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Stephanie Lauck
*educator and performer
for the comedy show "Wigged Out"*



Not at the federal level. I don't support the atrocious war that's going on right now. It's an atrocity. The issue has to be long term health-care and the education system.

Brian McMahon
strategic equity and liability consultant



I think the tax system is an incredible disincentive at times. You can't protect yourself from getting more impacted as you increase your earnings. There needs to be a balance.

Mike McKean
*registered financial planner;
Wheelchair Foundation volunteer*



No. Because it should be going to the schools. There are more schools out there that need more money, that need more attention. I think the taxes are going to the war and putting more money to weapons and all of our military.

Mario Anderson
circulation account executive



Personally, no. Because I feel that people with money have better tax benefits than people who have to work to earn their money. They have all of these shelters, these trusts. The average person pays the most amount of taxes and gets the least amount of benefits.

Rebecca Carvin
mortgage broker

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Mia Bracco, 2, of Alamo tackles a tasty hamburger at Lawrence Meats, which our readers chose as having the Best Burgers. Photo and cover design by Shannon Corey.

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—Danville Mayor Mike Shimansky about approving Skyvilla development. See story, page 5.

Holy Convergence happening Sunday

Faith groups in the San Ramon Valley will conduct their third annual Holy Convergence, an interfaith festival for families, from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara in Danville.

The event will feature multicultural food, music, dialoguing and friends from the local interfaith community. More than 20 groups are participating this year. In 2006, approximately 400 people from 15 different religions convened. For more information, call Peace Lutheran Church Rev. Steve Harms at 648-7000.

District honors two teachers

School trustees honored two Sycamore Valley Elementary educators at a recent meeting, for their achievements in improving student literacy. The San Ramon Valley Unified School Board and district officials honored library coordinator Karen Reedy and teacher Erika Kay.

Reedy has been at Sycamore Valley for 10 years, and she has developed a vibrant library program that includes bringing authors to the school, holding poetry workshops, training parents to read to students, and supporting the New York Reading and Writing Project. She has written and received numerous grants for her work, district officials said.

Kay has been a kindergarten and first-grade teacher and is currently the primary grade literacy coach. She has developed a personalized approach to staff development, school administrators said. She meets with teachers both in and out of class. When educators are supported, they and their students are successful, the administrators added.

Kiwanis club fundraising going strong

The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley has achieved its highest ever total in its 50-year history for community service projects and grants in 2007—a total of \$69,857. It raises funds by selling sponsorships for the Kiwanis-run 4th of July Parade in Danville and an annual golf tournament. During the past 10 years, it was distributed more than \$300,000 to area charities.

On Oct. 11, the club will present \$10,000 in supplemental grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000 to four nonprofit agencies: Loaves and Fishes, Family Stress Center, Senior Helpline Services and Monument Crisis Center.

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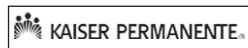
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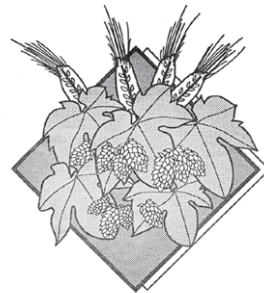


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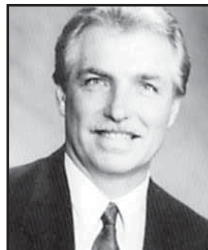
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Aquatic center dead in the water

New pool must wait for high school plans to unfold

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Just as momentum was picking up, efforts to build what some consider a much-needed aquatic center in Danville could come to a screeching halt.

A proposed master plan for San Ramon Valley High School would postpone the construction of a new pool about five years, a lead fundraiser told the Alamo Parks and Recreation Committee last week.

"This could delay the project indefinitely," said Tom Dewar, spokesman for the Danville Aquatic Center Steering Committee. It's difficult to gather pledges when there is so much uncertainty and the time frame is in limbo, he said.

The current pool at the high school is about 50 years old and is hanging on by a thread, supporters of the new aquatic center say. By today's standards, it's far too small

to accommodate the school's water sports, let alone community use, Dewar said.

"It's the end of a life for a pool like that—an old pool like that could fall apart. It would be a disaster to have to close it," he said.

As the master plan stands, students would receive a modernized gym, more open space in the quad area, and an additional classroom building.

It's far more efficient than what currently exists, says Paul Gardner, trustee for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District and member of the district's school master plan advisory committee.

When looking at possible architectural improvements for San Ramon Valley High School, the advisory committee must look at the big picture, he said.

"At the end of the day, we look at

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Venue adds pizzazz to business showcase

Ginny Kagele and Ginny Sheehan peruse a table of ornaments at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Showcase Food and Wine Event, which was held last week for the first time at the Blackhawk Museum, while (right) a patron gets a shoulder massage by Wyletta, owner of A Perfect Place in Danville. About 600 people attended the popular event, which cost \$20.

Twenty businesses poured wine at their booths, and 17 restaurants offered samples, from mashed potatoes served in martini glasses to Mideastern fare. Other businesses offered chocolates and other goodies, including fancy pens, hand wipes, lotions, pads and pencils.



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Downtown d'Elegance

The third annual Danville d'Elegance, a free upscale car show fundraiser for Parkinson's Disease, will add some class to downtown Sunday. The event is slated for noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 30 along Hartz Avenue, and more than 175 Ferraris, Lamborghinis and other exotic cars will be featured.

The event benefits the Parkinson's Institute and is run by volunteers, headed by Jim and Chris Edlund, owners of Christe James Fine Jewelry Works in Danville. All

proceeds will go to the Institute, a research facility dedicated to developing a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

This year the event will have a racing paddock for historical and vintage racers as well as tastings from Northern California's premier wineries along with participation by some of Danville finest restaurants. There will also be a silent auction, music and drawings. Last year Danville d'Elegance raised almost \$100,000, and this year organizers expect to surpass that amount. ■

Danville ridgeline project is a go

Town council votes 4-1 in favor of Skyvilla

by **Geoff Gillette**

After more than a year of legal wrangling, the members of the Danville Town Council gave their grudging approval last week to a development request that would put a 7,000-square-foot home on a ridgeline above Danville.

"I would have liked to vote against it, but unless we're prepared to spend a lot more time, a lot more energy and resources, we don't have a lot of choice," said Mayor Mike Shimansky after the meeting.

Last November, the Town Council upheld a Planning Commission denial of Skyvilla's development request at 1621 Lawrence Road. Skyvilla then filed a lawsuit, and

a Contra Costa County Superior Court judge overruled the decision, saying the town did not provide sufficient evidence to support its ruling. This brought the case back to the Town Council.

Town Planner David Crompton presented the updated plans and pointed out that while the applicant has not changed the square footage of the proposed single family home, it has taken steps to reduce its visibility. Changes include the elimination of a garage, which allows the building to move further from the edge of the hillside, and the lowering of the structure by 18 inches.

Skyvilla representative David Bowie explained they are limited in where they can build.

"This is a highly unique situation," he said.

Bowie said professional planners who have looked at the parcel say

the location on the ridgeline is the only suitable spot.

Councilman Newell Arnerich disagreed, saying surveys have shown other potential sites.

Public comment was strongly against allowing the house to be built. Tom Flood and Jim Richards, both of whom live on Lawrence Road, said they believe the council should continue to deny the construction despite the court's ruling.

"Are you five council members going to let one man's opinion trump your five opinions?" Flood asked.

"It doesn't seem right what we'll be doing to the families in Dougherty Valley," Richards added. "I'd want to keep the ridgelines clear."

"I feel this project has been scrutinized. I feel justified in saying

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San Ramon Valley planners get reprieve

Supervisors extend commission for one year

by **Natalie O'Neill**

A strong planning voice for Alamo, Diablo and Blackhawk will have one more year to live, Contra Costa County Supervisors decided Tuesday.

Despite a recommendation on the part of the county planning commission to let the San Ramon Valley Regional Planning Commission die, supervisors voted unanimously not to let the planning body sunset on its scheduled date of Oct. 7.

The possibility for Alamo's incorporation—and the need for regional input on that process—

played a role in the board's decision to extend the date.

But while many Alamo residents were pleased with the decision, some noted the life of the commission should have been extended two years, since the decision to incorporate won't be made until 2009.

"I think the San Ramon Valley Planning Commission is good to have around whether or not Alamo incorporates," said Mike Gibson, an Alamo resident who serves on the commission.

At a Board of Supervisors meeting in July, Alamo and Diablo residents told supervisors that unincorporated areas are in desperate need of regional planning bodies. Large-scale county planning often does not understand the needs and concerns of these areas—which are already underrepresented, they explained. ■

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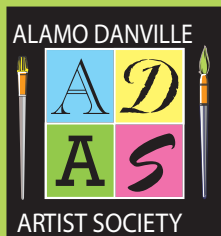
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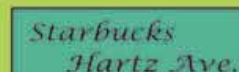


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Campaigning to keep the Farms

Amid passing cars and customers stopping for produce, Assemblyman Guy Houston gathers signatures to counter a county health department decision that could shut down Windmill Farms market in San Ramon. Houston, who is running for the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, took the opportunity to criticize the current county mandate that would force the old-time market to build four walls and a roof for the purpose of sanitation.

"The county shouldn't be doing this, they've got better things to do," he told one customer who stopped to sign the petition.

The Smith family, which has owned the market for 33 years, has already gathered more than 5,000 signatures and aims to have at least 6,000 for an appeals hearing Oct. 2. Signatures show the overwhelming support from the community, but the real deciding factor could be a grandfather clause noting that businesses set up before 1985 don't have to adhere to present day standards.

"These people can't afford this," Houston said. "I think this is an outrageous use of county authority."

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Contra Costa County Health Services office, 2120 Diamond Blvd. in Concord.

Ridgeline

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they've done everything they've been asked," said Councilman Mike Doyle.

Councilwoman Karen Stepper agreed.

"I appreciate that the applicant went to a much lower profile," she said.

Arnerich said despite the court's

ruling, the structure being proposed goes against the intent of the Major Ridgeline Ordinance.

"The message from the Planning Commission was, 'Bring a smaller structure.' That is our purview to do that," he said.

Shimansky said the council will be directing staff to examine the town's ridgeline ordinance with an eye toward tightening restrictions.

When the mayor called for a motion, uncomfortable minutes passed while council mem-

bers looked at each other. Finally Councilwoman Candace Andersen moved to approve the Skyvilla appeal, seconded by Doyle, and the request was approved 4-1 with Arnerich voting against it.

Bowie said he was pleased with the vote.

"I understand the council's feelings," he said, "but this is an application that was made within the town's ordinances. This is going to be a very, very nice home with a lot of open space." ■

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Supervisor on Saturday

Danville resident David Miller talks to District 3 County Supervisor Mary N. Piepho at her recent Saturday gathering creekside at Cherubini's coffee house in Alamo.

"Some folks had questions about a MAC (Municipal Advisory Council) for Alamo vs. incorporation," Piepho said afterward. "Mainly folks came down to chitchat."

Piepho has been holding the informal meetings throughout her district and plans one for the Danville-San Ramon area Saturday, Dec. 8. The location will be announced at a later date.



DOLORES FOX GARDRELL

Aquatic Center

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what's best for the students in the long run," Gardner said.

Problem is, the plan may force the Aquatic Center Steering Committee to go back to the drawing board, Dewar says. Upon hearing the news in late August, at least one member of the steering committee has thrown in the towel.

Thousands of dollars in steering committee funds have already gone to coming up with a design which has the new pool built in place of the high school's existing small

gym. The new master plan would change location to replace what is now the larger gym.

"The rug is being pulled out from under us," Dewar said. "We've put a lot of time and energy into (the effort) and you can't ignore that,"

There is, however, a good chance the existing pool plans can be used in the new location, Gardner said.

"I would have to believe the plans would still be good. A pool is a pool—it's a hole in the ground," he said.

About \$2.5 million in pledges have already been gathered, including:

- \$750,000 from the school district;

- \$750,000 from the Town of Danville;
- \$200,000 from the Alamo Parks and Recreation Center;
- \$100,000 from the San Ramon Valley Athletic Boosters; and
- \$600,000 from individuals.

Dewar, who sees installing a new pool as an urgent issue, is still hopeful. He has suggested the district do a study on the pool's underground piping. And he believes the study would illustrate that five years is too long a period to wait for a replacement.

A swimmer recently snagged her leg on jagged old tiles on the edge of the pool and had to get 13 stitches, Dewar pointed out. Tiling on the outside edge of the pool is so old that it is no longer manufactured.

The district will address safety and maintenance issues with the pool as they arise, Gardner said, adding that the pool is already monitored closely.

The expected cost for the aquatic center was bumped from an original \$2.4 million to \$3.8 million last month.

Both Danville and Alamo mandated that the total funds raised for the pool must be secured by Dec. 31. Last week, Alamo Parks and Recreation Committee told Dewar to return in December to discuss the issue further.

"The offer is still on the table. We'll see how this impacts things," said Steve Mick, head of the Alamo Parks and Recreation Committee. ■

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Perspective

EDITORIALS • LETTERS • OPINIONS

FROM THE PUBLISHER

**The blessing and
curse of online
anonymity**

The popularity of our online Town Square forum has grown in the last few months. The forums allow for immediate discourse among participants on any number of subjects. Visitors can get on their soapboxes about everything from the latest movie to current events and they never have to leave the comfort of home.

One part of the Weekly's mission is to get community members talking among themselves and to us by opening the lines of communication. However, in addition to opening up the lines of communication, online forums such as Town Square also open up a big can of worms.

We recently received an e-mail requesting the forum "rules." Primarily this requestor was interested in anonymous posts and those written under pseudonyms.

In print we have always required letters to the editor include the author's name, phone number and address. Sometimes we call to verify the authorship. Old-school journalists (myself included) have been taught that opinions, facts and quotes must be attributed. And shouldn't people stand behind their opinions? If it's not worth signing your name to, then it can't be relevant, right?

On the other hand, how many opinions, ideas and comments have been squelched because of the writer's fear of mockery, hostility or even retribution?

New media means new rules and a new way of thinking. To open up the lines of communication, journalists have been forced to embrace anonymity. Or at least endure it. It goes against every fiber of our journalistic beings because we equate anonymous forum post to unnamed sources, which are taboo.

Alas, anonymous posts do have some merit as they can bring to light issues that otherwise would have remained in the dark. (Remember "Deep Throat"?) However, just as with unnamed sources, one must question the authenticity of the statements. Questionable authenticity and the fact that posts are immediate (without editing) are two facts that make editors cringe.

This immediacy, though, has provided an opportunity to witness another nuance of new media: "self-editing" and "self-correcting"—where the forum users correct and question. For example, we once had a post that blasted a local restaurant for its food and service. Several other visitors spoke up in defense of the restaurant—the number of which outweighed the one bad report. We also have had posters correct facts, submit different facts, and ask questions to garner more information.

This "self-editing" works for anonymous posts, too. We have noticed that if a topic is getting too many posts that seem to be coming from one person using different names, or one person is just monopolizing the conversation, the self-correction is that the topic dies. Nobody wants to read or respond to a meaningless diatribe, especially if it seems to be a schizophrenic debate between a poster and his pseudonym.

Do I believe comments posted with the author's true identity are more credible? Yes. But have I received information or a lead from an anonymous source that otherwise would have never surfaced? Yes.

So at the Danville Weekly we choose to focus our attention on the conversation, facts and tone as opposed to the identity of the poster. But we question authenticity and accuracy, and encourage you to do the same.

*Gina Channell-Allen, a 20-year journalism veteran,
is publisher of the Danville Weekly. Send questions to
gallen@pleasantonweekly.com.*

Feasibility study needed

Dear Editor:

I suggest it is time for Alamo citizenry to wake up. I know some of our neighbors think that everything is fine the way it is, but my recent experience in dealing with the county indicates it is time to take a closer look. There are inappropriate building projects going in on poorly subdivided lots, zoning variances being granted without sufficient thought about the neighborhood impact, and ridgeline/hillside development that spoils Alamo's appeal. Traffic is growing on Danville Boulevard which, if left unaddressed, will give the county the justification it needs to widen the boulevard.

The county isn't the place for Alamo's local planning decisions to be made. We need to make these decisions in Alamo, through an elected town council that is responsive and answerable to Alamo citizens. Working together as a community, we can make this a reality.

A group of Alamo citizens has been working on incorporation for two years and is now gathering petition signatures to authorize a state feasibility study. This first legal step toward incorporating Alamo does not, in itself, approve incorporation. In order to take this step toward examining the issue they need 25 percent of Alamo voters to sign (about 3,000 signatures).

If the study shows that it is practical for Alamo to incorporate, we will get to vote on it and to elect our own town council. We have never been able to vote on incorporating Alamo as a town by itself, so it seems to me that authorizing the study is a no-brainer. We need to know the facts and finances so that we can move forward in an intelligent manner.

You can get more information at www.alamoinc.org. Together we can make this happen.

*Preston Taylor,
past-president of the Alamo
Improvement Association*

'We'd be flat broke'

Dear Editor:

Having lived or worked in Alamo since Jan. 18, 1975, I have experienced the undergrounding of the utility lines; the installation of the signal light at Livorna Road and then the one at Hemme; in the fall of 1975, the creation of our first "Condos," Alamo Bridge; the

move across the street by Safeway into the NEW Alamo Plaza in November 1978; and as a Realtor I have been witness to and a part of the "building out" of our beautiful, and still rural, community.

Those are key words—we are truly built out! What is left that necessitates "Hands On Control"? We are well serviced by the county and the Sheriff's Department. If incorporated we will no longer be serviced by the sheriff and we will need a lieutenant, three sergeants and five deputies. How are we to afford our own police department with the salaries, let alone four patrol cars at an "outfitted" cost of \$80,000 each?

Twenty years ago, or so, there was an attempt to incorporate Alamo on its own. I attended the final hearing held by LAFCO and the petition was denied because they found we did not have the financial capacity to survive. The Pro Shop at Round Hill Country Club was listed as the No. 10 source of sales tax revenues.

We have lost four service stations since then. You cannot get a flat tire fixed in Alamo anymore, let alone buy tires, batteries, etc. They have been replaced by a Savings & Loan; two convenience stores with gas pumps; and Yardbird's Garden Center.

Mark my words, if incorporation is achieved, we will be FLAT BROKE within three years, just like Clayton was, which had to expand its commercial area to survive. Is that what we really want for Alamo?

*Robert D. Myhre,
1990 Alamo Citizen of the Year*

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POLICE BULLETIN

Ready for robbery

Police arrested two suspects in their 20s for allegedly carrying illegal drugs and burglary tools in Danville, said police Sgt. Troy Craig.

Police officer Mike Ireland arrested Allan Corsen, 22, of Lafayette on charges of carrying burglary tools and violating his probation. He arrested Sarah Shurtliff, 25, of Walnut Creek on charges of possessing a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Ireland stopped the two after he saw their 1996 maroon-colored Saturn had a broken right rear tail lamp. Upon further investigation, he discovered they were both on search probation, which meant they had committed prior offenses, such as stealing property and holding dangerous drugs, Craig said.

Ireland searched the suspects and their property and found that Shurtliff had a glass pipe with methamphetamine in her purse. He also found two sets of shaved key rings, plastic gloves, two empty backpacks, pliers and screwdrivers in Corsen's car.

Craig said putting those elements together often means there may be a specific attempt to commit burglary. Ireland took them to Martinez Detention Facility.

"These are the people we go after," Craig said. "We are fortunate to come in contact with them and fortunate enough to remove at least two of them from town."

—Jordan M. Doronila

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, Sept. 16

- Promiscuous shooting on St. Philip Ct. at 12:37 a.m.
- Hailed by citizen, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 4:04 p.m.
- Suspicious subject stop, arrest, on northbound I-680 onramp and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 4:18 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 17

- Auto burglary on Rubicon Cir. at 9:14 a.m.
- Petty theft on Silverwood Ct. at 10:56 a.m.
- Vandalism on Town and Country Dr. at 12:17 p.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 3:32 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Elsie Dr. at 4:03 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Rd. and El Cerro Blvd. at 6:14 p.m.
- Vandalism on Cannes Ct. at 6:32 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

- Auto burglary on Elsie Dr. at 4:53 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Elsie Dr. at 8:11 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Sherbourn Hills and Camino Tassajara at 8:43 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 9:04

a.m.

- Accident, property damage, on Danville Blvd. and La Gonda Way at 9:36 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Cedar Hollow Dr. at 10:13 a.m.
- Identity theft on Farnum Ct. at 10:14 a.m.
- Identity theft on Summerside Cir. at 10:42 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Old Blackhawk Rd. at 11:35 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. at 3:03 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Brookside Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 6:25 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Miranda Ave. and Stone Valley Rd. at 12:38 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 5:55 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 5:55 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 8:12 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Old Orchard Dr. and Tweed Dr. at 8:45 a.m.
- Outside assist, arrest, on Valley Creek Lane at 9:55 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Stone Valley Rd. at 2:18 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Everett Dr. at 5:58 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and

Sycamore Valley Rd. at 11:16 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 20

- Vandalism on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 6:52 a.m.
- Vandalism on Diablo Rd. at 8:40 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Railroad Ave. at 3:01 p.m.
- Petty theft on El Quanito Dr. at 6:58 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 21

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Podva Rd. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:21 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 3:26 a.m.
- Suspicious subject, arrest, on W. Prospect Ave. at 10:58 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 11:59 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Fostoria Way at 1:56 p.m.
- Residential burglary on El Capitan Dr. at 5:56 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Mansfield Dr. at 8:26 p.m.
- Battery on Crestridge Dr. at 11:25 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 22

- Vandalism on Railroad Ave. at 5:59 a.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 9:11 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and El Cajon Dr. at 12:59 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Robert 'Bob' Joseph Dommès

Danville resident Robert "Bob" Joseph Dommès passed away Sept. 18 at the age of 88.

He was born Oct. 6, 1918, in Calumet, Mich., raised in Richmond, Calif., and graduated from Richmond High School in 1936. He attended San Jose State College earning a bachelor of science degree. He married his high school sweetheart, Myrl, in September 1941, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After that, he joined the California Highway Patrol and

became a CHP motor officer in Contra Costa County, beginning a 33 year career with the State of California. He also worked for the Board of Equalization and the Attorney General's Office.

Bob and his wife started a social dance club in Richmond called the Stardusters, which helped Richmond residents become reacquainted after the war. He moved to Concord in 1948 and was an active charter member of the Concord Elks Lodge #1994, becoming its first secretary.

He enjoyed traveling with motor home clubs, and an occasional

ocean cruise, as well as gardening and sometimes cooking. On a rare occasion, he would enjoy golf with old friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Myrl, in 2002. He is survived by his son, Brian Dommès and wife Gayle of Sutter Creek; daughter Valorie Dommès of Antioch; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Parish in San Ramon on Sept. 24. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in his memory be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation.

Calendar

POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT WWW.DANVILLEWEEKLY.COM

Art

Ninth Annual Art in the Park Alamo Danville Artists' Society and the Town of Danville will host the ninth annual Art in the Park from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 6-7, at the Town Green, 400 Front St., Danville. Over 60 artists exhibiting in their booths in the park including watercolor, oil, acrylic, clay work, photography, jewelry and glass. Admission is free. Call 828-9170 or visit www.adas4art.org.

Auditions

Aladdin and His Lamp of Life Role Players Ensemble Theatre will hold an audition for "Aladdin and His Lamp of Life" at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6. Roles that are available are 4 males ages 18-50 (one role in drag), 6 females ages 14-25 and 4 boys and girls ages 5-8. Prepare 24 bars from an up tempo song, and be dressed to move. Accompanist provided. Call 820-1278 for location.

Clubs

Bay Books Book Club San Ramon Bay Books hosts two book clubs reviewing different books. The first club meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month; the second book club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month, both meeting at the San Ramon store, 2415 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 855-1524.

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

Danville Job's Daughters Job's Daughters is an international organization for girls between the ages of 10-20 with Masonic heritage who like to have fun and make friends. The

group meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, at the Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd. Call 829-8505.

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

Danville PM Toastmaster Club #1785 The club meets from 7:30-9 p.m., every Wednesday, at DVC, San Ramon Campus, 1690 Watermill Rd., San Ramon. Guests are welcome. For information call Debra Elmore at 934-3113 or visit www.danvilletoastmasters1785.com.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

SIR Monthly Luncheon Sons in Retirement will host a luncheon at 10:45 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17, at San Ramon Golf Club, 9450 Fircrest Lane. The day will include a social hour, buffet lunch and a speaker of local interest. Cost is \$20. Call 828-5688.

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.

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.

Valley Stitches Guild This club will host Ellen Edith who will talk about "Funny Story Quilts (a cheer, a tear and a lot of laughs)" at 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 1, at Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Dr. Call 838-7366.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75 The organization meets at 7:30 p.m., every second Thursday of the month, at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. For information, call Post Commander Tony Carnemolla at 932-4042 or visit www.vfw.org.

WEEKEND PREVIEW



COANIQUEM BURNED CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Fiesta of the Americas

Blackhawk Museum will host "Fiesta of the Americas" from 6:30-11:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5, at the Blackhawk Museum, to benefit Coaniquem Burned Children Foundation, which provides funds for burned children in South America. Dr. Jorge Rojas Zegers, president of Coaniquem, who holds a professorship of classical guitar as well as being a plastic surgeon, will perform at the benefit dinner. The gala will have Latin food, dancing, a charity drawing and silent auction. Tickets are \$75. Call (510) 769-9661 or e-mail CSandLB@alamedanet.net.

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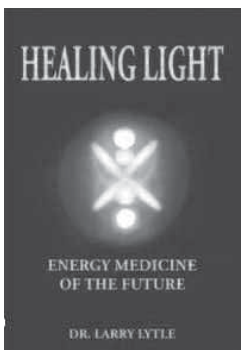
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Events

ArtWalk 2007 Come and enjoy the sixth annual ArtWalk from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, October 13, in downtown Livermore. There will be over 150 artists from photography to sculpture, wine tasting, folk musicians and more. Visit www.tvag.org.

Contra Costa Coin Show Diablo Numismatic Society will host the Contra Costa Coin Show from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Holiday Inn, Concord. General admission is \$2, children under 12 years old are free. Call 351-7605 or visit www.diablocoinclub.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.,

Wednesday-Saturday 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.

Danville Fall Crafts Festival Event for the entire family! Danville Area Chamber of Commerce presents the 16th annual Danville Fall Crafts Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 20-21, in downtown Danville. The day will include high quality art and crafts exhibits, Halloween parade, kids activity area, Scarecrow Alley, street and stage entertainment, great food, fine wines and microbrews. Call 837-4400.

NASA Science Night Ohlone College will host a NASA Science Night from 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Ohlone College Smith Center, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. This event is free. NASA astronaut, Dr. Janice Voss, Science Director for the Kepler

Spacecraft, will be the guest speaker. Call (510) 659-6031.

Public Disposal/Recycling Event for E-Waste Electronic Waste Management will host a free Public Disposal/Recycling Event for E-Waste from noon-5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5 and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 6-7, at Diablo Valley College, 321 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill. Call (866) 335-3373 or visit www.noewaste.com.

Robin Purcell Art Reception Watercolors by Robin Purcell will be on exhibit at the Wente Vineyards Tasting Room during October. A reception will be held from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7, in the Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. This event is free. Call 648-0971 or visit obinpurcellpaints.blogspot.com.

That Old Blackhawk Magic XI Blackhawk Museum will host a Halloween Party "That Old Blackhawk Magic XI" from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday, Oct. 26, at Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The night will include dancing, drinks, appetizers, prizes and more. Tickets are \$25 and will be available after Oct. 1. Call 736-2277 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Fundraisers

Diablo Ballet at Barnes & Noble Support the Diablo Ballet by shopping at Barnes & Noble from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, at Barnes & Noble, 1149 S Main St., Walnut Creek. A percentage of every sale made with a special Bookfair voucher will be donated to Diablo Ballet's PEEK Program that offers in-school dance education curriculum and free dance performances to students and families in under-served areas. Call 943-1775 or visit www.diabloballet.org.

Gypsy and Me Role Players Ensemble Theatre will host "Gypsy and Me" from 7-10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, at Sycamore Club House, 635

Old Orchard Lane, Danville. Cost is \$50. Proceeds will benefit the Role Players Ensemble Theatre program. The night will include a viewing of Gypsy Rose Lee's home movies presented by her son, Erik Lee Preminger. Call 820-1278.

Light The Night Walk Light the Night Walk is the Society's annual walk held at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, at Civic Park, Walnut Creek. Walkers raise money for blood cancer research and patient education and support. Teams walk together in twilight holding illuminated balloons. Proceeds benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Call (415) 625-1107 or visit www.lightthenight.org/sf.

Los Cerros Evening Out Enjoy the third annual "Los Cerros Evening Out" from 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Bridges Restaurant, 44 Church St., Danville. Tickets are \$100. Proceeds benefit LC Academic and Tech. Fund. The night will include appetizers, wine tasting, martini bar and coffee bar. Call 838-1299 or e-mail cwhite@thewild-bunch.com.

Primo's Run for Education Be sure to register at www.primosrun.com for the half-marathon race or 5k race and family fun walk. When you register, select your school of choice and help raise money for it. Start time depends on which race you sign up for. Event is 7:30-11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 14; cost \$20-\$60. Register at www.primosrun.com. Volunteers are also needed.

That's Amore! Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will host "That's Amore" from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Robert Livermore Center Courtyard, 4444 East Ave. Cost is \$60. Proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. The night will include carnival booth games, dinner, raffle drawing, and silent and live auctions. Call 456-0529 or visit www.tvrar.org.

Viva Arts! The Friends of Civic Arts Education Foundation presents "Viva Arts!" at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Shadelands Arts Center, 111 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek.

Cost is \$55 per person. Proceeds benefit scholarships for those with limited financial resources. Visit www.arts-ed.org.

Health

Free Health Fair San Ramon Regional Medical Center will host a free Health Fair from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 6, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building Conference Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd. Check up on your health with free health screenings. Fasting is recommended, but not required. Screenings on a first come, first served basis. Call (800) 284-2878 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Nutrition and Cancer Treatment Learn to maximize your nutrition during and after cancer treatment from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Learn what to eat, even when you don't feel like it, ways to hydrate and get your specific nutritional issues addressed. Call 933-0107.

Open Gym Town of Danville is offering Adult Open Gym from 7:30-9:15 a.m., Saturdays, and High School Open Gym, 6-8 p.m., Sundays, both at Los Cerros Middle School Community Gym, 968 Blemmer Road, Danville. Discounted pass cards are \$4 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Call 314-3386.

Kids and Teens

Book Signing with Michael Hoeye Rakestraw Books will host children's author, Michael Hoeye, from 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, Oct. 29, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. He will be signing his latest Hermux Tantamoq Adventure, "Time to Smell the Roses." Call 837-7337.

Princeton Review SAT Strategy Session Danville Library will host a Princeton Review SAT Strategy Session from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Registration is required; call 837-4889.

YMCA Lacrosse YMCA and Stick School, LLC will host lacrosse for children in grades 1-5 on Saturdays, Sept. 29-Nov. 3. The league is recreational, co-ed and non-contact for children with little or no experience. Call 831-1100 or visit www.mdrymca.org.

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Lectures/ Workshops

Am I Just Forgetful or is it Chemobrain During and after treatment for cancer, many people report difficulty with their thinking abilities. Symptoms, tips and pointers for managing chemobrain will be discussed from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

Catholics@Work Breakfast Event Cancer Survivor, Terry Healey, will speak on "Lessons Learned In Life After Gifts" from 7-8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Visit www.catholicsatwork.org.

Living with Advanced Breast Cancer Tiffany Svahn, MD, will present this workshop to cover the latest treatments for advanced (metastatic) breast cancer from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

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Parent Education Workshop Seven Hills School will host a lecture on "Raising Healthy Children in Challenging Times" with Robert Evans, Ed.D. from 6:45-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, at The Seven Hills School, 975 N. San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek. Admission is \$15; educators admitted free. The public is welcome. To register, visit www.sevenhillsschool.org.

The Lebed Method Join other cancer survivors for a six-week series focusing on total body exercise set to music from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays, Oct. 4-Nov. 9, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.



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Treasures of Venice Kiwanis club of San Ramon Valley will host speaker Licia Falcone, author of "Over Bridges Across Tables," to discuss issues facing modern Venice with an insider's view of cuisine, the people and artistry of Murano. Event is free, from 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St., but seating is limited. Call 820-3125 after 5 p.m. for reservations.

Two Cities, One Tale Residents of Danville and San Ramon are coming together to read "Locked Rooms," by Laurie R. King until Oct. 29. A free copy of the book is available at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. or at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St. Call 837-4889.

Miscellaneous

Adopt a New Best Friend Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) offers wonderful animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturdays, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., dogs and cats are available. For dates and times and other information, call TVAR at 803-7043 or visit its Web site at www.tvar.org.

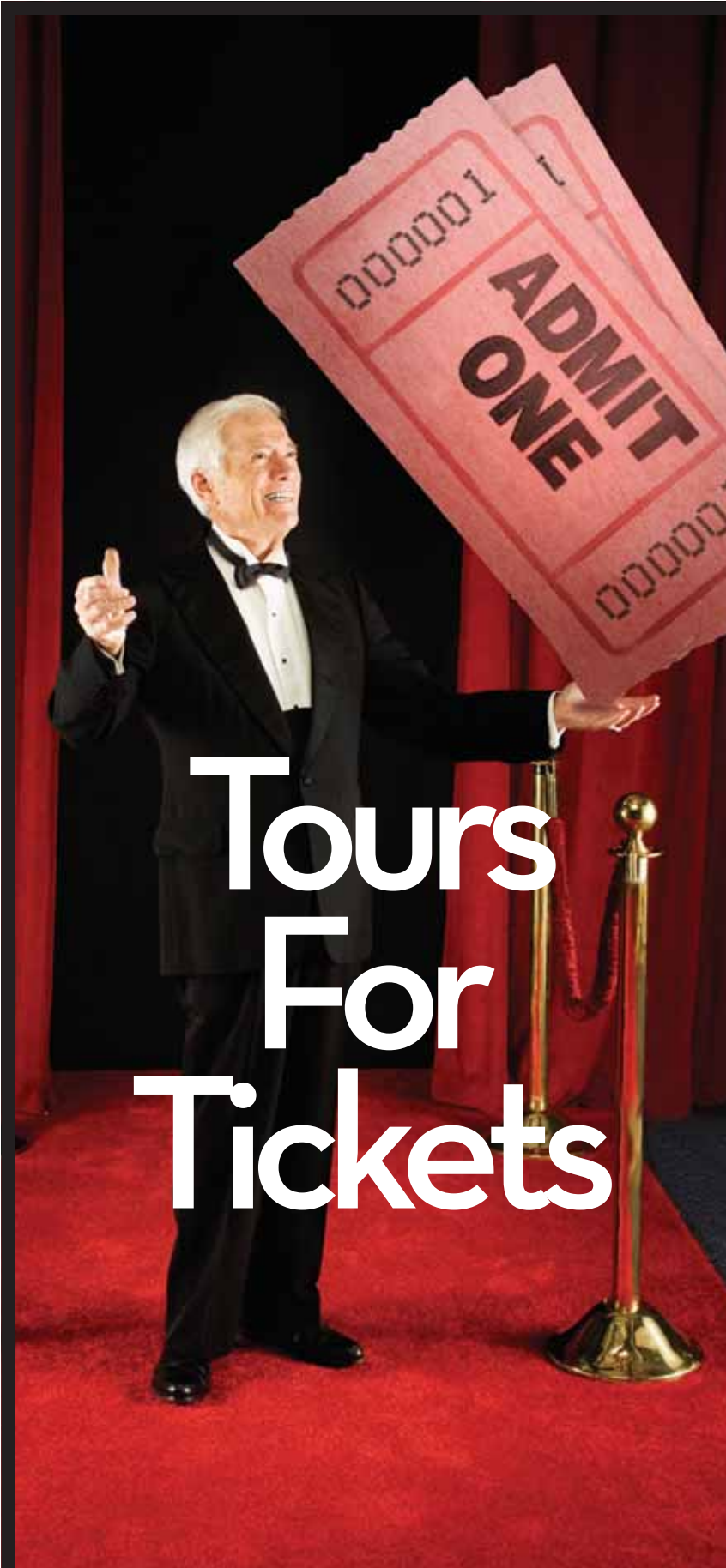
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Recycle for Breast Cancer Recycle for Breast Cancer is open seven days a week accepting free dropoffs for computers, monitors, cell phones, laptops, servers and TVs, at 31 Beta Ct., Suite C, San Ramon. Call 735-7203 or visit www.recycleforbreastcancer.org.

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

Actors Benefit Performance Ruthless! The Musical "Ruthless!" a hilarious musical that parodies The Bad Seed, Gypsy, All About Eve and others at 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, at Danville Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10. Proceeds will benefit



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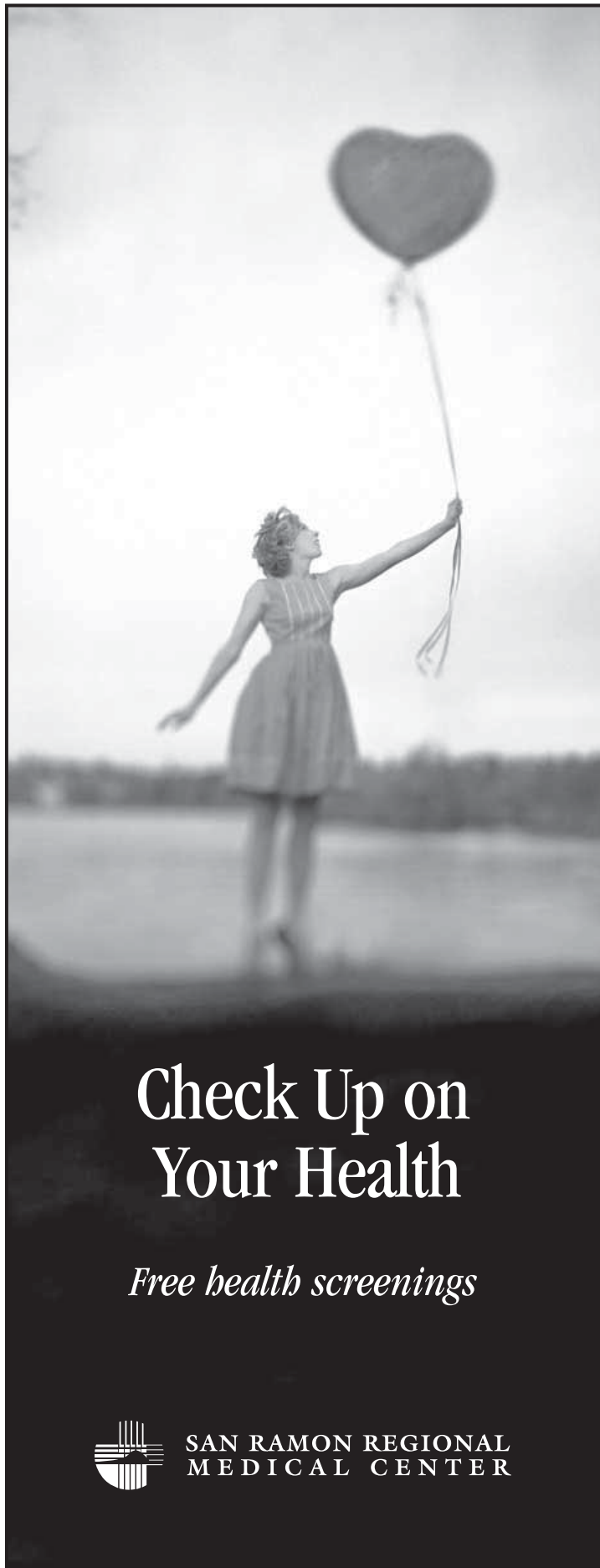
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Hank Williams: Lost Highway Center Repertory Company presents a musical story of the legendary Hank Williams, "Lost Highway" until Oct. 6, at Center Repertory Company, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14-38. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrc.org.

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.

Prime Time Prime Time for seasoned citizens meets from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Tuesday, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. Activities include line dancing, English handbells, ceramics, wood carving and more. A home-cooked meal is served at noon for \$4. Rides are provided by County Connection Link for \$3.50 round trip; call Gloria at 837-5229. For information, call 820-6387.

Seniors Program Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall Lounge will host a senior drop-in program from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Front St., Danville. Activities include playing cards and board games, visit with friends and meet new people. Call 314-3400.

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

Spiritual

Holy Convergence Interfaith Council is holding its third annual "Holy Convergence" from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Celebrate the richness of the diversity of religions among the community. Call 648-7000 or visit www.peacejourney.org.

Support Groups

Newly Formed Proactive Group for Women Support Group for FIBRO, CFF and Chronic Pain meets 12:30-2:30 p.m., every other Wednesday. Call 234-5621 or e-mail dsashby@msn.com.

Overeaters Anonymous The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia

and bulimia. There are many different groups that meet at different times and places, visit www.dvig.org.

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

SRV Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free 12-step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, over-eating, undereating and bulimia. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St. Call Gordon at 899-3117 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

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

Volunteering

Animal Fosters Urgently Needed Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) is looking for short-term fosters for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. ARF will provide the food, supplies and vet care; all you need to do is provide the love. Call 296-3173 or visit www.arf.net.

Handbell Choir Seeks Ringers The Agape Ringers are seeking teens and adults with musical backgrounds to rehearse from 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, in Danville. For information, call Margaret at 837-6371.

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

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

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

Museum of the San Ramon Valley 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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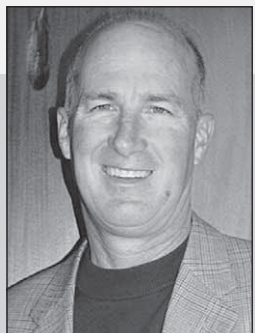
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Tri-Valley Animal Rescue Do you love animals? Become a volunteer or a Foster with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Orientations are held from 1-2:30 p.m., the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month, at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Registration is not required to attend the orientation; cost is a \$10 optional donation. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvvar.org.

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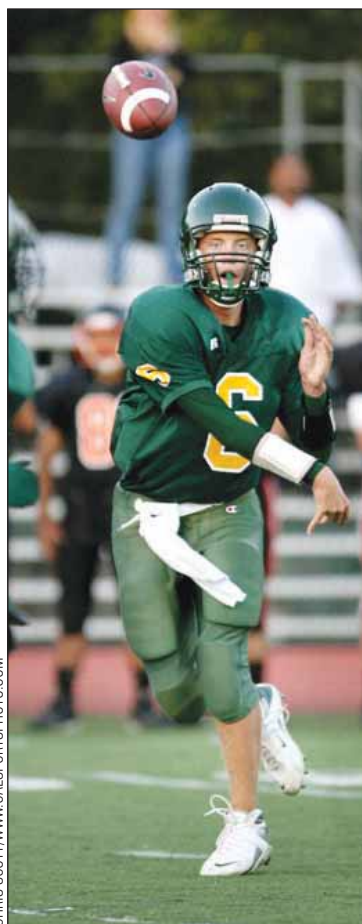
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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL SPORTS SCENE



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Defending the goal

Goalie Melissa Fisher helps the San Ramon Valley High girls water polo team drown Foothill High last Thursday, 14-2.

Excitement on the gridiron

San Ramon Valley High frosh football quarterback Joe Love throws a pass as the Wolves mangle Washington last week, 47-6. The varsity squad tied Washington, 35-35. Monte Vista varsity beat Castro Valley, 48-9. For more photos, visit DanvilleWeekly.com.

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 28

Football
San Ramon Valley vs. Amador, 7 p.m.
Monte Vista at Granada, 7 p.m.
Women's Tennis
San Ramon Valley vs. Tamalpais High, 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Cross Country
Stanford Invite
Women's Volleyball
Castro Valley Tournament

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Women's Golf
San Ramon Valley vs. Granada, 3:30 p.m.
Monte Vista at Cal High, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis
San Ramon Valley at Livermore, 3:45 p.m.
Monte Vista vs. Foothill, 3:45 p.m.
Water Polo
San Ramon Valley vs. Monte Vista, 3:45 p.m.
Women's Volleyball
San Ramon Valley at Cal High, 6 p.m.
Monte Vista vs. Livermore, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Cross Country
EBAL Center Meet at Shadow Cliffs Park

Thursday, Oct. 4

Women's Golf
San Ramon Valley vs. Cal High, 3:30 p.m.
Monte Vista at Livermore, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis
San Ramon Valley vs. Monte Vista, 3:45 p.m.
Water Polo
San Ramon Valley at Amador, 3:45 p.m.
Monte Vista at Granada, 3:45 p.m.
Women's Volleyball
San Ramon Valley vs. Foothill, 6 p.m.
Monte Vista at Dougherty, 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 5

Football
San Ramon Valley at Granada, 7 p.m.
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