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**Peggy Scarborough**  
clothing designer



Maybe after the fourth glass. Things come out that wouldn't normally and that can be good or bad. I like a good glass of wine—a dry Cab.

**John Ronda**  
American Pacific Finance



I do definitely. I don't think you have a choice about it. I actually got an "In Vino Veritas" tattoo on my forearm about six or seven months ago. I've worked in restaurants all my life and I spent two-and-a-half years in Napa.

**Todd McKean**  
"wino"



Yes, but you don't have to drink too much. I know wine goes a long way with health and enjoyment. It's a way for people to come together for excitement and comedy. I'm from Scotland and we always had a little wine and cheese. It's a good conversational tool.

**Nana-Dictha Graves**  
professional artist



I kind of do. I find that perfect strangers will be willing to talk—not just about the wine. You shed your inhibitions and it's a nice group of people to do that with here (in Danville).

**Gary Anderson**  
program manager

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ It’s like night and day. ”

—Ken Quilici about his companion Duke before and after his surgery for Laryngeal Paralysis. See story, page 5.

### Design Review Board asks changes for Elworthy project

The Danville Design Review Board at its meeting last month asked developers to make several changes on the Elworthy property project, which includes 84 single family homes and two six-unit apartment buildings alongside San Ramon Valley Boulevard, one mile south of Sycamore Valley Road.

Some of the suggested changes are building a swimming pool at the recreation area, which already had a playground, a picnic area and 200 acres dedicated to open space. The board also recommended maximizing parking opportunities, and creating high walls and landscaping in front of the project’s entrance, said Town Principal Planner David Crompton.

O’Brien Development, the developers, will take the suggestions and integrate them into their architectural plans and submit updated designs to the Review Board on Aug. 30.

“The architectural plans are well done,” said Crompton. “It’s a high quality project. It was well-received.”

### County Connection, bus drivers reach agreement

County Connection reached a tentative agreement last week with the bus drivers’ union on a new contract, said Mary Burdeck, County Connection manager of marketing and public relations. The union voted to ratify its contract this week. Terms of the agreement have not been disclosed to the public.

“I think everyone is going to be pleased to have this behind us,” Burdeck said.

County Connection provides fixed-route and paratransit service throughout the Central Contra Costa communities of Danville, Alamo, San Ramon, Clayton, Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda and Moraga, as well as unincorporated communities. There are a total of 200 drivers.

The drivers’ union contract expired at the end of January and negotiations began in the fall of last year, Burdeck said. She noted a prior contract several months ago had been voted down amid changes in union leadership.

### Museum to present ‘Scrappy Lady’

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley will present “Quilts,” the work of artist Ethel Selberg, often called the “Scrappy Lady,” who developed a love of quilting as a child in the Midwest. Upon her retirement in 1978, after raising five children and working as a daycare facilitator, she threw her energies into her quilt-making career. Since then she has completed more than 100 quilts.

The exhibit opens Aug. 14 and runs through Sept. 23. Quilting demonstrations will take place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Aug. 25 and Sept. 8, at the museum, 205 Railroad Ave. in Danville. Call 837-3750.

### Equal opportunity council needs representatives

The county Advisory Council on Equal Employment Opportunity has vacancies for an education representative and for a disabled representative. The council serves as an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors regarding the implementation of the County’s Affirmative Action Plan; reviews the Affirmative Action Program; and recommends actions to help with affirmative action. All members serve without compensation.

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## Out for an Art Wine & Stroll

Assal Gheysari, who goes by the artist name Priya, discusses her art with an enthusiast at last week's fourth annual Art & Wine Stroll in downtown Danville, hosted by Discover Danville. It featured talented artists from Lafayette, Berkeley, San Francisco—and, of course, Danville. Tastings were poured by merchants in 14 stores in historic downtown and, for the first time, in the Livery, with a trolley transporting art and wine connoisseurs back and forth.

NATALIE O'NEILL

## Houston declares run for county supervisor

Termed out assemblyman will try to oust District 3's Mary N. Piepho

by Jordan M. Doronila

State Assemblyman Guy Houston (R, District 15) declared his intention last week to run for supervisor of

District 3, a position now held by his former staffer, Mary N. Peipho.

He announced his political plans at a press conference held outside the Danville Veterans Memorial Hall at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2. His declaration comes after speculation that he would run on the Republican ticket for the 11th U.S. Congressional District seat, which is currently being occupied by

Democrat Jerry McEnerney.

"My commitment is to Contra Costa County no matter what the outcome is," Houston said. "I bring a unique combination of experience."

"Collectively, it's going to be an exciting campaign," he added.

District 3 comprises Danville, Alamo, Blackhawk, San Ramon, Diablo, Dougherty Valley, Walnut

Creek, Byron, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Tassajara and Knightsen. Supervisor Piepho's term expires next year. Piepho is a resident of Discovery Bay, and she was first elected to the office in 2004.

Piepho said she was surprised to hear Houston's decision.

"I considered Guy to be a friend," she said after the announcement

last Thursday. "He was the first person to encourage me to run for this office when I was a staffer in his office. I feel disappointed. He called me this morning."

Nonetheless, she said she plans to run for re-election when her term expires.

"I'm committed to serving the

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## Docs delay payment to help quadriplegic's companion

Chocolate Lab can now resume place at friend's side

by Natalie O'Neill

It was just a routine day at the dog park—until Ken Quilici's affectionate chocolate Lab collapsed onto the grass, breathless.

Quilici, who is quadriplegic as a result of a spinal injury he suffered at age 16, was horrified. Losing his 11-year-old dog Duke would mean losing a life companion and caregiver—not just a pet.

"He couldn't get any air out," Quilici, 37, recalled, sitting in the waiting room at Bishop Ranch

Veterinary Center.

Duke has been there for Quilici when he needs a light switch flipped, a phone fetched or just a buddy to hang out with. He has served as a social icebreaker for those hesitant to approach and befriend someone with a disability. Quilici trained Duke himself at age 2.

"It's a huge void when he's not around," Quilici said, holding back tears.

After rushing to the Vet Center, it was determined the dog was suffering from a rare disorder called

Laryngeal Paralysis, which meant the parts of the throat that open to let air come into the lungs had become paralyzed. Veterinarians explained the dog would need surgery, noting it would be expensive, considering few vets are trained in the practice.

As luck would have it, just weeks after the diagnosis, Quilici was laid off from his job selling medical supplies, along with 15 percent of the company.

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## Piepho defends study beyond urban limit line

Developer proposes 193 homes in Tassajara Valley

by Jordan M. Doronila

Contra Costa County's approval to study a development with 193 homes outside the urban limit line in the Tassajara Valley, east of Danville, has sparked a wave of controversy.

But District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho maintains the study is for clarifying county policy.

"It doesn't change the urban limit line," Piepho said. "It doesn't do anything to (it)."

FT Land LLC of Hillsborough proposed a study on developing 193 homes in 770 acres of land east of Danville and San Ramon—beyond the urban limit. The developer's New Farm project entails building homes in clusters while keeping agricultural land. The study will cost approximately \$1 million.

The urban limit line was passed last year to protect anything beyond the border from development and retain open space. Nonetheless, the supervisors voted 4-1 on July 24 in favor of the study for the New Farm project. Supervisor Susan Bonilla of Concord, representing District 4, dissented.

"This is a clear attempt to break the urban limit line by finding a loophole," said Christina Wong,

East Bay field representative for Greenbelt Alliance, a Bay Area non-profit group dedicated to protection of natural areas and farms.

"We are looking at it from a policy perspective. We want to define it, and we're doing it at someone else's expense."

—Supervisor Mary N. Piepho

"There is a huge amount of money to be made by breaking the urban limit line," she continued. "Developers are finding loopholes to find ways to break the urban limit line."

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Ken Quilici talks to veterinarian James Delano when he comes to pick up Duke, a chocolate Lab, who is still droopy-eyed after his surgery for a rare disorder.

NATALIE O'NEILL

# Iron Horse Trail opens in time for the weekend

Walkers, joggers back on track

The East Bay Regional Park District reopened the 0.7-mile section of the Iron Horse Trail between Prospect Avenue and Del Amigo Road at 2 p.m. last Friday, four days ahead of schedule. It was closed July 12 for repairs.

The project included removing the trail, treating the subsurface layers, and laying new asphalt.

"We've had a tremendous amount of problems on this trail section because of the clay soil, which is extremely expensive to work with," said Shelly Lewis, public information supervisor for EBRPD. "It expands when wet, contracts when dry. The result is lots of cracking."

She noted that for this reason there have been a lot of cracks in the trail, which trail users have found inconvenient and often dangerous, and past efforts to repair the damage have resulted in short-term results. The rehabilitation project also includes a 750-foot section between Laurel Drive and Sycamore Valley Road.

"In 2005 we hired a consultant firm, Associated Engineering

Consultants Inc., to analyze the soil and develop a paving section with a 15- to 20-year pavement life," said Lewis. "The project was originally bid in 2005 but far exceeded the consulting engineer's estimate and the project budget. Since that time, we received additional funding from Prop. 12 and reallocating funds to this project."

The total construction cost for both sections of trail rehabilitation is \$412,259.

The work was done by Grade Tech Inc. of Castro Valley.

"There will also be new fences, gates and bollards at the entrances to the sections we're replacing," said Louis Guzman, park supervisor.

"That section of trail is one of the most popular for our nearly 1 million visitors on the trail each year," Lewis said. "It'll be much more pleasant, especially for bikers, parents with strollers, and kids on skateboards and scooters," she added.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## Houston

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county," she said. "We have made huge financial structural changes to put the county back on the road to recovery." She noted that progress has been made while she's been in office and the county has moved toward balancing the budget and rebuilding financial reserves.

"I certainly welcome the challenge," Piepho said. "I'm committed to the county where I was born and raised."

Houston said Republican leaders in Washington, D.C., and California said he was not conservative enough to win the Congressional seat. He noted they felt Dean Andal, a former Stockton assemblyman, was more conservative, which made him a more winnable candidate. District 11 was represented by Richard Pombo of Stockton until he was defeated by McNerney in his re-election bid in 2006.

Houston is also headed to a civil trial with his father Fred Houston in September for allegedly defrauding seniors in an investment scheme although he did not mention this as a reason for lack of Republican support for higher office.

Houston stood outside the Vets Hall with his wife Inge and his three children Bartlett, Sumner and Glynnis Rose. He reported he has raised \$300,000 for his campaign although it was raised while he was serving in the Assembly. He said Tuesday that most of these funds can be used for his supervisory



JORDAN M. DORONILA

State Assemblyman (R, District 15) Guy Houston stands with his wife Inge and his three children Bartlett, Sumner and Glynnis Rose outside of the Danville Veterans Memorial Hall last week, where he announced his intention to run for Contra Costa County Supervisor District 3.

campaign.

Houston, 46, who graduated from San Ramon Valley High School, will be termed out in the Assembly in 2008. While there, he has focused on legislative work to bring more equalization funds to the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. He said his work in making Dublin a viable location for business and development when he was mayor is one of his greatest achievements.

Danville Town Councilwoman Candace Andersen has endorsed his candidacy.

"I think he would do an excellent job in the county due to his state experience," she said. "As a former Dublin council member and mayor, he understands how cities work. I think he brings valuable skills."

"My style is to work with everyone and build consensus," Houston said.

"I pledge to work with all stakeholders in Contra Costa County to solve the problems. The time for action is now; we cannot afford to ignore the issues any longer." ■

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## Limit line

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"To me, it's astonishing," she added.

Wong noted on Tuesday morning the supervisors were considering changing the urban limit line for a proposed development in El Sobrante, but they voted against the plan that day, Aug. 7. She said residents who showed up had affected their decision.

Piepho said she agreed to the Tassajara Valley study because she aims to understand county policy in clear terms.

"From my view, I'm asking a question and buying an answer," she said. "We are looking at it from a policy perspective. We want to define it, and we're doing it at someone else's expense."

Piepho said she needed to know if the study's findings comply with the county's general plan, which involves development. She also said the developer's proposal offers efficient land use for farmers by clustering the homes.

"It's not easy as black and white," she said. "There are little nuances. Frankly, I have to look at it. We aren't interested in development."

"The board needs to look at their overall policies regarding the urban

limit exceptions and defining the developing issues around the urban limit line," Bonilla said. "I feel that we need to have a clear policy position of what we are going to do going forward."

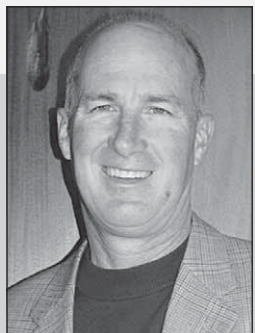
She noted that her dissenting vote two weeks ago demonstrated her concern about the developer's project influencing policy. The study, which involves an environmental review, may take 18 months before it goes back to the public, she said.

"We need the public to be aware," Wong said. "We need residents in Danville and San Ramon voting. We need the community to be involved." ■

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# Giant Dipper looms large in family's future

Danville resident wins 100-year pass to Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

by Natalie O'Neill

Fate seems to be pulling Kerry Wells straight to the top of a bright white rollercoaster.

Out of 11,800 entries nationally, the Danville mother and Girl Scout leader won a 100-year pass to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk amusement park last week. And now it's carousels and cotton candy for life.

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, the Coney Island of the West, gave away the passes as part of its centennial celebration.

"I've been going there since I was a kid and it really is special. We'll go all the time now," said Wells, adding that she plans to go with her son Cameron, 12-1/2.

As the cost of seaside properties rises, the beach boardwalk is one of the last remaining coastal amusement parks in the West. Located about 70 miles from Danville, it is renowned for its large white wooden rollercoaster, the Giant Dipper, which was built in 1924. It is the centerpiece of the park, and can be seen—and sometimes heard—all over town.

The boardwalk also features a carousel, built in 1911, a modern arcade and has welcomed Moscow Circus this summer.

Wells, 42, applied to the contest on a whim in the spring, while checking out surf schools for a Girl Scout camp she returned from this week. While strolling along the ocean, she popped into the park, signed up quickly and didn't think twice about it.

"I forgot I had even entered," she explained.

When the drawing was completed



Kerry Wells and her son Cameron look forward to taking advantage of free 100-year passes to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

last week, Beach Boardwalk representatives announced her name and she was, coincidentally, just down the beach with the Scouts, surfing. She didn't hear the news, however, until returning home to Danville.

"She was just a stone's throw away," said Christina Glynn, communications director for Santa Cruz Conference and Visitors Council.

"It's so interesting the way things work," Wells said.

According to boardwalk rules, passes can be inherited and winners can choose to go with one companion. Wells also won a vacation getaway as part of the drawing.

Thinking back on the highlights of the park as a kid, Wells recalled one game where the goal was to toss a ring into a clown's mouth

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while riding round and round on the carousel. If you made it in, bells would sound and lights would flash, she said.

The boardwalk's Web site currently features a "millions of memories" section where amusement park-goers tell their stories and share old photographs. Some older people wrote they went when they were kids and now they take their grandchildren.

Attractions this summer include a display of local artists' interpretations of the beach boardwalk, outdoor concerts and fireworks as part of the 100-year anniversary. Year round, the boardwalk also features laser tag, bowling and mini golf.

"There's something for everybody," Fuller said.

For now, Wells is looking forward to taking her son to ride the bumper cars. And she's still surprised she won.

"Out of 11,800—that's pretty good odds," she said. ■

## Companion

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"It was a curveball," he said, and those were two of the hardest weeks of his life.

Getting laid off meant he couldn't afford the surgery, which would set him back more than \$3,000. It meant he and Duke could no longer go on their daily outings, since getting excited was a big risk with the dog's disorder.

"When you can't pant, you overheat," explained Bishop Ranch veterinarian James Delano. "It's like going from breathing through a garden hose to breathing through a straw."

Delano, who has witnessed the bond between the man and dog for more than 10 years, said he used to see them around town. But after the diagnosis, he noticed they were no longer out and about.

"He realized the condition was affecting the quality of life for both

of them," said Tracey Quartaroli, spokeswoman for the vet center.

The doctor then tried to get the surgery done at a discount.

Last week, the surgery was completed at cost value for about \$2,000, with the understanding that Quilici would be billed when he can raise enough money to pay for the surgery. Quilici and the Vet Center are now reaching out to the community for monetary donations.

Where Duke used to suck and heave loudly for even a puff of air, he now breathes fluidly. The larynxes in his throat are permanently opened. Before the surgery, one could hear every laborious breath. Now, although Duke has lost his ability to bark, he can breathe and move much more easily.

In a back room of the vet center, Quilici's face lit up at the first sight of his dog after the surgery. Duke had tired droopy eyes from going under the knife and sniffed around slowly, slightly clumsily from medication. His neck was shaven from

the procedure but he wagged his tail at the sight of his owner.

"It's like night and day," Quilici said after the dog had been home a few days.

Service dogs are generally Labradors and provide assistance to physically disabled people by opening and closing doors, pulling wheelchairs, helping dress and undress them and more, according to Dogs for the Disabled. The dogs aid people with physical disabilities and often a deeply emotional connection grows between the owner and the dog, who rely on each other for survival and companionship.

"They have a sense of compassion and they understand your abilities," said Quilici, who gets around in an electric wheelchair.

To contribute to the surgery cost, send donations by check to Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center with the word "Duke" in the notes section of the check. Mail to 2000 Bishop Drive, San Ramon 94583. ■

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### All the world's a stage

Advanced drama students from San Ramon Valley High School, their teacher Chuck Perryman and parent chaperones visit Buckingham Palace during a trip to England last winter break that included Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and boyhood home in Stratford upon—Avon.



### Relaxing in Cabo

Kurt and Nancy Zimmerman—and their Danville Weekly—enjoy a relaxing vacation in Cabo San Lucas in Mexico last November.



### Happy to be Shanghai'ed

Rebecca Papesh of Danville and her daughter Lauren, a Chico resident, enjoy their Weekly in Old Town Shanghai in January where they were accompanying Rebecca's husband Mike on a business trip.



### Fjord fun by Fernando

Jim and Janie Randall pull out their Weekly for a photo in front of Fernando Glacier on a cruise of the fjords in Patagonia, Chile, in December.



### While touring Europe

The Cella family—(l-r) Maryann, Caitlin, Brian, Caroline and Robby—asked a passerby to photograph them with their Weekly in front of the Neuschwanstein Castle in the Bavarian Alps last August. The German seemed puzzled but complied, the family reported. Their three-week trip also included Versailles, Paris, London and Bath for a "fabulous" vacation.



### Down Mexico way

Some travelers on Round Hill Country's Club annual trip to Acapulco enjoy their hometown newspaper at mealtime: Jill and Marvin Starr, Mark and Marcie Kahn, Glenn Gross, Sonia Guaragna and Joan Oakley.



### Venetian holiday

Alan and Linda Worsham of Danville enjoy their Weekly while traveling the water-filled canals of Venice, Italy, in March with their daughter Alison and son-in-law Dave Bonebrake. They were celebrating Dave's upcoming graduation from law school.

### Cabo caper for the Castleberrys

Lea Castleberry, deputy chief of staff for County District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, and her husband Bill forget about the office but remember the Danville Weekly while vacationing in Cabo San Lucas.



### Go Giants!

Wayne Childree and Gary Anderson of Alamo—and their Weekly—spend a beautiful warm day at the Scottsdale Stadium enjoying some spring training baseball.



### Costa Rica adventure

Fred and Gail Schwartz and Murray and Barbara Feuer enjoy their Weekly on the grounds of the Marriott Hotel while visiting San Jose, Costa Rica, in February.

# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## Looking for the overwhelmed

Do you know anyone who needs help with minor home repairs or yard work? If so, contact Building Bridges, a group that does yard cleanups and repair projects one Saturday each October.

Last week, Steve Liao and Sandee Wiedemann represented the group at Mayor Mike Shimansky's monthly breakfast to ask everyone to please, please help them find people who need their assistance. They have plenty of volunteers, Steve said, but they need to find the people who could really use their help at this year's fifth annual event being held Saturday, Oct. 20.

They've helped people living from Walnut Creek to Livermore, Steve said. It's usually not an economic need in this area, he noted, but rather a matter of people being overwhelmed.

He told me about one single mother in Danville whose kids were brushing their teeth in the kitchen sink and drying their hair in the kitchen, too, because the bathroom drain was clogged and the bathroom electrical circuit had blown. The mother didn't have the know-how to fix the problems or the time during the week when she was at work to call a plumber or electrician.

Steve said people might be referred to them by neighbors or through senior help lines. Sometimes emergency personnel who answer calls for assistance will report that a couple needs help.

"If code enforcement sees senior citizens with an overgrown yard, maybe if the neighbors complained, they give us a call," he explained. "We make ourselves available and they ask the people if they would be willing to let us clean the yard rather than be cited."

One large project was for an elderly woman in San Ramon, whose house had become so cluttered that rodents were becoming a problem in the neighborhood. First she gave Building Bridges permission to clip her hedges. Once they gained her trust, they sent her away for six weeks and Lennar builders brought in a crew to refurbish the house and even install new appliances. When she moved back in, her neighbors came by to celebrate and her family again began to visit.

"There was lots of healing," Steve said. "It turned into a situation of community pride. Now she makes everyone take their shoes off when they come in."

Most cases are not so dramatic. But they do give people a new lease on life as their yard magically gets up to snuff, or their minor

home repairs are done. Plus they have made some new friends and know that someone cares about them. Building Bridges meets at San Ramon Presbyterian Church, but its volunteers are just people who love their community and want to do something. Community Presbyterian Church in Danville joins together with the town for a similar day in April called Lend a Hand.

One single mother's kids were brushing their teeth in the kitchen sink because the bathroom drain was clogged and she didn't have the know-how to fix it or time to call a plumber.

Building Bridges has done work with families who have members in wheelchairs, and has built ramps and installed handrails. Steve told me about another single mom in Danville whose husband had just left her with three kids, plus she took in her sister's three children.

"The oldest kid was in a wheel-

chair, and the mom was working two jobs to make ends meet," recalled Steve. "What she wanted was to make her garage to be a warm, safe place for the kids to play."

They first cleared a lot of clutter from the garage, and then they brought in volunteer contractors, who put in electricity and built a wheelchair ramp. Danville building inspectors even came out on the weekend. The kids now have a warm, safe play area.

Steve said the 300 or so volunteers will meet Friday night to form teams of five to 10 people, and to figure out who will do what. Projects usually take about six hours and most frequently entail weed abatement, yard cleanup, window cleaning, gutter cleaning, minor plumbing, electrical or carpentry repairs. The group can also use donated materials and financial support.

But right now the biggest need is to find people to help so if you know of someone, call 543-7772 or e-mail [info@srpc.org](mailto:info@srpc.org). It might be a newly single woman or someone whose spouse has been deployed to Iraq or someone who, for whatever reason, has been overwhelmed by life lately. Help to build bridges in our community.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli  
can be e-mailed at  
[editor@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:editor@DanvilleWeekly.com).



JORDAN M. DORONILLA

## Night Out for neighbors

Friendly pooch Cameron draws attention from a group of neighbors gathered outside a home on El Capitan Drive near Balceta Court for the 24th annual National Night Out on Tuesday evening, Aug. 7. Neighbors convened at block parties throughout Danville and those registered with the Police Department had an officer stop by to say hello and hand out goodies to the children. National Night Out is held the first Tuesday in August to "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party," organized by the National Association of Town Watch, an anti-crime group promoting alliances with law enforcement. "We really ought to do this more often," said Bob Riley, a Danville resident who coordinated block parties in this neighborhood.

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# Perspective

EDITORIALS • LETTERS • OPINIONS

## EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Taking in the view

Danville passes an ordinance to prevent homes being built on a ridgeline. The Planning Commission cites the ordinance when someone applies to build on a ridgeline and the Town Council backs it up. A county judge says the town didn't have enough evidence to deny plans for the 7,000-square-foot home and orders the Council to take another look at the application.

County voters pass Measure J in 2004 and Measure L in 2006 to stop towns and cities from expanding into farmlands and open space. Along comes the New Farm project, touted as "rural residential" rather than "urban development," to be located in Tassajara Valley. The county Board of Supervisors votes 4-1 to allow the \$1 million study of the project.

What is wrong with these pictures? In both cases, the law sought to limit housing to certain spaces, to protect our natural ridgelines and our open spaces. In both cases, developers came up with ways to circumvent those intentions to get housing where they want it.

The ridgelines ordinance was not intended to stop wealthy people from fulfilling their dreams of building homes on hilltops with views. It was meant to preserve everyone else's views as they look up at the ridgelines. The urban limit line is not a matter of residents wanting to close the doors after they are already contentedly living in Contra Costa County. Rather it is to encourage fill-in development and smart growth, building near existing transportation and infrastructure rather than developing in the hinterlands and then requiring new roads and services.

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Just what do we have to do to preserve our views and contain development in existing urban areas? It's apparently not enough to make laws. We must remain on the alert for judges who do not consider hillside ordinances binding and supervisors who OK studies that might find loopholes rather than worrying about voters' intentions.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Alamo needs a charter and a plan

Dear Editor:

Chris Kenber, in his guest article for the Danville Weekly (July 20), justified incorporation of Alamo in overview but did not discuss the issues of formation of a government and the strength of community voice in that government. CCC LAFCO as the incorporation authority does not allow formation of government under citizens' oversight or with limitations of the authority of the city council. The allowable form of incorporation is an unplanned city, and all definition of the city happens after incorporation by a city council with full authority to act without

citizens' oversight.

Alamo residents should ask themselves if they would INVEST in any organization that did not have a plan and a defined role and accountability for its leadership. In any establishment of a corporation or institution, we would expect, as shareholders, the following to be in place and in force prior to our investment:

- A charter that states the purpose and goals of the venture.
- A general plan that states the operations, structure, plans, TEAM and pro forma fiscal activities of the venture.

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- A summary plan that introduces the venture's operations and planned results in overview to capital sources.
- A formation document that defines the specific incorporation of the venture.

As residents of Alamo, we should expect the same definition and planning to be in place and as part of any vote on incorporation of the City of Alamo. We must provide our preferences for boundaries, zoning, codes, staffing, operations, services and authority of council members in a general plan. Anything less is a blind investment in the good faith of city councils now and into the future.

*Hal Bailey, Alamo*

### Alamo AIM issues

Dear Editor:

Let's thank Tony (Carnemolla) and John (Goerl) for pointing to real issues (Letters, Aug. 3) in the Alamo Incorporation Movement (AIM) Study and inviting AIM to provide an in-depth community plan that details city structures, services, controls and citizens' oversight. AIM's Chris Kenber, an accomplished business leader, could easily provide such an AIM structured viewpoint and safeguards that would make a contract-services municipality a tax-efficient success.

We can all expect significant changes in Alamo's relationship with Contra Costa County as Guy Houston becomes our District 3 Supervisor. As a result, we need to carefully evaluate reformation of the county and whether we need incorporation.

Speak out, Alamo!

*Lisa Wright, Alamo community of neighborhoods*

### Houston, we have a celebration

Dear Editor:

Alamo is celebrating!  
Guy Houston is announcing

he is a candidate for District 3 Supervisor. We expect Guy to bring his moderate approach, human concern and fiscal responsibility to District 3 relationships and a genuine consideration for Alamo neighborhoods' advisory.

District 3, for more than seven years, has been at-odds with

Alamo needs, interests and advisory. In the past three years, that relationship with Alamo, and many communities and neighborhoods throughout District 3, has become abusive.

Thank you, Guy.

*Vince Kreigher, Alamo community of neighborhoods*

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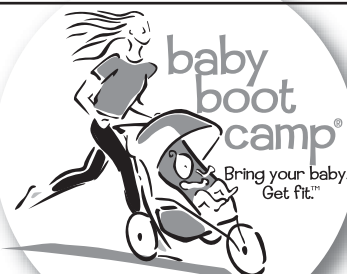
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## Stephen Russell Jones

Danville resident Stephen Russell Jones, 57, passed away July 15 and is remembered as a man who enjoyed life, love and family.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Theresa; his children Nikki and Matt; his parents Russell and Cecile Jones; his brothers and sisters Richard and Tom Jones, Janice Lacoste, Suzanne Hidalgo, Yvonne Chaves; and nieces and nephews and friends. Services were held July 18-19 at St. Philip Neri Church in Alameda. Burial is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

## George J. Wirthman

George J. Wirthman, 86, a resident of Danville for 18 years, died in Walnut Creek on July 25.

He was born Sept. 15, 1920, in Kansas City, Mo. He was a track and football star during his high school and college days, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Before moving to Danville, he was a longtime resident of Walnut Creek. He worked as a stereotypist with the Berkeley Gazette. He retired as vice president in charge of sales for New York-based Wood Flog Corp., then he was owner of Westwood Enterprises.

He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was later a Boy Scout leader. He was also an avid golfer and was a member of the Contra Costa Country Club for more than 50 years.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Helen Wirthman of Danville; sons Phillip S. (Susan) Wirthman of Clayton and G. James (Olivia) Wirthman of Foster City; daughter Nancy J. Green of Fort Bragg; stepchildren Laurel, Benjamin and Kristina; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-

grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his first wife Dorothy Wirthman in 1988.

A memorial service was held at Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel on July 30, with inurnment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. Memorial contributions may be sent in his name to the Mt. Diablo Silverado Boy Scouts, 800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill 94523.

## Patricia (Patt) Johnson

Patricia (Patt) Johnson, 76, passed away quietly at her Danville home on July 26.

She was born Dec. 25, 1930. For 15 years, she owned a Danville gift shop, "The Storeroom of Gifts," with the slogan "Key to the Perfect Gift." She was a member for 25 years of the Soroptimists, an international organization of women helping women. She was also a longtime student of Science of Mind and a member of the Church of Religious Science in Lafayette.

She traveled extensively, loved flower arranging, and was an avid gardener. Her friends and family said that like her beautiful gardens, with loving care she nourished a beautiful life.

She is survived by her son Lindy Johnson; grandsons Jessy and Jeffery Johnson; granddaughter Julie Johnson; and great-granddaughter Jerrica Richardson, who all live in Danville. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert (Bob) Johnson in Danville in 1991.

A service was held Aug. 3 at Oakmont Memorial Park. Donations may be sent to the Contra Costa Hospice. To share thoughts about Patt, go to her guestbook at Legacy.com.

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# 'A NIGHT FOR WIZARDS'

Families will focus on everything Harry Potter during an evening of downtown activities

by Jordan M. Doronila

Wizards and witches will cast magical spells of delight and wonder in the black night next Thursday in downtown Danville.

Discover Danville Association is hosting its third annual Family Night in Old Town Danville from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Aug. 16. The free event's theme this year is "A Night for Wizards," which celebrates the new Harry Potter film and book.

The movie "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" and the novel "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" by J.K. Rowling—the final book in the series—were released last month.

Rick Kemsley, Discover Danville president, said he is an avid fan of the Potter stories.

"It's a great fantasy. It's like any good book, it's like a picture," Kemsley said. "You're watching it as opposed to reading it. She's got an incredible (imagination)."

Family Night will showcase balloons, a wizard's ring, a hat toss and puppet shows. There will be games, music and crafts, plus a station for magic wands and a place to make slime. Also, a science group will make sparkling spectacles for parents and children to behold.

A scavenger hunt will send kids searching in local stores and spots downtown for a variety of items, with 20 winners receiving the seventh Harry Potter book as a prize. The items will be related to the stories, said Kemsley.

"We wanted to pick a topic for kids," Kemsley said, adding that the event is for adults, too. "(Harry Potter) is popular."

Several people in town said the Potter stories are popular because they depict the classic struggle between good and evil. Additionally, some said the characters and story are special, and the Potter books take people out of their everyday lives.

"Probably, it's the juxtaposition with the familiar and the comforting with the strange and wonderful," noted Michael Barnard, owner of Rakestraw Books in Danville.

Barnard said he sold a couple hundred of the new Harry Potter books when it came out in July. He said Rowling has imagined a world with depth and range that is deeply satisfying to millions of readers.

Rakestraw hosted a Potter theme night for kids on July 20, the eve of the book release, and from 150 to 200 people showed up. The event included a magician, games and trivia.

Barnard added that around 8 million Potter books have been sold nationwide.

Discover Danville Association hosts events throughout the year to attract folks downtown and make it a popular destination for residents

and tourists alike. It also joins the town and the Chamber of Commerce to direct changes in the downtown area as development occurs.

The Town of Danville granted business funds to Discover Danville for 2006-07 to help promote and brand the community. These funds are earmarked for two evening concerts, a marketing and advertising plan and creating downtown maps. The group also added enhancements to the downtown area, such as flowers and benches.

Discover Danville holds many events such as its Doggie Night in June and the Art and Wine Stroll last week.

In past years for its Family Night, Kemsley said Discover Danville has done sports themes. The recently released film, "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," gave members the idea of doing a night of pirates. But then they decided on the Harry Potter theme.

"We wanted to up the ante," Kemsley said.

Kemsley, who owns Tao Sports Taekwondo on Hartz Avenue, grew up in Southern California and went to Los Angeles Baptist High School. He surfed and dived as a youngster, he said. After graduating, he worked nights in banking and got his degree in business from Pepperdine University.

Shortly after, he started a small consulting business in software. His business was eventually bought by a larger company, but he retained his leadership position in the firm.

As a consultant, he traveled to such places as Singapore, Korea, Prague, Cologne and Barcelona. But eventually he tired of traveling and wanted to spend more time with his family.

"You get burnt out," Kemsley said.

When he retired from that business, he opened up Tao Sports five years ago, and said he has been doing Taekwondo for 19 years.

"I saved enough money," he said. "It's really rewarding."

He lives with his wife Diane in Danville. His son Christopher, a graduate of San Ramon Valley High School, attends Diablo Valley College.

In addition to martial arts and sports, reading is Kemsley's passion. He said he enjoys legendary fantasy writer J.R.R. Tolkien, James Bond novelist Ian Fleming, suspense writer Stephen King, and Tom Clancy.

He said he is excited about next week's Family Night.

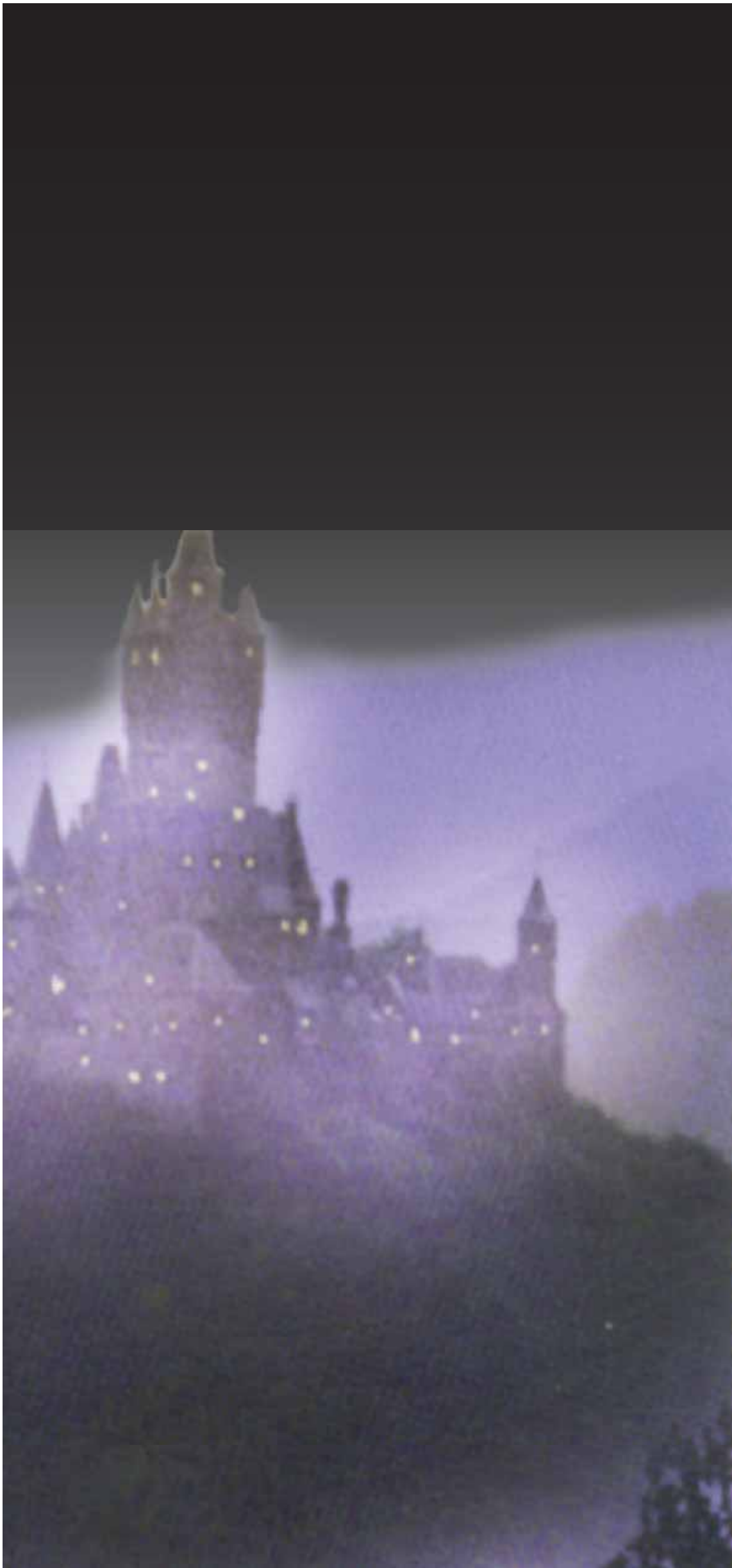
"It'll be a fun time," he said.

Visit [www.discoverdanvilleca.com](http://www.discoverdanvilleca.com) or call 594-0784 for more information about "A Night for Wizards." Or just show up downtown Wednesday to see what's brewing. ■



Ricky Kemsley of Tao Sports Taekwondo is heading up "A Night for Wizards," a fun family night downtown being presented next Thursday by Discover Danville.

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- Best financial planner
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- Best bicycle shop
- Best bookstore
- Best children's clothing store
- Best florist
- Best framing store
- Best grocery store
- Best hobby/craft store
- Best health food store
- Best jewelry
- Best lingerie store
- Best shoe store
- Best maternity store
- Best men's clothing store
- Best pet store
- Best women's clothing store

### Personal care and pampering

- Best acupuncture
- Best dry cleaner
- Best hair salon for women
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- Best manicure/pedicure
- Best massage
- Best medical spa
- Best day spa

### Epicure

- Best "assemble your own" meal store
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- Best barbecue
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- Best breakfast
- Best Chinese restaurant
- Best dessert
- Best French restaurant
- Best ice cream/yogurt shop
- Best independent coffee house
- Best Indian restaurant
- Best Italian restaurant
- Best Japanese/Sushi restaurant
- Best margarita
- Best Mediterranean/Middle Eastern restaurant
- Best Mexican restaurant
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- Best pizza
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- Best romantic restaurant
- Best seafood restaurant
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- Best vegetarian cuisine

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- Best personal trainer

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- Best carpet cleaners
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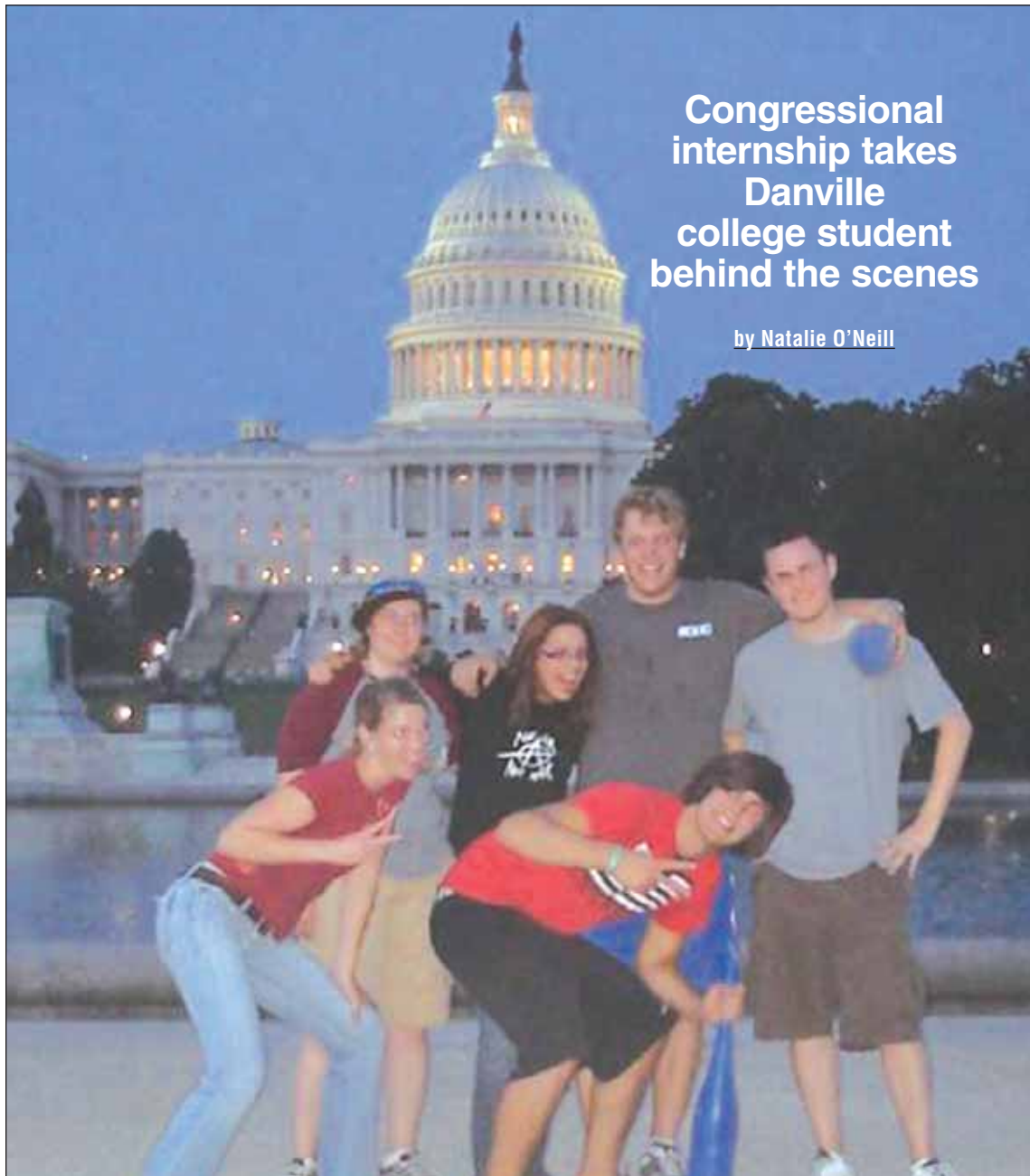
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## LIFE ON 'THE HILL'

### Congressional internship takes Danville college student behind the scenes

by Natalie O'Neill



Tracy Petroski, third from the left, and the friends she made while interning for U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney spend the evening out and about in Washington, D.C.

Congressman Jerry McNerney has a bright blue Myspace page. Barack Obama has nearly 130,000 "friends" on Facebook. And a clip featuring a Hillary Clinton speech has been viewed over 3.6 million times on Youtube.com.

What do these democrats have in common? They are all pulling in votes from youths by treading onto their turf—popular Internet sites. Like rock stars and actors, politicians are all over social networking Web pages and media outlets frequented by American teens and 20-somethings.

And as political leaders reach out to young people, young people are reaching right back.

Tracy Petroski, an 18-year-old Sonoma State University student from Danville, saw this firsthand in Washington, D.C., while interning

with U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D., 11th District). After arriving home this week from a two-month internship on Capitol Hill, she said the vast majority of people working on "the Hill" are under 30.

"Next election, I think there are going to be the most young voters ever," a slightly sleep-deprived Petroski said, after having caught the red-eye home from Washington.

"Politicians are getting (young people) in their own environment. They're hitting the nail on the head with Youtube," she said.

As an intern, she sat in on briefings for proposed bills, drafted memos, and gave tours of the congressional offices. Her duty at one point was to come up with well-researched questions for McNerney to ask the Environmental Protection Agency.

Learning how the political system works from the inside—proposing a bill, getting it passed, and funding it—inspired her to work toward positive change in the U.S. and overseas.

"I'm drawn to the impact politics can make. There are so many procedures I am not fond of, but in the end it does make an impact," she said.

With such a behind-the-scenes role in Washington, youths like Petroski could be paving the way for a trend in younger political leaders.

The youngest mayor in U.S. history was elected recently in Hillsdale, Mich., at just 18 years old. While John F. Kennedy is the youngest U.S. president to be elected, at 43, it's not uncommon to see politicians in their 20s run for lower level political positions—and

win. Current San Francisco county Supervisor Chris Daly, for example, was the youngest supervisor in history to be elected in the city, at just 28.

On the Hill, there are several highly motivated interns from Danville and the Tri-Valley, thanks to McNerney. Petroski had frequent conversations with the congressman and heard a special speech that Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi gave to the interns.

Petroski, who was by far the youngest intern, was enthused by some of the political groups and grassroots organizations. Activists would present facts to accompany a bill they hoped to have passed, along with solutions to solve their particular social issue.

One documentarian talked about the horrors endured by women in Middle Eastern countries, while displaying poignant photographs. And other advocates of renewable energy pushed for higher standards on automobile manufacturers, pointing to staggering statistics.

Even with the importance of the environmental work for which McNerney is well-known, Petroski felt herself pushing most for the education of women in the Middle East.

"That was the most profound for me. I got a better understanding of what life is like over there," she said.

my 'corporate footprint' is too big."

In Washington, Petroski lived three blocks away from congressional offices in a house full of other college students who were interning everywhere from the Pentagon to CNN. The living space was part of a program called WISH, Washington Intern Student Housing, which gets hundreds of interns together in a radius of a few blocks.

In her house, she was a minority, being that she was one of three democrats in a house full of republicans. When political debates would flare up, she was always the odd man out, she said.

But this gave her a chance to understand the opposite perspective—and strengthen her own convictions. Being a political black sheep in a house full of opinionated college kids actually strengthened her faith in the Democratic Party, she said.

"I learned other perspectives and it made me realize I am able to fend for myself," she said.

This summer's polls show a low national approval rate for Congress, at about 30 percent, which many attribute to votes on how to approach the predicament in Iraq. Petroski wants people to know, however, that much critical thinking goes into Congressional decision making.

"I don't think people realize we



The Jefferson Memorial was a subject of Petroski's photography while in Washington.

Her father Peter Petroski, who hopes to see more of Danville's young people making waves in Washington, said he's already noticed how much she's learned from the internship.

"It was a great experience for her, coming from here (where) everything seems handed to you," he said.

Since she's been home, he added with a chuckle, "She keeps telling me

do take everybody's opinion into consideration. We really play to the constituents—so much thought goes into it," she said.

As youths take on subtle but significant roles in Washington, they are having a hand in those very thought processes. These days, even prominent politicians seem to be acknowledging that. From the Hill to the Web, young people are making a mark in politics. ■



## 2005 Paraiso Vineyards Pinot Noir

(Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County)  
(Bella Vino - Danville, \$25.99)

by Gregory Peebles

Paraiso's new release gives consumers plenty to ponder. Show the initial foresight and patience to stash away several bottles for eight or 10 months and chances are good you can be uncorking a sultry beauty for several years afterward.

Color extraction is vital to all wines, especially Pinot Noirs in the "luxury" price category. Winemaker David Fleming hits the mark: A clean, pure spectrum of crimson, ruby and purple.

The nose is slightly indicative of Pinot Noir in a young, awkward stage. Demure aromas of cherry and rose petal climb over the glass. Its aromas are complemented by a multi-layered bouquet of mushroom, clove and graham cracker.

Round, fleshy textured notes of tart cherry, plum and pomegranate greet the palate. The very firm tannin-acid structure provides a strong foundation for cellaring.

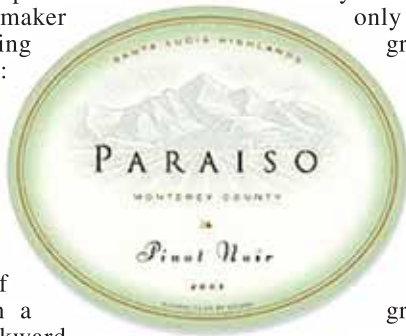
A long finish of red fruit, vanilla and light touch of Syrah-like black

licorice completes the picture. This is serious wine.

Richard Smith's 400-acre estate is indeed paradise ("paraiso" in Spanish) for Pinot Noir and he pioneered what is now a supremely popular appellation. The Smith's are currently surrounded by several other highly prized vineyards: Mer Soleil, Pisoni, Garys', Rosella's and Talbott's "Sleepy Hollow." For fans of Monopoly who also fancy heavenly Pinot Noirs, only three or four growing districts in California deserve "Boardwalk" or "Park Place" status. The Santa Lucia Highlands region is undoubtedly among this select group.

Hungry? Pair this varietal with its classic partners. Roast game bird, duck, grilled salmon or lamb combine beautifully with Paraiso's powerful and sophisticated Pinot Noir. As always, learn to trust your palate and decide for yourselves!

*Have comments or questions about wine? Gregory Peebles, wine industry professional and East Bay resident, can be contacted at [caledoniawine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caledoniawine@sbcglobal.net).*



## Can my kids volunteer?

**Q.** Does your shelter allow teenagers to volunteer?

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**Q.** We just adopted a kitten and the vet said it has ringworm. Does this mean my kids are going to get ringworm?

**A.** The short answer is "probably." Ringworm is a skin infection caused by a number of different fungi, called dermatophytes. It is not caused by a worm at all, but is named for the characteristic red itchy ring that it causes on human skin. Dermatophyte spores are found all over the environment, particularly in soil. They can infect the skin of animals and humans. Children, the elderly, and immune-compromised adults are more likely to develop ringworm lesions. Animals with ringworm have spores on their fur, which can infect humans when they come in contact with the animal or its environment—which includes its bedding, toys, food dishes and the like. The spores can persist

in the environment for up to 18 months after the infection is gone. Even if the animal is being treated, it can continually reinfect itself, which makes getting rid of the infection difficult. Treatment usually consists of special baths, oral medication, or both.

To keep other pets and children from getting ringworm:

- Keep the kitten confined to one easily-cleaned room;
- Wash hands immediately after handling the kitten, its bedding, or supplies;
- Designate clothing to be worn in the contaminated area—a long-sleeved shirt or smock; and
- Clean the kitten's area daily. A solution of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water will kill ringworm spores on dishes and litterboxes.

If a person in your household does develop an itchy or red-ringed patch of skin, please see your family doctor and be sure to mention the ringworm exposure. The infection usually clears on its own but the doctor may prescribe topical medication. If a pet in your household has developed spots of hair loss, please take them to your own veterinarian for diagnosis and treatment.



—Dr. Heidi Strand is a veterinarian for the East Bay SPCA in Dublin. She has lived in the Tri-Valley for 10 years with her family and an assortment of four-legged friends. Questions can be mailed to 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville 94526; or e-mailed to [hstrand@eastbayspca.org](mailto:hstrand@eastbayspca.org). Her column runs every other week.

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## A movie review of what's AT THE MOVIES

### Becoming Jane

★★★

Rating: PG for chaste romance et al  
Run Time: Two hours

Unless you have something new to say, don't say it all. Lesson learned from yet another Jane Austen re-tread that trots out its tired themes with 18th-century goodness.

Early confusion, pacing problems and silly scripting dog the narrative—a quixotic comedy that puts young Jane herself (Anne Hathaway) front and center in a romantic roundelay not unlike those that she penned for her devoted readers. You know the type—relentlessly quippy philosophizing and V-for-virtuous protestations of love not lust.

As in most Austen projects, Jane's parents (Julie Walters and James Cromwell) are searching for a suitable husband to guarantee their daughter's future social standing. The pair have their eye on the nephew of a rich widowed aristocrat (Maggie Smith reprising this role for the umpteenth time) who disapproves of Jane's spirited and independent ways.

Naturally Jane falls for the rogue in the form of an arrogant and dashing Irishman named Tom Lefroy (James McAvoy). Their frisky flirtation is fraught with social risk but the irrepressible Jane stubbornly thinks with her heart and not her head—refusing to marry for position. Art imitating life imitating art or something like that.

Somewhat surprisingly, "Jane" finally finds its groove late in the game, turning dark and dramatic when least expected. A spirited energy infects specific scenes, among them a jolly co-ed cricket match that has Title Nine written all over it and the ubiquitous but sprightly ballroom encounter.

McAvoy is a bit too aware of his "It Boy" status but it works to spark a come-hither attraction to Hathaway's glimmer and wit. Climax is effectively weepy for serious fans of the genre.

—Jeanne Aufmuth

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# Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

## Green Valley Grammar School

The Green Valley Grammar School has an early history which features several pioneer Danville families. The first school was built in 1865 by the Howard brothers on land owned by Andrew Inman. Many of the students who attended came from the large Noia family.

Before the school was built, classes had been taught in a room at White Gate Farm, owned by brothers Nathaniel and Charles Howard who had immigrated to California in 1849 and built White Gate in 1856. Nathaniel was an architect and builder and, with his brother, built several other houses in Danville.

Andrew and Daniel Inman came to California's gold country in 1949 and began buying Danville land in 1852. Andrew stayed and ranched in Green Valley while Dan returned to



The first Green Valley Grammar School was built in 1865 on the northwest corner of today's Green Valley and Blemer roads. In 1866, the enrollment was 24 students.

mining. When Daniel returned, he bought a farm on both sides of San Ramon Creek in 1858 and that area became the village of Danville.

The school was said to be the county's first plastered school and cost the princely amount of \$575. One newspaper reported that it was

the third most valuable school facility in the county. There was also a barn, and water was pumped from wells which were 5 feet across and 20 feet deep. It was located on the northwest corner of today's Green Valley and Blemer roads.

Amelia Howard Ridgway wrote a short account of that early school which "served two purposes, a school during the week days and a gathering place for Sunday worship. We did not always have a minister, but we could meet, have Sunday school and sing the good old hymns."

Enrollment in the mid-1860s was 24. Early teachers Clara Germain and Hattie G. Clark were paid \$58 a month. Amelia recalled many school and family picnics at the Uriel Huntington ranch near Mt. Diablo's foothills, which were full of mature trees.

One May Day celebration was held at the Huntington ranch. It was covered in the Contra Costa Gazette on May 19, 1866:

"The San Ramon and Green Valley Schools...met for the purpose of giving their parents and friends an opportunity to witness their exhibition and celebration exercises...There were three beautiful young Queens, who were elegantly attired for the occasion, each wearing a crown of beautiful flowers: Laura Harlan, Clara Glass and Louisa Hill. Each of the young Misses responded in short, pretty speeches which would have done credit to persons of larger practice in ceremonial oratory."

Fundraisers were held for the school in the village. A Contra Costa Gazette article (Nov. 8, 1879) said, "Green Valley School will give a Public Exhibition at the Danville Grange Hall Friday evening November 21st—Proceeds for purchase of a school organ." Admission was 50 cents.

Photographs of the school and students include several Noia children. This family lived on a ranch (today's Magee Homes on Blackhawk Road) and included 11 children, whose parents were Francisco and Mary Silva Noia, both Portuguese from the Azores. The children walked to school in good weather and were often brought to school in a wagon when it rained. Julia Noia Freitas recalled bringing a clean white skirt to put on at school when the road was muddy.

By 1920 the building was dilapidated and a new school in a mission style was built on the old site by Steve Johnson. It was dedicated in 1922 and cost \$1,200. The enrollment was around 40.

In 1930, voters decided to join the Danville Union District and students went to Danville Grammar School on Love Lane. The building was sold to Curt Haskell for the \$650 taxes due. Eric and Lydia Turner purchased it in 1945 and restored it as their home. She remembered that it had a marvelous view of Mount Diablo.

A new Green Valley Elementary School was built in 1952 on Diablo Road and enlarged several times in that decade. The school bell out front is engraved with the date 1867 and reminds us of that first school for pioneer children.

Sources: *Contra Costa History Center*; *school clipping notebooks*; *Contra Costa Gazette, 1866, 1879*; *museum archives*; *The Valley Pioneer Centennial Edition, Sept. 4, 1958*

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



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## Art

**Bay Area Landscapes Exhibit** A collection of Bay Area landscape paintings by the California Watercolor Association featuring Danville resident Robin Purcell's "September in Sunol." The art will be on display from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday, until Sept. 2, at Filoli, 86 Canada Rd., Woodside. Call 648-0971.

**Calypto Twist Anniversary Party** Come and join the anniversary celebration of Calypto Twist at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14 and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at Calypto Twist, 1357 N. Main St., Walnut Creek. Visitors will receive 20% off. Call 944-4860.

## Clubs

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

**Amador Valley Quilters** This club will host teacher and applique artist, Sandra Mollon, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. She will also hold a workshop the following day. Visit [www.amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org).

**Chinese American Senior Center** This is club for seniors and meets from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., every Monday and Tuesday, at the Alamo Women's Clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd. Activities include cultural diversity classes and activities. Anyone who would benefit from the classes and activities is invited. Call 831-9988.

**Concord Rainbow Girls** The International Order of the Rainbow Girls is a service and youth development organization for girls ages 11-20. The group meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, at Diablo Valley Masonic Center, 4035 Treat Blvd., Concord. Call 914-0058 or visit [www.whatsimportant.org](http://www.whatsimportant.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 [dmi210@yahoo.com](mailto:dmi210@yahoo.com) or [www.danvilleamtoastmasters.org](http://www.danvilleamtoastmasters.org).

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

**Danville Lions Club** The Danville Lions Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Join as their guest to learn the contribution you can make as a Lion. For information, call 984-1541.

**Danville Mid-day Referral Group, BNI** Danville Mid-day Referral Group, a chapter of Business Network International, meets from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., every Wednesday, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Call Eric Samuels at 946-1400.

**Danville Rotary** The Danville Rotary meets at noon every Monday at the Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. For information, visit [www.danvillerotary.org](http://www.danvillerotary.org).

**Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary** The Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary

Club meets for breakfast at 7 a.m., every Tuesday at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Join them for great fellowship and make a difference in your community and the world. Call Scott at 743-8449.

**Delta Nu Psi** Delta Nu Psi provides packages to troops in the War Zone. The group collects donations before the third Friday of every month in front of Longs Drug Store in Alamo and before the third Saturday at Lunardi's in Danville. It puts together the packages on the third Wednesday of every month. For information, e-mail Alicia at [deltanupsi@comcast.net](mailto:deltanupsi@comcast.net).

**Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley** This club meets at noon, monthly on the second Wednesday, at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. The program features guest speakers and business networking. Guests are welcome with reservations. Call 275-2412 or visit [www.srvexchangeclub.org](http://www.srvexchangeclub.org).

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

**Homeowner/Homebuyer Book Club** The Homeowner/Homebuyer Book Club is a place to learn, share and discuss. It meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month, at 3223 Crow Canyon Road, second floor Conference room, San Ramon. Call 397-2093.

**Kiwanis San Ramon Valley** The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis meets from noon-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo. Meeting includes a guest speaker and lunch. For information, visit its Web site at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org).

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

**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 Marie Calendar's, 1101 S. Calif. Blvd., Walnut Creek and at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Strizzi's, 3456 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Visit [www.pca.org/dia](http://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.

**San Ramon Valley Newcomers Luncheon** San Ramon Valley Newcomers invites you to their monthly luncheon with guest speaker, Dr. Elaine Ashby, MD, at 11:45 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, at Forbes Mill, Danville. For reservations, call 735-3508 or visit [www.srvnc.com](http://www.srvnc.com)

**San Ramon Valley Rotary Club** This club meets for dinner at 7 p.m., every Wednesday, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Guests are welcome. The club offers a great way to make new friends while making a difference in your community. Call Bill at 838-9110.

**Tri-Valley Writers Association** This club exists to inform, educate, and have fun and is open to anyone interested in the craft of writing. The club meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at Girasole Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Contact Steve Workman at 485-1011 or [skworkman@aol.com](mailto:skworkman@aol.com).

**Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club** This club provides support, information and friendship for mothers of any number of multiples meeting every second Tuesday of every month, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. R/T discussion begins at 6:30 p.m.; roundtable discussion is open to all current and prospective members from 7:30-9 p.m., hosted by a twin mom member. Dads and babies welcome! Call 948-0004 or visit [www.tvmotc.com](http://www.tvmotc.com).

**Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75** The organization meets every third 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](http://www.vfw.org).

## Concerts

**'Hollywood'** The long-running star of The Phantom of the Opera, Franc D'Ambrosio, will perform Hollywood from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$22-27. Call 943-7469 or visit [www.dlrca.org](http://www.dlrca.org).

**22nd Annual Music in the Park** Town of Danville will host the 22nd annual Music in the Park Concert Series from 6-8 p.m., Saturdays, at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Rd., Danville. Zydeco Flames (Cajun) on Aug. 18. These concerts are free. Call 314-3400.

**Alamo Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series** Alamo Parks and Recreation will host its

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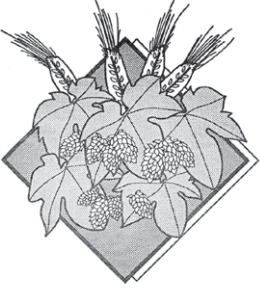
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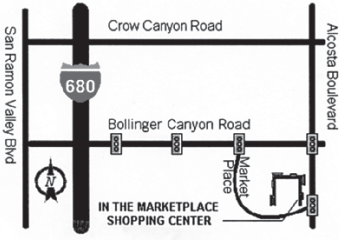
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**Concert in the Hills Series** Come and enjoy a free concert during the Concert in the Hills Series with the opening act at 7 p.m. and the main act at 8 p.m. Saturdays, until September, at CSUEB, Concord Campus. Joni Morris on Aug. 11 and Native Elements on Sept. 8. Bring a picnic and short lawnchairs or blankets. No dogs or glass. Call 602-8654 or visit [www.concertinthehills.com](http://www.concertinthehills.com).

## Events

**8th Annual To Life! Festival** Celebrate the eighth annual To Life! Jewish cultural street festival from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9, on California Avenue, Palo Alto. The day will include show-cases of Judaica and fine art, music, dancing and food. Call (650) 852-3506 or visit [www.paloaltojcc.org](http://www.paloaltojcc.org).

**9-11 Remembrance Service** Remember those that were lost on 9-11 from 6-6:45 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11, at San Ramon Memorial Park, at Bollinger Canyon Rd. at San Ramon Valley Blvd. San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson will give a welcome speech and there will be speakers, scouts, bagpipers and an essay contest with cash prizes for students. Call 275-2412.

**Alamo Block Party** Alamo Rotary Club will host the 25th annual Alamo Block Party and Alamo Music and Wine Festival from 2-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, at Alamo Plaza in Alamo. Activities will include fun for the kids in the afternoon, youth bands all day and fun for all in the evening. Proceeds will benefit Alamo schools music programs. Visit [www.alamore.org](http://www.alamore.org).

**Create New Works at Danville Estate of Playwright O'Neill** Bay Area artists are invited to create new works 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Oct. 3-6, at the Tao House. Cost is \$5 per day. Reservations are required, call

Bill Carmel at 820-1818 or visit [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org).

**Danville Livery's Summer Nights** Danville Livery will host Summer Nights from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Livery and Mercantile, Danville. Enjoy reptile shows, line-dancing, hula hooping, music entertainment and more. Visit [www.danvillelivery.com](http://www.danvillelivery.com).

**Farmers Market** The Danville Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Saturday and from 4-8 p.m., Thursdays, until mid August, at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Call 825-9090 or visit [www.pcfma.com](http://www.pcfma.com).

**Hot Summer Nights** Danville Merchants' Association will host the Hot Summer Nights car show from 4-9 p.m., Thursdays, Aug. 9 and 23, on Hartz Ave., Danville. Staging is at San Ramon Valley High School, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Call Tony at 820-5750 or David at 437-3649.

**Monte Vista Cross Country Alumni Run** The second annual Monte Vista Cross Country Alumni run against the current Cross Country team is from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 11, at Oak Hill Park, on Stone Valley Rd., Danville. Prizes and refreshments will be provided. Call 831-9551 or visit [www.eteamz.com/mvxc](http://www.eteamz.com/mvxc).

**Synergy Research Institute Essay Contest** Synergy Research Institute will host an essay contest for students ages 8-18 in regard to the items that are wrong in the "Inconvenient Truth" (book or movie) from Aug. 17-Sept. 5. Entries should be not longer than one page and should be sent to: Synergy Institute, P.O. Box 561, San Ramon 94583 or [ako9@yahoo.com](mailto:ako9@yahoo.com). Winners will be announced on Sept. 5.

## Exhibits

**America's Love of the Automobile** Worthington Gallery West will host "Pin-ups and Pinstripes" exhibit with the 25th anniversary of the Goodguys Rod and Custom Association's hot rod and custom car event from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 24, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Call 485-1183 or visit [www.worthington-gallerywest.com](http://www.worthington-gallerywest.com).

## Film

**'When I Came Home'** Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center will host a screening of "When I Came Home"

from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22, at Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. This event is free, but donation are accepted. Call 933-7850.

## Kids and Teens

**Construction: Tractors and Trailers** Blackhawk Museum hosts "Construction: Tractors and Trailers" from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This funshop is for children ages three and 10 years old. This event is free with museum admission. Call 736-2277.

**Free Online Tutoring Available** Contra Costa County Library is offering free homework help from expert online tutors to students grade 4-12 and beginning college from 1-10 p.m., Monday-Friday, at <http://ccclib.org>

**Third Annual Family Night** Discover Danville Association will host the third annual Family Night "A Night for Wizards" from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 16, in historic downtown Danville. The night will include games, music, crafts, entertainment and a scavenger hunt. Visit [www.discoverdanvilleca.com](http://www.discoverdanvilleca.com).

**YMCA Activities** The San Ramon Valley YMCA hosts a number of activities including Adventure Guides/Princesses, Adventure Trailblazers, Youth Basketball, Youth Lacrosse and Youth Soccer for children of all ages. For information, call 831-1100 or visit [www.mdrymca.org](http://www.mdrymca.org).

## Lectures/Workshops

**Freedom Point** Join us and discover how to reach your Freedom Point which will teach you how you can pay off your home in ten years or less from 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Lafayette Veterans Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. This event is free. Call 208-8235.

**Laughter Playshop** Laughter has numerous health benefits, especially for the immune system. Share the benefits of laughter and participate in simple improvisation exercises to make you laugh from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 25, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free for

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**Patient and Healthcare Advocacy** Learn how to get the most from your healthcare team, including coaching for office visits, helping your care providers to work together, and resources for dealing with billing and insurance issues from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 11, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients and their friends and family. Call 933-0107.

## Miscellaneous

**The Energy Primer for Kids** The Energy Primer for Kids is a 25-page booklet of simple facts pertaining to current energy issues and is useful for adults that are evaluating energy related claims of politicians. For a free copy, write to Synergy Institute, P.O. Box 561, San Ramon, CA 94583. A speaker is available for groups wishing to hear about the global warming propaganda. Call 837-7612.

## On Stage

**A Night at the Improv!** San Ramon Improv U will host "A Night at the Improv!" from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11, at Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. The show is unrehearsed, unscripted, and created on the spot with the help of audience participation and suggestions. Cost is \$8. Visit [www.SanRamonImprovU.com](http://www.SanRamonImprovU.com).

**Hank Williams: Lost Highway** Center Repertory Company presents a musical story of the legendary Hank Williams, "Lost Highway" from Sept. 6-Oct. 6, at Center Repertory Company, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14-38. Call 943-7469 or visit [www.dlrca.org](http://www.dlrca.org).

**The Golden Follies** A sparkling high energy song and dance revue featuring senior performers ages 57-83 will strut their stuff at 1 and 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19, at Victoria's Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Tickets are \$25. Call 829-1666 or 803-9020.

## Seniors

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

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

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

**Prime Time** This club will be on a summer break until Sept. 11. This club meets from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. A home-cooked lunch is served at noon for \$3. Activities include classes, speakers and day trips. Call Ruth Ann at 820-6387.

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

**St. Isidore's 'Young at Heart'** Join this group for a meeting from 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., the third Tuesday of



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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>.

### Learn Tennis, Get Free Racquet

Learn to play tennis in six hours and receive a free Dunlop Tennis Racquet. Sponsored by the United States Tennis Association, new classes start the first Monday of each month, from 6:30-8 p.m., at San Ramon Valley High School. The cost of six hours of group lessons is \$100 per player. Lessons taught by former world ranked tennis professional/30-year coach. To register, call Brett, USPTA P-1 at 683-2460.

## Support Groups

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

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

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

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The Museum of the San Ramon Valley welcomes volunteers and has a current need for greeters who give three hours one day a month to welcome visitors to the museum, register their attendance, and give them an introductory tour of the Waiting Room and the Museum Store. Call Carmen Curtis at 837-9781 or the museum at 837-3750.

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Teens target cars to steal valuables

A band of five 15-year-olds traveling on bikes and skateboards were arrested in the Joaquin Drive area after an anonymous caller reported the group was breaking into unlocked cars last week.

A laptop computer and a GPS radio system were allegedly stolen and five vehicles were tampered with. The break-ins were reported just before 1 a.m. on Sunday, July 29.

Officers spotted two of the juveniles emerging from bushes, made contact, and had reason to believe they were the suspects—despite claims they were just out looking at cars, said police Sgt. Troy Craig.

“At first they were playing coy,” Craig said.

When electronics are stolen from cars, juvenile suspects generally have sought out merchandise they can sell quickly online at Web sites like eBay, Craig said.

According to reports, crimes of opportunity go up in the summertime, partly due to hot weather and also to students’ free time. Thieves often peek

in car windows to see if any valuables are visible, Craig said.

“Sometimes it’s juveniles getting bored, sometimes they’re learning from people doing this for a living,” he said.

Officers set out in the neighborhood, located near Greenbrook Elementary School, to find the other three suspects, using the description the caller reported. They successfully located all five juveniles.

“Police went looking around nooks and crannies and in dark parts of the neighborhood,” Craig said.

The names of the juveniles were not familiar to Craig, which indicated the incident was likely the group’s first brush with the law, he said.

One of the cars left unlocked was a red Lexus, but thieves don’t necessarily target expensive or flashy cars more than other vehicles, he added. Leaving visible valuables in the car is the No. 1 cause of petty theft from vehicles in Danville.

“It’s plain and simple,” Craig said. “If people took their stuff inside, our theft crimes would drop significantly.”

—Natalie O’Neill

## POLICE LOG

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

### Sunday, July 29

- Suspicious subject, arrest, on Joaquin Dr. and Larkwood Cir. at 12:54 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Joaquin Dr. at 2:10 a.m.
- Grand theft from vehicle on Larkwood Cir. at 2:21 a.m.
- Animal cruelty on Fostoria Way at 12:50 p.m.
- Warrant on El Pintado Rd. at 3:41 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Railroad Ave. at 3:44 p.m.
- Warrant on Logan Ln. at 4:10 p.m.
- Warrant on Serene Ct. at 4:36 p.m.
- Warrant on Hideaway ct. at 5:41 p.m.
- Drugs violation on Laurel Dr. at 7:31 p.m.
- Vandalism on Cavalry Ct. at 10:07 p.m.

### Monday, July 30

- Trespassing on Liverpool St. and Sutton Cir. at 12:24 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Rubicon Cir. at 1:39 a.m.
- Suspicious subject stop, arrest, on E. Prospect Ave. at 6:06 a.m.
- Vandalism on Brookside Dr. at 8:44 a.m.
- Computer data access fraud on

- Squirrel Ridge Way at 4:05 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Dutch Mill Dr. at 6:19 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Alameda Diablo and Diablo Rd. at 6:48 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:09 p.m. and 10:53 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 31

- Petty theft, shoplifting, on E. Prospect Ave. at 9:37 a.m.
- Vandalism on Hartley Dr. at 9:51 a.m.
- Littering on El Pintado Rd. and El Rio Rd. at 10:34 a.m.
- Vandalism on E. Prospect Ave. at 12:06 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Rainbow Cir. at 1:01 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Dutch Mill Dr. at 1:25 p.m.
- Petty theft on Peters Ranch Rd. at 4:50 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Windover Dr. at 5:57 p.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Ct. at 6:29 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on W. Prospect Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 6:57 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Center Way and Crow Canyon Rd. at 10:25 p.m.

### Wednesday, Aug. 1

- Vandalism on La Gonda Way at 7:25 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Sherburne Hills Rd. at 8:13 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Railroad Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:20 a.m.
- Littering on El Pintado Rd. and El Rio Rd. at 9:21 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Diablo Rd. at 10:31 a.m.
- Petty theft on Peters Ranch Rd. at 11:07 a.m.
- Battery on Corte Dorado at 12:37 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:17 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and El Rincon Rd. at 3:15 p.m.
- Petty theft on Peters Ranch Rd. at 3:58 p.m. and 7:52 p.m.

### Thursday, Aug. 2

- Identity theft on Everett Ct. at 2:17 p.m.

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Being a professional Ironman Triathlete means continual running, biking and swimming for Chris Lieto, who came in fourth in the recent Vineman Ironman competition in Napa. Coming up in October is the World Ironman Championship in Kona, Hawaii, which he is determined to win.

## Becoming a man of iron

Danville guy goes pro with Ironman Triathlons

by Geoff Gillette

For a lot of guys, a weekend means taking care of yard work or tackling the “honey-do” list. If they're lucky, they might get to the gym or out on the bike.

For Danville resident Chris Lieto, weekends are a bit more challenging. For the past nine years Lieto has been taking part in Ironman Triathlon competitions all around the world—and he is a three-time champion.

The 35-year-old triathlete is a graduate of San Ramon Valley High School where he played water polo, volleyball and was a member of the diving team. While in high school, Lieto competed in his first triathlon, but it wasn't until much later in his life that he began to seriously consider the sport.

After graduating Long Beach State, he married and moved back to Danville where he worked as a mortgage broker and his wife sold real estate. It was the search for a physical activity that led him back to triathlons.

“When we moved back to Danville I couldn't really get out and surf so I was looking for something else to do as exercise,” Lieto recalled. “Around that time I met a triathlete who got me thinking about doing triathlons.”

Fate continued to lend a hand as Lieto happened to witness an Ironman competition and the allure drew him in.

Triathlons involve swimming, running and bicycling. They come in a variety of lengths, with the most difficult being the Ironman competition. In an Ironman event, participants will swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles, then run 26.2 miles. All in the same day.

“I did my first triathlon in 1998 in Napa, the Vineman Half Ironman,” Lieto remembered.

From then on, he competed as often as possible, while at the same time maintaining his job and trying to spend time with his family. After four years of competing as an amateur, Lieto made the decision to turn pro.

“In order to turn pro you have to ‘place’ in a certain percentage of races, then petition for a pro license from the U.S. Triathlon Association,” he said.

Plus a pro must find sponsors.

“The first year I still had to work some, and I started looking for sponsors,” Lieto said. “I sought out the

companies that I wanted to be with, utilize their products, and I think I've had a pretty good response.”

Currently Lieto is sponsored by K-Swiss, Astavita, Trek Bicycles, PowerBar and Oakley. Eventually Lieto was able to stop working and devote himself full time to training for each event.

“I get out and work on all three parts of the event. You have to be good at all three in order to remain competitive,” he said.

During a week's training, Lieto will run 60-70 miles, bike 400-500 miles, and swim up to 20,000 meters, depending on which component he is focusing on at the time.

“I don't do all that in one week. I work on different things and alternate,” he said. “I also will vary the terrain for biking and running so that I am ready for any scenario.”

In addition to training in the events themselves, he also does core training, strength training and pilates.

“This helps me with speed and endurance by building up my strength,” he explained. “I am not trying to add muscle, just tone what I have.”

Lieto is also launching his own company, Base Performance Nutrition, to sell products he and his team of experts have developed for more effective training and proper recovery.

“Base Performance Nutrition will be launching its first product late fall,” he said, “and I'm really excited to share with others the products that I use and train with so that they can see the same results.” Its Web site is [www.baseperformance.com](http://www.baseperformance.com).

On July 21, Lieto competed again in the Napa Vineman competition, the site of his first-ever triathlon. The effort and training seem to have paid off as he finished fourth among the field in Napa that day.

While he travels around the world to compete, there is one championship that he focuses on and trains for each year: the World Ironman Championship. Set for Oct. 13 in Kona, Hawaii, it is the race that Lieto really wants to win this year. Last year, he finished in ninth place but was unsatisfied with his performance.

“I didn't feel I competed to the best of my ability last year. This year I'm going out there with the mindset that I'm going to win,” he said. ■

E-mail photos to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com.



## Hotspurs are H-O-T

The U12 Mustang Hotspurs defeated the Santa Cruz Breakers in the final game to win the 16th annual San Ramon Valley Cup over the July 20 weekend. The boys won all four games, also defeating teams from San Ramon, Livermore and Alliance F.C. Barcelona to play in the championship. While Jordan Zhang helped goalkeeper Andrew Ferber defend the net, giving up only one goal for the tournament, Cameron Lyall and Justin Teo led the Hotspurs in scoring with two goals apiece over the weekend.



## Danville HOOTS win Connie Mack

The Danville HOOTS Baseball Team won the recent Connie Mack Northern California Championship held at James Logan High School in Fremont. Coming off a third-place finish with a 7-1 record at the National Wood Bat Championship held in Marietta, Ga., during the first week of July, the HOOTS became the first team to achieve this milestone in local amateur baseball.

Winning five straight games in the Northern California Tournament earned the team a berth at the Connie Mack Western Regional Tournament held at UC Irvine. Eight teams will compete for a trip to the Connie Mack World Series for the National Championship held in Farmington, N.M.

The HOOTS won close games for the Northern California Championship but dominated Santa Rosa Connie Mack in the Championship game to win 11-1. Steve Cunha of Monte Vista High School received All Tournament Recognition. The HOOTS team comprises top players from local high schools; its season record is 38 wins and 8 losses.



## Big win in Manteca

Mustang Rossoneri—Boys U-11 Division 1 Silver Team was the Champions of the 2007 Manteca FC Summer Cup played July 21. Team members are (front, l-r) Zach Virgilio, Joe Oswald, Ray Soderman, Jake Don Sing; (middle) Alexander Brown, David Klopp, Spencer Terzolo, Conor Reiland; (back) Coach Mark Lambourne, Harry Jamison, Ryan Miller, Zachary Pereira, Josh Larsen, Coach Dave Terzolo. Not Pictured: Head Coach Johnny Kinneer, Trip McComas, Nathan Miller, Chase Redd and Austin Tobian.



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## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during July 2007

City	Average sales reported:	Highest sale reported:
<b>Danville</b>	\$2,036,000	\$1,180,000
<b>Diablo</b>	Total sales reported: 1	Average sales reported: 799,583
<b>Walnut Creek</b>	Lowest sale reported: \$2,450,000	Total sales reported: 24
<b>Alamo</b>	Highest sale reported: \$2,450,000	Lowest sale reported: \$326,000
<b>San Ramon</b>	Average sales reported: \$2,450,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,449,000
	Total sales reported: 24	Average sales reported: \$669,833
	Lowest sale reported: \$3,500,000	

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

This week's data represents homes sold during July 2007

City	Address	Price
<b>Danville</b>	<b>5 Anthurium Court</b>	Greenpoint Mortgage to S. & K. Lineberry for \$820,000
	<b>112 Benjamin Lane</b>	Watkins Trust to Rodrigues Trust for \$1,299,000
	<b>3476 Cashmere Street</b>	Shapell Industries to M. Rabith for \$985,000
	<b>3480 Cashmere Street</b>	Shapell Industries to T. Tran for \$863,000
	<b>1175 Cheshire Circle</b>	D. & S. Olson to W. & S. Burchfield for \$1,100,000
	<b>4353 Conejo Drive C.</b>	Peterson to C. & A. Klimas for \$635,000
	<b>130 Cottonwood Place S.</b>	& V. Singh to L. Vaughn for \$1,370,000
	<b>3349 Deer Hollow Drive</b>	M. & M. Kreindler to M. & M. Harshfield for \$1,700,000
	<b>168 Diablo Ranch Court</b>	Damante Trust to K. & G. Shiu for \$2,170,000
	<b>1704 Fountain Springs Circle</b>	R. & L. Tess to J. Stein for \$689,000
	<b>585 Glasgow Circle</b>	Prudential Relocation to M. & J. O'Brien for \$965,000
	<b>10 Haskins Ranch Circle W.</b>	& T. Hornbach to E. Gunderson for \$865,000
	<b>348 Karelian Street</b>	Shapell Industries to B. & J. Camozzi for \$502,000
	<b>40 Kendall Lane</b>	Grimm Trust to R. Nelson for \$1,635,000
	<b>147 Lawnview Circle G.</b>	Haughton to M. Seltnerich for \$600,000
	<b>162 Lawnview Circle M. &amp; S.</b>	Hermann to G. & M. McBee for \$533,000
	<b>70 Linda Court</b>	Harvey Trust to B. Chaville for \$1,575,000
	<b>62 Lomitas Road P.</b>	Daul to M. & M. Panovich for \$1,155,000
	<b>3484 Lusitano Street</b>	Shapell Industries to R. Hicks for \$1,000,000
	<b>1903 Mantova Street</b>	KB Homes to S. Huan for \$1,000,000
	<b>1904 Mantova Street</b>	KB Homes to D. Koizumi for \$990,000
	<b>1911 Mantova Street</b>	KB Homes to I. Park-Byun for \$1,066,500
	<b>220 Marigold Street</b>	L. Ramey to C. Peterson for \$860,000
	<b>1480 Menton Street</b>	Lennar Homes to D. & L. Gardner for \$1,123,500
	<b>602 Morninghome Road</b>	Mathis Trust to B. Meskin for \$1,100,000
	<b>213 Pembroke Street</b>	Shapell Industries to M. Nguyen for \$502,000
	<b>34 Sage Hill Court</b>	A. Scattini to F. & J. Lamb for \$720,000
	<b>153 Santiago Drive G. &amp; C.</b>	Rudberg to E. & R. Graff for \$1,018,000
	<b>139 St. James Court</b>	Mcbee Trust to R. & L. Tess for \$843,000
	<b>1 Sunrise Terrace</b>	D. & J. Garr to L. & K. Smith for \$2,142,500
	<b>22 Sweetpea Court S. &amp; M.</b>	Feldman to S. Ghio for \$1,200,000
	<b>166 Tivoli Lane</b>	C. Garcia to M. Sadeghi-Azar for \$790,000
	<b>1211 Whispering Oaks Drive</b>	Gilbert Trust to K. & A. Pederson for \$1,625,000
<b>Alamo</b>	<b>301 Ensley Court</b>	W. & D. Barley to J. & L. Browning for \$1,865,000
	<b>65 Ina Court</b>	Williams Trust to A. Singh for \$1,210,000
	<b>326 Iron Horse Court</b>	Evans Trust to P. Daul for \$2,080,000
	<b>65 Lark Place</b>	Faultt Trust to R. & C. Hutchins for \$3,500,000
	<b>2139 Las Trampas Road</b>	R. Nelson to H. & J. Guild for \$3,038,000
	<b>10 Ray Court</b>	Galbreath Trust to G. & K. Sessions for \$1,180,000
	<b>41 Vernal Court</b>	Ornellas Trust to J. & B. Kaiser for \$1,790,000
	<b>120 Via Copla</b>	P. & S. Stephens to J. Giles for \$1,625,000
<b>Diablo</b>	<b>2007 Calle Los Callados</b>	B. & P. Napper to D. & V. Watson for \$2,450,000
<b>Walnut Creek</b>	<b>2065 Cactus Court #3</b>	Frueh Trust to Franklin Trust for \$525,000
	<b>1384 Corte Madera</b>	N. Cook to A. Mulqueen for \$600,000
	<b>1411 Creekside Drive #13</b>	J. Hogan to W. Salcido for \$395,000
	<b>535 Gabriel Court</b>	M. & T. Bernard to D. Guen for \$890,000
	<b>2430 Harvard Circle</b>	Calicura Trust to K. & M. Safine for \$1,052,000
	<b>5913 Horsemans Canyon Drive #2B</b>	Bray Trust to Rice Trust for \$795,000
	<b>493 La Corso Circle</b>	Muhanoff Trust to H. Hughes for \$610,000
	<b>44 Lariat Court</b>	J. & L. Ohare to A. & L. Wu for \$922,000
	<b>355 Masters Court #1</b>	Fairways 340 Limited to D. Wood for \$468,000
	<b>223 Masters Court #3</b>	Fairways 340 Limited to J. Krummen for \$326,000
	<b>2677 Oak Road #102</b>	Wright Trust to C. Summers for \$435,000
	<b>413 Pimlico Drive</b>	Gill Trust to N. & A. Watt for \$617,500
	<b>125 Player Court #4</b>	Fairways 340 Limited to E. Mueller for \$330,000
	<b>3234 Rossmoor Parkway #4</b>	Mcpeak Trust to Halpin Trust for \$639,000
	<b>26 Saxton Court</b>	J. Lopez to M. Lising for \$701,000
	<b>1864 Shuey Avenue</b>	G. Taylor to E. & D. Delbeccaro for \$717,000
	<b>532 Spotted Owl Court</b>	Philbert Trust to G. Lucido-Mcgahan for \$947,000
	<b>974 Springfield Drive</b>	R. Baker to S. Simpson for \$890,000
	<b>411 Tampico</b>	Thomson Trust to G. Wu for \$585,000
	<b>4013 Terra Granada Drive #1A</b>	Friedlander Trust to Zomalt Trust for \$415,000
	<b>405 Tice Hollow Court</b>	Miller Trust to A. & R. Levitch for \$1,449,000
	<b>2570 Walnut Boulevard #16</b>	E. Mohler to C. Pancoast for \$478,000
	<b>353 Westcliffe Circle</b>	Roberts Trust to K. Thompson for \$474,500
	<b>3424 Withersed Lane</b>	K. & L. Leung to Leung Trust for \$815,000

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OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4

### 201 Alviso Court, Danville

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### 4513 Peacock Court, Dublin

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OPEN SUN 1-4

### 405 Skycrest Drive, Danville

Fabulous Vista Tassajara home offers 5 BD/3 BA (or 3 BD + bonus room + office) in over 2,800 SF of living space. Beautiful Spanish tile entry. Updated kitchen with slab granite counters, decorative tile backsplash and new maple cabinets. Bedroom and full bath on lower level is perfect for in-law or au-pair situation. Beautifully landscaped yard with spa. 3 car garage!

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OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4

### 105 Estates Drive, Danville

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### 4 Bedrooms

**2204 Nelda Wy. \$1,127,000**  
Sun 1-4 GMAC 323-4470

**46 Vista Ln. \$1,445,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30  
J. Rockcliff Realtors 672-2499

**20 Morningside Pl. \$1,549,000**  
Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 785-9373

### 5 Bedrooms

**196 Bolla Ave. \$1,945,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 337-3333

## BLACKHAWK

### 3 Bedrooms

**3670 Silver Oak Pl. \$749,999**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 413-1068

### 5 Bedrooms

**3357 Deer Hollow Dr. \$2,499,000**  
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### 6 Bedrooms

**5077 Blackhawk Dr. \$2,650,000**  
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**5483 Blackhawk Dr. \$3,495,000**  
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### 2 Bedrooms

**109 Westfield Cir. \$589,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 648-5353

### 3 Bedrooms

**1009 Phoenix St. \$529,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

**539 Cambrian Wy. \$849,950**  
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**1173 Delta Wy. \$864,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 980-5453

**140 Gardner Pl. \$869,900**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4046

### 4 Bedrooms

**246 Abigail Cir. \$1,019,900**  
Sat 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 451-7287

**655 Sun Tree Ct. \$1,189,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 648-5345

**441 Scout Pl. \$1,199,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 457-4551

**663 Bourne Ct. \$1,299,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4035

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

**668 Park Hill Rd. \$1,389,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 699-7004

**5950 Bruce Dr. \$3,998,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-3451

**407 Triomphe Ct. \$998,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-0717

### 5 Bedrooms

**405 Skycrest Dr. \$1,070,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

**24 Campbell Pl. \$1,499,000**  
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-9799

**105 Estates Dr. \$1,750,000**  
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**881 El Pintado Rd. \$2,595,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4115

**29 Meadow Lake Dr. \$2,998,000**  
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**1901 Peters Ranch Rd. \$5,998,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-3451

### 6 Bedrooms

**102 Sonora Ave. \$1,698,000**  
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### 5 Bedrooms

**2540 Caballo Ranchero \$3,998,000**  
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## SAN RAMON

### 2 Bedrooms

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### 3 Bedrooms

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### 4 Bedrooms

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Sat/Sun 1-4  
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Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

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### 3 Bedrooms

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Hometown GMAC 417-8603

### 5 Bedrooms

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### 3 Bedrooms

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