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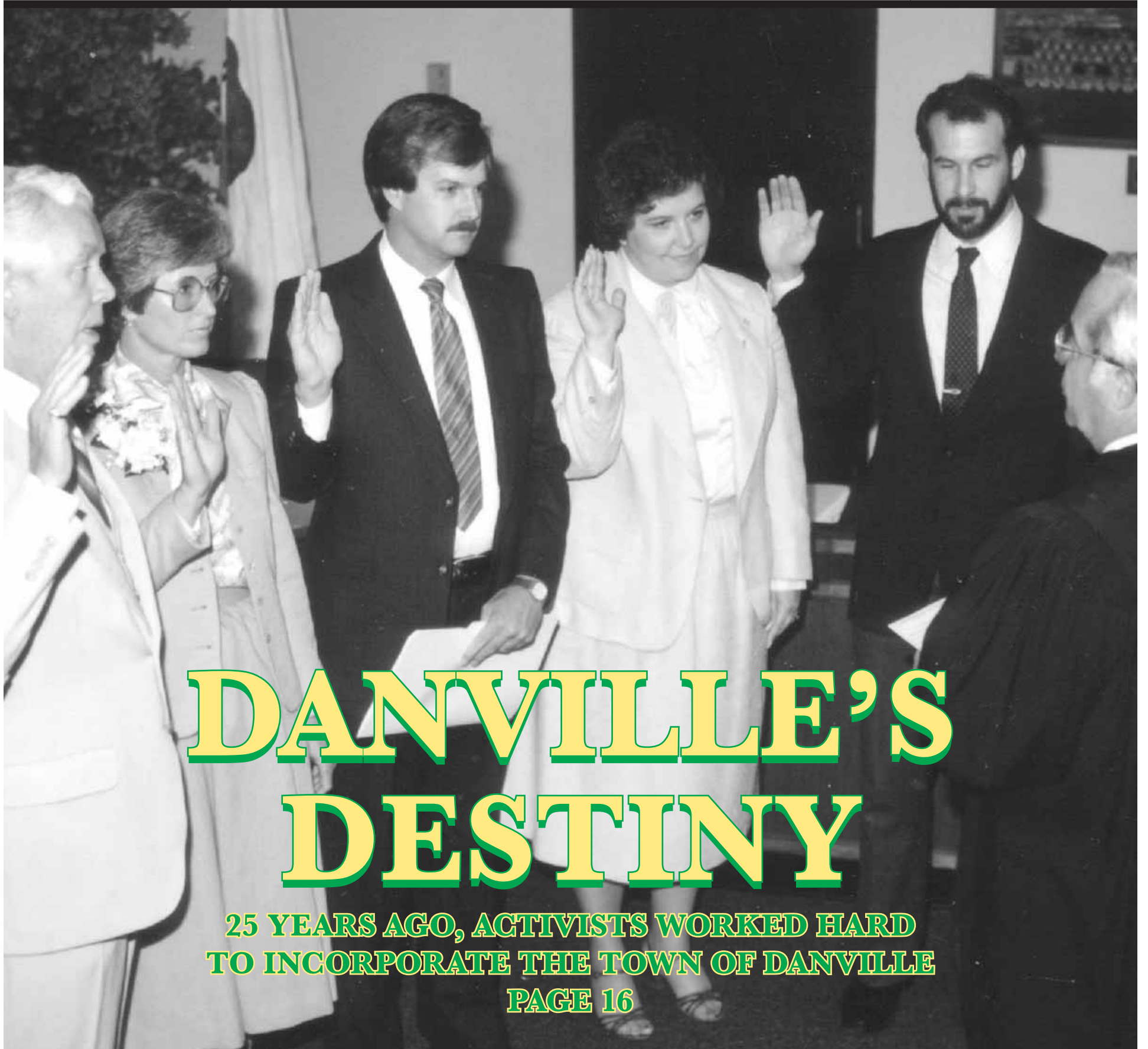
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I wouldn't because of my work; my car is like my second office. In general, it's a great idea and I would do it on the weekends. I would go into San Francisco for shopping, but you still have to get from BART to where you want to go. In Europe there is less of a distance to bike from the station.

Kasia Zelichowski
account coordinator



Growing up in Berkeley, there was a bus right next to the house and we always took it. For a train, you would have to have a huge ridership and the suburbs wouldn't support that. I would vote 100 percent to do away with automobiles, but you would have to have a high density of people living around the BART station.

Bob Crawford
retired banker



I'm from Livermore, but I would take a train. I'd walk a half mile to the train station. I think the mindset is starting to change. If we want to support public transportation, people have to change and the government has to change. Right now they are too wrapped up in their own bureaucracy and it's difficult to move forward.

Sue Crawford
retired teacher



My wife would. I work from home, so I wouldn't need to. She works in San Francisco and that would be fantastic for her. She drives to work and drives to BART and she hates both.

Mike Briggs
engineer



I don't have much of a commute. I live in Danville and I work less than a mile away. But if I had to commute, yes, to avoid gas prices. Right now I take the train, but only into the city.

Carrie Tullis
marketing assistant

compiled by Natalie O'Neill

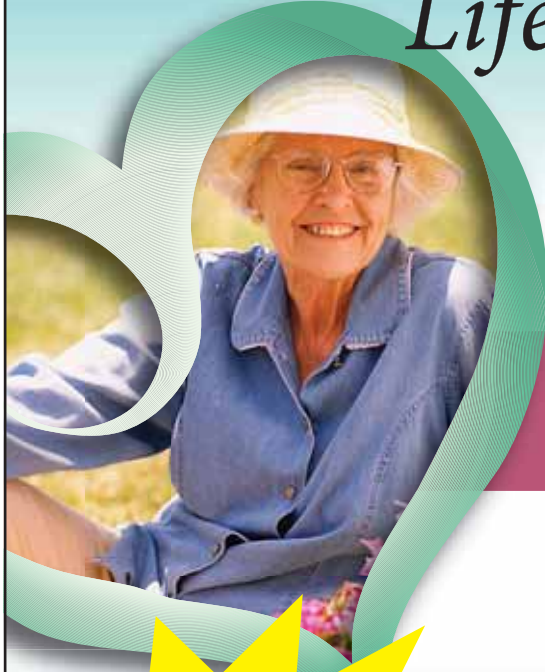
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Superior Court Judge Max Wilcox Jr. swears in the first council members for Danville, who were elected on the June 8, 1982, ballot that also approved the town's incorporation. Council members are (l-r) Mayor John May, Beverly Lane, Dick McNeely, Susanna Schlendorf and Doug Offenhartz. Cover design by Manuel Valenzuela.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ I’d prefer kids on school buses than on sidewalks. ”

—Trustee Greg Marvel in discussion about discontinuing the school district’s buses. See story, page 5.

Danville speller is c-h-a-m-p-i-o-n

Danville resident Evan O’Dorney, 13, emerged the champion from the Scripps National Spelling Bee finals in Washington, D.C., last Thursday after correctly spelling “serrefine.” It was his third appearance at the finals.

Downtown Danville was crowded with news agencies and cameras Friday morning to see the town that spawned the talented young man.

Channel 2 newscasters interrupted Mayor Mike Shimansky’s first Friday coffee at Father Nature’s to ask for a statement.

“We’re extremely proud,” said Shimansky, who noted that he’d watched the spelling bee on television. “I couldn’t even pronounce the words he spelled. I think he’ll represent the town extremely well.”

The Town of Danville will present O’Dorney with a proclamation upon his return, probably in July, Shimansky said. Plus, he hopes to “show him off” in Danville’s Fourth of July Parade.

O’Dorney is homeschooled by his mother Jennifer through Venture School, and she and his father Michael, a BART operator, were in attendance. This was Evan’s last chance to win the Bee, which is for students grades 6-8.

The 80th annual spelling bee was televised, giving friends and other Danville residents a chance to follow along, word by word as the young spellers took the podium. A serrefine is “small spring forceps used for approximating the edges of a wound or for temporarily closing an artery during an operation.”

Sing out for SRVHS choir

The San Ramon Valley High School Choir took first place at the state choral competition for high schools last month in both small and large choir divisions, said Ken Abrams, San Ramon High choir director.

“This was one of those times when you work and drill and drill and drill to make everything as perfect as possible,” Abrams said. “When the actual competition took place, it seemed like every other ordinary performance because the students were so prepared and rehearsed.”

“However, when they called our name as the first place winner, I was literally shocked that we had won both the small and large choir divisions at the same competition,” he added.

BMX stunt team to show cool aerials

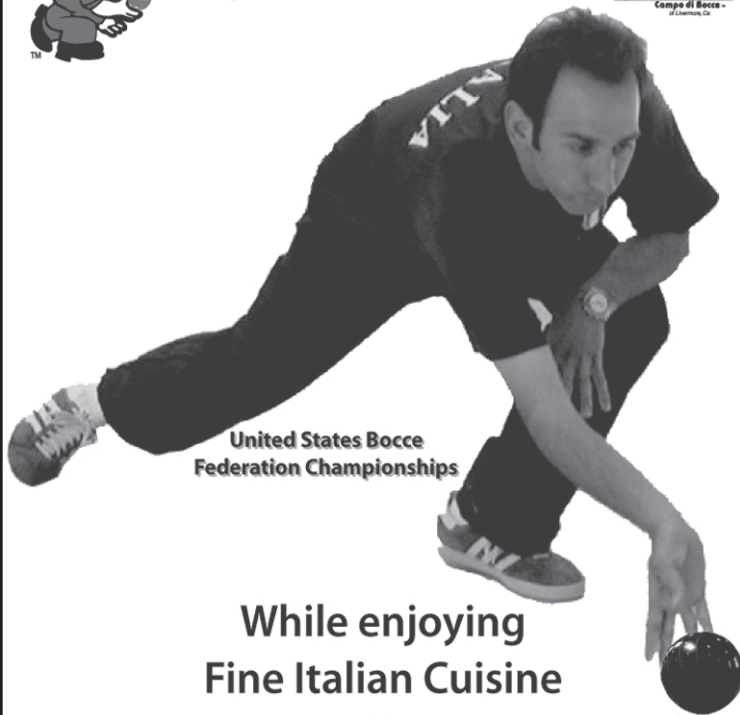
The third annual Bike Safety Show takes place today, June 8, with three show times to enjoy a BMX bike stunt team, Perfection on Wheels. The riders will also teach children about bike safety.

The shows take place at 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., at Creekside Community Church, 1350 Danville Blvd. in Alamo. The free event will also have a 35-foot rock climbing wall, food and a drawing for two new BMX bicycles.

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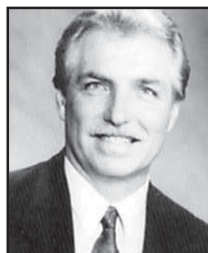
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NATALIE O'NEILL

David Bowlby, a member of the grassroots group that organized and funded a financial feasibility study on Alamo incorporation, makes a presentation at Wednesday night's meeting.

Alamo Inc! meeting draws a crowd

Residents offer varied opinions on incorporation

by **Natalie O'Neill**

An opinionated and dramatically divided group of 200 Alamo residents crowded into Creekside Community Church last week on Wednesday night to hash out the pros and cons of the unincorporated area's potential for cityhood.

Supporters wore "Alamo Inc!" buttons and stressed the urgent need for local—as opposed to county—control.

"We think decisions should be made in Alamo, not in Martinez You deserve access to local officials," said Vicki Koc, one of the seven members of the grassroots committee who organized and funded a financial feasibility study on Alamo incorporation.

Those opposed, however, said they feared Alamo would become a bureaucratic nightmare if it incorporated, with more rules and regulations. And some questioned what they would be getting that they aren't already.

"We chose to live in Alamo because we didn't like the setup in Danville ... Why do we need another bureaucracy? We don't," said Alamo resident Suzanne Thompson.

Incorporation supporters, however, said

bureaucracy at the county level is much worse—and is not in Alamo residents' best interest.

"There is nobody up here who is advocating more bureaucracy," said Kent Strazza, of the committee.



NATALIE O'NEILL

Bowlby talks to Alamo residents about the reasons for the community of Alamo to incorporate.

"A small bureaucracy is a hell of a lot better than the county bureaucracy we have today," another speaker agreed, citing the Humphrey Ranch as just one project in which residents felt they had no say.

The reason for this, they pointed out, is

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Weber neighbors sue Danville over environmental report

Lawsuit claims complete study is needed for 15-acre project

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

A group of 60 residents has filed a lawsuit that claims the Town of Danville allegedly violated a provision in a state environmental law.

Citizens for Civic Responsibility said that before the Danville Town Council gave the OK to develop the

15-acre Weber estate into homes, it first needed to do a comprehensive environmental study.

"The goal is to have an environmental impact report, and that's what the lawsuit is. It's based on the California Environmental Quality Act," said Kristin Trisko, a member of Citizens for Civic Responsibility. "It is legally the right thing to do."

"We are not saying to stop the development," she added.

The Danville Town Council approved the Weber project on

Blemer Road and Matadera Way, in April, for Davidon Homes to build 22 single-family houses on a 15-acre parcel. The proposal includes donating 3.7 acres to the town and removing 26 town-protected trees. The Planning Division is to monitor the tree removals, and construction activities must halt at 5 p.m.

At the April meeting, dozens of neighbors expressed their dissatisfaction over the development. They said the project would negatively impact the surrounding environ-

ment, increase traffic, bring flooding and affect their privacy.

Trisko said state law mandates the town has to conduct an environmental impact report (EIR) because there were conflicting expert reports about the project.

Restoration ecologist John Cain of the Natural Heritage Institute, which is the residents' hired expert group, found substantial evidence that the project could result in potentially significant environmental impacts on the estate. He added in a memo to the town that there

are wetlands on the property, which may be affected.

The Natural Heritage Institute is a non-government, nonprofit organization founded by conservation lawyers and scientists to restore and protect nature.

Town Attorney Rob Ewing agreed that state law says a town or any other legal agency authorized to approve a development must do an EIR if there are differing opinions from experts regarding a

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Trustees debate keeping school bus program

District transportation is operating in the red

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

The school bus may stop June 26. Trustees will decide on that day whether to keep buses in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District to transport students to and from school. It appears the majority of them feel it would be best to stop the program because it is losing money.

The district has three main bus transportation programs: special education, field trip, and home to school, which carries students to

and from school each day. Special education receives revenue annually of \$639,943; field trip, \$175,612; and home to school, \$191,901, said Mike Bush, district chief business officer.

But both special education and home to school programs operate at a loss, and home-to-school busing runs into the red at \$277,386 each year.

"I will not vote to continue the program at a deficit," said Trustee Joan Buchanan. "We do not have on-going funding sources for programs such as the Reading and Writing program or the science and math initiative."

"So while I support home-to-

school transportation in principle, as a trustee charged with making decisions for the entire district, I cannot vote to spend this money to supplement 1 percent of our population when the other programs benefit all students," she added.

Trustees Rachel Hurd and Paul Gardner also expressed discomfort over the program operating at a deficit, at a school board meeting last month.

"I view home-to-school transportation as something I'd love to offer," Gardner said. "I don't know if it's a top priority. We don't have the funding."

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JORDAN M. DORONILA

Due to financial constraints, the bus program in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District may be cancelled. Trustees will address the issue at their meeting June 26.



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Folks flock to Open Studios

Artist Tricia Grame explains her sculpture, XVIII in her Symbols in Stone Series, to visitors Diane and Jonathan Smith, who stopped in to view her art Sunday during the 2007 Open Studios tour held over the weekend. Grame has a doctorate in Integral Studies, specializing in Women's Spirituality, and her art celebrates the female.

The tour was a chance to meet artists in their homes and studios in Danville and Alamo, with part of the proceeds from purchases going to grants for art teachers in the school district.

Open Studios was an extraordinary success this year, spokeswoman Tracy Bauer said, noting the turnout was easily 10 times larger than previous years.

"People were coming out of the woodwork and the sales were unprecedented," she said.

Artists said they were pleased with the large, steady flow of visitors and noted many new local art collectors.

"I sold 16 paintings, which far exceeded my expectations," said artist Stephen Sanfilippo. "There was actually a line on Sunday to buy artwork."

School buses

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"I'd love to keep it, but I don't think we can afford it," he added.

"As I said repeatedly, I am in favor of continuing the district's home-to-school transportation if it can be self-supporting using the limited transportation funds received from the state and parent-paid fees," Hurd said. "I am not in favor of continuing to subsidize it because I feel strongly that the district has more important priorities that benefit all students."

However, trustees Bill Clarkson and Greg Marvel disagreed, and said they favor continuing the program.

"I do not favor discontinuing the bus routes," Clarkson said. "Yes, they lose money, but the problems we create in stopping them outweigh the costs."

Marvel echoed Clarkson's sentiment.

"I believe it's safer for the kids to get to school," Marvel said. "It helps eliminate congestion at school sites. I'd prefer kids on school buses than on sidewalks."

He also said using the profit earned from the field trip program will help offset the costs of home-to-school transportation.

Approximately 1,200 out of 25,000 in the district use the program. The following schools transport students on buses: Tassajara Hills, Rancho Romero and Sycamore Valley elementary schools; Stone Valley, Diablo Vista and Charlotte Wood middle schools; and Monte

Vista High School.

Several years ago, the state decided to stop funding the home-to-school busing. The district decided to keep the program by subsidizing it through parent fees, said district spokesman Terry Koehne. But it was not enough to cover the program's expenses.

Dozens of parents using the busing program have attended board meetings and met with district officials, urging them to keep it alive. Some expressed frustration with the district for not coming up with enough solutions if it takes the program away. They said it would be difficult for them to go to work and drop their children off at school. At times, meetings between parents and school officials regarding transportation have been contentious.

Bush said increasing fees is not enough to keep the program self-sufficient. Hurd noted only a small percentage of kids in the district are in the program and suggested meeting and working personally with the parents to answer their needs. In addition, carpools may be a viable option, she said.

The San Ramon Valley will receive around \$40 million from Measure J in 2009, which is funded by a house sales tax, to alleviate traffic. Hurd said the Town of Danville is interested in using Measure J funds to lessen congestion, and it also is considering using small buses to pick up students from school and senior citizens during the middle of the day.

Despite differing opinions on the board, the trustees and school officials agree the program is valuable. ■

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Hard work pays off for Monte Vista scientists

Li, Mei win awards at Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

by Jordan M. Daronila

Two seniors from Monte Vista High School in Danville won awards at the annual Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, which was held in Albuquerque on May 13-18.

This year's event drew 1,500 students from 50 countries with more than 1,200 projects to New Mexico. Approximately 26 to 28 percent of the participants won awards.

Monte Vista juniors Richard Li and Yuyang John Mei, who won the 2007 Tri-Valley Science & Engineering Fair sponsored by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in March, garnered several awards at the international event.

"The competition level is extremely (high)," said Patty Carothers, science teacher and coordinator of the Monte Vista science team. "I was very impressed.

I want to do anything I can do to encourage my kids to get to that level again and again."

Li won multiple awards for his project entitled "A Novel Approach to Rapid Diagnosis of Cancer," which explains how a protein could diagnose the disease.

He won a \$500 prize for best in a category; fourth place in chemistry; a \$100 award from the American Association for Clinical Chemistry; a \$5,000 annual tuition scholarship; a paid summer internship from the College of Pharmacy at Union University, N.Y.; and a \$120,000 tuition scholarship from Drexel University.

Mei received a paid summer internship sponsored by Agilent Technologies for his award-winning project called "A Novel Pathway for PTEN Chemo Sensitization," which unravels a protein to help fight cancer.

"Doors definitely opened for

these kids," Carothers said. "They worked very hard to get where they are."

"Their work ethic is fabulous," she added. "They have a knack for research. They're quite the pack-age."

The annual Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, now in its 58th year, brings together some of the world's most accomplished high school science students. The Livermore Lab sponsored Monte Vista's young scientists, said Carothers.

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Weber

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project. However, the expert studies must be of equal weight. And the ones done at the neighbors' request were not, he noted.

"It wasn't that we didn't think they weren't an expert," Ewing said. "They didn't spend as much time looking at the site."

"It was more that the folks whose expert opinions we were relying on had gone out and done detailed research and spent a lot of time onsite," he added.

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Control and Water Conservation District performed detailed studies on the estate and concluded the project would not cause any significant impacts. Davidon had to modify its project to be compatible with the neighborhood.

As a result of the town's findings, the council approved the project and approved a negative environmental declaration, which meant staff had done studies and an EIR was not needed.

"We did go through point by point," Ewing said. "We disagree that an EIR is required. We did look at all those issues and we did comply with CEQA. And we didn't think an EIR is required in

this case."

Lucille Weber, who still lives on the property, previously owned the 15-acre parcel. Her estate donated it to the Salvation Army, which subsequently sold the property to Davidon Homes. Weber, according to excerpts from her will submitted by neighbors, stated she wanted her property to remain as open space.

The Planning Commission unanimously gave its OK to Davidon's application in February after studies found the project would not endanger the red legged frog. Commissioners have said the project is well designed and follows the Danville 2010 General Plan. ■

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Down Mexico way

Bob and Janet Besse (at left) and Blair and Emily Akey, all of Alamo, enjoy their hometown reading on the veranda of Rio Vista Lodge in El Fuerte, Mexico, on their trip to Copper Canyon in October.

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Alamo deputies arrest man for crystal meth

Suspect was fidgety, sweaty and had a distinct odor

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Alamo deputies recently arrested a man in his mid-30s on High Eagle Road in Alamo on a charge of possession of 20 ounces of crystal methamphetamine—about the size of two fists.

Initially, the Sheriff's Department Valley Station in Alamo received reports of an unwanted guest from a woman who said her son was harassing her for money. He stole her cell phone and was high on speed, said Deputy Elmer Glasser, who responded to the call at noon on May 15.

"Her son lived in San Jose and came into Alamo to pressure her for money for drugs," Glasser said.

An older brother then stepped in, told him to leave the house, and he fled the scene. But in the haste of leaving, he forgot a baggie of crystal meth that Alamo deputies found upon arrival.

Later, when the subject returned to the house to get the drugs, the mother called 911 and Glasser responded.

"We were playing a cat-and-mouse game," Glasser said. "He showed up to get the baggie he left behind ... and a guy like that is bound to be carrying more."

The son was fidgety, sweaty and had a distinct odor, which led deputies to believe he was under the influ-

ence. Glasser then saw him reach into his coat pocket and believed he was grabbing a weapon.

"Meth makes you violent and paranoid—those don't mix," he explained.

But when Glasser restrained him, he found no weapon. Instead, he located fistfuls of a substance that looked like "rock salt." He then arrested him.

The woman said she loved her son and wanted him to recover, but that she called because she feared for her own safety.

"This was her baby son and she wanted to help him. She told me it's a sad day when you're afraid of you own son," Glasser said. ■

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county officials can only do so much for Alamo. They serve a large region and are expected to give time and attention to the whole geographical area.

The rupture between those in support and those opposed to incorporation was based largely on how satisfied or unsatisfied residents felt with county services.

"The kind of response we've gotten from the county again and again has been less than pleasing," said Alamo Oaks resident Charles Jarrett.

Jarrett, who is active in the Alamo Improvement Association, asked the audience members if they were happy with the services they had received from the county, prompting a loud and conflicted answer.

"No!" "Yes!" "No!" audience members responded simultaneously.

Bruce Marhenke, who has lived in Alamo for over 45 years, has started Alamo-based newspapers, and has been principal at schools in Alamo, said in his experience county representatives have been effective but that projects could have been completed faster.

Initially, going into the meeting, he was against incorporation, but now he says he has an open mind.

"If you have been here 30-plus years, the county has done a pretty good job ... but that's not to say things can't be improved," he said.

But county officials running the show have no real ties or connections to Alamo, said David Bowlby, who helped fund the feasibility study and serves on the San Ramon Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Now, with the Planning Commission "on the chopping block," important planning decisions may be completely up to the county in the future, Bowlby said.

"If (the planning commission) goes away, there will be no more forum," he said.

This is particularly questionable, given the changes that have been popping up in Alamo in the last few

years, including an increase in huge hillside homes, an OK'd YMCA off Danville Boulevard, and the Humphrey project that resulted in a parking lot across the street from Monte Vista High School, residents said.

"If you have been here 30-plus years, the county has done a pretty good job ... but that's not to say things can't be improved."

—Bruce Marhenke

Aside from planning and development issues, others wondered whether the area has enough property tax and sales tax revenue to keep itself afloat.

But EPS research managing principal Walter F. Kieser, who provided a summaries and revenue expenses report, indicated the study was conservative and that inflation is factored into both the revenue and expenses.

The study shows that annual rev-

enue would be about \$7.5 million, while expenses would be about \$7.2 million for the new town or city. No new taxes would be needed.

Some expressed concern about the few that incorporation would leave in the dust.

"Is there anyone with an Alamo ZIP code or an Alamo address that's going to be excluded from the incorporation process, and what's being done to protect them?" asked Alamo resident Gary Holtzer.

Members of the ad-hoc group said there would be a small number of residents on the Danville-Alamo border who did not have a 94507 ZIP code that would be excluded. The committee is looking into the details.

Fundraising will now begin as a next step and a petition will be circulated that must be signed by 25 percent of registered voters in Alamo to put incorporation on the ballot.

Incorporation must gain a 50 percent vote from residents and be approved by the county's Local Agency Formation Commission, LAFCO, which is charged with preventing the formation of non-viable cities. Incorporation would likely not be realistic before summer 2009.

To view the graphic map and the study, visit www.alamoinc.org. ■

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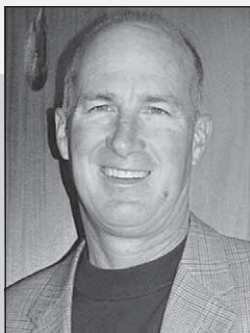
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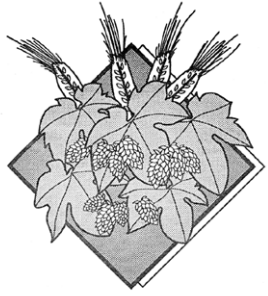
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The history of—you



Everyone has a history. Maybe Alexander the Great makes a better movie than you do, but I'll bet your personal history would make better reading for your children and grandchildren.

Leslie Rupley is in the business of preserving personal histories. She said her clients are usually people who have elderly parents and, as they watch them age, they become frantic about preserving their knowledge.

Once she sits down with the subjects, they may have to be convinced their stories are important.

"They often say, 'What do I have to tell?'" Leslie told me over coffee at Yellow Wood in Alamo last week. "I have to convince them of the richness of their family stories."

This is where her interviewing skills come in, as she coaxes them along in sharing memories of their early lives, during four to 10 hours of interviewing and recording. First they fill out a biography form. Then she asks what they might like to see in their story.

She recalled speaking to one woman who was reticent. She asked where she went to school, and the woman answered simply: "PS 190." So she asked if she had

a favorite teacher. With that, the woman began to recall her school days, what the classroom looked like and her memories of being a student 80 years ago.

"These are the pieces that make their stories rich—the sights, the sounds," Leslie said.

She returns again and again to develop the relationship, and this break gives the subject time to think of more to share. A person may tell her about doing something they always regretted but looking back they can see it turned out beautifully and they feel a sense of resolution.

"It's an opportunity to reflect on their life," Leslie said. "It's a type of therapy."

When people talk about their past, she also gets them to put it into a larger perspective, asking, "What would that mean for your grandchildren? What would you like them to know about you and your beliefs?"

Next, Leslie assembles the fragments into something cohesive, which reflects the individual life as well as records the history of the era. For each interview hour, there is another 20 hours of work, she estimates. She must decide how best to tell the story—chron-

ologically? In flashbacks? Each one is different, written in the first person.

"That's the art of what I do," she said. "After each session I read it over and go back and think about what were the turning points."

Leslie and I are about the same age and we began to discuss our era—our '50s childhoods, the arrival of television, the '60s and the Vietnam War. We both took our first airplane flight at age 21 and recalled donning skirts, nylon stockings and high heels for the occasion. She recalled the little packets of cigarettes handed out by the stewardesses. Now that's history!

Leslie's been involved with personal and organization history for 14 years, and when she retired as a school administrator in September, she started LTR Productions. She honed many of her skills coaching teachers and principals, as well as writing and editing. As her son told her, "It's the perfect new career for such a nosy person."

She said that as an educator she witnessed the importance of children knowing about their pasts.

"A child without a legacy has a real lack," she told me. A child who knows the family's past is "confi-

dent to go forward in life."

In the fall, Leslie attended the annual conference of the Association of Personal Histories in Portland. She also trained in oral history through San Francisco Performing Arts Library and Museum, and took part in its Legacy Project to preserve the lives of Bay Area artists. Her subject was ballet dancer Lareen Fender, now 71. Leslie had studied ballet under Lareen and after the project she produced a book for the family, hardbound with photographs.

The personal histories can take many forms. They can cost from a few hundred dollars to several thousand, depending on whether the family wants an oral memoir or an elegantly bound heirloom legacy book. One couple wanted their story recorded on their 50th wedding anniversary as a present to their children and grandchildren. Sometimes grown children will each contribute funds to the project.

To learn more, call Leslie at 934-8307 or e-mail leslie2745@astound.net. First thing you know, you'll be telling her all about yourself.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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POLICE BULLETIN

Robbers hold Alamo gas station clerk at gunpoint

Two serial robbers held a clerk at gunpoint, demanded cash, then ordered him to the floor last week at the Shell gas station on Danville Boulevard and Stone Valley Road in Alamo.

The suspects, who had robbed a Chevron clerk in San Ramon about 45 minutes before, parked their vehicle on a nearby side street and made off on foot with an undisclosed amount of money. They then

fled onto the freeway at 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 25, in what officers believe to be a late 1990s white GMC extra cab truck.

"They walked in like regular customers and left very quickly," said Alamo Deputy Elmer Glasser.

An officer was parked at a business across the street, but the suspects did not see him and he did not see the suspects, Glasser said. After receiving a call, police responded in minutes, setting up a perimeter search of the area.

Police say the suspects were in their 20s,

black and Hispanic males, 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches, wearing black hooded sweatshirts and jeans. They used a handgun and are believed to have committed numerous Bay Area robberies.

Robberies are common in businesses close to the freeway because it offers a quick escape route, Glasser said. Surveillance cameras are crucial for these businesses, he said, along with employee knowledge of what to do.

"In a situation like this, not being a hero but being a great witness is the best thing

you can do for community safety and your own safety," Glasser said.

Witnesses are urged to stay calm, follow directions and note the criminal's description.

"You can always go back and redeem money through insurance, but if someone gets hurt or killed, you can't get that person back," Glasser said.

The suspects were caught on camera and the case is under investigation at a county level.

—Natalie O'Neill

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, May 27

- * Vandalism on La Questa Dr. at 4:10 a.m.
- * Commercial burglary on Hartz Ave. at 8:12 a.m.
- * Vandalism on Del Amigo Rd. at 12:42 p.m.
- * Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Crow Canyon Rd. and El Capitan Dr. at 12:51 p.m.
- * Petty theft from vehicle on Holbrook Dr. at 7:52 p.m.

Tuesday, May 29

- * Vandalism on Hartz Ave. at 3:27 p.m.
- * Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 3:31 p.m.
- * Drugs violation on Lehigh Valley Cir. at 7:48 p.m.
- * Custody order violation on Hill Meadow Pl. at 9:33 p.m.
- * Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Sunshine Cir. at 11:07 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30

- * Misdemeanor hit-and-run on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:33 a.m.
- * Petty theft on Railroad Ave. at 9:20 a.m.
- * Miscellaneous burglary on Camino Amigo at 1:00 p.m.
- * Burglary on Turrini Cir. at 1:13 p.m.
- * Petty theft, shoplift, on Fostoria Way at 2:04 p.m.
- * Weapon on school grounds on Stone Valley Rd. at 2:50 p.m.
- * Forgery of fraudulent documents on Tunbridge Rd. at 3:00 p.m.
- * Accident, property damage, on Greenbrook Dr. and northbound I-680 at 4:22 p.m.
- * Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Camino Tassajara at 4:41 p.m.
- * Petty theft on Town and Country Dr. at 7:31 p.m.
- * Public nuisance on Blackstone Ct. at 8:31 p.m.
- * Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara at 10:14 p.m.

- * Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Camino Tassajara at 4:41 p.m.
- * Petty theft on Town and Country Dr. at 7:31 p.m.
- * Public nuisance on Blackstone Ct. at 8:31 p.m.
- * Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara at 10:14 p.m.

Thursday, May 31

- * Warrant on Bobbie Ct. at 8:47 a.m.
- * Petty theft from vehicle on Contada Cir. at 1:19 p.m.
- * Auto burglary on Serene Ct. at 1:24 p.m.
- * Battery on Brookside Dr. at 4:11 p.m.

- * Alcohol intoxicated subject on Mustang Dr. at 6:47 p.m.
- * Auto burglary on El Capitan Dr. at 7:32 p.m.
- * Accident, property damage, on Greenbrook Dr. and Harlan Dr. at 10:29 p.m.

Friday, June 1

- * DUI, arrest, on Hartz Ave. at 1:24 a.m.
- * Suspicious circumstances on Matadera Cir. at 5:27 a.m.
- * Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Harlan Dr. at 10:19 a.m.
- * Petty theft on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 12:26 p.m.
- * Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. at 12:45 p.m.
- * Petty theft on Love Ln. at 12:59 p.m.
- * Petty theft on Squirrel Ridge Way at 4:00 p.m.
- * Auto burglary on Camion Ramon at 7:59 p.m.
- * Drunk in public on Love Ln. at 8:44 p.m.

Saturday, June 2

- * Party disturbance on Linda Mesa Ave. at 1:36 a.m.
- * Defrauding innkeeper on Camino Ramon at 7:30 a.m.
- * Misdemeanor hit-and-run on

- Railroad Ave. at 11:05 a.m.
- * Auto burglary on Valley Creek Ln. at 12:54 p.m.
- * Auto burglary on Linda Mesa Ave. at 5:04 p.m.
- * Malicious telephone calls on Montecito Dr. at 6:14 p.m.

- * Accident, property damage, on Railroad Ave. at 7:08 p.m.
- * Party disturbance on Pulido Rd. at 11:28 p.m.
- * Party disturbance on Alicante Dr. and El Capitan Dr. at 11:43 p.m.

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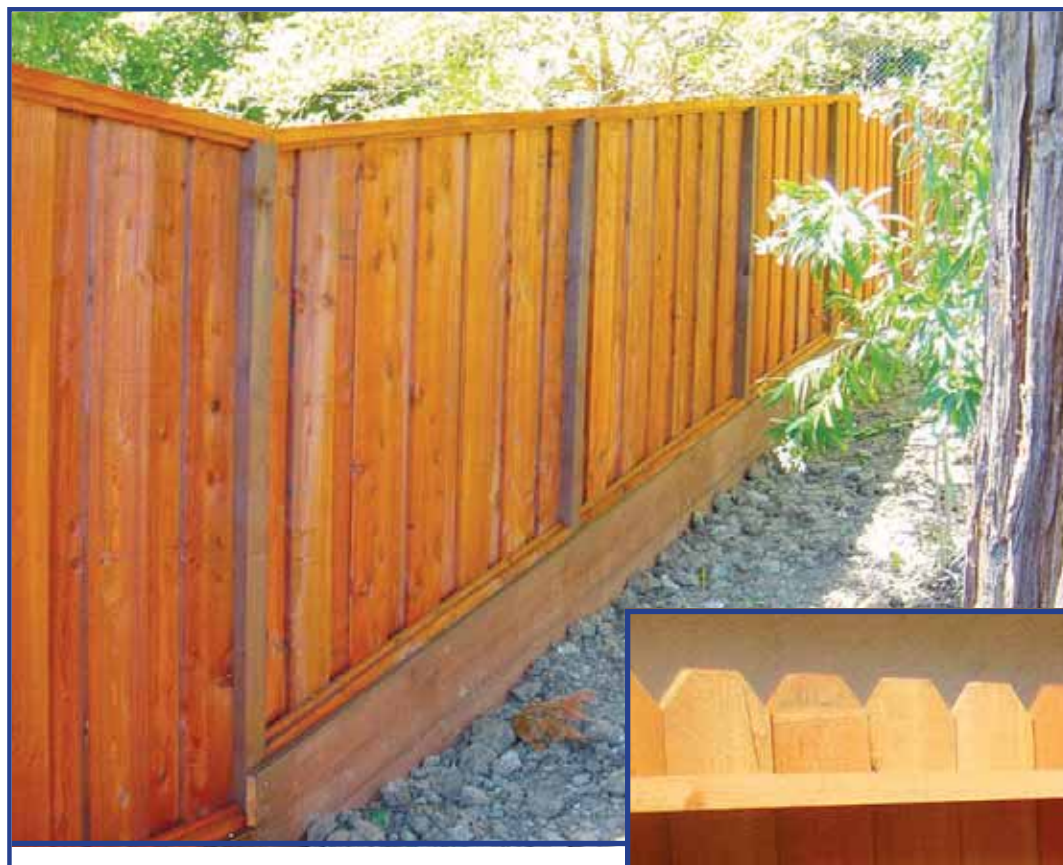
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Alamo eyes cityhood

Alamo has stepped up its movement toward incorporation just as Danville is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a town. The unincorporated area has been rife with private meetings of insiders devising the best way to achieve independence from the county, as one unpopular decision after another was foisted upon them. Just as planning issues were the driving force behind Danville's incorporation, many Alamo residents are tired of decisions about their community being made at the county level by five supervisors who do not live anywhere near the San Ramon Valley, much less Alamo.

At the Alamo incorporation public meeting held last week, some of the residents who objected to cityhood seemed to have the wrong impression of what incorporation would mean, saying they liked Alamo's rural setting and lack of lights and sidewalks, and they didn't want to be like Danville. Making Alamo a city would not turn it into a duplicate of Danville. It would be up to the elected leaders of the new municipality to make these decisions.

The main question is whether Alamo has the financial means to be self-supporting. The study financed by private parties seems to indicate it does, showing annual revenue at \$7.5 million, and expenses around \$7.2 million. Money, in addition to planning issues, has been another impetus for backers of incorporation who say they are tired of Alamo's money going to other parts of the county.

Would a city of Alamo have allowed the YMCA facilities beginning construction off Danville Boulevard? What about those huge houses on the hills near Stone Valley Road at I-680? Or the parking lot across the street from Monte Vista High School? Perhaps these projects would have been allowed, although some Alamo residents were passionately against them. But at least the decisions would have been made in Alamo by people with only its interests at heart.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About those gas prices

Dear Editor:

Sticking to my New Year's resolution, and your editorial policy of comment affecting the Danville area, it seems timely and local to comment on the spike in gasoline prices.

Our residents are disproportionately active or retired members of petroleum companies, and they maintain the spike in price obeys the law of supply and demand. Other Danville commuters accuse oil companies of price gouging.

A review of this legendary business may shed light on the truth. ExxonMobil, and Chevron, the No. 1 and No. 2 multi-national oils, locally represented, have a common origin in the Standard Oil Rockefeller Trust broken up in 1911. The former, you may remember, once had the name Esso, the latter, Standard Oil (California) after the break-up. The history of

Esso, the largest piece of the fragmented Trust, has a particularly legendary history.

Many remember Esso's slogan, "Put a Tiger in your Tank." Few remember the previous mascot of Esso before the Tiger was the Bee. This mascot derived from the names of domestic refineries, starting chronologically with Bayonne, and then Bayway, both in N.J., followed by the Baton Rouge, La., and then the Baytown, Texas, refineries. The last refinery built in the USA, in early 1980s, was in Benicia. Note that all Esso refineries named began with a B, hence the Bee mascot. From this came the consumer cry, "Those Esso Bees are gouging us again!"

Environmentalism poses this dilemma: "What should Danvillites do seeing a protected animal eating a protected plant?"

Ralph Hoffmann, Danville

Transitions

OBITUARIES • BIRTHS • WEDDINGS

William Allen Morse

William Allen Morse, a resident of Danville, passed away May 10.

He was born June 15, 1927, in Miami, Fla. He graduated from the University of Miami with a doctorate in law. He served in the Coast Guard from 1944-46 and in the Army from 1955-57. He practiced law in Miami and then moved West to assist with the development of Blackhawk. He enjoyed golf and good friends.

He was the beloved husband of Helene Bo Morse, and treasured son-in-law of Clifford and Helene Kohlweck.

A celebration of his life was held June 5 at the Blackhawk Museum. The family requests donations be made to the Rotary Foundation in his memory to Kilmer and Associates, c/o Rotary International, 1234 Travis Blvd. #A, Fairfield 94533.

Frans Gerrit Jan Speets

Alamo resident Frans Gerrit Jan Speets, 63, passed away May 15 in Alamo after a long and difficult battle against cancer, with his wife Rocio by his side.

He was born in Hilversum, The Netherlands, on Oct. 3, 1943. He was educated in the Netherlands and served as a lieutenant in the Royal Dutch Army after completing his university studies.

In 1972 he joined Kaiser Aluminum Corp. in San Francisco, where he pioneered world-wide trading in several bulk commodity chemicals, specializing in liquid caustic soda, a primary building block for much of the world's commercial chemistry. He received an MBA degree while studying at night during his tenure at Kaiser. In 1975, he was recruited by Holland Chemical International and moved to Houston, Texas, where he was promoted to vice president.

He left Holland Chemical International in 1983 and began building businesses in chemical trading, manufacturing and distribution. He founded Grupo Transmerquim in late 1983, which is today one of the leading chemical distribution companies in Latin America with 32 locations and 15 countries; in 1988 he purchased the chlor-alkali manufacturing plants of Stauffer Chemical Co., a company known today as Pioneer Americas, one of North America's leading manufacturers of chlorine, caustic soda and related products.

In 1997, he retired from daily operational management of his business interests, and in recent years, he divided his time among family life; travel with his wife Rocio; a number of real estate development projects in the United States and abroad; and the guidance of Grupo Transmerquim through a period of rapid growth

and change. He served as Grupo Transmerquim's chairman of the board for 24 years.

He is survived by his wife Rocio; his children Mark and Carla, and Michael and Paulina; four grandchildren; brothers Rainer and Eric; his sister Eline; and beloved Jack Russell Terrier, Chiquita.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated May 21 at St. Isidore's Church in Danville and he was laid to rest at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette.

Anne Marie 'Re' Bonnel

Anne Marie "Re" Bonnel, former resident of Danville, passed away in her sleep May 15 in Elk Grove at the age of 74.

She was born Sept. 2, 1932, to William and Elaine Crosson in Oakland. She attended Presentation High School in San Francisco and graduated from College of the Holy Names in Oakland with a master's in early childhood education. She married husband John W. "Jack"

Bonnel in 1955. They had six children.

In the 1960s, her family moved several times throughout the country for her husband's job, but her heart always remained in California where she returned to live in 1973. She lived in both Southern and Northern California. She dabbled in modeling but her passion for children drew her into teaching.

She taught "Mommy and Me" classes as well as preschool and elementary grades. She also developed curriculum and administered preschool programs. And she volunteered for ESL programs, Catholic education programs, community programs and literacy programs throughout her life.

She was predeceased by her husband in 2002, and by her younger brother Richard "Dick" Crosson in 2006. She is survived by her six children and their families, including 16 grandchildren.

A Catholic Burial Mass was celebrated May 19 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Oakland,

followed by burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. Contributions in the name of Re Bonnel may be made to Bay Area Crisis Nursery, 1506 Mendocino Drive, Concord 94521.

Joyce L. Damé

Joyce L. Damé, 84, died May 25 in her Danville home at the age of 84.

She was born Feb. 21, 1923, in Dill City, Okla., and graduated from Wooster High School in Reno, Nev. She was the owner of two dress stores, Joyce Fashions in Sacramento and Joyce Fashions in Lafayette. She especially loved painting, gardening and cooking. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Sacramento, and was a 13-year resident of Danville.

She is survived by her son Rick Damé and his wife Jennifer of Danville; two granddaughters and one grandson; sister Betty Burton and her husband Don of Port Orchard, Wash.; and many nieces

and nephews.

Memorial Services were held May 31 at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville. Memorial contributions are preferred to American Cancer Society, 1885 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill 94523.

Geraldine A. 'G-ma' Slocum

Danville resident Geraldine A. Slocum passed away May 20 at the age of 76.

She is survived by her children, John Slocum, Carol Whitaker and Laurie Slocum; son-in-law Rick Whitaker and daughter-in-law Lindy Slocum; and two granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orval Slocum.

A celebration of her life was held at the Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Hayward on May 25.

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Anna Rose Betters

Anna Rose Betters passed away at the age of 95 sitting peacefully in her wheelchair with her daughter and son-in-law at her side in their home in Danville on May 21.

She was born into the Massucco family on May 14, 1912, in Fresno. She was a beautician and owned many beauty shops, dress shops and boutiques including Betters Beauty Shop in Madera. Her husband Walter Betters was a partner in Valley Feed and Fuel and Valley Wholesale Building Materials in Madera.

She lived for a long time in Rio Del Mar in Aptos by Santa Cruz, and enjoyed sailing, playing bridge, cooking Italian food and traveling, and for a period of time taught dance at Arthur Murray. She moved to Danville three years ago to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Ronn O'Connor.

She is survived by Beverly and Ronn; two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated May 26 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Danville with a graveside ceremony May 30 at the Calvary Cemetery in Madera. Donations can be made to the priestly order of the Oblates of St. Joseph, at 544 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz 95060, which includes a member of the Massucco family.

ing golf, going on cruises, photography and watching football and baseball on his big screen television.

He was a beloved husband of Poying, and loving father of Eugenia, Regina and Stella.

A memorial service was held May 31 at Inspiration Chapel in Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette.

Scott Watson

Scott Watson, a Danville resident, 53, lost his battle with cancer on May 24 after a year-long fight.

He was born July 25, 1953. He was a concrete contractor in the Danville and Auburn areas, and when not working, he was always looking for a golf game or a place to ride his Harley. He was a giving person who did not hesitate to donate a kidney to his sister Lori. He raised his two daughters alone and struggled to live to see his daughter Shannon graduate with a master's degree from Chico State six days before he died.

He was preceded in death by his brother Tad, and sister Lori. He is survived by his two daughters, Shannon and Stacy; one grandchild; his loving companion and best friend, Toni Rossi; his parents, Marvin and Shirley Watson; brothers Mike, Kirk and Jeff; sisters-in-law Karen and Gail; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held June 2 at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville. Donations made in his memory to Snowline Hospice, 455 Placerville Drive, Placerville 95667.

Chii Yuh Chern

Chii Yuh Chern, 68, a resident of Danville, passed away May 23.

He was born June 25, 1938, in Taipei, Taiwan, the fourth of nine children. He graduated from National Taiwan University in 1961, then came to the United States in 1964 and obtained a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in the field of mechanical engineering in 1971. He worked for 35 years as an engineer with Bechtel Corp. in the nuclear industry and never missed a day of work.

He was, above all else, a dedicated husband, father and friend. He married Poying married in Berkeley in 1967 and settled in Contra Costa County to raise three daughters in Moraga and Danville. He loved play-

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Today Manteca, tomorrow Fenway

Tassajara Valley Junior Leaguers playing in Boston's Fenway Park? Well, not exactly, but it felt that way to the boys. In front of the famed "green monster" left field wall at the look-alike youth-sized version of Fenway Park at the Big League Dreams fields in Manteca, Tassajara Gold pitcher Michael Hernbroth lets a fastball fly in a game against Fresno West on May 20. Supporting Hernbroth are shortstop Jimmie Roth and left fielder Cody Chavarria. Despite striking out six Fresno batters and allowing just one hit, the Gold dropped a 4-3 squeaker on an unearned run in the last inning.

Black Cat ready to pounce

Meghan Moeller of the Black Cats faces the Red Hots in a game of the San Ramon Valley Girls Athletic League under 6 division. The SRVGAL was formed in 1974 to offer a competitive softball program to girls ages 5 to 18.



JEFFREY WEIL

Little League, big playoffs

At the San Ramon Valley Little League playoff game May 29, Yankee Ramin Sartip throws to first baseman Jordan Weil for an out against the Cardinals, who beat the Yankees 8-4, led by coach Russ Cox. Above right, Max Phillips makes a flyball catch with the umpire looking on. Left, David Rajeski slides into third base as Cardinals third baseman Matthew Schumann catches the ball for an out.



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25 years ago, activists worked hard to incorporate the Town of Danville

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

A McDonald's in Danville's classy new Livery and Mercantile? This proposal in the late 1970s struck horror into the hearts of residents.

Add to that the new three-story Diablo Bank, rising like a sore thumb on Diablo Road and Rose Street amid the picturesque one-story businesses in the Old Town area.

People feared what the county Board of Supervisors might approve next for Danville, and members of the Danville Association were ready to undertake the massive effort to become independent.

Incorporation had been voted on four times already, an attempt to combine just Danville and Alamo in 1964, and proposing a valley-wide city in 1967, 1973 and 1976.

"The Danville Association was created after the failed 1976 incorporation effort," recalled Beverly Lane, its first president. "It was a homeowners and business owners association."

Planning for Danville

The group was single-minded in its dedication to orderly planning for Danville, Lane explained, as well as preserving its natural beauty.

"As soon as we were organized, the county told developers they had to go through the Danville Association," Lane said. "We committed ourselves to not being a totally 'no' organization, but to do what was best for the future of Danville."

Danville Association members fought to stop the invasion of the golden arches, and in their victory realized they could make a difference. At the same time, in 1978, California voters passed Proposition 13, which put a cap on property taxes, thereby putting to rest fears that a new city would impose more taxes.

Proponents of incorporation suspected that tax money from Danville was being spent by the county in other places. Also they felt land use issues could best be handled by local residents and that an incorporated Danville could provide better parks, planning and police services. Danville residents were being served at the time by 13 special districts, with individually elected boards, and by seven county service areas. Although previous broader incorporation efforts had failed, now Danville residents were ready to go it alone.

"It was apparent to us we needed to create a geographic area that just involved the area that people associated with Danville," recalled Dick McNeely, an attorney who was the second president of the Danville Association. "One of the reasons it failed before was nobody wanted to give up their local autonomy."

"Danville was blessed with great representatives through the years but the system was off," he added. "It made no sense that people living in the rest of Contra Costa County had more to say about what was going on in Danville than I did."

Huge tasks lay ahead: A feasibility study was needed; the Local Agency Formation Commission, LAFCO, had to be convinced to give its blessing to the endeavor; and final boundaries had to be established for the new town.

"LAFCO's role is to prevent small districts and non-viable cities from being created," Lane explained. "The executive director said he would never approve Danville, so we went to the commission members."

The Danville Incorporation Study Group was formed in April 1980 to undertake the mission. It comprised 14 residents

with experience on local commissions and associations.

"People will probably appreciate how exciting it was," McNeely said. "Everybody was pushing hard to achieve the right results, so it didn't seem like work at all."

There was a discussion over whether to call Danville a town or a city.

"Legally there is no difference but it was the committee's desire to indicate the small-town character we wanted to preserve," recalled Lane. "It was a very brief discussion."

Setting the boundaries

McNeely was instrumental in determining the boundaries for the new town of Danville. The study group started with streets in the Danville ZIP code, 94526.

"One of the fights was whether to include Sycamore Valley," McNeely said. "It was another compromise we had to make with the Board of Supervisors, that we would not disturb the county's plan already adopted. We inherited that and had to oversee the build-out."

"It was not that easy to draw a line around the town," McNeely added. "We were approached by people around the periphery who wanted to join us, and by others from the same neighborhoods who didn't. The decisions were based on a lot of things, and a lot were raw politics."

He explained that because they were anticipating a close election, they drew boundaries to include neighborhoods friendly to the incorporation efforts. Blackhawk and several properties on the north end of Danville were left out for this reason.

"We met with the Blackhawk folks," McNeely recalled, noting that some wanted to join Danville while others did not.

"A lot of services we were providing through other means," he said. "The streets were not public anyway, and they had police protection... They achieved a new designation—unincorporated urban area—and a sign at the border that says, 'Blackhawk.'"



Superior Court Judge Max Wilcox Jr. swears in the first council members for Danville (l-r) Mayor John May, Beverly Lane and Judge Max Wilcox Jr. The Danville logo with the tree was designed for the 1982 campaign to incorporate the town with Measure B, with their own purposes (lower right).

The study group found that some people on the border with a San Ramon ZIP code felt they were in Danville, and these streets were added.

"Their mail didn't change for years," said McNeely. "We had help from Congress; it was a big project to make that happen."

The feasibility of a town

A 68-page feasibility study completed in May 1981 outlined the incorporation proposal, the services the city would provide, and the projected revenues and expenditures for its first full year of operation.

Beverly Lane wrote the feasibility study with research help from volunteers Gay Wyne, Candace Snyder, Chris Winter, George Filice, Bill Highfield, Don Sledge, Susanna Schlendorf, Ken Samuels and McNeely. The study stated the proposed town of Danville could finance government services, and it cited reasons to allow its residents to vote on incorporation.

The committee, with help from Supervisor Eric Hasseltine, convinced the Board of Supervisors to put incorporation on the ballot without having to go through the exhausting petition process that had been used for the other efforts.

Committee members also persuaded the five LAFCO commissioners that Danville would be a viable town. LAFCO executive officer Dewey Mansfield finally recommended the



S DESTINY



ly Lane, Dick McNeely, Susanna Schlendorf and Doug Offenhartz at their first meeting July 1, 1982. permission given only to the supporters to use it (see lower left); opponents revised the design for

vote although he added in his report that Danville should be the only city in the valley; he wanted San Ramon and Alamo to join Danville at a later date for what he saw as a better financed valley-wide incorporation. In reality, San Ramon was about eight months behind Danville in its own incorporation efforts and, indeed, used the argument that Danville had been allowed to incorporate, so why not San Ramon?

LAFCO approved the proposal Dec. 9, 1981, and the Board of Supervisors set the election for June 8, 1982. Both sides got to work.

The election—Yes on Measure B

The first town council election was also on the June 8 ballot, with 12 candidates who filed for the five seats. The incorporation vote was labeled Measure B.

The Danville logo with an oak tree bordered by an arch over the name Danville was designed by Howard Fites who worked for Jim Eastman at Eastman Printing; he said it could only be used by the supporters of incorporation. After the election, the town adopted the logo.

“One thing we did was to agree it would not be a huge sign campaign,” McNeely said. “We decided signs people used were not informative. All they do is make Danville look ugly, and we didn’t think that was a good way to begin a new town.”

Opponents organized under the name The People Against Incorporation of Danville. Their main argument was that city-

hood would add another layer of govern-

ment plus they feared council members would become corrupt. They believed the new city would only actually receive about 60 percent of the \$4.4 million in tax revenues being predicted by the backers of incorporation.

“Then the Saturday before the election, they put up thousands of signs that said, ‘NO INC,’” McNeely recalled. “People aware of the sign ban were angry with the anti-incorporation campaign. Many people attribute our success to a backlash.”

Now he observes there is something to be said for having signs after all. “They remind people there’s something out there to study,” he said, plus add an element of excitement to an election.

Meanwhile the 12 candidates walked the town, educating people about the value of incorporation as well as their own worth. They handed out white pencils with green lettering and the Danville logo, as well as orange balloons with green letters.

“All of us were optimistic, perhaps a little naive, thinking it would be easier,” Lane said. “There is always a huge group saying this isn’t a political campaign, it’s an education campaign. They wanted information to be put out there as opposed to it being an emotional issue.”

The results are in

The pro-incorporation forces gathered at Dick McNeely’s house to wait for the election results on the evening of June 8, recalled Susanna Schlendorf, who ran for council.

“It took a very long time, of course, late into the night,” she recalled. “It went back and forth. It was not a slam dunk.”

Finally they found out they were victorious, and elected council members were John May (5,402 votes), Lane (5,182), McNeely (4,520), Schlendorf (4,311), and Doug Offenhartz (3,254).

“We were both exhausted and jubilant at the same time,” Schlendorf remembered. “We knew we had a lot of work

to do.”

Out of 16,936 registered voters, 10,923 went to the polls with 5,809 voting yes and 4,952 voting no.

The new Danville Town Council was installed July 1, 1982, with John May, 63, sworn in as mayor. The meeting took place at the Education Center on Old Orchard Road, with a large crowd in attendance. County Supervisor Robert Schroder opened the meeting by declaring, “The first meeting of the Town of Danville will come to order.”

The Rev. Martin Werfelmann of Immanuel Lutheran Church led a prayer and noted that it was a time for healing the divisions the race had caused. Superior Court Judge Max Wilcox Jr. administered the oath of office to the new council members, and Schroder presented them to the audience who burst out in an ovation.

“The installation was hilarious,” Lane remembered, holding a program of the event with the signatures of all five new council members. “None of us expected people to come up with their program and have us autograph it.”

Offenhartz, 34, who placed fifth in the voting, only 76 votes ahead of Al Guzman, removed his

coat, necktie and shirt to reveal a T-shirt, reading, “I may be No. 5 but I’ll try harder.”

People were delighted to find out in the ensuing months that the new council members returned their phone calls, Lane said. But they had to make some decisions that were not easy for longtime residents.

“Extending Railroad Avenue to San Ramon Valley Boulevard was a difficult decision,” she said. “We went through the Danville Lumber Co. on the corner.”

That also meant eliminating the crossroads of Hartz and Love Lane, which upset people who liked having the signs together reading “Love” and “Hartz.”

“People used to have their pictures taken under it,” Lane recalled.

Lane, who is also on the board of the East Bay Regional Park District and curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, said she regrets that two historic buildings were not saved—the old Duane Elliott house on Prospect, and a building with a false front from the 1920s on Hartz Avenue.

“But good things were going on that I’m very happy with,” she added. “The fact we are doing well and providing services is a credit to the stewardship of the councils.”

“Danville is far more successful than we ever dreamed,” said McNeely, who was 33 when the town was incorporated. “We were very conservative in our income projection and rather liberal in expenses. We were very concerned about this thing we were working so hard on, concerned if it ended up an economic disaster.”

He said they only provided for police and parks, not envisioning a leisure services division or public works.

“Shortly after incorporation, California changed one of the formulas that funded cities,” he explained. “Our (income projections) were based on the old formulas.”

Offenhartz had favored incorporating the entire San Ramon Valley or at least Danville and San Ramon, as one city that was more efficient and less parochial, but he concedes now that perhaps he was being unrealistic.

“I regret that the differences between the two communities have strengthened as a result of the separate incorporation campaigns, but that may have been unavoidable,” he said.

He recalled the early days of cityhood as a fun time.

“There was a strong sense of camaraderie and shared purpose to do the best possible work with our egos set aside,” he said.

He recalled the first town manager, George Gaekle, guiding them along the way.

“Things were very hands on, as we drafted ordinances that were cut and pasted from those adopted by other cities,” he said.

He also recalled that they mainly appointed the well known activists to commissions and committees, and perhaps gave a cliquish impression.

Schlendorf, who was 36 at the time of the election, said incorporation insured that Danville became the special place it is today.

“Of course none of us knew that this many people would gravitate to the area,” she said. “But I would have expected nothing less than that the community looks just the way it looks—so many services for the people and to have the sense of place that it has.”

“I am very proud to have been a part of the incorporation and a part of the community,” said Schlendorf. “I consider that to be one of my greatest accomplishments, without question.” ■

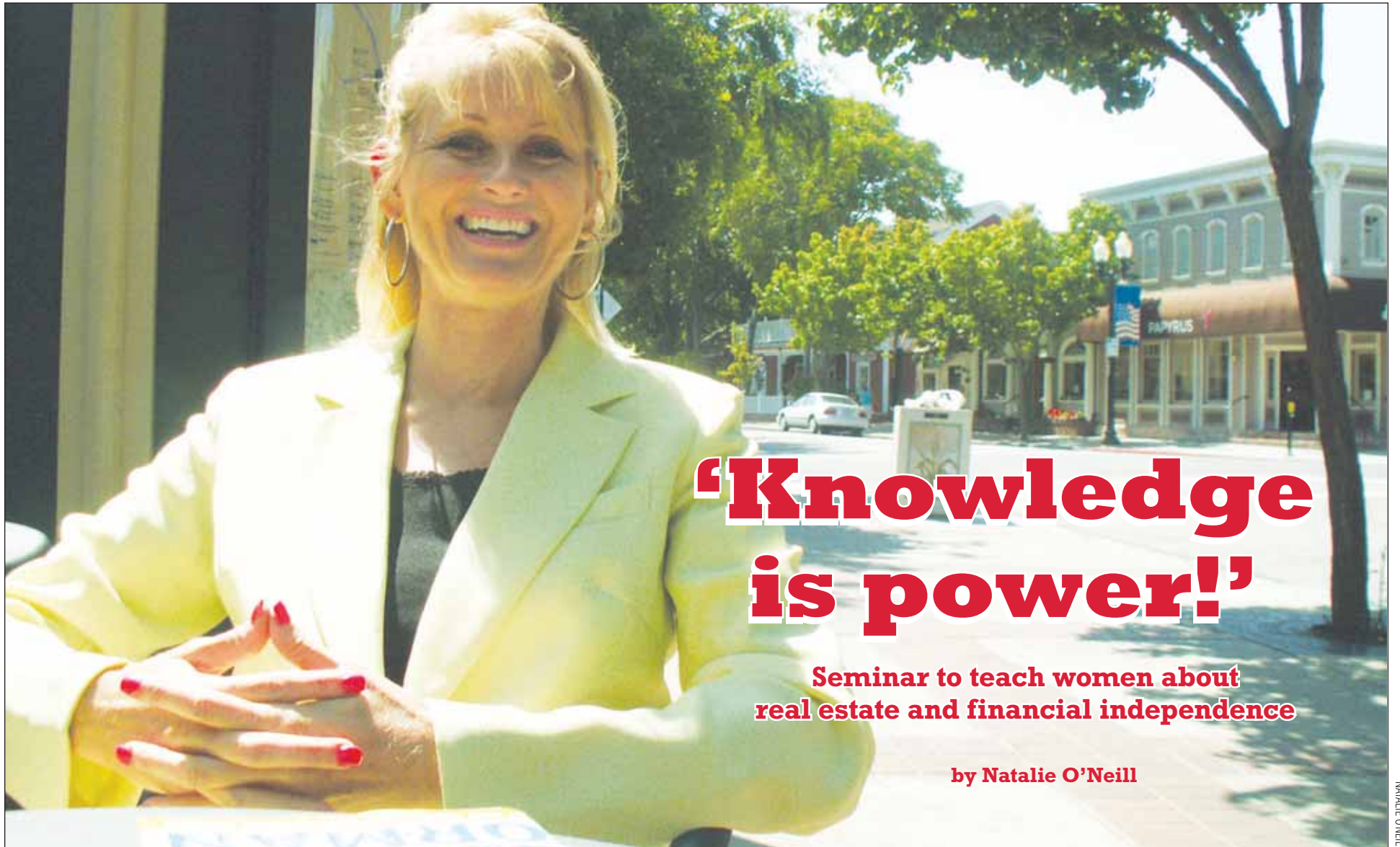


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PRESENTING THE PAST

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NATALIE O'NEILL

Barbara Bowen stresses that single mothers should educate themselves on buying property and investing money, for their own retirement and their kids' education.

Why depend on a prince when you hold the power to finance your own castle? A woman can be her own Prince Charming.

That's the message Danville Realtor Barbara Bowen will send single moms at her seminar next week on increasing financial independence through real estate.

"I used to think I'll meet my knight in shining armor and he'd help me through. I just thought I'll make some money and he'll invest it," says Bowen, who is a single mom herself.

But as divorce rates increase, many single women in the Danville area are left in the dark when it comes to buying a house, attaining loans, protecting assets and investing.

"They leave it up to their husbands to make their financial choices, just like it was 30 or 40 years ago," she says.

Freshly divorced women in Danville often find themselves ripped from a big house in the hills to rent a condo downtown, Bowen says, simply because they don't know what else to do. More often than not, these same women could put a mortgage down on a similar property—and work toward owning it—for just a couple hundred dollars more a month.

Knowledge is Power!, a free seminar at Alamo Women's Club, will give women the resources to make these decisions on their own. Loan officers, financial planners, attorneys and Realtors will teach single moms tips on how to invest the money they have into owning a home that will give them leverage in the future. All women are welcome.

Learning about loans, credit, properties and assets is empowering, Bowen says. It's just a matter of educating yourself.

"You have to do your homework," explains Bowen, who has papers and books spread out in front of her and is sipping a latte on a sunny morning in downtown Danville.

When Bowen was 29 years old, she made a big mistake financially. Her grandmother died and left property to her

in Yuma, Ariz. At the time, she was working two jobs in Fairfield and had no clue about real estate—what holding on to the property could have meant for her life today.

"I trusted a lazy judge to help me make the right decision and it was the wrong one. He told me I could sell it and assigned me a Realtor. It was 1989 and the economy was down, there were \$5,000 in back taxes, so I sold it," she says.

About a year later, a housing development went up on her grandmother's property. Had she hung on to the property a little longer, she could have made millions.

"I didn't have family members to help educate me. You're supposed to ask who, what, how and I never asked those questions," she says. "Now it kills me."

Years later, after acquiring her real estate license and thoroughly educating herself on the subject, her goal is to make sure other women don't make the same kind of mistakes.

To women who are intimidated by the thought of dealing with the finances, Bowen says she plans to cater even to those who have absolutely no experience. The numbers, jargon and terms can seem complex, but these are all things anyone can learn, she says.

"There's a million people who talk about how to get rich quick, but nobody talks about the nuts and bolts of buying a house," says Kevin O'Brien, a Realtor in Danville who says he has noticed that single moms are at a disadvantage.

Throughout life, women more than men generally leave work to take on nurturing roles.

"It's nurturing and it's our emotions," she says.

They give birth, raise children and take care of sick relatives, while men more often work continuously through their career, Bowen says.

But single moms need to know the time off does put you at a disadvantage when it comes to retiring. With the right advice and ingenuity, however, single moms can stretch what

they have to get more for the future, says Bowen.

Think of it as "your retirement or your child's education," she says.

"Every dime counts because if you invest it properly, you can make money on that dime," she explains.

The all-women seminar will teach what to look for in a loan, how to factor in tax issues, how to make sure ex-husbands don't get control of assets, how to buy a second home and more. Moms will have an opportunity to ask questions, and legal advice will be pro bono.

The goal is to build a connection between single mother Realtors and single mothers seeking homes.

"Single moms are working, trying to get their kids off to soccer practice, and they don't have time to interview attorneys and talk to Realtors. That's why I want to build a reliable network," Bowen says.

A few cases in Danville have prompted Bowen to run the seminar. In one instance, she worked with a waitress who inherited property. Realtors told her it was worth about \$1.5 million, when really it is worth about \$4 million. She thought back to herself in the same situation at 29 and realized she had to do something.

"You should always talk to at least three people on the subject. Do your research and don't take advice from friends or family," she says.

Using her own research, experience and discussions from the seminars, Bowen now plans to publish a book on the subject to help other women like herself.

"It's a wakeup call," she says.

The free seminar will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Other sessions are planned for July 10 and Aug. 14. For more information, call Barbara Bowen at 351-3244. No RSVP is needed. ■

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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Cooking classes—evolving from student to chef

A reader recently inquired about local cooking classes, which were not for one-timers and not for professionals. Most of us have taken a cooking class now and then but this reader was interested in multiple classes for the aspiring home chef.

We're never too old to learn a few new tricks, and taking a class or series of classes in a particular area of cooking or cuisine can really expand your culinary knowledge, skills and confidence. And a hands-on experience has a way of solidifying your memory about the steps and techniques. But where to go?

Honestly, I hadn't done much of that since moving to California and, I confess, I was stumped. So, I turned to that all-knowing friend of mine: Google. After an online search and a few informational calls ... voila! a listing of some local venues to satisfy a reader's appetite for some new or improved culinary skills:

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A sampling of June classes taught by professional chefs and caterers include:

- Saturday, June 9, 11a.m.:** Real Southern Barbeque Hands-on \$85
- Friday, June 15, 11 am:** Antipasto e Insalate Demo Class \$48
- Friday, June 22, 9:30 a.m.:** Taste of Sonoma: Tour & Cooking at Benziger Winery \$140
- Sunday, June 24, 11 a.m.:** Summer Sonoma Brunch Hands-on \$85

Kitchen On Fire
1509 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709
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www.kitchenonfire.com

Founded by restaurateur/author Olivier Said of Cesar and chef instructor/caterer Mike C. of Party Lifestyle in 2005, Kitchen on Fire is located in Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto in the Epicurious Garden. The foodie

neighborhood is a testament to the gourmet cuisine legacy started by Alice Waters at Chez Panisse (up the street) more than 30 years ago. KOF offers a range of cooking classes "from learning how to throw a party on a budget to uncovering the mysteries of baking the perfect chocolate chip cookie," founders say.

"Through fun and educational hands-on cooking classes, culinary demonstrations and lectures taught by top chefs and food professionals, we demystify home cooking and entertaining. We work principally with organic food and support organic local small growers and wine-makers. Our focus is on high quality seasonal ingredients, minimal preparation, maximum flavor, and zero stress."

Sounds like a winning formula.

Upcoming classes include:

- Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.:** The Basics of Cooking 2: Stocks & Soups \$65
- Saturday, June 16, 6:30 p.m.:** Tex-Mex from The Texas Coyote \$65
- Monday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.:** Paella Class with Kevin from The Spanish Table \$65

Local culinary stores

Other local culinary stores offer one-session classes on a particular topic or a series of classes. While that wasn't what the reader needed, the one-timers can teach you some basics or sharpen your skills on a cooking technique. Here are a few upcoming offerings:

Williams-Sonoma (free at your local W-S store; registration required)

Sunday, June 10: Grilling

Learn different ways to grill meats and vegetables to perfection, including using smoking chips and grilling planks to infuse flavor as well as classic and trendy ways to jazz up your grilling style.

Sunday, June 24: Ice Cream

With a few basic ingredients and an ice cream maker, you'll learn how to create delicious ice cream and variations at home.

Sur La Table (see summer schedule and register at cooking005@surlatable.com)

By the way, if any of you attends one of these classes, I'd love to hear about your experience or a fantastic recipe you learned to make. Just e-mail me at jlovemarshall@yahoo.com. Bon appetit!

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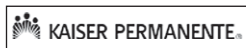
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OF NOTE



Interning in Washington

Heather Garcia is working as an intern in U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney's office in Washington, D.C., through June 9. Garcia is originally from Columbia, Md., but her family moved to Danville when she was in fifth grade. She graduated in 2004 from San Ramon Valley High and is now a junior at UC Santa Barbara.

Making more than music

Dr. Lawrence Anderson, music director and conductor of the Danville Community Band, will present two deserving students new instruments, of their choice, at the band's spring concert at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 10, at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts. This year's recipients are Claire Rogers, 13, of Stone Valley Middle School, who will receive a new alto saxophone, and Alex Heinzen, 12, of Pine Valley Middle School, who will receive a new tenor saxophone.

This is the third year the band has presented free instruments to Tri-Valley students. The student instrument grant program, "Making More than Music," was conceived by band member Carol O'Keefe, and is being generously co-sponsored by Glenn Roberts, president of Best Music Instrument Co. Inc. of Oakland.

The band awards two students each year with an instrument to help encourage young people to get and stay involved in music. Students are selected from nominations by their local school band directors.

"This is our way to say 'thank you' to the community for their loyalty the past six years," Anderson said. "We really appreciate the community support by their donations and the very enthusiastic and ever-growing crowds at our concerts."

The concert June 10 by the 85-member band is "From Russia with Love" and "The British Are

Coming," a musical celebration of the two cultures. Guest vocalist is soprano Anna Combs. Russian Cossack Dancers from San Francisco will also perform. Tickets are \$10-\$14, with part of the cost funding the student instrument program. Call 943-7469.

Danville boy featured on 'Props'

Cartoon Network selected 8-year-old Jack McGill of Danville as one of its 16 nominees to be featured in "Props," a new on-air and online pro-social campaign that profiles real-world kids from across the country who demonstrate an exceptional talent, commitment and accomplishment in a single area of expertise.

Jack caught the attention of Cartoon Network talent scouts by his outstanding prowess in comedy. A five-minute video profile of Jack demonstrating his skills was shown at www.CartoonNetwork.com/promos/props and a 60-second version of the spot appeared intermittently on Cartoon Network. Viewers were invited to vote online for their favorite profile May 7-21. Six winning finalists will be featured in a one-hour prime time special on Cartoon Network, to air in early September.

"Props" is the newest campaign for kids 6-14 presented as part of Cartoon Network's ongoing GET ANIMATED initiative, which encourages kids to get active, get healthy and get involved.

"When I got the call telling me that I had been selected to appear on television, I just couldn't believe it," said Jack. "I'm really flattered to have been chosen alongside these other kids as well. They are all awesome."



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.



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

Whatever happened to a relaxing summer?

As summer approaches, most teenagers have made plans for how they will spend their two-month retreat from rigorous schoolwork. For most, summer vacation connotes a time for students burnt out from the past school year to relax, have fun, and enjoy unscheduled time with friends and family.

"This summer I plan to go to Mexico with my friends so that we all get a chance to hang out before we leave for college in the fall. I am also visiting family in New York and working so I can hopefully save up some money," said Kate Charbonneau, a senior at San Ramon Valley High School.

While some still treat summer as the carefree fun vacation it is supposed to be, I have noticed that in the relentless quest to get into selective colleges and universities, summer has assumed a whole new purpose for today's teenagers and their parents. Summer has become an opportunity to again over-schedule their lives by taking an abundance of excess classes, participating in various activities (some which may not even be of interest), preparing for SATs, and working—perhaps all in the name of enhancing a college application.

"It seems it is becoming increasingly necessary for teens to take extra classes in the summer in order to get ahead or boost their college resume because students and schools are so competitive these days," said Charbonneau.

"In addition to taking three classes at DVC this summer, I am volunteering at the Mt. Diablo Peace Center and spending quality time with friends," said junior Anna Lekas-Miller.

"This summer I am going to basketball camp and playing summer league because I am hoping to make either JV or varsity basketball next year," said Chris Boscacci, a freshman at SRVHS.

Though most still maintain that summer should be a time to relax and have fun, it seems many students cannot help but be sucked in by the confining system in which they intend to succeed.

"I want to say it's not necessary to do excess activities and take summer classes, but the reality is that if you want to get into the college of your choice, you have

to do these extra activities in order to stand out and get accepted," said sophomore Monica Riley, who plans to attend biology camp this summer.

Students are more and more feeling pressure from their parents and selective college admissions requirements, not only during the school year, but over the summer as well.

"Summer is definitely less stressful than the school year, but there is still increasing pressure to stay active and involved in various activities. It is important to be active, but kids need a break from the stress of school and planning for college," said Alex Davidson, a junior.

"Looking back, I had loads of fun during my summer when I was a child, but as I've grown up, my summers have become more restricted and built around doing activities that will help me get into a good college," said Navid Aflatooni, also a junior, who plans to work the majority of this summer.

I, too, certainly don't remember feeling this pressure as an elementary, or even middle school student. It is becoming increasingly clear that this obligation—to do more and more activities, and for some, activities that are not fun, interesting or relevant—is an extremely recent development.

"I think teens are much more pressured now than were their parents. Everything is so competitive, and almost every thinking moment is devoted to college. College is for cultivating humans, not destroying them!" remarked Anna Lekas-Miller.

Even getting a summer job has become something teenagers do, not simply for themselves (the way it should be), but for their parents or to win the approval of college admissions officers.

"I will most likely get a part-time job this summer. I don't think it's necessary for teens to work during high school, but having a job looks good on college resumes, and provides teens with something to do and some extra spending money," said Alex Davidson.

Having extra spending money does allow teens to feel self-sufficient, and less financially dependent on their parents. However, for those who can afford not to work, it is important to consider whether

this time could be better spent on activities they actually enjoy. For those still interested in working over the summer (as there are valuable skills and experience learned through work), it is worth considering finding a job that is suitable, skill-specific and enjoyable, rather than a boring, unfulfilling job that merely pays money.

Amid all this summer activity, it is important in this time before college that students spend a portion of their summer reflecting, building themselves, or pursuing a passion, all things I feel I (and most other teens) neglect during the hectic school year. If kids do decide to take a class or two over the summer, it, too, should be something of enjoyment that might help them gain a better understanding of themselves, their interests and prospects for the future.

Though possibly shocking to some (including my parents), I have chosen to leave my summer fairly open this year, aside from a few summer vacations—notably, a trip to Italy with my mother. I've chosen instead to use these next two months to really learn more about myself, to spend time on the artwork I have so neglected my junior year, to build on my relationships with friends and family members, and to simply sit back and rest. I've had my fair share of overflowing schedules this past school year, and feel it's time to take a breath and reflect on where I have been (both mentally and physically) and where I am going in the coming year.

When choosing how to fill the summer months—as with most other aspects of their life—teens should determine for themselves what is best for them. If the carefree days of summer spent lying by the pool are gone for this generation, teens can at least pursue activities they find enjoyable and rejuvenating. After all, colleges want fervent, well rounded, experienced students, not those that are passionless, vacuous and burnt out.

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.



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A movie review of what's **NOW SHOWING**
by Joe Ramirez

Paris, Je T'aime

★★★
Rating: R for language, sexuality and mature themes
Run Time: 2 hours. In English and French with English subtitles



Like so many of its tricky ilk, this scattered pastiche of petite vignettes displays a frenetic charm that somehow manages to coalesce. With attitude to spare, 20 respected directors—including Joel and Ethan Coen, Gus Van Sant and Alfonso Cuarón—craft 18 blithe snippets of what it means to live and love in the City of Lights.

Their interpretations are wildly diverse yet never lacking allure. Looking for love in all the wrong places, a hapless romantic falls for a strange woman who faints alongside his parked car. A cheeky teen is uncommonly captivated by a fiery Muslim girl whose head is perpetually covered by a somber hijab.

There are those who are tortured by the world's most profound emotion. Observing lovers at play and war, an innocent tourist is caught up in a dangerous roundelay at a lonely Metro stop. A mother consumed by grief over the death of her son finds salvation in fantasy and memory.

Class lines are crossed without reservation. A young housekeeper with a cherished infant spends her days picking up after an upper-crust Parisian who appears to care more for the nightlife than her own small child.

Best in show is Alexander Payne's vignette, lusciously unconstructed and brimming with longing as a middle-aged American postmistress dictates the adventure of a lifetime in her badly accented French.

The tales are connected by honeyed promises and narrative gossamer. Puzzling head-scratchers vie for screen time with profound observations on affaires du coeur while tragedy boldly intersects whimsy. Vampires, terminal illness and abstract musical comedy? Check, check and check. Asymmetrical but appealing from start to finish.

Paris herself in an ethereal picture postcard in glorious hues and shades of gray, her celebrated flaws shamelessly splayed out onscreen. The cast is a melting pot of international celebrity, from Elijah Wood and Natalie Portman to Fanny Ardant, Juliette Binoche and Catalina Moreno, all willing participants in erring human, and loving and forgiving divine.

—Jeanne Aufmuth

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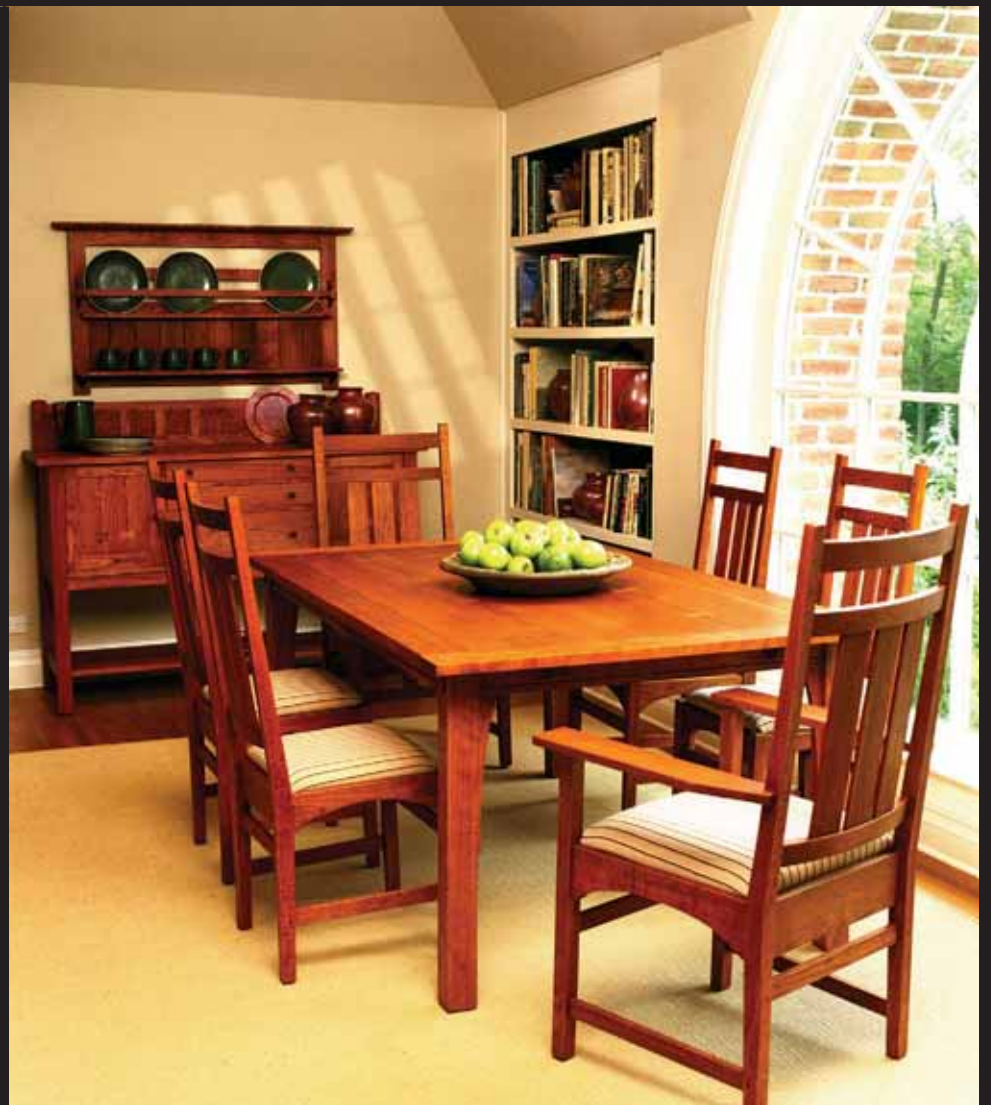
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Auditions

Danville Girls Chorus Auditions
Danville Girls Chorus will host auditions for girls in grades 3-8 on Tuesday, June 12. Girls learn a variety of music styles, quality choral music education and perform in exciting local performances. Call 837-2624 for an appointment and directions.

Classes

Single Moms Real Estate Network
Alamo Women's Club will host a class on how single moms can develop a strategy for financial security through real estate from 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesdays, June 12, July 10 and Aug. 14, at Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. This event is free. Call 351-3244.

Clubs

Amador Valley Quilters Amador Valley Quilters will host Diana McClun and Laura Nownes who will present "Shared Stitches and Stories" from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 9, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Visit www.amadorvalleyquilters.org.

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 or 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.

Diablo Valley Networking Group
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Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild The Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild meets at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Guests are welcome (\$2 donation). Annual membership fee is \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65+). For information, call Dianne at 837-1863.

eWomen Network Accelerated Networking Luncheon The eWomen Network holds its monthly accelerated networking luncheon from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., the second Thursday of each month, at the Crow Canyon

WEEKEND PREVIEW



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'Wigged Out!'

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

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75 The organization meets every second Thursday of the month at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Concerts

'From Russia With Love' Danville Community Band presents "From Russia 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" at 8 p.m., Sunday, June 10, at the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are

\$18 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org.

Gerry Grosz and Jazz Kitchen
Gerry Grosz and Jazz Kitchen will perform during the Jazz at Peace Series at 5 p.m., Sunday, June 10, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Gerry Grosz plays the accordion, tambourine and vibraphone mix to steel drums. This event is free. Call 648-7000.

Events

Danville Fine Arts Faire Danville Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Danville Fine Arts Faire from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24, on Hartz Avenue. 200 fine art and crafts will be displayed, Italian street painting, culinary arts corner, entertainment and kids activities. Call 837-4400.

Father's Day Celebration USS Hornet Museum will host a Father's Day celebration from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, June 17, at the USS Hornet Museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda. Free parking and a food concession. Cost is \$6-14, 5 and under are free. Call (510) 521-8448 or visit www.uss-hornet.org.

Walking Tours of Historic Danville Museum of the San Ramon Valley hosts walking tours of historic downtown Danville at 6:15 p.m., every third Friday through October with Karen Stepper and at 10 a.m., Saturdays, through October with a museum docent, meeting in the front of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-3750.

Exhibits

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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.hatsofamerica.us.

Opera in the Vineyard The Livermore Valley Opera Guild presents its annual fundraiser "Opera in the Vineyard" with an al fresco performance from 5-8 p.m., Sunday, June 24, at Cedar Mountain Winery, 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Cost is \$30, includes a glass of wine or beverage of choice. Lawn and table seating is available on a first come basis. Bring a picnic; snacks and desserts will be sold. Call 960-9210 or visit www.livermorevalleyopera.com.

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.

Knee Replacement for Women seminar Doctors and nurses from San Ramon Regional Medical Center are hosting a seminar about artificial knee joints designed especially for women from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd. This event is free. Call (866) 580-5633 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Kids and Teens

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.

Willows SummerStage Theatre Camp The Willows Theatre Conservatory has opening for their SummerStage Theatre Camp. The camp will have three different camps: SummerStage for grade 7-graduation (June 18-July 29), SummerStage Junior for grades 3-6 (July 9-Aug 4) and SummerStage Mini for grades K-2 (June 25-July 29). For information, call 798-1824 or visit www.willowstheatre.org.

Lectures/ Workshops

Attracting Equity Investors Learn about "Attracting Equity Investors and Lessons Learned" from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 13, at 4400 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton. This event is free. Call 960-1600 or visit www.techventures.org.

Free Real Estate Purchasing Seminar This group will host a free real estate purchasing seminar with a diverse group of real estate agents from 5:15-9:30 p.m., Monday, June 11, at Shadelands Arts Center, 111 N Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. This event is free and a buffet dinner will be

provided. Visit www.marshallreddick-seminars.com.

Historic Lecture Series San Ramon Historic Foundation and San Ramon Valley Library Foundation will host a Historic Lecture Series of six programs. Each program will start at 7 p.m., Thursdays, at various different locations. All programs are free, but donations are accepted. Call 973-3281.

Radiant Well-Being This workshop is for people who are finished with cancer treatment and interested in discovering the next step on their journey from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 23, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free for cancer patients and their families. Call 933-0107.

When Mom or Dad has Cancer School-age children can participate in fun, creative activities to help them express themselves while teens have a group where they can discuss their concerns from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 9, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Parents will meet concurrently. Call 933-0107.

Literary Events

Tri-Valley California Writers Club California Writers Club, Tri Valley Branch will host author, Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff, who will speak about "Writing Humor: You Can Be Funny" from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 16, at Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Cost is \$18 for members, \$25 for non-members. Call 462-7495.

Miscellaneous

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.

Free The Cat Campaign For a limited time, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will offer no-fee adoptions of all adult cats. Strict adoption criteria still applies. Adoptions are held from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, at the Pleasanton Farmers Market, 2-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, at the Dublin Pet Food Express and from noon-4 p.m., weekdays during regular business hours at Dublin PetSmart. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvrar.org.

Host Families Needed Edu-Culture International (ECI) is looking for host families for students from France and Spain this summer from June 29-July 29 and July 7-July 31. Host families provide room, board and a loving environment. Students are fully insured and bring their own spending money. For information, e-mail Dawn at garlieb@sbcbglobal.net.

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.

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 REPeritory Company presents "How The Other Half Loves" until June 16, at the Center REPeritory Company, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14-38. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org.

'Wigged Out!' Victoria's Hair on

Stage is presenting "Wigged Out!" at 7 and 9 p.m. on June 9, 16 and 23, at Victoria's Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Tickets are \$38. Call 855-SHOW (855-7469).

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 of laughs! Tickets are \$18. Call (510) 528-2562 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Political Notes

Dan Schnur to Speak Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will host Dan Schnur from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14, at the Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd. New members and visitors are welcome. Cost is \$26 for members, \$30 for non-members. Reservations are due by June 10, call 426-1995.

Recreation

Intermediate/Advanced Bike Ride Alex Corbishley will host an advanced 18-mile bike ride to Juniper Campground on Sunday, June 16, meeting at MDSP-Macedo Ranch Staging Area, north end of Green Valley Rd., Alamo. Email b_aero@hotmail.com

Macedo Ranch and Pine Canyon Loop Join Sharon Walters on a hike that winds through meadows and oak savannas of Macedo Ranch and Pine Canyon Loop from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 9, meeting at Macedo Ranch Staging Area, north end of Green Valley Rd., Alamo. Cost is \$4 for entry. Call 820-3102.

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.

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.

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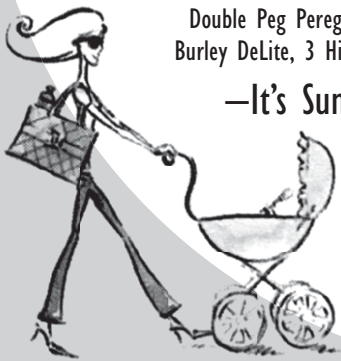
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St. Isidore's 'Young at Heart' Join this group for a meeting from 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., the third Tuesday of every month at St. Isidore's Ministries Center, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Optional Mass starts at 11:15 a.m.; lunch starts at 11:45 a.m.; bring brown bag lunch from June-August, beverage, fruit and dessert are provided. Nonprofit bingo follows. This event is free, but reservations are appreciated by calling 820-4447.

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

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Sports

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

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

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

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Volunteering

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

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art The academy seeks new volunteers

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

Help Your Senior Neighbors A lot of Danville seniors need rides to their appointments, stores or to special events. The Seniors' Club at Veterans Memorial Hall is looking for volunteers to provide rides on an "as-needed basis" on one or more Mondays a month. Call Jenn Overmoe at 314-3476 for more information.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa This organization is looking for volunteers to help serve in East Contra Costa County. Positions open are: men and women to provide companionship and practical support for terminally ill patients and families, licensed hair stylists and certified massage therapists. Call 887-5678 or e-mail volunteers@hospicecc.org.

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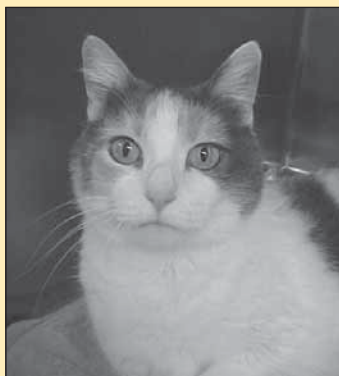
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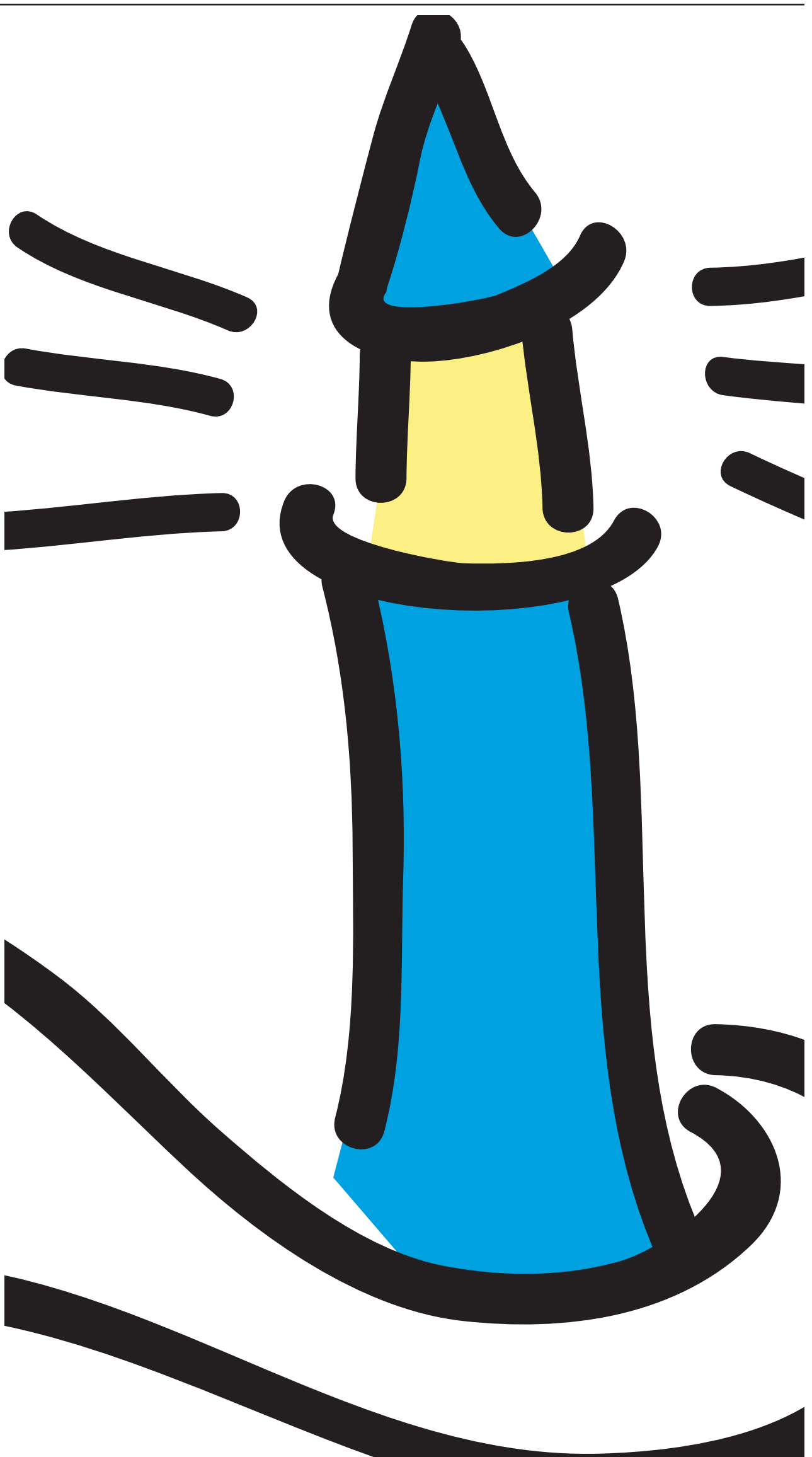
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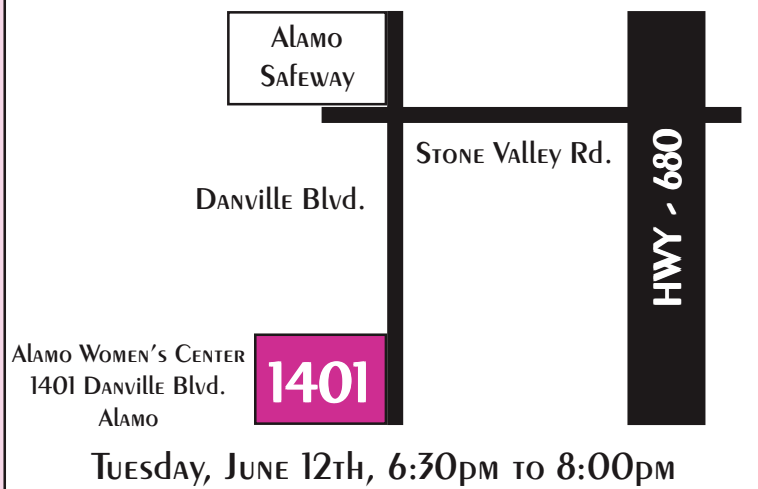
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This week's data represents homes sold during April 2007

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Total sales reported: 5	Total sales reported: 26	Total sales reported: 35
Lowest sale reported: \$985,000	Lowest sale reported: \$385,500	Lowest sale reported: \$220,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,025,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,705,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,575,000
Average sales reported: \$1,511,400	Average sales reported: \$1,057,231	Average sales reported: \$667,386

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
1624 Cervato Circle Hageman Trust to K. Sim for \$985,000	34 Casablanca Street M. & S. Frieberg to P. & K. Feyen for \$870,000	493 Highland Drive Davidson Trust to S. Jenkins for \$1,595,000
2415 Diablo Lakes Lane Lone Oak Properties to Cottrill Trust for \$1,550,000	3491 Cashmere Street Shapell Industries to B. & D. Tastor for \$1,277,000	210 Jasmine Way M. Chettle to D. & L. Gallagher for \$385,500
116 Garydale Court E. & D. Hall to C. & M. Romo for \$1,231,000	9 Cerro Court G. & G. Harrell to T. & K. Cotton for \$840,000	809 Maldon Court Lennar Homes to S. & L. Hess for \$1,144,000
611 Oakshire Place GMAC Global Relocation to J. Green for \$1,766,000	4136 Creekside Court M. & R. Shea to N. Shafi for \$1,025,000	817 Maldon Court Lennar Homes to R. Ni for \$1,097,500
101 Vagabond Way B. Maxwell to R. & S. Stlaurent for \$2,025,000	661 Doral Drive F. & S. Beal to D. & S. Merrill for \$730,000	825 Maldon Court Lennar Homes to Pollard-Fieber Trust for \$1,128,500
	211 El Sobrante Drive T. & D. Plys to D. McMillan for \$850,000	1498 Menton Street Lennar Homes to M. & Y. Deboni for \$1,111,000
	15 Hidden Crest Court J. & K. Dana to S. & C. Boval for \$1,435,000	26 Old Town Lane Gum Trust to C. Grosso for \$1,085,000
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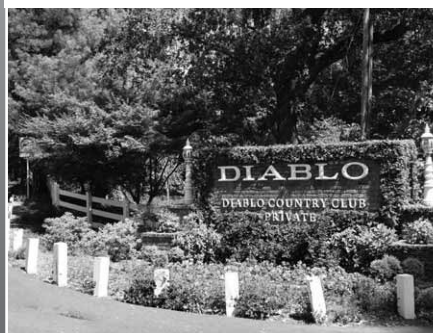
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Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
1374 Danville Blvd.	\$740,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	989-8920

4 Bedrooms

46 Vista Ln.	\$1,465,000
Sun 1:30-4:30J. Rockcliff Realtors	672-2499
180 Bolla Ave.	\$1,499,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	791-2600
3079 Stonegate Dr.	\$2,195,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	510-612-8008

5 Bedrooms

10 Ray Ct.	\$1,298,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	791-2600
320 Matchem Ct.	\$2,195,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	977-8965
30 Camille Pl.	\$2,295,000
Sun 1:30-4:30Sterling Real Estate	212-3691

BLACKHAWK

3 Bedrooms

3048 Live Oak Ct.	\$995,000
Sun 2-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors	648-5342

4 Bedrooms

101 Oakridge Dr.	\$1,499,000
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	586-5456
34 Magnolia Pl.	\$1,788,888
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	648-5346

5 Bedrooms

4065 Eagle Nest Ln.	\$1,299,800
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-1666

6 Bedrooms

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Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4118
1009 Phoenix St.	\$559,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
68 Heather Garden Ln.	\$674,999
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4060
113 Heritage Park Dr.	\$688,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	200-5026
213 Wood Valley Pl.	\$709,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	648-5346
35 Mountain Valley Pl.	\$719,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411

4 Bedrooms

28 Shelterwood Pl.	\$1,379,000
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4087
317 Montair Dr.	\$1,449,000
Sun 1:30-4:30J. Rockcliff Realtors	858-5233
129 Sunhaven Rd.	\$1,599,000
Sat/Sun 1-4:30J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-1666
40 Kendall Ln.	\$1,699,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	413-1068
130 Summerside Cir.	\$499,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
204 Abigail Cir.	\$915,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	977-8965
4372 Mansfield Dr.	\$995,000
Sun 3-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors	980-4816
944 La Gonda Wy.	\$999,000
Sun 1-4:30 Coldwell Banker	831-3337

5 Bedrooms

24 Campbell Pl.	\$1,600,000
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	683-9799
881 El Pintado Rd.	\$2,675,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4115

SAN RAMON

2 Bedrooms

8985 Alcosta Blvd., #158	\$389,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
256 Canyon Wood Wy., #F	\$509,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
355 Laconia Wy.	\$799,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411

3 Bedrooms

2857 Fountainhead Dr.	\$469,900
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	785-8369
83 Tahoe Ct., #202	\$525,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
3737 Norris Canyon Rd.	\$609,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	785-8369
20 Terraced Hills Cir.	\$689,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4161
4031 W. Lakeshore	\$809,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	683-5165
4549 Sweetgale Dr.	\$899,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	968-1452
3228 Dolores Dr.	\$924,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	968-1452

4 Bedrooms

1469 Allamere Dr.	\$1,079,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	699-7004
13 Carson Ct.	\$1,424,950
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
5577 Satin Leaf Wy.	\$2,289,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
10019 Albion Rd.	\$724,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	968-1452
88 Shaw Pl.	\$749,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
178 Pebble Pl.	\$849,950
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	838-5700
7501 May Wy.	\$869,900
Sun 1-4 Prudential	249-0301

5 Bedrooms

809 Pipers Brook Ct.	\$1,249,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	791-2600

WALNUT CREEK

2 Bedrooms

2704 Oak Rd., #80	\$331,500
Sun 1:30-4:30J. Rockcliff Realtors	963-0093

3 Bedrooms

248 Sequoia Ave.	\$1,200,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	699-3527

DUBLIN

2 Bedrooms

4173 Clarinbridge Cir.	\$548,888
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411

5 Bedrooms

5172 Grayhawk Ln.	\$1,384,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	968-1452

PLEASANTON

1 Bedrooms

829 A Division St.	\$377,850
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	788-7788

2 Bedrooms

8188 Arroyo Dr., #2	\$359,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	351-4994

3 Bedrooms

2257 Goldcrest Cir.	\$599,000
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	586-5456
4121 Stanley Blvd.	\$599,000
Sun 1-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors	788-1944

NorthPoint Real Estate Investment Services Welcomes

Brandie Young Vice President, Marketing



Brandie Young joins NorthPoint Real Estate Investment Services as Vice President, Marketing. She will lead the marketing team in the development and execution of NorthPoint's marketing initiatives.

Brandie comes to NorthPoint from WMC Mortgage - GE Money Bank, where she served as Vice President, Marketing. There, she was a key contributor and member of the senior management team. Her team supported the company's account executives by driving lead generation, customer acquisition, customer growth, and retention initiatives. In addition, Brandie led a re-branding effort, launching a new website and brand image while managing PR activities.

While working for Ellie Mae, Inc. in early 2000, Brandie played a key role in the development and launch of the company's Encompass® loan origination software. Throughout her career Brandie has received numerous awards, including GE's prestigious America's Award, and earned her Green Belt in Six Sigma - a quality measurement and systematic business process improvement practice.



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