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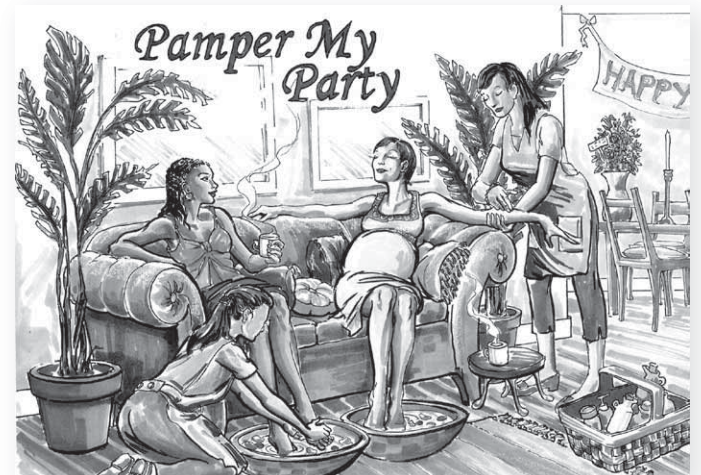
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Karen Stepper
mayor of Danville



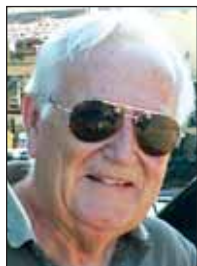
The cars. I was looking for the older cars like the 1930s. I see a lot of Chevy's and Fords.

Joel Flores
retired mechanical engineer



I enjoy watching the cars. We set up a seat and look around at the cars. I like the ones from the '20s and '30s.

Emily Valentine
clerk typist



The cars. Just how pretty they are and how well cared for they are, the assortment; there are all kinds of different cars. The best car I ever owned was a 1970 Jaguar Roadster. I gave it to my daughter a couple of years ago.

Dr. Robert Leasure
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ABOUT THE COVER

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“ How we managed to get out of the cave is beyond me. It's human inclination to go with the herd. ”

—Greg Marvel, trustee with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, remarking that he hopes new health standards will help students learn to deal with peer pressure.
See story, page 5.

Home Depot to hold Alamo meeting

Home Depot Representatives will meet with the Alamo Improvement Association and the public to preview plans for the remodeling of Yardsbirds on Tuesday, July 25. The company is seeking informal public comments on its proposed site changes before it submits a formal application to the county.

All residents in the area are invited to engage in a question-and-answer session regarding the design. Those who wish to attend but cannot make it are encouraged to contact the AIA with comments and questions at president@alamoca.org. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at Creekside Community Church, 1350 Danville Blvd. in Alamo.

Relay for Life in Danville

Participants in the 24-hour Relay for Life tomorrow at San Ramon Valley High School will launch their walk at 9 a.m. with a Cancer Survivor Lap. The event pays tribute to the lives lost to cancer and raises money to fight the disease.

As supporters walk around and around the soccer field, bands and other groups will provide entertainment. Theme laps are planned, including a Chicken Dance Lap, Crazy Hat Lap and Speed Laps. A Luminaria Ceremony begins at dusk, with each luminaria purchased through a contribution to the American Cancer Society. Door prize winners will be announced between 8 and 9 a.m. Sunday, just before the closing ceremonies.

Preparing for the worst

The San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church will be teaming up with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff, and Bay Area Red Cross to sponsor Disaster Preparedness Day from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, July 29.

The general public is encouraged to attend in order to learn how to prepare for local disasters, including fires, floods and earthquakes. Professionals will be on hand to provide basic disaster information and sell earthquake kits, water purification filters, and emergency radios. All families attending will receive a free information packet.

Members from the police and fire departments will set up booths with disaster response equipment and will advise attendees on how they should respond to a disaster. The event will be held at the church, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. For more information, visit www.srvumc.org or call 837-5243.

Clarification

In the July 14 issue, a final quote by Blackhawk Art Gallery coordinator Tracy Bauer was cut off in the article, "Artist co-op needs new home after 18 years." In anticipation of a new art venue, she said, "We'll find another way to get the art out there." The Blackhawk Art Gallery is located near Gottschalks in the Blackhawk Plaza; Bauer can be reached at (415) 531-2556.

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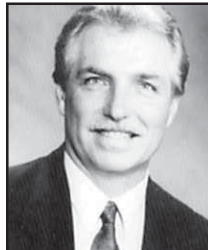
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Learning from the monk

Seven-year-old Matthew Chin follows the teachings of Yian Yong, a Shaolin monk, earlier this month. Several monks from China's Shaolin Temple visited Danville Karate International in Danville to teach martial arts; they also performed in San Francisco, Oakland and Cupertino. The Shaolin temple is a Chinese Buddhist monastery famed for its long association with Japanese Zen, Buddhism and martial arts.

Ballet Company takes final bow in Alamo

High rents drive theater arts to Walnut Creek

by Natalie O'Neill

Another empty venue will soon be added to the several existing vacancies in Alamo Plaza. Danville Ballet Company, which specializes in dance training classes, will move out of its location at the end of August and become part of the Diablo Ballet Program in Walnut Creek.

The relocation came after the property owner, who lives in Texas and manages the property through Colliers International, recently raised the rent at Alamo Plaza.

"We are the only professional ballet school in the Tri-Valley area. It's a terrible loss to the community," said Rebecca Crowell, director of Ballet and Theater Arts.

While the ballet school will now get subsidies through the city of Walnut Creek, dancers and parents from Alamo and Danville will have a further journey to class. And students said they will miss their home away from home.

"It was really sudden. We basi-

cally live here," said Georgina Partridge, a teenager who dances with the Danville Ballet Company.

Crowell said the rent had tripled since the ballet school took over the venue about three years ago. It's really difficult to find an appropriate, inexpensive venue for the arts in the Tri-Valley area, she said.

Since the ballet company teaches children, it cannot legally occupy venues in industrial areas for safety reasons. It's often hard to find an affordable location next to retail stores, Crowell said.

"They are not forcing us out; however, they are charging us rent so high we can't afford to stay," Crowell said.

Property manager Melody Texeria said she had no comment on the subject.

Alamo and Danville residents are encouraged to support the arts by buying subscriptions to their publication and making donations to the program, Crowell said. She has been

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Trustees OK eight upgraded health standards

Updates include managing anger and peer interaction

by Jordan M. Doronila

Trustees unanimously approved a list of upgraded health standards last month for students and educators to follow in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

"I'm pleased with the health

standards," Trustee Greg Marvel said. "The (district's health) committee has worked hard on them."

"Hopefully, they teach them good eating habits, to make good choices in their health," he added. "It's trying to get them to understand that there are consequences to making bad choices."

The state standards have been changing for the past three years to help youths live healthier lives, he said. They encompass a compre-

hensive outlook on health and are focused on healthy lifestyles.

There are a total of eight health standards that all grades in the district must follow, and they are taught differently at each grade level. They deal with maintaining a healthy lifestyle, responding to dangerous situations, and promoting a solid family environment. They also help youths develop positive relationships with their peers and be aware of physical, emo-

tional and social changes as they get older.

Some of the main differences in the new updates include managing anger and peer interaction. In the past, the standards primarily focused on bodily functions, said Scott Gerbert, chairman of the district's health task force and coordinator of programs and grants.

"This is much more comprehensive," Gerbert said. "There's a lot more focus on the whole gamut of

healthy choices."

Practicing good personal hygiene, eating a diverse group of healthy goods, sharing feelings in productive ways, avoiding destructive behavior and having self-control are examples of how children live healthier lives, noted the standards.

"Overall, it's bringing the district in compliance with state health

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Walking to shed light on suicide

Loved ones hope to prevent tragedy for others with overnight walk

by Natalie O'Neill

Like several other Danville residents, Sally Hirst recently lost a loved one to suicide. Hirst's close friend Connie Buckman shocked her friends and family when she took her own life in May.

"She was vivacious, outgoing and bubbly, not at all someone you would envision to take their own life," Hirst said.

Sadly, the people closest to the victims are often in the dark about their suicidal tendencies. Loved ones might know something is wrong but don't expect suicide is an option, Hirst said. With hopes of preventing tragedy like this from happening to others, she decided to take action.

Tomorrow she will walk 20

miles with Connie's widower Mark Buckman as part of the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk in San Francisco. The walk raises money to fund suicide education, awareness and research and will begin at sunset and end at sunrise.

"Suicide cuts across all ages, socioeconomic status and ethnicity," said Wylie Tene, public relations manager for the walk.

Kim Bass of Danville will also participate in the walk in memory of her father, who drowned himself in October; Karen Chreston of Danville will be there in remembrance of her brother who committed suicide two years ago.

"Suicide is completely preventable and therein lies the tragedy," Chreston said.

The \$1.35 million raised in

Chicago at last year's walk funded suicide prevention videos, research on depression and other suicide-related illness, and training for recovery program facilitators, among other efforts. Tene said recognizing the signs and having an open dialogue about depression and suicide makes a world of difference.

"If I had been more aware, maybe I could have done something," Chreston said.

Depression and bipolar disorder, the most common conditions related to suicide, are both highly treatable, using therapy and medication. In fact, 80 to 90 percent of people who seek help for bipolar disorder can be effectively treated, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Peak suicide rates for women fall



SALLY HIRST

Connie Buckman, who committed suicide in May, sails on a houseboat trip with close friend and Danville resident Sally Hirst.

between the ages of 40 and 54, the age group Connie was in.

"You don't realize you will run out of opportunities to help someone," Hirst said.

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Special ed parents outline complaints to assemblyman

Folks cite lack of progress dealing with children's challenges

by Jordan M. Doronila

An angry storm of complaints rained heavily on state Assemblyman Guy Houston (R., District 15) last week about the lack of attention and proper instruction special education students receive in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

More than 40 parents packed a conference room at the Dougherty Station Community Center in San Ramon on July 12 and voiced their frustration to Houston that their children's special needs are not being met.

Some cried over their challenges and vented their agony about raising children with intense learning disabilities.

"Various media reports have identified the problems surrounding special education as a national epidemic," wrote a group of parents in a letter. "This national epidemic is echoed locally and highlighted by the challenges parents face in the affluent and well-educated San Ramon Valley Unified School District."

"We are focused on the education and survival of our children," it said. "And while public officials may look at trying to solve problems in the context of a school year or budget cycle, we deal with our children's challenges on a daily basis."

They complained that while the school district has spent thousands of dollars for attorney fees to deal with their issues, services are not being provided or are outright denied to their children. They also said there is a high turnover rate among special education staff

and school officials have failed to return phone calls or answer questions.

Additionally, they said many special education classes are merely a room for babysitting as opposed to a place for learning.

Tammy Brock said when her daughter was in a fourth-grade special needs class several years ago, she had to copy the words: "It can not fly. One wing is hurt...The bird will get well."

And six years later after she entered the 10th grade, Brock was displeased that she was given the exact same assignment.

Houston said he has no power over decision-making in the school district but he will use the power he does have to help facilitate a meeting with the school board, district officials and parents to air their differences and find a solution.

"I think there is a lot of lack of communication," said Houston, a San Ramon resident and a 1978 graduate of San Ramon Valley High School. "My role is to be a facilitator to get them trying to talk about their problems. You have a system in place, but the dialogue is not free."

"This is a problem," he added. "It's just how you approach it. We need to find out how we can bridge these issues."

School board members said the district is doing its best to meet the

needs of every student.

"I think special education is always a difficult issue," said board Trustee Nancy Petsuch. "We have 24,000 students we have to educate. We try to look at each child."

She said the board has an obligation to support the district. But she added that she felt empathy for parents who had hired lawyers to get through their challenges.

"I'm sorry they feel they have to do it," she said.

Petsuch also noted that finding qualified special education teachers and keeping them is difficult.

"People are not coming with special education credentials," she said.

She said even though teachers only work six hours a day for seven or 10 months for a fairly good salary, they are still hard to find.

"Statewide, there is a need for special needs teachers," she said.

Houston said he is learning, and he will do his homework in understanding special education issues.

He has met with school board members for the past week and a half, and he plans to schedule a meeting with them and the parents sometime in September. In addition, he plans to visit special education classes in the district.

Petsuch said the board wants to listen to parents, and it is willing to work with them.

"We do listen," she said. "We do hear them. We have tried everything we can within our realm. I'm not saying we always agree."

"We work diligently," she added. "We are doing what we can for their child to have the best chance in life." ■



Guy Houston

Ballet

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involved with ballet and dance in the area for 23 years and said it's important to value more than just shopping centers and retail in the community.

"They say it takes a village to raise a child. It takes a whole community to keep the arts alive," she said.

Owners and management of other businesses had mixed responses to the raised rent. Some said they are also struggling to keep up, and admitted to feeling like they were stuck. Others, however, said business is going well

and higher rent isn't having much of an impact.

"They have a way of justifying their expenses and we have a way of justifying ours," said one manager of a nearby restaurant who asked that his name not be used.

"We can't move out, it took us 26 years to build this business," he said.

The ballet program will resume as the Diablo Ballet Professional Intermediate Program, for students between 11 and 18 years old who seek professional ballet training. Auditions will be held in Shadelands studio Sept. 9. For more information, visit danvilballet.org or call 831-9256. ■

Suicide

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had isolated herself, she said.

"She was a capable, determined person and she got it in her mind that she wanted to do it," Hirst said, holding back tears. "I didn't know that determined people have the highest (suicide) success rate."

Chreston added that she'd like to see the money raised at the walk go to setting up more anonymous suicide hotlines. This would give people suffering from depression a chance to talk about it without feeling like they are burdening the ones they love, she said.

"In life there will always be hurdles to jump ... it doesn't make you a bad person if you get really dark," Bass said.

The idea behind holding the event between sundown and sunup is a symbol of the effort to bring a difficult issue out of the dark, Tene said.

"We want to shed some light on this subject, and symbolically the sun will be rising," he said, adding that people suffering from depression often describe the way they feel as being overcome by darkness.

Organizers are expecting about 1,500 walkers to participate and

require that each person raise a minimum of \$1,000. Tene said the walk is being held in San Francisco this year because of the high turnout of California residents at last year's suicide prevention walk. The American Foundation of Suicide Prevention is also working to improve the West Coast chapter of its nonprofit group.

In training for the walk, Hirst said the exercise has helped her find time to talk and think, and has helped her grieving process. She said organizers discourage using iPods and other music devices during the walk, so she has been practicing walking without distraction. It helps her clear her head, she said.

"Preparing for the walk is therapeutic, it feels like we are doing something to deal with the pain," she said.

There is a lot of guilt when someone you love chooses to commit suicide, Bass said. Talking and relating with other people who have been through the same hardships is an added bonus of the walk, she said.

"There is help. There is light at the end of this tunnel," Tene said.

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Bring the library to your home

Contra Costa Library starts up e-Card service

by Kevin Zhou

A trip to the library just got a whole lot easier.

The Contra Costa County Library System is now offering the "Library e-Card Service," a feature that allows anyone living in the county to access the library's electronic resources. To register for an e-Card, go to the Danville Library or visit www.cclib.org.

"We have various e-books, some you can read on your computer. Instead of having to come in, you can get immediate access by having an e-Card," said Susan Kantor-Horning, the library system's electronic resources specialist. "We have different vendors."

An e-Card can be used from a home or office to access more than 2,000 electronic books in the library's database, which includes such popular titles as "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Being Martha: The Inside Story of Martha Stewart." The books available cover a wide range of genres, from animated talking children's books to test preparation to auto repair. They can all be downloaded onto the user's computer.

Other electronic resources include newspapers, magazines, legal e-Books, and archived articles.

"We are buying resources for our community, and we want to make sure that they are actually used," said Lorrie Butler, information systems project manager. "These are things that, although they are available through the Internet, are not a free resource."

The e-Card can also be used to place holds on books within the library's catalog system. However, if the e-Card user wants to actually pick up the books, he or she needs to register for a library card. Identification and proof of address are required for

a full access library card.

While people of all ages are encouraged to sign up for an e-Card, one of the service's main focuses is to help out students.

"We believe the library's new Library e-Card Service will be very popular with students and teachers," said Cathy Sanford, deputy county librarian of support services.

In addition to all of the electronic resources, students can access "AskNow," a live online reference service where they can submit any questions they have with homework to be answered in a timely and convenient fashion.

"We are buying resources for our community, and we want to make sure that they are actually used."

—Lorrie Butler, information systems project manager

"We have reference librarians throughout the entire library system, and we also have electronic resource specialists who work with our virtual library," said Butler. "They will answer any question that comes to us."

There will also be a live homework help service available in the form of a chat program. It is available everyday from 1 to 10 p.m., and offers tutoring for students from fourth through 12th grade in math, science and Spanish, among other topics.

"We are part of a pilot project with the state library," said Kantor-Horning. "These are mostly professional tutors that could be retired teachers or librarians or graduate students. It is provided by tutor.com." ■

Fourth bird tests positive for virus

A dead western scrub jay found in Oakley has tested positive for West Nile virus, the fourth positive case in the county this year, it was announced Tuesday. This highlights the importance of reporting dead birds and of protecting against mosquito bites, said officials from the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District.

"Right now, unmaintained swimming pools are a huge problem," said Carlos Sanabria, operations manager for the district. "They can breed thousands upon thousands of mosquitoes in a neighborhood."

Last year there were 11 human cases of the virus in Contra Costa County plus 94 dead birds, 18 chickens, four mosquito samples, 10 horses and 25 squirrels tested positive for the virus. So far in 2006, there has been one human

case, and 96 dead birds, seven chickens, 62 mosquito samples, and one horse that tested positive.

"We rely on the public to report dead birds to the state West Nile virus hotline because those reports help us respond to potential virus hot spots in the county and reduce possible human infection," said Steve Schutz, scientific programs manager for the district. Report dead birds to (877) 968-2473.

Up to 20 percent of the population infected with the virus get the West Nile fever, which causes flu-like symptoms. Fewer than 1 percent of these individuals require hospitalization. For more information, call the county Health Services Department at (888) 959-9911 or visit www.cchealth.org.

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Shakespeare in Paris?

Katy and Jesse Repp of Alamo included Shakespeare & Co. bookstore in their tour of Paris but couldn't resist a photo with the Weekly that featured a question mark.

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Health standards

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standards," Marvel said. "It contains different ways of articulating things."

Students will learn to deal with dangerous situations by avoiding poisonous substances such as drugs and practicing safe behavior near water or cars.

"Hopefully, the standards can reduce the use of marijuana, drugs and alcohol," Marvel said. "We've

got to get on that."

He added that students dealing with peer pressure is a critical issue.

"How we managed to get out of the cave is beyond me," he said. "It's human inclination to go with the herd." Marvel said the standards are trying to make youths aware of how popular culture negatively affects their minds.

"When they see Paris Hilton, they can make a decision that, 'That's not for me,'" he said. "I do not want booze because I do not want a pickle brain later in life." ■



Arabian days

Marty and Sandy Echelmeier visit Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, posing at Jumeirah Beach in front of the Burj Al Arab hotel, the only 7-star hotel in the world. They also visited several countries in central Europe.



Visiting Honduras Bob

Dave Galletly travels to La Ceiba, Honduras, with his Weekly to visit his good friend and developer Bob Alexander.

Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



In the driver's seat

I am an excellent driver. Just ask my husband. No, don't. But he obviously has a perception problem because I have never had a ticket. OK, I was cited 24 years ago for making an illegal left turn. But there was no one for miles around—except the policeman. And perhaps I sometimes pull in too closely to walls in parking garages since I once lost a front license plate that way.

But when the car is in motion, I drive confidently, without speeding, and carefully. Apparently not all people keep their driving skills as well after they pass the 50-year mark. AARP offers its Driver Safety Programs across the nation, an eight-hour classroom refresher to help people learn the effects of aging on driving and how to adjust. Most classes are taught in two, four-hour sessions, and the cost is \$10. The Town of Danville is hosting a course from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Fridays, Aug. 18 and 25. To sign up, call 314-3400 or register online at www.ci.danville.ca.us. The instructor, Achiel Wanket, says he does not ask ages but students have volunteered being as old as 85. He said the class is enjoyable as folks share their experiences and they discuss problems and issues.

The AARP Web site offers an online Driver Safety Course (\$15.95 for members, \$19.95 for non-members). After the course is completed, AARP will mail a certificate for a break on car insurance. The Web site has a "test drive" for the course that was interesting—great graphics, and informative. As people age, they are bothered by bright lights; also less light enters their eyes so they don't see as well at night. The test drive vividly depicts both of these facts and points out that 90-95 percent of the information we need to detect danger comes through our eyes. The graphics also illustrate the importance of looking ahead and continually scanning. And the test drive tells about keeping a safe distance from the car in front of you and cautions to follow three seconds behind. Many people violate this rule although I haven't noticed older people doing it.

Another great safety aide for older drivers is a CD put out by AAA, called Roadwise Review, which is available at the Danville library. This program checks abilities to perform the physical functions that are needed to drive. AAA recommends taking the review once or twice a year because a mild impairment caught early can often be corrected.

I brought Roadwise Review home over the weekend to check my "physical functions." On the CD, a nice man named Jerry talks

you through the tests, very slowly, while his pleasant wife Anna exhibits them. Toward the beginning of the program, it tests your mousing skills, having you click on a black dot that keeps jumping across the screen. It also assesses your leg strength, by timing how quickly you can walk 10 feet. Other sections check vision—both daylight and dusk—the ability to fill in figures when shown partial outlines, head/neck flexibility, skill in seeing around and in front of you, and the ability to remember instructions. At the end of the session you receive scores, which you can keep confidential or bring to your doctor for advice.

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I expected to ace every section as well as a 20-year-old; that wasn't quite the case although I am far from being "at risk." I will admit I did not follow two of the instructions: You are supposed to sit in a stable, straight-back chair but I stayed in the swivel chair that was already in place; and I faked the 10-foot walking part because it was too hot to move. A good feature of the program is that it advises you on actions to take if you have impairments.

Both the AAA Roadwise Review and the AARP test drive were helpful. Although I did not agree with some of the test drive, such as the picture of the happy couple taking the course together at their computer. Yeah, right! As it is better never to discuss politics or religion with friends or relatives, it is best in my house not to discuss driving habits. Or license plates that are not securely affixed to the front of cars. ■

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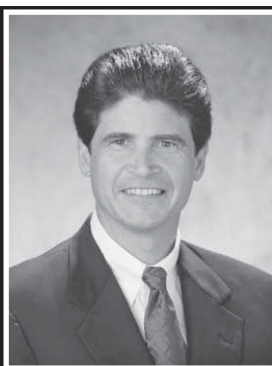
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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Shedding light on suicide

This weekend several Danville residents are taking part in a 20-mile overnight walk in San Francisco to raise funds for suicide prevention programs. The Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk is also aimed at getting people to talk about suicide and to remove the stigma.

The money raised by the walk will help fund research to understand the biological, genetic and psychosocial factors that contribute to suicide. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention says eight out of 10 depressed people can be helped with medicine and therapy. People with bipolar disorder have an 80-90 percent chance of being effectively treated.

The Foundation wants everyone to realize suicidal behavior is the result of a medical condition, usually depression, and not the sign of a weak character. It also notes that those who talk about their problems are more likely to seek help, so friends who would start a dialogue should watch out for the following:

- Depressed mood
- Loss of appetite or pleasure in usual activities
- Change in appetite or weight
- Change in sleeping patterns
- Speaking and/or moving with unusual speed or slowness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities
- Decrease in sexual drive
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Feelings of worthlessness, self-reproach or guilt
- Diminished ability to think, or concentrate, slowed thinking or indecisiveness
- Thoughts of death, suicide or wishes to be dead

Other factors that may indicate an increased risk are anxiety; isolation; drug or alcohol abuse; a history of emotional illness; and feelings of hopelessness.

During these lovely summer months it is disturbing to realize that most suicides take place during the spring, June and July. The walkers this weekend, many of them friends and loved ones touched by suicide, begin their walk at dusk Saturday and end it at dawn Sunday, a fitting symbol of the light they hope to shed on suicide and those suffering from depression. We hope anyone recognizing these symptoms will get help before it's too late.

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Generous Knights

Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly thank the St. Isidore's Knights of Columbus for their generous donations to the Mauzy School in Alamo. Mauzy School is operated by the Contra Costa County Office of Education and represents 12 special education programs in the central county region for students 3 to 22 years, many of whom are medically fragile with significant disabilities. The yearly contributions of organizations like the Knights of Columbus make possible expand-

ed program options for our students and their families.

During September, volunteers will seek contributions from patrons of Safeway in Alamo Plaza and Blackhawk Plaza for local schools. The funds that the school receives go directly to the classrooms to support many of our student programs, such as music, field trips and specialized instructional materials. My staff and I sincerely appreciate the hard work and dedication that drives the charitable contributions of St. Isidore's Knights of Columbus.

Claudia Ronaldson, Principal, Mauzy School

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POLICE BULLETIN

Woman reports rape in Alamo

A woman reported at the Sheriff's Valley Station in Alamo last week that she had been raped.

She reported at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, that a male suspect—whom she had known—raped her in a car parked on a side street, said Jimmy Lee, spokesman for the Sheriff's Office.

"They knew each other," Lee said. "This is not a random-type act. We are still trying to get to the bottom of this."

Apparently, the man drove the woman in a car on Interstate 680 and exited off the freeway, eventually parking on a side street. Lee said the man then committed the sexual act inside the car.

The woman, who lives in Contra Costa County,

went to the police the next day in Alamo.

"She is doing fine in light of the circumstances," Lee said.

Lee said the victim does not know exactly where she was raped, but it was somewhere in the county.

"We have not been able to determine where it happened," Lee said. "It's still in the early stages in trying to gather all the facts. We have not been able to establish an exact location. Detectives are following up on this."

Lee said there are commonalities in many rape incidents.

"A lot of the victims know the suspects," he said.

—Jordan M. Dornila

POLICE LOG

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

Wednesday, July 12

- Auto burglary on Del Amigo Rd. at 12:11 p.m.
- Grand theft, defined, on Gingerwood Ln. at 12:24 p.m.
- Grand theft, all other, on Sycamore Valley Rd. at 1:52 p.m.
- Vandalism on Richard Ct. at 2:55 p.m.

Thursday, July 13

- Vandalism on Brookside Dr. and Zephyr Cir. at 7:42 a.m.
- Misdemeanor battery on Blemer Rd. at 8:08 a.m.
- Auto burglary on W. Meadows Ln. at 7:53 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on El Cerro Blvd. at 9:02 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Shana Ct. at 1:36 p.m.
- Warrant arrest on Chadbourne Dr. at 6:47 p.m.
- Warrant arrest on Front St. at 6:59 p.m.

Friday, July 14

- Vandalism on Camino Ramon Pl. at 6:55 a.m.
- Vandalism on Van Patten Dr. at 11:46 a.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Fostoria Way at 2:10 p.m.

- Petty theft on Diablo Rd. and Rose Ave. at 5:36 p.m.
- Drunk in public, arrest, on Town and Country Dr. at 7:47 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 10:07 p.m.

Saturday, July 15

- DUI, arrest, on Hartz Way and Hartz Ct. at 1:14 a.m.
- Vandalism on Harlan Dr. at 11:49 a.m.
- Felony vandalism on Esther Ln. at 12:37 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Matadera Cir. at 7:56 p.m.

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

ALAMO

Monday, July 10

- Vandalism on Wilson Rd.

- Felony vandalism on Wilson Rd.

Wednesday, July 12

- Disturbance on Sandstone Rd.

Thursday, July 13

- Possession of dangerous drugs on Camille Ave. and Daniel Dr.

BLACKHAWK

Friday, July 14

- Misdemeanor, other, on Blackhawk Club Dr. and Red Fir Ct.
- Suspicious circumstances on Quail Run Ln.

Sunday, July 16

- Residential burglary on Pepperwood Ct.

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Monday, July 10

- Vandalism on Southview Dr.

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Sports

A LOOK AT THE LOCAL SPORTS SCENE

Danville Little League prevails over San Ramon

All Star 11-year-olds go on
to compete in Fremont

by Jordan M. Doronila

Ready to roll. And ready to go. The Danville 11-year-old Little League All Stars beat San Ramon Valley in the District 57 International All Star Tournament last week, earning them the right to play yesterday in Fremont at the section championship.

Danville Little League All Stars and San Ramon Valley Little League All Stars played in two games last week, and split with a game apiece. Though Danville Little League got pummeled in the first game 12-2, it won the second with a score of 14-11 and had the right—due to the tournament's two-game elimination rule—to move forward and face Palo Alto National in Fremont on July 20.

Danville went into last week's games undefeated, having beaten four other teams, said Alison Fowler, public relations officer for the Danville Little League.



Danville Little League All Star Matt Fowler runs to first base.



Marshall Rodrigues pitches a fast one for the Danville Little League All Stars in its game last week against San Ramon Valley.

"I'm very proud of him," said Christensen.

There are four local leagues—the Danville Little League, San Ramon Valley Little League, Tassajara American and Tassajara National.

The winner in Fremont plays in the Northern California Championship game, said Christensen, adding, "I'm very excited." ■

E-mail results and photos to sports@DanvilleWeekly.com.



Water polo world

Jessica Steffens, No. 13, a graduate of Monte Vista High School, blocks a pass in a water polo game against China, playing with the U.S.A. women's Senior National Team in a FINA Women's World League semifinal game at the USA Training Center in Los Alamitos (in SoCal). The USA team won, 15-1. Steffens is entering her sophomore year at Stanford University.

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OBITUARIES

Donald J. Siebold

Danville resident Donald J. Siebold, 69, died July 8 at UCSF Medical Center. He was born Nov. 21, 1936, in New Jersey and lived in Danville for the last 25 years.

He was a craftsman in woodwork, enjoyed his yard projects and all spectator sports. He was an 18-year employee of the General Electric Corp. and retired as marketing and sales engineer for Molex Inc. with 20 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; and sons David of Austin, Texas, Steve of Petaluma, and Dan of Orange County. He was preceded in death by his son Mark Siebold.

Memorial services were held July 13 at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville. Donations may be made to the UCSF Cardiology Division, checks payable to "UCSF Foundation" indicating "Memorial gift: Mr. Donald Siebold"; send to Dr. William Grossman, UCSF Cardiology Division, 505 Parnassus Ave., 1182 Moffitt, San Francisco 94143-0124.

John D. 'Jack' McCort

Alamo resident John D. "Jack" McCort of Alamo passed away at his home on his 62nd birthday June 29 after a long illness.

He was born June 29, 1944, in St. Joseph, Mich., to William R. and Sara E. (Ackerman) McCort. He excelled on the Bridgman High School golf team, was a member of the band and choir, and president of his senior class. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1967 and served in the Peace Corps in the Tongan Islands.

He was a wine and spirits buyer for Safeway Stores for almost 20 years, and enjoyed fine wine, gourmet food and traveling to Europe and Hawaii. He was also a fun-loving, sensitive, sincere father, grandfather and husband with a dry sense of humor and a quick wit. Throughout his life, he enjoyed

hunting, fishing and golfing.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving are his wife Betsy; sons John (Jack) Edwin Thomas and William (Will) Robert Lewis; daughter Katie (McCort) Rios and her husband Juan, and two grandsons, Andrew and Joshua; daughter Meghan (McCort) Hernandez and her husband Robin and granddaughter Madeleine; brother Thomas McCort of New Troy, Mich.; sister Sarah (Ted) Hogue of Bridgman, Mich.; former spouse Arlene McCort; in-laws Lewis and Rosemary Brooks of Burlingame; and other relatives. Funeral services were held in Michigan on July 8. A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Isidore's Church on Thursday, July 20. Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, MS Foundation or charity of your choice.

Gertrude 'Trudy' LePage Boss

Gertrude "Trudy" LePage Boss, a longtime Alamo resident who had moved recently to Danville, died peacefully with her children at her side July 7 at the age of 76. She was born on Nov. 15, 1929, in Pacoima, the youngest of seven children.

She was a graduate of Hoover High School and Glendale Junior College, both in Glendale. In 1980, the same year she became a grandmother, she earned her bachelor's degree at St. Mary's College. After raising her children, she resumed her career and worked for about 20 years, mostly at John Muir Medical Center and the John Muir Foundation, where she did fundraising and coordinated special events. Her first love was her family but she was also passionate about gardening, cooking and sports.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick, in 1995. They were married 45 years. She is survived by son Robert of Oceanside; daughter Suzanne of Portland, Ore.; four grandchildren, Daniel Rubin,

Jay Rubin, Lucille Boss and Rita Boss; sister June Norton; brother Raymond LePage; and nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held July 15 at Oak Park Hills Chapel in Walnut Creek. Memorial donations may be sent to John Muir Foundation, 1601 Ygnacio Valley Road., Walnut Creek, or Hospice Care of Contra Costa, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill 94523.

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Tour de force

Blackhawk Museum showcases the automobile as a functional art form

by Kathy Cordova



Hood mascot from a 1938 Pierce-Arrow V-12 Silver Arrow sedan.



Steering wheel and dash of a 1938 Packard Model 1608.

My first car was a \$200 pea-green little box with roof upholstery that sagged so much it grazed the heads of backseat passengers. My second car was a fire-hydrant yellow Pinto. Now I drive a blue SUV that's so ordinary I often try to unlock the doors of similar vehicles in crowded parking lots. Which is all to say that I am not exactly a "car person." Four wheels, an engine and window locks for kids in the backseat are the essential elements I need in a mode of transportation. Anything else is just frills.

So it's little wonder I've never visited the Blackhawk Automotive Museum—until now.

In an instant, all my preconceived notions about cars vanished. Now, I am a believer.

Entering the inner sanctum of the museum, I was unprepared for the glorious, almost surreal, sight. Gazing upon stark background and the bright lights focused on the cars, illuminating the masterpieces in their kaleidoscope of colors, felt like walking into heaven—if St. Peter were driving a 1911 Silver Ghost Rolls Royce and beckoning me to hop in and enjoy the ride.

"Most people do exactly what you do," says Dan Dunn, director of the museum. "They stop at the entrance and take in the whole room. We are different than a lot of automobile museums. The theatrical lighting, the black floors, the black walls—it's all designed so that your eyes focus on what we want you to see, which is the automobile."

And the automobiles—they are magnificent. As much of a piece of art as an Impressionist painting or a marble statue, these "rolling sculptures" are admired for the beauty of the colors—cherry reds, deep plums and lemonade yellows—the graceful, curved lines of the bodies and the textures of buttercream leather, glossy steel and antique tapestry interiors. The work of legendary manufacturers and designers, like Hispano-Suiza, Minerva and Isotta Fraschini, are revered by car enthusiasts in the same way as a Picasso or Renoir would be by a visitor to the Louvre.

This is all according to plan. Blackhawk developer and car collector Ken Behring founded the museum in 1988 to showcase the automobile as a functional art form.

"A lot of people anticipate they'll learn about the history of the automobile, but the museum is more about the shapes, colors, design and workmanship," says Dunn.

The museum is composed of about 100,000 square feet with two 25,000-square-foot galleries displaying automobiles from the turn of the century to modern times. The second-floor gallery is devoted to pre-World War II cars, and the first floor shows later model cars. Rotating exhibits that may or may not relate to automobiles are featured in another two 2,100-square-foot galleries. An expansive lobby, an automotive research library, a shop and bookstore, and a gallery devoted to the Wheelchair Foundation complete the public areas.

The museum displays about 90 cars at a time—an ever-changing exhibit from collectors all around the world. Blackhawk often attracts cars after they have been shown in the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, the premiere auto show in the world, held in August every year. The museum will keep cars for different amounts of time—from a few weeks to a few years. In the beginning, the museum had to hunt around for cars to exhibit, but its reputation is such that now owners seek it out.

"Like any collector, they want people to see what they have and appreciate it," says Dunn.

Dunn estimates the collection is valued at about a quarter of a billion dollars. Several of the cars are worth multi-millions each—many of them one of a kind or one of an extremely few made. As one would guess, the fleet is heavily insured.

"Lloyds (of London) loves us," says Dunn.

The building was designed with the care of the cars in mind, including a five-stage filtration system that helps keep the cars dust-free. Although they don't do mechanical work or restoration on the cars in the museum, they employ a car conservator who is responsible for making sure the cars stay clean and maintained.

Each car is accompanied by a sign with information such as make, model, year, owners, its cost when new and other interesting details. Beyond the sheer beauty of the automobiles, the stories behind them are much of the fun.



This 1956 Ferrari 625 Le Mans Spyder was one of three built by Carrozzeria Touring of Milan, with a simplified chassis that more closely resembled standard Ferrari production cars.

For example, Clark Gable's pale yellow 1935 Duesenberg is prominently displayed along with photos of Gable and Carole Lombard frolicking together in the car. When Lombard died in a plane crash, Gable couldn't bear to look at the car again; it reminded him so painfully of his romance that he had it taken away and sold.

When many of these cars were made, it was the custom of the wealthy to order the chassis and engine they wanted and then hire a coachbuilder to design and construct the body of the car according to their individual specifications. Consequently, cars that are the same make and model may not look anything alike.

"You can see the personality of the owner by looking at the car," says Dunn.

One of the most striking vehicles in the museum is the 1926 Daimler "Tiger Hunter," once owned by Gulab Singh, Maharajah of Rewa of India. The car is made of German silver, weighs 3 tons and gets about 5 miles per gallon. It has two wicker and wooden seats on the outside of the car for servants to ride in. The car has two sets of windows, one clear glass and one smoked, for when the wives would ride in the car, and horns in the shape of cobras.

Dunn's favorite interior feature is found on a '31 Isotta Fraschini, designed to be driven by a chauffeur. On the right side of the passenger's section are buttons labeled "left, right, quick, slow, turn, stop and home," offering the ultimate experience for backseat drivers.

Several cars look as if they could have belonged to gangsters. Dunn says that mobsters like John Dillinger and Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde fame) were fans of Ford V-8s. Barrow once praised the cars to Henry Ford in a letter, writing that he drove Ford's "dandy cars" exclusively, "whenever he could get away with one."

The docents who lead visitors through the museum every weekend love to tell stories like these, coaxing even automobile novices into the magic of their "rolling sculptures."

"Usually two people come to the museum. One person comes and brings the other one because he's the car nut," says Dunn. "For that person, you don't have to do anything but turn on the lights."

"It's when the other person said they had a wonderful time that we know we're doing our job." ■

Kathy Cordova is the author of "Let Go, Let Miracles Happen: The Art of Spiritual Surrender."

Museum Information

- Museum is located at 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville
- Telephone: 736-2280
- www.blackhawkmuseum.org
- Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday, and most major holidays
- Membership ranges from \$60 for individual to \$75 for families and up
- Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for students and senior (65 and older); free for children under 6 accompanied by a paid adult; and free for active military personnel
- For group tour information and rates, call 736-2277, ext. 236
- Docents provide complimentary tours (with paid admission) at 2 p.m. every weekend
- The museum is also available for rent for special occasions like private parties, wedding receptions and charity dinners

Special events

“CARS, CARS, CARS”

1-4 p.m., Sunday, July 23

Explore the concepts behind the Pixar movie. Design and paint cars similar to the ones in the movie and make Rocky Road candy.

“SPEEDWAY”

1-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 13

All about speed and making things that go fast; cars, airplanes, etc. Design a balloon rocket car, play a race car game, and eat checkered flag cookies.

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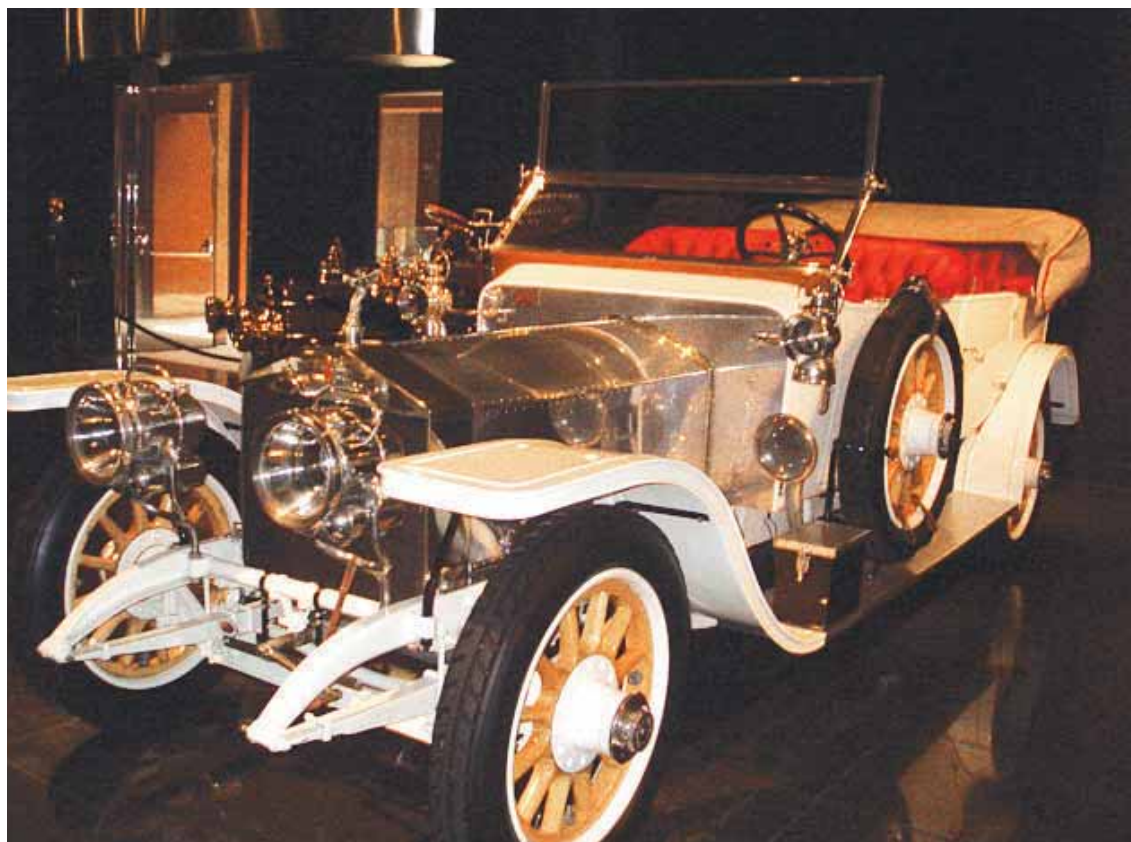
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 21

Blackhawk's 18th annual post-Pebble Beach Open House features refreshments by Scott's Seafood Grill & Bar of Walnut Creek and Earl Watkins playing jazz. Admission is free.

“INVENTIONS, INC.”

1-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17

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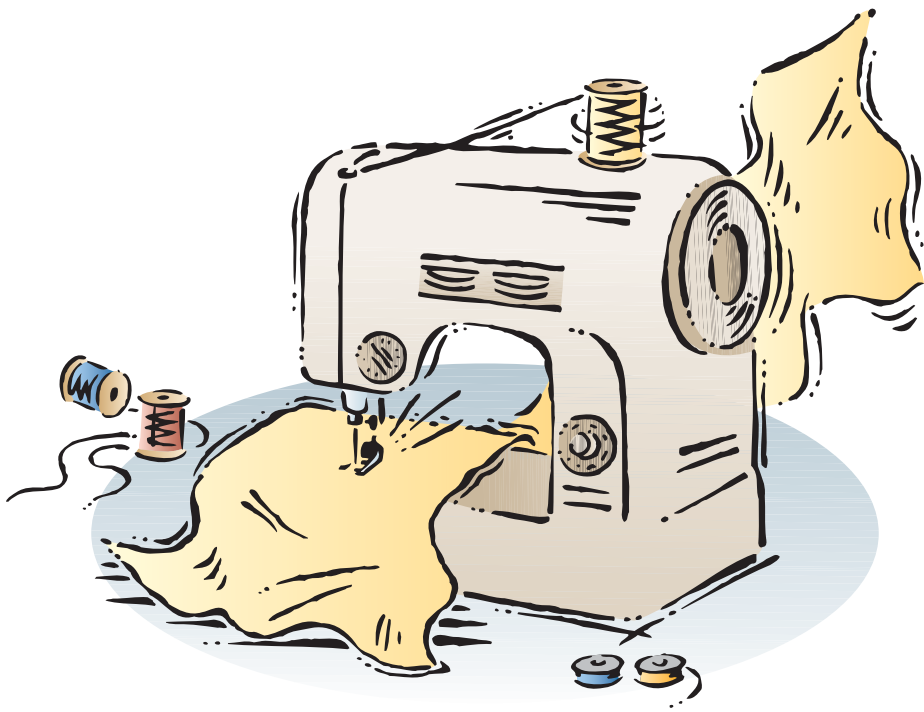
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Blankies for grownups

Quilters believe nothing nurtures like a blanket made with love

by Frank Thornburgh

Have you ever heard of the words “binding,” “batting,” “piecing” or “appliqué”? How about “quilting”? Just visit the quarterly work session of the Blankies for Grownups at John Muir Medical Center Concord and you will get a brilliantly colored eyeful. At the event, quilters fashion cuddly blankets to be given away to comfort adults who are dealing with serious illnesses.

The core group is the Diablo Valley Quilt Guild based in Danville. It is augmented on Blankie Day by many individuals from other quilting groups with great names like:

- Needle Arts Guild (N.A.G. for short)
- Monday Night Pickles
- Starlight Stitchers
- Twisted Thimbles
- The Blockheads

Susan Gray, a Danville resident, is the current Blankie Day leader.

“As many as 100 of these lady artists come together each quarter at the hospital,” she said. “The group then becomes Blankies for Grownups for a day. They bring their sewing machines, special tables, ironing boards, thousands of pins, and prefabricated parts.”

On a long labor-filled day, fueled by their

generosity and camaraderie, they turn out as many finished products as possible. Not only do the ladies bring prefabricated parts but some bring finished items. One woman named Sindhu More brings 50-60 knitted blankets each year.

“Shindhu was recruited by one of the organization’s biggest supporters, Dr. Beverly Spurs,” said Diane Barnett, another Danville resident. “Dr. Spurs and Shindhu were vol-

teering together at a blood bank.” Now Shindhu is a core volunteer at Blankie Day. By the end of Blankie Day and continuing throughout the year, this group of talented people turns out blankets, lap robes, hats, preemie blankets and other items for

patients in need, focusing mainly on breast cancer patients.

The main distribution person is Vicki Ricconi, who works closely with the Breast Health Project; County Hospital in Martinez; the American Cancer Society; and the Wellness Community in Pleasant Hill.

Others also catch their attention. A U.S. military hospital in Germany receives patriotic red, white and blue items. Places like the Ronald McDonald House, various hospitals, convalescent homes and outpatients receive a wide variety of the most cheerfully colored works imaginable. Each item bears a printed logo and tag with a greeting from this out-reach program.

It all started 15 years ago with the Needle Arts at Pacific Bell when some of the members, their friends, and families were touched by breast cancer. All during these 15 years, breast cancer has remained the primary focus that seems to be the impetus which keeps the volunteers charged up.

Now, about 2,200 quilts later, Blankies for Grownups reaches out to embrace wounded soldiers, cancer victims, newborns and those in Hospice. Grateful testimonials from recipients would likely fill a book.

Some of the breast cancer victims facing surgery have told the volunteers they didn’t realize anyone cared until the special blanket arrived with a note from this group of caring people.

Another recipient went into Hospice with only one personal possession—her gift from Blankies for Grownups.

Supplies and materials are purchased at garage and estate sales as well as from friends. Monetary donations are always welcome as are more workers.

Volunteer Karen Boutte, known as the Quilt Diva, said Houston hosts a quilt show that draws 52,000 attendees. “Some of them will pay \$400-\$40,000 for a quilt at this show’s auction,” she said.

Be warned! Quilting can be habit forming. But there is a good outlet for the addiction: Blankies for Grownups. ■

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Quilting contacts

Anyone wishing to help with Blankies for Grownups can contact Susan Gray at 943-7290 or Thequiltlady@prodigy.net; or Diane Barnett at 837 1863. For information about the history, techniques, values, shows and auctions, check out: www.Needlepointers.com www.Quiltguilds.com

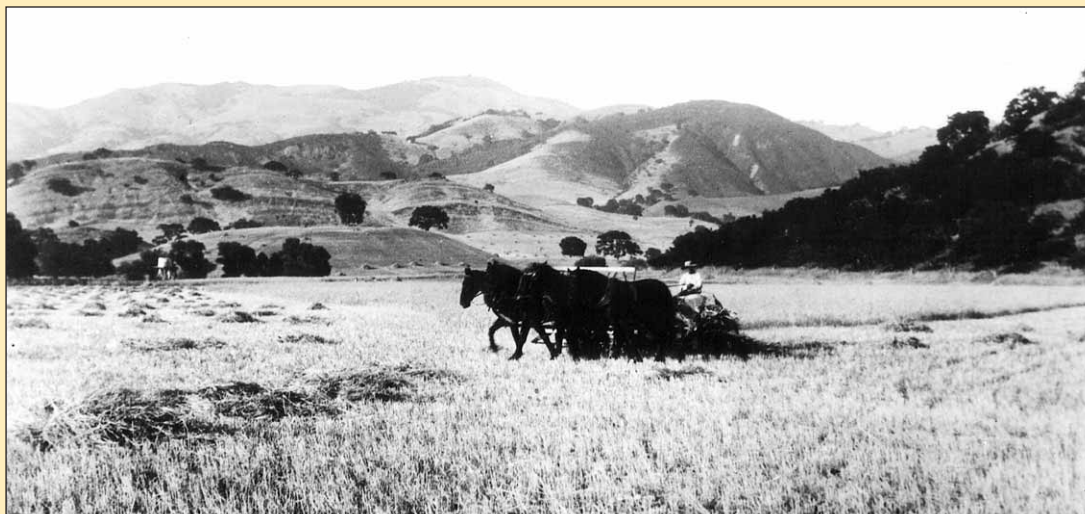


Lyda McAuliff sews together colorful material for Blankies for Grownups to bring comfort to those going through difficult times, focusing mainly on breast cancer patients. The pile, at right, grows and grows as the volunteers take needle and thread to fabric.



Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE



Donahue Ranch had fields of grain

In the old ranching days, binders were used to cut, bundle and tie stalks of grain and dump them in the field. Wagons would then collect the bundles and carry them to a stationary threshing machine. About 1916, this binder, pulled by a five-horse team, was cutting grain on the Donahue Ranch, which is now the Whitegate development.

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

OF NOTE

Police academy grads

The Danville Police Department concluded its eighth annual Citizens Police Academy on May 31 after six weeks of instruction. The topics included an overall view of the department, criminal investigations, criminal law, SWAT, patrol procedures, traffic and DUI enforcement, juvenile diversion and a K-9 demonstration. After the academy, a few graduates became part of the Volunteers in Policing program, which plays an important role in community policing. The VIP program offers opportunities for volunteers to make a difference in the community.

"It's important when the citizens of Danville decide they want to give something back to their community and take an active interest in getting involved with their Police Department," Chief Chris Wenzel stated at the graduation, "It is partnerships like this that keep our community safe and improves on an already high quality of life. Our volunteer program allows citizens to assist the Police Department in areas such as public information at the front counter, provide information and traffic control at special events, and assist in providing crime prevention information to the public."

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer may contact Claudia Ray at 314-3410.

Realtors launch Habitat campaign

Coldwell Banker Resident Brokerage Community Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the company, announced the launch of its eighth annual Habitat for Humanity fundraising campaign. It is dubbed "100 Years of Homes and Hope" in honor of Coldwell Banker's



Danville police Chief Chris Wenzel (left) takes a moment with the recent graduates of the Citizens Police Academy who completed six weeks of instruction and are now eligible to work as volunteers in the department.

100th birthday in 2006. Habitat for Humanity partners with low income families to build homes for them to own with no-profit, zero-interest mortgages.

Tickets for \$2 for a drawing with 40 prizes are available in each of the brokerage offices in Northern California and the public is invited to participate. Prizes include \$5,000 cash; a private wine tasting appointment and tour for 10; a two-night stay at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco; a digital camera; among others. For a complete list, call 275-3085.


Rotary Clubs plan big year

The presidents of the five San Ramon Valley Rotary Clubs, in partnership with Rossmoor Rotary, are teaming their memberships of more than 300 to tackle larger projects this year. Their signature project in the Valley, now in its

11th year, is the purchase of about 1,800 children's dictionaries to distribute to every third-grader in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District plus two private schools.

In September the clubs will host 50 Rotarians from Monterey, Mexico, where the Danville-Sycamore Rotary had led two delegations to deliver more than 750 wheelchairs. In November the clubs will co-host a delegation of 11 Russian building contractors for 23 days as part of an exchange program. Also five exchange students will come from around the world to spend a year living with Valley families, and five local students will depart for a year abroad.

Independently the clubs hold fundraisers to support a variety of community projects including leadership camps, business competitions, speech contests and scholarships for athletic, scholastic and community service excellence.



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Southern Black cooking: Food for the soul

by Jacqui Love Marshall

We all know it as “comfort food.” You know, those soothing, hunger-satisfying foods that can salve a romance gone sour, nurse the recovery of a bad flu or pacify a cancelled vacation. The comfort of our earliest, fondest food memories is what calms and relieves us. For me, comfort foods are the foods of my Southern Black childhood ... foods that transport me back to the carefree days of growing up in Miami, in a tiny, two-bedroom house with no air conditioning or central heating but with a mother who could (if she chose to) cook worn leather shoes so that they were tender and tasty.

Southern Black cuisine has its roots in slavery, when slaves of African origin and poor African-Americans applied culinary creativity to transform the lowest cuts and normally unusable portions of meats and vegetables into edible dishes for their families. The food was a double coping mechanism—it provided sustenance after a long day’s labor and for the next work day to come; it also celebrated one more day’s survival with your family, who could be taken away from you at any time. To hold onto a sense of their family “roots,” the African traditions of communal family meals and the passing of oral history and storytelling sustained the slaves’ emotional and spiritual needs. Meals were a time for taboo religious ceremonies, welcoming new slaves, and visits from friends so the food was always “stretched” to feed everyone at the table. It wasn’t simply food—it was also nourishment for the soul ... to keep on keeping on, despite the hardships.

Most “soul food” dishes have, as their base, the indigenous foods of Africa. As early as 4,000 B.C., certain grains, legumes, yams, watermelon, pumpkin, okra and leafy greens were grown on the African continent. Eggplant, cucumber, onion and garlic are also believed to be originally derived from Africa. Since meat was used sparingly, most Africans ate a mainly vegetarian diet, though meats and seafood showed up in stews. An African meal of rice, chicken and milk was common; poorer Africans ate couscous with leafy vegetables. Often, foods were fried in palm oil, roasted over fire and baked in ashes; some foods were smoked for flavoring while others were thickened with

seeds and nuts. Africans also made rice dishes and created fritters. Overall, the African diet was satisfyingly healthy.

Surprisingly, some of the African ingredients began appearing in plantation crops in the Americas. Perhaps the tales of seeds from watermelons, okras and sesame carried in the slave’s hair, ears or clothing are true. Or, more practically, slave traders may have brought the food over for trade, along with the slaves. Either way, the familiar foods soon became part of America’s southern crops.

Newly arrived African slaves likely had a better diet than their wealthy owners, who ate mostly fatty foods, little or no vegetables, and lots of sweets and alcohol that left them overweight and lethargic. The slaves, needing to be strong to work the fields, were encouraged to maintain their vegetarian regimens and drink flavored waters to quench a field hand’s thirst, such as iced tea and lemonade. As the slaves assimilated into their American lives, they got by with ingredients at hand. Fresh vegetables were replaced by the throwaway foods from the master’s house. Their vegetables were the tops of turnips, dandelions and beets but, eventually, they cooked new greens: collards, cress, mustard, kale, etc. Adding lard from the slaughtered hog and the cracklin’ of the pig’s skin for seasoning, they created flavorful meals. Rations of corn meal, a little meat and black molasses were given out weekly and the women used these ingredients, with onions, garlic and herbs, to create different dishes. The cornmeal was turned into cornbreads, the meat (pig’s feet and ears, ham hocks, chitterlings, hog jowl, tripe and crackling) became the main dish with side portions of greens. Molasses and cornmeal (with an occasional bucket of freshly-picked fruit) was mixed to create desserts.

Slave diets changed as slaves became cooks in plantation houses. With new ingredients available to them, slave cooks made delectable meals for their masters. Suddenly southern cooking rose to new heights: Fried chicken appeared; sweet potatoes (in lieu of the African yam) replaced the common boiled white potato. Regional fruits, grains and nuts were turned into pies and puddings. Through the culinary influences of each region, the slaves’ cooking began to reflect those influences: The Spanish culture

of the Carolinas and a new, strange food called sausage inspired dishes like jambalaya, while variations on a French bouillabaisse or cassoulet emerged as a gumbo using shellfish from the bayou and okra to satisfy an African palate.

Always conscious of efficiency, nothing was ever wasted in the Black kitchen. Leftover fish became croquettes or crab cakes; rotting sweet potatoes and yams were turned into desserts. With added ingredients, stale bread became bread pudding, and unused corn became pone or fritters. Even the liquid from boiled vegetables was turned into “pot likker” and used as gravy or as a nourishing tonic by itself. When slaves baked apple, peach or cherry pies for the master, they created fried pies from leftover ingredients that could be tucked into a pocket for an in-the-field snack.

As freed blacks and emancipated slaves scattered far and wide, Sunday dinners became a traditional time for families to come back together. It was common for a daughter or son to travel some distance for a reunion with loved ones and a home-cooked meal. Aunts, uncles, cousins (both real and not) met at the homes of the best cooks for Sunday meals. Sometimes the meal was a potluck where everyone brought their best dish or where all women converged in the kitchen to cook, share stories and enjoy each other’s company.

Today, as most people think of soul food, they imagine a table laden with watermelon, fried chicken, candied yams and greens. However, every black family has its own style of “soul food”—gumbo, black-eyed peas, smothered chicken, hush puppies, potato salad, crab cakes, stewed okra and tomatoes, grits with fried green tomatoes, pickled pig’s feet, rice and neckbones, cornbread with buttermilk, cow’s tongue, chittlin’s, breaded pork chops, tripe. Many Americans have had a taste of popular “soul foods” somewhere along the culinary trail. Still, one measure of good soul food is always worth putting to the test: If you walk into someone’s kitchen or into a restaurant and the aroma does not hit you at the door, keep walking! Hopefully, these recipes will fill your own kitchen with the most savory smells and welcome your family and friends to a wonderful “soul”-filled meal.

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RECIPES

Anna Lou’s Hoppin’ John: Black-eyed peas and rice (serves 6-8)

6 cups of water
1 pound dried black-eyed peas
1 cup cubed salt pork, rinsed*
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
1 large onion, chopped
6 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. dried thyme leaves
1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
1 tsp. chili powder
2 cups uncooked rice
Salt and pepper
1. Combine water and black-eyed peas in a large saucepan. Cook until almost tender, about one hour. Add more water if needed. (Parboiling the night before can reduce cooking time by half.)
2. Brown salt pork in medium skillet on medium heat. Add green pepper, onion, garlic, cumin and thyme. Stir and cook until browned. Add tomato paste and chili powder. Stir. Add a little water. Stir. Pour into beans. Add rice. Stir. Add enough water to cover by 1-1/2 inches. Cover. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Simmer 30

minutes. Salt and pepper to taste.
*Note: You may substitute a large smoked turkey wing for the salt pork.

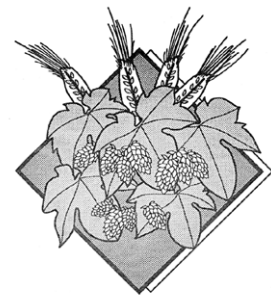
Uncle Wyatt’s Fried Catfish with Buttermilk Hush Puppies (serves 8)

3 pounds fish fillets, cut into 8 to 12 pieces
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
1-1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
1 cup vegetable oil
Lemon wedges
1. Rinse fillets under cold water and shake off excess water. Season with the salt and pepper. Place the cornmeal in a shallow dish. Coat the fillets on both sides with cornmeal. Set aside on a baking sheet.
2. In a large skillet, preferably cast-iron, heat the oil over medium-high heat until hot, but not smoking. Add the fillets. Cook until the underside is golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Turn carefully, and cook until the other side is golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to paper towels to drain briefly.
3. Serve hot with the lemon wedges, and hush puppies.

Buttermilk Hush Puppies

Crisco Shortening or Crisco Oil for deep frying
1 cup yellow cornmeal*
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1-1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup buttermilk
1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1. Heat 2 to 3 inches Crisco Shortening or Crisco Oil to 365 degrees in deep fryer or deep saucepan.
2. Combine cornmeal, flour, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Stir in buttermilk, egg and onion. Mix well.
3. Drop by teaspoonfuls, a few at a time, into shortening or oil. Fry 2 minutes or until dark golden brown. Turn as needed for even browning. Remove with slotted metal spoon. Drain on paper towels. Serve immediately.
*Note: You may substitute cornmeal mix for the cornmeal, salt and baking soda.

Recipes for Aunt Barbara Jean’s “Mean” Collard Greens and big Moma’s Irresistible Pound Cake can be found at www.DanvilleWeekly.com.



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Alamo-Danville Artists' Society

The Alamo-Danville Artists' Society will be displaying paintings by Alamo and Danville artists: Edith Dittert, Pam Howett, Roswitha Kress and Jessie Spears 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-Sept.

Calling for Artists

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

San Francisco Fine Craft Show

Danville artist Rob Tribble will show his glass art along with more than 260 artists at this craft show Aug. 11-13, at the Fort Mason Center, San Francisco. For information, call (212) 274-0630 or visit www.craftcouncil.org.

Author Visits

A Night of Mystery

Join mystery writers Margaret Dumas, Ann Parker and Simon Wood as they discuss the mystery genre and their writing experiences at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 3, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. in the Mt. Diablo room. Call 837-4889.

Franz and Kurt Wisner

Rakestraw Books will host Franz and his brother, Kurt Wisner, and they will be talking about "Honeymoon with My Brother," with a reading, signing and lunch at noon, Friday, July 28, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. The cost of lunch is \$12. Reservations are required by calling 837-7337.

Lewis Buzbee

Rakestraw Books will host Lewis Buzbee, author of "The Yellow Lighted Bookshop," at 7 p.m., Monday, July 31, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. There may be no better way to remind ourselves of the pleasure of bookshops, especially from the recent sad news that has dominated Bay Area bookselling lately. Call 837-7337.

Nina Planck

Rakestraw Books will host Nina Planck, author of "Real Food: What to Eat and Why," at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. She will be provid-

ing information to help us make the appropriate decisions in regard to food. The night will include dinner and "bring your own wine." The cost is \$25; reservations are required by calling 837-7337.

The Century House Poetry Readings

City of Pleasanton will host Matt Miller, guest poet at the Century House Poetry Readings event, from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 6, at 2401 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Admission is \$5. Call 931-5350 or email PoetsLane@comcast.net.

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-Danville Newcomers' Club

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

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.

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.

Friends of the Danville Library

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

Julie's Morning Book Club

This club is currently reading Franz Wisner's, "Honeymoon with My Brother" and will meet at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 28, at the Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. As a special treat for this meeting, both Franz and Kurt Wisner will be joining the discussion. Call 837-7337.

Model RC Boaters Association

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

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

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

Pleasanton DeMolay

This Pleasanton chapter of DeMolay is an organization for young men between the ages of 12-21. They meet at 7:30 p.m., the first and third Tuesdays of every month at the Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Road. For information, contact Ken Varallo at 455-8586 or raports2@comcast.net.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

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

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club

This club is for both "new" and "not so new" Tri-Valley residents. They invite

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Cars, Cars, Cars

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prospective members to attend a luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, at Canyon Lakes Restaurant, San Ramon. To reserve your spot, call Jan at 735-3508.

Tri-Valley Writers Association

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

The organization's next meeting will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. The regularly scheduled meetings for July and August will be held on the third Thursday of the month. The Sept. meeting will return to the normally scheduled time. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Tchaikovsky, 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 Erzhonov (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 22, Pride & Joy; Aug. 5, East Bay Mudd; Aug. 19, the Cheeseballs. Call 314-3470.

Events

15th Annual Business Showcase, Food & Wine

Danville Area Chamber of Commerce will present the 15th annual Business Showcase, Food and Wine event from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Blackhawk Plaza in Danville. The Chamber is now taking reservations for space; call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillechamber.com.

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.nationalnight-out.org or for more local information, call Toni Ferreira at 314-3359.

24th Annual Alamo Music and Wine Festival

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

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

Concerts

Alamo's Summer Concert Series

Alamo Parks and Recreation will host its Summer Concert Series from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fridays, July 21 (Rosemarie & the Rhythm Riders), and Aug. 18 (Brother Buzz), at Livorna Park, 801 Livorna Road, Alamo. You are sure to get up and boogie! Call 451-9176.

Concert in the Hills Series

Astound Broadband presents the seventh annual Concert in the Hills Series with four different concerts at Cal State East Bay's Concord Campus, 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road, Concord. Gates open at 6 p.m., concert opening arts at 7 p.m. and the main acts at 8 p.m. These concerts are free, and food and beverages will be available for purchase, but you may bring your own picnic. All seating is on the lawn so bring a blanket or short lawn chair. A list of concerts is at www.concord.csueastbay.edu/concertinthehills.html.

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San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Disaster Preparedness Day from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, July 29, at the church, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. This event will have lots of free information from professionals with free music and lunch provided. For information, visit www.srvumc.org.

Eighth Annual Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge

On Your Mark Events presents the eighth annual Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, July 22, at Lake Del Valle, 7000 Del Valle Road, Livermore. Entry fee is \$30 in advance; \$35 the day of. Call (209) 795-7832 or email onyourmarkevents.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 of four, \$6 each additional family member. To register and find out what families should bring, go to the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Family Fun Nights

Alamo Parks and Recreation will host a Family Fun Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, 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.

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.

Hot Summer Nights Car Show

Danville Merchants' Association will host Hot Summer Nights Car Show from 4-9 p.m., July 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.

Speedway

Blackhawk Museum will host "Speedway" by exploring speed and making things that go fast from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 13, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Participants will design a balloon rocket car, play a race car game, and eat checkered flagged cookies. Free with admission to the museum. Call 736-2277.

Summer Series Under the Stars

Alameda County Fairgrounds and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center present the first Summer Series Under the Stars. The performances begin at 7:30 p.m., Sundays, July-Aug. Cost is \$12 for adults; \$8 for seniors/youth; children under 7 are free. The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform Sunday, July 23. For information, visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org or www.alamedacountyfair.com.

3rd 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.

Walking Tours of Historic Danville

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

Exhibits

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.

One Room School House

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley will host the "One Room School House" exhibit from Aug. 4-Sept. 27. It will take you back when black boards, ink wells and feather quills were a sign of the times. Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 837-3750.

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. Bay Area NTRACK, through July 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.

Troy and Alana Pack Memorial Golf Classic

This fundraiser sponsored by the Golden State Warriors will help raise money to build awareness for the safety of our families and children. This event starts at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Blackhawk Country Club, Lakeside Course, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. Cost is \$295 for golf and dinner; \$75 dinner only. Call 648-2940 or visit www.alanaandtroy.org/golftournament.html.

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 next walk meets at the Sycamore Creek Trail and Open Space Staging Area at the intersection of Sycamore Valley Road and Camino Tassajara (Castenada Trail). Call 314-3476 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Kids & Teens

Summer Storytimes

The Danville Library will host Summer Storytime for children ages 0-5 years from now until 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

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

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How to Turn That Light-Bulb Idea Into Reality

Contra Costa County Library Small Business Workshop will present a "How to Turn that Light-Bulb Idea into Money-Making Reality" workshop from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 3, 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@contra-costasbdc.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.

Live Music

Rock & Dine at Bridges

Discover Danville presents Rock & Dine with a choice of a three course dinner at Bridges, 44 Church St., Amber, 500 Hartz Ave., or at Corks, 411 Hartz Avenue, #G, Danville, all starting at 5 p.m., Sunday, July 30. This unique dining experience will end with a concert with legendary rocker Eddie Money. 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.tvar.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.

On Stage

Franc D'Ambrosio's Broadway

Walnut Creek Honda and Oakland Acura present Franc D'Ambrosio's Broadway with performances from the Contra Costa Performing Arts Society at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Aug. 18-19 and at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 20, at Dean Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$27 for general admission; \$25 for seniors and students. Call 943-SHOW (943-7469).

'Shirley Valentine'

Center REPeritory Company will host "Shirley Valentine," a charming, quirky and humorous heroine as she breaks free to self-discovery in Greece, at the Dean Leshar Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. The show will run until July 29 with different times and days. Tickets are \$14-28. Call 943-7469.

'The Secret Garden'

S.T.A.G.E. Too presents "The Secret Garden," a literary classic that your entire family will enjoy from July 21-30. The showtimes are at 7 p.m., Fridays; noon and 4 p.m., Saturdays; and 4 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door. Call 682-0896.

Political Notes

San Ramon Valley GOP Hoedown

San Ramon Valley Republican Women will host a "GOP Hoedown" at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 29, at the Wiedemann Ranch on Highland Road (call for directions). Many elected politicians will be present. Western attire optional. Cost is \$40. For information, contact Leta Rockwell at 838-2908 or rockwellsnuggery@comcast.net.

Seniors

'Aftershock' at the Oakland Museum

The Town of Danville will host an outing for seniors to the "Aftershock" exhibit at the Oakland Museum from 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 26. Participants will meet at Pleasanton BART. Cost is \$8 for residents; \$9 for non-residents. Bring money for lunch. Activity level is 3.5-4.0 (some walking and standing). Call 314-3476.

Bridge

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

Danville Senior Citizens Club

The club meets from 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., every Monday at the Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., for line dancing exercise, bingo, mah jong and more. Membership is just \$10 a year. Call Fran Britt at 743-4026.

Laugh Club

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

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, 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.

Youth Explosion

The Well Church will host "Youth Explosion" to foster unity and fellowship among East Bay teenage and young adult Christians at 6 p.m., Friday, July 21, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. For information, contact Scott Delk at 479-1407 or sdelk@thewellchurch.net.

Sports

Adult Open Gym Basketball

Danville Parks and Recreation Department holds drop-in basketball year-round at the Los Cerros Middle School, 968 Blemer Road, for ages 18 and over. Drop-in times are 7:30-9 a.m., Saturdays. Bring your own ball. Cost is \$3 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Call 314-3400.

Adult Softball

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

Danville Tennis Club

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

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Association

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

Bipolar Support Group

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

Breast Cancer Support Group

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.

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

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.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum


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

LPGA "Long's Challenge" Tournament

The LPGA "Long's Challenge" Tournament will be hosted by the Blackhawk Country Club from Monday-Sunday, Sept. 18-24 and they are looking for more than 800 volunteers to help make this event successful! To volunteer, contact Bonnie Guttman at 314-3395 or bguttman@ci.danville.ca.us. For information, visit www.longdrugschallenge.com.

Volunteers in Mission to Mississippi


San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church will be sending more teams of volunteers to work on storm damaged homes in Mississippi and they need your help! If you can get away from your "day job" for a week, please contact Chris Lotz at 837-3187 or cj_lotz@hotmail.com.



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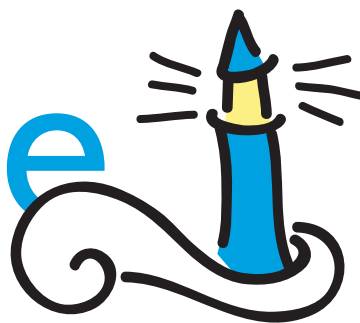
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Total sales reported: 11	Total sales reported: 3	Total sales reported: 33
Lowest sale reported: \$341,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,025,000	Lowest sale reported: \$244,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,998,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,550,000	Highest sale reported: \$600,000
Average sales reported: \$1,090,500	Average sales reported: \$1,308,333	Average sales reported: \$737,970

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
1248 Ariel Drive Shapell Industries to Sunderland Trust for \$1,350,000	421 Sycamore Hill Drive Olton Trust to P. Jensen for \$649,000	1573 Arbutus Drive J. & S. Ordonez to N. Pearlstein for \$995,000
2131 Deer Oak Way R. & T. Andrews to W. & O. Warnken for \$1,998,000	4028 Westminster Place E. & S. Yu to C. & A. Bell for \$1,082,500	2912 Encina Camino Arora Trust to C. & A. Suen for \$935,000
409 Garden Creek Place S. Bunis to D. & H. Vitaglione for \$490,000	4060 Westminster Place Medallion Limited to M. Fong for \$1,135,000	782 Hilton Road Ensminger Trust to R. Douglass for \$810,000
2 Hardy Court Cinco Casas Limited to J. & L. Christian for \$980,000	111 Daniel Drive R. & D. Marlow to G. & M. Whittis for \$1,350,000	617 Hove Court J. & M. Galin to Belch Trust for \$1,025,000
79 Haskins Ranch Circle M. Sorensen to R. Anderson for \$341,000	1571 Ridgewood Road K. & P. Spyrka to D. & M. Smith for \$1,025,000	72 Iron Horse Lane W. Millard to A. & N. Ly for \$760,000
24 Maplewood Drive Kaufmann Trust to C. & D. Barthold for \$1,565,000	349 South Avenue B. & V. Northcutt to J. & R. Gambill for \$1,550,000	116 Las Lomas Way R. & J. Lewis to A. Deanda for \$875,000
26 Maplewood Drive Delgado-Hilton Trust to R. Owner for \$1,550,000	41 Aleman Court J. Ness to R. Brooks for \$800,000	1541 Longford Court Bussert Trust to N. Amin for \$740,000
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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Alamo

4 Bedrooms

199 Canyon Vista Pl. \$1,299,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Empire 217-5050

2051 Pebble Dr. \$1,685,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-5700

5 Bedrooms

1 Tanglewood Ln. \$1,575,000
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 672-2499

44 Stonecastle Ct. \$1,625,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 683-5165

2618 Danville Blvd. \$1,777,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Century 21 209-1131

1371 Pine Tree \$1,798,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5328

230 St. Paul Dr. \$1,995,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 330-1846

129 Linhares Ln. \$2,890,000
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 858-1797

153 Smith Rd. \$2,998,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 203-3451

Blackhawk

3 Bedrooms

11 Deer Meadow Ct. \$1,259,000
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 736-4155

887 Redwood Dr. \$1,279,000
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 672-2499

4 Bedrooms

311 Live Oak Dr. \$1,149,000
Sun 12-4 Heritage 577-4004

388 Live Oak Dr. \$1,429,000
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 736-4155

525 Kingswood Pl. \$1,698,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 998-1818

Danville

2 Bedrooms

403 Old Orchard \$596,500
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 787-8205

615 Morninghome Rd. \$699,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 381-3660

3 Bedrooms

180 San Thomas Wy. \$1,035,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 915-0300

140 Maiden Ln. \$1,099,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 943-3333

124 San Thomas Wy. \$1,175,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 915-0300

311 Prospect Ave. W. \$1,299,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5374

243 Ashley Cir. \$619,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Better Homes 791-4263

4 Danville Oak Pl. \$639,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5331

305 W. Meadows Ln. \$690,000
Sun 12-4 Heritage 577-0525

167 Heritage Park \$695,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-6410

2180 Oneida Cir. \$759,950
Sun 1-4 Empire 984-1787

1099 River Rock Ln. \$829,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075

186 Tivoli Ln. \$835,000
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 648-5331

65 Versailles \$859,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

126 Cameo Dr. \$879,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

18 Haskins Ranch Cir. \$925,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4125

4 Bedrooms

62 St. Mark Ct. \$1,015,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4060

302 Zagora Dr. \$1,079,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 977-8965

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

316 Borica Dr. \$1,150,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 963-8938

1212 Robyn Dr. \$1,169,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Empire 217-3108

1049 Ocho Rios Dr. \$1,479,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5342

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

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

124 Freesia Ct. \$929,000
Sun 12-4 Empire 217-5050

1102 River Rock Ln. \$939,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4049

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

139 St. James Ct. \$999,999
Sun 1-4 Pac Union GMAC 314-4841

1306 Brookside Dr. \$Upon Request
Sun 1-5 Re/Max 577-2600

5 Bedrooms

2013 Camino Ramon Pl. \$1,049,000
Sun 2:30-5 p.m. Empire 837-5679

133 Conway Dr. \$1,050,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 351-5859

117 Merano St. \$1,249,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5048

26 Bormio Ct. \$1,499,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 984-1945

132 Alta Vista Wy. \$1,499,990
Sat/Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell 339-3500

205 Morris Ranch Rd. \$1,618,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 413-8353

6 Bedrooms

251 Royal Palm Pl. \$1,175,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4096

265 Montego Dr. \$4,480,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 963-4837

Diablo

6 Bedrooms

2315 Caballo Ranchero \$2,195,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5048

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

9085 Alcosta Blvd., #379 \$385,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 791-2650

6199 Lake View Cir. \$615,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes 791-4263

218 Plumpointe Ln. \$619,990
Sat/Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653

3053 Lakemont, #3 \$624,000
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 577-4800

720-6 Lakemont Pl. \$749,900
Sun 1-4 Better Homes 791-4263

3 Bedrooms

2608 Ashwell Ln. \$674,900
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 510-406-4836

144 Coralflower Ln. \$678,000
Sun 1-4 Century 21 548-3599

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