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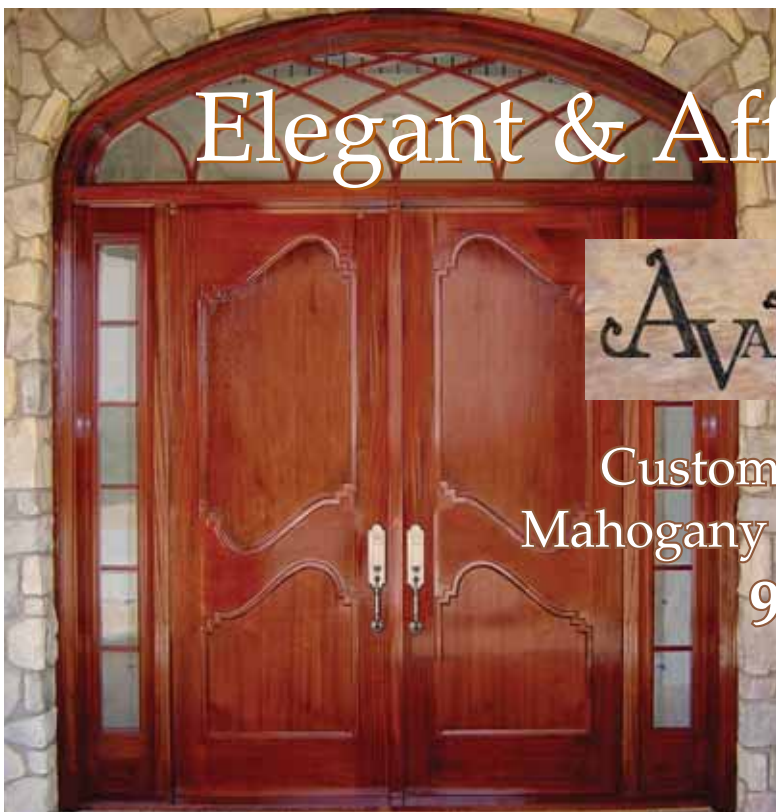
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Q: Have you ever met or seen a famous person?



Jackie Speier (District 8 state senator). Her daughter does ballet with the Peninsula Ballet Company and my husband is treasurer. I see Jackie at parties, after parties. She's a generous, warm person.

Jeannine Kaiser
America's dating coach



I met Gerard Depardieu. I talked to him at a book signing. It was an authorized biography and both the author and he were there. He went crazy over my then-3-year-old daughter. In person he looked unbelievable. On film he's so heavy and has a huge nose. But he looked incredible. I can see why he's a star. He had a real physical presence.

Frank Mercurio
self-employed, magazine distribution



I ran into Rob Lowe in the movie theater in Santa Barbara. It was around 1996, I would say. He looked like a nice guy.

Dawn Cain
realtor, Empire Realty Associates



I keep running into Prince. The first time, I was on a morning show on Live 105 and he was doing a show for us. The second encounter was in San Jose (HP Pavilion). We were near the tour bus and he came to talk to us. We got into a spiritual conversation. He's a Jehovah's Witness, and he gave me a Watchtower. The third time was a couple of weeks ago. I was in Las Vegas and he walked by with friends.

Michael Lewis
manager at Bing Crosby's Restaurant; singer; songwriter



I saw Clint Eastwood one time at the Pebble Beach Golf Tournament, and Bill Murray. It was last year, 2005. I talked to Clint Eastwood's wife, Dina, she was right next to me. She was gorgeous and very nice. We talked about the weather.

Kelli Belle
stay-at-home mom

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ His legacy is
to make right choices. ”

—Fred Teach, speaking at the memorial service for his
nephew, Andrew Maute, who was killed in a car crash.
See story, page 5.

Name that school

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District is in search of a name for its newest middle school and elementary school, both being built by Shapell Homes, and it is seeking input from the community.

The new middle school will be located in the Gale Ranch area of the Dougherty Valley in San Ramon; the elementary school is part of the new Alamo Creeks development in the Tassajara Valley.

A committee is asking staff members, parents, students and community members to provide suggestions for the school names. The committee will review all suggestions and make recommendations to the Board of Education.

The policy is to name new schools using the following criteria: the geographic area where it is located; in recognition of people who have made contributions of state, national or worldwide significance; and in recognition of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community. No school facility will be given the name of a commercial developer unless the name existed in the area prior to the development.

The deadline for suggestions is Friday, Aug. 4. Forms are online at www.srvusd.net. Or telephone 552-5500.

Alamo committees have openings

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is looking for applicants for advisory committees in Alamo, along with a District 3 seat on the 21-member Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board.

Advisory committee openings are for the Zone 36 beautification committee and the R-7A parks and recreation committee and applicants must be Alamo residents. Anyone applying for the Drugs Advisory Board should have a personal and professional commitment to the prevention of drug use.

To apply, call the County Clerk's office at 335-1900. Applications should be returned by 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 12.

Enjoy night out with neighbors

The 23rd National Night Out, an event designed to fight crime and prevent drugs in neighborhoods, is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 1. On that evening, neighborhoods hold block parties to generate support for local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

On Night Out, Danville police officers will visit any block party that is registered to answer questions about crime prevention, to distribute literature and to hand out goodies to the children. To register a block party, go to www.nationalnightout.org. To ask questions, contact Community Services Officer Toni Ferreira at 314-3359.

The Town Council meeting has been postponed until Aug. 8 to accommodate Night Out.

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Best seat on Hartz

Kelsey Sarracino, 5-1/2, a student at John Baldwin Elementary, enjoys the Danville Fourth of July Parade with dad John and mom Julie, perched on her dad's shoulders. Parade-goers enjoyed unusually mild weather this year as they cheered on community groups, bands, Scouts, teachers and politicians.

MAC elections a thing of the past

Supervisors say they will appoint members to all 11 Municipal Advisory Councils

by Natalie O'Neill

The county Board of Supervisors passed a resolution last week to require Municipal Advisory Councils countywide to be appointed by the supervisors as opposed to being elected by local voters.

Supervisor Mary N. Piepho and south county representatives say this makes better government and will add structure to unincorporated areas. But elected MAC members and other local advisory groups say it will only pave the way for unilateral actions.

"The supervisor will be making decisions without involving the people affected," said Peggy Mandley, who was elected to the Diablo MAC.

Advisory committees are meant to serve as a link between the supervisor and the residents of unincorporated areas. Council members advise the supervisor on local issues from rural preservation to commercial development.

"It will reduce the average Joe's communication with the supervisor. It puts a buffer between us and them," said Preston Taylor, president of Alamo Improvement Association.

The change, which was voted in unanimously by the Board of Supervisors last week, is part of Piepho's effort to standardize MACs. Of the 11 MACs in the county, four were elected, including Diablo. With plans to implement a MAC in Alamo, residents in both Alamo and Diablo will be affected by the change.

"We are certainly in the firing range," said Taylor, who attended the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Lea Castleberry, acting chief of staff for District 3, said she was unprepared to answer questions regarding how an appointed MAC could benefit Alamo specifically.

But she did add that county staff had come to the decision after doing an extensive review of MACs in Contra Costa County. The review illustrated that MAC members have taken on responsibilities they were never meant to assume, she noted.

"(Piepho) changed (the rules) without consulting us. We had to find out about it through hearsay."

—James Stone, who has served on the Diablo MAC for 10 years

James Stone, who has served on the Diablo MAC for 10 years and attended the Board of Supervisors meeting, candidly expressed dissatisfaction. "They had already had their minds made up," said Stone.

He and other members of the Diablo MAC plan to actively fight the resolution. And several people have already begun petitioning.

"There has been a great deal of discussion and we think it is unlikely to go through," Mandley said.

"We have a tradition of having an elected MAC in Diablo and we like it," Stone said.

When the Board of Supervisors voted June 27, no audience mem-

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Paying tribute to legacy of joy and making right choices

Friends and relatives remember Andrew Maute

by Jordan M. Doronila

Tearful-eyed teenaged lacrosse players wearing red and white mustang jerseys stood somber in the center aisle of St. Isidore's Church and raised their sticks when pallbearers wheeled Andrew Maute's coffin beneath their arms last week.

The Monte Vista High School lacrosse team spent last Thursday holding back their tears and remembering the good times they had with their fallen team-

mate, who died in a car crash last month. Maute's teammates—along with hundreds of people comprised of family, friends and classmates—filled the pews at St. Isidore's for a funeral Mass to honor him.

"Andy has left us all with a gift," wrote his family in a memorial. "For the young, his gift is to make good choices in life. Think before you act so you will be able to achieve all your greatest dreams."

"For the experienced in life, he would want you to remember how precious life is," his family added. "Love each other with all your heart and soul. With joy rather than

fear, live each day to the fullest."

Maute, 17, was driving a silver Mercedes Benz on McCauley Road on June 23 when it slid off the street and crashed into a tree, destroying a wooden fence, Danville police said. He was pronounced dead after the paramedics and fire department arrived at the scene. Maute was driving with a blood alcohol concentration of



Andrew Maute

0.18 percent, police reported this week.

At the Mass, Maute's loved ones saw pictures of him and his lacrosse team posted by the church entrance and heard the church choir singing. High school girls wearing black cried as they made their way to their seats. Maute's male friends shook each other's hands and exchanged tight hugs.

"There are only two things we know for sure in life," said Father Gerard Moran, who led the service. "One is that we are born; and the other is that we die."

"Life is a great mystery," he added.

Maute loved lacrosse, snowboarding and skateboarding. His dream was to attend the University of Colorado and continue his passion for snowboarding, his family said.

"It probably well would have been his minor," Maute's uncle Fred Teach said.

Teach spoke fondly about the wonderful memories his nephew has given to him and his community.

"Andy's gift of do not be afraid is so appropriate," he said. "He was full of life. His legacy is to make right choices."

"If you are making a decision that's based on emotion and not experience, take the time to remember Andy," he added. ■

Schools pass \$180 million budget

Trustees thrilled to find \$6 million remaining after expenses

by Jordan M. Doronila

Trustees delighted in the school district's \$180 million budget for the upcoming year, and they unanimously approved it at last month's meeting.

There is a significant amount of available money for the schools after all costs and expenses have been paid, trustees and school officials said.

"Yes, I think it's a very good budget," said Trustee Nancy Petsuch. "We're on the right track. We are still waiting for the state. It's making it very possible to have programs without making any reductions."

"Am I happy? Absolutely," said Trustee Bill Clarkson, noting that the district's budget for 2006-07 is better than in previous years.

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District will receive more than \$180 million in revenue and spend \$174 million in operating costs in 2006-07. It will have an estimated \$6 million left over, which does not include additional state funds.

"You can't operate with nothing in the bank," said Mike Bush, the district assistant superintendent of business.

The district will receive an additional estimated \$8 million from state revenues, which includes money the state owes from past years and dollars to cover the increased cost of living adjustment.

Clarkson said the district would receive word in July or August of how much they will get from the state.

"Sacramento has not completed

its process," he said and added there might be some block grants coming to the district.

"We are pleased the state is making good," Bush said.

"We're on the right track. I think it's very good. We are still waiting for the state. It's making it very possible to have programs without making any reductions."

—Nancy Petsuch, school board trustee

Expenditures include \$750,000 for increased salaries of teachers and \$1.4 million for increased costs of health insurance. District growth includes 21 classroom teachers, special education instructors, two elementary assistant principals, three high school assistant principals, and six part-time elementary administrative interns.

The district's revenue comes from \$96 million in property taxes. It also receives approximately \$32 million from the state to help with the remaining balance of its operating costs, which pays much of special education, Bush said.

"It's a very good budget year," he said. ■

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Election results

Local votes mostly go way of district, state

by Natalie O'Neill

Results for the June 6 Primary Election show that Danville and Alamo residents voted as follows:

- 54 percent of 4,444 voters in Danville chose Tracy native and incumbent Richard Pombo as the Republican candidate to represent U.S. Congressional District 11, while 40 percent chose Pete McCloskey; fewer than 1 percent chose Thomas Benigno. Districtwide support also went to Pombo.
- 41 percent of 3,217 voters in Danville chose Jerry McNerney for the Democratic candidate to represent U.S. Congressional District 11, while 32 percent chose Steve Filson; fewer than 1 percent chose Steve Thomas. Districtwide support also went to McNerney.
- The primary race for Democratic

governor was closer, with 47 percent of votes going to Steve Westly and 43 percent to Phil Angelides. The remaining votes were spread thinly between the other six competing candidates.

- Alamo also supported Steve Westly, with 51 percent of the 403 votes going to him and 31 percent going to Phil Angelides. The state, however, nominated Angelides.
- Neither Danville nor Alamo supported Proposition 81, legislation to provide funds for the construction and renovation of public libraries; 52 percent of Danville and Alamo voted not to pass the Library Renovation Bond Act. The proposition did not pass statewide.
- Danville and Alamo also chose not to support Proposition 82, which would increase taxes for upper income households in order to fund preschool programs; 68 percent of Danville and 75 percent of Alamo voters did not to support the tax increase. The proposition also did not pass statewide. ■



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Rev up the engines

The year's first Hot Summer Nights car show will take place Thursday, hosted by the Danville Merchants Association. Four shows will take place on Thursday nights this summer: July 13, July 27, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24. Vintage cars will line Hartz Avenue for the event, which begins at 4 p.m. Shortly after 9 p.m., the engines roar to life and the beloved old automobiles leave for home. The evening also features live music and some booths. For information, call Tony at 820-5750 or David at 820-9116.

MACs

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ber commented publicly in favor of appointed MACs. The turnout was small, and many members of local MACs say they were not informed of the meeting.

"The whole thing is being done stealthily," Taylor said.

"(Piepho) changed (the rules) without consulting us. We had to find out about it through hearsay," Stone said.

The date and agenda of the meeting was posted on the Board of Supervisors Web page and was accessible to the public. But existing members of MACs say

they still should have been notified.

"The supervisor should have met with us," Stone said.

On top of that, many questions about standardized MACs have been raised. Uniform councils may not be equipped to meet the individualized needs of each unincorporated area, said Karen McPherson who was a member of the former Alamo Area Council. AAC advised District 3 regarding formation of an Alamo MAC.

"I'm not sure they will be able to reflect the differences in communities," she said. "Alamo is unique in ways Diablo isn't."

County offices often hear the most from residents of unincorporated areas, she said. These residents don't have a town council or a city council to work with, so they

deal with issues through the county offices.

"If a garbage truck backs over our back yard, people in Danville can call the Town Council. Alamo can't," she said.

This turns unincorporated areas like Alamo into the "squeaky wheel," she said. In some ways, an appointed MAC would stop this wheel from squeaking in the ears of county staff. Whether that's a good thing or a bad thing is the question. Some say it will prevent a fragmented voice, but others insist it will oversimplify issues.

"It only makes the supervisors' job easier ... there is no benefit to the community," Taylor said.

He added that members of

AIA found advising the Board of Supervisors a challenge, even with a staff twice the size of a MAC. A volunteer staff of five is not likely to do the job successfully, he said.

According to Dennis Barry of Public Works, subcommittees are not an option, either.

"It will be degraded from the lack of manpower," Taylor said.

While the formation of Alamo's MAC is still in its beginning stages, Castleberry said they would absolutely be considering AIA members to be part of the Alamo MAC.

"If a MAC is the way the supervisor wants us to go, we need to come up with a MAC that will work for our community," McPherson said. ■

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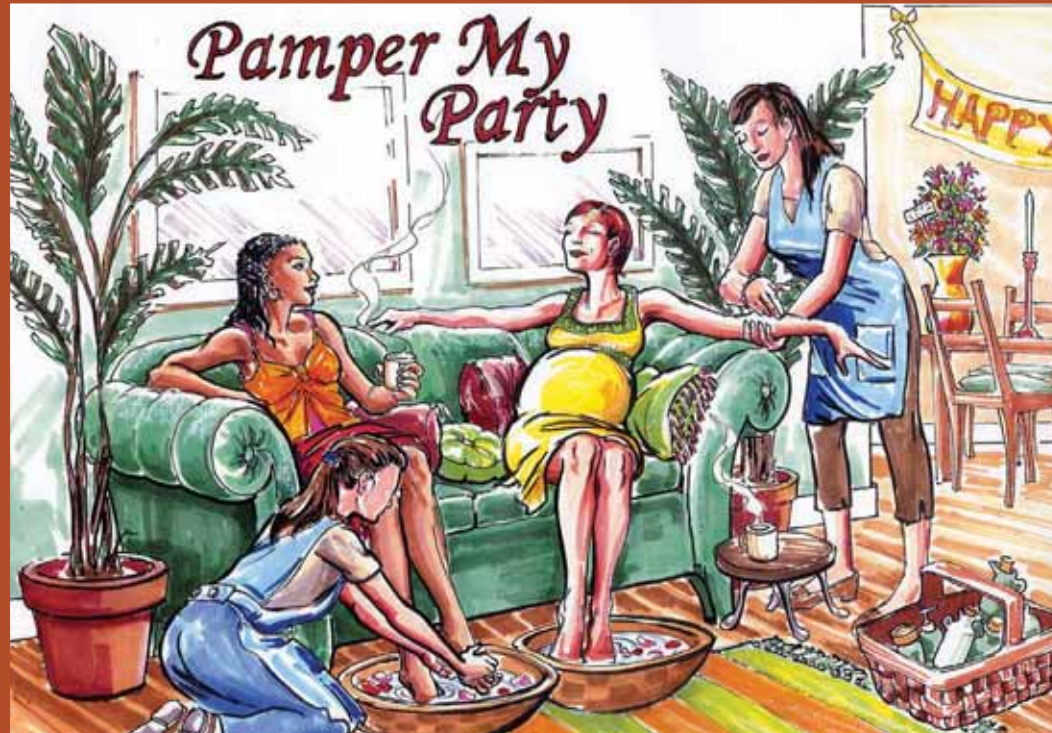
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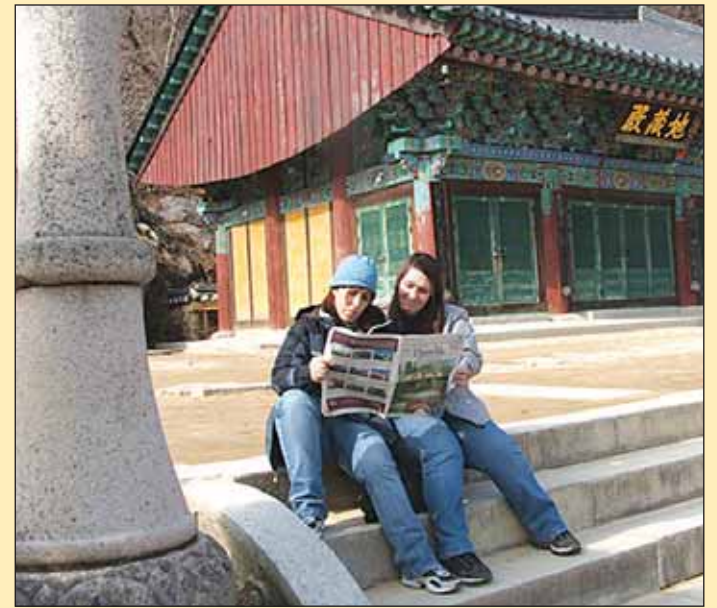
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Korean adventure

Athenian School graduate Rebecca Guyon and her sister Kelly Guyon enjoy their Danville Weekly while visiting Beomesa, a large Buddhist temple in Pusan, South Korea. They were in Pusan for their cousin's wedding, and stopped in Japan on their way back to California



Visiting Iran

Lila Shadloo (right) of Danville and her twin sister, Zhilla (front), who lives in southern California, visit Tehran, Iran, to spend Persian New Year, March 20, with their sister Shahla and her family. Lila explained the photo was taken indoors because outdoors, the women would have had to wear "proper" clothing.



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Learning the ways of a park ranger

Kids successfully complete Mt. Diablo State Park's Junior Ranger Program

by Kevin Zhou

The Mt. Diablo State Park's first Junior Ranger Program recently concluded after 14 children ranging in ages from 7 to 10 and their parents completed five three-hour Saturday sessions beginning in May.

"It was a terrific program," said Danville resident Margret Nunes. "My daughter Anna and I enjoyed doing it together and learning about Mount Diablo."

In addition to hiking trips, the kids had a chance to learn about the park's operations and the work involved with being a ranger. They also learned about wildlife, geology, plants and Native Americans, among other topics.

The program is aimed at instilling an appreciation of nature and



The first class to recently complete the Junior Ranger Program at Mt. Diablo State Park included (front row, l-r) Christopher Wong, Anna Nunes, Alex Kahn, Paul Furer, Sam Perrings, Becca Elliott, Alyssa Sosa, John Paul Hanna, (back row) Waverly Runion, Jake Horne, Elyse Greb, ranger Jack Duggan, Gabe Elliott, Rachel Greb and John Henry Woolway.

wildlife into future generations.

Registration for the session starting Aug. 19 is now open for

children ages 7 to 10. For more information, call Jack Duggan at 837-6129. ■

CHP turns on the heat

The California Highway Patrol office in Martinez announced plans to continue education and enforcement efforts that have resulted in lowering the death rate (number of deaths per 100 million miles driven) on the highways by 48 percent between 1985 and 2005.

The CHP has been focusing its attention on the three main causes of roadway deaths: speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol, and not wearing a seatbelt. CHP is

launching "The Summer of Heat," a special enforcement campaign in which officers aggressively enforce these three violations.

Mike Brown, commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, said its statistics show that July and August are traditionally the deadliest months of the year on the roadways. He said this was not due to "accidents," but were the result of poor driving decisions. He noted that posted speed limits are the law,

not suggestions, and are based on engineering data that define safe speeds.

DUI fatalities have increased slightly: In 2002, 1,411 people were killed in DUI crashes on California roadways; in 2004, the number rose to 1,462. The CHP requests members of the public who see impaired drivers to call 911.

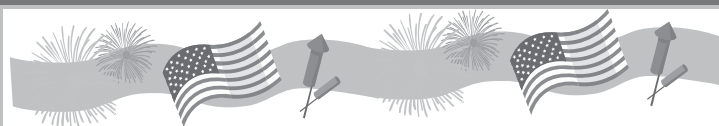
"We have to share the roadways with each other," said Brown. "That requires patience and courtesy." ■

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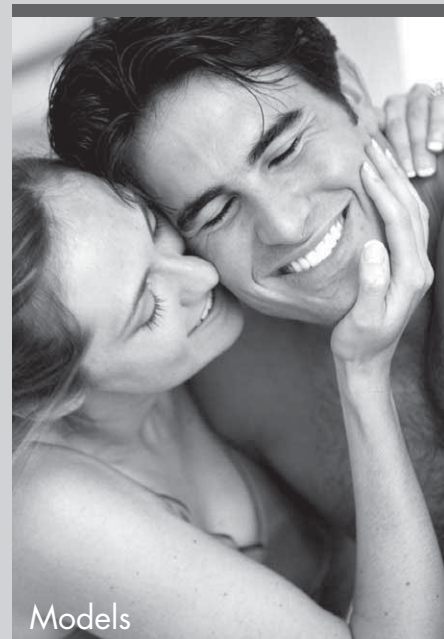
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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Welcome to Danville



Jayme and Joey Bozik appear in the Danville Fourth of July Parade with Councilman Mike Doyle and the Sentinels of Freedom.

Some young couples move quietly into town. Others are raised here. But newcomers Sgt. Joey and Jayme Bozik were welcomed last Thursday at a celebration at Bridges Golf Club attended by several hundred people. They wanted to honor their sacrifice and to applaud their courage. But mostly they wanted to say: Welcome to Danville, Joey and Jayme.

The Boziks moved to Danville several weeks ago, as recipients of a four-year scholarship by the Sentinels of Freedom. This group works in conjunction with the Army Wounded Warriors program to make sure injured soldiers are not neglected in their struggles after returning home from war. Joey was serving in Iraq in October 2004 when a roadside bomb hit his humvee; he lost both legs and part of his right arm. Since then he has undergone medical treatments and learned to manipulate his prostheses and care for himself.

This first public appearance was at the clubhouse, courtesy of Shapell, with its sweeping views of the San Ramon Valley. The Boziks approached the club in style, accompanied by a police motorcade and fire trucks, with American flags lining the streets and the parking lot. Walking into the clubhouse, the Boziks headed up a procession, flanked by military brass, with Joey walking steadfastly on his new legs. What a good-looking young couple—Joey, 28, handsome in his red Army beret, and Jayme, 24, pretty and pert in a white skirt and summer top. What strange chances of fortune brought them to be in this particular spot at this point in time.

Two years ago they were a young couple in love, planning to marry when he returned from his tour of duty in Iraq. They looked at rings before he was deployed and promised to spend their lives together after he returned. They discussed different scenarios but both thought he would come home in one piece, they said later. When he landed in Walter Reed Medical Center severely wounded, he tried to release her from their promise of marriage. But she looked down at him in his hospital bed and said, "If

you think you're going to get out of it that easily ... we're getting married here, and soon." They married that New Year's Eve in the hospital chapel. For the next year and a half they lived in the hospital's recovery residence while Joey went through rehabilitation with his artificial limbs.

Mike Conklin, the father of three soldiers, and founder of the Sentinels of Freedom, enjoys telling this love story. He also told of his contact at Walter Reed who called to say this young couple was perfect for the scholarship program. Joey and Jayme flew out in March to see Danville and meet with doctors, and lawyers, and accountants, and for Joey to interview for a job at Wells Fargo. Conklin noted what emotional places airports are: That's where we welcome home our returning loved ones but also where we say goodbye, never knowing for certain we will see them again. He recalled driving across the San Mateo Bridge in March, returning Joey and Jayme to the airport and broaching the subject of their return. He recalled Joey telling him, "Mike, we've made our decision. We're coming back."

The Boziks left the recovery residence in May and visited his family in North Carolina. Then they drove across the country to arrive here in mid-June. Conklin helped them get settled in their apartment as did the Blue Star Moms. Jayme has a degree in kinesiology but she will focus first on getting settled, Conklin said. Joey begins work at Wells Fargo in September.

Their introduction to the greater community was on the Fourth of July when they rode in the Danville parade with the Sentinels of Freedom. Joey can also be seen at golf courses—apparently this was another thing he checked out in March. Conklin has noted in previous conversations that the beauty of this program is so many people are involved making donations, offering services and arranging things that it meant when the Boziks arrived, they were already truly part of the community, with an instant network of people who know their name and say, "Welcome to Danville." ■

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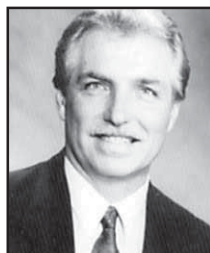
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EDITORIAL

MAC attack

Last week the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to standardize Municipal Advisory Councils throughout the county, with all members being appointed by the supervisors rather than elected. Currently the county has seven appointed MACs and four elected, including Diablo, plus a MAC for Alamo is in the planning stages. Contra Costa County MACs represent communities as varied as Diablo and Bay Point and El Sobrante, and we see no reason they should all be forced into one mold.

MACs are formed in unincorporated areas to serve as a link between the residents and the supervisors. District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho explained at a community meeting in July 2005 that a MAC in Alamo would "provide community leadership and accountability." She said the plan was for five to seven members to be appointed at first and eventually elected.

In deciding to appoint all MACs, the supervisors said some elected members were taking on responsibilities they were not meant to perform. Elected MAC members in Diablo deny this, plus say the supervisors will only appoint people who agree with them, thus denying residents a voice in decision-making.

The Board of Supervisors says residents have elected representation in their supervisors, but District 3, which includes Brentwood and Discovery Bay, is vast and geographically split. Electing MACs in unincorporated Diablo and Alamo gives these communities better local representation, albeit with significantly less decision-making authority than exists in Danville and San Ramon, which have elected city councils. Representatives of an elected MAC need to understand clearly that they are a centralized voice but do not have the power to govern as do city councils.

Perhaps elected MACs would not be suitable in all communities but it has worked in Diablo. With Alamo residents so well informed and involved, it seems that an elected MAC would be the way to go, even if Piepho appointed the original members to get it started. Also a MAC election would be a chance to learn who the residents of Alamo want to represent them. All MACs do not have to be fit into one mold.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending marriage between a man and a woman

Dear Editor:

In your "Streetwise" column June 30, I was dismayed that no one spoke up in defense of the proposed marriage amendment to secure marriage as between a man and a woman. There is no more important institution than that of the family and as we have seen, judges across the country seem bent on ignoring the wish of the majority of Americans. In our state, more than 60 percent of voters approved a simple proposition: Marriage is between a man and a woman; yet a San Francisco judge overturned that wish of the people. In Kansas, 70 percent of the voters voted to keep marriage between one man and one woman, and another unelected judge has thrown out that vote.

Marriage laws were created to be a blessing to children by encouraging the formation of families where children could be raised in a home with a mother and a father. Why? Because in such homes children are less likely to drop out of school, less likely to commit crimes, less likely to do drugs.

I believe that marriage between a man and a woman provides the best foundation for civilization. Yes, people make mistakes, people get divorces, parents are not always the best examples, but we need to secure marriage between a man and a woman as the standard to which we should aim.

Joan S. Hamblin, Danville

Proud of Alamo

Dear Editor:

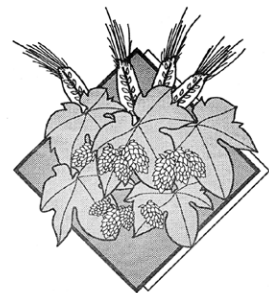
As I watch Alamo neighbors, and their neighborhoods in alliance, step forward in a well-planned effort to protect and preserve our community and all unincorporated communities, I am proud of our community's emerging spirit and commitment to each other and all Contra Costans. It is far too easy to be selfishly focused and not concern ourselves with our neighbors. It is far worse to watch what has happened to neighbors in the Hemme, Monte Sereno and Iron Horse Trail neighborhoods.

Alamo is under attack by a political aggregate and our neighbors have realized that no benefit exists in compliance with that aggregation. The county, Danville, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, the San Ramon Valley YMCA and more are, in many methods and forms, attacking Alamo neighborhoods with their own selfish interests. Our neighborhoods have responded with a deliberate, focused effort to control districts, cities and commercial organizations in their abuse of our neighborhoods.

Most importantly, I am a spectator to the shift from selfish apathy to focused community interest by more than 3,000 residences in Alamo. I am an audience, and only one neighbor, that celebrates very capable, professional residents that, in neighborhood alliances, stay many steps ahead of the political aggregation.

I am very proud of Alamo.

Hal Bailey, Alamo



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POLICE BULLETIN

Danville woman arrested for drugs

Police arrested a 33-year-old Danville woman at 2:25 a.m. Saturday for carrying drugs while driving in her 1993 brown Saturn, said Danville police Sgt. Ron Bradley.

Danville police arrested Roxanne Nichols, a resident of Valley Creek Lane on Saturday, July 1, for carrying methamphetamine in her purse. She was also under the influence of alcohol,

and her probation ordered her not to drink, Bradley said.

"I just don't understand why people use it," he said. "Methamphetamine will ruin your life."

Nichols drove her 1993 brown Saturn through an intersection on Estates Street and then stopped. Danville police Officer Eric Nygard spotted her, and then he followed her southbound on San Ramon Valley Boulevard, according to reports.

After pulling her over, Nygard

smelled alcohol on her breath and did a background check, according to police reports. He discovered she was on probation and was not allowed to drink liquor.

He asked if there was anything else in her car, and she started crying after telling him yes. Nichols told Nygard that she had methamphetamine in her purse, police said.

She was taken to County Jail in Martinez.

—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 26

- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and Green Valley Rd. at 10:43 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Cerro Blvd. and W. El Pintado Rd. at 11:37 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and W. Prospect Ave. at 2:10 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Peters Ranch Rd. at 8:18 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27

- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Sherburne Hills Rd. at 9:30 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Town and Country at 7:04 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28

- Accident, property damage, on El Cerro Blvd. and northbound I-680 at 9:40 a.m.
- Vandalism on El Capitan Dr. at 12:13 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and W. Prospect Ave. at 1:02 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. at 1:53 p.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Silver Lake Dr. at 4:32 p.m.

Thursday, June 29

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Hartz Ave. and W. Prospect Ave. at 1:17 a.m.
- Possession of dangerous drugs on Balceta Ct. at 6:55 a.m.
- Warrant arrest on W. Prospect Ave. at 11:01 a.m.
- Strongarm robbery on Jonathan Ridge Dr. at 11:18 a.m.
- Vandalism on Phoenix Ct. at 6:06 p.m.
- Warrant arrest on Blackstone Dr. at 9:40 p.m.

Friday, June 30

- Stolen vehicle on Tunbridge Rd. at 8:37 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 9:13 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 12:20 p.m.
- Vandalism on northbound highway 680 and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 1:59 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Windover Dr. at 5:23 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Camino Tassajara at 7:12 p.m.

Saturday, July 1

- DUI, arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 1:23 a.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 7 p.m.
- Felony vandalism on Park Hill Rd. at 10:52 p.m.

Sunday, July 2

- DUI, arrest, on Midland Way and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 12:13 a.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 1:42 a.m.
- Possession of dangerous drugs, arrest, on Iron Horse Trail and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:25 a.m.
- Commercial burglary on Crow Canyon Rd. at 5:16 a.m.
- Injury accident on Diablo Rd. at noon.
- Vandalism on Adobe Ct. at 3:25 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 4:19 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Bolero Dr. at 6:31 p.m.

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

ALAMO

Tuesday, June 27

- Commercial burglary on Danville Blvd.

Wednesday, June 28

- Suspicious circumstances on Alamo Plaza
- Kidnapping on South Ave.
- Miscellaneous burglary on Danville Blvd.

Thursday, June 29

- Miscellaneous burglary on Pheasant Ct.
- Residential burglary on Lunada Ln.

Sunday, July 2

- Possession of dangerous drugs on La Serena Ave.
- Auto burglary on Miranda Ave.

BLACKHAWK

Monday, June 26

- Parole violation on Silver Oak Pl.

DANVILLE

Wednesday, June 28

- Residential burglary on Laurel Glen Ct.

DIABLO

Thursday, June 29

- Grand theft from vehicle on Alameda Diablo

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Mustang teams hot in Cal Cup

by Tammy Burton

Danville's Mustang soccer teams finished strong in the prestigious 2006 California Cup tournament held in Sacramento during the third weekend in June. The boys U12 Celtics easily clenched their bracket, beating the Boca Juniors in a 3-0 victory.

The U11 girls Mustang Fury shut out the PAC-Portuguese AC team in a hard fought championship game resulting in a 2-0 win. Allie Dutto completed a strong cross to Erica Perez, who passed the ball to Mackenna Kummer for the Fury's first goal. Erica Perez's second goal sealed the Fury victory.

The Mustang Blast grabbed the U12 Gold Premier title after trounc-

ing EGU Blue 2-0 in the championship round. The Blast displayed both a strong offense and defense, giving up only one goal during the five games they played during the tournament.

A shorthanded Mustang United girl's team finished second in the U12 Gold division in a heatedly contested championship game against Davis Legacy. In temperatures near 100 degrees, the small United squad fought tenaciously against the well-rested Davis Legacy team, before falling in a 2-1 loss. Davis scored early, followed by a late first-half goal by United's Gillian Colburn to tie the game at the half. Davis scored the game-winner late in the second half with a low shot to the far corner. ■



Mustang Fury defender Jessica Gillespie fights PAC forward for the ball.



Great efforts in San Juan

The U-12 Mustang Celtic boys soccer team, coached by Hugh Kinnear in his debut with the team, posted some pretty impressive stats in their championship effort at the California Cup Class 1 tournament hosted by the San Juan Soccer Club: 5 wins, 0 losses; 3 shut outs; 27 goals for, 3 against; and team effort, with eight different players scoring during the three-day tournament. Pictured are (back row) Hugh Kinnear, Mason Melin, Johnny Marcinkowski, Carter Zetterquist, Josh Eusebio, Cole Bennett; (middle) Matt Maul, Austin Lonestar, Mitchell Peterson, Damian Martinez, Nick Lima, Alex Maestre, Tommy Nelsom; (front) Stevie Van Siclen and Tommy Lisiak. Not pictured, Chris Miller and Matt Anderson.



Swimmers break records

Del Amigo medley relay team McKenna Erickson (freestyle), Charlotte Meier (butterfly), Grace Wensley (backstroke) and Abbigale Young (breaststroke) shattered the Blackhawk pool record June 24 for girls 6-and-under with a time of 1:37:82; the old record was 1:44:25. Meier also broke the 25-yard backstroke record with a time of 20.54. Also, Kevin Schirmer broke the 13-14 boys team record in the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 30.98 seconds June 21 swimming against the Sycamore Stingrays. The old record, set in 1988, was 31.17.

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The principles of fiscal conservatism loom large in Danville's government. Town officials use minimal full-time staff and hire contractors to get the work done. Spend less—and surely a remaining balance will rise at the end.

"The Town Council sets the tone," said Town Manager Joe Calabrigio, who has had the job for 13 years and hails from British Columbia. "We're very much on the same page."

"We run the town like a private enterprise," he added. "We keep the ship on course."

Last month, the Danville Town Council approved its annual operating budget of \$22.5 million, which strives to follow its fiscal conservative policy, Calabrigio said. Council members supported by town staff have spent several lengthy sessions on Danville's 2006-07 and 2007-08 annual budgets.

Where does Danville get its money?

Danville receives its money from a variety of sources such as property, sales and vehicle taxes. Property taxes make up the largest portion of the town's income; it is estimated to be \$10.2 million for 2006-07. The property tax rate is just over 1 percent of the assessed value of a home. If residents bought their home after 1978, when a new tax rate was approved by the voters in the passing of landmark Proposition 13, that means they pay approximately 1 percent of the purchase price of the home in property taxes.

The average house in Danville cost

\$869,000 in July 2005 and therefore the average tax rate was \$8,690. Roughly 7 percent of this—or \$608—went to Danville for all the services it provides.

While the town receives 7 percent, another 17 percent of the property tax bill goes to San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, and 50 percent goes to county education; of that, approximately 35 percent goes to the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. The remainder of the property tax revenue goes to BART, Mosquito Abatement and other agencies.

Danville also receives more than \$3 million in sales taxes and \$1.6 million in other local taxes, which include business license taxes, franchise fees and hotel/motel taxes. Hotels charge a tax that goes back to the local community to pay for the services they provide while the visitors stay in town, but for Danville this is a very small revenue source, given the limited number of hotel rooms in town.

Also, when people buy something in California, 1 cent of every taxable dollar spent is given to the community where the purchase is made, which is why folks are encouraged to shop in their own communities. Business license taxes are paid by each business in town, which is another small revenue source. Franchise fees come from electrical services such as Pacific Gas & Electric.

Additionally Danville receives money from other sources of income such as renting its buildings to day care, cellular sites and other businesses. Also, it receives service charges, mostly from program fees in the

town's Parks and Recreation Department.

Lastly, Danville receives around \$350,000 a year from parking and moving violations fines issued by the police, Calabrigio said.

The revenue collected from all of these sources go to Danville's general fund, which the town uses for any purpose, he said. There is an estimated total of \$18.6 million in the general fund for 2006-07.

'Special Restricted Revenue'

Calabrigio said "special restricted revenue" finances specific functions in Danville. This includes building and planning, engineering, low- and moderate-income housing and property replacement. "These come with strings attached," he said, as opposed to money in the general fund.

Danville gets more than \$1.4 million a year in permit fees—based on a percentage of property evaluations on the value of work being done to a home—which helps pay for its planning and building staff. It receives \$64,000 from engineering related revenues fees that finance Danville's engineering employees. Also, it gets more than \$830,000 from gas taxes to fund staff projects and neighborhood traffic improvements, Calabrigio said. The town receives approximately \$635,000 from Measure C, a countywide sales tax passed in 1988 to pay for road improvements.

In addition, property owners pay special assessments for the Storm Water Pollution Control Program and the Light and Landscaping Assessment District (LLAD).

The SPCP receives \$515,000 and the LLAD receives approximately \$3 million annually. The fees taken out are shown on residents' property tax bills, Calabrigio said.

The lighting district pays for maintaining streetlights, parks and building, and roadside maintenance. The storm water program cleanses catch basins, prevents water pollution, and provides public education about keeping the Bay Area water clean.

"It's part of the federal clean water pro-

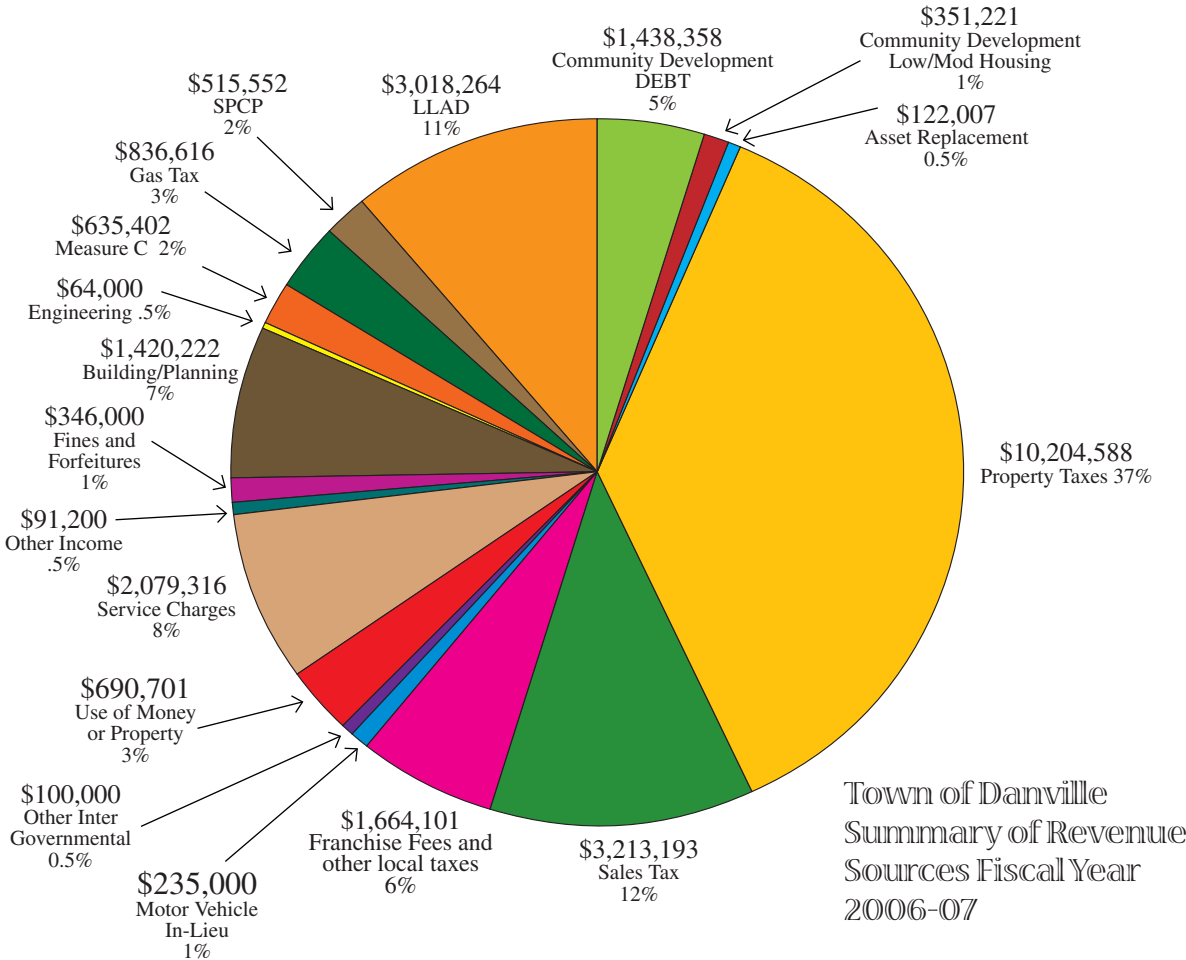


Danville Town Manager Joe Calabrigio

gram," Calabrigio said.

Additionally, the town receives more than \$71,000 for its Asset Replacement Fund, which pays for building and property replacements. And it receives approximately \$31,000 for its Asset Replacement Library Fund, which pays for fixing features at the Danville Public Library.

Further, the town issues more than \$1.4



Comparing three years' budgets for services

	Budget 2005-06	Budget 2006-07	Budget 2007-08
Legislative	\$346,778	\$456,686	\$395,100
Administration	\$499,784	\$664,214	\$676,000
Legal	\$625,103	\$654,744	\$672,700
Police	\$6,122,588	\$6,296,068	\$6,604,000
Development	\$3,097,707	\$3,301,081	\$3,454,000
Transportation	\$439,046	\$526,040	\$549,700
Maintenance	\$5,211,487	\$5,493,706	\$5,640,000
Parks and Recreation	\$2,427,458	\$2,713,662	\$2,789,000
Finance	\$703,879	\$741,179	\$767,500
Human Resources	\$342,785	\$363,114	\$376,300
Support	\$579,094	\$595,024	\$613,200
Special Events	\$245,845	\$352,060	\$367,800
Property replacement	\$479,916	\$343,250	\$214,000
TOTAL	\$21,121,472	\$22,500,829	\$23,122,000

by Jordan M. Doronila

on in tax increments to pay for
1 existing debt that pays for the
s redevelopment. The remaining
000 goes back to the general
to repay the town's redevelop-
agency. Redevelopment money
been used to purchase Danville
Meeting Hall and the Village
re as well as to acquire four
c parking lots. It has also par-
funded the Danville Library, the
munity Center and the Sycamore
Senior Housing complex.
e entire revenue for special
cted revenue is around \$8 mil-
Adding the general and special
together, the town has revenue
7 million.

Where does the money go?

e town spends its revenue on
services and capital improve-
projects. It has increased costs
alltime staffing in the town by
000: police services by \$223,000;
c maintenance by \$150,000; and
20 on animal control contract
Other services include legisla-
developmental, and transporta-
see chart below.
albrigo said town expenditures
increased due to the changes of
in many local services and addi-
programs Danville has taken up.
ounty Elections Department costs
e 2006 municipal election have
ased to \$2.50 per registered voter,
\$7,000—a 248 percent increase
the 2005 costs," he said.
e increase covers the costs for a
disaster preparedness program, a
me K-9 unit and youth services.
o covers the increased costs of
animal control and police ser-

For economic development, the
town has spent an additional \$48,600
in business promotion funds; \$25,000
for continued participation in the Tri-
Valley Vision 2010 program; \$42,000
for economic/business promotion
activities related to the September
2006 Longs Drugs Challenge LPGA
event; and a reservation of \$115,000
over fiscal years 2006-08 to join the
Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors
Bureau.

There have been increases in devel-
opment services because the town has
added a full-time building inspector
and a full-time assistant civil engi-
neer to the town's capital manage-
ment program, Calabrigo said. This
should help shorten waiting periods
for inspections and permits for busi-
ness owners.

"It will allow us to complete proj-
ects in a timely way," Calabrigo said.

Danville has also added addition-
al programs and classes for adults,
seniors, youths, and sports and fitness.
And it has added supplemental fund-
ing to the Danville Library to keep it
open seven days, 60 hours, per week,
he said.

What are Danville's projects to improve the town?

Danville makes improvements in
its infrastructure through its Capital
Improvement Program, which identi-
fies its current and future needs and
sources of funding. This program
acts as a companion document to the
town's financial plan.

The CIP is a continuous five-year
plan. Every year, the Town Council
reviews the plan and allocates funding
for projects proposed for the upcom-
ing fiscal year. Capital projects are

divided into three categories: recovery,
quality of life and transportation.

Danville has planned 44 projects,
and they cost \$12.7 million for the
2006-07 fiscal year. The \$6.2 mil-
lion Oak Hill Park Community Center
project is Danville's largest venture.
The town has also appropriated an
additional \$2 million to building the
center.

Additionally, the town has appro-
priated \$3.2 million for pavement
rehabilitation work. Furthermore,
there is \$1.1 million from the Federal
Emergency Management Association
to make repairs on Front Street and El
Pinto Road.

The town is also spending
\$950,000 to renovate the play area
at Sycamore Valley and Diablo Vista
parks. And it has pledged \$750,000
to rebuild the Danville Veteran's
Hall on Hartz Avenue provided the
Veteran Memorial Development
Council—a group that oversees the
hall—comes up with money to pay
for the other half.

"It's old and substandard in its size,"
Calabrigo said.

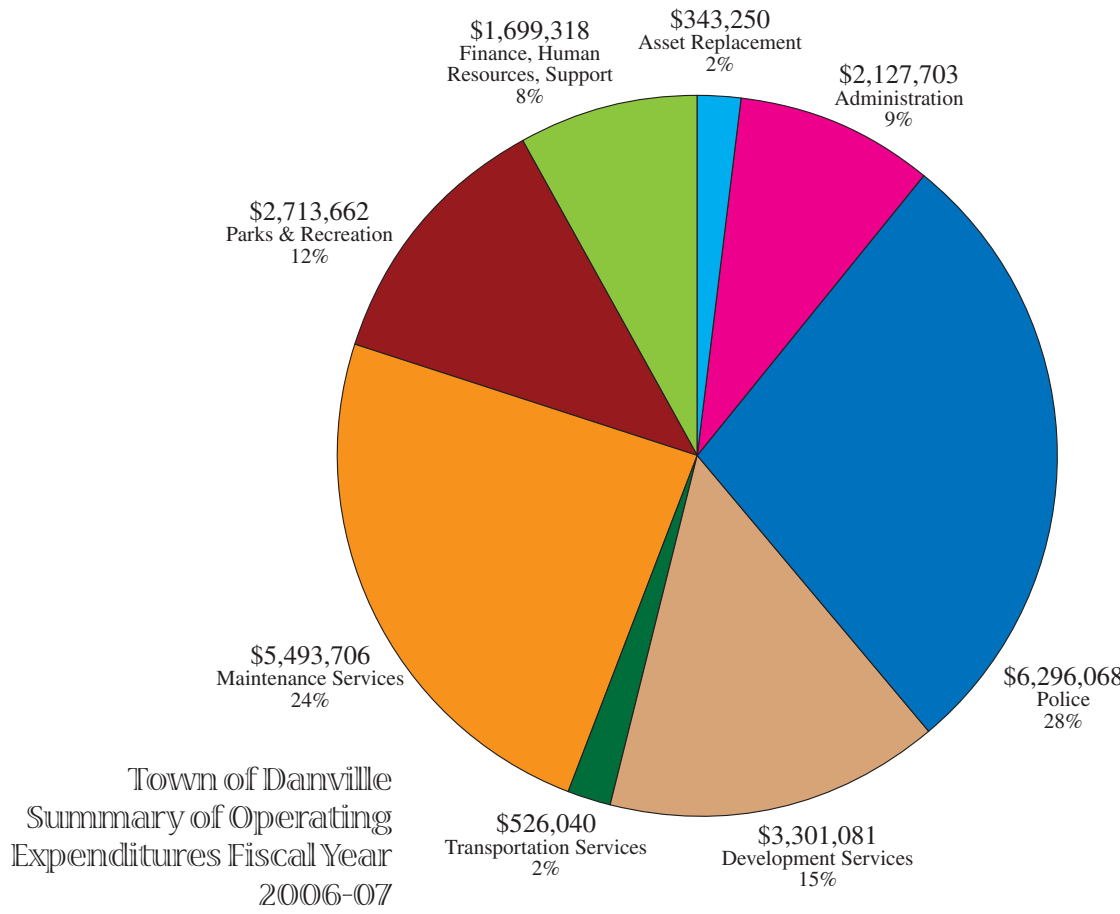
The council has removed the follow-
ing projects: tile art trash enclosures;
Oak Hill Park Historical Document
Display; and Stone Valley Road
Circulation Improvements.

"These are going to be funded in a
different way," he said.

The budget—and the revenue—con-
tinues to climb, and the conservative
approach continues to keep the town's
financial pool fresh and solvent.

"We're spending the money in the
right places," said Councilwoman
Candace Andersen. "We're very con-
servative. We tend to have the money
we need. We don't run short."

"We don't have a pension crisis in
Danville," she added. ■



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Comedy goes with chemo

by B. Lynn Goodwin



Cancer patient finds laughter to be an important medicine

About ovarian cancer

Ovarian cancer will affect 1 in 59 American women, and there is no early screening test. Symptoms are abdominal discomfort; vague but persistent gastrointestinal upsets; urgency of urination; weight loss or gain; bloating; fatigue; and changes in bowel habits. The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition is a nonprofit organization that works to raise awareness of ovarian cancer, educate about the disease, and obtain funding for research. To contact the San Francisco Bay Area Division, call 974-8189 or visit www.ovarian.org.

Comedy benefit

What: Sixth annual Comedy Night for NOCC
Who: Andrew Norelli, Ross Turner, Michael Meehan; emcee Charleen "Charlie B." Earley
Benefits: National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
Where: Hofmann Theatre, Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek
When: 8 p.m., Saturday, July 15
Cost: \$37; \$32 for seniors
Tickets: Call 943-SHOW (943-7469) or visit www.dlrca.org
Information: 974-8189 or visit www.comedybenefit.org

Laughter provided a fabulous diversion when Danville resident Stacey Hartmann was struck with late stage ovarian cancer six years ago. She giggled and hollered at the e-mails, jokes and good cheer provided by her new friend, Charleen "Charley B." Earley.

Earley, a stand-up comic and freelance writer, knew that comedy is every bit as important to recovery as chemo.

"Patch Adams, M.D., a nationally known speaker on wellness, humor and laughter believes that 'the most revolutionary act one can commit in our world is to be happy.' I believe you add 'laugh-a-day' to your 'apple-a-day' and you put yourself in the live-longer category," Earley said.

Hartmann agrees.

"Studies show how laughter releases endorphins that relieve pain and enhance a sense of well-being," she said. "Cancer treatment is hard and stressful, and patients need a break from that."

Stacey Hartmann had met Earley six months before her diagnosis, in her position as an editor for ThisWeek, an entertainment and activity guide. Once Hartmann completed her treatments, Earley, who had already produced comedy benefit shows for Meals on Wheels, the American Cancer Society, Children's Hospital Oakland and Parental Stress Services, went to work.

"When Stacey was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, I immediately thought, 'This next one's for you, Stacey,'" said Earley. "I started putting shows together on her behalf as a cancer patient. After the second one, Stacey knew she could bring more to the table by using her awesome marketing skills, and thus, Comedy Night, a benefit for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, was born and became successful," Earley said.

After their first year at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, Hartmann suggested they move to the more intimate Village Theatre in Danville, where they played to mostly packed houses.

Earley recruited the talents of Mark Pitta, Johnny Steele, Brian Copeland, Tommy Drake, Regina Stoops, Larry "Bubbles" Brown and many more to perform for Comedy Night in Danville. After six years she continues to emcee the annual show and she also performs.

Hartman was diagnosed in the summer of 2000 and statistics gave her a 20 percent chance of surviving for five years. Now her cancer is in remission, and she works part-time in marketing for the Town of Danville. She's also a volunteer with the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition/San Francisco Bay Area Division and the mother of three.

She is grateful to have beaten the odds as she approaches the six-year survival mark in July 2006 and said the healing power of laughter has helped her deal with setbacks like periodic chemotherapy to treat her ovarian cancer recurrence.

"Danville has been wonderful," Hartmann exclaimed. "We have had such loyal and supportive crowds at the Village Theatre shows. The Village staff also has been wonderful to work with."

After playing to sold-out crowds in the Village Theatre, the sixth annual Comedy Night is moving to the 785-seat Hofmann Theatre at the Dean Leshner Center for the Performing Arts. Helping to fund the move is the John Muir Women's Health Center, which provides accessible comprehensive health programs for women in a caring and supportive environment.

Headlining in the show this year will be Andrew Norelli, who graduated from San Ramon Valley High School in 1992. He has appeared with Jay Leno, Gary Shandling and other top comedians, and said he is pleased to return to what he once considered the "big city" of Walnut Creek. Ross Turner and Michael Meehan will join Norelli for the benefit.

In addition to being a riotous, fun-filled night, the Comedy Night producers will distribute information.

"We use Comedy Night to distribute the magnets I designed with the symptoms printed on them," Hartmann said. "It is so gratifying knowing that women take that information and share it with their girlfriends, mothers, sisters and daughters."

"My hope is that women are using that info to open a dialogue with their doctors. We encourage women to take control of their health and be persistent when they have unexplained symptoms that last for more than a few weeks. This is one case where knowledge is power and women can and should use their power when it comes to their health."

Hartmann, now 45, is thankful to have beaten the odds. She knows one thing for sure: A sense of humor is vital for recovery. ■



Above: Comedian Andrew Norelli, a San Ramon Valley High graduate, will be the headliner at the Comedy Night, produced by Stacey Hartmann (below, left) and Charleen "Charley B." Earley.



Thrill 'em with your grilling!

Nothing epitomizes summer fun like grilling. No matter if it's a small hibachi stove, a standard Webber kettle or a fully equipped outdoor kitchen, you can do wondrous things on a backyard grill. There's something simple yet spirited about cooking your foods over an outdoor flame—you can generate a meal as casual as burgers and beer or as sophisticated as filet mignon and champagne—you can have a grilled dinner for two or a barbecue for 30. Outside, the sky (and your sense of culinary adventure) is the limit!

As soon as the weather turns consistently warm, we shift our evening meal orientation to the grill. There are many advantages to grilling—it moves the heat and smoke of the cooking process outside, it minimizes kitchen cleanup, and it offers a unique opportunity to create flavors that only an open grill can provide.

The origins of American grilling can be traced back to the colonists' methods of smoking meat for long-term preservation. It is speculated that the word "barbecue" evolved from the Spanish "barbacoa," a word used to describe the smoking/drying methods of the native

people of the Americas and borrowed by the new arrivals. Besides providing additional flavor to the preservation process, smoke was also helpful in deterring bugs and animals that were attracted to the raw meat.

Most of us utilize both grilling and barbecuing techniques but we tend to think of them as the same process. Technically, "grilling" means a fast cook—employing high temperatures and direct heat from flames. Cooking times range from three to 30 minutes. "Barbecue" (and smoked meats) means "slow and low," employing indirect heat like hot charcoals; cooking times can range from two to 12 hours or longer (e.g., up to a day for a whole animal on an open spit.)

Prepping foods and organizing your steps are keys to efficient grilling. I defrost and marinate the intended meats early in the day or the night before, transferring the marinated meats to a large vacuum-packed or zip-lock plastic bag and refrigerating until use. As time permits, I make a salad or prep/package any vegetables for grilling. When Bob comes home from work, he heats the grill and I lay

everything to be grilled out on one cooking platter, still in their storage bags, and we agree on cooking sequence and times. As he grills, I put out a salad, condiments, beverages and eating utensils, then locate a large serving platter on which to put the grilled foods. Voila ... an almost-instant meal with minimal cleanup! At least once weekly, we limit our meal to grilled fish and an easy salad to make life healthier and even simpler.

Here are a few basic tips to becoming a fantastic grill-meister! **Epicure's Thrilling Grilling Tips:**

- Safety first: Keep foods refrigerated until you're ready to cook them. Don't let raw meat, poultry, eggs or seafood come in contact with other foods. Don't reuse sauce used to marinate raw meat, poultry or seafood unless you reheat it to the boiling point first.
- To insure that foods don't stick, make sure the grill is hot and the grates are clean. Have a meat thermometer handy to check for ideal temperatures.
- If you're making kebabs, metal skewers are best. If you use wood or bamboo, soak them for at least 30

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RECIPES

A Midsummer Night's Grill (for 4):

- Starter: Grilled Barbecued Oysters
- Basic Grilled Steaks served with Horseradish Cream
- Fresh Green Salad (your own recipe)
- Grilled Asparagus with Meyer Lemon Vinaigrette (see www.DanvilleWeekly.com for recipe)
- Grilled Pineapple with Butter Rum Sauce

GRILLED BARBECUE OYSTERS (serves 4-6)

- 1/2 cup hot sauce
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. cracked pepper
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 dozen oysters in the shell, scrubbed
- 1/5 cup chopped Italian parsley
- 8 lemon wedges

1. Combine the first 7 ingredients in a small saucepan, and stir well.
2. Prepare grill. Place saucepan containing barbecue sauce on grill rack. Place oysters on grill rack, and grill 5 minutes or until a few oysters begin to open. Remove oysters from heat. Carefully open oysters with an oyster knife, leaving on the half shell.
3. Sprinkle oysters with parsley, and drizzle with barbecue sauce. Serve with lemon wedges.

BASIC GRILLED STEAKS SERVED WITH HORSERADISH CREAM (serves 2 but recipe is easily doubled)

- 2 steaks, preferably 1 1/2 inches thick (T-bone, porterhouse, New York strip, top blade, rib eye, or rib steaks will all work)
- Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper.
- 1. Sprinkle the steaks liberally with salt and pepper. Bring the steaks to room temperature while you prepare your grill. Heat the grill so that one-half is hot and the other half is just warm.
- 2. Lay the steaks on the hot half of the grill, and sear until well-browned, about 2 to 3 minutes. Turn, sear until

well-browned, and move them to the warm side of the grill. Grill them 5 to 10 minutes longer, or until they've reached the desired doneness (120 degrees for rare, 135 degrees for medium, 150 degrees for well done). To gauge the temperature, insert a meat thermometer into the side of the meat rather than the top, being sure not to get close to bones.

3. When the steaks have reached the ideal temperature, remove from the grill, tent with foil, and let rest for 3 to 5 minutes before serving. Note: If you aren't able to grill outdoors, steaks can be seared in a hot lightly oiled well-seasoned large (2-burner) ridged grill pan over moderately high heat, turning over once, until grill marks form, 4 to 6 minutes total. Reduce heat to moderately low, then cover with 2 large overturned metal bowls and cook, turning over once, 10-12 minutes total.

HORSERADISH CREAM (for 2 steaks)

- 1 cup sour cream
 - 1/4 cup undrained horseradish (from a new jar)
 - 4 scallions, chopped
 - 1/2 teaspoon each: salt and pepper
- Stir together sour cream, horseradish, scallions, salt and pepper in a bowl. Serve as side garnish.

GRILLED PINEAPPLE WITH BUTTER RUM GLAZE (serves 6)

- 1 cup dark rum
- 12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1 vanilla bean
- 8 ounces mascarpone
- 1/2 cup fresh blueberries
- 1. Combine the rum, butter, and sugar in a small saucepan and, whisking often, cook until the sugar has melted and the mixture is slightly thickened, 8-10 minutes. (The glaze can be made in advance, cooled and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature before using.)
- 2. Heat your grill to high. Grill the pineapple slices, brushing frequently with the glaze, until browned, 2-3 minutes each side.
- 3. Remove the pineapple to a platter or serving plates. Garnish with a few fresh blueberries. Serve immediately.



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Break-Up (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:40 a.m., 4:05, 9:30 p.m.
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Wordplay (PG)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 2:55, 5:05, 7:10 p.m.
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BY BEVERLY LANE



All aboard for Danville

The gold and brown Danville depot in 1910 is a classic Southern Pacific building, complete with a roof finial and decorative knee braces. The Concord, Walnut Creek and San Ramon depots were built in the same style. When the San Ramon Branch Line was built from Avon (near Martinez) to San Ramon in 1891, it provided a welcome passenger, mail and freight service to residents.

Source: Picture from museum files; information from “San Ramon Valley—Alamo, Danville, San Ramon” by Beverly Lane and Ralph Cozine

OF NOTE

Edwards joins Hall of Fame

Colleen Edwards, founder and president of marketing communications agency EMC, was inducted into the California Building Industry Hall of Fame on June 20 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. The Hall of Fame, now in its 22nd year, is composed of 150 men and women whose contributions have resulted in the long-term advancement of homebuilding, construction, development, marketing, finance or related service within the building industry in California. The honorees are also involved in public service, civic, social and philanthropic organizations in their communities.



Edwards started her own business at age 26, with money for less than one month of operations. From those early days working out of an apartment with yellow shag carpeting and a stat camera in the bathroom, Edwards has grown to become an industry superstar. Edwards has been in the homebuilding industry for more than 25 years and co-founded the Women's Council of the Home Builders' Association of Northern California, and also served as its president.

“From the beginning, she had something that was more important than cash—boundless energy and talent,” said Gary Ryness, founder and chairmen of the Ryness Company.

Edwards, who has a journalism degree from UC Berkeley, published “From Good Market Research to Great Marketing,” a how-to guidebook for homebuilders and marketing professionals.



KRISTINE KUDRY

Hailing their heroes

The children of Natalie Buhler's second-grade class at Sycamore Valley Elementary School take a bow after performing speeches on their individual heroes on Hero Day, June 7.

Exchange Club winner

The Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley, in partnership with the All Wars Memorial Foundation, and sponsored by AT&T (Shiyama Clunie) and PG&E (Bill Hardy), awarded two college scholarships to the winners of an annual essay contest June 13: \$1,000 to Kyle Levy and \$500 to Raj Sekar, both students at California High School. The topic, “Upholding the Constitution,” was based upon the documents in the Freedom Shrine of documents in permanent display at the school.

Judges included Danville Mayor Karen Stepper, San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson, school district board of education president Bill Clarkson, Terry Thompson, Lee Halverson, Tom Hawkins and Dee Thompson.

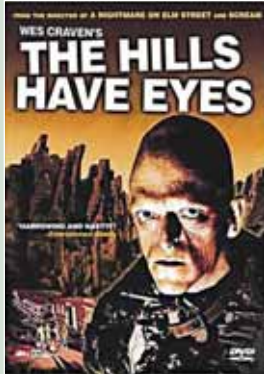
A movie review of what's

READY TO RENT

by Joe Ramirez

The Hills Have Eyes

Fox Home Video DVD
1hr 41mins
Director: Alexandre Aja



A desert breakdown! Skimpily dressed teenage daughters! Uptight dads! Mutant cannibals! No, as asinine as it sounds, this is not a new John Waters comedy (well, depends on your sense of humor) or the latest stupid reality show. It's Alexandre Aja's amusing remake of Wes Craven's so-so 1978 original "The Hills Have Eyes," but, with a little more polish and gory panache thrown in to whet the appetites of teenage boys and men alike (and, if they're lucky, their girls and wives, as well). Aja, the French director who made a titanic first impression on me with his "Haute Tension," seems to tone down his hypnotically frantic style here, but never leaves his audience hanging for what they expect: suspense and violence in large portions.

The film, however, is not the depressing kind of experience that sometimes plagues the genre. A bad horror film, one that is nihilistic in tone, is perceived as even more brutal in nature and can leave you feeling empty and depressed, as if crashing from an immense sugar high. A good one, or maybe I'm saying a satisfying one, especially the modern kind, is now a hybrid of a Spielberg-styled pacing along with some of his sentiments as well, with family or friends tested (Joe Dante's "Gremlins" comes to mind as the first of this type) but, with a lot of violence thrown in for good measure. Aja's "The Hills Have Eyes" follows this commercial formula but with some of its own surprises left over from the original film, which makes it a curio-hybrid of sorts.

The film is the classic stranded story, which saves us any type of emotional involvement and lands us right into the visceral thrills. The Carters are on the typical family vacation, driving through the deserts of New Mexico to get to California. Like all family vacations, everyone is at each others' throats until, after some bad advice about a shortcut through the desert and a mysterious tire blowout, they really want to kill each other. The characters split up into respective sexual roles: ex-police officer Dad (the very underrated Ted Levine) decides to walk back to the creepy gas station where he thinks he can get help from the equally creepy attendant, while the women stay behind and wait for him and his whiny son-in-law Doug (Aaron Stanford). There is something, however, out in the bleached hills that is watching mom (the equally underrated Kathleen Quinlan) and daughters Brenda (Emilie de Ravin) and Lynn (Vinessa Shaw) sunbathe and prepare dinner that does not make its presence known until nightfall.

"The Hills Have Eyes" is an example of a great director making a formula film whose limitations can be felt by the pedestrian script itself. The film is properly scary and gory in its respective moments. The thrills arrive like clockwork, but never was I bored because of director Aja's and his cinematographer Maxime Alexandre's weird sense of landscape. It is not the monsters that are terrifying, but the endless desert itself, whose cracks and fissures threaten to swallow up its trespassers and whose baked earth looks properly tortured. Aja also understands the proper sense of masochistic fun, as with any horror film, of torturing oneself for the effect, and he provides many moments to jump and shout at the characters' pre-destined stupidity, which is a type of catharsis especially after a long week at the office.

—Joe Ramirez

Epicure

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minutes first so they don't catch fire.

- Closing the grill cover increases the heat so your grill becomes a combo grill/convection oven. Generally, closing the lid is best except for foods that need longer, deeper cooking time.

- Grilling meats/seafood: High heat sears the outside of the food, creates intense flavor and locks in the flavor; frequent flipping lowers the temperature of the food and prevents a proper sear. For best results, place the meat/fish on the grill, leave it alone, and flip it only once halfway through the cooking. Don't press on burgers with your spatula while you are cooking—you'll squeeze out the juices. With meats and seafood, use tongs instead of forks, which

release juices and can contaminate the inside with bacteria.

- Grilling vegetables/fruits: Brush veggies with extra-virgin olive oil, season with salt and pepper to taste and throw on the grill. Cook vegetables and fruits toward the sides of the grill where heat tends to be lower. To prevent food from falling through the slats, use skewers, a grilling tray or larger pieces, which you can cut again before serving. Fruits tend to have a high water content, which can make them very hot, so be sure to let them cool a bit before eating.

So, fire up that grill of yours and enjoy a summer of outdoor dining. Try this simple yet tantalizing dinner menu and let the grilling season begin.

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

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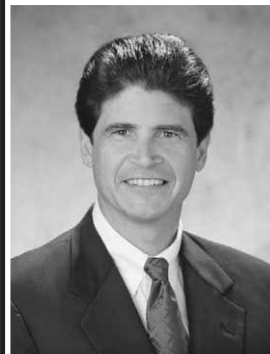
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.

Classes

Clay Character Modeling for Kids

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Clay Character Modeling for Kids class from 10-11:30 a.m., Saturdays, for ages 6-13. Michael Yen is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$86 for four weeks plus \$15 for materials. For information, call 838-1959.

Mixed Media Fun for Kids

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Mixed Media Fun for Kids class from 3-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, for ages 6-13. Marilyn MacDougall is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$78 for five weeks, plus \$8 for materials. For information, call 838-1959.

Oil and Acrylic Painting Class

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers an Oil and Acrylic Painting class from 10 a.m.-noon, Mondays, and from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays. Charles White is the instructor. Classes are ongoing and for all levels. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Pencil Sketching

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Pencil Sketching class from 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, for beginners-intermediates. Michael Yen is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Clubs

Alamo Cribbage Club

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

Contra Costa Rose Society

This club will host Bonnie Brusseau who will be talking about "Choosing the Right Roses for Your Garden," at 7:15 p.m., Monday, July 24, at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 681-1551 or visit www.ccrose.org.

Danville Area Cultural Alliance

The Danville Area Cultural Alliance (DACA) will have a board meeting at 7

p.m., every third Monday of the month at the Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., Danville. For information, call 838-1959 or visit www.danvilleareaculturalalliance.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 Bonsai Club

This club will host a lecture and workshop on planting and raising bonsai trees, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, at Heather Farm Garden Center, Camellia Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 736-9157 or visit www.angelfire.com/ca2/diablobonsai.

Diablo Singles Dance Club

Diablo Singles Dance Club dances regularly the last Wednesday of the month from 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Arts Education Building, corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. The cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. All are welcome. Call 837-2851.

Diablo Valley 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.

Model RC Boaters Association

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

Porsche Club of America, Diablo Region

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

San Ramon Valley Exchange Club

The San Ramon Valley Exchange Club invites you to join them at noon, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Faz, 600 Hartz Ave., (sign in at 11:45 a.m.). RSVP 275-2412 or couchstepper@yahoo.com. The cost for lunch is \$16.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

The organization's next meeting will begin at 7 p.m., the second

Thursday of each month, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Concerts

Love Duets and Arias Concert

This concert featuring Puccini, Verdi, Tchaikowsky, Mozart and others will start at 8 p.m., Friday, July 28, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 25 Lake St., San Francisco. The concert will feature Danville resident Elena Yakoubovsky (soprano), Percy Martinez (tenor) and Temirzhan Erzhanov (pianist). Tickets are \$18 for general public; \$12 for seniors and students. Call 964-9994.

Music in the Park

The Town of Danville is holding its 21st annual Music in the Park series from 6-8 p.m. on four Saturdays, in July and August at Oak Hill Park, 3031 Stone Valley Road. The concerts are supported by East Bay BMW, Charterhouse Mortgage and Intero Real Estate. July 8 will feature Lydia Pense & Cold Blood; July 22, Pride & Joy; Aug. 5, East Bay Mudd; Aug. 19, the Cheeseballs. Call 314-3470.

Events

18th Annual Post Pebble Beach Open House

Blackhawk Museum will host the 18th annual Post Pebble Beach Open House including refreshments and light snacks provided by Scott's Seafood and Grill from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 21, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Music will be provided by Earl Watkins. Call 736-2280.

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 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

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Pan Extasy, man!

Alamo Parks and Recreation's Summer Concert Series will host Pan Extasy, a band that has played around the world, sharing its unique and festive sounds of the Caribbean, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., tonight, July 7, at Livorna Park, 801 Livorna Road, Alamo. Pan Extasy has performed at private parties for Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover. Come and enjoy the island feeling. Call 451-9176.

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.

Cars, Cars, Cars

Blackhawk Museum will host "Cars, Cars, Cars" exploring the concepts behind the Pixar movie from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, July 23, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Participants will design and paint cars and make Rocky Road candy. Free with admission to the museum. Call 736-2277.

Cupid Pre-Dating

Attention all single professionals ages 27-49. Cupid.com presents a Cupid Pre-Dating event from 6:30-10 p.m., Monday, July 31, at Vic Stewart's, 850 S. Broadway, Walnut Creek. Cost is \$34 if you register before July 29; \$39 at the door. Call (408) 849-4749 or visit www.predating.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 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.

Farmers Market

The Danville Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Saturday, and from 4-8 p.m., every Thursday from now until Sept. 14, at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. "Kids Fest" activities will be held in part with Farmers Market, on Thursday, July 29. There will be an inflatable jump house for kids, crafts and the Market Game Quiz Show. In addition a cooking show demo by Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association and live music will be provided by "Chaz." Call 825-9090 or visit www.pcfma.com.

Free Shakespeare in the Park

The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts presents their annual Free Shakespeare in the Park, with "Twelfth Night" performed by Women's Will, from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, July 29, Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Avenue, Pleasanton. Admission is free. Picnic suppers and low lawn chairs are welcome. Call 931-5340 or visit www.pleasantonarts.org.

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.

Giant Summer Book Sale

Friends of the Danville Library will be hosting a giant book sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, July 7-8, and from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, July 9, in the Mt. Diablo Room, Danville Library, 400 Front St. Call 837-1293.

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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.

Happy 10th Birthday, Danville Library

Celebrate Danville Library's 10th birthday with lively performances by Motu'aina Polyesian Dance and Drumming group, entertaining music provided by the California Symphony and, of course, birthday cake at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. A henna artist and face painter will be present to add a splash of color. This event is free and open to everyone. Call 837-4455.

Horse Racing at the County Fair

This year the Alameda County Fair will host 11 great days of thundering hooves as the jockeys battle for the final turn. The races post time starts at 12:15 p.m. daily until the fair ends Sunday, July 9, at the Fair in Pleasanton. Box seats are sold out, but there's still room in the Trackside Terrace; call 426-7600 or visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

Hot Summer Nights Car Show

Danville Merchants' Association will host Hot Summer Nights Car Show from 4-9 p.m., July 13, 27 and Aug. 10 and 24, on Hartz Avenue, Danville. The staging will be at San Ramon Valley High School, 140 Love Lane, Danville. For information, call Tony at 820-5750 or David at 820-9116.

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.

Third Annual Community Garage Sale

Resurrection Lutheran Church will hold its third annual Community Wide Garage Sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 22, in the church parking lot, 7557 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Doublewide spaces can be purchased for \$25; a Goodwill truck will arrive at the end of the sale. Call 828-1580 or e-mail resluth@pacbell.net.

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.

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.

Impressionistic Landscapes and Moody Abstracts Art Exhibit

The Blackhawk Art Gallery will be celebrating the works of Stephen Sanfilippo and Connie Lambkin with a special reception from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, July 15, at the gallery, 3628 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Free to the public. The exhibit will run from July 15-Aug. 7; gallery hours are from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call Tracy Bauer, (415) 531-2556.

'The Art of the Poster'

Blackhawk Museum is paying tribute to the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance with a special exhibition titled "The Art of the Poster: A Tribute to the Artwork of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance." Museum hours are from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, through

August. For more information, contact Jon Hart at 736-2280 or www.BlackhawkMuseum.org.

Trains at the Depot

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

Christmas in July

Assistance League of Diablo Valley will host its principal fundraiser from July 18-29, at Way Side Inn Thrift Shop and Costume Rental, 3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette. Celebrate "Christmas in July" by shopping for holiday merchandise. The shop is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Call 934-0901 or visit www.diablovalley.assistanceleague.org.

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.

Discovering the Healing Power of Your Voice

The Wellness Community presents a workshop on discovering how the tones in your voice can bring harmony and balance to your body, mind and spirit. This event is from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 22, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Avenue, Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends; reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

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

Adventure Guides

The San Ramon Valley YMCA offers three programs for fathers and their children. Formerly Indian Princesses and Guides, the Adventure Guides are Junior Explorers (pre-school to kindergarten), Guides and Princesses (kindergarten-third grade), and Trail Blazers (fourth-eighth grade). Fathers spend special times with their sons and daughters, camping, rafting, at sports events, bowling and much more. Call 831-1100.

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.

YMCA Summer Specialty Camps

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

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.robertsmanagementgroup.com.

Class for Parents of New Kindergarteners

The Town of Danville will host a series of classes for parents of new kindergarteners 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.

Entering the Entrepreneurial World

Technology Ventures Corp. presents "Entering the Entrepreneurial World," from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, at Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. This event is free, but registration is required by calling 960-1600 or visit www.caconference.com/location.

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 event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends; reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Herbs and Cancer Support

The Wellness Community presents a lecture about how herbs and foods can aid in helping cancer patients' immune systems become strong again. Joan Kasich will answer your questions from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, 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.

How To Identify Your Customers and Competition

Contra Costa Library and Small Business Development Center are presenting a workshop that will teach you to save money using the library database ReferenceUSA, from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, at Pleasant Hill Library, 1750 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. This event is free, but registration is required by calling 646-5377 or e-mail cjensen@contracostabdc.com.

How to Make a Business Successful

Contra Costa Library and Small Business Development Center will present a workshop on how to make your business successful, from 7-9 p.m., Monday, July 17, Contra Costa

Small Business Development Center, 2425 Bisso Lane, Concord. This event is free, but registration is required by calling 646-5377 or e-mailing cjensen@contracostabdc.com.

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 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through 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.

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Live Music

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.

Miscellaneous

Adopt a New Best Friend

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

Free Computer Instruction

Would you like to learn more about computers or the Internet? The Danville Library is offering free computer instruction on Word, Excel, Powerpoint or the Internet by appointment only. To make an appointment, visit the Danville Library Information Desk or call 837-4889.

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.

Magic of Videogames

Ken Balough and Chris Navarro from LucasArts will discuss the magic behind videogames at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 15 at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. in the Valley Oak room. Call 837-4889.

Seniors

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 \$10 a year. Call Fran Britt at 743-4026.

Laugh Club

Research has shown increased levels of endorphins, immune system cells and decreased levels of stress hormones. Join us for a half-hour laugh session at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. This event is free and open to the public. Call Fred Turner at 216-4590.

Mystery Trip

The Town of Danville will host a mystery trip for seniors from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday, July 19. Cost is \$72 for residents; \$85 non-residents. Bring money for lunch. Activity level is 3.0-3.5. Call 314-3476.

Port Chicago Memorial

The Town of Danville will host seniors to the site of the largest homeland disaster during WWII at Port Chicago from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2. After lunch in Danville, participants will hop on a National Parks Shuttle and will tour the Eugene O'Neill Tao House. Activity level is 4.0 (walking and standing). Cost is \$4 for residents; \$5 for non-residents. Bring money for lunch. Call 314-3476.

Prime Time

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

Valley Oak Respite Center Activities for Seniors

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

Spiritual

Thursday Evening Seminar

San Damiano Retreat presents Thursday Evening Summer Series on Creativity and Spirituality from 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, July 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

Cubbies Soccer Sign-Ups

The Town of Danville will begin sign-ups for a six-week soccer program to introduce children to the basic skills of soccer. The first practices begin from 5-5:45 p.m. or 6-6:45 p.m., the

first week of July 10 and you can choose to go Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, at Osage Station Park, 816 Brookside Drive, Danville. This is a parent-run program and no coach will be provided. Each child will receive a T-shirt, water bottle and award. Call 314-3482.

San Ramon Valley Tennis Club

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

Summer Sport Programs for Adults

The Town of Danville will offer many different summer programs for adults including: Adult Basketball League (3 on 3 on Tuesday nights; 5 on 5 on Thursday nights), Thursday Pilates (6-7 p.m., until July 13), Velocity Sports Performance (6:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, until Aug. 9), Senior Softball (9 a.m., Thursdays, until Sept. 14) and more. Each activity has different fees. For information or to register, call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

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.

Walnut Creek Tennis Club

WCTC is a free, co-ed tennis group for single adults of all ages and levels (primarily 2.5-3.5). It plays drop-in tennis from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays and Sundays at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek (S. Main). See information at <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/wctc/>.

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Association

The ACPA group meets from 11a.m.-1p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Community Presbyterian Church Library at 222 W. El Pintado Rd., Danville.

Bipolar Support Group

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

Breast Cancer Support Group

This is a staff-facilitated support group for women with breast cancer. It meets at 6:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of each month at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, in the West Day Room of the South Building. Call Lisa Peguese at 275-8414.

Cancer Support Groups

Free support, education and stress management for cancer patients and their loved ones, including general support groups for all types of cancer patients as well as cancer specific groups for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, brain tumor, support groups for caregivers and life after cancer. Groups meet at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. For times and days, call 933-0107.

Danville TOPS

The Danville chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets at 9 a.m., every Tuesday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road. Call Bob Blendow at 935-9344 or Rosemarie at 838-7870

Hospice Offers Support

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa offers a variety of support groups and workshops for people experiencing grief and loss after the death of a loved one. Individual grief counseling for Hospice families is also available. Groups are offered from 7-9 p.m., Friday evenings at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo. All groups and workshops are offered without fee and require preregistration. For a schedule of groups in the Pleasant Hill area, for additional information and/or to register, call 887-5678.

Overeaters Anonymous

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

PFLAG

The Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter of Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a support group that meets at 7:30 p.m., every third Monday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 838-8632.

San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue and Chronic Pain Support

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

Volunteering

Assistance League of Diablo Valley

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

Blackhawk Museum Docent Training

If you are interested in becoming a much appreciated part of the Blackhawk Museum family while contributing to your community, making new friends, learning new things, and having fun, become a docent! For information, contact Norma at 736-2277 ext. 238.

Child Abuse Prevention Council

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

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art

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

Friends of Discovery

Discovery Counseling Center has received more than \$5 million, thanks to Friends of Discovery. The organization is looking for volunteers who can commit eight hours per month in the Thrift Station, 486 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Call Le Anne, 837-7998.

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

Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and others about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. The museum will be offering a mini class to help volunteers learn how to connect children with wildlife from 10-11:30 a.m., Monday, July 17-Aug. 14, at the museum, 1931 1st Avenue, Walnut Creek. A behind the scenes tour will be included. The cost is \$6 for museum members; \$8 for non-members. To register, call 935-1978 ext. 413. Call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Make a Difference

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

Rides for Seniors in Lafayette

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

Search and Rescue

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

Sheriff Seeks Senior Volunteers

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

Trails Maintenance

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

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

The animal rescue will be hosting new volunteer orientation sessions from 1-2:30 p.m., Saturday, July 8, and Sunday, July 23, at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin. Call 426-2472 or e-mail Cathy at calicocathy@yahoo.com.

Valley Children's Museum Needs Volunteers

If you are interested in working with kids, Valley Children's Museum is looking for you! For information about volunteer opportunities, call 461-6574, 3 # or e-mail Linda@valleychildrens-museum.org.

Volunteer Interpreters

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

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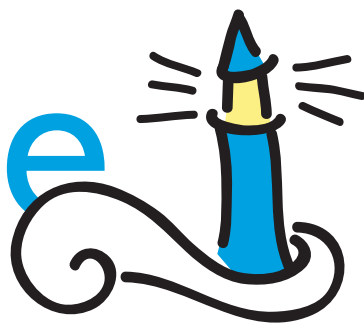
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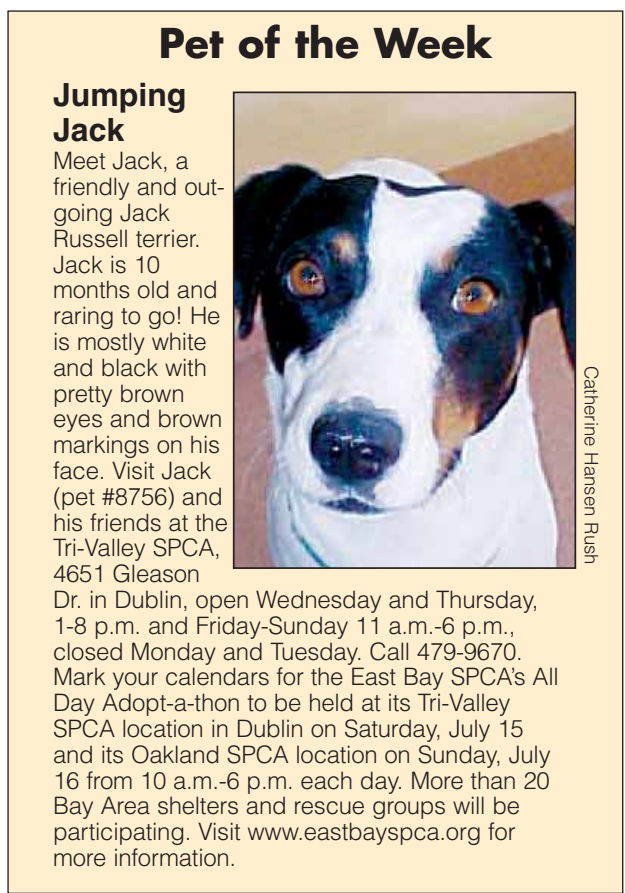
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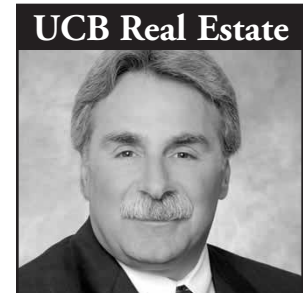
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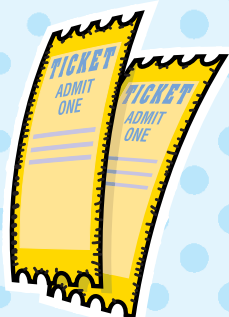
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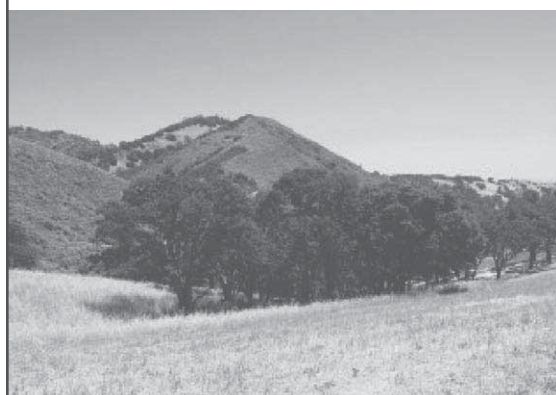
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This week's data represents homes sold during June 2006

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Total sales reported: 24	Total sales reported: 9	Total sales reported: 39
Lowest sale reported: \$625,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,000,000	Lowest sale reported: \$292,500
Highest sale reported: \$3,700,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,200,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,875,000
Average sales reported: \$1,182,729	Average sales reported: \$1,644,444	Average sales reported: \$779,551

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
10 Anthurium Court Y. Song to A. & S. Moghul for \$895,000	2436 Alamo Glen Drive T. & J. Morris to S. & L. Antosy for \$1,565,000	for \$306,000
35 Barrons Place H. & C. Fitzhugh to D. & J. Langill for \$1,520,000	1401 Bernie Lane Campbell Trust to G. Jackson for \$1,300,000	10 Martin Court P. Knauff to D. & L. Vanerp for \$695,000
591 Bridgewater Circle Bente Trust to T. & J. Gavello for \$1,055,000	2007 Green Valley Road W. & Y. Burke to S. & E. Weisenberg for \$2,200,000	561 Matterhorn Drive K. Melamed to K. Chang for \$696,000
795 Brookside Drive G. & M. Storm to B. & A. Leveille for \$1,199,000	21 Kemp Court Sbarbaro Trust to P. Melczer for \$1,900,000	522 Monarch Ridge Drive N. Rivara to J. Lapirola for \$755,000
305 Del Amigo Road Marozas Trust to T. & J. Weinberg for \$1,043,000	28 Kimberley Place Corrie Development to K. & K. McKean for \$2,000,000	270 Montecillo Drive Tice Valley Partners to M. & S. Fraser for \$787,000
576 Del Amigo Road Bledsoe Trust to H. & C. Varian for \$3,700,000	141 La Sonoma Way American International Relocation to B. & R. Olin for \$1,245,000	370 North Civic Drive #307 P. Cordano to J. Whalin for \$327,000
10 Dutch Mill Court M. & J. Ma to J. & E. Walters for \$1,045,000	1590 Las Trampas Road C. Nelson to D. & S. Hourany for \$1,000,000	2588 Oak Road #138 M. Hiromoto to L. Carmona for \$505,000
119 Gerald Drive G. Watts to S. & L. Nolan for \$1,400,000	1450 Laurenita Way Kehrig Trust to D. & A. Heidemann for \$1,995,000	2742 Oak Road #187 J. Hwang to A. Ghafouri for \$303,000
263 Greenbrook Drive Begun Trust to D. & K. Dunn for \$1,039,000	2155 Ridgewood Road P. Smith to Affinito Trust for \$1,775,000	2530 Oak Road #306 Bridgeport Commons to G. & E. Lowe for \$537,000
65 Jasmine Court Kocourek Trust to B. Barr for \$930,000	Walnut Creek	2550 Oak Road #314 Bridgeport Commons to L. & S. Mejia for \$434,000
544 Knollwood Court E. & D. Montelindo to J. & L. Delfosse for \$1,149,000	1315 Alma Avenue #133 Alpine of Alma Development to K. Wilson for \$518,000	1941 Olmo Way J. Lechner to M. Chen for \$534,500
4400 Mansfield Drive T. & J. Marki to V. Bauer-Pirouz for \$1,275,000	1315 Alma Avenue #136 Alpine of Alma Development to A. Barakzai for \$537,000	367 Pimlico Drive Acumen Property Inspection to Parelius Trust for \$695,000
13 Meadowlark Court T. & H. Capizzi to T. & K. Vanhoesen for \$1,230,000	10 Carlos Court Lafayette Hidden Oaks to Sverak-Nicolini Trust for \$2,875,000	580 Pimlico Drive Parelius Trust to P. Igrvskiy for \$549,000
199 Mont Blanc Court J. & B. O'Connor to A. & K. Bartenetti for \$1,236,500	54 Carmello Road M. Clark to L. & R. Gaubert for \$1,499,000	174 Ponderosa Lane V. Baiocchi to I. Siddiqi for \$842,000
16 Montecito Drive M. Dunn to Marozas Trust for \$1,320,000	3654 Citrus Avenue J. Blitstein to R. & M. Williams for \$1,015,000	1477 Ramsay Circle Lockridge Trust to L. Rood for \$795,000
695 Park Hill Road C. & E. Valentini to E. & K. Pogue for \$1,074,000	1427 Corona Place S. & S. Bowman to B. & A. Lewis for \$809,000	2024 Raphael Court S. & M. Epstein to W. Payne for \$702,000
42 Remington Court D. & T. Lardner to J. & J. Senaldi for \$1,450,000	11 Dale Court D. Myers to K. & B. Sobieszczanski for \$735,000	2642 Saklan Indian Drive #3 Parish Trust to Gunn Trust for \$550,000
1061 River Rock Lane Olson Trust to M. Sarlat for \$770,000	1129 Danforth Lane C. & R. Liu to B. Hillman for \$1,155,000	2914 Saklan Indian Drive Vandenbrulle Trust to Matthews Trust for \$885,000
692 Silver Lake Drive R. & D. Hutchison to Noero Trust for \$815,000	2732 Eccleston Avenue A. & A. Spett to S. Kearney for \$675,000	2020 Strand Road Spittler Trust to R. & W. Libby for \$975,000
312 South Eagle Nest Lane Jacobson Trust to R. & G. Hollingshead for \$810,000	40 El Paseo E. & N. Manuel to Walden Park Associates for \$1,300,000	1836 Sunnyvale Avenue W. & S. Thomas to E. & I. Puruganan for \$840,000
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108 St. Edward Court V. & L. Schardt to K. Johnson for \$985,000	1251 Homestead Avenue #163 Bussert Trust to E. Wilkins for \$292,500	1860 Tice Creek Drive #1324 Hugus Trust to R. Bollwinkel for \$460,000
1886 St. George Road J. Schneider to K. & A. Hayden for \$700,000	263 Kingston Way M. Brown to W. Bartelson for \$597,000	2724 West Newell Avenue B. & V. Hathaway to C. & L. Divine for \$815,000
77 Tweed Lane G. Roebke to J. & I. Chism for \$625,000	654 La Corso Drive L. Schnell to I. Deleon for \$599,000	2720 Yuma Court Matthews Trust to D. & L. Woodworth for \$1,248,500
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Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire 351-5859
- 302 Cliffside Dr.** **\$1,597,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 314-2414
- 198 Pulido Rd.** **\$999,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Pacific Union 314-4814

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

- 501 Destiny Ln.** **\$535,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 621-4090

3 Bedrooms

- 18869 Bollinger Canyon Rd.** **\$2,495,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Pacific Union 314-4880

4 Bedrooms

- 32 Shetland Ct.** **\$1,024,500**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452
- 1779 Campanula Dr.** **\$1,226,575**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452
- 174 Pebble Pl.** **\$899,900**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452
- 243 Summerford Cir.** **\$928,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 314-2414
- 3407 Java Dr.** **\$949,500**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452
- 9501 Belle Meade Dr.** **\$959,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 855-6410
- 1923 Hollyview Dr.** **\$999,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452

5 Bedrooms

- 531 Treyburn Cir.** **\$789,500**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452
- 1543 Craiglee Wy.** **\$817,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 963-9929

Walnut Creek

4 Bedrooms

- 3658 Perada Dr.** **\$949,900**
Sun 1:30-4:30 Empire 935-8821

Pleasanton

2 Bedrooms

- 8136 Arroyo Dr., #2** **\$385,000**
Sun 2-5 p.m. Empire 788-5693
- 4149 Amberwood Cir.** **\$559,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3834

3 Bedrooms

- 2347 Bay Meadows Cir.** **\$648,500**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3850
- 29 Colby Ct.** **\$699,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 876-4459
- 991 Rose Ave.** **\$749,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Valley Brokers 719-0160
- 4922 Black Ave.** **\$765,900**
Sat 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3861
- 8056 Canyon Creek Cir.** **\$794,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Cottage RE 321-2577
- 548 E. Angela St.** **\$795,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes 330-5103
- 7866 Marigold Ct.** **\$799,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Pacific Union 876-1669
- 3527 Vine St.** **\$820,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Valley Brokers 719-0160

- 3116 Paseo Robles** **\$855,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 734-5000
- 2379 Meadowlark Dr.** **\$870,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3850
- 1529 Trimingham Dr.** **\$Upon Request**
Sun 2-5 p.m. Alain Pinel 519-9099

4 Bedrooms

- 9323 Benzon Dr.** **\$1,819,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Valley Crossroads 777-2190
- 7381 Tulipwood Cir.** **\$749,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 734-5000
- 6042 Acadia** **\$799,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 734-5000

5 Bedrooms

- 678 Sycamore Creek Wy.** **\$1,649,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 339-6731
- 9623 Crosby Dr.** **\$1,795,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Windermere EB 922-0822

6 Bedrooms

- 5246 Blackbird Dr.** **\$1,059,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3834

Dublin

2 Bedrooms

- 4197 Clarinbridge** **\$598,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Windermere EB 922-0822

3 Bedrooms

- 3391 Monaghan** **\$632,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Windermere EB 216-9380

4 Bedrooms

- 7652 Buckeye Ct.** **\$1,024,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 463-6128

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BLACKHAWK

Country French Chateau **\$3,800,000**
6bd, 2 offices, 5.5ba, granite, limestone, Crestron Sound, Viking range, massive windows take in the pool, spa, BBQ, gazebo and golf course beyond.
Mike Fay **925.838.2239**



ALAMO

Privately Gated Alamo Ridge **\$3,497,000**
Knock-out gorgeous home situated on nearly 7 acres, in an enclave of exclusive estates on large parcels. Views of Mt. Diablo. 4bd, 3-full/2-half baths.
Carol Erbert **925.736.1666**



ALAMO

Great Updated Single Story **\$1,998,000**
Great location backing to Walnut Creek open space. All new kitchen with granite counter, hardwood floor. Lovely yard, has pool, spa & deck.
Dave Bauer **925.855.4040**



ALAMO

Pride Of Ownership **\$1,685,000**
4bd, 3.5ba, private cul-de-sac, remodeled kitchen. Backyard with pool, decks and spa. Attached au pair bedroom with separate entrance.
Campbell Team-Chris Campbell **925.838.5700**



ALAMO

Westside Single Story **\$1,575,000**
5bd, 3ba, all spacious rooms. Central atrium, soaring ceilings, new roof, new carpet, freshly painted, circular drive, pool, spa, flat half acre.
The McDougall Team **925.672.2499**



ALAMO

Gorgeous Remodel **\$1,499,950**
Spacious single story 3bd, 2.25ba, large family kitchen great room, library, workout room, 3 fireplaces and separate artist studio/au pair, pool, spa.
Dennis Harvey **925.855.4059**



DANVILLE

Surrounded by Open Space! **\$1,499,000**
5bd, 3ba, 3300+/-sf, Dividend model, Italian design, gourmet kitchen, 20' ceilings, light and bright throughout. Community pool, tennis courts and more.
Peggy Kissinger **925.984.1945**



DANVILLE

Gorgeous Remodel **\$1,274,000**
5bd, 3ba, fronting to open space. Spectacular eat-in kitchen with cherry wood floors, slab granite counter-tops and island. 1bd/1ba down, 3-car garage. Must see!
Loray Hawkins **925.855.4060**



DANVILLE

Great Location-Curb Appeal **\$1,185,000**
4bd, 3ba, over 3200sf. New kitchen, granite slab, lush landscape, no HOA, close to 12 years of school.
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