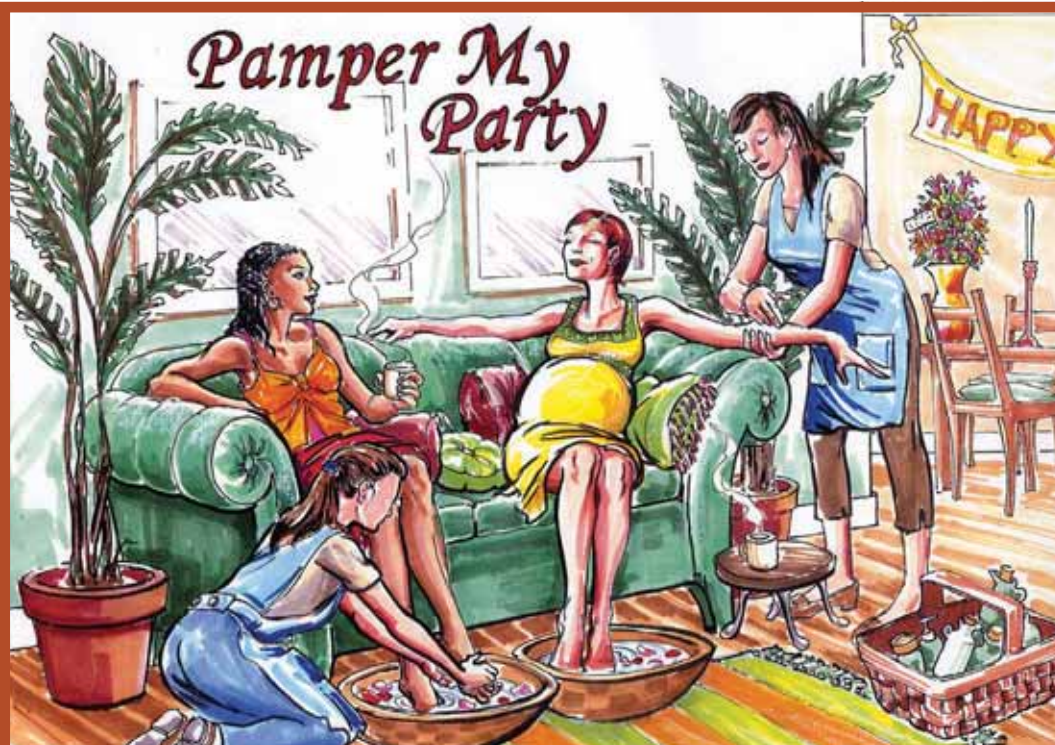
The Tassajara Valley New York Mets celebrate after clinching the Division A National League Championship; (front, l-r) Kyle Zweng, Joe Huffman, Daniel Golub, Matthew Buselli, Moss Colton, Robert Zhang; (back) Alex Eidler, Ryan Sandin, Chase Victor, Gautam Ramesh, Gabe Elliott, Thomas Mannell, Robbie Leiter, Coach Joel Golub.

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Fit for a mayor

Bicentennial Cadillac El Dorado on parade for first time

This Caddy was made to parade.

David Miller's 1976 Cadillac El Dorado is making its parade debut on the Fourth of July, bearing Danville Mayor Karen Stepper down the route in style. It's only fitting for a car conceived in patriotism and celebrating its 30th anniversary.

"In 1976 Cadillac designed its last 200 El Dorado convertibles special edition to commemorate the Bicentennial," said Miller. "There were only 200 of these cars ever made and only 50 are in existence today."

Miller's El Dorado was No. 64 off the line and its license plate proclaims this. Special features include red and blue accent stripes on the hood; white leather seat with red piping and matching red carpeting and instrument panel; and a white top and wheel covers. A panel plaque proclaims the vehicle one of the final 200 U.S. production convertibles to roll off the assembly line in Detroit. A fiberglass parade boot fits over the top of the back seat.

The special edition originally sold for \$11,000, while the other El Dorados went for \$9,000-\$10,000, said Miller.

Miller was thrilled last fall to hear about the El Dorado languishing in a garage/barn at an Arabian horse ranch on Camino Tassajara. The former owner, Benjamin Culet, died five years ago, and although his widow, Marian Culet, kept the car well maintained, she felt bad it no longer belonged to an enthusiast.

"I thought the smart thing to do is sell it while it is in really, really good condition," recalled Culet last week. "I wanted someone to buy it who would love it."

She remembered her husband flew to Michigan, bought the convertible with 22 miles on it from the test driving, and drove the car home to Danville.

"He kept it in tiptop shape," she said. "Every once in awhile he would have it serviced and drive it around and make sure it was OK."

She said other buyers had offered to buy the car after he

passed away but were more interested in reselling it for a profit. When Miller contacted her, she knew it was love. "I just knew by talking to him he was going to take good care of the car," she said.

"People travel all over the country to look at hobby cars, but this car was two miles from my house," marveled Miller. "I couldn't believe what I was looking at." Miller is in good company with the special edition El Dorado—other owners include Wayne Newton and Burt Reynolds.

Miller said he has long been a car enthusiast; he also owns a 1964 Impala Supersport. He moved here from New Jersey in 1988 and even met his wife, Valery Nelson, at a car show.



"It reflects you back to the period of drive-in theaters and malt shops."

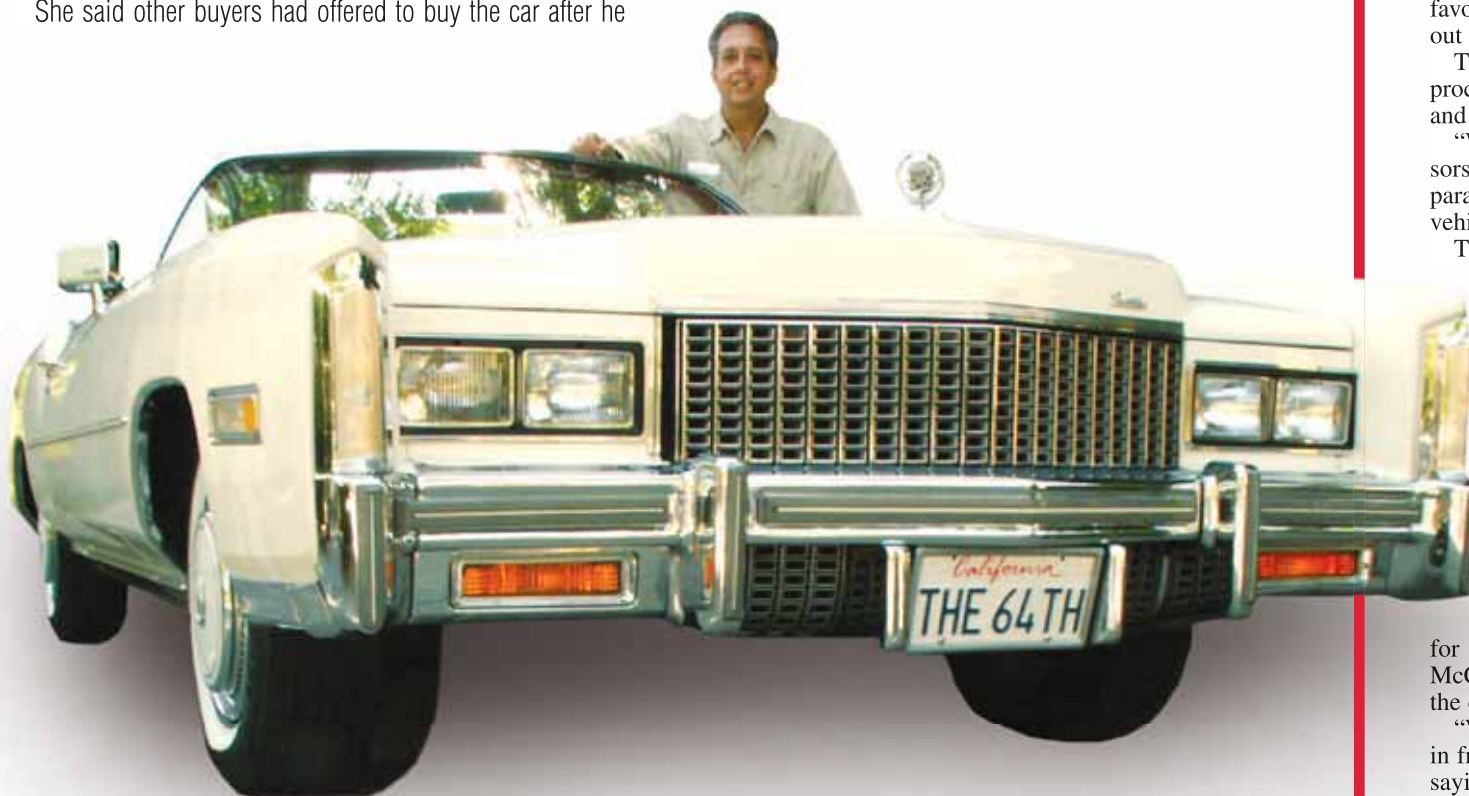
—David Miller

Miller's El Dorado had 1,500 miles when he bought it in November and he has added another 1,000.

"A few people give me a thumbs-up when they see me driving it," he said. "When I say it's a 'Bicentennial,' they just flip out."

He also likes that it's a symbol of a gentler time. "It reflects you back to the period of drive-in theaters and malt shops," he said.

At the parade Tuesday, look for Mayor Stepper comfortably perched on the parade boot of the Bicentennial El Dorado—and be sure to give a thumbs-up to the man behind the wheel. ■



Get there early for the faaaantastic D

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Nothing says Independence Day like the Danville Fourth of July Parade.

This annual event, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley and Heller Jewelers, has become a premiere festivity in the East Bay. It is customary for residents to place their chairs on the route the night before to get the best favorite viewing spots, but police warn that nothing is guaranteed out before 6 p.m. July 3.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. July 4 just north of downtown and proceeds down Hartz Avenue and San Ramon Valley Road and ends at Sycamore Valley Road.

"We script the first part of the parade to make sure the sponsors and the Army band and veterans get out first," said parade chairman Chris Joy. Motorcycle police and other support vehicles also start off the parade.

The Viet Nam War Veterans of Diablo Valley will be marching in conjunction with the Blue Star Moms and Dads of Freedom, which gives scholarships to boys and girls soldiers to live locally and get started in college. Special guests will be Sentinel scholars, Joey and Jayme Bosik, who arrived in Danville last week, and Manny Mendoza, who moved to Danville last August.

Next will come the Precision Drill Music Band from Oakland, with its fun choreographed routines and crowds clapping.

"It will get things rockin' and rollin'," said Joy. This year's parade theme is "Honoring Our Teachers and Educators—Unsung Heroes." A float will carry two teachers: Patti Carothers, 2006 Teacher of the Year for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, and McClelland, who was chosen 2004 Teacher of the Year for the district and Contra Costa County.

"We are having teachers and their families march in front of the float," said Joy. "They are giving out signs saying, 'If you can read this, thank a teacher.'"

The annual Danville parade draws crowds of 30,000 people down the red, white and blue and cheer for the group as they march down Hartz, from the Sycamore Valley Lawn Mo



A summer to remember

*Teens try to make
the most out of their summers*

by Kevin Zhou

It is eleven o'clock in the morning on the first Monday of summer. As some teens prepare to head out on trips with their friends to such exotic locations as Oahu or the Caribbean, Scott Greenberg, 18, sets out from his home. He isn't going to the beaches of the Greater Antilles. He's going to the offices of Greater Value Mortgage.

Lately, there have been increasing numbers of teens like Greenberg trying to make the most out of their summers. Whether they are trying to gain valuable work experience or simply want to make money, one thing is for sure: Summer is no longer one long day at the beach.

For five days a week, Greenberg spends his time working at Greater Value Mortgage. His job includes a wide range of tasks, from scanning documents into computers to filing papers, and he has even been given a small workspace. While he admits the pay was one of the most compelling aspects of the job, Greenberg has also learned a great deal about the trade in the time he has been at the office.

"It's just something for the summer to get some money," he said. "I won't be able to calculate your mortgage, but I am learning some of the terminology of the business."

A couple of miles away, Roy Mathew will be spending his summer in a classroom as a debate instructor at the Monte Vista High School Speech Institute. Already an accomplished debater himself, Mathew, 18, began teaching at the institute after qualifying for the state championship tournament in his sophomore year.

"I want to contribute to the speech and debate program because it has helped me so much," he said. "It's nice to give back."

As a debate instructor, Mathew will help students ranging from incoming freshmen to high school juniors. Besides helping them write cases for several topics, he will teach them how to properly articulate an oral argument.

At the end of the day, seeing his students deliver a strong speech makes his long, seven-hour day worth it.

"It feels great just to see them improve and possibly get better than me," he said.

One of those students attending the speech institute will be Brian Louie. As a rising high school junior, Louie, 15, has started to build up his résumé for his upcoming college application process.

Next year, Louie will be taking several advanced placement classes, which are considered to be the most challenging classes offered in high schools across the district. Since one of the prerequisites to take the classes is the completion of the summer homework, Louie will be spending a large

part of his summer reading classical literature and highlighting historical documents.

To gear up for college applications, Louie will also be preparing for the SATs. He has bought a few prep books, and will enroll in an SAT prep class in Orinda this summer.

Despite his busy schedule, he's still managed to find time to pursue activities he enjoys. In addition to attending the speech institute, he will be participating in various community service activities, including the Youth Action Council and the Relay for Life, which is a 24-hour running event sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

"Volunteering and speech are things I definitely enjoy doing and look forward to," he said.

While Louie will be writing speeches in the classroom, Kyle Harrell will be fielding baseballs on the diamond. Having played varsity baseball in high school as a junior last year, Harrell, 16, is dedicated to becoming a better player for the upcoming season.

Earlier this summer, Harrell joined the Connie Mack baseball league. He has been pitching almost every day since.

"I play a lot of baseball," he said. "We had a tournament during this weekend, and we have a tournament in Reno next week, and then we have one in Los Angeles. It goes until the regionals start in August. It's just a lot of baseball."

Harrell added that by playing in so many tournaments, he hoped to gain some exposure for college. His dream is to play baseball at UC Santa Barbara.

But that's not to say that the traditional, relaxing summer has completely gone away. Many teenagers, especially those heading off to college next year, are still taking it easy.

"I don't have any set plans, but we're planning on going on a camping trip," said Aliza Ali, 18. "We might take a road trip to L.A."

Ali, who will be headed to UC San Diego in the fall, said she plans to work at her mom's coffee shop in Berkeley but added that one of her top priorities over the summer will be seeing all of her high school friends. With many of her friends going to colleges like UC Berkeley, Brown and Duke, Ali knows this may be her last chance to see them.

"I'm trying to have the most 'chill' summer of my life before I go to college. It'll be a long time before I'll ever see this group of people ever again," she said. ■



Lisa Fugere, 18, shows Ashley Rose, 15, when to refill the ice cream containers during a training session at Coldstone Creamery in Danville. Many teenagers work food-service jobs during the summer for extra cash.

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Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE



The Southern Pacific comes to the San Ramon Valley

by Beverly Lane

Visitors to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley this summer will be reminded of America's golden age of railroads. California's first railroad was built in Sacramento in 1856 and the transcontinental line was completed when the "Golden Spike" was driven in 1869 at Promontory Summit in the Utah Territory. The San Ramon Branch Line of the Southern Pacific opened from Martinez to San Ramon in 1891.

The effort to open the Branch Line was led by rancher and entrepreneur August Hemme of Alamo: He convinced Southern Pacific officials to build the San Ramon Branch Line, and they said the right of way must be deeded to them at no cost. A committee of R.O. Baldwin and J.A. Shuey of Danville, James M. Stow of Walnut Creek, August Hemme of Alamo, and Albert Glass of San Ramon contacted every landowner along the proposed right of way in 1890. Charles Wood of Sycamore Valley and George McCamley of San Ramon and others helped raise \$15,000 to pay landowners who resisted donating land for the right of way.

Thus, after years of starts and stops and interminable discussions about the need for a railroad, tracks were laid and the Branch Line was completed. The line extended from San Ramon to Avon (3 miles east of Martinez) for 20 miles; on the north it connected with the Oakland/Stockton line. It ended at San Ramon until 1909 when it was extended to Pleasanton to connect with the Oakland/Tracy line.

Four main depots, all in gold, trimmed with brown, in the No. 18 SP decorative plan, were built in San Ramon, Danville, Walnut Creek and Concord.

The first regular trip took place on June 7, 1891. Here is an account published in the Contra Costa Gazette at that time:

"The first passenger train over the SRB Railroad left Martinez on Sunday morning at 9:20 o'clock: ...

"The beauty of the country seemed to increase as the train sped on, and reached its height as Hemme's was approached. Here the train passes through the famous orchard of A.T. Hatch, and it is worth going a long journey to see As far as the eye can follow the long line of trees in any direction the same uniform system of careful attention is to be seen. The cars pass the rows so closely that in some instances the branches lightly touch them, and if the motion was slow, fruit could be picked from the windows. ...

"Danville is reached in 2.20 miles. It is conveniently near the track, though measurably hidden by the trees. It is a thrifty locality with the modern tendency to progressiveness...

"San Ramon, the present terminus, is 3.10 miles beyond Danville. Here a turn-table is in process of construction Mr. Tinnin, the proprietor of the San Ramon Hotel, was on hand with a spacious carriage to take the passengers to his headquarters, where after resting and recuperating, an excellent meal was furnished at the popular price of twenty-five cents."

Just as the railroad accelerated the West's development by providing passenger and freight movement, it accelerated development in the 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."

Sources: Irma M. Dotson's "San Ramon Branch of the Southern Pacific," Contra Costa Gazette, June 10, 1891. Picture of the Danville depot in 1910 from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

In two weeks

The Branch Line's impact on development and agriculture in the San Ramon Valley.

OF NOTE

Danville plein air painter recognized

Robin Purcell just won an Honorable Mention for her watercolor painting "Carmel Valley Evening" at the 2006 Carmel Art Festival. Sixty local regional and nationally known artists competed over four days in May to produce original plein air images with a fresh take on the Carmel Peninsula.

"I was honored to be juried into this prestigious event and hope to enter again," said Purcell. "Although painting is an intensively private pursuit for me, it was very energizing to know there were many other artists outside doing exactly what I was doing."

Robin paints plein air in Danville, often depicting Mount Diablo and its foothills. Her paintings can be seen locally at the Robert Butler Gallery of Danville, the Valley Art Gallery in Walnut Creek and the CWA Gallery, Blackhawk. She is a member of the Alamo Danville Artists' Society, the California Watercolor Society and the California Art Club. She has donated many paintings to her childrens' schools, and Save Mount Diablo.



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Cooking in Vietnamese

With the strong presence of Vietnamese residents in the Bay Area, most of us have enjoyed Vietnamese cuisine at local restaurants. To reaffirm the goal of this ethnic cooking series—to lift the mystery from ethnic foods you have not eaten or cooked—every good cook should personally try a dish or two of the different ethnic cuisines that interest us. Doing so not only gives us an up-close-and-personal understanding of the cuisine (and its specific ingredients) and helps us appreciate the culinary effort involved but gives us a breadth of culinary knowledge that cannot be found in cookbooks or watching the food channel. Above all, these foods are dee-lish!

Vietnamese recipes use many vegetables, herbs and spices, including lemon grass, lime and kaffir lime...and lots of noodles. Throughout all regions of the country, the emphasis is always on serving fresh vegetables and/or fresh herbs as side dishes along with dipping sauce. Because of Buddhism, there are also a good number of vegetarian dishes. The most commonly used meats in Vietnamese cuisine are pork, beef, prawns, various kinds of tropical fish, and chicken. Fish sauce (nuoc mam) is often undetectable in dishes but it provides a depth of flavor to dishes and, being full of protein and B-vitamins, added nutrition.

The cuisine of Vietnam has been influenced by Chinese, Indian and French cooking in delightful ways. In ancient times, the Chinese occupied North Vietnamese territories and dominated the culture for 1,000 years or so. Their influence shows up in cooking practices such as stir-frying, the use of chopsticks and woks, and noodle-centered dishes. For a time, the area near the Mekong River Delta was controlled by the East Indians, thus, the creation of milder Vietnamese curries. And in 1859, the French colonized Vietnam for 100 years and put their imprint on the cooking—including breads (hence, the French baguette), crepes, sautéing and using bones to make stock. While embracing these influences, the Vietnamese people have always prided themselves in maintaining a unique culture and cuisine all their own.

The cuisine of Vietnam is easily divided into three regions. The dishes of North Vietnam are fairly complicated and involve many preparatory steps. Northern Vietnamese foods include dishes like Cha

Ca La Vong (sizzling fried fish) and Luon Bung (eel soup). South Vietnamese cooking employs different kinds of vegetables, fish and other seafood. Ingredients such as lemongrass, coconut milk and pineapple are used to create interesting flavors. Central Vietnamese cooking is probably the most distinctive of all: much spicier and more colorful than its Northern and Southern “siblings.” The influence of the royal setting (and royal Vietnamese cooking) generates meals with a multitude of small side dishes set on the table at once. In times past, the more dishes on a family table, the wealthier that particular family was. Now, the tradition has become a hallmark of celebrations and special events.

I find Vietnamese foods to be highly “approachable,” i.e., simple in structure, multiple steps but fairly easy to prepare, and wonderfully satisfying in their flavors. Two of the most commonly known Vietnamese dishes are rice paper rolls and Pho, a noodle soup. Vietnamese Spring Rolls are deep-fried flour rolls filled with pork, Vietnamese yam, crab, shrimp, mushrooms and other ingredients. The Vietnamese Spring Roll is a variant of the egg roll (found in China, Japan, etc.). Summer rolls are lighter, translucent wraps with shrimp, herbs, noodles, vegetables and other ingredients wrapped in softened rice paper. Pho (beef noodle soup) is but one of a plethora of Vietnamese noodle soup dishes but it is the most widely known dish. Its rich, clear broth comes from hours and hours of boiling bones and different herbs. There are many varieties of pho, using different meats (most commonly, chicken and beef) along with beef balls. Pho is typically served in bowls with white rice noodles, chopped white onion, spring onions, often with beef balls simmered in the broth or slices of raw beef (to be cooked by the boiling hot broth), and, finally, the broth itself.

To discover the incredible tastes of cooking Vietnamese, try these summer rolls for a small gathering of family and friends; then advance to an entrée meal of Five-Spice Chicken or Spicy Rice Noodles with Shrimp & Peanuts (found at www.DanvilleWeekly.com).

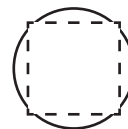
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RECIPES

Vietnamese Summer Rolls (makes 4-6 appetizer servings)

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| 4 cups water | 1 cup bean sprouts |
| 1 bundle Japanese somen noodles (about 2-1/2 ounces), broken in half | 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves |
| 16 medium shrimp, in their shells | 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves |
| 4 large leaves red-leaf or Boston lettuce, torn lengthwise in half and central ribs removed | 16 chives |
| 1 large carrot, shredded | 8 12-inch round sheets rice paper |
| | Condiments and 1/2 cup chopped peanuts (optional) |

- Bring water to a rapid boil in a medium saucepan and add noodles. Boil until the noodles are tender but firm to the bite, about 2 minutes. Use tongs or a slotted spoon to remove the noodles to a colander; rinse with cold water.
- Add shrimp to the boiling water: Boil until they turn pink and float to the surface, about 2 minutes. Drain in a colander, refresh with cold water, then peel and cut lengthwise in half. Rinse in cold water to remove the veins and drain on paper towels.
- Place the noodles and shrimp on a small baking sheet along with remaining ingredients. Layout and cover the rice paper with a damp dish towel.
- Lay a damp dish towel in front of you and have a large bowl of hot water at hand. Completely immerse a sheet of rice paper into the hot water; it will immediately become pliable. Quickly remove it and place on the towel. Envision the rice paper circle this way:



- Place a piece of lettuce along the bottom square of the rice sheet about 2 inches from the edge. Top the lettuce with one-eighth of the cooked noodles, carrots, sprouts, mint, cilantro, and chives, then with 4 shrimp halves.
- Fold the left and right sides of the rice paper over the filling, and then roll up top towards the bottom side tightly into a neat cylinder. Set seam side down on a large platter and cover with a damp towel to keep moist. Repeat with the remaining rice paper and filling ingredients. Cover and store in refrigerator until ready to serve.
- To serve, cut each roll crosswise into 4 even pieces, along with condiments of choice: hoisin sauce, hot chili sauce, dipping sauce, peanuts, etc. Note: If not served immediately, the rice paper will toughen up.

(Find the recipe for Peanut Dipping Sauce at www.DanvilleWeekly.com)

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Century 14 Walnut Creek: 1201 Locust St., Walnut Creek (937-7025)
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Crow Canyon 6: 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon (820-4831)
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An Inconvenient Truth (PG)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tues Noon, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tues Noon, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 10:40 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:50, 8:25, 10:45 p.m.
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Cars (G)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 9:05, 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25 p.m. Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:05 a.m., 1:50, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:15, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 10:10, 11:10 a.m., 1:10, 2:05, 4, 5:10, 6:55, 8:15, 9:50 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40 p.m.
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Da Vinci Code (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 3:10, 6:50, 10:10 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 9:50 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 10:55 a.m., 3, 6:20, 10:05 p.m.
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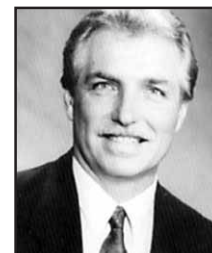
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Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

Alamo-Danville Artists' Society

The Alamo-Danville Artists' Society will be displaying paintings by Alamo and Danville artists: Carolyn Jarvis, Mardeyn Ellis, Roz Zinns and Sandra Mortimore at the Danville Town offices, 510 La Gonda Way. The offices are open on weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., from now until mid-July.

Artists Wanted

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

Calling for Artists

San Ramon Arts Walk & Festival, Sept. 23-24, in San Ramon is looking for artists ages 18 and over, residing in California to enter a piece of original fine art in any medium, with a Sept. 1 deadline. There will be a special garden for display of sculptures. Digital images should be sent in the form of jpeg files. A non-refundable entry fee of \$10 per art work. For information, call 336-0267 or visit www.sanramon-arts.org.

Classes

People, Pets and Wildlife Portraits Classes

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a People, Pets and Wildlife Portraits class on Thursdays for all levels. Beth Batchelor is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$30 per class or \$100 for four weeks. For information, call Beth at 837-5654.

The Art of Drawing

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers the Art of Drawing class from 6-8 p.m., Fridays, for all levels. Ron Norman is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$140 for eight weeks. For start dates, call 838-1959.

Watercolor

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Watercolor class from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, for all levels. Karen Mason is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Watercolor

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front Street, offers a Watercolor class from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, for all levels. Marilyn MacDougall is the instructor.

Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$80 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Clubs

Alamo Women's Club Federated

The club meets on most Wednesdays at its clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd. It holds a business meeting and tea the second Wednesday at noon; meets for Mah Jong at 10:30 a.m. the third Wednesday; and holds a luncheon with program at noon the fourth Wednesday. For information, call Jean Stringfellow at 552-9733.

Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club

This club is open to new and long-time residents of Alamo and Danville interested in making new friends while learning more about the area. Many activities are available. Their Prospective Member Coffee is held the fourth Thursday of the month, and a monthly luncheon on the second Tuesday. Call 775-3233 or visit www.alamodanvillenewcomers.com.

Bay Area Single Christians

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

Blue Star Moms California

Blue Star Moms is a support group for families of members of the U.S. Armed Forces. It meets at 7 p.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Call Peggy at 866-7035 or Patty at 838-9096 or visit www.bluestarmoms.org.

Diablo Black Men's Group

The Diablo Black Men's Group will be meeting for fellowship among black men and their families at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, July 15, at the San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive. For information, visit www.dbmg.org.

Diablo Valley Fly Fisherman

This club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Heather Farm Lakeside Room, 301 N. San Carlos, Walnut Creek. Guests are welcome. For information, visit www.diablovalleyflyfish.org.

Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild

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

Diablo Valley Single Parents

This group meets at 6:30 p.m., on various days each month, and at dif-

ferent locations in the valley. Contact Rich at abersr@toast.net or 838-9487.

Friends of the Danville Library

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

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

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

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 Stixx and Steaks Restaurant in the Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. For information, call Jan at 735-3508.

Tri-Valley Writers Association

This club exists to inform, educate, and have fun and is open to anyone interested in the craft of writing. The club meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at Girasole Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Membership dues are \$50 per year (starting July 1) or \$24 for a half year (starting Feb. 1). Contact Steve Workman at 485-1011 or skworkman@aol.com.

Concerts

Outdoor concerts in Alamo

Alamo Parks and Recreation will host its Summer Concert Series from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays through August. Pan Exstasy will bring its unique, distinctive and festive sounds on Friday, July 7, at Livorna Park, 801 Livorna Road in Alamo. Come and enjoy that island feeling. Call 451-9176.

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,

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Fourth of July Festivities

Come and join the excitement at Danville's Fourth of July Parade with the theme "Honoring Teachers and Educators—Unsung Heroes" starting at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 4. The parade will start at the corner of Hartz Avenue and Railroad Avenue, continuing down Hartz Avenue and San Ramon Valley Boulevard and ending at Sycamore Valley Road. The closest location to view fireworks that evening will be in San Ramon Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. The fireworks will be choreographed to an all-American music simulcast on KKIQ, 101.7 FM.

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. Call 314-3470.

McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

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.danvillecchamber.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 noon, Sunday, July 30, at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road. Danville residents' cost is \$30 per family of four, \$5 each additional family member; non-resident cost is \$36 per family for four, \$6 each additional

Events

23rd Annual National Night Out

Celebrate National Night Out (NNO) with the millions of people nationwide Tuesday, Aug. 1. Danville police officers will visit registered block parties to answer questions, distribute crime prevention information, and hand out goodies to the kids. To register your block party, visit www.nationalnightout.org or for more local information, call Toni Ferreira at 314-3359.

African Drumming Circle

The Wellness Community will present an African Drumming Circle from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 3276

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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, 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.

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.

Grandparents' Day

Alamo Parks and Recreation will sponsor a celebration for grandparents and their special little ones from 12-3 p.m., Saturday, July 15, at Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda Way, Danville. There will be games, snow cones and crafts for everyone to enjoy. Call 451-9176.

'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. 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.

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, from now until 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-August, meeting in front of the museum, 205 Railroad Ave. Call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsvr.org.

Exhibits

By the Hand Crafts

By the Hand, a national juried exhibition of traditional and innovative crafts, opens with a reception from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, July 9, and will remain on view until Sunday, Sept. 10, at Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Admission is \$3. Call

Ann, 295-1418 or e-mail trinca@bedfordgallery.org.

Contrast of Photography and Surreal Oils

Blackhawk Art Gallery will be hosting receptions to honor featured artists, from 5-8 p.m., Saturday evenings, from now until 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.

DACA Art Exhibit

Danville Area Cultural Alliance and Danville Fine Arts Gallery will display an art exhibit titled "Pieces of Peace" until July 31. Hours for the gallery, at 233 Front St., are 1-6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 838-1959.

Trains at the Depot

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley will have different trains on display from now until July 29 along with related children's activities. 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

'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, music, 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.

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.

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 and Michael Meehan; 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 now until July 29, meeting at the gym, 230-A Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Challenge a friend or neighbor to compete! Call 838-5200.

Take a Hike With 'Trail Mixers'

The Town of Danville will offer a free walking program to promote friendly and enjoyable, low-impact exercise for all ages on the local trails at 8 a.m., the second Saturday of every month from July-October. The first walk is Saturday, July 8, meeting at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. The walk will be approximately 0.7 miles and is rated "1," the easiest level. For information, call 314-3476 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

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, from now until Aug. 18, at Vista Grande School, 667 Diablo Road, Danville. There are four different sessions including: baseball/softball, soccer, flag football and basketball. Children

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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 Storytimes

The Danville Library will host Summer Storytime for children ages 0-5 years from July 10-Aug. 9. Mother Goose Time for children ages 0-2 will meet at 10:15 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays; Preschool Storytime for children ages 3-5 will meet at 11:15 a.m., Mondays and Wednesday. No registration is required, drop-in only. Caretakers must attend with the child. Call 837-4455.

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

Challenges in Sales Organization

Roberts Management Group, Inc. presents "An Executive View of Challenges in the Sales Organization" from 8-10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 13, at Roberts Management Group, Inc., Bishop Ranch 6, 2410 Camino Ramon, Suite 164, San Ramon. This event is free (breakfast provided), but reservations are required by calling 355-9300 or visiting www.roberts-managementgroup.com.

Class for Parents of New Kindergartners

The Town of Danville will host a series of classes for parents of new kindergartners from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, July 26-Aug. 9, at Veterans Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. The cost is \$45 for residents (\$15 for additional parent); \$54 for non-residents (\$18 for additional parent). To register, call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Healing Power of Dreams and Nightmares

The Wellness Community presents a workshop that will offer cancer patients ways to understand their dreams and use them in their healing process, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, July 8, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This workshop is for cancer patients, their families and friends. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends;

reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Life After Prostate Cancer

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will be hosting a free seminar, "Life After Prostate Cancer: Treatment Options for Male Incontinence" presented by Dr. Richard Bevan-Thomas from 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, in the East Day Room, San Ramon Regional's South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling (800) 284-2878 or by visiting www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer Workshop

The Wellness Community presents a 12-week workshop for women who have been just diagnosed or are in treatment or starting treatment for breast cancer, from 10:30-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, July 5-Oct. 25, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends; reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Miscellaneous

Host Families Needed for German Exchange Students

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

On Stage

'Devil's Due'

Village Theatre presents "Devil's Due," a fun new comedy by Oakland playwright Judith Offer and starring Danville resident, Bonnie DeChant. The shows start at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 30-July 1, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$15. Call 314-3463.

Rock & Dine at Bridges

Discover Danville presents Rock & Dine at Bridges at 5 p.m., Sunday, July 30, 44 Church St., Danville. This unique experience with legendary rocker Eddie Money will include a three-course dinner. Tickets are \$125; which does not include liquor, sales tax or gratuity. Call 314-3463.

Seniors

'Aftershock' at the Oakland Museum

The Town of Danville will host an outing for seniors to the "Aftershock" exhibit at the Oakland Museum from 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 26. Participants will meet at Pleasanton BART. Cost is \$8 for residents; \$9 for non-residents. Bring

money for lunch. Activity level is 3.5-4.0 (some walking and standing). Call 314-3476.

Bridge

Seniors meet to play bridge from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Friday at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Cost is \$1. Reservations are required. Call Jerri Kaldem at 837-6283.

Danville Senior Citizens Club

The club meets from 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., every Monday at the Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., for line dancing exercise, bingo, mah jong and more. Membership is just \$9 a year. Call Fran Britt at 743-4026.

Spiritual

Thursday Evening Seminar

San Damiano Retreat presents Thursday Evening Summer Series on Creativity and Spirituality from 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, July 6 and 20, Aug. 3 and 17, at San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Sessions are \$15 each; \$75 for the series. Call 837-9141 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Sports

Take Your Daughter to the Course Week

Bridges Golf Club will be offering a free clinic and free golf for girls during "Take Your Daughter to the Course Week" from Monday-Sunday, July 10-16, at the course, 9000 S. Gale Ridge Road, San Ramon. The free clinic will be taught by PGA Golf Professional Joey Pickavance and will focus on the golf swing and putting, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Monday, July 10, at the Practice Center. Girls ages 17 years and under may play golf for free after 2 p.m., Monday-Thursday and adults accompanying the girls will receive a \$30 special rate. Call 735-4253.

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.

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.

Junior League of Oakland-East Bay

This organization (JLOEB) is looking for volunteers and will be hosting a social event at 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, at a member's house (call for directions). The organization provides a place to meet incredible women, make life-long friendships and learn new skills. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 284-3874 or by e-mailing newmember@jloeb.org.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

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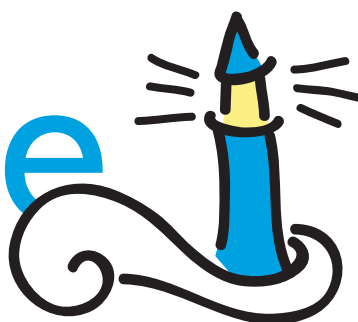


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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2006

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 25	Total sales reported: 5	Total sales reported: 33
Lowest sale reported: \$610,000	Lowest sale reported: \$670,000	Lowest sale reported: \$270,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,500,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,350,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,260,000
Average sales reported: \$1,157,120	Average sales reported: \$1,393,000	Average sales reported: \$892,439

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
3170 Blackhawk Meadow Drive Massei Trust to E. Rigo for \$2,500,000	2324 Tree Creek Place J. & B. Rose to L. & J. Barnes for \$1,480,000	558 Hillrise Place Beal Trust to Greaves Trust for \$1,675,000
64 Blackhills Place Blackhills Place Limited to Andrews Trust for \$1,595,000	410 Triomphe Court T. & J. Mondani to W. & A. McBride for \$1,025,000	21 Jeanette Court J. Hoffman to G. & J. Powers for \$998,000
588 Cambrian Way Thiry Trust to Beebe-Doyle Trust for \$769,000	1107 Trowbridge Way Martin Trust to K. Moffatt for \$1,329,000	250 Las Lomas Way Sullivan Trust to Brennan Classic Homes for \$874,000
40 Country Hills Court P. MacKinnon to R. Rebolledo for \$1,321,000	318 Windchime Drive C. & C. Liang to E. & A. Tomp for \$1,049,000	656 Minert Road M. Taylor-Hitch to K. Ansari for \$742,500
135 Crestridge Drive Sirva Relocation Credit to T. Madsen for \$1,675,000	154 Alamo Square Sirva Relocation to Glenn Trust for \$670,000	440 North Civic Drive #409 T. Jenckes to Y. Genrikh for \$317,000
5 Dover Court J. & T. Pollitz to T. & J. Mondani for \$1,395,000	7 Deodar Lane Weichert Relocation to P. Hoey for \$1,665,000	2550 Oak Road #116 Bridgeport Commons to C. Amsden for \$373,000
1030 Glasgow Place J. & P. Densem to M. Heinze for \$825,000	209 Hawk Court Engberg Trust to J. & D. Baltz for \$2,350,000	2700 Oak Road #13 Miranda Trust to C. & D. Vilchez for \$480,000
1 Hardy Court Cinco Casas Limited to T. Tighe for \$1,045,000	2434 Royal Oaks Drive Amen Trust to D. Fisher for \$1,295,000	2723 Oak Road #F Mentges Trust to L. Bramble for \$489,000
3 Hardy Court Cinco Casas Limited to C. Scott for \$967,000	20 Sandra Court Lett Trust to J. & S. Vitale for \$985,000	2013 Ptarmigan Drive #2 J. Foy to K. Festersen for \$443,000
1611 Harlan Drive Dicks Trust to J. & C. Madrid for \$939,000	1820 3rd Avenue N. Geiser to C. Astillero for \$699,000	131 Ready Road Faas Trust to K. Kneafsey for \$1,100,000
1310 Knolls Creek Drive Shapell Industries to A. Issa for \$1,220,000	1315 Alma Avenue #363 Alpine of Alma Development to M. Cao for \$454,000	318 Ridgestone Court White Trust to Soltani Trust for \$1,650,000
48 La Jolla Court Stevens Trust to R. Hobson for \$1,584,000	1315 Alma Avenue #441 Alpine of Alma Development to S. Willis for \$363,000	3076 Rossmoor Parkway #3 D. & I. Wai to Cavallo Trust for \$765,000
719 Oakmont Court Sandin Trust to D. & P. McDonald for \$800,000	3870 Arbolado Drive M. & C. Kuhnney to R. Boyd for \$1,374,000	2633 Saklan Indian Drive #1 I. Morrison to Grossman Trust for \$595,000
818 Orange Blossom Way R. & M. Lopes to A. Russell for \$886,000	2673 Bridle Lane M. Massoudi to W. & K. Mayglothling for \$980,000	2644 San Carlos Drive J. Rosenmeier to E. & C. Morrison for \$825,000
325 Paraiso Drive G. Rodrigues to S. Lovoi for \$1,120,000	1418 Carriage Drive J. & A. Melendres to F. Murabito for \$700,000	185 Sierra Drive #110 J. Luchter to D. Brim for \$270,000
1012 River Rock Lane M. & V. Dennison to F. Bousson for \$900,000	117 Castle Hill Ranch Road J. Sasse to D. Miller for \$2,175,000	1824 Stanley Dollar Drive #2C Neuhaus Trust to Sandin Trust for \$690,000
595 Silver Lake Drive Eastman Trust to J. McEntush for \$799,000	1 Deerfield Lane Fowler Trust to D. & S. Gregoire for \$1,575,000	616 Sugarloaf Court G. Khosravi to M. & M. Kara for \$2,260,000
1940 St. George Road Mclean Trust to Williams Trust for \$725,000	30 El Paseo D. Simkin to Walden Park Associates for \$1,367,500	4153 Terra Granada Drive #3B Helm Trust to M. & J. Gerson for \$515,500
47 Stoddard Court W. & S. Sutton to R. & J. Cabeceiras for \$970,000	3158 Grey Eagle Drive J. Harbaugh to W. & A. Gurtner for \$895,000	1948 Via Appia Nicolai Trust to J. Goings for \$656,000
4092 Sugar Maple Drive J. & E. Taylor to J. Curley for \$1,400,000	918 Hawthorne Drive W. Wiggins to E. & G. Ball for \$1,000,000	180 Via Del Sol T. & K. Wanket to A. & L. Fishman for \$875,000
547 Sycamore Circle M. & L. Manjarrez to Road California Limited for \$610,000		1455 Via Loma Sirva Relocation to K. Venugopal for \$740,000
		438 Westcliffe Place #26 L. Roberts to S. Heyne for \$535,000

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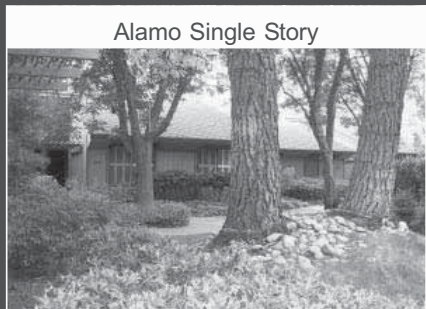
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4 Bedrooms

- 199 Canyon Vista Pl.** \$1,299,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Empire 217-5050
- 151 Pebble Ln.** \$1,375,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3329
- 3105 Stonegate Dr.** \$2,095,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3329

5 Bedrooms

- 153 Smith Rd.** \$3,298,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 766-7190

Blackhawk

3 Bedrooms

- 11 Deer Meadow Ct.** \$1,298,000
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 736-4155

5 Bedrooms

- 33 Liquid Amber Ct.** \$1,299,998
Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk RE 510-406-4836

Danville

2 Bedrooms

- 137 Midland Wy.** \$489,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 984-3060

3 Bedrooms

- 1107 San Ramon Valley Blvd.** \$519,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 510-459-0613
- 216 Jewel Terr.** \$649,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 200-0525
- 1095 River Rock Ln.** \$795,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 383-5500

- 35 Mountain Ter. Pl.** \$799,900
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 484-2104

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

- 40 Casablanca St.** \$899,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 209-7498

4 Bedrooms

- 84 Stowbridge** \$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

- 4262 Nottingham Dr.** \$1,299,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes 785-4320

- 609 Ambience Wy.** \$1,399,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 217-5061

- 371 Montair Dr.** \$1,790,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 858-5233

- 229 St. Christopher Dr.** \$890,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 389-7754

- 152 Santa Clara Dr.** \$950,000
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 548-1717

5 Bedrooms

- 133 Conway Ct.** \$1,050,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 351-5859

- 302 Cliffside Dr.** \$1,597,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 314-2414

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

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

- 9085 Alcosta Blvd.** \$385,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 989-2989

- 30223 Lakemont Dr.** \$599,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 383-5500

3 Bedrooms

- 144 Coraflower Ln.** \$689,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Century 21 548-3599

- 2608 Ashwell Ln.** \$699,900
Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk RE 510-406-4836

- 1025 Vista Pointe Cir.** \$715,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4128

- 2524 Rockhampton Rd.** \$734,950
Sun 3-5 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 200-2602

- 2328 Millstream Ln.** \$764,950
Sat 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-9500

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

- 7526 Imperata Ln.** \$Low \$700,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-2307

4 Bedrooms

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

- 25 Brian Ct.** \$696,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3390

- 572 Fallen Leaf Cir.** \$909,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3390

- 243 Summerford Cir.** \$928,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 314-2414

- 12999 Hawkins Dr.** \$965,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-9500

- 64 Foster Dr.** \$969,999
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell PV 462-5950

5 Bedrooms

- 100 Allannere Ct.** \$1,159,000
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 736-4155

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

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

6 Bedrooms

- 2340 Ashbourne Dr.** \$2,499,900
Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk RE 510-406-4836

Dublin

3 Bedrooms

- 8364 Cavalier Ln.** \$620,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell PV 462-5950

- 7822 Hillrose Dr.** \$649,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 699-3122

- 4503 Peacock Ct.** \$779,999
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-9500

4 Bedrooms

- 7652 Buckeye Ct.** \$1,024,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 963-1984

- 4005 Mt. Vernon Pl.** \$794,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-9500

- 5210 San Vicente Loop** \$799,900
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-9500

- 7774 Woodrun Ct.** \$820,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max 719-0513

Pleasanton

2 Bedrooms

- 5736 Belleza Dr.** \$599,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 397-4229

- 7467 Stonedale Dr.** \$599,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 397-4229

3 Bedrooms

- 4431 Seminole Wy.** \$464,500
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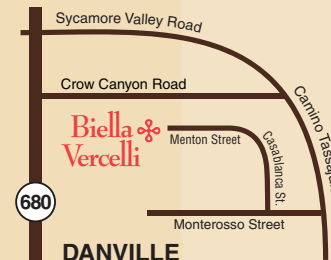
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