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**Sandra Kubal**

*Blackhawk Museum docent*



A vase. My grandmother was engaged to one of the Armour brothers in Chicago. Then she met my grandfather and he swept her off her feet. When they got married, the Armour family came and presented them with a beautiful pair of vases, a unique green with designs inside. I have one and my brother has one.

**Ed Holloway**

*mortgage broker*



My independence. Just being my own person. My husband allows me to be my own person. With a lot of my friends, their husbands are the domineering types.

**Linda Swofford**

*retired teacher*



My current car. My first car cost \$65. It was a '39 Chevy that I bought in college. My current car is in the neighborhood of \$60,000. It's a Mercedes convertible.

**Jill Brennan**

*co-owner with husband of small construction company*



My college degree. It was hard-earned—I went to San Diego State University—and one thing in life that I put my heart and my soul into earning. It's of great value, maybe not monetarily, but college teaches you about being responsible. It's character-building. From the work experience to living on campus, to relying on myself.

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Imagine what 10 minutes feels like when it's your child missing.”

*Alamo Deputy Elmer Glasser about procedures when a child is missing. See story, page 11.*

### Blue Star Moms hosting 'Night in Italy'

The Blue Star Moms, whose members provide support, encouragement and service to our soldiers, are holding a benefit for the troops at Marcello's Restaurant in Danville on Monday, June 4. The public is invited to attend "A Night in Italy," starting at 5:30 p.m. with appetizers followed by a dinner and show. The show will feature Doug Bryson, tenor; Dorothy Donnell, soprano; and David Miotke at the piano performing songs of "romance and frivolity." The cost for the event is \$45 per person with a no host bar.

To purchase tickets, call 855-1976. Upwards of 45 local families have military members overseas, and the number of enlistees in Iraq and of returning wounded returning is increasing, the group reports.

### Coffee with the mayor

Danville Mayor Mike Shimansky will host his informal coffee next week, Friday, June 1. The coffee, which is held the first Friday of each month, begins at 7:30 a.m. and is held at Father Nature's on Prospect Avenue. Attendees enjoy a light repast while talking to the mayor and town staff members about their concerns in Danville. Shimansky also reports on what happened in town government during the previous month.

### Getting fit goes gourmet

Fitness Together, a personal training studio, is opening June 1 at 480-B San Ramon Valley Blvd. Besides the attention of a personal trainer, clients will have the option of purchasing fresh nutritious gourmet meals prepared by chef and trainer, owner Greg Thurston.

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Fitness Together-Danville is part of the Fitness for Life Franchise Corp., owned and operated by Thurston. There are 400 franchises throughout the world, but the Danville studio is the only one that offers the gourmet meals. Thurston has been signing up clients since May 10; call 837-1700 or e-mail [gregthurston@fitnesstogether.com](mailto:gregthurston@fitnesstogether.com).

### Vet Fair on jobs, education, benefits

An East Bay Veterans Fair 2007 being held Saturday, June 2, will focus on helping veterans in three vital areas: employment, education and VA benefits. Representatives will provide employment assistance such as help with resume writing, interviewing and relating military skills and experience to civilian employment. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs specialists will assist with healthcare, disability compensation, readjustment counseling and cemetery benefits.

The event takes place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Concord Senior Center, 2727 Parkside Circle in Concord. It will also have specialists in Zen meditation, chaplain prayer groups, yoga, tai chi and massage therapy. Blue Star Moms will conduct a "Drop Zone" to collect items for care packages to be sent to our troops overseas.



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**Correction** The story on the Open Studio's tour June 1-3 should have stated that the hours of the preview at the library are 1-7 p.m. Friday to Sunday, but the hours to visit the studios are 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3.

## He did it!

*Danville man reaches Everest peak, safely descends*

Danville resident Curt Myers, 27, reached the peak of Mount Everest at 4:33 p.m., Friday, May 18, Pacific Standard Time.

Myers called his father, Chris Myers, via satellite telephone to convey the good news.

"I am relieved, and I am relaxed much more," said Chris Myers on Monday morning. "He made it. He's still alive."



Curt Myers

He was relieved to report that his son was out of the high-risk zone on Everest. He stayed 20 minutes on the summit before heading back down.

"He should arrive at the base camp today," added Myers. "It's not a piece of cake."

Curt Myers' employer SimplexGrinnell, a security, alarm and communications company, allowed Curt Myers time off and partially funded his journey to the highest point on earth because it aligns with the company mantra to

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JORDAN M. DORONILA

## 'Every 15 Minutes'

A teenage boy plays the part of a fatality in a simulated car accident caused by drunken driving, as part of a program called "Every 15 Minutes" presented Tuesday at Monte Vista High School. The event, named for how often people die in an alcohol-related collision, was orchestrated by the Danville Police Department, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District and other government agencies, beginning around 10 a.m. at the football stadium. An educational meeting will be held in response to "Every 15 Minutes" in the Al Gentile Theater at Monte Vista High at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 6. All parents in the community are invited.

## Alamo to discuss incorporation

*Residents want to take control from county*

by **Natalie O'Neill**

The city of Alamo. Alamo Town Council. Alamo's elected mayor.

Don't be surprised if you hear these phrases echoing through Creekside Community Church on Wednesday when a meeting to discuss Alamo incorporation will have residents engaging in a healthy back and forth over the possibility of cityhood. A study that illustrates the financial feasibility of incorporation will be presented, followed by questions and discussion, at 7 p.m.

"Our hope is to have the community engage," said David Bowlby, an Alamo resident who has helped spearhead a grassroots effort to incorporate Alamo.

The meeting will be led by seven community members including Bowlby, Mike Gibson of Alamo Improvement Association, and Randy Nahas, formerly of R-7A, the county service district that handles parks and recreation for Alamo.

The group has independently funded a \$27,000 contracted study done by EPS research.

"It's very exciting that now we

have something to present to the community .... It looks very feasible and there is no need for any new taxes," Bowlby said.

Incorporation is one way to gain more local control over Alamo, Bowlby said. Alamo's current governmental system is controlled by the county and advised by Alamo residents. Having Alamo residents make the decisions makes the most sense for the community, supporters say.

"In our guts we know this is the right thing," Bowlby said.

In the past, vocal opponents have been concerned that AIA's link to the county will be cut off, that incorporation will not be cost effective, and that those involved in incorporation efforts have their own agendas when it comes to planning. These are some of the issues expected to be brought up at the meeting.

The group also hopes to have people step forward and take on leadership positions along with having an opportunity to educate the community on the issue.

Alamo has been rife with incor-

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## Danville gets A-plus in water conservation

*Drought of 1980s spurred wise water practices in town*

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Danville is ahead of the game when it comes to water conservation.

East Bay Municipal Utilities District is urging Contra Costa and Alameda counties to voluntarily conserve water to avoid a drought this summer. But here in Danville, most of the city-wide irrigation recommendations are already being met by the town.

"As far as the most recent request, we've been doing it all along," said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

Town maintenance already has drip and bubble irrigation, turf sports fields, water-conserving sprinkler heads, drought tolerant landscaping and mulch in some areas to retain moisture.

These methods for city-wide conservation are right on track, says Charles Bohlig, supervisor of water conservation at EBMUD.

But that's not to say individual residents and businesses can't do better, said EBMUD spokesman Charles Hardy.

"Were asking people not to water their lawns more than three days a week and always at night," he said.

The district is also currently considering raising water rates by 5 percent, which would increase the cost of water by about \$1.50 per month for an average family, EBMUD spokesman Jeff Becerra said. The increased rates would help fund capital projects for drought protection, and the raised rates would be effective in July.

After one of the driest winters in almost a century, snow pack run off in the Sierra Nevada—a water source for 1.3 million EBMUD users—is decreasing.

Checking for water leaks, and upgrading plumbing and old appliances are a good first step, Hardy said. Replacing earlier model dishwashers and toilets conserves a lot of water and can save users money on their water bills, he said.

"Look at dishwashing and irrigation and make sure it's water-efficient," he said. "Older toilets are notorious and you can hear it when they're leaky."

Weather-based irrigation control, technology to make the best use of water irrigation, can also be used on town residential and commercial levels, he said.

The technology, which is at www.ebmud.com, allows users to

figure exactly how much water they need by factoring in soil, sun, temperature, slope and shade on a daily basis.

"It's pretty slick. They take everything into account and it calculates what it takes to have healthy green trees or lawns," Bohlig said.

Danville is known as one of the most water-conscious towns in the East Bay, Calabrigo said. In part, this is because of the changes the residents and town management made in the late 1980s and early 1990s, when a drought altered the town's thinking about water.

"There's nothing like a crisis," Calabrigo said, to get people into good habits.

When the East Bay suffered effects from the drought, Calabrigo remembered how cost prohibitive water was in Danville.

"It was a status symbol if your lawn turned brown," he recalled.

"Undoubtedly people have memories of the drought and have changed their habits ... They got into the mode of having better, wiser water habits," Hardy said.

Even with an expanding population in the East Bay, water use has

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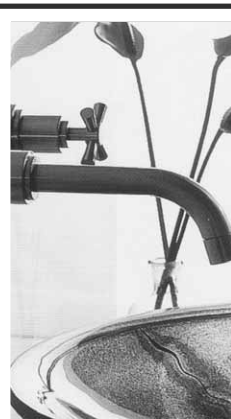
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have employees "reach new heights personally and professionally."

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Mount Everest was also in the news last week when a 46-year-old veteran Sherpa guide named Apa scaled the peak for the 17th time, setting a record. Then, sadly, it was announced May 17 that two climbers from South Korea fell to their deaths on their way to the summit.

It was also reported that 23 climbing parties were trying to scale the peak this season from the Nepalese side. The season begins in March and ends in late May. Since New Zealander Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay first reached the peak of Mount Everest on May 29, 1953, approximately 2,000 climbers have succeeded in making the ascent. Around 205 have died in the attempt.

—Staff reports

## Alamo

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poration discussions as residents have become disgruntled with what they see as bad planning. Projects that have spurred the movement include the 12-acre YMCA facility on the Alamo-Danville border, which will be accessed via Danville Boulevard; the Monte Vista parking lot opened last fall on the north side of Stone Valley Road; and two enormous hillside homes off I-680 at Stone Valley Road.

In order for the Alamo incorporation to occur, more than 50 percent of its residents have to vote yes on ballots.

The Alamo incorporation meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, at Creekside Community Church, 1350 Danville Blvd. in Alamo. ■

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## Water

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remained the same in the last 25 years, Hardy said.

The water provided by EBMUD is some of the best in California, as the Sierra snow packs aren't near any agricultural farms and can avoid soil, pesticide and manure run-off, EBMUD representatives said.

Despite the larger population on the west sides of the water district, about two-thirds of the water is used east of the hills, where Danville is located.

The reason for this is because of agriculture and open space, Hardy said.

"Lawns are bigger over there," he said.

This being said, most of the responsibility rests on the eastern region to be more water-conscious, Hardy said.

"Everything we can do to conserve, we will," Calabritto said. ■

# Danville being sued for lack of curb cuts in sidewalks

All Contra Costa cities are included in lawsuit

by Jordan M. Doronila

Three people who use wheelchairs are suing Danville and 18 other cities in Contra Costa County for allegedly having sidewalks without curb cuts.

Gloria Vaughn, Yvonne White and George Louie, who all use wheelchairs, filed a civil complaint in January against Danville and the others. They claimed the cities contain several sidewalks without any curb cuts, which make them inaccessible for the disabled.

Earlier this month, they submitted specific lists of streets and intersections that are inaccessible to wheelchair users, to each city in the complaint.

"We are trying to figure out what's there," said Danville Town Attorney Rob Ewing.

State and federal laws say all sidewalks in every city should have curb cuts. But when the curb cuts are constructed depends on each case, Ewing said. Danville already has them at most busy intersections downtown and also near schools and public facilities.

The complaint cites 31 intersections in Danville that have no curb cuts, including the corner of Danville Boulevard and El Portal Road. However, Ewing said, some on the list have no sidewalks. He noted town staff is still calibrating the sidewalks listed in the suit that may or may not need cuts.

Morse Mehrban, a Los Angeles lawyer representing the plaintiffs, said his clients have complained about several sidewalks in cities in the county that lack curb cuts, but nothing was done.



A curb cut is in place at El Portal and Kendall Lane in Danville, but a lawsuit listed the nearby intersection on El Portal and Danville Boulevard as not having a cut.

"Basically, these curbs and ramps—they have no way of getting on them," Mehrban said. "My understanding is that they have been complaining with no responses."

He said he wants the lawsuit settled without going to trial. The case's hearing is next month.

"Hopefully, we can resolve this," Mehrban said. "We just want to get the cuts on the curbs so they can get on it."

Vaughn and White are from Richmond, and Louie, who is affiliated with the nonprofit group Americans with Disabilities Advocates, is from Yolo County, he said.

Mehrban's clients filed the complaint in January and filed another one earlier in May with more

details of what intersections and roads had sidewalks that lacked curb cuts.

They named all the cities in Contra Costa County and some in Alameda County. In addition to Danville, the suit has named Antioch, Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, El Cerrito, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Oakley, Orinda, Pinole, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, San Pablo, San Ramon and Walnut Creek as defendants.

The cities all are being represented by Gene Elliot of Bertrand, Fox & Elliot law firm in San Francisco.

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Mike Osika, a consultant for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District's child nutrition department, judges the Northern California Culinary Competition held last Thursday at San Ramon Valley High School. Entries included Fresh Fruit Salad with Hazelnut Praline served atop Creme Anglaise sauce (above). School districts participated from near and far, but SRVUSD prevailed, and was grand champion for the third straight year. Other winners were Martinez school district in the safety category and for booth presentation; Acalanes for best entrée presentation; and Washoe for best salad presentation. Stockton won the Team Spirit Award.



JORDAN M. DORONILA

**Danville dentist pleads guilty to fraud and tax evasion**

*Son already serving time on same charge*

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

A Danville dentist pleaded guilty last Friday, May 18, to one count of fraud and tax evasion.

Roy Albert Lewis Sr., an oral surgeon, was indicted by a federal grand jury nearly two years ago. He was charged with one count of conspiracy and four counts of tax evasion.

For more than 10 years, he allegedly evaded his taxes from the income he earned as a surgeon. Around 1995, he joined an organization based in Denver called Tower Resources, which assisted its members to evade federal income taxes.

Lewis' medical practice paid money to Tower in exchange for bogus invoices to substantiate huge false business expenses he deducted from his surgical work, the District Attorney said. Tower then deposited the bulk of those funds into an offshore bank account, which he controlled.

He transferred substantial amounts of untaxed income from his practice to the offshore bank account using the Tower scheme, according to his indictment. Additionally, Lewis allegedly attempted to evade tax on a substantial amount of income generated from the sale of his practice in 1998 using a false option agreement made by Tower.

In his plea agreement, he admitted to this conduct.

His son, Roy Lewis Jr., a den-

tist and also a member of Tower, was charged in the same indictment. He, too, used the Tower false invoicing scheme to conceal transfers of untaxed income from his dental practice to an offshore bank account, aiming to evade federal income tax.

Roy Lewis Jr. was convicted in August 2006 for fraud and tax evasion. In February, he was sentenced to serve 24 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release. He is currently serving that sentence.

Roy Albert Lewis Sr.'s sentencing is scheduled for Aug. 17 in San Francisco. The maximum penalty for each count is five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine plus three years of supervised release. ■

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# Museum looking for old photos

*History book will commemorate Danville turning 150*

The Town of Danville turns 150 next year and to commemorate the event, a committee is working on a book that will include history articles, photographs and images that convey the story of Danville from when the town was named back in 1858 to the present.

Former Danville Mayor Beverly Lane is leading this project with volunteers from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Lane, who is museum curator, and Danville resident Laura Grinstead will be co-authors of the book, which is being underwritten by the Town of Danville.

The committee is hoping members of the community will loan it photographs and images of events,

structures, people, activities and places that visually capture and communicate the character of the community, either recently or long ago.

Donors will be credited in the book and must be able to release photographs and images for publication at the time of submittal. All originals will be returned after review. Ideally, the donor will be able to document for historical purposes the source of the image, the location and objects in the image.

Drop pictures off at the town offices, 510 La Gonda Way, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the museum at 837 3750 or e-mail info@museum-srv.org. ■

# Primo's Run gets '07 logo

*Modern cartoon character will lead the way*

Run, baby, run.

Primo's Run for Education 2007 has a new logo, designed by Tonya Yan, 16, a junior at San Ramon Valley High School.

"This year's logo is an absolute eye-catcher," said Vanessa Chan, executive director of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, which coordinates the race to benefit district schools. "The fact that one of our students designed it adds even more value and speaks volumes of the artistic work being done in our schools."

The logo will adorn thousands of shirts, posters and other promotional materials for the race, which is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14. The event includes a 5K run in San Ramon and a half marathon that stretches from downtown Danville to Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon.

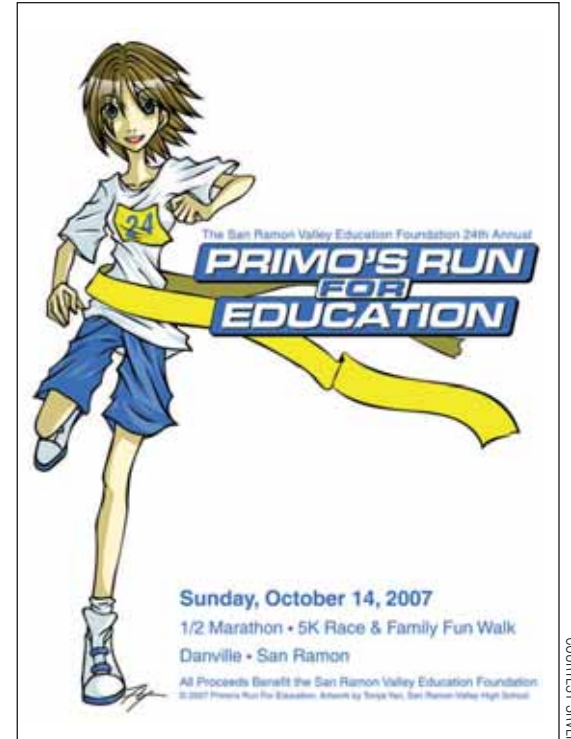
The design was chosen by the Primo's Run committee from among 80 student entries. Tonya will receive \$100 for her winning entry, and the art department at her high school will receive \$150.

"To me, art is a necessity because of how much it completes a person's life," said Tonya. "This is not limited to only drawing; any form of art can enrich the quality of living."

Last year, Primo's Run raised more than \$100,000 with over 4,200 runners and 500 volunteers logging in 7,000 volunteer hours.

For more information on this year's run, visit [www.primosrun.com](http://www.primosrun.com).

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



This anime-like logo by Tanya Yan, a junior at San Ramon Valley High School, was chosen as the logo for this year's Primo's Run.

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# Keeping track of children

Alamo deputies ready for action when kids can't be found

by **Natalie O'Neill**

It's every parent's nightmare. The school bus pulls up to drop off your child, the yellow doors open—but he or she is nowhere to be found.

When kids go missing it can mean a world of anxiety to parents. Who do you call? Where do you look? What do you do? These are the questions frantic parents grapple with in that moment of fear and uncertainty.

Fortunately the Sheriff's Department Valley Station in Alamo has an excellent record of locating missing youngsters.

"When a child comes up missing we do a lot of very important things very quickly," said Alamo Deputy Elmer Glasser. "Imagine what 10 minutes feels like when it's your child."

Police officers get a name, physical description and photograph, and a piece of worn clothing, then bring in police K-9s to track the scent, Glasser told members of the Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee at their last meeting. In some cases, particularly when mental health issues are involved, a helicopter is brought in to search the area.

In most instances, when the dogs are brought into the picture, the child is located minutes later.

"They get a scent and run with it," he said.

Recently the police department helped locate a 4-year-old boy that went missing at Dorris-Eaton preschool in Alamo.

"When a child comes up missing we do a lot of very important things very quickly."

— Alamo Deputy Elmer Glasser

In this case, two 4-year-old boys planned to play together after school and, when one boy's grandfather came to the school to pick him up, they both left with him.

"The two boys had a play date planned, so they came up with a story that one boy had OK'd it with his parents," Glasser said.

Meanwhile, the boy's parents and the school were desperately trying to locate him.

"We did a full campus search, we spread out in different directions and looked to make sure he wasn't hiding in trees and bushes around the school ... It just makes you move fast," said Julie Bush, director of Dorris-Eaton.

Fortunately, a teacher overheard the boys' plan to play and immediately started a parent phone tree to locate him. The grandfather was then called on his cell phone, much to the parents' relief.

"(The boys) were very convincing with the grandfather," Bush explained.

With the help of officers and phone calls made by the teacher, the child was located in under an hour.

The police department takes a number of factors into consideration when locating a missing child, Glasser said. Officers search the home, the child's favorite places to go, neighborhood friends' houses, and then begin a large perimeter search and work inward.

Officers keep one parent with them at all times, as they are a wealth of information, Glasser said.

"Not one missing child or runaway scenario is the same .... There so many factors: Is this a parent abduction? Are the parents going

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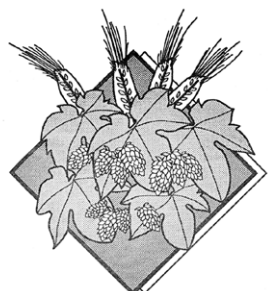
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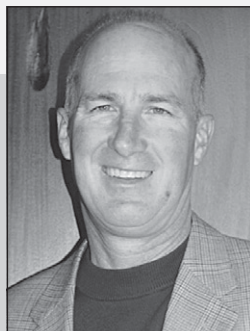
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# Wanna be in the parade?

Kiwanis taking applications for popular Fourth of July event

Strike up the band and haul out the lawn mower. The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley is now taking applications for participation in the 2007 Kiwanis-Danville 4th of July Parade, presented by Heller Jewelers.

This year's theme is "A Salute to Our Veterans, Thank You for Your Service to Our Country." Grand marshals will be from each of the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Navy/Marines, Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard.

The annual 4th of July Parade Commemorative Button was designed by Joseph Sullivan of www.JSDesigns100.com to showcase the parade theme. Buttons are sold prior to the parade for \$2 each or at the parade for \$3 each, to benefit Kiwanis programs and local charities. A limited number of buttons from previous years are also available for sale.

The parade begins at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 4, and will run from the corner of Hartz and Railroad avenues, go south down Hartz and San Ramon Valley Boulevard, and will end at the corner of Sycamore Valley Road.

The Kiwanis-Danville 4th of July Parade typically attracts from 35,000-40,000 attendees including local community residents as well as friends and family from areas



The Sycamore Lawn Mower Brigade is a perennial favorite at the 4th of July Parade.

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far beyond Danville. This year Kiwanis expects about 125 entries in 24 categories. Each category will receive a Best of Parade trophy, to be awarded at the Kiwanis luncheon meeting Thursday, July 12.

Categories are marching unit, band, horse, float, majorette, parade theme, antique auto, bicycle, novelty-comic, animal non-horse, special interest auto, Scout troop, school, dance/theatrical, family, country club, real estate office, neighborhood/homeowner association, church group, retail

business, bank-financial, service business, sports team, community service/special interest-nonprofit community organizations, civic or public safety organizations.

All parade entries must be done online at www.kiwanis-srv.org or contact the Parade Hot Line at 425-1013.

Organizers also note that the Town of Danville will remove chairs and other items placed on the parade route to reserve places before 6 p.m. July 3.

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through divorce? Is it a 5-year-old who's mentally challenged? Is it a 7-year-old who's been put on restriction?"

More often than not, youths are found in the house and at spots in the neighborhood, Glasser said.

Telephone Emergency Notification Systems, technology that calls homes in a grid around the area where the child was last seen, have also assisted Alamo officers in finding children and runaway teens.

When it comes to preventing missing children and runaway juveniles, the most effective prevention technique for parents is communication, Glasser said.

"The best thing you can do for your child is ask questions. They may act like they don't want you to ask but really they do," Glasser said. ■

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**EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY**

**Why are kids disconnected?**

A recent survey for the school district found that only 37 percent of the 4,500 students questioned said they felt they had positive communication with their families. Furthermore, the survey found:

- 49 percent of the students maintain healthy adult relationships;
- 42 percent believe they live in a caring neighborhood;
- 32 percent perceive their school climate as nurturing; and
- 34 percent felt they had adult role models.

These results raise more questions than they answer. Do they reflect feelings that are pervasive in the American teen population no matter how excellent the school district? Is it just in this well-off area that teens don't get enough time or guidance from their parents? Is there perhaps a problem here

In response to the survey results, the school district has begun the HERO program, which urges adults, particularly parents, to get involved in their children's lives.

because teens feel pressured to keep up appearances? Are these percentages unique to the San Ramon Valley Unified School District or do surveys done in other parts of the nation or the Bay Area get the same results?

At first glance, it would seem the hard work of the district to provide a nurturing, positive environment is not working. But is this true or is it wrong to point a finger at the schools and the parents? Perhaps this feeling of disconnect is part of growing up, as teens search for their identities and their independence.

The survey was conducted in October by the Search Institute among students in the seventh, ninth and 11th grades, half girls and half boys, across the district. The institute at [www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org) is an online resource for parents; it tries to convey to parents how much difference they make to their children and explores topics through a Parenting Matters section.

In response to the survey results, the school district has begun the HERO program, which urges adults, particularly parents, to get involved in their children's lives. We commend this program and any efforts made to reach out to our youths. But no matter how caring the family or the school district, the teens can be a turbulent time.

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Credit card thief aims car at cop

A 35-year-old woman from Concord allegedly drove her car at a Danville police officer, then sped away and hid inside a bathroom on Sunday evening. But no one was hurt, said police Sgt. Troy Craig.

The incident began shortly after 6 p.m. when Sgt. Dan Hoffman made contact with Victor Hernandez, 42, at Fostoria Way and Fostoria Circle. Hoffman noticed Hernandez was behaving strangely, according to the report, and upon further investigation, found out he was under the influence of a controlled substance.

Hoffman saw Hernandez's friend, Lisa Noriega, 35, of Concord, drive her 2006 silver sedan away from them. She drove into a dead end street then circled back toward them to leave the area.

Hoffman told Noriega to stop her car, Craig said.

She turned off her car several times and kept moving closer to him, said police reports.

Then she accelerated her car and drove toward Hoffman, who jumped out of the way, and she fled the scene. The sedan's mirror hit Hoffman's belt area, Craig said.

Police found Noriega hiding inside a bathroom at Chili's Restaurant in San Ramon.

Police arrested her on a \$5,000 warrant for drugs, suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon against a peace officer, violation of her probation and possession of stolen property, Craig said. She had credit cards taken from people in Danville, Lafayette, Orinda and Martinez, according to reports.

Police arrested Hernandez on the charge of suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

"We are just glad Sgt. Hoffman and no parties were injured," Craig said.

—Jordan M. Doronila

## POLICE LOG

The Danville Police Department made the following information available from its incident summary report:

### Sunday, May 13

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on McCauley Rd. and Torino Ct. at 12:12 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Hartz Ave. at 2:00 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on El Cerro Blvd. and northbound I-680 at 10:43 a.m.

- Motorcycle disturbance on Stone Valley Rd. at 12:43 p.m.
- Loitering on private property on St. Helena Ct. at 1:14 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Creekwood Ct. at 5:42 p.m.

### Monday, May 14

- Vandalism on Sherburne Hills Rd. at 8:32 a.m.
- Vandalism on Santiago Ln. at 8:43 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Highland Ct. at 9:34 a.m.
- Vandalism on Camion Ramon at 10:54 a.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on Railroad Ave. at noon
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Stone Valley Rd. at 12:25 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on El Capitan Dr. at 2:43 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on westbound I-680 and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 2:48 p.m.
- Vandalism on Harlan Dr. at 3:54 p.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Rio Del Ct. at 3:57 p.m.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 6:14 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 15

- Terrorist threats on Blemer Rd. at 6:35 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Diablo Rd. and northbound I-680 at Sycamore Valley Rd. at 3:27 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Green Valley Rd. and Waingarth Way at 3:51 p.m.
- Verbal disturbance on Brush Creek Pl. at 4:46 p.m.
- Harass disturbance on Ashley Cir. at 5:34 p.m.
- Threats disturbance on Love Ln. at 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 16

- Auto burglary on Buckeye Ln. at 4:37 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Arthur Ct. at 7:33 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Buckeye Ln. at 7:48 a.m.
- Residential burglary on El Sobrante Dr. at 8:44 a.m.
- Court order violation on Brookside Dr. at 10:11 a.m.
- Grand theft from Harris Ct. at 4:11 p.m.
- Petty theft on El Alamo at 4:30 p.m.

- Petty theft, shoplift, on Hartz Ave. at 4:37 p.m.
- Drugs violation on Town and Country Dr. at 7:05 p.m.
- Petty theft on Stone Valley Rd. at 7:43 p.m.
- Drunk in public on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:28 p.m.
- Auto burglary on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:18 p.m.

### Thursday, May 17

- Auto burglary on Bonanza Way at 7:11 a.m.
- Petty theft on Silverwood Ct. at 8:47 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Highland Dr. at 9:26 a.m.
- Possession of narcotic drugs on Stone Valley Rd. at 9:54 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Zephyr Cir. at 11:03 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Rubicon Cir. at 12:47 p.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Front St. at 4:43 p.m.
- Identity theft on Ocho Rios Dr. at 5:54 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Brookside Dr. at 6:34 p.m.

### Friday, May 18

- Auto burglary on Entrada Mesa at 8:19 a.m.
- Vandalism on St. George Rd. at 10:32 a.m.
- Warrant on Glen Eagle Ct. at 10:45 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 11:17 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Front St. at 11:56 a.m.
- Vandalism on St. George Rd. at 12:54 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 6:04 p.m.
- Terrorist threats on Gingerwood Ln. at 6:21 p.m.
- Identity theft on Danville Blvd. at 6:41 p.m.

### Saturday, May 19

- Fight disturbance on Morninghome Rd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 12:23 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Blackhawk Plaza Cir. and Camino Tassajara at 8:26 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Cathy Ln. at 12:40 p.m.
- Vandalism on Old Farm Rd. at 5:20 p.m.

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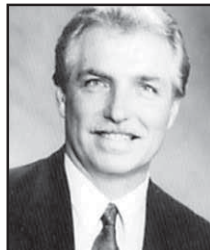
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## Joseph Bancroft Dickerson

Joseph Bancroft Dickerson, former resident of Diablo, passed away unexpectedly at home in Chico on May 5 at the age of 25.

He was born in Walnut Creek on June 18, 1981, was a 1999 graduate of Monte Vista High School, and was currently attending California State University at Chico majoring in electrical engineering. He enjoyed many things in life, and was well liked by his friends and adored by his family.

He is survived by his parents John and Nina Dickerson; his brother Phil Dickerson; his grandmothers, Ruth Bancroft and Betty Dickerson; many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends.

A celebration of his life was held May 12 at Wilson and Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville. The family respectfully declined flowers, preferring memorial contributions be made to the Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network, P.O. Box 235260, Encinitas 92023, [www.span-california.org](http://www.span-california.org).

## Leona Hoffman

Leona Hoffman, resident of Alamo, passed away May 10 at the age of 95 in the family home.

She was born to Esther and James Caven in BelleFourche, S.D., in 1912, the eldest of seven children. She and her husband Henry moved to Alamo in 1947 where they purchased property, built the "little stone house," planted a walnut orchard, and raised chinchillas. In her early days, she worked as a tailor, and owned and operated a cleaning business.

However she was best known for her love for cooking, and at the age of 84 published a cookbook titled "Leona Hoffman's Favorite Recipes—A Culinary Delight," which was a sellout with proceeds going to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

She started a catering business, and hosted weddings and gala parties, and mentored many of her nieces in the art of gourmet cooking. She was a member of the Danville Women's Club, the Alamo Women's Club, and was recently awarded a pin for 25 Years as a member of the Young Ladies Institute (YLI) at St. Isidore's Catholic Church in

Danville. She was also active in the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) in Danville and actively supported Guide Dogs for the Blind.

She was a devoted and loving wife of Henry Hoffman for almost 72 years; a loving sister to Violet Semmens, Edith Metez, Royal, James and Jack Caven, all deceased; and a sister to Lucille Stone. She was a loving and caring aunt to 22 nieces and nephews, and many more great and great-great nieces and nephews.

A service honoring her life was held May 15 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill 94523.

## Mary Ann Svetcoff

Danville resident Mary Ann Svetcoff, 79, passed away on May 13 in Alameda after a long illness.

She was born in Pontiac, Mich., on Dec. 11, 1927. She grew up in Southern California, graduating from Hollywood High School and was a longtime resident of San Bruno prior to moving to Danville six years ago.

She was retired after 17 years with the Redwood City Department of Motor Vehicles. She was a founding member of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross in Belmont and enjoyed spending time at the beach, warm weather, shopping and dancing. She was an avid fan of the UCLA Bruins, the 49ers and the Giants, and was a master in the art of Greek cooking.

She was predeceased by her grandson, Nicholas Robert Burr in March 2002. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Vosco Svetcoff; her children, Nicholas Svetcoff of San Francisco, and Nancy (Robert) Burr of Danville; her grandchildren, Ryan and Kristen Burr; a sister, Ann E. (William) Dres of Los Angeles; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral Services were held May 17 at the Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral Building Fund, 4700 Lincoln Ave., Oakland 94602.

## Lars William Nagel

Alamo resident Lars William

Nagel passed away May 15 at the age of 53 of chondrosarcoma, a rare form of cancer.

He was born Aug. 22, 1954, in Chicago, Ill., and graduated from Frankfurt International School in 1972. He then attended the American College of Switzerland and graduated from New England College of New Hampshire with a degree in business. He worked in the telecommunications industry for the past 30 years plus enjoyed participating in whitewater rafting, snow skiing, golfing, soccer, basketball, and track and field. His love and knowledge of sports made him a natural mentor and coach, as well an appreciative spectator for his daughter Carlie.

He is survived by his wife Cathy Nagel; daughter Carlie; parents Karl and Ilona Nagel; brother and sister Eric Nagel and Joanne Connolly; in-laws Tony and Marge Bartkoski, and Bob and Sandy Bartkoski; and nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated May 19 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Danville. Donations can be sent in memory of Lars Nagel to the Bruns House, 2849 Miranda Ave., Alamo 94507.



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# Remembering life as a Tuskegee Airman

*Black aviators were the best and the brightest in the country*

by Jordan M. Dronila

**T**uskegee Airman Harold Hoskins experienced racism in both segregation and integration, but he never let it determine his fate.

“Having grown up with aunts and uncles, without a father, I always strived to do the best possible under the circumstances I was in—and I did,” said Hoskins, 80, now a Danville resident.

The Danville Town Council will recognize Hoskins for his achievements June 5 at the Danville Town Meeting Hall on Front Street, said Mayor Mike Shimansky. Veterans from World War II and the Vietnam War will be attending the event.

In March, President Bush, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and former Secretary of State Colin Powell honored 290 Tuskegee Airmen and 10 widows of the Airmen at the U.S. Capitol. Currently, there are approximately 400 Airmen left, Hoskins said.

Shimansky said he read in media reports about the airmen being nationally recognized and felt it would be nice to acknowledge an airman from Danville.

“I’m really proud of recognizing what he did during the Second World War,” Shimansky said. “One of the things unique about the Tuskegee Airmen group is that they were a bunch of fighter pilots and never lost a bomber.”

“Unfortunately, the black airmen were not allowed to be integrated with the regular Air Force,” he added. “So, they formed their own group. It was sort of the beginning of the integration of the armed forces.”

The Tuskegee Airmen were black servicemen in the U.S. Army Air Corps who trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama during World War II. They constituted the first African-American flying unit in the U.S. Military.

Hoskins recalled dealing with racial separation growing up.

He was born Feb. 15, 1927, in Big Sandy, Texas.

“Back in those days, it was very much segregated,” Hoskins said.

Hoskins noted he attended a one-room schoolhouse until his parents passed away. He was 6 when his father Maude died, and his mother Florence died the next year, when he was 7.

He had aunts in California and in Oklahoma who invited him and his younger brother Charles to live with them. Hoskins chose to live with his aunts in Los Angeles. His brother went with another aunt in Oklahoma.

Hoskins said the family was financially stable living in the Watts section of Los Angeles during the early 1930s, the time of the Great Depression. His aunts were domestic workers in Hollywood, and his uncle was a postal worker.

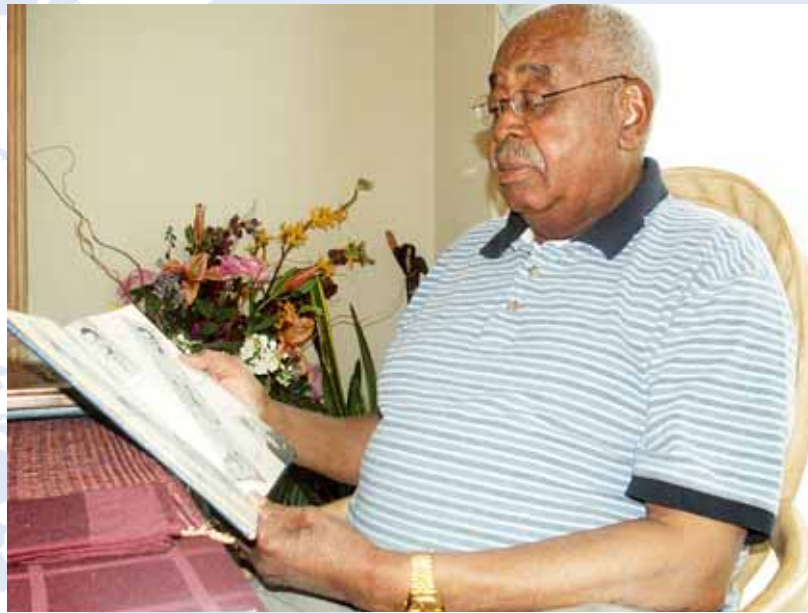
“Financially, there was no real problem,” Hoskins said.

However, he said he was running around with bunch of boys who were involved in stealing cupcakes from a grocery store. Hoskins said he didn’t need to steal, but he went along anyway. When his relatives found out, they sent him to live with his other aunt in Portland, Ore.

“My aunt told me that I was getting out of there to Portland on vacation in 1937,” he said. “It was a one-way ticket.”

Portland at that time had a population of 300,000 people with 1,500 being black. Hoskins went through integrated elementary and high schools, he said. Blacks ate at restaurants with no problem and did as they pleased.

“Up in Oregon, there was no segregation,” he said. “You could do what you wanted to do. The majority worked as busboys and in train stations or in hotels.”



Tuskegee Airman Harold Hoskins, at his home in Danville, recalls his days of flying high in the blue skies.

But when they took jobs at the shipyard, racial discrimination ensued.

At this time, Hoskins met a black neighbor who was a Tuskegee Airman.

“The fellow was six years older than me,” he said. “He was wearing pink and green. Oh, man. That really excited me.”

Hoskins graduated high school, and at 18, he joined the Army and went to Fort Lewis in Washington. He got his medical shots and uniforms, then headed on a train to the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

“That’s where all the black pilots started out,” he said. “All the instructors were black.”

On the train, he heard the excitement and joy of flying from four white pilots who were sitting with him in one of the integrated cabins. But when the train crossed the Mason-Dixon Line, he had to move to a segregated car.

“In the dining room, there was a curtain,” he said. “That was black folks and white folks (eating separately).”

He recalled stopping in Athens, Ga., when a white woman chastised him for drinking in a water fountain that was labeled for white people.

“You have to adapt to what the situation is,” he said. “I was able to adapt. I learned how to cope with it.” He added that having been part of an integrated community helped him talk to white people.

Upon arriving at Tuskegee, he was surrounded by some of the best and brightest black men in the country, he remembered.

“They had taken the cream of the crop,” Hoskins said. “Some of the older fellows had master’s degrees.”

“We were living in dormitories on the campus,” he added. “We did our schooling on campus. We ate in the university or the Institute’s dining room.”

He said the primary flying took place in Moten Field, which were five miles away from the Institute. He learned theory of flying, air navigation, weather analysis, Morse code and aircraft recognition, plus received physical training. Every other day, he and his fellow officers had to run five miles a day on the red clay roads.

The first aviation cadet class began in July 1941 and completed training nine months later. From 1942-46, a total of 993 pilots graduated from the Tuskegee Army Field, receiving com-

missions and pilot wings, Hoskins said.

Black navigators, bombardiers and gunnery crews were trained at select military bases elsewhere in the U.S. They flew 1,578 missions and 15,533 sorties and destroyed 261 enemy aircraft, according to a Tuskegee article on PBS.org. Hoskins noted that the airmen were the first to sink a destroyer with machine gun fire.

“They were the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement,” Hoskins said.

However, World War II ended before Hoskins joined the fighting. He was in the next to last class of the Institute, he





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When the war was over, he returned to Oregon and used the GI Bill to finance his studies at the University of Portland. The money from the bill was running out and he didn't have any more, so he and a friend decided to enlist in pilot training in the Army. They trained at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where there were four white cadets and two black cadets, two white officers and 350 white students and 200 white student officers.

"We were an experimental class," he said. "My white instructors were good. My black instructors were good."

He graduated from the program in 1948 as a second lieutenant. Afterward, he went to Maxwell Air Force Base to train with all the black pilots in Columbus, Ohio. Shortly after, President Harry Truman issued an executive order that there must be equal treatment of all races in the armed forces.



Above, Tuskegee Airmen by their aircraft. Below, Harold Hoskins as a young pilot.

After the order, the band of black pilots scattered and intermingled with the white flyers. In January 1950, there was a reduction of armed forces and Hoskins went back to Portland. The government called him back during the Korean War in 1953. He also served during the Vietnam War as a pilot and as an advisor in Saigon in April 1963. He retired from military service in 1971.

During his journeys in the sky, he met his first wife Isabel, who was from Canada, when he was living in Michigan. Together, they had two children, Harold Jr. of Danville, and Rose Thompson of Pleasanton. Isabel died in 1994.

Harold met Rose, his current wife, in Texas when he was visiting his brother and he married her in 1995.

Harold Hoskins earned his bachelor's degree from University of Southern California.

After retiring from flying, Hoskins worked as an execu-

tive administrator for California State University, East Bay, where he implemented housing, was in charge of the school's student services budget and was director of career planning. He also earned his master's in public administration.

He retired in the early 1991 and plans to travel and enjoy life, he said. He is an active member of the Diablo Black Men's Group, the Bay Area Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, and the San Francisco Bay Opera Committee, which is dedicated to bringing more minorities to attend the opera.

He noted tremendous strides in racial equality, adding Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell and Barack Obama are examples of the great strides made by blacks.

"There is still room for improvement," he said. ■

### Celebrating Memorial Day

The Town of Danville and the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley will be holding a service for veterans on Memorial Day, May 28, at the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park on Stone Valley Road.

The event will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. The program includes patriotic songs, including the National Anthem, a color guard, and a speech by Roger Brautigan, undersecretary for the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Historical bombers will be flying into the Livermore Airport from May 27-29. They will be arriving at 3 p.m. on May 27, and be there all day on May 28-29. The event is sponsored by the Collings Foundation, which is dedicated to preserving historical airplanes. There will be a B-17, a B-24 and a B-25. For more information, visit [www.collingsfoundation.org/media](http://www.collingsfoundation.org/media).



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# It's kitten season

**Animal shelters rely  
on foster parent volunteers**

by Rebecca Guyon



Catherine Rush

It's lunchtime and 3-week-old kittens Armand, Emily, Leland and Anthony have no problem letting their foster parent Pam Nagy know they are hungry.

"Every day, they eat about every three hours," said Nagy, who is also a veterinarian technician for the Valley Humane Society. "If they hear my voice, they wake up immediately and come to the front and meow."

At such a young age, the kittens need to be fed by a bottle. Once each one has eaten, they all curl up and fall fast asleep until the next three-hour cycle begins again.

As a foster parent, this is all in a day's work for Nagy and the many other volunteers with rescue foundations and animal services who open their homes to kitten litters and injured or aging dogs and cats. Being a volunteer foster parent entails temporarily taking an animal into your home and caring for it until it is ready to be adopted. These organizations rely on volunteer foster parents to take in animals that need special care not available in the shelters.

"It takes a very special person to do this," said Eliza Fried, director of development and marketing for the East Bay SPCA, which manages the Tri-Valley facility. "They do it 100 percent out of the goodness of their hearts."

While homes are needed for both cats and dogs, there is a special need for families willing to care for kittens. Now through the next six months is considered "kitten season" as many cats give birth to litters, explained Cathy Bergren, vice president of Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. The combination of feral cats giving birth and cat owners finding their family cat pregnant with a litter they cannot take care of leads to the large influx of kittens in the spring and summer.

"The need is greater for cats as far as sheer numbers go," Bergren said. "Over the past 10

years we've been able to get the dog population a little more under control, but people don't spay and neuter their cats as often as dog owners do, so we still have population control problems there."

Bringing the kittens to an animal shelter is the best course of action for those who find an unattended litter, but as more and more litters are brought in, the shelters begin to run out of space and simply don't have the manpower to give the kittens the attention they need. Newborn kittens only weeks old require regular bottle feedings and active socialization. They also need to learn basic survival skills such as how to clean themselves, drink water and use the bathroom.

Pat Evans, a foster volunteer for the Tri-Valley SPCA currently caring for a litter of three very young kittens, said she even keeps notes on each kitten's progress.

"Kitten mortality rates are quite high, so I want to make sure they have the best," Evans said. "It's really nice to see them emerging with new things. They just learned how to purr and now they're learning how to play with each other."

While kittens are the main focus, older cats and dogs, usually with serious medical problems or who are recovering from medical procedures, also need foster homes. Caring for these animals can be indefinite as an older cat is less likely to be adopted than a kitten or temporary if the animal just needs a short stay to recover from a medical procedure, said Wendy McNelley, director of Valley Humane Society.

"We have one cat going into foster care this weekend because he is getting some teeth removed," McNelley said. "It's just for a week since he's going to be on medication and in pain, so it's important that he's not in the shelter for that."

Natalie Giordano, a foster parent and animal specialist for Valley Humane, is currently caring for Lil' Bit, a cat 14-17 years old (her birth year is unknown) who came to the Valley Humane shelter with many medical problems, including a thyroid problem that required radiation treatment. Due to the radiation, Lil' Bit had to be kept away from the other cats at the shelter and anyone working with her needed to use gloves.

"Every day I'd come into work and see her there, just sad and lonely and skinny ... I just couldn't handle it anymore," Giordano said.

Giordano started taking Lil' Bit home over the weekends, then weekday nights as well, until finally she decided to give Lil' Bit a foster home.

"She needs her golden years to be peaceful because obviously the rest of her life wasn't," Giordano said.

Once the pet is ready to be adopted, some fosters do have difficulty saying goodbye. Truth be told, Giordano is considered a "foster failure" because she has decided to adopt Lil' Bit. But organizations encourage the foster parents to let the pet go, since there will always be another animal in need of care.

"A lot do get attached, especially if it's their first experience, but we train people that there are always more coming that need your help," said Tracy Quartaroli, cat medical coordinator for TVAR who has volunteered as a foster parent.

And, helping an animal find a loving home is its own reward, she added.

"There's nothing better than getting a phone call from of family of a pet we saved saying what a difference their new pet has made in their lives," Quartaroli said. "It makes me think, if we hadn't been there to save that animal, it would not have been there for those people." ■

## Want to be a foster parent?

Anyone can volunteer to be a foster parent, so long as they have the time and resources to care for their temporary pet. The main requirement is having space in your home for the pet, preferably a private room, such as an extra bedroom or a bathroom, and a fenced in yard in the case of a dog.

To sign up or learn more about becoming a foster parent, contact the following organizations:

- Contra Costa County Animal Services Department is in great need of volunteers to foster. Its Martinez Shelter is located at 4800 Imhoff Place; call 335-8300.
- Animal Rescue Foundation—Tony LaRussa's ARF is located at the corner of Oak Grove Road and Mitchell Drive in Walnut Creek. To find out more, call 296-3173 or visit [www.arf.net](http://www.arf.net).
- Tri-Valley SPCA—Call the Foster Coordinator at (510) 563-4632 or e-mail [foster@eastbayspca.org](mailto:foster@eastbayspca.org) to learn more or schedule an orientation.
- Tri-Valley Animal Rescue—Orientations are held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on varying dates and are held at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin. Visit [www.tvlar.org](http://www.tvlar.org) for a complete list of dates or call 803-7043 for more information.
- Valley Humane Society—Foster orientations are held 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month at the Valley Humane Society's offices, 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton. Call 426-8656 to make an appointment or visit [www.valleyhumansociety.org](http://www.valleyhumansociety.org) to learn more.

# Epicure



BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

## The salt(s) of the earth

Which of these can't you live without? Money, love, salt or chocolate? OK, get real. I wanted to pick chocolate, too, but the real answer, of course, is salt.

Salt, a natural mineral, helps regulate the heartbeat and water content and the body's fluids and is essential to our existence. According to Wikipedia: "Sodium and chlorine, the two components of salt, are necessary for the survival of all living creatures, including humans, but they need not be consumed as salt, where they are found together in very concentrated form." However, too much of anything is generally bad: Excess salt intake leads to health problems, including high blood pressure.

We meet our salt requirements in many ways but, lucky for us, edible salts offer a pleasant taste for the palate. Most of us use salt as a seasoning when cooking or to enhance the flavor of food while eating. Soy sauce, fish sauce and oyster sauce, which have a high salt content, are used to satisfy salt flavoring in many Asian dishes.

Salt is crystalized matter and, depending on its origin, is white, pale pink or light gray in color. There are various forms of edible salt: unrefined salt (such as sea salt), refined salt (table salt) and iodized salt. Normally it is extracted from sea water or rock deposits, like the ones you see when you travel over the Dumbarton Bridge.

Salt is also used as a food preservative and that's a clue to how its history begins. Before refrigeration, curing food with salt allowed people to store food for out-of-season use, preserve meats for dry hunting spells and travel longer distances. Since salt was not easy to obtain, it became a highly valued trade item in the ancient world and was as good as gold. Roman soldiers were paid in "salt money," *salarium argentum*, which ultimately evolved to the English word "salary." The expression "he is not worth his salt" originated in ancient Greece where slaves were traded for salt.

And from Morton Salt's Web site: "Trade routes were established because of it. And when supplies ran out, empires fell. You think Ferdinand and Isabella sent Columbus off to who-knows-where just to find a few bags of gold? Nope. Chris also had strict orders to bring home boatloads of salt."

**UNREFINED SALTS:** Natural sea salt contains sodium chloride and trace minerals and is usually light gray in color due to this mineral content. Some say these trace elements render unrefined salts healthier for us; others assert that unrefined salts are missing adequate amounts of the iodine that help prevent diseases like diabetes and goiters. Honestly, even cooking with sea salt, most of us will still get enough of the iodized salts in our diets to meet our iodine needs.

There are many varieties of sea salts, from the simple to the complex. To name a few:

- Fleur de sel—"Flower of salt"—is a natural sea salt that has unique flavors that vary by region. It is hand-collected by workers who scrape the top layer of salt before it sinks to the bottom of large salt pans. Traditional French fleur de sel is collected off the coast of Brittany; it is also produced in Camargue.
- Portuguese sea salt—"flor de sal"—is hand-harvested from the Algarve region of Portugal and is becoming popular for its pure white color.
- Hawaiian sea salt—*alaea*—is reddish in color from small amounts of clay, which enriches the salt with iron-oxide.
- Himalayan Pink Salt is hand-mined salt found deep inside the Himalayan Mountains. The crystals range in color from sheer white to shades of pink to deep reds and contain 84 trace elements and iron.
- Black Lava-Flake is Mediterranean Sea salt combined with activated charcoal. The dramatic color and delicate texture make this ideal as a table condiment.
- Bali Coconut and Lime-Smoked Salt is sea salt crystals that are smoked over coconut shells and

kaffir lime leaves. It has a light smoky flavor with a touch of citrus that is perfect for cooking or roasting.

**REFINED AND IODIZED SALTS:** Table salt is refined salt, 95 percent sodium chloride, that also contains anti-caking substances and a miniscule amount of invert sugar (to prevent the salt from turning a yellow color when exposed to sunlight and to prevent a significant loss of iodine via vaporization). Table salt is often iodized by the inclusion of small amounts of potassium iodide, which serves as an important dietary supplement.

Kosher salt generally has no additives like iodine. Kosher salt has a much larger grain size than regular table salt, and a more open granular structure. Kosher salt gets its name from helping to make meats kosher, by extracting blood from the meat. Because kosher salt grains are larger, they do not dissolve quickly so the salt remains on the surface of the meat longer, allowing more fluids (blood) to leach out of the meat. However, because kosher salt grains take up more volume, you'll usually need twice as much kosher salt to replace table salt. And, conversely, use half as much table salt as a substitute for kosher salt in a recipe.

Many chefs prefer using kosher salt because the larger, coarser grains allow you to pinch a larger batch of salt and evenly sprinkle them on food. Kosher salt tends to make flavors cleaner and brighter than iodized salt as the iodine can generate a slightly metallic flavor, according to the Food Network's Alton Brown. Personally, I like cooking with kosher and sea salts, then offering refined salt as a table condiment. Try cooking your favorite recipe with kosher or sea salt to see if you can discern a difference in taste. Or, try one of the simple recipes here. All are worth their salt.

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### RECIPES

#### Sweet Potato Chips with Lime Salt (serves 2):

4 limes to generate 1/2 tsp. lime zest  
1/2 tsp. sea salt  
1 large sweet potato (about 3/4 pound)  
3 cups vegetable oil  
1. Finely grate lime zest and stir together with salt in a small cup. Peel sweet potato and, with a vegetable peeler, shave as many long strips as possible from potato (or slice potato into thin rounds).

2. Heat oil in a deep heavy skillet, over moderately high heat, until thermometer registers 375 degrees. Fry potato strips in small batches, stirring frequently, until lightly browned and all bubbling stops, about 1 minute.  
3. Using a slotted spoon, transfer fried chips to paper towels to drain. Sprinkle with lime salt.

#### Spicy Hawaiian Salad

4 young cucumbers, sliced thick  
2 carrots, thinly sliced  
4 stalks celery, sliced

1/3 cup brown sugar  
3/4 cup vinegar  
1 1/2 Tbsp. of Alaea sea salt  
1 cup water

1/4 pound smoked salmon  
1. Combine sugar, vinegar, salt, and water. Boil the mix then pour it over the sliced vegetables; then cool the mix by refrigerating overnight.  
2. Add thin slices of smoked salmon before serving.

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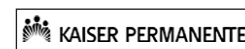
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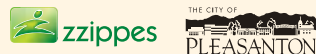
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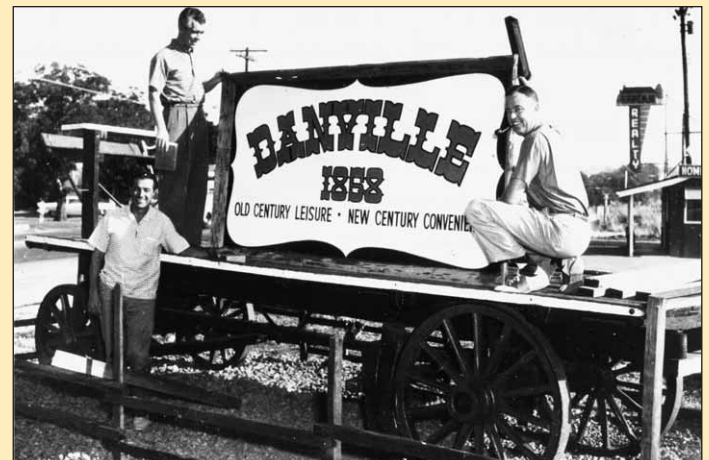
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# Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE



## Merchants try to create a town with a personality

After Danville centennial celebrations in 1958, Russel Glenn, Tom Ohlson and others took a good look at the downtown, which had been dubbed "Gasoline Alley" by some wags. The Confederacy of Danville was proclaimed and merchants were encouraged to "create a town with a pleasing personality," and this sign located at the south end of Danville was part of the movement. Standing around this billboard are (l-r) Tony Cicero, John May and Bill Hockins.

—*San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, San Ramon* by Beverly Lane and Ralph Cozine

## AT THE MOVIES

### Shrek the Third ★ ★ ★ ★

**Rated: PG for some crude humor, suggestive content and swashbuckling action.**  
1 hour, 33 minutes

Step aside, Disney—when it comes to animated adventures in the new millennium, there's only one true king. The ornery ogre brought to life by Mike Myers and DreamWorks in 2001 returns to the screen for his third outing, a fast-paced fantasy rife with witty humor and colorful characters.

"Shrek the Third" picks up where "Shrek 2" left off, as Shrek (voiced by Myers) and his wife, Fiona (Cameron Diaz), hunker down in the kingdom of Far, Far Away to help the ailing King Harold (John Cleese). But the king is on his death lily pad, and his dying wish is for Shrek to inherit the crown. It's a lofty request for a simple ogre who prefers swamp life and solitude.

The only other possible heir to the throne is Fiona's cousin Artie (Justin Timberlake), a mousy high-school student teased and taunted by the jousting jocks. Shrek and his loyal sidekicks—the chatterbox Donkey (Eddie Murphy) and suave Puss In Boots (Antonio Banderas)—set off to coax Artie into becoming King Arthur.

Meanwhile, Prince Charming (Rupert Everett) encourages the villainous patrons of the Poison Apple Tavern to help him assault Far, Far Away and usurp the throne. While Shrek and company are wrestling with the angst of a troubled teen, Charming and his horde set out to invade the kingdom. And Far, Far Away's only hope may be Fiona and her princess pals (Snow White, Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty).

The vocal talent here is unparalleled, from Myers' Scottish brogue for Shrek to Murphy's loquacious Donkey. And the filmmakers have added a batch of new blood to speak out for Shrek's supporting cast, including Ian McShane of HBO's "Deadwood" (as Captain Hook) and "Saturday Night Live" alum Amy Poehler (as Snow White). The only actor who doesn't fare quite as well is Timberlake, primarily because his character starts out sniveling and weak-kneed.

The fantastic soundtrack takes a cue from the previous Shrek films with both soulful and snappy tunes. Shrek's familiar friends (the Gingerbread Man, Pinocchio, etc.) again serve up many of the movie's uproarious moments, including when Pinocchio desperately tries to stay honest without revealing Shrek's whereabouts to Charming.

The newest treat is Fiona's princess pack. From Sleeping Beauty's hilarious lethargy to Snow White's edgy attitude, this entertaining group deserves its own spin-off film.

The introduction of Artie draws the spotlight away from Shrek a tad too much, but the young character is incredibly relatable and adds a down-to-earth human quality to the franchise. Some of the picture's comedy may draw more yuck than yuks, such as when an eccentric wizard chews on rocks or Donkey swallows a mouthful of sea-sickness.

Still, the third time's certainly a charm for this fairytale family.

—Tyler Hanley

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# The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

## Calming eighth-graders' qualms about high school

As the school year is drawing to an end, eighth-graders will be closing the current chapter of their educational career, and preparing to embark on the sinuous four-year journey of high school. With a brother in eighth grade now, and having gone through the transition myself, I am well aware of both the excitement and qualms many eighth-graders feel at this time about this new experience that has been so built up in their minds for years by teen movies, magazines and gossip chatter. That said, I find it necessary to explore the basis of some of these fears and sources of excitement for these soon-to-be freshmen.

Coming from junior high, which many view as boring and unchallenging, most of the graduating Charlotte Wood Middle School eighth-graders I talked to are eagerly awaiting the opportunities for involvement, the activities, friends and freedom high school has to offer.

"I am excited for high school because junior high is very boring. There are no interesting classes, and it just isn't a challenge," said Gabby Patton.

"Most kids are excited because they want to be with their older friends and have overall more freedom and maturity," said Chili Corder.

This concept of greater indepen-

dence and the ability to hang out with friends who may have graduated from junior high in a preceding year is an alluring feature of high school that I had when I was at this same point.

"I am looking forward to the fact that there will be more activities to get involved with because the school is bigger. A lot of people are excited that there will be more people in our grade, and more people with common interests," remarked Victoria Kwan.

Having often felt frustrated with the juvenile nature of middle school work (coloring maps, etc.), I can remember wondering whether (and hoping) high school work would be more serious and less of a waste of a time.

"Most kids who care about academics are excited about high school because junior high doesn't challenge students much and they are looking forward to feeling like they are actually doing meaningful work," said eighth-grader Sean O'Hara, who happens to be my brother.

Aside from being excited about these new opportunities, many of these eighth-graders still have some qualms about entering high school in the fall. It is not surprising that some are even plagued by fear of the "Mean Girls" phenomenon.

"I am a little bit scared because I might not have any classes with my friends, and that girls will be

mean," said Victoria Kwan.

Looking back at my own experience and transition from middle to high school, I remember, as I am sure many of my peers can, running all the possible high school fiascos through my head. Though pertinent and realistic issues to me then, reflecting back on this, the worries seem so juvenile and ridiculous now. High school was not nearly as bad as I presupposed. In fact, the "tween" obsession with cliques and petty drama has surprisingly even calmed down by high school.

When talking about high school fears, it is overwhelmingly necessary to discuss anxious anticipation of the homework load. If there is one thing these eighth-graders have in common, it is a genuine anxiety about the rumored large amount of homework and difficult tests, especially in balance with various other activities.

"I am worried about the work load in high school. I am probably going to have a hard time with homework because I play on two soccer teams and will be playing football on top of that," said Scott Rider.

"I am a little scared—not only about homework, but about harder testing—that I will slip and not get into a good college," said Gabby Patton.

It is somewhat saddening to me that kids as young as 13 or 14 are already worrying about getting into

college. At this age college was of slight concern in my thoughts, but it seems even in the last four years since I was in eighth grade, this anticipation of college has grown larger.

Students who have had older siblings enter high school before them say this has helped to assuage these fears and to calm their anticipation of entering high school.

"I think having an older brother has helped because he has reassured me that high school is a lot better than middle school," said Rider. "It is also comforting to know I will have my brother to help if I am having problems at school."

Having been the first to enter high school in my family, I cannot relate to this relief of having an older sibling to guide me, but I can imagine that having this degree of knowledge about the unknown is certainly comforting.

Lastly, the junior high experience is not complete without the gossip factor. Nick Ajer, a current freshman at San Ramon Valley High School, describes some of the rumors he heard and believed as a graduating eighth-grader.

"I always thought classes were going to be really hard, that the homework was going to be way too much to handle, and that I wouldn't have any time to do any other activities. But once I got here, it was not nearly as bad as I thought,"

said Ajer. "I also heard one rumor that kids who date freshman year 'go all the way,' but that's not actually true."

While there is more sex, drugs and alcohol in high school than there was in middle school, the participation in these activities is often over-exaggerated. It is absolutely acceptable not to engage in these activities, and you'll often find that a significant portion of students chose not to. Aside from this increase in sex, drugs and alcohol, more difficult work, and shifting and expanding groups of friends, high school really isn't an experience much different from junior high and is certainly nothing to worry about. It is simply a new chapter in an ever-expanding book, which should be encountered with enthusiasm and excitement, rather than fear and anxiety.

*The 411 offers information and insight on the teen scene by Katharine O'Hara, a junior at San Ramon Valley High School who spends her free time going to concerts, enjoying her friends, and playing the piano. E-mail her at ohara5@comcast.net.*

### OF NOTE



#### Trying for 2007 Miss California Pre-Teen

Castille Zander, 10, a student at Montair Elementary School, is a State Finalist for the 2007 Miss California Pre-Teen Pageant for National American Miss.

Castille is in the fourth grade and participates in the GATE Program at Montair. She played competitive soccer at the Bronze level for Mustang soccer, and was on a competition dance team that won the West Coast finals performing at Disneyland. She is currently playing Lacrosse with the Diablo Scorpion Scrappers, loves tennis, horseback riding, swimming, her Chow Chow dogs, playing flute and riding her bike.

"Castille is so excited to be a finalist and represent our hometown of Danville," said her mother, Lisa Zander.

Contests aren't new to Castille: She was First Runner-Up two years in a row for the Hawaiian Tropic Pageant, and placed first for Most Photogenic. As a toddler, she was a fit model for Baby Gap.

The pageant will be held at the Santa Clara Marriott from June 28-30. Roatan Brokers Real Estate, Dr. Peter Visendi at Optometric Design, Jero'l Salon and Small-Fry Shoppe are sponsoring Castille in her quest and she would like to find more supporters. Companies who become sponsors before June 8 have their name listed next to her photo in the pageant program. For information, call Lisa Zander at 786-8408.



#### Good day for Scouting

The 2007 Girl Scout Olympics were held May 5 at Hap Magee Park hosted by the Las Trampas Association of Girl Scouts. Pictured are Brownies from Danville Troop 286 (l-r) Elise Steingraber, Julia Espino, Alexandra Stanhope, Megan Bruntz, Mercedes Ekren, Marissa Martinez, and Elise Dumont.

#### Visiting Washington, D.C.

Students from the Dorris-Eaton School visit with U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D., 11th District) on the east front steps of the Capitol on May 15. It was also National Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is why the flag is flying at half-staff.



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## Clubs

**Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club** This club is open to new and long-time women residents of Alamo and Danville interested in making new friends in the area. Their Prospective Member Coffee is held the fourth Thursday of the month, and a monthly luncheon on the second Tuesday. Call 775-3233 or visit [www.alamodanvilleneewcomers.com](http://www.alamodanvilleneewcomers.com).

**Danville AM Toastmasters Club** The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at Father Nature's, 178 E. Prospect Ave. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Dave Miklasevich at 899-1543 or [dmik210@yahoo.com](mailto:dmik210@yahoo.com) or [www.danvilleamtoastmasters.org](http://www.danvilleamtoastmasters.org).

**Danville Job's Daughters** Job's Daughters is an international organization for girls between the ages of 10-20 with Masonic heritage who like to have fun and make friends. The group meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, at the Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd. Call 829-8505.

**Danville Lions Club** The Danville Lions Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Join as their guest to learn the contribution you can make as a Lion. For information, call President Ted Fichter at 227-6617.

**Danville Mid-day Referral Group, BNI** Danville Mid-day Referral Group, a chapter of Business Network International, meets from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., every Wednesday, at Louka's, 267 Hartz Ave., Danville. Call Fran Bates at 363-4327 or e-mail [franbates@marykay.com](mailto:franbates@marykay.com).

**Danville PM Toastmaster Club #1785** The club meets from 7:30-9 p.m., every Wednesday, at DVC, San Ramon Campus, Room 217, 3150 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon. Guests are welcome. For information call Debra Elmore at 934-3113 or visit [www.danvilletoastmasters1785.com](http://www.danvilletoastmasters1785.com).

**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](http://www.danvillerotary.org).

**Danville Women's Club** This club will meet for a luncheon at noon, Thursday, June 7, at the Clubhouse, 242 Linda Mesa, Danville. Scholarships will be awarded to recipients from the three valley high schools. Guests are welcome. Reservations are required, call 837-7528.

## Concerts

**'From Russian With Love'** Danville Community Band presents "From Russian With Love" and "The British Are Coming" with guest vocalist Anna Combs and Russian Cossack dancers at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 10, at the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14, \$12, \$10. Call 943-7469.

**Passport to Eastern Europe** Contra Costa Wind Symphony presents "Passport to Eastern Europe" featuring music of Hungary, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Poland and more at 8 p.m., Sunday, June 10, at Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students. Call 944-5392.

## Events

**2007 Open Studios Tour** Visit 42 talented artists at 14 different locations from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 2-3. Enjoy demonstrations, collect unique masterpieces and help raise funds for grants to art programs in San Ramon Valley Schools. For location information, visit [www.adas4art.org](http://www.adas4art.org).

**Cancer Survivors Celebration at the Ranch** All cancer survivors and their families are invited to a celebration from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, June 3, at Little Hills Ranch, 18013 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Activities will include live music, dancing, games, swimming, ball games for children and adults. Bring your own lunch; dessert and drinks will be provided. This event is free. Call 947-4447.

**Downtown Pleasanton Antique Faire** Over a mile of antiques and collectibles will be displayed by more than 300 professional dealers from all over the West from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, May 27, in downtown Pleasanton. Call 484-2199 or visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**Open Studios Carpool** Do you need a ride to Open Studios? Meet at 10:45 a.m., Saturday, June 2, at the Danville Clock Tower parking lot, corner of Prospect & Railroad. Look for the man with the blue balloon. Bring money for lunch and gas. Call Fred at 216-4590.

**San Ramon Art and Wind Festival** The City of San Ramon and Chevron will host the 19th annual Art and Wind Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday-Monday, May 27-28, at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. There will be over 200 arts and crafts booths, 3 stages of live entertainment, interactive kid zone and a Hot Air Balloon launch at 6 a.m., Monday, May 28. Call 973-3200 or visit [www.artandwind.com](http://www.artandwind.com).

**Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction** Danville Job's Daughters will hold a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, May 29, at the Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd. Tickets are \$7. Call 829-8505.

**Wings of Freedom Tour** The Collings Foundation bombers will perform their "Wings of Freedom" tour arriving at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 27, at the Livermore Airport, 636 Terminal Circle. The planes will be on display until 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 29. Visitors are invited to expose the aircraft for \$10, \$5 for children under 12; visitors are also invited to take a 30-minute flight for \$425 per person. Call (800) 568-8924.

## Exhibits

**'Treadmill' Mural** Bedford Gallery and Walnut Creek Arts Commission pres-

## WEEKEND PREVIEW



## Honoring our Fallen Heroes

Join the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley to honor our fallen heroes on Memorial Day, gathering at 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 28, at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road, Danville. Call 736-1500.

ent "Treadmill" by Josh Keys, which is a mural painting dedicated to Susan Booth, on the Locust Street Parking Garage, adjacent to the Dean Leshner Center for the Arts. Visit [www.bedfordgallery.org](http://www.bedfordgallery.org).

**Paved Paradise** Bedford Gallery has received a grant for a Contra Costa Youth Exhibition entitled "Paved Paradise" which will run June 10-July 22, with an opening reception on Sunday, June 10. Call 295-1417 or visit [www.bedfordgallery.com](http://www.bedfordgallery.com).

## Fundraisers

**14th Annual Greater Danville Open Golf Tournament** Danville Rotary Club will host the 14th annual Greater Danville Open Golf Tournament starting at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 4, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. Cost is \$225 per player. Proceeds will benefit community based youth activities. Call 837-3716.

**Hats Off America Red-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk** Join Sparky George, the Bear Flag Runner, to raise money for the seventh annual Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 9, starting at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Dr., Danville. Cost is \$35, including lunch and a red t-shirt. Call 855-1950 or visit [www.hatsoffamerica.us](http://www.hatsoffamerica.us).

**Leo Brien Memorial Golf Tournament** This foundation will host its 10th annual Memorial Golf Tournament from 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Monday, June 4, at the Diablo Country Club, 1700 Club House Rd. The day will include golf, cocktail hour, dinner, awards and a drawing and silent auction. Cost is \$300 for golf and dinner, \$60 for dinner only. Call 648-2781 or visit [www.leobrienfoundation.com](http://www.leobrienfoundation.com).

**Meal Drive and Open House** Ensembles will host a meal assembly session that will provide meals for the George Mark Children's House in San Leandro from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 2, at Ensembles, 2550 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Extra ingredients will be provided. To participate, sign up for a meal assembly session and assemble an extra meal while you are in the store; call 855-8355 or visit [www.ensemblesmeals.com](http://www.ensemblesmeals.com).

**Thrift Shop Promotions** Assistance League of Diablo Valley's primary fundraiser will feature Bathing Suits and Bridal Wear May 25-29, at The

Way Side Inn Thrift Shop & Costume Rental, 3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette. The shop hours are from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 838-0075.

## Health

**Chi Kung Class** The Wellness Community will host a Chi Kung class for cancer patients and their caregivers from 9:30-10:45 a.m., Tuesdays, until Aug. 8, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Comfortable clothing and socks are a must. Call 933-0107.

**Nutrition and Cancer Treatment** Learn to maximize your nutrition during and after cancer treatment from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 2, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Learn what to eat, ways to hydrate and get specific nutritional issues addressed. This event is free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Call 933-0107.

**Post Treatment Breast Cancer Program** This 10-week workshop is for women who are at least 3 weeks past treatment for breast cancer, and it runs until July 18, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Designed to aid in recovery from both the physical and emotional effects of cancer more fully and quickly. Call 933-0107.

## Holiday

**Memorial Day** Join the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley to honor Memorial Day at 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 28, at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Rd., Danville. Call 736-1500.

## Kids and Teens

**'Kabaret for Kids'** Cabaret Star, Samantha Samuels, will host a fun-filled variety show with singing, dancing and audience participation featuring Sophia Oda from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 30, at Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$12. Call 943-7469.

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**Fathers of Invention** Blackhawk Museum will host a special Father's Day funshop from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, June 17, at Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Activities include making your own Father's Day card, a helicopter that flies and an "inventive snack!" Children under 5 and Dads are free. Call 736.2277, ext. 238 or visit [www.blackhawkmuseum.org](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org).

**Summer Performing Arts Camp** Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy will host a performing arts camp for ages 7-18 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., June 18-July 14, at Windemere Ranch Middle School, 11611 East Branch Pkwy., San Ramon. Cost is \$595. Call 551-8238.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**Depression and Anxiety** Burton Presberg, MD, will discuss when medications may assist in managing emotions and what is outside the range of normal reactions from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free for cancer patients and their families and care givers. Call 933-0107.

**Michael Nagler on Nonviolence** Professor Michael Nagler, founder of U.C. Berkeley's Peace and Conflict Studies Program and author of *The Search for a Nonviolent Future*, will speak on "Opening Our Eyes to the Power of Nonviolence" from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55

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## Live Music

**DGC Annual Pops Concert** Danville Girls Chorus will host its annual Pops Concert "Whatever You Imagine" featuring music from animated movies from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 2, at Canyon Creek Church, 9015 S. Gale Ridge Rd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 14 years old. Call 837-2624 or visit [www.danvillegirlschorus.org](http://www.danvillegirlschorus.org).

## Miscellaneous

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**Climb for Breast Cancer Prevention** The Breast Cancer Fund is looking for applicants for "Climb for Breast Cancer Prevention" from July 8-14, at Mt. Shasta. Call 760-8223 or visit [www.breastcancerfund.org/events](http://www.breastcancerfund.org/events).

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**Recycle for Breast Cancer** Recycle for Breast Cancer is open seven days a week accepting free dropoffs for computers, monitors, cell phones, laptops, servers and TVs. Located inside Saf Keep Storage, 200 Purdue Rd., #1018, San Ramon. Call 735-7203 or visit [www.recycleforbreastcancer.org](http://www.recycleforbreastcancer.org).

**San Ramon Valley High School 40th Reunion** Attention Classes of 1967, 1968 and 1969! San Ramon Valley High School will hold a 40th High School Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 11. For information, Carol Stewart-Pierovich at 820-4628, Mike Miles at 938-0806 or Stephanie Brown-Myers at 837-0539.

## On Stage

**'How The Other Half Loves'** Center REPeratory Company presents "How The Other Half Loves" until June 16, at the Center REPeratory Company, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14-38. Call 943-7469 or visit [www.dlrca.org](http://www.dlrca.org).

**Father's Day Comedy Show** Johnny Steele is back with a Father's Day Comedy Show from 8-10 p.m., Sunday, June 17, at the Village Theater, 233 Front St., Danville. It'll be crammed with quizzes, quips and wisecracks galore so don't buy Dad another tie, bring him out for an evening laughs! Tickets are \$18. Call (510) 528-2562 or visit [www.ci.danville.ca.us](http://www.ci.danville.ca.us).

## Political Notes

**Blackhawk Republican Women Cocktail Party** Blackhawk Republican Women will host a cocktail party from 5:30-8 p.m., Thursday, June

7, at Blackhawk Country Club, Danville. Michelle Bernard, President of Independent Women's Forum of Washington, D.C., will give an update on Democracy in the Arab Middle East. Reservations are required by noon, Monday, June 4. Cost is \$20. Call Ms. Lyons at 820-6452.

**Immigration Rights Panel Discussion** Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church will host a panel on immigration rights from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 934-3135.

## Recreation

**Mangini Ranch Dedication and Hike** Join the Save Mount Diablo staff at the dedication of the Mangini Ranch at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, June 3, at Crystyl Ranch, Concord. There will be optional hikes at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Park on the road at the bottom of the creek. RSVP requested; call 947-3535.

## Seniors

**580/680 Senior Games** Town of Danville along with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon will host the 580/680 Senior Games from Sept. 21-23. Activities will include basketball, bowling, dance sport, swimming and tennis. Call 937-3255 or visit [www.ci.danville.ca.us](http://www.ci.danville.ca.us).

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

**Buzz Sessions** Town of Danville presents Buzz Sessions for seniors

from 1-2:30 p.m., each fourth Tuesday of the month, at Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. These events are free, but register to reserve your place by calling 314-3400.

**Danville Senior Citizens Club** The club meets from 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., every Monday at the Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., for line dancing exercise, bingo, mah jong and more. Membership is just \$12 a year. Call Fran Britt at 743-4026.

**HICAP Appointments** The Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) offers its services free to anyone on Medicare or at least 60 years old with questions about health insurance coverage. Appointments are available the second Wednesday and the fourth Tuesday of every month by appointment; call 314-3400.

**Laugh Club** Research has shown increased levels of endorphins, neurotransmitters, immune system cells, and decreased levels of stress hormones. This club meets at 10:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. Cost is \$1 facility use fee and is open to the public. Call Fred Turner at 216-4590.

**Prime Time** Join this club for a nondenominational gathering of "seasoned citizens" from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. A home-cooked lunch is served at noon for \$3. Call Ruth Ann at 820-6387.

**Senior Sneaker Trips** Town of Danville will host Senior Sneaker Trips to different attractions throughout the area. For a list of dates, go to the Danville Community Center at 420 Front St., call 314-3400 or visit [www.ci.danville.ca.us](http://www.ci.danville.ca.us).

**St. Isidore's 'Young at Heart'** Join this group for a meeting from 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., the third Tuesday of every month at St. Isidore's Ministries Center, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville.

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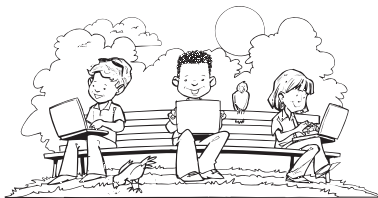
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**Valley Oak Respite Center Activities for Seniors** Valley Oak Respite provides an interactive program for frail seniors and those afflicted with Alzheimer's or related dementias and physical disabilities, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays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

## Spiritual

**'Amma' in Castro Valley** Mata Amritanandamayi - Amma with free programs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m., June 5-12. Free Devi Bhava programs, which is a celebration devoted to world peace, will be offered at 7:30 p.m., June 10 and 15. Both events are at M.A. Center, 10200 Crow Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. A retreat is from June 13-15; registration required, call (510) 537-9417 or visit [www.amma.org](http://www.amma.org).

## Sports

**SRV Youth Football Camp** A comprehensive non-contact football skills camp for ages 7-13 will be held from 5:45-8 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at San Ramon Valley High School, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Cost is \$150. Contact Lee Becker by calling 640-8941 or e-mail [srvfbcamp@aol.com](mailto:srvfbcamp@aol.com).

**Summer Baseball Camp** EastBay Colt45s will host a baseball camp for ages 12-14 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday, June 18-22, at Osage Park, Ball Diamond 3, Danville. Participants will learn from former pros Jason Brosnan and Kyle Gross during the clinic. Limited space is available. Cost is \$250. Download registration forms at [www.eastbaycolt45s.com](http://www.eastbaycolt45s.com). Call (510) 551-6866.

**Women's Golf Week** The Bridges Golf Club will participate in Women's Golf Week by offering reduced green fees, golf clinics and a tournament Saturday-Sunday, June 3-9, at The

Bridges, 9000 S. Gale Ridge Rd., San Ramon. Call 735-4253 or visit [www.thebridgesgolf.com](http://www.thebridgesgolf.com).

## Support Groups

**Alamo Women's CODA Meeting** Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. The group meets from 1-2 p.m., Mondays, at United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Visit [www.sfbaycoda.org](http://www.sfbaycoda.org) or [www.coda.org](http://www.coda.org).

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

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

**Newly Formed Proactive Group for Women** A newly formed proactive group for women who have Fibromyalgia, CFS, CFIDS and chronic pain are inviting others to share in the latest research, medicines, doctors and many other ways to cope. The group meets from 12:30-2:30 p.m., every other Tuesday. For fundraising, this group hosts designer inspired Purse Parties; hostess gets free purse of her choice. For information, email [heidianen@hotmail.com](mailto:heidianen@hotmail.com).

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

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

**SRV 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 San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St. Call Gordon at 899-3117 or visit [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

**Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group** This group provides peer support for those affected by Parkinson's Disease and for their caregivers, families and friends. The group meets from 10 a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of each month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call Norman at 831-9940 or Jackie at 244-1231.

## Volunteering

**Hospice and Palliative Work at Bruns House** Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa Bruns House In-Patient Hospice is looking for volunteers to fill two- to four-hour shifts during the weekdays and weekends. For an application, call 887-5678 or e-mail [volunteers@hospicecc.org](mailto:volunteers@hospicecc.org).

**Lindsay Wildlife Museum** Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and others about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. No experience needed. Call 627-2444 or visit [www.wildlife-museum.org](http://www.wildlife-museum.org).

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

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

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



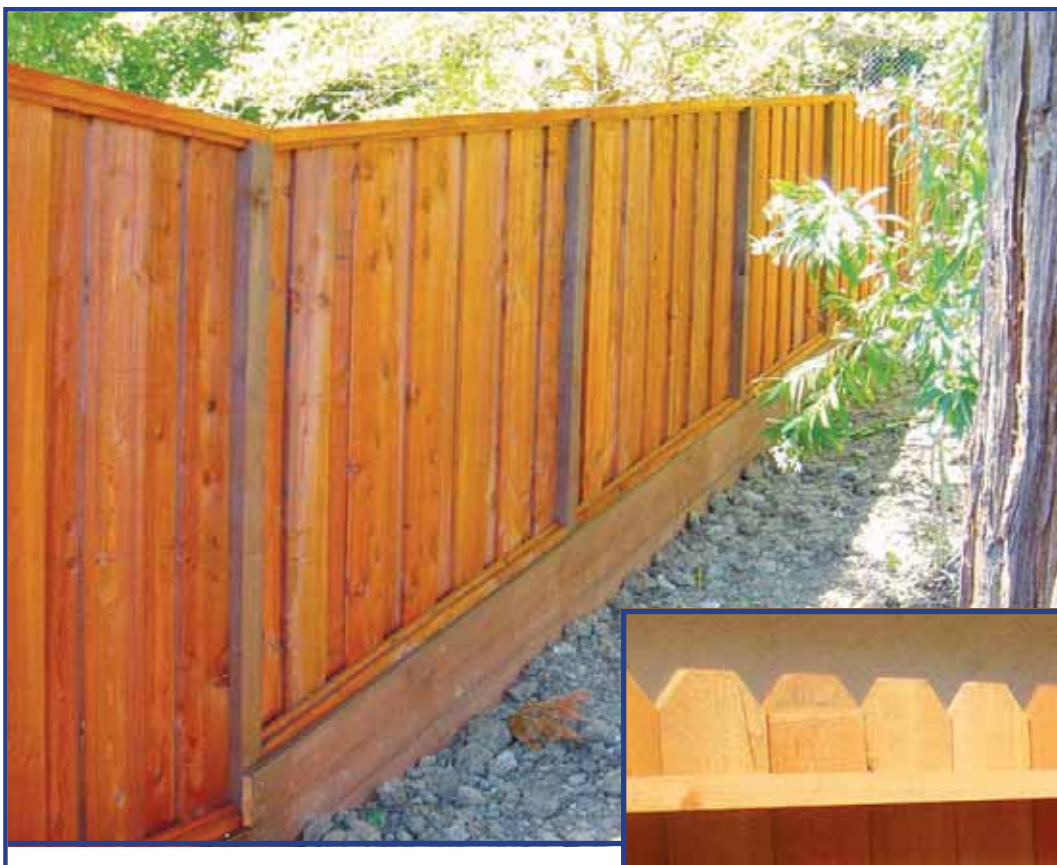
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Patrick Wilhelmy, No. 26 for De La Salle High School, who lives in Diablo, battles it out with Monte Vista's Matt Kim, No. 11, in the NCS championship game Saturday, which De La Salle won, 8-7, in a confusing last few seconds of play.

## Trouble at the buzzer ends lacrosse season

*Mustangs lose NCS title to De La Salle*

by Rachel McMurdie

Time clock troubles and a controversial call in the final four seconds of the NCS Lacrosse Championship brought the Mustangs to the end of their season Saturday. Top-seeded Monte Vista lost to No. 3-seeded De La Salle, 8-7.

"Our kids thought they had scored to send it to overtime. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be and it is sad that a game of that magnitude had to end that way," said Monte Vista Coach Mike Emerson.

"De La Salle is a very good team and nothing should take away from their accomplishment. I am also very proud of our guys and the way they kept battling. I told each and every one of them to hold their heads high because of the way they played."

The Mustangs (18-5) defeated De La Salle earlier in the season and in every game since 2003, including last year's championship game and the previous year's semifinals. Saturday it looked like they might clinch the title again.

With less than a minute to play, Monte Vista senior Bryson Woodbury scored two goals less than 12 seconds apart cutting the Spartans' 8-5 lead to 8-7 with 23.8 seconds left.

The Mustangs took possession with less than four seconds on the clock, which failed to start as they

began their rush to the net. Zakk Souza scored the apparent tying goal with less than a second showing, but the referees waived off the goal and ordered 3.2 seconds put back on the clock.

When Monte Vista started its next charge, though, the clock read 40 seconds, and play had to be stopped again. Finally with the clock issues sorted out, the Mustangs made a final run. Bret Oliveira missed a last-second shot wide, settling the Spartans win.

Monte Vista beat Piedmont 5-3 in the semifinals to advance to the title game. De La Salle reached the finals after a 5-1 win over No. 2-seeded San Ramon Valley.

"I always tell our guys that the most important thing is to leave it all on the field and let the chips fall where they may," said Emerson. "Our guys certainly did that. They gave every ounce of energy and effort that one could give. Unfortunately for us this time, the chips just didn't line up."

"The important thing to do from here is learn from these blunders to ensure they don't happen again," Emerson added.

In other lacrosse news, several Monte Vista players were named 2007 EBAL All-League players. Kyle Donovan and Ben Wang were honored on first team defense. Ryan Terada was named to first team (utility) Long Stick Mid-Field. Brian Woodbury, attacker, and Dylan Westfall, goalie, were named all league second-team. Matt Hartman, Aran Canton, Ross Kitchin and Matt Silva were awarded honorable mentions.

Monte Vista throwing star Chris Krychev took first place with a record-breaking 62-foot 11-inch throw at the Tri-Valley Area Championship meet at Granada High School on Saturday.

The mark bests the league record by more than five feet. Entering the weekend, only two high school athletes in the state had thrown farther than that mark this season.

On his third attempt, Krychev had his furthest throw yet, but he committed a foot fault. The attempt sailed more than 65 feet, which easily would have been a region record. The senior also won the discus (173-8).

San Ramon Valley's Kelly Fogarty had the top times in the girls 100 (12.11) and 200 (25.27). She also ran a leg on the Wolves' winning 400-relay team (48.93).

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### PREP SCHEDULE

**Thursday-Friday, May 24-25**

**Softball:** NCS Semi-Finals

**Friday-Saturday, May 25-26**

**Track and Field:** NCS Meet of Champions at UC Berkeley

**Saturday, May 26**

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**Danville, 404 Plata Ct, May 27th, 9am-1pm**  
Moving Sale. High-quality furniture incl. crib, glider, hutch, armoire, cherry tv stand. Clean, priced to sell toys & clothes for 1-5 year olds.

**Danville, 53 Willowview Court, May 26, 8-3**  
Downsizing/Moving Sale - Located in FRONT and BACK yard. Furniture (couch, Table, hutch, Jewelry, Exercise Equipm ent, Bedding, comformers, sheets NEVER USED) Kitchen Supplies Lots of stuff!!!!

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**Pleasanton, 2421 Via Espada, May 26th, 8AM to 2PM**  
Multi-family Garage Sale — Get there early for the best deals.

**Pleasanton, 3267 Belvedere Ct., 8 - 12**  
Children's bed, teak desk, office chair, teak storage chest, bookshelves and storage organizers, children's Schwinn bike, yard equipment including Honda lawnmower and Homelite leaf blower. Sale runs from 8-12 on Saturday 5/26.

**Pleasanton, 3845 Vineyard Ave., May 26, 7:30-11**  
Multi Family Garage Sale. Household, Collectibles, Clothing, Shoes, Purses, Records, Milk Can, Bedding, Jewelry.

**Pleasanton, 3987 Stanley Blvd, Sat 5/26, 9-2,** Collectibles, vintage, seasonal, gifts, clothes, toys, books, cd's, video & more. Good quality - No junk!

### 215 Collectibles & Antiques

Coffee Mill, Pepper Mill & Spice - \$89  
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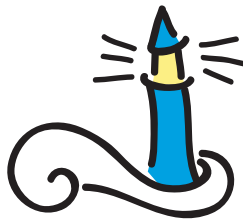
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## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2007

Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 6	Total sales reported: 24	Total sales reported: 32
Lowest sale reported: \$1,300,000	Lowest sale reported: \$489,000	Lowest sale reported: \$189,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,775,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,775,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,100,000
Average sales reported: \$1,763,167	Average sales reported: \$1,193,063	Average sales reported: \$835,875

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
<b>337 Corrie Place</b> Corrie Development to T. & M. Saunders for \$1,300,000	<b>1278 Ariel Drive</b> Shapell Homes to J. & B. Yeager for \$1,400,000	<b>25 Adeline Drive</b> T. Henry to B. & S. Bader for \$980,000
<b>21 Manti Terrace</b> R. & S. Stlaurent to Solvik Trust for \$2,775,000	<b>205 Ashley Circle</b> M. Galeazzi to A. Pryhuber for \$489,000	<b>12 Amberwood Lane</b> Mccarthy Trust to J. Hewatt for \$750,000
<b>1926 Parkmont Drive</b> K. Hoffnagle to A. & B. Fowler for \$1,399,000	<b>5383 Blackhawk Drive</b> J. Velasco to J. Kaponi for \$2,775,000	<b>1920 Apollo Court</b> Cassidy Trust to R. Mason for \$635,000
<b>120 St. Alicia Court</b> Fabregas Trust to L. & Y. Huang for \$1,550,000	<b>5400 Blackhawk Drive</b> Prudential Relocation to S. & K. Kelley for \$2,150,000	<b>149 Arlene Drive</b> Henshaw Trust to S. & M. Allard for \$870,000
<b>2354 Stone Valley Road</b> P. & E. Thompson to R. & A. Dolan for \$1,805,000	<b>839 Buckingham Place</b> Sylvester Trust to J. & L. Luis for \$1,159,000	<b>3073 Avellano Drive</b> Haskell Trust to H. Nordberg for \$998,000
<b>200 Viking Place</b> Chapman Trust to M. & B. Pletkin for \$1,750,000	<b>35 Copperfield Lane</b> B. Eklund to C. Hubbard for \$665,000	<b>1630 Bodega Court</b> J. & J. Ricketts to N. & B. Hanson for \$830,000
	<b>30 Hidden Crest Court</b> Stucker Trust to M. & T. Thompson for \$1,389,500	<b>111 Brodia Way</b> D. Dodgin to Behmand Trust for \$2,100,000
	<b>11 Jillian Way</b> Chaney Trust to Lesinsky Trust for \$1,599,000	<b>2339 Buena Vista Avenue</b> J. & P. Delsecco to R. Quioco for \$790,000
	<b>33 Liquidamber Court</b> C. Bishop to Y. Lu for \$1,220,000	<b>1665 Carmel Drive</b> Durand Trust to J. Loving for \$675,000
	<b>2050 Lusitano Street</b> Shapell Industries to T. Lee for \$1,007,500	<b>1042 Choctaw Court</b> Malone Trust to B. & C. Weber for \$1,225,000
	<b>2058 Lusitano Street</b> Shapell Industries to S. & C. Lombardo for \$1,199,500	<b>3127 Ebano Drive</b> C. & P. Modlin to R. Spielmann for \$1,525,000
	<b>3100 Martingale Drive</b> Ponderosa Homes to A. Kong for \$1,332,500	
	<b>3108 Martingale Drive</b> Ponderosa Homes to C. & A. Garcia for \$1,167,500	
		<b>236 El Divisadero Avenue</b> J. & C. Dancel to M. Zendeñham for \$745,000
		<b>2650 Jones Road #17 F.</b> Acosta to P. Hanratty for \$410,000
		<b>580 Matterhorn Drive</b> Henderson Trust to A. Loffy for \$780,000
		<b>1916 Meadow Road</b> R. & J. Janney to Ramirez Trust for \$1,850,000
		<b>697 Monaco Court</b> R. & J. Marsan to E. Easley for \$1,245,000
		<b>449 Nob Hill Drive</b> C. & A. Maxwell to S. & J. Kody for \$800,000
		<b>470 North Civic Drive #412</b> R. Ghazvini to B. Butzbach for \$340,000
		<b>490 North Civic Drive #503</b> P. & D. Coakley to P. & D. Herndon for \$230,000
		<b>79 Oak Knoll Loop</b> Jasperson Trust to S. Leick for \$675,000
		<b>1257 Oakshire Court</b> Slama Trust to D. & L. Feng for \$770,000
		<b>2551 Overlook Drive</b> X. Mo to G. Magni for \$1,139,000
		<b>1983 Parkside Drive</b> M. Ferlise to S. Manikhong for \$660,000
		<b>2933 Ptarmigan Drive #3 R.</b> & D. Goetz to M. Cravotto for \$189,000
		<b>1572 Pyrenees Place</b> C. Leshner to J. Leshner for \$600,000
		<b>1471 Ramsay Circle</b> Rich Trust to K. Cabral for \$840,000
		<b>3100 Rossmoor Parkway #1</b> M. Matteson to P. & D. Barale for \$396,000
		<b>3 San Benito Court</b> J. & D. Grove to E. & Z. Sirios for \$765,000
		<b>1306 Walden Road #156 T.</b> & L. Nash to N. Kaufman for \$445,000
		<b>1352 Walden Road</b> Barkley Trust to D. Bond for \$502,000
		<b>1945 Warm Springs Court</b> D. & A. Ball to A. Qoubaitary for \$929,000
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## Alamo

### 3 Bedrooms

**281 La Serena Ave.** **\$1,400,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 791-2600

### 4 Bedrooms

**46 Vista Ln.** **\$1,465,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30J. Rockcliff Realtors 672-2499

**180 Bolla Ave.** **\$1,499,000**  
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### 5 Bedrooms

**10 Ray Ct.** **\$1,298,500**  
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**306 Las Quebradas Ln.** **\$3,499,000**  
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## Blackhawk

### 6 Bedrooms

**5077 Blackhawk Dr.** **\$2,850,000**  
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## Danville

### 3 Bedrooms

**56 Summer Hill Ct.** **\$699,950**  
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**141 Lomitas Dr.** **\$799,000**  
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### 4 Bedrooms

**407 Triomphe Ct.** **\$1,100,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 510-910-3864

**718 St. George Rd.** **\$1,375,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 451-7287

**28 Shelterwood Pl.** **\$1,379,000**  
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**40 Kendall Ln.** **\$1,749,000**  
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**300 Romae Ct.** **\$2,499,000**  
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**315 Gil Blas Rd.** **\$849,950**  
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**79 La Velle Ct.** **\$899,000**  
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**204 Abigail Cir.** **\$915,000**  
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**62 Lomitas Rd.** **\$1,189,000**  
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**24 Campbell Pl.** **\$1,600,000**  
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**29 Meadow Lake Dr.** **\$2,998,000**  
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## San Ramon

### 2 Bedrooms

**8985 Alcosta Blvd., #158** **\$389,000**  
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### 3 Bedrooms

**2857 Fountainhead Dr.** **\$469,900**  
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**3032 Bernard Ave.** **\$689,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 330-0579

### 4 Bedrooms

**1469 Allannmere Dr.** **\$1,079,000**  
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**5577 Satin Leaf Wy.** **\$2,289,000**  
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### 5 Bedrooms

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**100 Avalon Ct.** **\$1,199,950**  
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**2826 Bethany Rd.** **\$1,499,000**  
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## Walnut Creek

### 3 Bedrooms

**248 Sequoia Ave.** **\$1,200,000**  
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### 4 Bedrooms

**3025 Ebano Dr.** **\$999,000**  
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## Dublin

### 3 Bedrooms

**7310 Croy Ln.** **\$579,900**  
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### 5 Bedrooms

**5836 Turnberry Dr.** **\$1,950,000**  
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### 2 Bedrooms

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### 4 Bedrooms

**6111 Johnson Ct., #110** **\$840,000**  
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### 4 Bedrooms

**5348 Hillflower Dr.** **\$630,000**  
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### 5 Bedrooms

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