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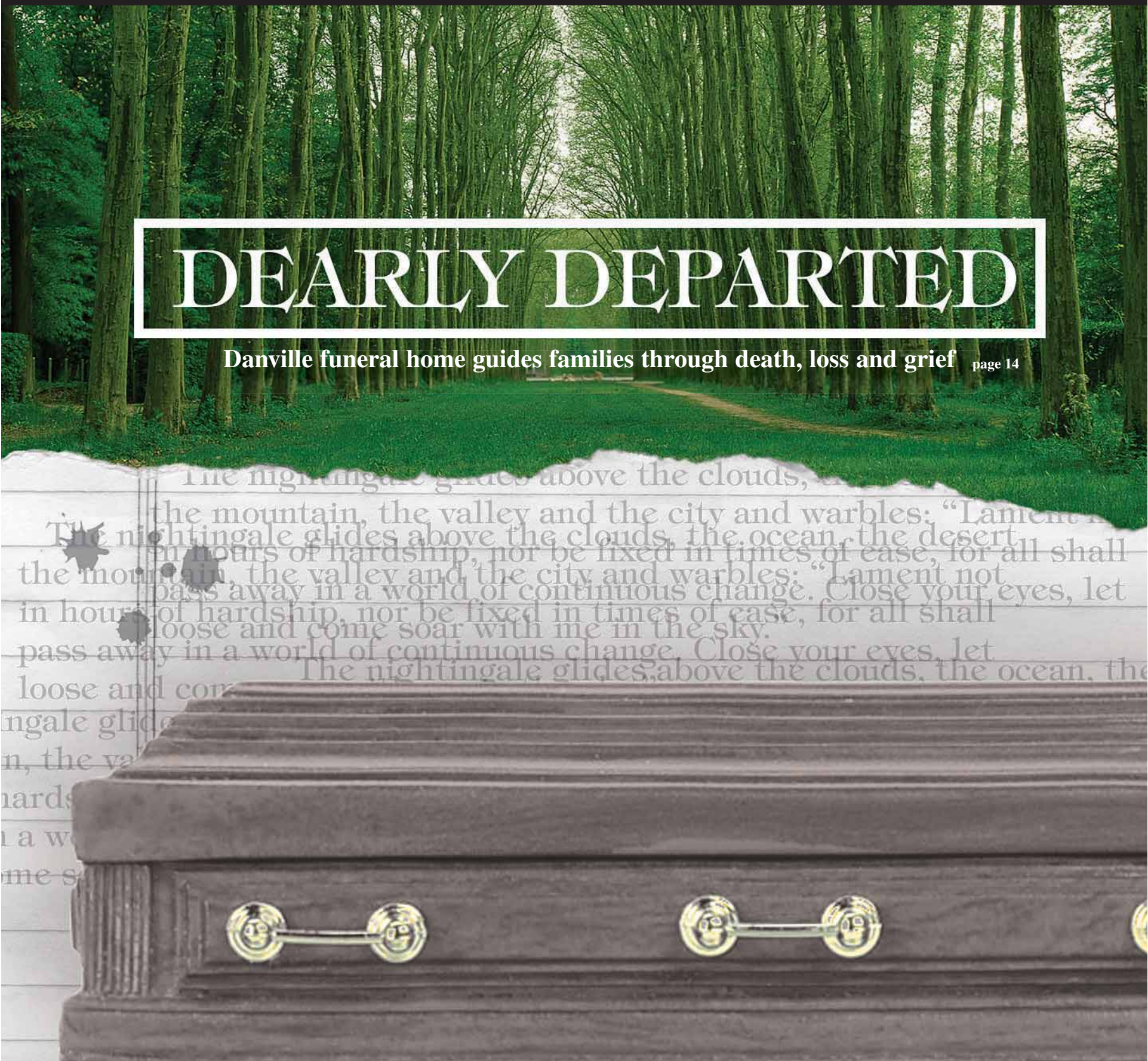
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I probably won't only because I don't go to the movies. If I did go to movies, I would not see it because I just don't have much interest in it.

—Chris Allen

investment manager/accountant



Yes. I definitely want to see that movie. It would be out of respect for the people who lost their lives. It's something we can never forget.

—Diane Pryt

mom



No, not yet. It's still too painful a memory. I'm not ready to relive it.

—Frank Rudnick

sales



No. It's too early even though it's been five years. It's like making a movie of a gory accident and capitalizing on the pain and suffering of others. I don't think we need to make money off someone else's pain.

—Steve Loyd

IT manager



No, because I think it's in bad taste to make money off the deaths of thousands of people. I can't believe that they would even make a movie about that.

—Cailin O'Meara

student

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ It’s a terrible chapter
in history. ”

—Nancy Casale, property manager of the Danville Livery,
which is unveiling a plaque and reflective garden designed
to remember Sept. 11. See story, page 5.

School district tests 7th in state

The San Ramon Valley schools have once again improved in the Academic Performance Index Growth Report, according to data released by the California Department of Education. All scores in the district were well above the state target.

The overall 2006 API growth score for the district was 896, up from the 2005 API Base score of 883. The state goal for all schools is 800, which was met by fewer than 30 percent of all schools in California.

These results place the San Ramon Valley Unified School District as the seventh highest unified school district in the state, and the highest among unified districts with more than 20,000 students.

Of the 18 elementary schools in the district, 16 scored higher than 900 on the index, and nearly every high school and middle school in the district saw significant gains. Del Amigo High School, the district's continuation high school, improved by 168 points. Students classified as "English Learners" posted a base score of 822, higher than the state target for individual schools and districts.

To view results, go to www.cde.ca.gov.

Seminar on prostate cancer surgery

The San Ramon Regional Medical Center and its Prostate Cancer Support Group will present a free educational seminar, "Minimally Invasive, Robotic Assisted Surgery for Prostate Cancer," from 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Urologists James Karol and Charles Wen will speak at the community seminar in the South Conference Room in San Ramon Regional South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road. The physicians will discuss minimally invasive treatment for prostate cancer using the da Vinci surgery system. Patients who have this minimally invasive procedure may experience less pain, less blood loss and faster recoveries.

Space is limited. Reservations are required. Call (800) 284-2878 or register online at www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Alamo Parks, Rec offering fall classes

Alamo Parks and Recreation's new program has 30 classes offered for fall 2006. Class listings and registration information are available at www.alamore.org, or call 451-9176.

This inaugural session has something for everyone, from babies to seniors. Moms with young ones might enjoy Boogie with Your Baby or Stroller Strides. Children and teens can learn to draw characters from "Cars" with Pixar Animator Matthew Luhn; the skills to be an expert babysitter; or the latest hip hop dance moves. For adults, fitness classes include the Supple Goddess Workout, Tai Chi and yoga. On the artistic side, choices include outdoor painting, scrapbooking and flower arranging.

Alamo residents receive a 50 percent reduction of the class fee because the program costs are being supplemented by tax dollars from the R-7A Special Tax District.

Clarification Regarding the Aug. 25 story on downtown Danville, the Planning Commission has not formally reviewed architectural designs for the town remodel. Property owner Tom Baldacci said that informally the commission seems to be leaning toward a more traditional style of architecture.

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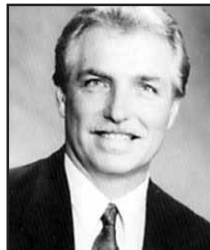
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Remembering Sept. 11

Two ceremonies being held in Danville on Monday to honor victims of that fateful day

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Two memorial ceremonies will be held in Danville to honor the victims who died Sept. 11 on the five-year anniversary Monday.

The Danville Livery will host a dedication ceremony at 10:30 a.m. as it unveils a new plaque in the shopping center. Then later in the evening, the Town of Danville and

the San Ramon Valley Exchange Club will hold a remembrance service for the victims at 6 p.m. at the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park.

"It's a terrible chapter in history," said Nancy Casale, property manager of the Danville Livery. "They sacrificed their lives."

The Danville Livery will unveil a commemorative plaque and a new reflective garden, which has

been designed to honor Americans who lost their lives Sept. 11. Mayor Karen Stepper will share a few words at the event, which will take place in front of Pleasant Thoughts.

Casale said her company has been working on the project for a few months.

"It's very lush and beautiful," said Casale. "People can sit and reflect."

She said the garden has two large oak trees, a Japanese maple, plants,

rocks, flowers and plenty of greenery. The plaque is made of brass.

"We're hoping for a nice turnout," she said.

During the evening service at Oak Hill Park, Stepper and San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson will give welcoming words. Brigadier General Eldon Regua, assistant division commander for operations for the 104th division, will also speak.

There will be a joint fire and

police honor guard, and Scouts with an array of American flags. The San Ramon Valley High School Chamber Singers will perform patriotic songs at the ceremony.

Additionally, the Exchange Club will conduct an essay contest among Danville and San Ramon middle and high school students entitled, "How the Sept. 11th Ceremony at Oak Hill Park Impacted Me." There will be prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25. ■

No residents apply to advise on trail

Group advises on improvements, maintenance issues

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Enjoying the Iron Horse trail is easy. Keeping it safe and beautiful isn't quite as simple. That's where the Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee—which has been on the hunt for Alamo residents—comes into play.

"People are very passionate about what happens to the corridor. This provides citizens a voice and input," said John Pulliam of the county Public Works Department.

But while Alamo residents recognize the trail as a valuable community resource, no applications for the committee were filed in time for the Sept. 6 deadline.

Members are appointed by district supervisors to advise Public Works on improvements and maintenance issues for the corridor. They guide the county on policies that are "open to interpretation," said Pulliam.

Controversial issues like landscaping and development will likely be addressed this year, officials said.

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Doug Marttila and Erik Haulgren take a break from their bike ride on the Iron Horse Trail in Alamo. The two have used the trail for years and said they know people who use it as a commute route to work.

Getting green for going green

High schools and town receive money for waste conservation efforts

by **Kevin Zhou**

The Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority recently announced that three of its 12 mini grant recipients will be San Ramon Valley High School, the Town of Danville and the Athenian High School.

The mini grants, which have been given out since 1999, award a total of more than \$50,000 in grant funding to organizations and schools that look to divert waste in the central county area. The CCCSWA hopes that the grants will help the cities and county reduce waste by more than 50 percent.

"We like to look for innovative projects, some things that are different," said Jenny Oorbeck, waste prevention and recycling specialist for the waste authority. "We especially like the ones that are going to divert a lot of waste and that can be promoted through the community as a project."

The awards are intended to act as startup funds for a long-term

activity. When the committee's board originally met in April to decide the grant recipients, one of the major factors considered was whether the proposals would have the ability to change the fundamental mindsets and attitudes of people.

"We hope that sometimes the startup funds will have a community long-term impact on diverting waste, not just for a year," said Oorbeck. "We like ones that educate, so we gave several grants to schools. We're hoping that has a long-term effect by changing people who are young."

For the second year in a row, the Athenian High School received a mini grant when it proposed adding recycling bins to outdoor areas. Last year, the high school was given an award for successfully installing a large composting system that automatically churned waste on the site and helped it decompose faster.

The Athenian's past success played a large role in the committee's decision this year.

"They've been doing a really excellent job," said Oorbeck. "It definitely helped that they followed through on their commitment the previous year. Because they are so

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Monte Vista traffic improving

Students, parents learning their way around new parking lot changes

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

School district officials said they are happy with the new parking lot and traffic signal at Monte Vista High School although they did cause some congestion during the first week of school as people became familiar with them.

"We feel like parents," said Marjorie Brown, assistant superintendent of facilities for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

"It's pretty great," she said. "There's always going to be traffic. We are eliminating some of the traffic congestion."

The new parking lot and the traffic signal that were installed in conjunction with the Humphrey Ranch project were operational on the first day at school. The lot has added approximately 400 more spaces for student parking, in addition to the school's old parking lot.

Last week, district spokesman Terry Koehne said there was traffic congestion on Stone Valley Road near Green Valley Road at the Whitegate entrance on the first day of school because it took time for

students and parents to adjust. He said the traffic and routine would get smoother as time moves forward.

Brown said the district is asking parents not to turn left on to Stone Valley Road out of the horseshoe in front of Monte Vista during peak hours, adding that this is a request by the Town of Danville.

She also said some of the traffic was created by buses stopping on the road, and the district is having buses drop off students inside the horseshoe to alleviate the congestion.

"That seems to have cut the traf-

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The new parking lot across the street from Monte Vista High is getting good use by the students, while adjacent construction continues on Humphrey Ranch.



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Going green

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San Ramon Valley High followed suit and proposed to construct a sustainability patio that would include picnic benches and recycling bins. The organizers want to create the patio in an area of the school where there would be a lot of foot traffic so that the recycling equipment would be used often.

The patio would also contain a large mural that would teach students the importance of conservation. For their efforts, the high school was awarded nearly \$7,000 in funding.

"It's interesting and a little bit different," said Oorbeck. "It is an education opportunity in the middle of the campus."

The Town of Danville was given more than \$3,000 to purchase special events containers, which are clear plastic bags with metal frames placed in the town during special occasions.

While the idea is nothing new, the town was awarded funding for the project because of its success in other cities, such as Walnut Creek.

"We've done it before, and because it was successful before, we thought it was important to support another one of our cities," said Oorbeck. ■

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As part of a county crackdown on encroachment permits, carved wooden bears were moved from along the Iron Horse Trail to inside the owner's fence. The Iron Horse Corridor Advisory Committee deals with similar policy issues that are up to interpretation.

Trail committee

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"There's always the ongoing issue of any further development allowed along the corridors," said John Grietzer of Contra Costa County Community Development.

Encroachment violations have emerged recently. These issues, however, won't likely be points the committee advises on, Grietzer said. When there are clear safety problems the county makes decisions without help from an advisory committee, he said.

"These are straightforward safety issues ... the committee will have a say on the things that aren't cut and dry," Grietzer said.

Everyday issues that affect trail users who walk, jog and bike along

the corridor will be the first priority, officials said.

"We've been biking back here since we were kids," said Danville resident Doug Marttila out on a bike ride with a friend last week. "The trail is great on a sunny day."

County staff said they look for members who have experience managing public land and landscaping or who are familiar with public meetings and community service.

These trail advisers will have input on the adopt-a-corridor program, which allows residents to take over landscaping in areas along the trail. Members will recommend limits and procedures for improvements.

"Volunteers can adopt a section of the trail to beautify. Some of these bigger projects might go to an advisory committee for review," Grietzer said.

Fire hazards, environmentally friendly upkeep, trash pickup and mulching are past issues that have been up for advisory discussion. Alamo, Danville, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill and Concord residents have served on previous committees and all members must live in District 3 and District 4.

Supervisors Mary N. Piepho and Mark DeSaulnier will review applications and decide on whom to appoint. A position for a Danville resident on the committee will open this January.

The committee was established in 1997 by the board of supervisors in order to give residents a way to contribute to discussions made on funding, mapping, public information and the trail's right of way.

"People love the Iron Horse Trail for getting out and enjoying the fresh air," Grietzer said. ■

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The traffic signal near the high school on Stone Valley Road is operational, helping students navigate from the parking lot to the school.

Monte Vista

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fic down," she said. "They saw a dramatic improvement, and parents are learning where to pick up children."

She said they could go to the new parking lot to pick up their students.

Brown said Monte Vista is facing its peak enrollment with 2,660 students enrolled this year.

Some of these students are being bused in from new Dougherty Valley homes and will attend Dougherty Valley High School when it opens in Fall 2007.

"This will be their highest enrollment," she said.

She said the more cars the district takes off the street, the happier the surrounding neighbors are. She added that school officials and local police are closely monitoring the progress of the traffic and the use of the new parking lot. ■



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Welcome to the Weekly

Tony Carnemolla (left) and David Miller share their vacation to Belize with the Danville Weekly.



Weekly triumphs

Jennifer and Jacqueline Buckert, 2001 and 2003 graduates of San Ramon Valley High, brought the Weekly along to the Arc de Triomphe on a side trip to Paris when Jennifer visited Jackie, who was studying at Lorenzo de Medici in Florence.

Looking for Dracula

Connie and Joe Dana share their Weekly while visiting Bran Castle, more commonly known as Dracula's Castle, built in 1212, in Romania.



Celebrating spring

It's nearly fall, but this photo was taken when Danville friends (left) Marillyn and Ralph Cozine, and Beverly and Jim Lane visited Yosemite National park and had dinner at the historic Ahwahnee Hotel in the spring. They reported the park was beautiful with dogwoods in bloom and waterfalls brimming with spring runoff.



Kitty makes three

Buddy the kitty perches on a shoulder so he can catch up on hometown news with his "parents" Carol and Joe Hoban while visiting Tunisia in May.



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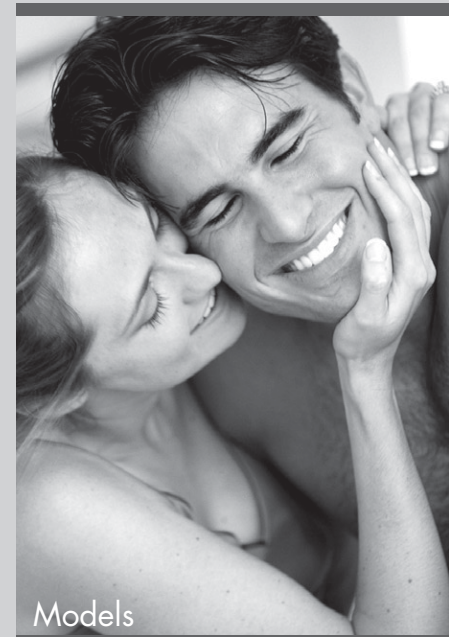
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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



A nutrition mission

Private chef—sounds good to me. I'm envisioning a white-hatted wonder in my kitchen, serving me gourmet meals on platters under silver domes. I'd have to purchase the domes, of course.

Last week I met Alamo resident Shannon Williams, who has worked as a private chef—doing the meal planning, grocery shopping and meal preparation in the home—as well as a personal chef for eight years, delivering prepared meals. “It was great,” she said. “Backbreaking but great.”

She is devoted to good nutrition but had to cook what her clients liked. “Everyone had their own definition of ‘healthy’ eating,” she said. So she returned to school to become a Certified Nutrition Consultant and is now on a mission to teach others how to eat healthy and get off processed foods.

Shannon led a class sponsored by the Town of Danville last week called Cookin’ at the Farmers’ Market, which used the kitchen at the downtown Veterans Hall. Nine of us gathered at the kitchen counter for Shannon to explain the menu for the evening: a salad of couscous, chicken and green beans; roasted vegetables; and a fresh fruit parfait for dessert. In place of the couscous she used “quinoa,” which she explained is a nutritious South American grain. She started the vegetables roast-

“It was fun to go to the farmers market in a group, although it meant walking past the kettle corn without stopping for a sample.”

ing, the quinoa soaking, and the natural yogurt draining through a sieve lined with cheesecloth, and we all headed for the Thursday night market, a block away.

It was fun to go to the farmers market in a group, although it meant walking past the kettle corn without stopping for a sample. Shannon taught us how to sniff the produce. When it smells like a peach—or a nectarine, or a cantaloupe—then it is ready to eat, she instructed. After much sniffing, we bought yellow peaches, white nectarines and raspberries for our fruit parfait, as well as salad mix, heirloom tomatoes and green beans for the salad. The market was hopping that night, with a flower

arranging class about to begin as part of the Do It Yourself Fest.

Back at the Vets Hall, Shannon offered ice water with lemon and ginger slices and talked about the medicinal value of lemon, ginger and garlic. While chopping and mixing, Shannon told us about her days as a personal chef and catering parties. One big challenge, she said, was that no two ovens or stoves heated the same. She's the type of cook who experiments as she goes and she encouraged us to do the same.

“Who's not good at making vinaigrette?” she asked. I didn't say anything because I usually use readymade and I'm damned good at it. One woman admitted she was lacking in that particular expertise although she'd been cooking for many years. “When you have six kids, you learn to cook,” she said. She was at the class hoping for new ideas and to get enthused about cooking. So Shannon chose her to mix the balsamic and red wine vinegars and olive oil, and season the mixture with fresh thyme, oregano, rosemary and garlic, tasting with tiny plastic spoons as she seasoned.

When Shannon assembled the parfaits, alternating the fruit with the sweetened yogurt, she introduced us to “stevia,” a natural sweetener from a plant native to Paraguay. It's \$10 at Trader Joe's, which sounds high except that 2-1/2 teaspoons of stevia equal one cup of sugar.

While we ate, I had a chance to talk to Shannon. Her mother gave her the “Betty Crocker Cookbook for Boys and Girls” when she was 9 years old and sat her down to plan a menu and make a shopping list; then Shannon prepared the meal for the family.

“No one ever had better Piggies in a Blanket,” Shannon said.

A few years later, when her mother began to work evenings, Shannon was happy to take over kitchen duties even when it was her siblings' turns.

As an adult, Shannon worked as a cook in Manhattan for a while, and when she decided she'd had enough of that craziness she hired on as the chef at a cattle ranch in Bridgeport. It was a dude ranch, actually, and the dudes appreciated fine dining, she recalled.

Now she likes to educate people about food. Three of the women at the class had met Shannon through the recently closed ShapeXpress in Alamo and had met with her for nutrition advice. For more information, go to www.SuccessfulHealth.info or call 820-6205. We all agreed we'd like to attend another cooking class—and we all swore to start frequenting the farmers market. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Fake \$100 bills spent at Alamo's Rite Aid

An employee at Rite Aid in Alamo Plaza found two \$100 counterfeit bills last week, according to the Sheriff's Office Valley Station in Alamo.

An employee filed a report with the Sheriff's Office at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 31, after discovering that Rite Aid had been paid counterfeit bills for its products, said Angela Urrutia, crime prevention specialist at the Sheriff's Office. The store received the fake money between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 29.

"They looked real," Urrutia said.

Apparently, an employee discovered the two \$100 counterfeit bills were phony when making a store deposit to Bank of America in Alamo Plaza. The tellers saw that Abraham Lincoln's water-

mark was on the two bills, instead of Benjamin Franklin.

"The bank checks everything," Urrutia said. "They know what to look for. The bank knows the security features on the bills. They are going to make sure that they are real bills before depositing them in the account."

She said there are a couple of things the average person can look for in deciphering real money. People can see the authenticity of U.S. money by holding it up to the light and seeing the invisible security thread, which states the amount of a bill. Also, there are watermarks of figures printed on money.

"You want to be more wary of it with the larger bills," she said. "If you're collecting money from someone, you just want to make sure it's real."

—Jordan M. Doronila

POLICE LOG

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

Monday, Aug. 28

- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Mansfield Dr. at 7:34 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on El Alamo Ct. at 2:46 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

- Credit card fraud on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:06 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Hartz Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 11:10 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Northoak Ct. at 12:35 p.m.
- Grand theft, shoplifting, on Hartz Ave. at 3:05 p.m.
- Grand theft, shoplifting, on E. Prospect Ave. at 4:11 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplifting, on Fostoria Way at 4:16 p.m.
- Warrant arrest on Cameo Dr. and Green Valley Rd. at 7:07 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

- Vandalism on Love Ln. at 2:01 p.m.
- Grand theft from building on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:05 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Harlan Dr. at 4:20 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 31

- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on

Camino Tassajara and Diablo Rd. at 10:36 a.m.

- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Camino Tassajara and Diablo Rd. at 11:01 a.m.

- Suspicious circumstances on Messiah Pl. at 11:36 a.m.

- Petty theft, bicycle, on Love Ln. at 11:57 a.m.

- Warrant arrest on El Rio Rd. at 4:20 p.m.

- Auto burglary on Love Ln. at 5:19 p.m.

- Driving with suspended, revoked license on El Cerro Blvd. and southbound I-680 at 5:55 p.m.

- Interfering with public officer, arrest, on Glen Rd. and Hartford Rd. at 10:17 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 1

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Sheri Ln. and Town and Country Dr. at 12:15 a.m.

- Possession of dangerous drugs, arrest, on St. Christopher Dr. at 1:51 a.m.

- Auto burglary on Dolphin Dr. at 5:46 a.m.

- Auto burglary on El Quanito Dr. at 8:08 a.m.

- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 1:47 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2

- Drunk in public, arrest, on Bobbie Dr. and Highbridge Ln. at 1:30 a.m.

- Warrant arrest on Hartz Ave. at 11:03 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Green Gables Ct. at 12:02 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 12:59 p.m.
- Under the influence of drugs on Love Ln. at midnight

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

ALAMO

Monday, Aug. 28

- Sexual battery on Danville Blvd.
- Felony vandalism on Lark Pl.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

- Domestic battery on Miranda Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

- Residential burglary on Dorchester Ln.

Thursday, Aug. 31

- Possession of counterfeit bill on Alamo Plaza

Saturday, Sept. 2

- Disturbance, threats, on Muir Ln.

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Monday, Aug. 28

- Credit card fraud on Bourne Ln.

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Gary L. Lemke

Danville resident Gary L. Lemke died Sunday, Aug. 27, at the age of 60. He had been recently diagnosed with a terminal cancer-related illness.

He was born in Albany, Calif., on Sept. 5, 1945. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Preceding him in death were his father, Walter Lemke; his mother, Malba Lemke; and his wife of 24 years, Carol Ann Palmer Lemke. He is survived by his four sons, Jeremiah, Joshua, Jonathan and Justin. Also surviving are his two brothers, Lawrence and Michael Lemke; and his sister, Karen Lemke.

Memorial Services were held Sept. 2 at the Danville Community Center Valley Oak Room.

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The cost of Alamo recreation classes

Alamo Parks and Recreation is hoping everyone will take note of its fall classes, an impressive list of fun and enrichment opportunities for all ages. Notices state that Alamo residents receive 50 percent off the price of classes and activities. This is a smart marketing strategy aimed at making residents happy to get a deal rather than making nonresidents unhappy at being charged twice as much. Because another way of saying the same thing is that non-residents are required to pay twice as much as residents to take a class.

It's only fair that residents pay less because they already pay taxes that help finance county service area R-7A, which funds the Alamo classes; the fees are supposed to pay for instructors and supplies. The true difference in cost between residents and non-residents would be the amount that comes from taxes. Since no specific accounting was done to arrive at that amount, a 50 percent surcharge was added, which is a nice round figure and easy to calculate.

This type of payment schedule is not uncommon—from paying out-of-state fees for California colleges on down. In Danville and other nearby cities, there is also a difference between what residents and non-residents pay for classes, rentals and activities although it is usually much less than double. The R-7A advisory committee had a special consideration to make when advising on the fees. Its members also had to take into consideration their goal to fill up the classes since they are developing a new program. Recreation coordinator Valerie Matlock has done a fine job scheduling more than 30 classes, mostly taking place at Hap Magee Ranch Park. The schedule is online at www.alamore.org.

If there are enough Alamo residents to fill the classes, that would be great. But in the San Ramon Valley, residents continually cross town lines for schools, churches, shopping and other activities. Hopefully, R-7A's attractive schedule of classes will be filled quickly and spaces will not remain vacant because nonresidents are discouraged by the higher fees. ■

"In Danville and other nearby cities, there is also a difference between what residents and non-residents pay for classes, rentals and activities."

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LETTERS

Something for everyone

Dear Editor:

Everyone should be aware that Alamo has a vibrant and entertaining recreation program scheduled for fall 2006. Valerie Matlock, the Alamo Recreation Program Provider, has put together a program that will appeal to a wide variety of interests. There are sessions for babies and moms such as "Boogie with your Baby" and an extensive offering of programs for children through teens.

Classes include decorating, dance, yoga, floral design and more. There are even classes for you and your dog.

I would heartily encourage Alamo residents to participate in this new program. A complete list of the activities is available at www.alamore.org.

Steve Mick, vice-chairman,
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Going gold: Sophomore eyes 2012 Olympics

Pentathlete working to hone his shooting, fencing, swimming, horseback riding and cross country skills

by Rachel McMurdie

Some kids are satisfied with being good at one sport. Not Chris Hassoon. This Monte Vista sophomore is going for five. And being good isn't going to cut it for him either. He wants to be great.

His competition is the modern pentathlon, an event that tests an athlete's ability in pistol shooting, epee fencing, swimming, horseback riding and cross country running. His goal is the Olympic Games 2012 and beyond.

This summer 15-year-old Hassoon took the first steps toward that goal, attending the Olympic Training center in Colorado Springs. It was a chance few athletes ever get. Training organizers say they invite only the top 1 percent of the youth in the nation. The majority of athletes are in their 20s.

"I was the fifth youngest there," Hassoon said. "In that month training, I met a lot of really strong athletes and head coaches There were so many impressive people."

With impressive credentials, too. The camp was run by former Pentathlon Olympic Gold medalists like five-time Pentathlon World Champion and 18-year Olympic Head Coach Janusz Peciak, and Elaine Cheris, who was the No. 1-ranked fencer on the USA 2000 Olympic Team and 2003 Pan American Games Team Leader for USA in Pentathlon.



Chris Hassoon

When the training ended, Hassoon placed first in the U.S. Open Junior Youth Championships in Colorado Springs in June. Then he flew to Mexico City to compete in the Pan American/NORCECA Championships where he placed 15th in the 15-16-year-old age division. The wins will grant him yet another summer of training at the Olympic facility where he hopes to edge closer to his Olympic dream.

The modern pentathlon, though not a new Olympic sport, still remains fairly obscure. Most pentathletes come from a background in swimming or are, like Hassoon,

members of the U.S. Pony Club. The competition is point-based during the first four rounds: shooting 10-meter air pistols at stationary targets; fencing, where the first player to strike the opponent gains points; horseback riding (show jumping); and a 200-meter freestyle swimming event. After the points are tallied, the last segment, the 3-kilometer run, is handicapped, so the final winner is the winner of the foot race.

For athletes like Hassoon, an avid horseback rider and a runner who was able to run a sub-7-minute mile by the fourth grade, it's the perfect competition, one where being well rounded counts.

"In some sports you either make it or you don't," he said. "But in this, one is always changing."

He said sometimes his strong points—running and horseback riding—give him the edge he needs to win. Sometimes his weaker points, like swimming, will change the outcome of everything.

But even that is beginning to change. Hassoon said he recently joined the San Ramon Valley Livermore Aquatics swim team and after only a few weeks was able to shave 30 seconds off his 200-meter time.

If he's not in the pool doing early morning workouts, he's practicing with the cross country or track team after school. If he's not there, he's riding one of three horses he owns, spending time perfecting his footwork at home, or fencing at Las

Positas College. All in all he said he averages between 30 and 35 hours a week of practice.

"I've always had high expectations for myself," he said. "When I played soccer, which I did until just recently, (I told myself) I was going to World Cup. I didn't care what it was, I was going to be the best. Now my goal is to go to the Olympics."

It's a go-big-or-go-home mentality that carries over into other parts of his life as well. Academically, Hassoon says he maintains a 4.0 grade point average and is planning to graduate with an accumulative GPA no less than "between 4.0 and 4.3." He has set his post-graduation sights on Stanford University, and plans to be an entrepreneur, like his father, and major in engineering.

Other than that, Hassoon says he just tries to be a normal teenager.

"I do my best to lead a normal life," he said. Though his schedule is "packed Monday through Friday," he still finds time to hang out with friends, go to the mall and see a Red Hot Chili Peppers concert now and then.

Sound grueling? It is, says Hassoon, but in the end he says it's all worth it.

"I think (the occasional burn out) is typical, but you just have to think, 'I have the chance to do something I've always dreamed of doing. I can stop when I get a gold medal.'" ■

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

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 8

Football: San Ramon Valley vs. Skyline, 7 p.m.; Monte Vista vs. Logan, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Water Polo: San Ramon Valley vs. Granada, 3:45 p.m.; Monte Vista at Foothill, 3:45 p.m.

Girls Golf: San Ramon Valley vs. Livermore, 3:30 p.m.; Monte Vista vs. Amador, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 14

Girls Tennis: San Ramon Valley vs. Granada, 3:45 p.m.; Monte Vista at Foothill, 3:45 p.m.

Water Polo: Monte Vista at Cal High, 3:45 p.m.

Girls Golf: Monte Vista vs. Granada, 3:30 p.m.; San Ramon Valley at Amador, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15

Football: San Ramon Valley at Liberty, 7:30 p.m.; Monte Vista at Merrill West, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16

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DANVILLE FUNERAL HOME GUIDES FAMILIES THROUGH

DEARLY DEPARTED

The gregarious banker died in August, but his spirit endured, shining memories of joy and love to his beloved wife, family and friends.

They gathered, in tears, to celebrate his life at a memorial service at the Wilson and Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville last month.

He never complained when he suffered from diabetes, heart problems and cancer, his daughter said. Or when he, as a medic, saw soldiers slaughtered on Normandy Beach during World War II.

"He didn't speak of it," she said.

His grandchildren wept as they remembered his vivacious spirit.

"His smile and laughter were infectious," recalled his grandson, saying that his grandfather was unconscious the last time he went to visit him. "I miss him terribly."

"He was a man of great honor and commitment," one of his granddaughters said. "He made waffles and enjoyed cooking breakfast for my grandmother. He's a true model of what love should be."

After the banker's family members shared their memories, they sat and looked upward through the large, angular windows in the funeral home's chapel and saw 20 white doves flutter swiftly outside, zigzagging through a myriad of sagging branches.

Tailoring unique funeral services to each individual is what Wilson and Kratzer does, said funeral director Wendy Wilson Boyer, whose grandfather Aubrey Wilson started the business in 1919 in Richmond.

They are open seven days a week, 24 hours a day—because death can arrive at any time.

"Each person is unique and each funeral should be unique," Boyer said. "It doesn't take money to make uniqueness."

Feel loving, gracious, joyous or irritated, angry or frustrated. Be religious, spiritual, patriotic or atheistic. Be white. Be black. Be brown. Be all. Be none. Funeral directors at Wilson and Kratzer welcome all, they said.

They want people to leave the mortuary feeling satisfied, Boyer said, noting that her business has several funeral homes in the East Bay.

You may grieve; you may laugh

Some families break down in tears over their loved ones passing; others behave resolute and stoic if their intimates die. Whatever their reac-

tion may be, the funeral directors at Wilson and Kratzer said they make every effort to make their clients feel at home.

"They come in as families, and they exit out as friends," said Boyer.

"I really put myself in their shoes," said Nadine Benz, a funeral director at Wilson and Kratzer.



Funeral Director Dennis Steiner tends to his caskets at Wilson and Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville.

Clients often place a call to the mortuary after recently receiving word that their loved ones have passed away, Boyer said. Or funeral directors may receive word about a death from a family member, a hospital, hospice or a convalescent home. Upon receiving notification, they contact family members and ask if they want to make arrangements.

Often, the directors give the families time and space before they explore the different options of service, burial or cremation.

"You give them a cup of coffee," Boyer said. "You let them go outside. You play it by ear."

"You don't want to stop people from grieving," she added. "It's important. Grieving is an important part of the process of death and dying. It's not healthy to keep emotions inside."

Being a funeral director is a service profes-

sion because it helps people through a difficult time, she said.

When people begin to explore possible arrangements, they usually have a clear idea if they want their family members cremated or buried, Boyer noted. During this time, directors start designing a service, first by showing their facilities and relaying the possible options.

In addition to cremation or burial, options include an open or closed casket, holding a service at the funeral home's chapel, having Mass at a church or a gravesite service.

If families choose a casket, they can choose from a multitude of styles. Coffins come in Mason Cherry, Mahogany, Pacific Pine, Pembroke and Woodhaven designs, stainless steel blue, and even cardboard, for cremation. Ornaments of bald eagles with brown and white feathers can adorn the patriotic, and golden crucifixes can decorate caskets of the religious.

If they choose a cremation, the urns also come in different forms. Some are in bronze, marble and wood. Others are shaped as eagles and dolphins.

Families may also want their loved ones to be embalmed, which is a private process, Boyer said. Embalmers do their best to make the deceased look as presentable and attractive as possible. Open casket viewing requires embalming.

"They are perfectionists," said Benz.

"It's an important part of the process," said Boyer, who declined to discuss embalming details due to its private nature. "It's a stage of acceptance. It's acknowledging death."

After families have reached a decision for burial or cremation, a funeral director asks them about their deceased loved one.

"I think of 'How do I want to be remembered?'" Boyer said, in how she searches for uniqueness and designs a service. "What makes them special? People want to open up."

Boyer and Benz recalled hosting diverse styles of services, including with themes of rock 'n' roll, motorcycle, Polynesian dancing and golf.

Benz said one of the hardest services to do is for a child.

"You have to listen," said Benz. Wilson and Kratzer organized the funeral of popular Monte Vista High School lacrosse player Andrew Maute, who died in a car crash over the summer.

"You're developing a rapport ... by putting

myself in the parents' shoes," said Benz. She has two sons. "Death of a child is a very difficult. You have to be sensitive to the children."

Once, she designed a service for a child arranging it by covering the child with a blanket on a couch. In the background, she played a Disney film, "101 Dalmatians." She said the baby's parents were to be there for her work.

"It's the worst loss you could possibly experience," Benz said. "We don't know how to feel. We can only estimate."

After the service, burial or cremation, funeral directors still keep in touch with families.

"We make follow-up calls," said Boyer. "We keep in contact. We are reaching out during sensitive time."

"That's what we're here to do," said Benz. "We break down boundaries. You can't but not have that happen."

Inside the morticians' lives

Aubrey Wilson—a former minister and community man—passed on the funeral business to his son Francis and his daughter Wendy, his only children.

Before deciding to become a mortician, Francis' daughter Boyer was a third-grade schoolteacher in Southern California.

"It was bilingual. It was chaotic," she said, enjoying it.

In 1978, she put down her chalk and left the blackboard to join the family mortuary after her father died. Her father Francis had a dream to make the business as good as possible, she said.

She said her brother Mark was running the business before she came. Mark started as a gravedigger, and she also performed funeral functions growing up.

"It was important to show us the business from the ground up—so that we could take it over," she said. "He (Francis) needed to know that it was a real interest in the business."

Benz began her career as a dental assistant with the goal of going to dental school, but she switched to mortuary services after seeing how poorly a funeral director handled her father's death when he was 14.

"It was intimidating and scary," she said, about the experience. "There was no one to turn to for support or guidance."



DEATH, LOSS AND GRIEF

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BY JORDAN M. DORONILA

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In 1999, her mom died suddenly, and she had to go through uncomfortable feelings again when she went to a mortuary. Shortly after, she decided she was going to take matters into her own hands.

"If I could do it, I could do it so much better," she said.

She trained at Wilson and Kratzer, studied hard for the funeral directors' exam and passed. She received her license to practice in 1999. When she was married May 2004, she chose the funeral home as her venue.

Dennis Steiner, another funeral director at Wilson and Kratzer, grew up as a Mormon in Salt Lake City, Utah, before heading to Southern California.

"I've been oriented in the Mormon religion," he said. "It's very traditional."

He moved to California because "I felt there was something else out there. I didn't know

served by tending to the bodies that returned home through the Oakland Army Base.

Eventually he worked his way up to funeral director.

The politics of the funeral business

In addition to being a funeral director at Wilson and Kratzer, Steiner, a Danville resident, is also the California representative for the National Board of Funeral Directors' Policy Board, which creates laws that mortuaries have to follow.

Steiner said his fellow morticians campaign their agendas to get elected on the board. Some people use props to get their message across. One mortician, who was running for a position, distributed golden nails to his peers to symbolize how the railroads connected to Utah, which was the state he represented.

"It's political," Steiner said about the board.

Cremation is much bigger in California and on the West Coast than it is in the east because the values are somewhat different, Steiner said. Many Californians are transplanted from different areas, and tradition and family are not ingrained. They often want more options and services, and they prefer to preserve the memory as opposed to the body.

Steiner said funeral directors from East Coast states such as Connecticut and Vermont are more conservative, prefer burials to cremations and often wear double-breasted suits and bowties.

"They're very proper," he said. "They're much more formal."

"I'm certainly not bowtie," he added.

At one of their last conventions, his peers raised concerns that the country may have to deal with deaths from a bird flu epidemic.

"It's a hot topic," he said.

The Tree of Remembrance

The banker's name is now on one of the many metal leaves that hang on a brass tree containing the names of dozens of people who were assisted by Wilson and Kratzer from 2005 to 2006. Benz—who coordinates services memorializing the tree—said there will be a ceremony with family members at the mortuary at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 12.

"It's very rewarding," Steiner said about his work. "There's a lot of satisfaction in a service that helps people." ■



People from diverse backgrounds come to the Wilson and Kratzer Chapel to remember their loved ones.

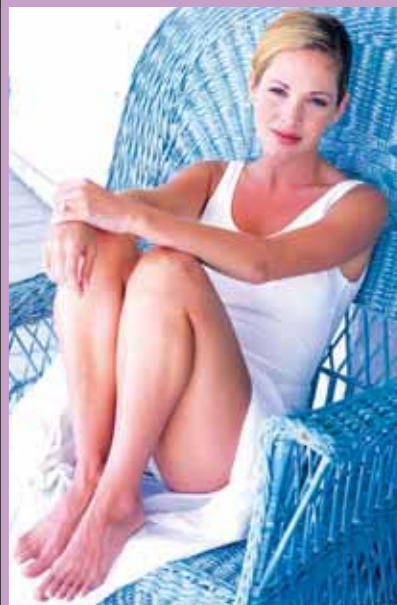
what California held for me."

He bought his train ticket to Los Angeles in the 1960s.

"It was intimidating," Steiner said about his move. "Business was business in L.A. It was a little impersonal."

He first joined and worked at a funeral home because he needed a place to live and he needed money, he said. During the Vietnam War, he

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Scout Troop No. 815 leads the Pledge of Allegiance at the ribbon cutting for the "new" Greenbrook Elementary School with students and dignitaries (l-r) Councilman Newell Arnerich, Katherine Rodriguez, Councilman Mike Doyle, Carlos Rodriguez, Mayor Karen Stepper, Trustee Bill Clarkson and Principal Tom Ladoceur. The Rodriguez family, with daughters Camille and Julia, were highest bidders at a fundraising auction for the right to cut the ribbon.

On track

New teachers, new students, new classrooms—district gets it all together and begins the school year

story and photos by Cheri Eplin

The wizard worked alone behind the curtain to create the world of Oz, but in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, there are a number of unsung heroes who create the magic of the first days of school.

Newspapers and TV news last week paraded faces of students in the yearly ritual of going back to school. But while families enjoyed last-minute Disneyland trips and teens combed over the latest trends at Abercrombie & Fitch, administrators from the 28 schools that serve the valley gathered at Chevron in Bishop Ranch to kick off the school year with a rousing two-day retreat.

The theme was "getting on track" using the metaphor of a smooth running train where the "conductor," aka Superintendent Robert Kessler, and other district leaders pulled back their sleeves and shared information with all of

the "engineers"—the administrators in our high performing school district.

The district has a "no-one-plan-fits-all" mentality that goes into the planning of a school year. Its mission statement is to prepare "all students in a safe and educationally rich environment" so that "students flourish as responsible, ethical and productive citizens in an ever-changing world."

The schools started the year proud to have just received the API results released Aug. 31 and learn that the district performed as the seventh highest unified school district in the state, and the highest among those with more than 20,000 students. Sixteen of the 18 elementary schools in the district scored higher than 900 on the Index and every ethnic subgroup also improved.

"The fact that we continue to improve despite being a high performing district is very gratifying," Superintendent Kessler told the administrators.

Despite the high scores for the majority of the students, there was plenty of discussion about those who struggle, whether on the standardized tests or generally in school, and concrete plans were made to help them.

Within a week of the retreat, the principals met again on the campus of Sycamore Valley Elementary to pound out templates so each school in the district receives equitable access to programs. With the most recent emphasis on a language arts program called the New York Reading and Writing Project, advances have been made in comprehension and strategic reading. The project is based on the principle that we all need to become rigorous readers and writers, and literacy becomes the central teaching tool. While the principals met at Sycamore, teachers were trained in the program at Iron Horse, Tassajara Hills and Diablo Vista middle schools.

Every teacher also attended a staff development day prior to the start of school where topics ranged from the latest discipline plan to motivating hard-to-reach students to classroom management strategies. On the weekend prior to the Monday start, a mass of teachers were still fine-tuning their classrooms, adding word walls, laminating and placing desk tags, calling and writing to welcome parents and students, and organizing the hundreds of books in their libraries for the New York Reading Project.

In addition, several new schools were under construction and many more modernized thanks to the passing of the Measure A bond, which gave the district \$260 million to help replace and renovate classrooms and buildings, matched by district funds to the tune of \$40 million. Many of the schools



Principal Donna Yokomizo of Hidden Hills Elementary answers a question at a retreat for administrators. To the left is Montevideo Principal Sharon Keeton; to the right is Rick Caldera, district Director of Certificated Personnel.

undergoing construction, such as John Baldwin Elementary, appeared at that time as though it would be downright impossible to open the doors for the first scheduled day of school. But open they did, each and every one. Despite an "Extreme Makeover" in many cases, each school miraculously got it together enough to welcome those first anxious students.

When the big day arrived, parents gathered with their offspring, the smell of new backpacks drifting through the air. Soon the whistles and bells (or shouts where the electrical systems weren't working) called the students, their hearts and minds filled with hope, to spill into the classrooms.

During the first week, Danville Mayor Karen Stepper and a list of other dignitaries gathered at Greenbrook Elementary for an Ice Cream Social and ribbon cutting for the "new school." Pride in the eyes of construction crews, PTA, teachers, past mayors, neighbors and children was evident as they watched the red, white and blue ribbons be cut with a pair of scissors the size of a small car. The words of Principal Tom Ladoceur captured the sentiment: "Like the wings of the eagle, let's spread our wings and fly."

On the wings of promise, a new school year began.

—Cheri Eplin, a Danville resident, is the mother of two children and vice principal at Greenbrook Elementary School.



Sycamore Valley Elementary office staff Cindy Danielson, Cherie Charbonneau and Gayle Turpen work ahead of time to get ready for the first day of school with the help of Mac, who belongs to Principal Robert Scott.

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Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

Pioneer families set up grammar schools as children increase

Schools were important to the Valley's early pioneers. Most of them had attended one-room schools back east and, once their children began to grow, home schools were set up. Then the entire community pulled together and built a one-room school house.

Danville's first grammar school was built south of Danville in 1858. After the Danville Grammar School District was established in 1865, a new grammar school was built on Front Street near the village center.

In May 1867 the Contra Costa Gazette wrote:

"A social reunion is to be given at the new School House near Danville for the benefit of the building fund. The desks have not yet been placed on the floor and it offers a tempting invitation to dancers. Good music, good company and a good time may be anticipated."

Unfortunately this school house burned down around 1870. The original 1858 building was then moved into town in 1871, and students were taught there for 25 years. In 1895, a \$5,000 bond issue was passed for a new school.

In August 1895, the Contra Costa Gazette stated:

"We want our school house to be one of the most prominent buildings in the valley, located on such a street and facing in a direction to attract attention from any transient traveler or tourist through our valley. Let everybody know we have an interest in education by looking at the building."

Danville residents proudly dedicated their new one-room school in 1896; it was a classic building with a bell tower and large front steps. Teacher A.J. Young taught at both the old and new Danville schools from 1883 to 1900. He was a strict teacher and, since Presbyterian Sunday School Superintendent for 60 years, young Presbyterians from Danville saw a lot of him, six days a week.

The school, the Danville Grange and the Presbyterian Church were not far from one another on Front Street. An open space used for recess and for Grange harvest feasts framed these important community buildings. School was in session only five months a year since roads were impassable in the winter and the older students were needed to do farm work at other times of the year.

The Gazette on Nov. 9, 1889, stated:

"Danville school closed last Friday, much to our regret. We believe in keeping school open until about the middle of December, whenever the weather will permit. If there is no school here between now and February the children will forget half of what they have learned during the last year unless they study at home."

By 1904, 80 students attended the school. When Hazel Arthur (Wiester) taught in 1911, there were 8-1/2



Danville residents proudly dedicate a new schoolhouse with a bell tower in 1896.

grades with 64 children. By that time, state law required two teachers for that number of students, so she taught grades 5-8 and Maryann Burell taught grades 1-4. Hazel recalled the school had an organ, a huge pot-bellied stove in the middle of the room, and a good-sized library. There was no running water in the school.

Another Danville Grammar School was built in 1922 on Love Lane. At a cost of \$20,000, a new school with four rooms was constructed next to the high school, which opened in January 1923. Margaret Baldwin remembered carrying her books from the Front Street school to the new one when she was in fourth grade. That same year, the old school building was torn down.

Students from other one-room schools came to Danville—Green Valley in 1930, Sycamore in 1927, and Tassajara in 1946. Their daily attendance had dropped and parents thought the modern school offered other advantages. According to longtime teacher and principal Maeviss Wood, when the Danville Union Grammar School was established, it spelled the end of one-room school education in the San Ramon Valley. The Alamo and San Ramon voters debated joining the Union District but decided to keep their own grammar school districts and eventually built larger schools. In 1965, the grammar and high school districts combined to become the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

After the four-room Danville school closed in 1958, students moved to the brand new Montair Elementary School, and the old building was used as high school classrooms, a Community Center, a preschool and a little theater. Today the high school's Performing Arts Theatre is on that location.

Sources: Contra Costa County Histories from 1882 and 1914; oral histories of Hazel Wiester and Maeviss Wood; archives at the Contra Costa History Center and Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

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

OF NOTE

Students return in awe

Incoming seniors at the Athenian School returned Aug. 27 from their 25-day wilderness experience, a graduation requirement. The Athenian Wilderness Experience, or AWE, provides mental and physical challenges with backpacking, navigation, rock climbing, rappelling and peak ascents, and students complete the event with an eight-mile run back to the campus to be reunited with friends and family.



Athenian School 2006 alumni (left) Sarah Carlson and Karen Poon congratulate Rosalie Odean upon her return from the 25-day Athenian Wilderness Experience in the Sierra.

"We like to think of it as the heroes coming home,"

explained Dick Bradford, academic dean and head of grades 9-12.

AWE takes place in Death Valley in the spring or in the Sierra Nevada during the summer. The experience includes a three-day solo period for each student, which its founder said is about inviting students to go beyond their comfort zones.

Jacqui Love Marshall
will return with
Epicure next week.



Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

Alamo-Danville Artists' Society

The Alamo-Danville Artists' Society will be displaying paintings by Alamo and Danville artists: 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-September.

Impressionistic Landscapes and Moody Abstracts

The Blackhawk Art Gallery will celebrate the works of Linda Lemanski (sculptor), Lonia Zaborovsky (painter) and Jim Halverson (photographer) with an exhibit open until Sept. 9, at the gallery, 3628 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The gallery is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. Call Tracy Bauer at (415) 531-2556.

Auditions

Diablo Ballet Nutcracker Auditions

Diablo Ballet will be holding auditions for Diablo Ballet Professional Intermediate Program (PIP) and for "The Nutcracker." PIP auditions will be from 10 a.m.-noon for 11-13 year olds and from noon-2 p.m. for 14-18 year olds, Saturday, Sept. 9; "The Nutcracker" auditions will be from noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16. Both auditions will be held at Shadelands Campus, 111 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 943-5842 or 943-1775, ext. 2.

Author Visits

Dr. Robert Farrell

Bay Books will host Dr. Robert Farrell, author of "Alien Log," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, at its San Ramon location, 2415 San Ramon Valley Blvd. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 855-1524.

Gloria Lenhart

Rakestraw Books will host Gloria Lenhart, author of "Planet Widow," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. This event is free; call 837-7337.

Classes

Alamo's Fall Recreation Programs

Alamo Parks and Recreation is offering new recreation programs for the fall season including 30 classes for all ages at a 50% discount to all Alamo residents. For information, call 451-9176, e-mail alamorec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.alamore.org.

Jewish Cultural School

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will host a meeting to introduce the Jewish Cultural School at 10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 10, at Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. The new session of classes will begin Sept. 24 for children ages 8-14. Call 485-1049.

Clubs

Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club

This club will host their annual Big Kick-off Brunch to recruit new members with a free social from 10-11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. Guests are welcome to attend the Brunch at 11 a.m. for \$30. Checks should be sent to Tracy Tredger, Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club, P.O. Box 2843, Danville, CA 94526. For information, call 775-3233.

Blackhawk Republican Women

This club will host a luncheon and a talk on the connection between

poverty and terrorism at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 11, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. To reserve your spot, call Mrs. Lyons at 820-6452 or e-mail rlyons1009@sbcglobal.net.

Diablo Bonsai Club

This club will host a lecture and workshop on planting and raising Bonsai Trees, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Heather Farm Garden Center, Camellia Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 736-9157 or visit www.angelfire.com/ca2/diablobonsai.

Diablo View Toastmasters

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

Tri-Valley Writers Association

This club will host a special meeting with guest speaker, Li Keng Wong, author of Good Fortune, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, at Girasole Grille, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Cost for lunch is \$18 for members; \$25 for non-members. Call Fred Norman at 462-7495 or visit www.trivalleywriters.com.

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. Cost is \$10 for food only; \$15 for food and five wine tastings. Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillecchamber.com.

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.

Bicycle Rodeo

Danville Police Department Youth Services and Community Services will host a Bicycle Rodeo from 2:15-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Montair Elementary School, 300 Quinterra Lane, Danville. Bring your bicycle and helmets. Everyone is welcome! Call 314-3410.

Blue Oval Performance Day

Blackhawk Museum and Bay Area Cobra Club will host "Blue Oval Performance Day" with Cobras, Shelbys, Daytonas, Ford Muscle Cars, GT40s and GTs on the Plaza from 10:15 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 736-2280.

Dedication Ceremony

A dedication ceremony of the new Reflective Garden including a Commemorative Plaque will be unveiled in honor and remembrance of the Sept. 11 victims at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 11, in front of Pleasant Thoughts, Danville Livery Shopping Center, 510 Sycamore Valley Road. Call 838-7070.

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. Call 825-9090 or visit www.pcfma.com.

Free E-Waste Disposal and Recycling

Electronic Waste Management is hosting a Free E-Waste Disposal and

Recycling event from noon-5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 8, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 9-10, in DVC's Parking Lot 7, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. Call (866) 335-3373 or visit www.noewaste.com.

Inventions, Inc.

Blackhawk Museum will host "Inventions, Inc." explore how to make things out of household items that go, move, fly and bounce, from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 10, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Participants will color their own play dough and design and eat a treat that "moves." Free with admission to the museum. Call 736-2277.

Patriots and Heroes Week

USS Hornet Museum will honor the community's emergency response teams with a week-long tribute to Bay Area "Patriots and Heroes" from Sept. 11-17 including free admission into the museum. Call (510) 521-8448 or visit www.hornetevents.com.

Remember September 11

The Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley in cooperation with the Town of Danville and the City of San Ramon will present "Remember September 11" at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, at All Wars Memorial, Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road. The Exchange Club is conducting an essay contest among Danville and San Ramon middle school and high school students entitled "How the September 11th Ceremony at Oak Hill Park Impacted Me." Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded. Call 755-2412.

Sidewalk Sale

Discover Danville will be hosting a Sidewalk Sale in downtown Danville and in The Livery from Friday-Sunday, Sept. 8-10. The Livery is located just off I-680 at Sycamore Valley Road West and San Ramon Valley Boulevard. Call 838-7070.

Exhibits

Chinese Experience in the Valley

Museum on Main, Livermore Heritage Guild and the Chinese American Cooperation Council present "The Chinese Experience in the Valley" exhibit that will run from Sept. 14-Dec. 3, at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Admission is \$2. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Embroidered Stories, Knitted Tales

This exhibit will include knitted and embroidered pieces as means of expression in fine art from Sept. 24-Nov. 5, at Bedford Gallery, Dean Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Admission is \$3. Call 295-1417 or visit www.bedfordgallery.org.

Industrial Art

The Blackhawk Museum will host "Doodles, Drafts and Designs" from Sept. 9-Nov. 5, which has been organized by SITES (Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition Services) and is sponsored by the Blackhawk Museum Guild. This exhibit will appeal to audiences interested in art, design, history, technology and popular culture. For information, call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawk-museum.org.

One Room School House

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley is hosting the "One Room School House" exhibit until Sept. 27. It will take you back to when blackboards, ink wells and feather quills were a sign of the time. Museum hours in August are 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday-Saturdays; in September they are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays. Call 837-3750.

Fundraisers

A Harvest of Friends

This event will benefit Comfort for Kids and will include a wine-pairing dinner, silent and live auctions, cocktails and dancing from 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 9, at Scott's Seafood and Grill, Jack London Square, Oakland. Tickets are \$80. Call 887-5678 or visit www.hospicecc.org.

Annual Summer Clearance

Assistance League of Diablo Valley's primary fundraiser at the Way Side Inn Thrift Shop and Costume Rental is just around the corner. Check out the different sales including: Sept. 12-14, all merchandise is 1/2 off; Sept. 15, everything is \$1; Sept. 16, fill a bag for \$5; and Sept. 19, the new fall product will arrive. The shop is located at 3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette.

Giant Book Sale

Friends of the Danville Library are hosting a Giant Book Sale to benefit the Danville Library from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 22-23, and from noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 24, 400 Front Street. Call 837-4889.

Hats Off America 10K Run/5K Walk

Hats Off America will host the 10K Red T-shirt Run and 5K Walk at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville. This event will benefit families of soldiers that have died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The cost is \$35, which includes T-shirt and BBQ. For information, contact Sparky at 855-1950 or thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com.

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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

Mindful Chi Kung

Come and experience this ancient practice to be aware of your body from 3:30-5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Avenue, Walnut Creek. This event is free for cancer patients and their friends and family, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Trail Mixer

Town of Danville will host a Trail Mixer on the Sycamore Park Trail from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 9, meeting at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville. Bring a picnic lunch. Activity level is 4-5. Call 314-3400.

Holidays

Kol Nidre

Join Tri-Valley Cultural Jews to celebrate Kol Nidre, the eve of Yom Kippur

(Day of Atonement) at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Cost is \$10 for non-members. This event is open to the public. Call 485-1049.

Lectures/Workshops

Bay Area Training and Development Expo

American Society for Training and Development will present "Bay Area Training and Development Expo" from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Cost is \$25. Call (510) 668-1617 or visit www.mtdiabloastd.org/meetings.

Working Toward Peace Forum

Rabbi Michael Lerner will give a talk on "How to End Wars in the Middle East and Iraq - and Keep Out of Future Wars" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. The Center is suggesting a \$10-20 donation; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Call 933-7850.

Live Music

Sunday Afternoon Music at Stacey's

Stacey's at Waterford will host "The Blues and Kenny Blue Ray" from 3-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 10, at 4500 Tassajara Road, Dublin. This event is free. Call 551-8325.

Miscellaneous

Gardens Sought for Garden Tour

Bringing Back the Natives is looking for gardens that are bird-and-butterfly friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving and contain 30% or more California native plants. The gardens should be located in Contra Costa or Alameda county. For an application visit www.bringingbackthenatives.com; applications are due by Sept. 15. For information, call (510) 236-9558.

On Stage

'A Night at the Improv!'

San Ramon Parks and Recreation Department will host "A Night at the Improv!" at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, at Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Cost is \$5. Call 973-3200 or visit www.sanramonimprovu.com.

Comedy Night

Join Elliston Vineyard for a night of food, wine and laughter from 6:30-10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15, at the vineyards, 463 Kilcare Road, Sunol. Rick Pulido is the headliner along with Todd Link and Jason Downs. Cost is \$65 plus gratuity and tax; \$57 for Club 200 members. Call 862-2377

'Long Day's Journey into Night'

The 2006 Eugene O'Neill Festival will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first U.S. production of O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night" by presenting the Pulitzer-Prize winning play at 7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 6-7 and at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Old Barn at Tao House, Danville. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.gov. For information, visit www.eugeneoneill.org.

'Prisoners of Love' and 'Actor's Nightmare'

Act Now! presents "Prisoners of Love" and "Actor's Nightmare" with showtimes at 8:15 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; 2:15 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 8-30, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$23 for seniors and \$12.50 for children under 17. Call 943-7469.

'Sight Unseen'

Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Sight Unseen" at its first "black box" production with showings at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 15-16 and 22-23, at Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for subscribers and donors. Call 820-1278 or visit www.danvilletheatre.com.

'The Sound of Music'

St. Timothy's Concert Series presents "The Sound of Music" at 7 p.m., Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 21-24, at St. Timothy's Church Parish Hall, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Tickets are \$18; \$12 for students and seniors. Call 837-4993, ext. 15, or visit www.sainttimothysdanville.org.

Seniors

AARP Driver Safety Program

How would you like to reduce your insurance premium? AARP is offering classes for seniors ages 55 and over from 1-5 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 18 and 20, at 9199 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Cost is \$10. Call Shirley McElhattan at 803-9100, ext. 108.

Celebrating the Second Half of Life

"Sage-ing Circles" is for men and women 55 years and over to move beyond the cultural stereotypes of aging by discovering deep sources of inner wisdom, purpose and creativity. This class runs for four weeks from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sept. 14-Oct. 4, at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Cost is \$60. Call 314-3400 or Jean Crane at 820-3345.

Prime Time

Join this club for a nondenominational gathering of "seasoned citizens" from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays (beginning Sept. 12), at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. On their Sept. 19 meeting they will host Mark Cutis, KTVU Channel 2 Morning News co-anchor man. A home-cooked lunch is served at noon for \$3. Call Ruth Ann at 820-6387.

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Support Groups

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free 12-Step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, undereating and bulimia. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Dougherty Station Community Center, West Meeting Room #202, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call Gordon at 899-3117 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer Workshop

This 12-week workshop is for women who have just been diagnosed, in treatment or just starting treatment. The workshop is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Tuesdays, Sept. 19-Jan. 9, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Avenue, Walnut Creek. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

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.

Return to Wellness

This is a 10-week workshop for women who are at least three weeks past treatment for breast cancer. The workshop will meet from 4-6 p.m., Sept. 11-Nov. 15, at the Wellness Center, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

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.

event with a number of volunteers that will present why they are donating their time, what they do and its benefits from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Concord Senior Center, Conference Room A, 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord. For information, contact Sara Aranda at (866) 448-3614.

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. No experience needed. Six week training will begin on Sept. 25. Call 627-2444 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Literacy Tutor Training

Help an adult to read, write and spell better by joining Project Second Chance (PSC) and the Contra Costa County Library. Training will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27, and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, at the PSC office, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill. All 14 hours are required. For information, call 927-3250 or email psc@ccclib.org.

Make a Difference

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

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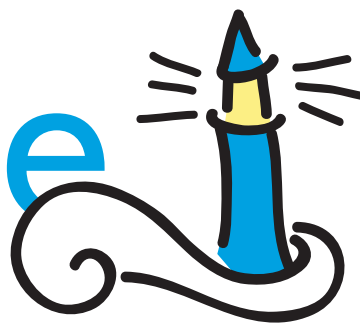
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This week's data represents homes sold during August 2006

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 19	Total sales reported: 4	Total sales reported: 36
Lowest sale reported: \$600,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,240,000	Lowest sale reported: \$300,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,650,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,830,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,623,000
Average sales reported: \$1,108,368	Average sales reported: \$1,526,250	Average sales reported: \$720,556

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
5239 Blackhawk Drive D. & T. See to J. & K. Berg for \$2,150,000	220 Milwaukee Place Symms Trust to E. & C. Eberhart for \$885,000	Barnes for \$1,650,000
5470 Blackhawk Drive American Pacific Financial to P. Son for \$2,650,000	1803 North Forest Hill Place Morris Trust to L. Abreu for \$706,500	Walnut Creek
1653 Brush Creek Place Lai Trust to C. Hatter for \$810,000	24 Peartree Court Stjohn Trust to W. Khawja for \$940,000	1315 Alma Avenue #341 Alpine Development to J. Storm for \$357,000
15 Casolyn Ranch Court Sirva Relocation to D. & J. Malloy for \$1,370,000	20 Princeton Court Crowe Trust to C. & S. Speck for \$1,079,000	1315 Alma Avenue #342 Alpine Development to R. Alexander for \$348,000
1590 Colchester Street Lennar Homes to Y. & Z. Fattah for \$1,203,500	209 Swan Court H. Larjani to M. Dizon for \$600,000	1374 Bodega Place R. & R. Hambric to J. Nelson for \$685,000
259 Fairway Drive Oneil Trust to F. & M. Aceves for \$1,042,500	65 Versailles Court J. & P. Scoggins to J. Alexander for \$850,000	2851 Creston Road D. & J. Nickum to K. King for \$720,000
111 Freesia Court S. & A. Fattah to T. & G. Palumbo for \$932,000	103 Vista Del Diablo P. Walker to S. Herrera for \$770,000	535 Gabriel Court J. Wu to M. & T. Bernard for \$899,000
2273 Genoa Street Lennar Homes to F. & R. Mekata for \$1,072,000	302 Zagora Drive C. Pass to C. & K. Brown for \$1,060,000	119 Glen Court S. Duzan to M. & J. Nelson for \$550,000
2279 Genoa Street Lennar Homes to E. & T. Lewis for \$1,124,500	Alamo	3077 Grey Eagle Drive Gurnter Trust to Dybevik Trust for \$1,210,000
605 Glasgow Circle Lau Trust to A. Fetter for \$915,000	12 Copenhagen Court B. & K. Hoover to G. & J. Campbell for \$1,830,000	205 Grover Lane R. & H. Lund to J. & C. Carbajal for \$890,000
72 Haskins Ranch Circle E. Setton to F. Pour-Ansari for \$899,000	70 Janis Court T. Hinnau to H. Schmitz for \$1,385,000	553 Hillrise Place G. Davi to D. & D. Rogers for \$1,725,000
	135 Mountain Canyon Place Lech-Smith Trust to A. Suryaprasad for \$1,240,000	3247 Inverness Drive George Trust to R. & J. Spell for \$845,000
	30 Vernal Court L. Ferro to N.	675 Keith Court P. & K. Davis to R. Bailey for \$825,000



OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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Alamo	11 Deer Meadow Ct.	\$1,259,000
	Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE 736-4155
3 Bedrooms	4 Bedrooms	
134 Canyon Vista Sun 12-3	525 Kingswood Pl. Sun 1:30-4:30	\$1,175,000 217-7051
Blackhawk RE	Alain Pinel	
4 Bedrooms	2945 Deer Meadow Dr. Sun 1:30-4	\$1,698,000 209-3451
199 Canyon Vista Pl. Sun 1:30-4:30	Blackhawk RE	\$1,799,000 736-4155
Empire	5098 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30	\$1,949,000 323-6735
2694 Roundhill Dr. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	
Alain Pinel		
1606 Litina Ln. Sun 1:30-4:30		
Alain Pinel		
1105 Danville Blvd. Sat 2-5		
Clydesdale Estates		
5 Bedrooms	Danville	
61 Vista Ln. Sun 1:30-4:30	441 Sycamore Cir. Sun 1-4	\$529,000 858-9365
Alain Pinel	Re/Max	
306 Las Quebradas Ln. Sun 1:30-4:30	403 Old Orchard Sun 1-4	\$569,000 787-8205
Alain Pinel	Intero	
	2198 Shoshone Cir. Sun 1-4	\$674,950 984-1787
	Empire	
	100 Shoshone Cir. Sat 1-4	\$695,000 984-1787
	Empire	
Blackhawk	3 Bedrooms	
3 Bedrooms	70 Linda Ct. Sun 1-4	\$1,674,950 855-4022
147 Birchbark Pl. Sun 1:30-4:30	Intero	
Alain Pinel	308 Garden Creek Pl. Sun 1:30-4	\$559,000 648-5357
	Intero	

San Ramon	2 Bedrooms	
246A Canyon Woods Wy. Sat/Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$569,000 292-SOLD
1330 Sutter Creek Ln. Sat/Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	\$587,000 249-0301
3 Bedrooms		
516 Estancia Ct. Sun 1-4	Empire	\$1,489,000 360-6041
18869 Bollinger Canyon Rd. Sun 1-4	Pacific Union GMAC	\$2,195,000 487-1194
117 Enchanted Wy. Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	\$683,000 831-3366
9784 Belladonna Dr. Sun 1-3	Intero	\$699,500 260-8440
775 Winterside Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$719,000 855-4110
2211 S. Donovan Wy. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$729,000 855-4110
1046 Vista Pointe Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$740,000 855-4128
2724 Moet Ln. Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$849,900 735-7653
429 Donner Wy. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$928,500 855-4128
5128 E. Lakeshore Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$958,800 209-3451
3111 Marble Canyon Pl. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$974,500 968-1452
4 Bedrooms		
1132 Bellingham Sq. Sun 1:30-4:30	Intero	\$1,049,000 855-4108
1959 Hollyview Dr. Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	\$1,059,950 249-0301
604 Vine Hill Ln. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,225,000 833-1822
11 Henry Ranch Dr. Sat/Sun 1-5	All CA Brokerage	\$1,489,950 699-7955
22 Diamond Ranch Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,549,950 577-4165
773 Winterside Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$728,000 855-4110
4111 Reedland Cir. Sun 1-4	Pacific Union GMAC	\$885,000 487-1194
3011 Wrangler Rd. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$892,000 323-6735
243 Summerford Cir. Sat 1-4	Prudential CA	\$895,000 876-5554
228 Veritas Ct. Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$899,000 989-4123
9501 Belle Meade Dr. Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$899,000 855-6410
5 Bedrooms		
100 Allanmere Ct. Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	\$1,129,000 736-4155
81 Brevensville Dr. Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$1,149,000 735-7653
642 Dromana Ct. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$1,149,500 968-1452
2012 Longleaf Cir. Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$1,229,000 735-7653
2380 Avalon Wy. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,259,000 785-1386
16 Pine Valley Cir. Sun 1:30-4	Intero	\$1,459,000 648-5357
2108 Feathermint Sun 1-4	Empire	\$1,749,000 217-5048
531 Treyburn Cir. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$789,500 968-1452
6 Bedrooms		
2018 Longleaf Cir. Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$1,199,000 735-7653
Walnut Creek	3 Bedrooms	
1879 Holland Dr. Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$525,000 855-6410
2702 Walnut Blvd. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$599,950 968-1452
475 Le Jean Wy. Sun 2-4:30	Intero	\$749,950 858-5233
5 Bedrooms		
396 Marshall Dr. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,075,000 855-4128
124 Lawnview Cir. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$588,000 791-2548
16 Marques Ct. Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$599,950 943-3333
167 Heritage Park Dr. Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$685,000 855-6410
1891 Ridgeland Cir. Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	\$689,000 413-8353
2180 Oneida Cir. Sun 1-4	Empire	\$759,950 984-1787
42 Casablanca St. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$779,950 855-4072
63 Haskins Ranch Cir. Sun 2-5	Empire	\$839,000 360-7627
163 Molitas Sat/Sun 1-4	Pac Union GMAC	\$899,950 381-9606
47 Verona Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$929,950 855-4075
29 La Gonda Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	\$998,500 699-3122
4 Bedrooms		
48 Mainprice Ct. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$1,034,500 968-1452
368 Verona Ave. Sun 1:30-4:30	Intero	\$1,129,000 855-4108
316 Borica Dr. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$1,150,000 963-8938
117 Merano St. Sun 1-4	Empire	\$1,197,000 217-5048
1116 Blue Spur Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,235,000 855-4110
718 St. George Rd. Sat/Sun 1-4	By Owner	\$1,350,000 858-8379
20 Glenhill Ct. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$1,375,000 323-6735
260 Tim Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,695,000 648-5326
371 Montair Dr. Sun 2-4:30	Intero	\$1,710,000 858-5233
2707 Deer Meadow Dr. Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$1,950,000 735-7653
25 Chestnut Pl. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$2,495,000 855-4072
7990 Camino Tassajara Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$2,498,000 209-3451
2815 Moorilla Ln. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$799,500 968-1452
114 Center Ct. Sun 2-4	WonderAgents	\$879,000 323-1063
610 Reading Pl. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$949,000 855-4123
1923 Hollyview Dr. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$949,500 968-1452
50 Rockport Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	\$979,000 949-3059
5 Bedrooms		
340 Durham Ct. Sun 1-4	Pacific Union	\$1,325,000 314-4888
26 Bormio Ct. Sat 1-4	Intero	\$1,499,000 648-5338
246 Stetson Dr. Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	\$919,900 876-5554
152 Blackstone Dr. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$955,000 984-1945
133 Conway Dr. Sun 1-4	Empire	\$998,000 351-5859
6 Bedrooms		
251 Royal Palm Pl. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,125,000 855-4096
265 Montego Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$4,480,000 209-3451
Diablo	4 Bedrooms	
2233 Caballo Ranchero Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$2,175,000 998-8262
5 Bedrooms		
39 Bella Vista Sun 1-4	Intero	\$3,195,000 998-8262
6 Bedrooms		
2315 Caballo Ranchero Sun 1-4	Empire	\$2,195,000 217-5048



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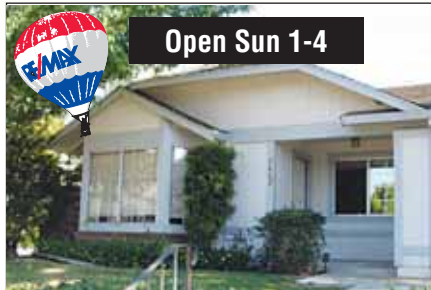
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4bd, 3.5ba, open kitchen/family room area overlooks gorgeous yard. 1bd/1ba on lower level with separate entry. Amazing yard.
Dave Bauer 925.855.4040



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



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Prestigious Westside Location! \$1,489,000
Fabulous 4bd, 3ba, completely remodeled. Two stunning master suites (one is a brand new addition). Lush landscaping w/sparkling pool, spa, waterfall.
Vance & Sue Smith 925.648.5342



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Exquisite Showcase Home! \$1,299,000
Decorator perfect throughout this 5bd(5th is office w/o closet), 5ba, luxurious master with exercise room. Gourmet kitchen. Beautiful courtyard.
Carol Erbert & Steve apHugh 925.736.0717



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Stunning Home in Diablo West \$1,299,900
Renovated 4bd, 3ba with expanded hallways, Viking kitchen, oversized master suite with retreat and stunning bath. Upgrades galore.
Schroeder Group 925.855.4159



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Belleterre Remodel \$1,265,000
4bd, 3ba, marble floors, new fixtures and lighting. Granite/stone kitchen. Downstairs bedroom with full bath. Luxurious master suite.
Holly Fitzsimmons 925.648.5324



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A Taste Of Provence \$1,235,000
Luxurious 4bd, 3ba single story in Wendt Ranch. Landscaped to perfection. An absolute 10!
The Taylor Team 925.855.4110

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