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Carol M. Keane, CPA



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—Barbara Seefer

Marketing Director, Diablo Lodge of Danville

Compiled by Jordan M. Doronila

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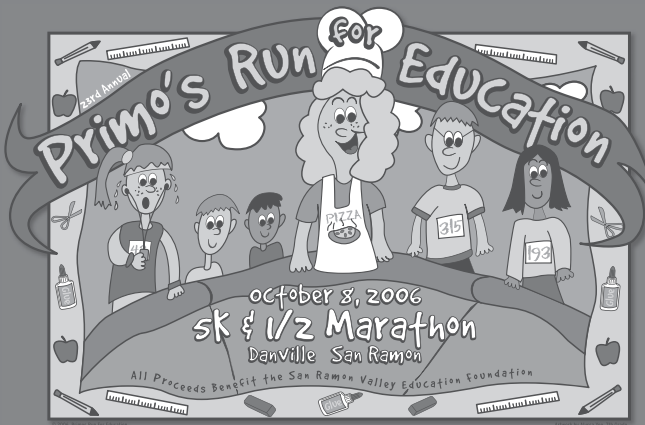
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“ They want to wear the pretty costumes and dance on stage. ”

—Lily Zhou, who is opening Blackhawk Ballet Studio, on why 3-year-olds say they want to sign up for classes.
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Former state Sen. John Nejedly dies

Former state Sen. John Nejedly, 91, died Tuesday in Walnut Creek with his family by his side after suffering a massive stroke over the weekend. He was the father of District 3 Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho.

“John Nejedly was without question one of the most decent and kind public servants of the last 50 years. He personified a period in time when politicians worked in a collegial manner even when they disagreed,” said Tom G. Del Beccaro, chairman of the Contra Costa Republican Party.

Nejedly, who was born in Oakland in 1941, earned a law degree from Boalt Law School at UC Berkeley, and served as an intelligence officer during World War II. He was the District 7 state senator from 1969-80 and is best known as a champion of the state's environment, responsible for major legislation, as well as his later work to enable children with disabilities to experience wilderness areas.

A visitation will be held from 3-6 p.m. Monday at Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel, 1139 Saranap Ave. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in mid-October at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Walnut Creek. He will be buried in Johnsville in Plumas County, where the family has a cabin.

Check skin at golf challenge

Athletes who spend time in the sun have special challenges protecting their skin. To address the problem, the Women's Dermatologic Society is doing community outreach at the Longs Drugs LPGA Challenge at Blackhawk Country Club this weekend with “Play Safe in the Sun.” Dermatologists will offer free skin cancer screenings as well as free sunscreen, educational materials and dermatologic assessments.

The services will be offered from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22-23; and from 9 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 24, in the tournament's exhibition village.

Blue Star Moms collecting tomorrow

The Blue Star Moms report they are getting many requests for care packages from deployed troops and those having their deployments extended so they are starting their donation drives for holiday care packages now to make sure there is time for wrapping and mailing.

The Moms are opening a drop zone for donations at the Danville Veterans Memorial Building from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 23, and again Saturday, Oct. 14. They are also in need of monetary donations for postage and supplies for the troops, and will be giving a Support the Troops magnet for each \$5 cash donation. There will also be an Operation Postcard Booth to write a note to the troops to send with the care packages.

Clarification The story Sept. 15 about an applicant building a home on a major ridge line should have said the developer SkyVilla has made preliminary sketches to make its home design smaller, but it has not formally submitted plans. The applicant has the opportunity to have this item reconsidered at the commission's next meeting Sept. 26 if there is a quorum, but it is not officially on the agenda. There have been three study sessions and two public hearings in regards to this application.

Alamo Rotary names Don Morton as Citizen of the Year

Meals on Wheels and more show Alamo man's compassion

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Alamo Rotary Citizen of the Year Don Morton used to spend hours commuting to San Francisco for his job. Now, you'll find him behind the wheel for a different reason.

Meals on Wheels, a volunteer program Morton heads in Alamo, delivers food to housebound seniors in the area. Morton, 65, recently became self-employed and is dedicating much of his newly acquired free time to community service projects like Meals on Wheels.

"In some cases these people only see one person a day," he said. "Unfortunately, some of them are very lonely."

Once a week, he brings hot meals to 10 elderly people who are too weak to cook or buy food. Most of the time, the recipients appreciate the company of the volunteers more than the food, Morton said.

It's this compassionate attitude that has Alamo Rotary members raving about Morton.

"He is one of the most ethical people I have ever run into," said Rotary member Al Makely.

"He's a warm person, just a great guy," said Brian Thiessen, who was

in charge of the Rotary Citizen of the Year nominations this year.

Morton also distributes dictionaries to third-graders through Rotary and participates in events to fund cancer research. He has lived in Alamo 33 years and said he remembers living in the area when "you would find people riding horses up and down the streets."



Don Morton

Only recently, though, is he getting to spend much time in the community where he lives. With his new career change, he is able to work out of home and in

his Danville real estate office, a venture that has allowed him to fall in love with Alamo all over again.

"Alamo is a wonderful place to live, and it's nice to give something back when I can," he said.

People who know him say he goes above and beyond what anyone expects from a volunteer food deliverer.

"Don goes overboard, helping when people can't help themselves and sometimes are calling for medical attention," Makely said.

The mission of the program is to

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JORDAN M. DORONILVA

Food, wine and networking

Blackhawk residents Edgar and Susan Venoil were among the 800 people who enjoyed the 15th annual Business Showcase Food and Wine Event last week from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, sponsored by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce. Local businesses had more than 60 booths set up throughout Blackhawk Plaza and people roamed and mingled to exchange laughs, information and business cards. Local eateries had food stations, and wine was also poured at the business booths. "It's a good sign when people are dancing and enjoying the evening right until 8:15," said chamber president Melony Newman. "We had lots of new businesses participating, and the music seemed to set the tone."

Prima ballerina opens school for pre-ballet in Blackhawk

Blackhawk Ballet Studio will train youngsters in fundamentals

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Ballet instructor Lily Zhou laughs when she thinks about the reasons little girls sign up for ballet.

"They tell me they love it because a ballerina is a beautiful girl. They want to wear the pretty costumes and dance on stage," she said.

Such is the mentality of a 3- or 4-year-old girl, the age group Zhou prefers to teach. But what starts out as an excuse to dress up in pretty pink costumes, often transforms into a real passion for dance, she said.

Zhou is opening Blackhawk Ballet Studio next week on

Gerbera Street and will begin teaching Tuesday. Pre-Ballet I and II are offered from Sept. 26-Dec. 14, twice a week for \$150 per student.

"Parents have come in and asked me how I make their children so happy."

—Ballet instructor Lily Zhou

"Ballet is very important for little ones," Zhou said, pointing out that schools often overlook the younger dancers to focus on

students older than 7.

In professional schools, youngsters have less of a chance to perform, she said. Learning stretches and simple fundamental techniques set up children for success as they become more dedicated. Her 45-minute classes teach dancers ages 3-6 the basics in a way that keeps it fun and entertaining for them.

"I play with them while I teach," she said.

Growing up in China, Zhou saw "The Nutcracker" at an early age and knew she wanted to be a ballerina. She started dancing at a competitive professional ballet company where more than 100 ballerinas auditioned, but only 20 were accepted.

From there, she began her professional ballet career as a

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New publisher for Weekly

Gina Channell-Allen, an experienced newspaper editor and publisher with papers in California and Illinois, will begin Oct. 2 as publisher of the Danville Weekly.

Channell-Allen takes over for Deborah McKeehan, who will continue to assist in a consulting role but wanted to give up her official duties in order to spend more time with her family.

Channell-Allen began her career as a reporter with the Beacon News in Aurora, Ill., a Copley-owned paper. Over the next decade, she was promoted to progressively senior positions for the company until she became executive editor and associate publisher of a group of weeklies. In that role she started six weekly papers and converted a weekly into a daily.

In early 2004, she became the founding publisher of the weekly Sonoma Valley Sun and a companion Spanish language paper called El Sol de Sonoma, and she launched a community radio station, KSVY-FM—all for a nonprofit organization called

the CommonBond Foundation.

For the last year she has been the director of human resources for the Napa Valley Register.

Channell-Allen's husband is the telecommunications engineer for Shaklee Corp. in Pleasanton. They have three children.

"Gina brings an enthusiasm and commitment to quality journalism that will serve Danville well," said Bill Johnson, CEO of Embarcadero Publishing Co., which in addition to the Danville Weekly publishes papers in Pleasanton, Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Mountain View and Marin County.

"We are delighted to have someone with the breadth of her experience joining our organization," Johnson said. ■



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COURTESY OF JULIE MORTON

Alamo Rotary Citizen of the year Don Morton spends time with his grandchildren, 2-year-old Lucy and 4-year-old Savanna.

Morton

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help homebound elders maintain their health and dignity and live independently. Don's positive attitude gives many seniors strength, Rotary members said.

To decide on the Citizen of the Year, the Rotary sends out 50 to 100 nomination forms that ask residents to provide descriptions of their nominees. They ask that nominees have "the very best of citizenship, service and integrity."

Providing a detailed description to justify the nomination has been very important in past years, Thiessen said. There are many deserving people, but if the reason behind the nomination isn't explained well, he or she won't be chosen, he added.

"We thought the length and depth of (Morton's) experience in the community was the strongest,"

Thiessen explained.

The other five nominees from this year included Alamo feed store owner John Bellandi, police Sgt. Elmer Glasser, and community activists Vicki Koc, Barbara Malan, and Frank G. Bolla.

Morton is just as kind at home as he is in the public eye, his wife Julie wrote in a letter to Thiessen following Don's nomination.

"I need to say ... he is the nicest person at home, too," she wrote.

Born in Canada in 1940, Morton's family moved to Oakland when he was 12 years old. He went to San Francisco State and received his bachelor's degree in political science. Aside from community involvement, he's also passionate about personal growth, traveling, family and exercise.

He's grateful for the award, though he didn't even consider himself for the nomination.

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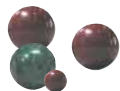
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"Research has consistently found that the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs," said Renee Mencarelli of the San Ramon Valley CASA.

Family Day is always the fourth Monday in September, which is

Monday, Sept. 25. Restaurants in this area supporting the event with specials are: Piatti in Danville, free family appetizer with dinner purchase and free photo (contact Suzanne Traylor for vouchers, 831-9262); Marie Callender's in San Ramon, with a special family menu; Mountain Mike's in Danville, with a free family appetizer with dinner purchase; El Balazo, all locations, with a free fountain soda with every \$6.65 menu item.

CASA encourages eating dinner together as a regular part of a family's routine. It points out

that in such families, children are likelier to say they can confide in their parents, and usually get better grades in school.

"Talking about extracurricular activities or current events can make for great dinner conversation," according to CASA. It also says family dinners become more crucial as teens move from middle school to high school, when teens are at a greater risk of substance abuse. It recommends turning off the TV and not answering the telephone during mealtime and making sure everyone has a chance to talk. ■

Ballet

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prima ballerina at the Anhui Ballet Company in China. When she moved to the United States, she taught young girls in Virginia.

In China, many ballet dancers are recruited to professional schools when they are 8 years old, she said.

For girls who aspire to be ballerinas, this makes ages 4-7 important formative years for dancing.

Younger dancers require a special type of attention and teaching method that she's able to give, Zhou said. In some ways it is more difficult, but having taught ages 3-14 in Tabb, Va., she knows how to teach different age groups of dancers.

"The big kids are easy to teach, they just follow," she said.

Danville Ballet, which has just relocated to Walnut Creek, offers classes to students 8-18 years old. When coupled with pre-ballet, these students can begin pre-professional and professional classes with their bodies trained for the strength and agility it takes in more advanced classes.

Finding rental locations for ballet studios in the Danville area is a challenge for ballet companies,



COURTESY OF LILY ZHOU

Blackhawk Ballet Studio instructor Lily Zhou worked with young ballerinas in Virginia after becoming a prima ballerina in China.

said Danville Ballet owner Rebecca Crowell. Her company was forced to relocate from Alamo to Walnut Creek this summer, due to high rent.

Ballet studios that teach children may not be located in industrial areas, and spaces near retail stores are often expensive, she said. Blackhawk Ballet Studio will be

located at 141 Gerbera St., near Camino Tassajara.

Despite potential challenges, Zhou said she looks forward to teaching in the community where she lives.

"Parents have come in and asked me how I make their children so happy," she said. ■

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JORDAN M. DORONILA

Construction work progresses on two new buildings at Danville Square on Railroad Avenue. The post office will move into one.

Danville Square plan coming together

Construction scheduled for completion in 2007

by Jordan M. Doronila

The construction of two new buildings in Danville Square on the north end of Railroad Avenue is scheduled to be finished next year, said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

The new buildings under construction at the back of the center are part of the town's plan to redevelop Danville Square, he said. The Danville Redevelopment Agency and Danville Square property owner Marilyn Dreyfuss have been working together to make major improvements on the site.

"We are very pleased with the work that has been done in the center," Calabrigo said. "We are excited."

The construction is the third phase of the square's redevelopment plan. The first phase involved bringing in new retail outlets such as Trader Joe's. The second phase included building new store spaces near the intersection of Love Lane and Railroad.

Currently, Starbucks Coffee, Intero Real Estate Services and

Danville Music do business in those spaces.

"Trader Joe's has been the anchor tenant," Calabrigo said. "It's a very popular store. It has a loyal following, and it's always busy."

Calabrigo said the third phase involves moving the U.S. Postal Service branch already in the square to one of the two new buildings when they are completed.

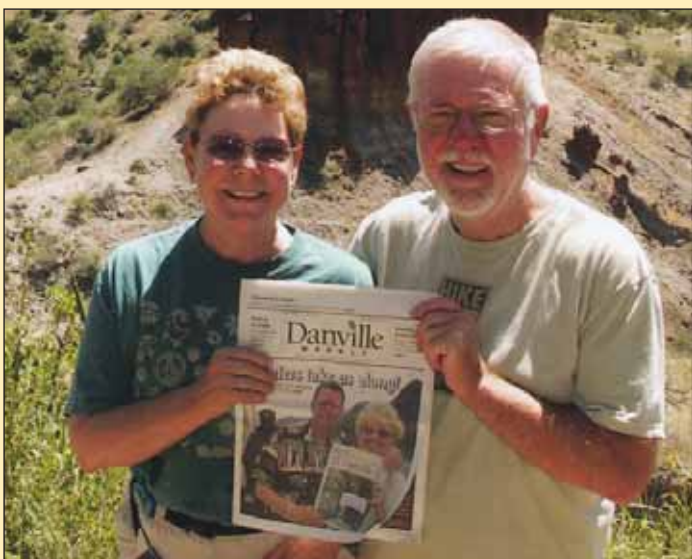
"It's a big plus to the north end of downtown," Calabrigo said about the entire project. "This has been a project that has been on the radar screen for the redevelopment agency before its formation in 1986."

Approvals for the center's improvements were passed in 1999. Edward Ageno owned the property during the 1950s, Calabrigo said. When he died, ownership of the property transferred to Ageno's family trust, which is composed of his family members.

His daughter Marilyn and her representatives have formed a partnership with Danville to revamp the property.

"What we had in the 1950s era was a center badly in need of being updated," Calabrigo said. "We are very pleased with the outcome." ■

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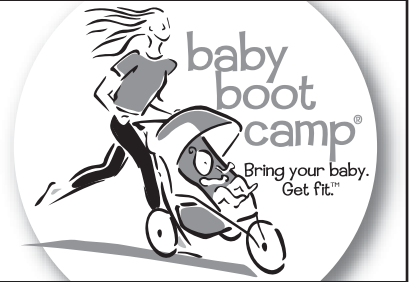
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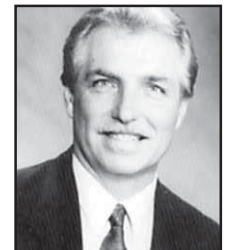
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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



'Spoonies' well deserved

I just wrote about cooking a few weeks ago, but a big concern in the community has come to my attention. Now that Andronico's has been sold to Lunardi's, what will happen to the popular cooking classes held in the front corner room?

Danville resident Cindy Hill was telling me last week that for more than five years she enjoyed the Winemaker Dinners as well as the Lunch and Learn sessions that Andronico's hosted. She was such a fan, in fact, that coordinator Karen Alvarez hired her on as an assistant.

Cindy laughed at the idea it might be construed as a job. "I basically 'worked for food,'" she said. She also walked away with the recipes plus enjoyed the camaraderie as people received culinary instruction. Some were there to learn the basics, such as how to chop an onion. "I raised two boys who knew how to cook. It was something comfortable in our home," Cindy said. "But not everyone has that situation." Others came to study the finer points—such as making puff pastry from scratch.

Cindy herself had a chocolate truffle company years ago, she said, and she still loves to cook and be creative and entertain. She said every class filled up to capacity with 36, some even before they were officially posted. "For \$89 you got great food, great wine, and entertainment from the celebrity chefs," she said. One evening, Fess Parker, aka Davy Crockett, came with his wines from the Santa Ynez Valley. I forgot to ask if he was wearing his politically incorrect coonskin cap. They also hosted celebrity cookbook authors.

"You always got to eat a ton of food," Cindy said enthusiastically. "It was always a fun atmosphere." She said her husband had a party at the school for his company, with a chef who kept them all laughing as he demonstrated his culinary art. She said it was the best party the company had had in 18 years.

Other companies, including Chevron, used it for team building. Once some St. Mary's College students came with an instructor. The Red Hat Society ladies also enjoyed sessions. Cindy said there were cooking events several times a week in the evenings as well as Lunch and Learns twice a week, which cost \$39.

Sometimes daughters would treat moms. Once Andronico's planned a Valentine's Day dinner, with the idea that men could show up for the cooking class and then their

sweethearts could join them when it was time to eat. "But the women showed up early and the men came later," Cindy said.

She also attended children's parties on Saturday mornings and watched as kids who normally only ate macaroni and cheese learned to make chicken manicotti and broiled tomatoes au gratin, "things out of their normal comfort range."

When Cindy heard Andronico's was leaving its Danville location she created Spoonie Awards—spoons spray-painted gold—and presented them to Karen Alvarez, the Cooking School coordinator and event planner, and Jan Glomstad, the Cooking School instructor. Karen has meanwhile signed on with Lunardi's, which gives Cindy hope.

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Cindy noted the cooking classes were an important part of the Danville community, where her family has lived for 18 years. She and her husband John even celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at an Andronico's Cooking Class.

Karen Alvarez was busy Friday working at the store as it made its transition from Andronico's to Lunardi's. She did indeed sign on for the new venture but said it will be structured differently.

"They would like to have local chefs come and rent out the facility and teach that way," she said. "We will reach out to the exciting chefs we have worked with."

She said cooking classes are very, very high maintenance and required much TLC and a lot of dedicated resources. "We want to step back and do something similar but different," she said. "I'm along for the ride."

Cindy Hill hopes the ride will continue along the same path and help Lunardi's become beloved to community, as was its predecessor. ■

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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Art destination

The Danville arts scene received a boost with the news that an artists co-op will be located downtown. The New Renaissance Art Gallery will occupy space above the Leku Eder shop adjacent to Father Nature's Shed, hopefully before the end of the year. The artists are relocating from Blackhawk Plaza where they rented a space as the Blackhawk Art Gallery.

This new gallery on Prospect Avenue at the corner of Front Street is a nice walking distance from the Danville Art Gallery, which is located on the second floor of the Village Theatre at 233 Front St. These two art venues are also close to galleries downtown. When artists or art enthusiasts visit downtown Danville they will be able to stop at several galleries as well as the Eugene O'Neill commemorative artwork in Front Street Park across the street from the library.

This art news comes as we are anticipating Art in the Park, the eighth Fine Arts Festival, which is presented by the town and the Alamo Danville Artists Society. The weekend festival on Sept. 30-Oct. 1 will display paintings in oil, watercolors, pastels and acrylics, plus photography, sculpture, ceramics and fine jewelry in front of the Danville Library and Community Center. It is also a chance to buy artwork from the artists themselves.

Speaking of art, we cannot forget to salute the town's Tile Art Enclosure Project, which is responsible for the colorful tiles decorating the trash receptacles throughout town. Artists of all ages may submit works to be considered. The program shows a desire to make downtown attractive plus gives artists visibility in the community.

At one time, stores feared competition and wanted to be the only one of their kind in the area. Now we know that locating similar businesses near each other helps draw customers to an area, making it a "destination." This certainly applies to art, too.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Being realistic about Veterans Hall

Dear Editor:

I found your Sept. 15 editorial on the Danville Veterans/Legion Hall both balanced and thought provoking. I happened to attend an event at the new Walnut Creek-Lafayette, 9,100-square-foot, \$7.8 million Veterans Hall near downtown Lafayette, which our Mayor Karen Stepper also attended, several months ago. I found the building to be both beautiful and functional.

My experience as an engineer, and nearly four-year member of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District Measure A Citizens'

Oversight Committee, brings me to the conclusion that, unlike the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, or the Shuey-Povda house, it is financially impractical to move or renovate the Danville Veterans/Legion Hall. Action does need to be taken soon because of issues of ADA non-compliance, high upkeep costs and poor acoustics.

I share our town's sentiment of avoiding seeing such a historic building demolished, given Danville's emphasis on restoring such buildings. I'm an economic realist, however, and advocate demolition and building a modern Veterans Legion Hall nearby.

Ralph Hoffmann, Danville

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FIRE BULLETIN

Car crash lights grassfire off Stone Valley Road

A smoldering car fire turned into a wildfire, which burned five grassy acres in Alamo last week, fire officials said.

A compact sedan crashed into a telephone poll near Stone Valley Road and Winestone Court in Alamo on Wednesday, Sept. 13, around 2:45 p.m. A fire ensued and eventually spread onto five acres of grass.

Firefighters from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District responded to calls with nine fire engines. Officials from the California Division of Forestry, helicopters and bulldozers also were at the scene.

Firefighters used water and foam to douse the fire, said San Ramon Fire Battalion Chief Mike Brown. The sedan driver was taken to the hospital.

The fire was put out two hours after firefighters arrived. The sedan damage is estimated at around \$5,000, said Brown.

"It was a hot day, in the 90s," he said. "We were

lucky that we didn't have a windy day. We were able to contain it."

Brown said wildfires are common in the fall.

"Between now and probably October has the most potential (for wildfires)," he said. "It's very dry, and the humidity is down to 13 percent from 30 percent usually in our area of California."

He said the grass often becomes dry in hot and low humidity weather conditions. This enables the wind to spread fires.

Residents need to be cautious and alert to what's going on especially right before the winter hits, Brown said. However, people can't prepare for everything, he noted

"There's no way to prevent all fires," he said. "Sometimes, fires just happen."

Brown said cutting down weeds, brush or other foliage that's flammable helps prevent wildfires from spreading. He also recommends clearing a 30- to 100-foot area of combustible material and being careful when lighting barbecue grills or other outdoor ignition.

—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.

Sunday, Sept. 10

- Drunk in public, arrest, on Hartz Ave. at 2:01 a.m.

- Driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI), arrest, on Crow Canyon Rd. at El Capitan Dr. at 3 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Diablo Rd. at 11:59 a.m.
- Drunk in public on the Iron Horse Trail at San Ramon Valley Blvd., arrest, at 7:34 p.m.
- Disturbing the peace on El Pinto at 8:16 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 11

- Vandalism on Diablo Rd. at 11:27 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Via Hermosa at 1:52 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Sycamore Valley Rd. at 2:25 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Lyon Ct. at 3:28 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

- DUI misdemeanor on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Town and Country Dr. at 7:55 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Love Ln. at 3:01 p.m.
- Vandalism on La Gonda Wy. At 3:35 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. at Matadera at 3:50 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Glasgow Cr. at 6:26 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

- Abandoned vehicle on Dove Creek Ln. at 2:38 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Kenwood Ln. at La Gonda Wy. at 3:36 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 14

- DUI, misdemeanor, on El Cerro Blvd. at La Gonda Wy. at 10:56 p.m.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 11:36 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Maplewood Ct. at 11:01 a.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Glenhill Ct. at 4:35 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15

- Credit card fraud on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:42 a.m.
- Missing property on El Capitan Dr. at 7:43 p.m.
- Under the influence of drugs on Borica Pl. at 11:31 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16

- Accident, property damage, on Podva Rd at San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:42 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Brookside Drive at 5:28 p.m.
- Auto burglary on El Capitan Dr. at 5:58 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Tony Matheney

Tony Matheney, 47, a resident of Palo Cedro and a former resident of Alamo, passed away Sept. 9 at Mercy Medical Center in Redding.

He was born May 18, 1959, in Castro Valley, and lived in Contra Costa County until 1996 when he and his family moved to Shasta County. He was an independent plumbing contractor and owner of Matheney's Plumbing and Heating. He coached Little League for both of his sons, and loved fishing, hunting, golf and playing softball.

He is survived by his wife Carol; sons Kyle and Sam; parents Jim and Barbara Matheney of Alamo; sisters Marie, Maureen, Eileen, Kate and

Erin; brothers David and Matt; and nine nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Elks Lodge in Redding.

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The Danville Mustang Hotspurs U11 Gold boys soccer team won the River City Champions Cup in Sacramento over Labor Day weekend.

Hotspurs hot at River City

Mustang team undefeated over Labor Day weekend

The Danville Mustang Hotspurs U11 Gold boys soccer team, coached for the third year by Jason Annicchero, went undefeated over Labor Day weekend, winning the River City Champions Cup in Sacramento.

In pool play, the squad had an initial 3-0 victory over Alliance Barcelona on Saturday, which was followed by 0-0 and 1-1 ties on Sunday with local powerhouse Elk Grove and Beaverton, Ore., respectively. The offense was powered by John Wayland with a goal and two assists; Jeff Greenberg with two goals; Peter Tagliaferri with a goal, and Jerry Karczewski and Doug Strazza both with assists. Andrew Evans and George Waidelich provided staunch defensive support to earn the ties in the Sunday matches.

As the seedings would have it, the semifinals and finals turned out to be a replay of the matches the day before. In the semifinals, the Hotspurs prevailed over Elk Grove 2-0, with Cameron Lyall and Matthew Winaker scoring, with great assists coming from Strazza, David Griffith and Matt Peter. Hotspurs keeper Andrew Ferber posted the shutout with his confident play in goal.

In the final match against the Westside Metros from Beaverton,



Hotspurs Jeff Greenberg takes part in the River City Champions Cup action.

the Hotspurs jumped out to a 2-0 lead at the halftime break, again on goals by Lyall and Winaker. When the Metros made it 2-1 with a penalty shot at the beginning of the second half, the Hotspurs dug in their heels on defense with exceptional play by midfielders Jordan Corral and Camilo Von Haugwitz. An insurance goal by Von Haugwitz a little later in the half sealed the victory 3-1 and the championship for the Hotspurs.

—Jeffrey Winaker

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PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 22

Football: San Ramon Valley vs. Washington, 7 p.m.; Monte Vista at Berkeley, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Cross Country: Stanford Invite at Stanford G.C.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

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

Water Polo: Monte Vista at Livermore, 3:45 p.m.; San Ramon Valley vs. Cal High, 3:45 p.m.

Girls Volleyball: San Ramon Valley vs. Granada, 6 p.m.; Monte Vista at Foothill, 6 p.m.

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

Thursday, Sept. 28

Girls Tennis: Monte Vista at Livermore, 3:45 p.m.; San Ramon Valley vs. Cal High, 3:45 p.m.

Water Polo: San Ramon Valley at Foothill, 3:45 p.m.

Girls Volleyball: Monte Vista at Cal High, 6 p.m.

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

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Things can get a little out of hand for your teens home alone



Cautions! Parents leaving teens home alone may be inviting trouble.

Last year, Danville police began posting a bulletin in publications with cautionary tips about how to stop teenagers from partying, said Sgt. Ron Bradley, who recently left the Danville Police Department. Teenagers partying on their own may create liability, causing harm to others, attracting drugs and alcohol, and ruining property, Bradley said.

Of course, when parents leave for a weekend or longer it can be fine, with the teen tending the house and pets. But, police warn, there are occasions when visitors can become hard for a teen to handle.

Though not all parties wind up outrageously out of control, there are occasions when they grow too large for the young and inexperienced to handle, police said. Teens on cell phones can spread a "party bulletin" quickly and a crowd can gather in a matter of minutes. In some cases, parties can turn into mayhem.

Early in January of this year, a 20-year-old local resident befriended and manipulated a 17-year-old boy into hosting a party at his parents' home on Blackhawk Road, police said. Youths destroyed approximately \$100,000 worth of property at the boy's party.

Six watches, a laptop computer, an iPod, a golf cart and much more were stolen

from the home, Bradley said. The District Attorney has the case, and police were waiting for the court date.

Bradley said there might have been more teenagers than the one taking advantage of the teenage host, and the suspects were all blaming each other when they were questioned.

"We hope for a successful prosecution and that appropriate punishment would be dealt out," he said.

Bradley discourages parents from leaving their children alone while they are away. He also said parents need to raise their kids in such a way that it will prevent them from misbehaving. Folks need to be involved with their children's upbringing and establish a relationship based on trust, he said.

"Trust is something that has to be earned," said Bradley, who has a daughter in her 20s and a son in middle school. "You have to be involved in your child's life."

And if parents decide to leave their homes for an extended period of time, they should tell their neighbors about their trip or have an adult supervise their teen when they are gone. Additionally, Bradley suggested notifying the police.

Also, teens should not tell their peers they are home alone. If other kids know, they may tell others, creating a possible snowball of rambunctious teens visiting.

"They let too many people know that they are home alone," Bradley said. "It gets people talking. That should remain confidential."

Moreover, if parents and children are at a party together, they should not serve alcohol. Bradley recalled several years ago while on duty seeing a mother sitting drunk at a party when her child was present.

"You gotta be flipping kidding me," Bradley said about the incident. "How irresponsible is that?"

"Being a parent is not about being popular," he added.

But teenagers getting out of control when parents are gone is nothing new.

Seven years ago, Bradley said, a 16-year-old girl hosted a house party when her mother was out of town, and around 70 kids from Monte Vista and California high schools trashed her home.

When her party got out of control, she called the police.

Soon after, Bradley arrived at the scene and saw plants taken out and a ceramic doll smashed on the ground.

Youths stole an autographed picture of Michael Jordan, and they scribbled with makeup and cosmetics all over the bathroom. They also smeared beer on the carpet.

"They thrashed this house," Bradley said. "A lot of it was spiteful." The graffiti included: "We raided your house, bitch."

"The disrespect to the house was unbelievable," Bradley added. "This is the risk you take when you host a party."

Alan Vance, a 2006 Monte Vista High graduate, said partying occurs more often in the school year than in the summer

although in early summer people celebrate the school year ending.

"People get really messed up, and they don't know when to stop," he said. "They go overboard. A lot of people don't know when to stop drinking."

Vance said many partygoers feel they can have a few drinks and be fine after a few hours. Sometimes, they drive home drunk, he said.

Additionally, they smoke marijuana and drink, too.

"It's called cross fading," Vance said. "You get high and you get drunk at the same time."

Bradley said peer pressure influences young partiers to misbehave and get out of control.

"They have a desire to be liked and popular," he said. "Everyone wants to be accepted."

Lori Low, professor of school counseling at the University of San Diego and a parent, said there is an attitude with teenagers that being bigger and worse is better.

"There seems to be a real sort of challenge for kids to out-do one another," she said. "It brings you a certain social status."

"I think it comes from media and pop culture," she added. "A lot of it is technology driven. Our children are growing with an immediate access to anything."

She also noted that parents are overly involved with other activities and their chil-

by Jordan M. Doronila

DANVILLE DRINKING ORDINANCE

Danville Municipal Code:
Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages
by Juveniles on Private Property

a) It shall be unlawful for any person in ownership, possession or control of any private residence, property, place or premises to permit, allow, suffer, or host at such residence, property, place or premises, any gathering of five or more persons under the age of twenty-one (21) years where alcoholic beverages are in the possession of, or are being consumed by any person under the age of twenty-one (years).

b) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years to consume any alcoholic beverages at any gathering described in paragraph "a."

c) Violation of this subsection is an infraction and shall be punishable to the maximum extent allowed by State law. In the discretion of the City Attorney, violations of this section may be charged as a misdemeanor and shall be punishable to the maximum extent allowed by State law. If the violator is under eighteen (18) years of age, they shall be issued a citation to appear with a parent or a guardian at the Danville Juvenile Diversion Program.

In California, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages.

GOING AWAY?

The Danville Police Department provides the following tips about leaving teens home alone:

- Inform friends or neighbors of your travel plans and the responsibility you have entrusted to your child; this is one of the best defenses.
- Encourage your children to call for police assistance in controlling or calming any situation that has grown too large for them to handle.
- Have adult supervision at the house.
- Take your children with you on your vacation.

children are part of a "helicopter generation." This refers to parents who "fly in and drop down" to quickly do just the essentials for their children.

"A lot of these kids don't work," she said. "They have an attitude that they are owed."

But Vance feels it's a combination of factors.

"I think it's a mixture," he said. "They have nothing to do. Yeah, it's fun. They also feel like they are acting like adults when they drink. They feel they are being mature when they do but, in fact, they are not."

Bradley said kids don't understand that they are mortal.

"Kids don't understand," he said. "How do kids learn that sooner than we did?"

"Parents have to keep their eyes truly open," he added. ■

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Dick Waldo believes in himself. He ran the Boston Marathon, married three times, and served as Danville's mayor in his 70s. He is now retired and mopes around his home, wondering what to do.

Bored, bored, bored, he says. Reading, traveling and playing with his dog Taz are how he spends his days.

"I shouldn't have quit," said Waldo, 81, about being mayor. "I found being on the Town Council the greatest job in my life."

"He tells me that, too," said his wife, Kathy, about him being bored. "He's 81. I don't know what he expects at this age."

He chose not to run again in 2000 because of health problems.

"I didn't want to be a professional council member," he said.

Waldo, who served Danville as a councilman and mayor for two terms in the 1990s, is one of the most popular and respected figures in Danville, according to Town Manager Joe Calabrigo and Beverly Lane, curator for the San Ramon Valley Museum.

Waldo served from Dec. 7, 1993, to Dec. 3, 2002.

"He was a wonderful public servant while he was on the council," Lane said. "He'd tell you what he thought."

"He represented our support for open space and the environment," she added. "I always appreciated that."

Former County Supervisor and council member Millie Greenberg echoed Lane's sentiments about Waldo.

"Dick loved being a council member and a mayor," Greenberg said. "He brought wonderful enthusiasm and a well-reasoned viewpoint. He worked very hard. He is engaging, interesting and energetic."

Waldo grew up in North Dakota and left when he was 18. He said he enjoyed the state's weather and environment. North Dakota was full of people from Norway and Germany.

"I thought it was the better part of the world," he said. "It's colder than hell in the winter time."

He also mentioned that the prominent western fiction writer Louis L'Amour was his uncle, also from North Dakota, and he had a close bond with him as well.

Waldo's mother also wrote about the history of North Dakota. She produced a book about leadership for clubs, too.

"I never read the book," Waldo said. "I never wanted to."

After leaving North Dakota, Waldo became a U.S. Navy medic during World War II on Treasure Island and gave pharmaceutical care to soldiers.

"It was a great job," he said.

When he was discharged, he decided to stay in California.

"Once you get to California, where else would you want to go?" he asked. "It's the greatest place in the world. The hills, the vistas. The people are different."

In the Golden State, he fell in love with a woman who was also in the Navy.

"I met my first wife in the Navy," he said.

He followed her to Stanford University where he earned a degree in history in the late 1940s, receiving free tuition from the G.I. Bill,

he said. He and his first wife had two children. He got a job at Pacific Bell and worked there for 35 years.

However, he said he and his wife proved to be incompatible, he fell out of love with her, and they divorced.

After leaving her, he married for a second time. But he divorced her, too.

"No. 2 isn't even worth talking about," he said. "I fell out of love I guess. It was a long time ago."

Finally though, he found a lasting relationship with his third wife, Kathy, meeting her when he was 61. She is 20 years younger, he said.

"She's the greatest person in my life," he said. He said his third marriage is working because they are responsive to each other and take care of one another.

In the early 1980s, Waldo ran 72 miles at Lake Tahoe, which took him 14 hours. He

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Looking for Dick Waldo

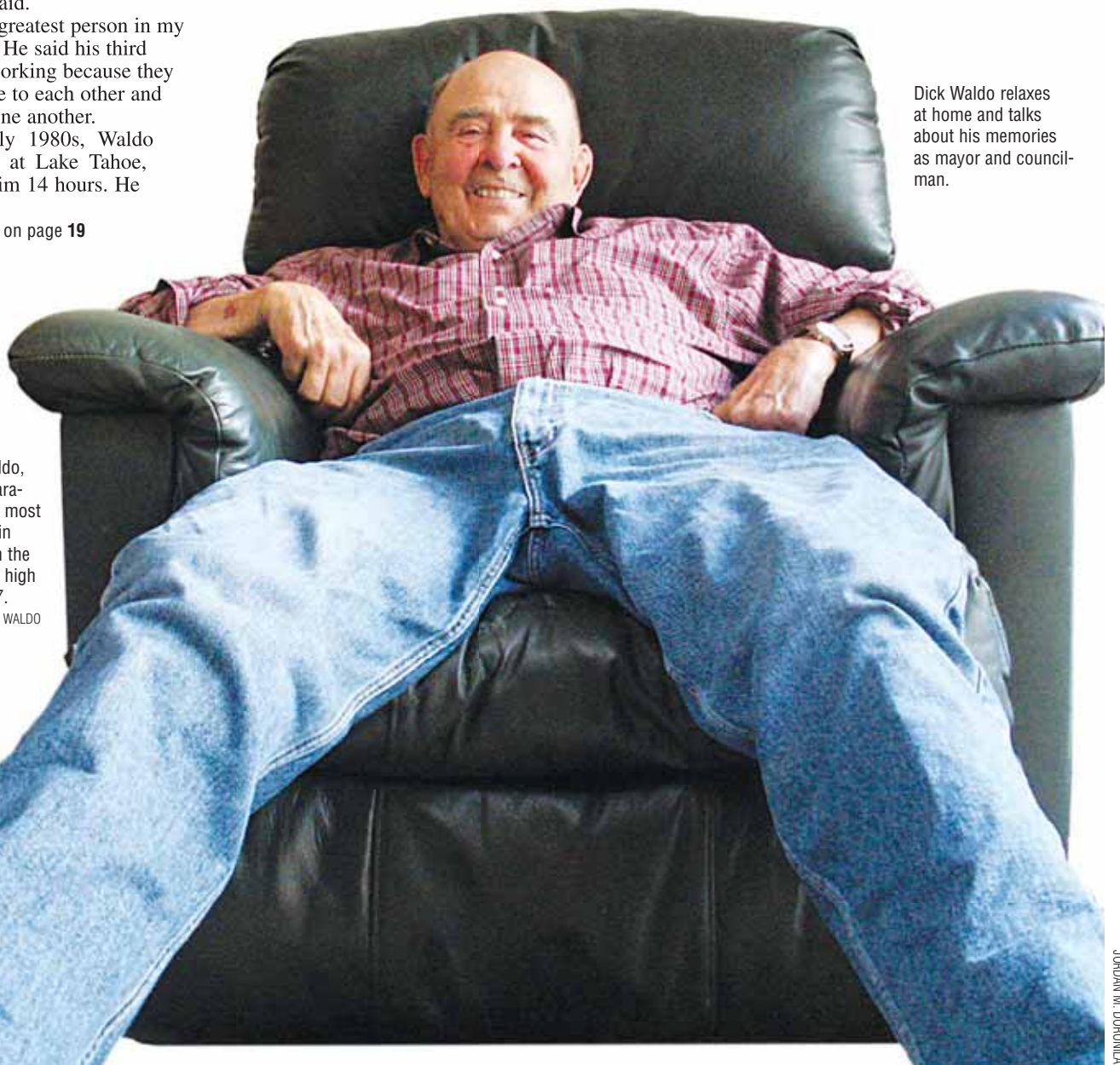
Former mayor and long distance runner recalls his wonderful life in Danville

by Jordan M. Doronila



Above: Dick Waldo, who enjoyed marathons and races most of his life, runs in North Dakota on the track field at his high school at age 17.

COURTESY DICK WALDO



Dick Waldo relaxes at home and talks about his memories as mayor and councilman.

JORDAN M. DORONILA



Pizza Epicuria

Let me begin with a true confession: I'm not a big fan of pizza. Most often, when my husband calls to ask what I might like him to pick up for a "takeout" dinner, the conversations go like this:

Him: "Hey, honey, since you just got home, how about I pick up a pizza?" **Me:** "Good idea ... but how about sushi instead?"

Him: "Hey, honey, since we both have a meeting tonight, how about I pick up a pizza?" **Me:** "Great idea ... but how about pasta instead?"

Him: "Hey, honey, since we're picking up family at the airport later, how about I pick up a pizza now?" **Me:** "Smart idea ... but how about chicken instead?"

It's not that I'm trying to have my way but pizza has just never rung my epicurean bells. First of all, I associate most pizza with the smell of hot cardboard—you know, from a pizza box. By the time it gets delivered, the pizza has taken on the smell of the cardboard and most of the good stuff is lying along the side of the box and has to be dug off.

Second, even before Atkins, I thought it was a lot of bread to consume for all the tastier ingredients on top. And now that carbs are to be minimized, I find it an even bigger sacrifice to make over an occasional English muffin or fresh sourdough bread.

Third, like salad bars, I cringe over how long those pizza ingredients have been diced and sliced (and sitting in a tub) before they end up on top of a crust.

Lastly, more often than not, I have wound up with a case of heartburn. Prilosec, anyone? All in all, it's not been easy for me to cultivate a liking for pizza. Well, with one exception ...

I really like the thin-crust and farmers-market-flavor of the pizza made at the Arizmendi Bakery in Oakland. The co-op bakery has been named the "best of" bakery for years by local magazines and it features, among other items, a special pizza of the day topped with the freshest of ingredients—for example, artichoke hearts and caramelized onions ... or basil and tomato ... the daily combos they offer are limitless. You can buy it by the slice or whole pie. While I tend to bring a pie home to share, it tastes best eaten right from the oven at one of their small metal tables, as you stare out the window on Lakeshore Avenue and people watch. It is deliciously tasty as well as healthy. It is the one pizza I could eat on a regular basis!

So, I challenged myself to try and replicate the Arizmendi pizza at home. I sought and compared many recipes for home-made pizza until I found one I thought would serve me best, with a few minor alterations. I decided on two of my favorite foods as toppings—arugula and prosciutto. I even purchased a pizza stone to insure that the crust would brown and

crisp evenly. Arizmendi pizza, here I come!

Mixing the pizza dough recipe was easy enough and the yeasted dough rose and kneaded as promised. The serious challenge was rolling and pulling the dough to the thinness I imagined would replicate the Arizmendi crust. Evidently, the practice of throwing and pulling the dough takes time to perfect. I certainly didn't figure it out in an afternoon but I finally got the dough thin enough to satisfy my taste.

And then I did the magic thing. Actually, it was a tip from Martha Stewart at marthastewart.com: Just before baking, "clap your hands together right above the pizza. Half blessing, half suggestion, it is a hint that the pizza should behave." Lastly, the toppings were easy—the prosciutto and arugula were added after the pies were baked. The results were better than expected: A thin, crisp crust with great texture and light, scrumptious flavor. Loved it!

Whether you're a pizza lover or a pizza-lover-wanna-be (like me), I hope you'll consider trying my adapted recipe or the Pizza Margherita recipe at www.DanvilleWeekly.com. After your own pizza "mia" adventure, I'm betting you'll appreciate the ones you get out even more. However you partake, I hope all your pizzas are "perfetto."

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

What makes a professional pizza great?

Ask about these ingredients when ordering pizza out:

- **Flour:** Many pizza-makers use 00 (double zero) flour, the most finely milled available, or blend it with coarser flours of choice.
- **Yeast:** Some swear by fresh yeast (sold in cake form), others like dry but it's purely a matter of preference among pizza-makers.
- **Tomatoes:** The consensus is San Marzano tomatoes from the same region in Italy. They stay moist but aren't pulpy or mealy.
- **Salt:** Pizza artisans always use sea salt!
- **Cheese:** Pizza artisans use buffalo mozzarella from Italy for a smooth, somewhat tangy flavor. Because of a high fat content, it stays moist while baking.
- **Oil:** Serious pizza chefs use Umbrian or Sicilian olive oil. Both have a strong enough flavor to last during baking without overwhelming other ingredients, and with no greasiness.
- **Oven:** A wood-burning brick oven, of course, is the standard but one that gets up to 1,200 degrees will produce the crispiest crust while not overcooking the toppings.

RECIPES

Pizza with Arugula and Prosciutto (6 mini-pies serve 6)

1 package active dry yeast
1-1/2 Tbsp. sugar
1-1/2 cup warm water (100-110 degrees)
3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting
1/2 cup semolina flour (Note: The semolina gives it added texture; substitute 1/2 cup more all-purpose flour for a smoother crust.)
1 Tbsp. salt
3 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for brushing

1-1/2 cups (6 oz.) grated skim-milk mozzarella cheese
6 Tbsp. shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
12 thin slices prosciutto di Parma
1 bunch arugula, stemmed, rinsed/dried and julienned

1. Dissolve yeast and sugar in 1/2 cup of the warm water. Let stand 5 minutes or until foamy.

2. To make the dough: Mix together the flour, semolina and salt in a large bowl. Make a well in the center and add the yeast mixture, the remaining water and the oil. Work the liquid into the flour until you can no longer stir it. Turn it onto a lightly floured work surface and knead, adding flour as needed until dough is smooth and not sticky, about 8-10 minutes.

3. Shape into a ball and put in a lightly oiled bowl. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 30 minutes. Punch down the dough and divide it into 6 pieces. Form into balls, cover and let rise for 45 min.

4. Preheat oven to 450 degrees with a pizza stone inside. If you don't have a pizza stone, line a baking sheet with parchment paper and sprinkle with a little cornmeal.

5. Roll the dough into circles at the thinness you desire. Place each round on a cornmeal-dusted sheet of parchment to assemble. Brush each with olive oil and sprinkle with mozzarella and Parmigiano-Reggiano. Slide onto the pizza stone and bake for 10 min. or until edges are golden brown. Remove from the oven and immediately top with prosciutto and a large pinch of arugula. Serve at once.

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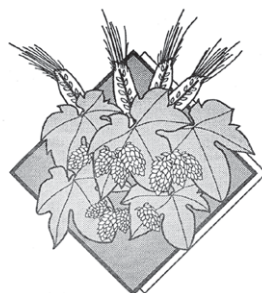
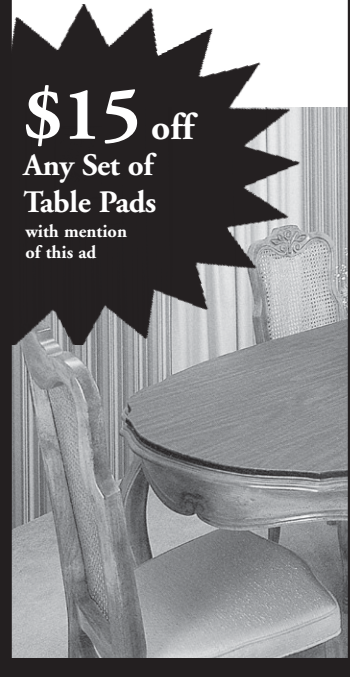
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Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

Alamo Grammar School brings early education

The community of Alamo had one of the earliest grammar schools, through the efforts of Mary Ann Jones, who had moved to Alamo in 1851.

Mrs. Jones wrote in her autobiography: "people began to come in with their families and we began to think about having a school for our children. So we built a schoolhouse on the Hemme Place (near today's El Portal and Danville Boulevard) and hired a teacher, Richard Webster, and I boarded him."

As a young student, James Smith attended several of the valley's early schools and recalled Webster was popular with the students. Smith wrote this about the Alamo School:

"This first school building was located just west of where the Alamo cemetery was later located, near the San Ramon creek. The lumber was obtained from the redwoods west of Moraga and residents contributed for the cost of materials and hauling and the labor. The school was built with rough lumber, having single desks built along each side with seats for the same, a long low table in the center, and a number of benches. The teacher's desk was at one end and was on a platform about four feet high, to serve as a pulpit when the school was used for religious services.

"The pupils brought candles and wooden candlesticks that were fastened to the walls to give light. For those who had no paper, ink or pens Mr. Desty (a later teacher) provided, and the pens he provided he made from quills, a bunch of which he carried with him, and with his penknife he would prepare a good writing pen quickly. The principals, straight lines and curved, were written on a blackboard, and the first evening was spent (about two hours) in imitation."

In later years, three Alamo Grammar Schools were built near today's corner of Stone Valley Road West and Danville Boulevard. The 2-1/2 acre property on which these schools were located was sold for \$200 by Mary Ann Jones to be used for school purposes in 1876.

The first one was built in 1876 and was destroyed by fire in 1893.

The second Alamo Grammar School originally had a bell tower. It was remodeled several times over the years. The tower was removed and the bell placed in the outside yard, presumably because of concerns the tower might fall in an earthquake. In 1904 there were 61 children enrolled; in 1908—68; and in 1911—50. Astrid Olsson Humburg taught in this school in the late teens and early 1920s.

In 1921, after fundraising by the Alamo Community Club, a large playground apparatus was built, including swings, a sandbox, basketball and handball courts (leveled), plus a baseball diamond mapped off. But the school itself began to show its age.

In an article titled "Ancient School at Alamo May Be Replaced Soon" in a local paper May 19, 1924, county physician Dr. C.R. Blake talked to a meeting of Alamo grammar school district residents. He "excoriated them for permitting their school to remain in its



The second Alamo Grammar School, at the northwest corner of Stone Valley Road and Danville Boulevard, was remodeled several times. In 1904, 61 students were enrolled.

present condition. He told them that their school was a relic of an age now half a century gone; that it was unsanitary, an imposition on the children, and a disgrace to the district."

The school was extensively remodeled in 1924. Alamo residents discussed joining with the new Danville Union District about the same time but voted against it. Some of the parents sent their children to the new Danville school.

In 1934 the cloakroom was torn out and the front porch enclosed to make another classroom. Efforts to pass a bond issue for a new school were defeated in 1935, an attempt was made to get a WPA loan, and plans were made but nothing was built.

Finally, in 1940, a \$20,000 bond issue was passed and the third Alamo Grammar School was built on the same site. As with the earlier schools, it was an important part of the community and for 25 years was used for voting, social gatherings, dances and card games.

From 1958-59, Alamo School had so many students that rooms were rented at the Methodist Church to accommodate the growth.

Today's Alamo Elementary School at 100 Wilson Road opened in 1965. It has the original school bell in its courtyard. The bell has a San Ramon Valley Historical Society plaque that commemorates the history of early education in Alamo.

Sources: *Contra Costa History Center*; *Virgie V. Jones Remembering Alamo*; *J. D. Smith Recollections* (ed. Gary Drummond)

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."

Waldo

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also ran the Boston Marathon in 1977. But his extensive running took a toll on his knees, which he had to have replaced with titanium, his wife said.

When he reached his late 60s, he wanted another challenge and decided that he would run for Town Council. His son Stephen Waldo was mayor of Brisbane.

"I woke up one day, and I was 69 years old," Dick Waldo said.

When he became a councilman and mayor, he said he enjoyed listening to residents' concerns,

and working with former councilwoman and county Supervisor Millie Greenberg, as well as Town Manager Calabrigo.

"He's the best person I ever worked with in my life," Waldo said about Calabrigo.

Waldo served two terms and when his second expired, he decided not to run again.

"I was getting too old," he said. He said he is a Democrat and enjoyed meeting Sen. Hillary Clinton, adding that he would vote for her if she runs for president.

But though he has aged, he still feels energetic. He reads a lot, especially history, and has an extensive Civil War book collection.

"I'm pretty young for 81," Waldo said. ■

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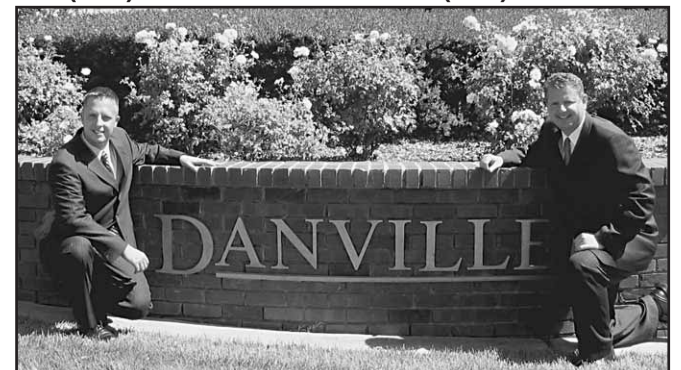
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Blackhawk Art Gallery
Blackhawk Art Gallery will host its final show featuring sculptor Bill Carmel, and painters Bill Paskewitz and Sandra Speights from now until Oct. 31, at the gallery, 3628 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Call 736-5640.

California Watercolor Association
An art exhibit featuring Robin Purcell's "Below Fossil Ridge," Helene Yu-June Rice's "Landscape," and Samantha McNally's "Victoria's Roses" will run until Dec. 8 at the gallery in Blackhawk Plaza, Danville. Call 648-9113.

Classes

Practical Peacemaking
Come and explore non-violent living with an eight-week class led by a trained facilitator from Peace e Bene from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 15, at the Unity Center, 1871 Geary Road, Walnut Creek. Call (707) 746-0121 or visit www.unitycenter.net.

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

Watercolor
Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front Street, offers a Watercolor class from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, for all levels. Marilyn MacDougall is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$80 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Clubs

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

Alamo Rotary
The Alamo Rotary meets at noon every Wednesday at Roundhill

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Author night includes a harvest dinner

Rakestraw Books will host Susan Sokol Blosser, author of "A Home in the Vineyard," at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Cost is \$25, and includes a special Harvest Dinner. Call 837-7337.

Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road. Call Mark Kahn at 837-3262.

Business Development Network
BDN is a group of professionals that share resources and develops business through relationships. It meets 7:45-9 a.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Denny's, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville. Call Bonnie at 648-0222.

Contra Costa Rose Society
This club will meet to discuss "Landscaping with Miniature Roses" with Rose Gilardi at 7:15 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25, at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call 681-1551 or visit www.ccrose.org.

Danville Rotary
The Danville Rotary meets at noon every Monday at the Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. For information, visit www.danvillerotary.org.

Kiwanis San Ramon Valley
The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis meets from noon-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Mudds Restaurant in San Ramon. Meeting includes a guest speaker and lunch. For information, visit its Web site at www.kiwanis-srv.org.

San Ramon Valley Democratic Club

This club gets together for great conversation and interesting political speakers and will meet at noon, Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Mudd's Restaurant, 10 Boardwalk Place, San Ramon. Cost is \$18. Call Pat Marchant at (510) 881-8492.

Concerts

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra
The orchestra presents a concert including L'Coq d'Or Suite by Rimsky Korsakov and Symphony #9 "New World" by Antonin Dvorak at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 116 Montecito, Oakland. Admission is free, donations are requested.

Events

An Evening of Togetherness
Christ Kids Ministry will host former Oakland Raider, Steve Wisniewski in support of this organization with dinner, music, wine tasting and a raffle at 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo. Cost is \$85. Call Peter Zaloumis at 719-7950.

Arts Walk and Festival
San Ramon Arts Foundation will host the Arts Walk and Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 23-24, at Dougherty Station Community Station, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. For information, call 336-0267 or visit www.sanramonarts.org.

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Contra Costa Coin Show

Diablo Numismatic Society and Concord Boy Scout Troop #465 will host this coin show from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, at Concord Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue. Cost is \$2. Call 351-7605 or email greenwj@aol.com.

Parade of Dalmatians

A parade of Dalmatians will be apart of the annual Eugene O'Neill Festival with festivities at noon, Sunday, Oct. 8, at Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Cost is \$5; each participant will receive a copy of the last will and testament for "Blemie," O'Neill's late Dalmatian. Call 820-1818.

Pleasanton Heritage Festival

Pleasanton Downtown Association will host this festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 23-24, on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. For information, call 484-2199 or visit www.mlproductions.com.

Red, White and Blue Ball

Contra Costa Republicans will host their annual Red, White and Blue Ball with cocktails starting at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo. Tickets are \$130. For information, call JoAnne at 837-8393.

Sunset Idea House

Sunset Magazine and Popular Mechanics Magazine have built the "House of Innovation Idea House" located in Alamo. The house is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., from now until Nov. 12. Free parking and shuttle are available at the Sycamore Park & Ride lot. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors (Fridays only); children under 5 years old are free. Call (800) 786-7375.

Teachers' Resource Fair

Lindsay Wildlife Museum and Contra Costa County Association of Science and Math Educators will hold the fourth annual Teachers' Resource Fair from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25, at the museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free. For information, call Connie Loosli at 627-2922.

Fundraisers

Animal Lover's Boutique

Valley Humane Society will host the Seventh annual Animal Lover's Boutique from Nov. 9-11, at 4510 Entrada Court, Pleasanton. This hours are from 4-9 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday. This event will benefit the Valley Humane Society. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumanesociety.org.

Artful Living Home Tour

Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. presents the "Artful Living Home Tour" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Nov. 3-4, starting at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda. The tour will feature five distinctive homes in Orinda. Tickets are \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Call 962-1776 or visit www.jloeb.org.

Danville d'Elegance Fine and Specialty Auto Show

This show will include more than 60 Ferraris and exotic automobiles, live music, auctions, drawings and celebrities. The event will take place from noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at Hartz Avenue between Prospect Avenue and Church Street. For information or to become a sponsor, call Jim Edlund at 552-0310.

Friends of Camp Concord Golf Tournament

ABC Channel 7 News' Dan Ashley will host the Friends of Camp Concord Golf Tournament starting with registration and breakfast at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Blackhawk Country Club, Falls Course, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. Shotgun start for golf is at 11 a.m. The day will also include live and silent auctions, lunch, dinner, drawings and tee prizes. Cost is \$350; \$30 dinner only. Call 389-1984 or visit www.friendsocamp.com.

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Mount Diablo Challenge
Jamba Juice and Terry McDaniel Team will sponsor the 25th annual Mount Diablo Challenge to benefit Save Mount Diablo, starting at 7 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Athenian School, 2100 Mount Diablo Scenic Blvd., Danville. Early registration is \$50 (before Sept. 17); late registration is \$60. Visit www.active.com.

Primo's Run for Education
Primo's Run for Education that benefits the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation will take place from 6-9 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, beginning on Diablo Road at Hartz Avenue. The day will include a 5K, 1/2 marathon, refreshments, goodies and an awards ceremony. Call 866-4127.

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Ten Secrets to an Effective Website
East Bay I.T. Group (eBig) presents "Ten Secrets to an Effective Website," from 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4, at San Ramon Dublin Water Services District Board Room, 7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$20 for members; \$25 for guests; add \$10 at the door. Call 736-5808 or visit www.ebig.org/events.

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Thrift Shop Promotions
The Way Side Inn Thrift Shop and Costume Rental is having a promotion sale to benefit Assistance League of Diablo Valley with Halloween merchandise on sale Oct. 3 and 10; Halloween costume rentals will be available Oct. 7; and vintage hats, gloves and purses will go on sale Oct. 17. The shop is located at 3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette. Call 284-4781.

Health

Get Lean at Lunch
Dan Taylor of TriValleyTrainer.com will host "Get Lean at Lunch" with free tips and healthy eating ideas from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, and from noon-1 p.m., Thursdays during the month of October, at San Ramon Whole Foods, 100 Sunset Drive, San Ramon. This event is free. Call 413-2268 or email dan@trivalleytrainer.com.

Stronger Than Ever
Cancer patients can learn how to return to former levels of strength and vitality and how to increase strength without struggling from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 23, at Sugi Studios, 1924B Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. This event is free to cancer patients and their friends and family, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Treatment Options for Female Incontinence
Dr. Bevan-Thomas will discuss a number of surgical and non-surgical treatments for female incontinence from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Conference Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. This event is free, but reservations

Holidays

Rosh Hashanah
Join the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews to celebrate Rosh Hashanah at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 22, at Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. The event will include music, readings, and traditional apples and honey. Cost is \$15 for non-members and is open to the public. Call 485-1049.

Kids & Teens

Teen S.A.T. Strategy Sessions
College bound teenagers are welcome to a free S.A.T. strategy session presented by the professionals from the Princeton Review. There will be two sessions from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursdays, Sept. 28 and Nov. 2, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Call 837-4889 to reserve your spot.

Lectures/Workshops

Boundaries with Teens Simulcast
Community Presbyterian Church will host a Simulcast on "Boundaries for Teens: When to Say Yes, When to Say No" presented by Dr. John Townsend from 8:45-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at the church's Multi-Purpose Room, 222 W. El Pintado Road, Danville. Cost is \$5. Light refreshments will be served. Call Laura Taggart at 837-5525, ext. 319.

Breakfast with Brett Johnson
Have you wondered how your business can be used by God? Join founder of the Institute for Innovation, Brett Johnson, for breakfast from 7-8:15 a.m., Friday, Sept. 29, at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Advance tickets are \$20; register at www.acteva.com/go/valleystraighttalk.

How to Sell Even if You Don't Like Sales
Randall Shores from Contra Costa Small Business Development Center will present "How to Sell Even if You Don't Like Sales" from 7-9 p.m., Monday, Oct. 2, at Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 646-5377 or email cjensen@contra-costabdc.com.

Wage and Hour Laws
Greater Tri-Valley Chapter of NCHRA will host "Wage and Hour Laws" for Human Resource Professionals from 7:30-9 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional Street, Dublin. Cost is \$30 for members; \$50 for non-members. Register by visiting www.nchra.org.

Live Music

Taylor Dayne
City of Pleasanton Civic Arts presents Taylor Dayne from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$20, \$30, \$35 and may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org, by calling 931-3444 or at the Amador Theater Box Office from 10a.m.-2 p.m. on the weekends.

On Stage

'The Sound of Music'
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'Thoroughly Modern Millie'
Diablo Light Opera Company presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie" from Oct. 6-Nov. 4, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$26-38. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org.

Political Notes

Honoring Women Candidates
Join the East-Bay Chapter of California Elected Women's Association, Liz Figueroa and Lynne Leach in honoring women candidates of the East Bay from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Pleasanton Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive. Cost is \$25. To reserve your spot, call (916) 551-1920.

Volunteering

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

Bedford Gallery Guild
The Bedford Gallery Guild will host a Volunteer Recruitment Day at 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the gallery, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Call 295-1417 or visit www.bedfordgallery.org.

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

Iron Horse Corridor Restoration Project
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To list your home in the Danville Weekly Open Home Guide, please email: OpenHomes@DanvilleWeekly.com

Alamo

3 Bedrooms

- 3157 Miranda Ave.** \$1,399,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4059
- 10 Camille Pl.** \$1,669,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 791-2600
- 2031 Danville Blvd.** \$995,000
Sun 1-4 Windermere WH 200-1454

5 Bedrooms

- 44 Stonecastle** \$1,575,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 683-5165
- 1371 Pine Tree Dr.** \$1,715,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5328
- 129 Linhares Ln.** \$2,890,000
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 858-1797
- 306 Las Quebradas Ln.** \$3,795,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 366-9555

Blackhawk

3 Bedrooms

- 3048 Live Oak Ct.** \$1,125,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-7482

Danville

2 Bedrooms

- 1171 San Ramon Valley Blvd.** \$489,000
Sun 1-4 Remax 323-2800
- 2198 Shoshone Cir.** \$674,950
Sun 1-4 Empire 984-1787
- 2200 Oneida Cir.** \$695,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5510
- 1964 Rancho Verde Cir.** \$739,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 837-5679

3 Bedrooms

- 619 Contada Cir.** \$1,035,000
Sun 1-4:30 Intero 855-4060
- 663 Sheri Lane** \$1,180,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 734-5076
- 70 Linda Ct.** \$1,674,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4022
- 1374 Brookside Dr.** \$949,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3337
- 308 Garden Creek Pl.** \$549,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 487-6211
- 154 Lawnview Cir.** \$615,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes 389-0618

- 1855 Ridgeland Cir.** \$675,000
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union 963-3959
- 167 Heritage Park Dr.** \$685,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-6410
- 2138 Myrtle Beach Ln.** \$739,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075
- 186 Tivoli Ln.** \$759,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 413-1068
- 42 Casablanca St.** \$759,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4072
- 2164 Myrtle Beach Ln.** \$779,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 837-5679
- 1148 River Rock Ln.** \$787,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075
- 166 Ramona Rd.** \$798,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 791-2600
- 1354 Fountain Springs Cir.** \$819,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 858-9365
- 205 Gil Blas Rd.** \$839,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 734-5076
- 40 Casablanca St.** \$879,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 209-7498
- 180 San Thomas Wy.** \$989,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4102

4 Bedrooms

- 74 Milano Ct.** \$1,089,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 623-6234
- 368 Verona Ave.** \$1,129,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 855-4108
- 1390 Brookside Dr.** \$1,129,900
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4046
- 316 Borica Dr.** \$1,138,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 963-8938
- 471 St. Francis Dr.** \$1,155,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4060
- 329 Merrilee Pl.** \$1,175,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 623-6234
- 1116 Blue Spur Cir.** \$1,235,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4110
- 112 Quinterra Ln.** \$1,249,950
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 362-2058

- 718 St. George Rd.** \$1,350,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 By Owner 858-8379
- 20 Mauri Ct.** \$1,550,000
Sat/Sun By App. Only Intero 855-4110
- 250 Tim Ct.** \$1,650,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Better Homes 389-0618
- 303 Windchime Dr.** \$959,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 984-3060
- 577 La Gonda Wy.** \$979,900
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4125
- 62 St. Mark Ct.** \$999,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4060

5 Bedrooms

- 54 St. Luke Ct.** \$1,040,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4060
- 400 Coventry Pl.** \$1,162,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 984-3992
- 26 Bormio Ct.** \$1,355,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5338
- 11 Jillian Wy.** \$1,789,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 818-4078
- 112 Laurelwood Dr.** \$2,249,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 977-8965
- 152 Blackstone Dr.** \$955,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 984-1945
- 133 Conway Ct.** \$998,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 351-5859

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

- 3747 Crow Canyon Rd.** \$474,950
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union 285-1728
- 1330 Sutter Creek Ln.** \$577,900
Sun 2-4 Prudential CA 249-0301
- 950 Springview Cir.** \$635,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Empire 217-3112

3 Bedrooms

- 5032 Lakeview Dr.** \$559,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 209-7498

Windermere

PROPERTIES OF THE EAST BAY

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3 Bd / 2 Ba / 1645 Sf



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2 Bd / 2 Ba / 1200 Sf



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4309 Hacienda Drive, Suite 150 Pleasanton, CA 94588

100 Rosario Ct. \$610,000
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3800
775 Winterville Cir. \$719,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4110
1046 Vista Pointe Cir. \$729,500
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4128
429 Donner Way \$917,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4128

4 Bedrooms

229 Aspenwood Ct. \$1,025,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4046
1959 Hollyview Dr. \$1,039,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 249-0301
2433 Wildhorse \$1,049,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4059
718 Bowen Ct. \$1,168,850
Sun 1:30-4:30 Empire 217-3112
604 Vine Hill Ln. \$1,225,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822
11 Henry Ranch Dr. \$1,459,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 All CA Brokerage 699-7955
516 Estancia Ct. \$1,489,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 360-6041
2794 Marsh Dr. \$695,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3383
773 Winterville Cir. \$709,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4110
3407 Java Dr. \$899,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452
1923 Hollyview Dr. \$949,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452
2517 Aranda Dr. \$969,500
Sun 1-4 Intero 997-1585

5 Bedrooms

642 Dromana Ct. \$1,149,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452
624 Dromana Ct. \$1,199,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452
3059 Hastings Wy. \$1,215,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4179
2380 Avalon Wy. \$1,259,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4112
3630 Stonehenge Wy. \$1,299,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 362-2058

117 Mediar Ct. \$1,399,900
Sun 2-5 Re/Max 998-5334
16 Pine Valley Pl. \$1,459,000
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 487-6211
726 Jadecrest Ct. \$1,599,900
Sun 2-5 Re/Max 998-5334
531 Treyburn Cir. \$789,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452
1400 Allamere Dr. \$999,998
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4112

Walnut Creek

3 Bedrooms

2702 Walnut Blvd. \$574,950
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

5 Bedrooms

396 Marshall Dr. \$1,075,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4128

Dublin

1 Bedrooms

4165 Clarinbridge Cir. \$499,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-6410

Livermore

3 Bedrooms

1034 Rincon Ave. \$559,000
Sun 1-4:30 Valley Properties 998-5312
1206 Hillview Dr. \$575,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 362-1645
1290 Rebecca Dr. \$729,950
Sun 1-4 Valley Properties 519-9641

Pleasanton

2 Bedrooms

100 Shoshone Ct. \$679,500
Sat 1-4 Empire 984-1787

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during August 2006

Danville

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$455,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,375,000
Average sales reported: \$1,008,029

Alamo

Total sales reported: 2
Lowest sale reported: \$999,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,575,000
Average sales reported: \$1,287,000

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$399,000
Highest sale reported: \$941,000
Average sales reported: \$625,357

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville

132 Alta Vista Way Mourad Trust to G. & D. Narvick for \$1,400,000
1715 Bird Hill Court R. & K. Kendall to K. Martell-Delaney for \$763,000
41 Castleford Place Kennedy Trust to G. & R. Blair for \$875,000
34 Cedar Hollow Drive G. & J. Vaughn to D. & G. Wittman for \$958,000
725 Glasgow Circle D. & J. Williams to M. & S. Frushell for \$925,000
217 Heather Place R. & P. Turner to Brady Trust for \$1,025,000
394 Ilo Lane #303 M. & R. Hoelscher to B. Cicinelli for \$455,000
2198 Myrtle Beach Lane D. & P. McDonald to P. Montana for \$730,000
310 Newcastle Lane Schull Trust to T. & S. Perrotti for \$1,099,500
887 Redwood Drive A. & F. Elwess to S. Hennessey for \$1,205,000
30 Ross Court Edinburgh

Group to J. & B. McDonnell for \$1,607,000
1107 San Ramon Valley Boulevard M. Reyes to R. Penaflores for \$570,000
334 Squirrel Ridge Way G. & D. Narvick to K. & K. Lonergan for \$999,000
400 Sycamore Circle RBC Enterprises to S. Neri for \$550,000
25 West Brightwood Lane J. & L. Sims to P. & R. Dille for \$2,375,000
104 Westfield Circle M. & M. Davis to D. Aversa for \$575,000
441 Woodbine Lane R. & J. Rhodes to M. & M. Davis for \$1,025,000

Alamo

1491 Laurenita Way C. & S. Maples to S. La for \$999,000
108 Muir Lane Gildea Trust to Goetz Trust for \$1,575,000

Walnut Creek

2075 Cactus Court #3 D. Salka to R. Wilcox for \$577,000
219 Charter Oak Circle N. & A. Galabow to A. Becker for

\$625,000
1584 Gilboa Drive H. & I. Giebus to S. Altman for \$680,000
1376 Las Juntas Way #H S. Ghorban to C. & M. Mariano for \$460,000
164 Los Altos Avenue Tolerton-Clerempuy Trust to M. & S. Gallo for \$689,000
221 Los Banos Avenue V. Casey to L. Larks for \$720,000
345 Masters Court #4 Fairways 340 Limited to J. Driscoll for \$475,000
313 Meghan Lane J. Sullivan to E. Russell for \$629,000
320 North Civic Drive #510 Wong Trust to M. Sarachman for \$399,000
2665 San Benito Drive C. & K. Roghair to A. Leland for \$715,000
1966 Stratton Circle Reburn Trust to McClain Trust for \$755,000
4167 Terra Granada Drive #2A Heyde Trust to E. Thorne for \$600,000
2725 West Newell Avenue Davey Trust to J. Maio for \$941,000

NorthPoint Real Estate Investment Services Welcomes

**Ali Krebs
Managing Director**

Ali Krebs, who has an extensive sales and marketing background including real estate, has joined NorthPoint Real Estate Investment Services as a Managing Director.

Ali received her bachelor of arts in Business Administration from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California. She has been a licensed realtor for two years and has helped many of her clients invest in real estate. Ali and her husband have been investing in real estate since 2002, and own several properties throughout Northern California.

Ali's continued success can be attributed to her focus on client care, integrity, professionalism and commitment to providing exceptional service - the foundation on which NorthPoint's model was built.

Ali resides in San Ramon with her husband Brian and she loves spending time with her son Tanner (22 months) and daughter Taylr (3 months).



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Totally remodeled 5bd, 4ba single level tucked away for complete seclusion. Sits on the 7th tee with panoramic golf course views.
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Desirable Diablo Woods! \$1,789,000
Great architectural design, 4bd plus office, 3.5ba, 3-car garage, quality custom painting throughout. Gorgeous yard with pool.
Elias Mouawad 925.818.4078



ALAMO

Best Buy in Alamo! \$1,575,000
Private gated community. 4017+/-sf, 5bd, 3.5ba on one-half acre flat lot. Granite/cherry kitchen, elegant marble entry, fantastic home!
Esther Langhofer 925.855.4078



ALAMO

Remodeled Single Story w/Guest House \$1,399,950
Gorgeous "must see" home with granite, tile floors, vaulted ceilings, French doors, huge great room, pool, spa. Walled/gated for privacy.
Dennis Harvey & Ju Dee Bell 925.855.4059



DANVILLE

Reduced Price!! \$1,355,000
5bd, 3ba, 3300+/-sf, Dividend model, Italian design, gourmet kitchen, 20' ceilings, light and bright throughout. Community pool, tennis courts and more.
Peggy Kissinger 925.984.1945



DANVILLE

Single Story on Quiet Court \$1,333,950
Beautiful 4bd, 2.5ba in Cimarron Hills. New carpeting & light fixtures. 3-car garage. Lovely brick-accented pool and separate spa. Meticulously maintained.
Carolyn Young 925.736.7300



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Provence, French Country \$1,235,000
Single story Wendt Ranch home with 4bd, 3ba, cathedral ceilings, hickory plank floors. Landscaped to perfection. 3-car garage. An absolute 10!
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It's A WOW!! \$1,162,000
5bd, 3ba in Bettencourt Ranch. Remodeled kitchen, travertine master bath. New furnace, A/C, ductwork, water heater. 3-car garage.
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