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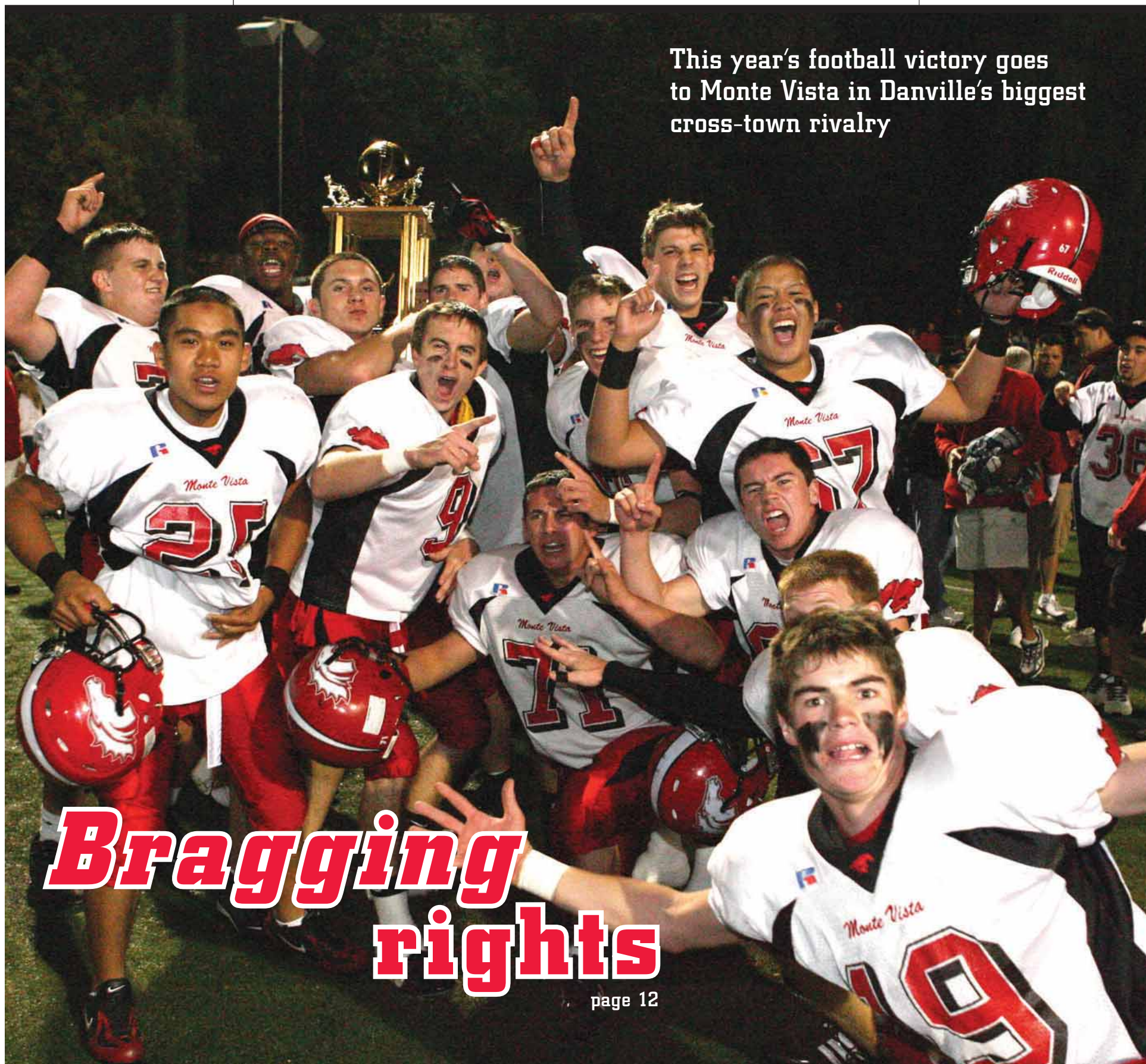
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Jeremy Perkins
attorney



My son lives in Alamo, so I guess we have to think Alamo is wonderful. We bought a run-down house in Pleasanton 30 years ago and I thought, "I don't want to live in Danville." All of these daddies are going down to Silicon Valley or San Francisco for work and are never home. My son came here for the schools. I think the Alamo mentality is just fine.

Marianne Somers
retired



When I think of Danville, I think of higher end stuff. And coming from Pleasant Hill, when I think of Alamo I think of, well, higher end stuff. Alamo is a little more parks and recreation, a little more country.

Kevin Leffler
sales representative for Nordstrom



People in Alamo are rich but they are more hush, hush about it. They don't want to show off. People are younger in Danville and I guess they want to be flashy. But it's hard to generalize about a whole group.

Chris Thai
financial adviser



They seem the same to me. We live in Alamo and my first thought was that the people were very warm. They are very friendly and sociable in Danville, too. Maybe I've just met the right people.

John Inhouse
retired

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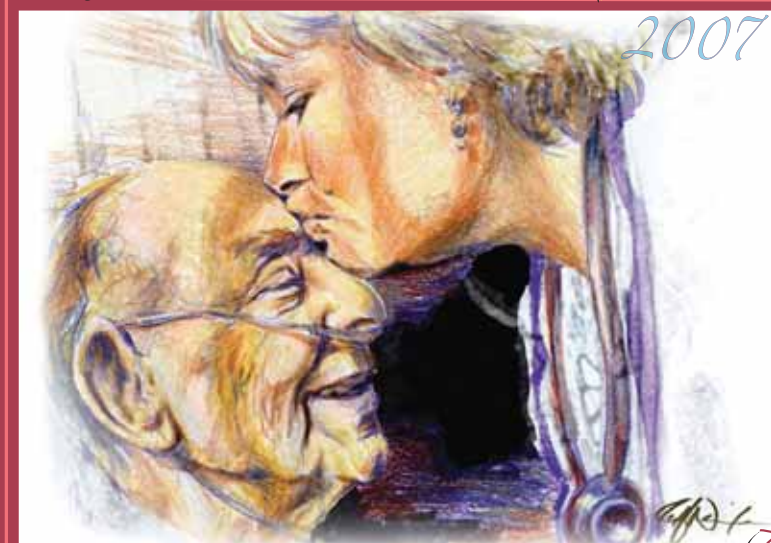
The Monte Vista High School Mustangs football team cheers after defeating the Wolves of San Ramon Valley High last week at San Ramon Valley's football field. The victory gives the Mustangs bragging rights over their cross-town rivals. Photo by Chris Scott/www.calsportsphoto.com. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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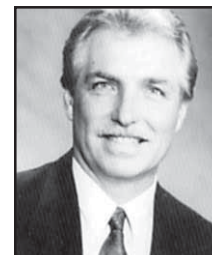
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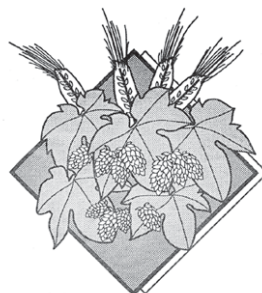
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I liked ... how he showed us his leg.

— Student Katie Kuptz about young veteran Manny Del Rio, who spoke at a Veterans Day celebration. See story, page 5.

Alamo to honor the Armed Forces

The Alamo Parks and Recreation Committee invites everyone to help honor the U.S. Armed Forces from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 17, at Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda Way. Speakers will include Capt. Woodie Spears, member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen; Congressional Gold Medal recipient Sgt. Joey Bozik, an Iraq War veteran; and Supervisor Mary N. Piepho. After a formal presentation, there will be time to meet the veterans, and refreshments will be served.

The Blue Star Moms will be on hand to collect items to send to the troops in their holiday packages, and suggest individually packaged powder drinks, candies, games, soothing sound CDs, DVDs, sudoku, card games, cotton crew socks, or cash to cover postage. They will also collect cards with positive notes to be given to the soldiers.

Donate your old bikes

The bicycle elves at St. Timothy's Church in Danville are gearing up for this year's program to repair donated bikes to give to children and adults through Adopt A Family programs at Monument Crisis Center and the Salvation Army of Concord. Bikes can be dropped off at St. Timothy's, 1550 Diablo Road, any time before Dec. 1.

Volunteers also are needed to help repair the bikes. Dave Struck, who heads up the program, can be reached on his cell phone at (510) 612-5959 with any questions or to offer help. E-mail dtarstruck@yahoo.com. Receiving these bikes has literally changed people's lives since they are often their only means of transportation.

'Vintage Danville' taking early orders

"Vintage Danville: 150 Years of Memories," a special history being written for Danville's sesquicentennial, can be preordered starting Thanksgiving weekend for \$35 at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley or online at www.ci.danville.ca.us. The early orders are to allow people to give the book as a gift this holiday season.

The book, being written by museum curator Beverly Lane and Danville author Laura Grinstead, will feature photographs and experiences that capture the spirit of the people, places and culture of Danville. Delivery will be in July 2008 to coincide with the gala Hay Days Celebration being sponsored by the town, the San Ramon Valley Kiwanis and the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Town finances undergo annual review

The Danville Town Council adopted its investment policy at its meeting last week. The policy is reviewed and updated annually to provide a clear understanding of the town investments.

The town's cash management system is designed to monitor and forecast expenditures and revenues, enabling it to invest and manage funds for the fullest return possible. The primary goal is safety; the town invests only in funds OK'd by federal, state and local laws, and its portfolio can also be diversified to avoid unreasonable risks. Investments are maintained in liquid, short-term securities, which can be converted to cash if necessary.

Although the town's investment consultant noted that the return dipped this past quarter because of the economy, Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said the portfolio remains strong.

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County to provide busing in San Ramon Valley

Students will have bus options beginning September 2009

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Transportation officials told the Alamo Community Council that affordable school busing will be provided to the San Ramon Valley Unified School District by the county, starting in September 2009. They asked for feedback from community groups in unincorporated areas as soon as possible.

"The main criterion is to relieve traffic congestion," said Heba El-Guendy, Senior Transportation Planner for Contra Costa County.

A survey taken in April helped

transportation officials determine that school busing should be available for the most congested areas and for parents who indicated they would use the busing. County officials worked with the town of Danville and the school district on the surveys.

About 2,600 families of the 20,000 in the district completed the survey.

"The ones they are rolling out are the worst of the worst, as far as congestion," said Gina Ferretti,

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Veterans discuss ownership of Memorial Building with county

Danville cannot make changes until it holds title

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Danville may take over ownership of the Veterans Memorial Building on Hartz Avenue from the county, which is necessary before the town will make extensive changes to the property.

Town officials and veterans convened at Contra Costa County District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho's office Monday, Nov. 5, to discuss options on providing the best facility. Veterans said they feel the Memorial Building on Hartz Avenue in Danville is the most suitable location for a permanent center.

The county owns the building, and it is willing to transfer ownership to the town if the veterans develop a business plan and find funding, Piepho said. She noted that the veterans must be the building's main users.

"Can the town own the building?" she asked. "The answer is yes. The ball is in the veterans' and the town's court."

The Town of Danville would

be involved in making significant changes if they owned the hall. Pleasanton received ownership of its downtown veterans' hall from Alameda County in 1997, and the city recently completed a \$4.8 million restoration.

Monday's meeting included committee president Tony Carnemolla, Town Councilwoman Karen Stepper, Mayor Mike Shimansky and Town Manager Joe Calabrigo. Other county officials and people involved with the committee attended, too.

"All those parties are working together very cooperatively," Calabrigo said. "We are actively looking for a solution that will best meet the veterans' needs into the foreseeable future."

Committee members and town officials appear to be in agreement with the town about receiving ownership from the county for the Veterans Memorial Building, said Stepper.

"Everyone in the room felt it was the favorable route," she said.

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Lighting up for Christmas

Tree lightings kick off the 2007 holiday season

Come one, come all. Bundle up warmly and join the festivities on Diablo Road next Friday, Nov. 23, as the Town of Danville and the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce host the 31st annual Holiday Lighting of the Old Oak Tree, signaling the beginning of the Christmas season.

The celebration begins at 5:15 p.m. The San Ramon Valley High

School Choir and the Danville Girls Chorus will perform, and businesses will offer hot beverages and treats.

Father Christmas and the Snow Angel will light the tree around 6:15 p.m. as the holiday music and magic continue. The crowds will head downtown to enjoy more

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Children at St. Isidore's have a moment of silence at their Veterans Day celebration to remember those who have served in the military and honor those serving today. See more photos at DanvilleWeekly.com.

Honoring our veterans

by **Natalie O'Neill**

A 21-year-old war veteran and amputee told students he felt grateful to be alive, at St. Isidore School last Friday, as part of the school's annual Veteran's Day celebration.

"Seeing these smiling faces reminds me how blessed I am to still be here," said Manny Del Rio, featured speaker and Sentinels of Freedom recipient. He lost his leg aboard the USS Kitty Hawk two years ago, when a wheel crushed him during a routine inspection.

School Principal Jean Schroeder said her intention was to highlight a young speaker in order to help kids relate and understand that soldiers fighting today are just like them.

"I've always had a more mature speaker, but this year I'm trying to appeal to the kids," she said. "I want them to understand that our men and women overseas are young people—hardly much older than they are."

Older war vets spoke as well—

many of whom were grandfathers of students. They stood up one by one and talked briefly about their military position and the war they served in.

"It's nice to grow old. And it's nice to have someone appreciate what you've done in the past," said Sal Spingola, 84, who was a pilot in World War II.

Children waved small American flags, sang "God Bless America," and were most intrigued by the prosthetic leg Del Rio showed them, along with the large military Jeep parked on school grounds for the ceremony.

"I liked the stories they told and how he showed us his leg," said Katie Kuptz, a student.

The school recently had a Halloween candy donation collection for the troops and many kids brought in some of their own trick-or-treat stash to send abroad.

The ceremony concluded with a bagpipe player and a moment of silence to remember those who

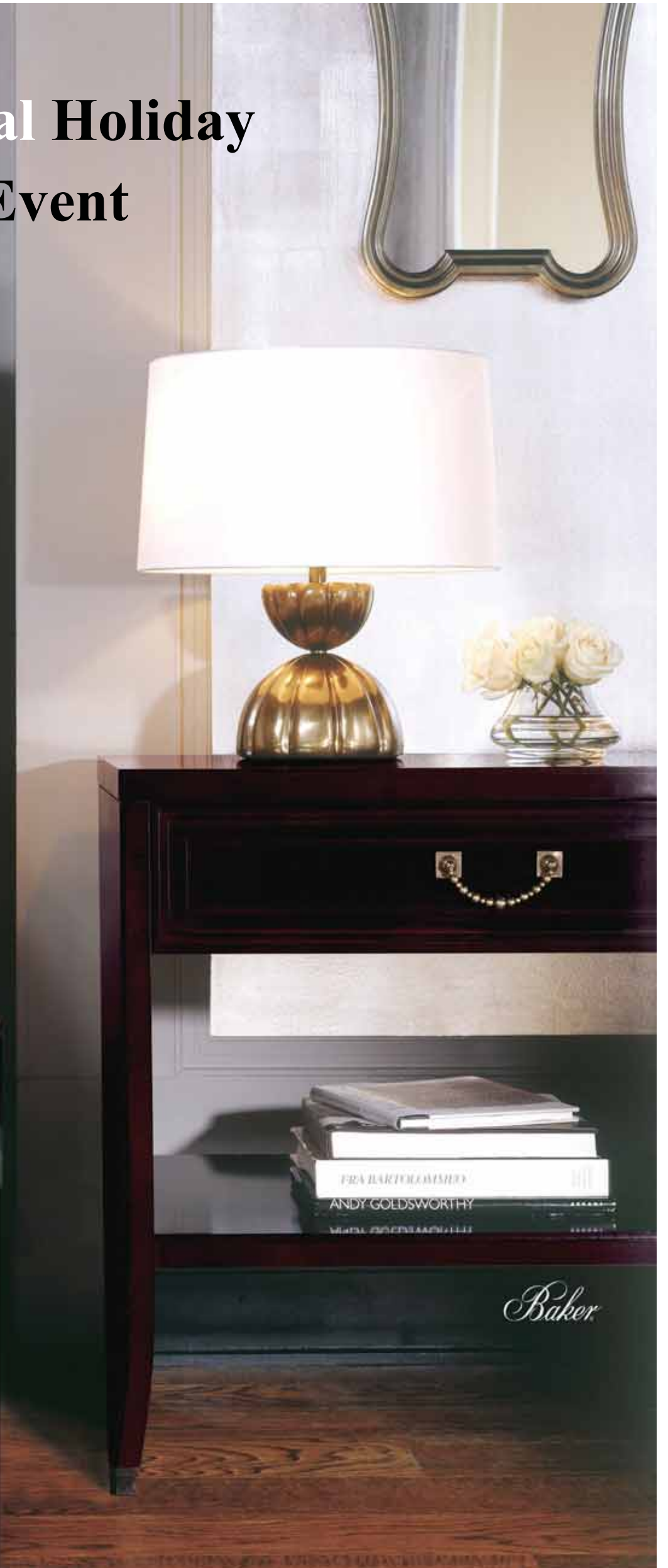


Sal Spingola, 84, tells the children at St. Isidore's about his experiences as a pilot in World War II.

have served in the military and honor those serving today.

"Kids just like themselves are ending up in Iraq," Schroeder said. ■

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Little Gym closes at Blackhawk

Parents shocked to find the doors closed

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Members of The Little Gym in Blackhawk Plaza were surprised to find the children's facility closed suddenly Monday for unknown reasons.

"I'm sad because my kids love it. I paid for classes through January and it's at least 180 bucks they owe me back," said Jeanne Kalin, who had her child's birthday party at the gym the day before it shut down.

Signs went up Tuesday afternoon, announcing The Little Gym in Pleasant Hill had agreed to honor existing memberships. Plaza management corrected the signs the

following day, noting that members would get a 50 percent discount, not a free transfer.

Rent has gone up in Blackhawk Plaza recently, now that big names like Anthropologie and Banana Republic are on their way in, said Rocky McMurtray, who is in charge of leasing.

But Blackhawk Plaza Manager Tricia Wilkalis said The Little Gym had a fixed rent rate for the next few years, according to a leasing contract.

"We were as surprised as the members were," she said, adding the plaza had recently done a revamp of the gym.



NATALIE O'NEILL

A Blackhawk Plaza employee tapes up a sign, informing The Little Gym clients their memberships can be transferred to the Pleasant Hill location.

Kalin said the employees working at her child's party Sunday did not seem to know what was about to happen.

"It's upsetting," she said. ■

YardBirds neighbors report mixed results

The Dog says sales back up; others say walk-in traffic still down

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Retail shops that rely on YardBirds employees for walk-in business—like The Dog in Alamo—have found their way out of a sales slump, now that the home improvement center has been open six months.

"Sales are back up. We have employee customers coming in again," said Drew Nichols, co-owner of the popular sausage restaurant in Las Trampas Center.

Last November, owners of the restaurant explained they had seen a 27 percent decrease in sales from the time YardBirds closed five months earlier.

"I love having it back," Nichols said.

But other neighboring businesses say the new home improvement

store isn't attracting as much foot traffic as it did before Home Depot bought out YardBirds two years ago. This is having a negative effect on business in the center as a whole, they say.

"It's still been slow. They don't have as much small stuff—the light bulbs and bolts. People want knick-knacks," said Wendy Luu, manager of Wendy's Hair and Nail Studio, located a couple doors over from Home Depot-YardBirds.

Fewer people drop into the salon for hair and nail treatment because fewer people drop in to Home Depot-YardBirds for quick purchases, she said.

"There's too much showroom space. How often do you remodel your house?" Luu said.

When Home Depot took over YardBirds two years ago, one of

its goals was to add an appliance section in addition to the staples. Alamo shoppers spoke up against the change at a meeting with corporate representatives in March 2006, explaining they wanted a simple nuts-and-bolts shop.

Now, businesses are echoing the same desire.

"They took away some of the basics and tried to make it a little more upscale. People want to go in and find a nail or a screw," said Tina Goldman, manager at Design Concepts Interior, located across from The Dog.

Kathryn Gallagher, West Coast spokeswoman for Home Depot, said she did not have numbers for sales in individual stores. Returning store manager Keith Gilbert said he

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Busing

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south county field representative for District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho.

Approximately eight routes per school would be available, and

funds for the busing have already been allocated by the county.

The survey showed that after annual busing fees surpassed \$200 per family, the community had less interest in using the service. That's one factor officials are giving consideration, El-Guendy said. Parents will pay for a percentage of the

busing, which will likely be under \$200 per year.

In June, school board trustees voted to stop providing busing to schools in the district, after determining not enough students used the service.

Home-to-school busing services operated at about \$287,000 in the red for the district per year. To keep it going, the district found that families would have had to pay over \$1,000 annually.

Alamo Community Council members said the county service would greatly help gridlock in Alamo in the morning and afternoon. And they explained that many parents still hold tight to the idea of driving their kids to school.

"It's really an issue of community attitude," said Mike Gibson, of Alamo Improvement Association.

Parents of elementary school children had the most concerns about the distance their children would need to walk to the bus stop.

"Young parents today are very concerned about kidnapping," said Diane Barley, of the Alamo Police Services committee.

"Overall, this is a safe area. But they don't see it that way. A person's perception of safety varies," El-Guendy said.

Of the parents surveyed, 88 percent said safety was their No. 1 priority when busing students to school, 79 percent cited reliability, and 52 percent said their family schedule was most important.

Other factors for determining routes included how much time the students spend on the bus, where students live, and physical constraints such as a lack of sidewalks.

"I've seen mothers drive their kids home a block and a half from school ... You're better off with your kid on a bus from an economic and pollution point of view," Alamo resident Smitty Schmidt said at the meeting.

Transportation officials have presented the survey to the Diablo MAC, the Alamo Community Council, Diablo Community Services District and the Blackhawk Home Owners Association.

The survey can be viewed at www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/transportation.htm. Members of community groups should contact Steven L. Goetz at 335-1240 after viewing the survey to give feedback. ■



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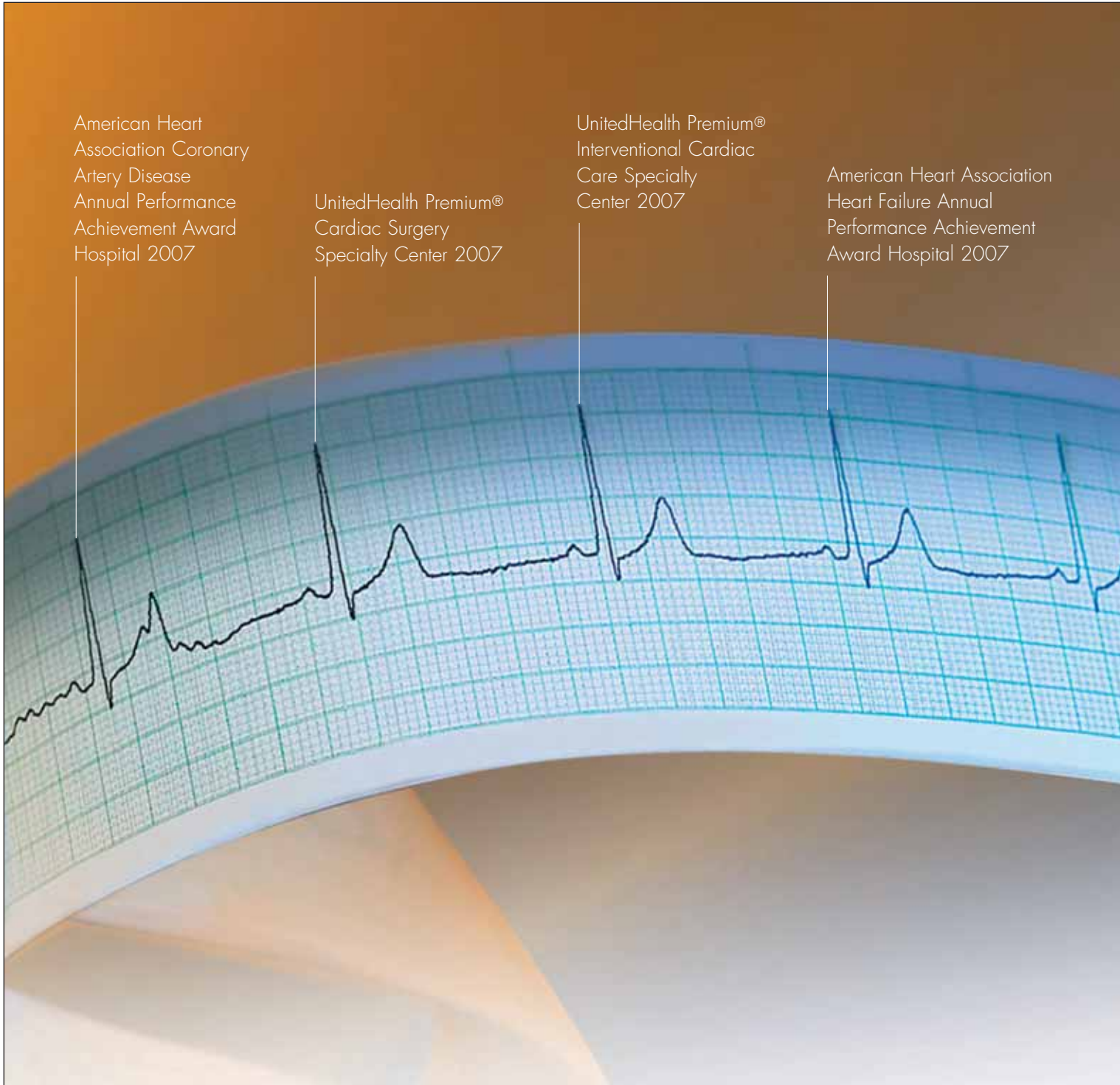
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Fine art on display

Ida Ferese and Merlina Sparks hang oil and acrylic paintings in the Alamo Bank of America in preparation for an art show, put on by Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art. While the women put up featured pieces, customers in line stopped to take a look at paintings of mountainous landscapes and detailed flowers. The paintings will be on exhibit through Nov. 24 and everybody is welcome to stop by to have a look. For more information, call 837-5654.

Christmas

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snacks and entertainments as shops put out the green and red welcome mat. Bands will play throughout town, also, with the USS Hornet Band playing at Pete's Brass Rail, and the Charlotte Wood Jazz Band at the Yogurt Shack.

The Monte Vista Beauty Shop Quartet will sing on the steps of the Veterans Memorial Building, and further down Hartz, Flo Bell will host the Vista Grande Chorus, and Snickerdoodles will welcome Sandi Hunt with Insect Songs. Jeff Seaburg from "Wigged Out" will be at Bridges, and Faz will host the

Devil Mountain Chorus.

Dogs Can Dance will perform at the Pioneer Art Center, 524 Hartz, run by the Alamo Danville Artists' Society. The gallery will be open 4-8 p.m. and the artists invite everyone for food and drink and to meet landscape oil painter Stephen Sanfilippo, whose work is being featured Nov 13-27.

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley on Railroad and Prospect is holding a Holiday Open House with hot cider and cookies and launching this year's exhibit of "Christmas Memories," with decorated trees from the 1890s, 1930s and 1950s.

The tree lighting in Alamo takes place a week later, at 5:30

p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at Andrew H. Young Park, at the corner of Danville Boulevard and Jackson Way. The event is sponsored by the Alamo Merchant & Professional Association (AMPA), and will feature choirs from the schools in Alamo as well as hot chocolate, cider, coffee and cookies.

The YMCA will have a craft table for children to decorate frames for their photos, taken that evening, plus there will be other activities for the children to enjoy. Santa will arrive with a pack on his back and collect all the unwrapped toys that people bring to the Sheriff's Station booth to distribute to boys and girls for Christmas.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

YardBirds

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could not comment on sales or why the center has been quieter.

But some conjecture that the colder season could be playing a role in why Alamo folks have less of a desire to take on improvement projects—and why the center is less bustling.

Mary Jane Jossey, owner of the House of Fashion Wigs, which is several doors down from YardBirds, said her clothing and wig sales have

gone up slightly since the opening, but it's too early to tell if business will be slower permanently.

"I think it's going to take a little time. When you open a new business, people don't come flooding in the door," she said.

The store is the same size and shape as the old YardBirds and has been remodeled on the inside.

When it reopened officially in May, managers said the only major product the store had taken out was lumber. Nuts, bolts and nails can be purchased in small plastic packages. ■

Vet hall

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The committee and the town are still exploring whether to tear down the old vets hall—which is at the end of its useful life—and erect a new building or renovate the historical edifice. When finished, the new center would house senior programs, too, and groups that provide services to veterans and the Armed Forces such as the Blue Star Moms.

At this point, VenueTech, the committee's consultant, is writing grants to the federal government, developing a business plan, and ironing out details with the hall trustees. Stepper said the plan and funds may be ready in six months.

The town has pledged \$750,000 to the committee toward building a suitable veterans facility; the project is part of the town's Capital Improvement Program. The Danville Town Council at its meeting last month allocated \$75,000 to the Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee to hire VenueTech.

Stepper noted that the veterans' hall project has involved not only members from the local and county governments but also from the federal government.

Calabrigo said everyone involved in the project will get back together again and continue talking, exploring the next step in the process.

"I would say everyone involved at this point is optimistic something will move forward," he said. ■

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Alamo residents will decide

The Alamo Incorporation Movement committee delivered its application to the Local Agency Formation Commission last week along with the required signatures requesting a feasibility study on the prospective cityhood of Alamo. If LAFCO finds incorporation is not feasible for Alamo, the issue will be dead. If LAFCO decides incorporation is feasible, residents will vote on the issue. LAFCO would also decide on the proper structure for an incorporated Alamo, and the residents would choose city council members as they vote for or against incorporation.

Despite opposition, which says Alamo does not have the tax base to support itself, AIM has continued to move determinedly forward toward its goal of incorporation. In two months, its volunteers collected 3,100

signatures asking for the study. The petition requires signatures from 25 percent of the population so AIM collected a comfortable margin in case the elections office, which checks the

signatures, finds some not to be viable. The total incorporation process costs about \$250,000. The first chunk, \$8,000, was paid when the application was turned in. AIM is currently fundraising for the second part, due in January.

But the efforts of AIM can only go so far. In the end, the residents of Alamo will be the ones to determine their own future. If an incorporated Alamo is found to be feasible, including an environmental review, and LAFCO approves the application, an election will be scheduled. The voters would have to approve incorporation by a simple majority, or one vote over 50 percent.

Both sides have had many supporters so far. When the important election finally comes, estimated by AIM for March 2009, the pros and cons will be presented and even more thoroughly debated. At that point we would finally find out whether the majority of Alamo residents really want to incorporate or not.

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Guest Opinion

BY VIRGIE V. JONES

Danville Boulevard name is not set in stone

State Highway No. 21, going north to south from Martinez to San Ramon, is approximately 20 miles. It apparently is one of the oldest roads in Contra Costa County. In Ordinance No. 56, passed by the Board of Supervisors on March 8, 1892, it was assigned Road No. 2, in a list of 129 roads, and named "Contra Costa Highway." Its route was described as "Martinez to County line via Pacheco, Walnut Creek and San Ramon Valley." (Apparently this name was never used.)

A search of the records indicates that the Board of Supervisors, on

Dec. 13, 1948, passed a resolution which changed the names of various county roads and included "Danville Highway, Walnut Creek to Dublin to be changed to San Ramon Valley Highway." (Apparently this was not ever enforced either.)

This road, north to south, previously known as State Highway No. 21 (as it was when I moved to Alamo in 1948), has about a dozen different names: Pacheco Boulevard from the south city limits of Martinez to State Sign Route 4 (Arnold Industrial Highway), Contra Costa Highway from State

Sign Route 4 to Boyd Road; North Main Street from Boyd Road to the north city limits of Walnut Creek; Danville Boulevard from the south city limits of Walnut Creek to Linda Mesa in Danville; Hartz Avenue (named for John Hartz), both north and south, from Linda Mesa to Railroad Avenue; San Ramon Valley Boulevard from Railroad Avenue to the Contra Costa-Alameda county line. This information was sent to me for my use, by Mark L. Kermit, Deputy Public Works Director, Transportation, on Aug. 7, 1975, saying he hoped I would use it in my book. And so I

did in my second published book, "Historical Persons and Places... In San Ramon Valley," published in 1977.

Wouldn't it have been simple and a "done deal" to have enforced the 1892 ordinance and all these years it would have been Contra Costa Highway? Or, enforced the 1948 resolution to be San Ramon Valley Highway through the San Ramon Valley territory. Isn't it odd that these two solutions were never implemented and apparently there was no follow through on it whatsoever?

Some years ago, Andrew "Bud"

Young, a resident of Alamo, was very interested in getting rid of the Danville Boulevard name through Alamo. A former easterner, he wanted Alamo Parkway. And, here in 2007 we have the controversy once again.

Businesses and residents balk at change. However, in my 59-year residency my area code and telephone numbers have changed many times. One has to learn to live with these types of changes, it's called "progress"!

Virgie V. Jones, a 59-year resident of Alamo, is a well-known author and historian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Danville can't claim YMCA

Dear Editor:

I just read Diablo Views (Nov. 9) and was puzzled by the apparent pride of the city of Danville on the progress of the Alamo/Danville (?) YMCA facility.

To quote a phrase from that column, "Danville has a distinct sense of place," so distinct, in fact, that the city administration declined to allow obviously convenient freeway access to the aforesaid facility, instead placing the entire burden of public access upon the already highly impacted Danville Boulevard just south of the Hemme intersection in ALAMO.

For graciously accepting the entire impact/burden of this additional and unwarranted congestion, I believe the kudos for "Y" approvals and development should be entirely credited to the unincorporated community of Alamo!

Alice Larson, Alamo

Reasons to incorporate

Dear Editor:

To clarify some inaccuracies in a recent guest opinion by Phil Erickson (Nov. 2), our Alamo Incorporation Movement committee includes opponents of the Y as well as members who have financially supported the Y capital campaign. In addition, we have supporters of Supervisor Mary N. Piepho and those who have written letters publicly opposing her. All of us are only motivated by a love of Alamo and our sincere belief, after two years of studying the issue, that incorporation is the best alternative for Alamo's future.

Also, the tax base for Alamo is property tax plus other site-based taxes paid by Alamo residents and currently collected by the county such as road taxes, sales taxes and franchise fees, which will return to Alamo. The state will not allow Alamo to incorporate if the tax base is found to be insufficient by the Local Agency Formation Commission.

The five most compelling rea-

sons to incorporate are to: Keep Alamo tax revenues in Alamo to be spent on Alamo priorities as determined by Alamo citizens; Preserve Alamo's unique semi-rural character through planning decisions made with only input from Alamo citizens; Provide a legally recognized voice and entity for Alamo on traffic and other regional issues; Form a full-time Alamo Police Department with responsibility for both crime suppression and traffic control; and Protect Alamo taxpayers from service cuts from the county due to its financial crisis.

AIM has submitted over 3,100 signatures to LAFCO along with an application to begin incorporation studies. Alamo citizens have spoken and want an opportunity to vote on whether Alamo becomes a city.

*Sharon Burke,
25-year resident of Alamo*

Alamo facts vs. myths

Dear Editor:

I am sorry to see last week's "Guest Opinion" by Stephen A. Goodman slanted as a personal attack on my earlier comments. Some of my statements were opinions, but a number of facts were not

"myths." Forming a "City of Alamo" does in fact create a new level of government; if Alamo becomes a city, Contra Costa government does not suddenly disappear, it still functions and is still supported by Alamo resident taxes and still has jurisdiction over many areas within our boundaries.

Only time will tell if the fiscal analysis commissioned by the pro-incorporation group is accurate. I'm sure that Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda thought their taxes would cover all their costs; the facts are that they are not.

What benefits would result from Alamo becoming a city:

- Will there be better schools and fire protection? No! These services are outside the jurisdiction of the city or county.
- Better police protection? Not likely! The projected plan is to contract police services with the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department, the same entity that currently provides service.
- Control of Alamo growth? No! Alamo is geographically landlocked, with Mt. Diablo State Park on the east, Walnut Creek to the north, East Bay Watershed to the west and Danville to the south, and

is already over 90 percent built out. There is no growth left to control.

• Less traffic on Danville Boulevard? Again, no! When I-680 is congested, commuters will still use Danville Boulevard and whether we are a city or not, or we like it or not, we cannot restrict access to public streets.

What do we get by adding another layer of government bureaucracy?

Is becoming a city valuable enough that we want additional government with elected officials, hired management, support employees, offices and spending authority? The City of Alamo sounds neat, but the consequences may be considerable and costly.

*Phil Erickson,
27-year resident of Alamo*

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This year's football victory goes to Monte Vista in Danville's biggest cross-town rivalry

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Bragging rights

by Jordan M. Doronila

Mustang star quarterback Drew McAllister leads his team to victory over the Wolves in last Friday's big football game at San Ramon Valley High School.

Hordes of kids leapt over fences, invaded the fields, and raised a red-and-black flag at San Ramon Valley High School after the Mustangs stampeded over the Wolves on the football field last week.

Youths from Monte Vista High School went wild when their football team defeated their cross-town rivals, the San Ramon Valley Wolves, in a close game, 20-14, last Friday evening.

"It's a good rivalry," said Monte Vista Coach Craig Bergman. "It's kind of bragging rights. The schools are five miles apart."

"The parents get to mingle," he added. "When it's all said and done, we are all friends."

However, there were few friendly moments between the two schools after the game's end. Mustang fans gloated after their team's victory and sang: "Nah, nah, nah, nah ... nah, nah, nah, nah ... yea, yea, yea ... say good-bye!" Cheerleaders wearing black lined up together on the football field, waved their pom poms, and chanted "Go Monte Vista" in front of Wolves fans.

The vanquished Wolves—who were undefeated prior to Friday night—shook hands with the Mustangs after the game. They walked stoically off the gridiron and to their locker room as the Mustangs remained on their field, celebrating and hoisting their golden

trophy. Wolves fans were stunned and heartbroken as the Mustangs took over their home.

Some girls cried and others looked at Monte Vista with disdain.

"I *#@ hate Monte Vista," said one girl.

But there were other girls from San Ramon who hugged their friends from Monte Vista. Senior Drew McAllister, the Mustang star quarterback, received plenty of hugs and kisses on the cheeks from several females.

"We played hard all day," said McAllister, who will be attending University of Southern California next year. "This is my last year. This was a very big game for us."

The rivalry between San Ramon and Monte Vista started decades ago after Monte Vista opened in 1965. Alumni recalled the intensity of the games through the years.

"The experience is incredible," said Bill Selli, who



The Mustangs celebrate after they scored the winning touchdown. See more photographs at DanvilleWeekly.com



Boisterous Wolves fans convened and yelled: "Go Wolves!" at last Friday's game. But alas, the Wolves lost.

played football at Monte Vista in 1982. "It's scary to lose to San Ramon. I've never lost against San Ramon in football Every time, we've come close."

Selli and his friends, Ken King and George Forni, who were also on the Monte Vista '82 football team, said the two high school teams did many things to each other during the week before they faced each other in a game.

One time, San Ramon kids poured honey all over the Monte Vista bleachers, and they set Monte Vista's grass on fire with the flames forming the letters "SRVHS." On the other hand, Monte Vista dipped red and black dye in San Ramon's pool.

"They both have outstanding teams in Danville," said King. "It's very intense."

King noted that players at the high schools have known each other since elementary and junior high, which makes the rivalry special. Forni said once the old Valley Pioneer had a layout where the two opposing coaches were on opposite sides, a crystal ball sitting between them.

"It's a tremendous rivalry that brings kids together," said John Raynor, athletic director at San Ramon. "It lends itself to a feeling of spirit, commonality."

Monte Vista dominated San Ramon in the 1980s. But in the past several years, the records have been mixed. Coach Bergman said Monte Vista's recent record against San Ramon is 7-6.

Last Friday's game, like all the past cross-town football games, brought a packed crowd, attracting

alumni from both schools.

"We still don't like green

Monte Vista entered the 2007 season with a record of 8-1-0. The East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) has an automatic bid to the state playoffs last week with a win over San Ramon.

On Friday, red fireworks burst in the sky as the crowd played rousing songs that brought the game to life. San Ramon's Mellinger scored a touchdown and Wilson received an 18-yard pass from Southwick. The Wolves growled and yelled in the stands.

The stands were packed. Fans were side raving "Go Wolves!"

from them, cheering their team on. Some fans had nachos and hot tri-tip sandwiches. Blonde girls with green and black hair and yelled in the stands.

Babies cried and little children ran on the sidelines. Many fans stayed on the sidelines, hovering together on the perimeter. The game was loud but fun. Although a police officer and a youth outside the fields.

It appeared San Ramon, who had lost the game, would cruise to a victory. But slowly came back. The Mustangs



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lost to the Mustangs, 20-14.

and gold,” Forni said. game with a 6-3 record in ue. San Ramon started the San Ramon wrapped up the North Coast Section player Livermore High School. first and the San Ramon band brought fans to their feet— Ramon running back Mike wn, and wide receiver Greg pass from quarterback Joe led with ferocity and took a e end of the first period. Wolves fans sat on their Mustang fans sat across team to victory. Many ate viches oozing with cheese. d gold makeup screamed children ran in circles outside ood in the stands; others riphery like bees around a ut did not get out of hand. d a security man escorted ho were the favorites to win a victory. But Monte Vista tangs cut the lead in half in

the second quarter after McAllister scored for a 3-yard touchdown. They tied the score after Tom Hemmingsen received an 18-yard pass from McAllister. AC/DC’s “Hell’s Bells” played when the teams came roaring back from their half-time break. Neither team scored in the third quarter. But the fourth quarter brought in the dramatics. San Ramon wide receiver Bryce Peterson fumbled a punt return with less than seven minutes to go in the fourth. Monte Vista seized the opportunity to capitalize on the Wolves’ turnover. McAllister threw an 8-yard pass to David Casper for a touchdown with approximately 1:30 remaining to give Monte Vista a 20-14 lead. The Wolves failed to score with their last possessions, and this year’s game was over. The opposing coaches shook hands—and the Mustangs celebrated. “Believe it or not, we’re pretty good at controlling it,” said Danville police Officer Jeffrey Phelps, about the game. “They’re kids. I remember doing this.” The Wolves fans unhappily watched the Mustang celebration and gingerly left the stands. “The kids played hard,” Raynor said. “We fought. It’s one game. Losing to Monte Vista doesn’t dampen their season. We take this as a fun educational experience.” After the game, kids and families packed Mountain’s Mike Pizza, Pete’s Brass Rail, Starbucks and Yogurt Shack. Some Mustang fans continued yelling, “Wolves *#@!” as they drove away on Hartz Avenue. ■

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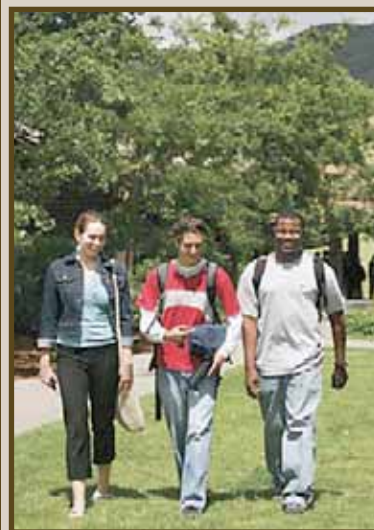
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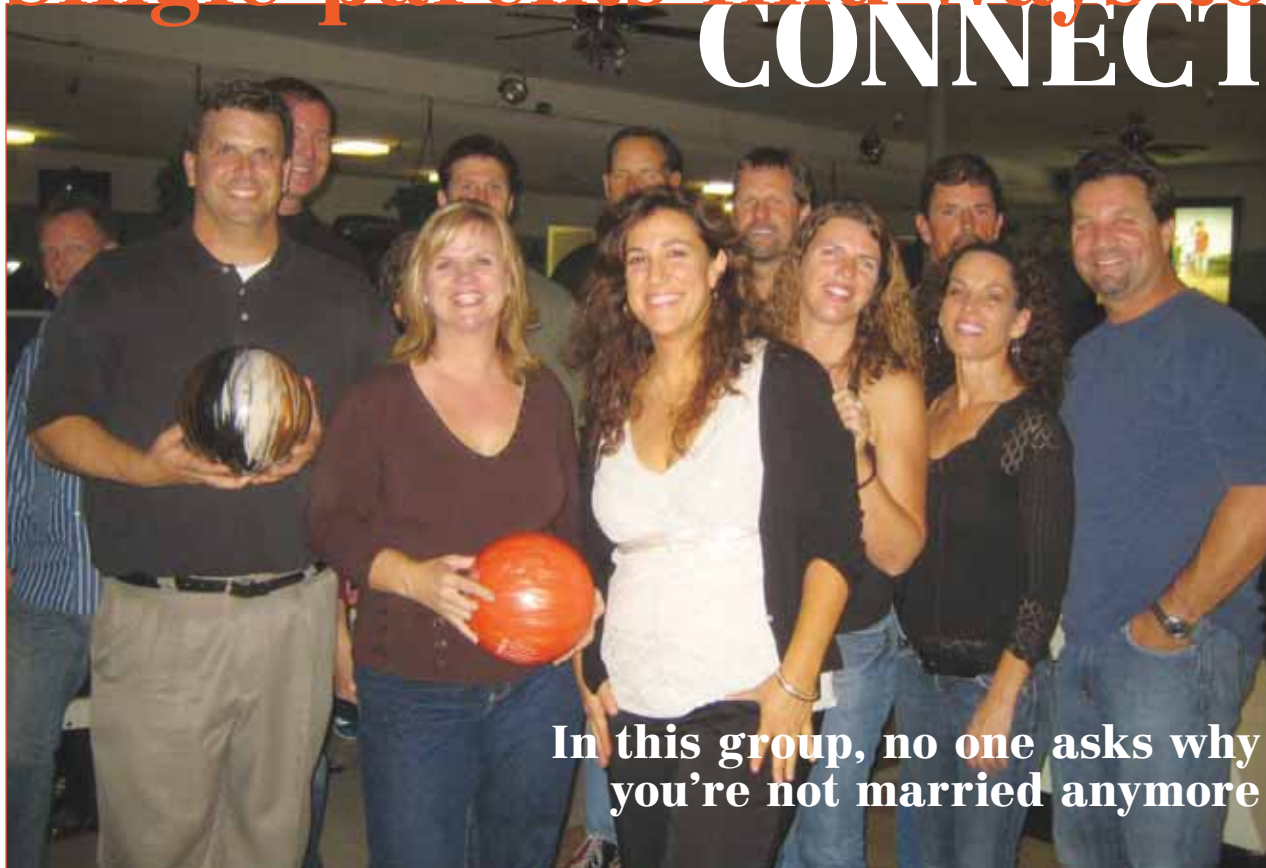
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Single parents find ways to CONNECT

by Geoff Gillette



In this group, no one asks why you're not married anymore

Cheri Eplin, second from left, founded CONNECT for single parents in the area to meet each other in a fun, stress-free way. She's had good response from other parents as they start a new chapter in their lives—being single.

Family-oriented Danville and Alamo may have the flavor of small town Americana, but divorce and single parenting are as common here as anywhere. So in an environment that seems geared to two-parent families, how do single parents find one another, develop friendships, network?

"It's not easy," says single mom Cheri Eplin. "Danville is such a family-oriented place that it's hard to be divorced and make friends."

The need to find other single parents and develop those relationships is what led Eplin to found CONNECT, a group designed to work as a means for single parents to meet each other.

"Being married and divorced in a town that's so family-oriented, it's difficult to know who is in a similar situation," said Eplin, who is vice principal at Greenbrook Elementary School. "I wanted to create a safe and fun way to reconnect with others who understand the balance of family, work and creating a social life after becoming single again."

In late July, Eplin started the ball rolling.

"I put an ad on craigslist. I got some responses and we had our first event," she recalled.

The first gathering, a concert and then dancing at the Blue Footed Boobie Canoe Club, drew about a dozen participants and opened the door for further outings.

"We are trying to stick to businesses in the Danville, San Ramon, Blackhawk areas," Eplin explained.

In mid-October, the group held its first ever bowling night at the Danville Bowl.

These are adults who have a wealth of experience and are simply in a new chapter of their lives. The group has a welcoming feeling of warmth, which is immediately noticeable. Some people were attending their first event and others had been with CONNECT from the start, but it was hard to tell which was which.

Everyone seemed really comfortable with one another, chatting and playing pool as they waited for their lanes.

Two of the newcomers were men, Terry Stotka and Eddie Zapatochny. Both in their mid-40s, they came after getting an e-mail from Eplin.

"I wouldn't be here if I hadn't gotten an e-mail from Cheri," Stotka said.

"She is the motivated one, for sure," Zapatochny added.

They said they didn't have any real expectations in coming out but were pleasantly surprised to find they had a lot in common.

"We both got separated two years ago and both got divorced a year ago," Stotka said.

Something so simple was the start of a bond. The pair both said it was good to meet someone who had recently had similar experiences.

"When you get divorced it's hard to meet guys to hang out with," Zapatochny said. "Most of your friends are people you knew as a couple, and when the marriage ends it makes the friendship uncomfortable."

"It's also uncomfortable when you do hang around with married people because at some point the question always comes up, 'Why are you single?'" added Stotka. "Guys and girls get this and, really, how do you answer that?"

Both men felt that coming to CONNECT gives them someone to talk with and relate to.

As for the dating aspect, both said they appreciated being in an environment where they could meet people without pressure.

"I'm not someone who would just go up and introduce myself," Zapatochny said.

Stotka agreed.

"I hear it all the time that women are approachable," he said. "I've always felt women were unapproachable. And now being back in the singles scene after being married ... I don't want to say it's a shock, just a different learning experience."

Many of those coming to CONNECT had tried other means of meeting, like craigslist and match.com, but the uncertainty of starting a relationship online was daunting.

"Some divorcees realize they are not ready for a long term relationship or just didn't like the idea of having a 'menu option' of meeting people online," said Eplin. "They'd rather have the opportunity to have a natural way of meeting new friends without the pressure of meeting someone to date."

One of the members who's been around since the first event is Annalisa Fiorenza. The single mom of a 15-year-old son, Fiorenza said CONNECT was the right way for her to meet people.



Annalisa Fiorenza bowls at a recent CONNECT evening out. She says her new friendships have been a nice surprise, and a bonus.



Eddie Zapatochny talks to Terry Stotka at a CONNECT night. They met each other through the group and were pleased to find how much they have in common; they said after divorce it can be hard to find guys to hang out with.

"I've done the Internet thing and it's very impersonal," she said. "You're gambling that the person on the other side of the computer is who they say they are. You get a better feel for people in a group situation, you get an instant connection."

Among the group, close friendships have formed, such that some of the members meet and have playdates with their children.

"It was more than just a connection. It was a friendship ... it was a surprise and a nice bonus," Fiorenza said.

Does she hope to find a relationship through CONNECT?

"I'm seeking, yes, but it's at the back of my mind. I just look forward to that e-mail telling me when the next event is going to be," she said.

The event at the Danville Bowl ended up with more than 30 people, an equal mix of men and women. The sense of camaraderie continued out onto the lanes as everyone just seemed to find the right place to be. It was friendly, warm and, above all, easygoing.

Eplin said it has been really fun watching the group come together and continue to grow.

"Word is spreading," she said. "Two people who showed up at the last event had heard about it from people we didn't even know, so the interest is there."

Group members stay in contact and learn of new events through the CONNECT Web site. The site has a blog/board section where members can talk about the most recent event and propose events of their own. Other members have created additional Web sites for singles that link back into CONNECT so it continues to evolve.

"My hope is that I would like for it to be an extension of the Danville community," said Eplin. "I think we've got a great group starting with fun, creative, attractive professionals from the Tri-Valley area that are looking to meet others and do fun things."

The CONNECT crew has held other events in the past few weeks, including a billiards night and a Halloween Party for their kids. The next meet-up will be Nov. 16, when the group plans to have dinner at Pasta Gondola and then head back to Danville Bowl.

For more information, contact Eplin at Ceplin@mac.com. ■

The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

Being vegetarian takes some thought

From soymilk to veggie burgers to eggless "egg" salad, a variety of vegan products are now available at many grocery stores, and most restaurants and college campuses offer vegetarian and vegan options to accommodate customers and students.

An Aramark survey taken in 2004 indicated a quarter of college students felt having vegan options on their campus was an important feature. In a 2005 survey, the Vegetarian Resource Group reported that 2 to 3 percent of all youth aged 8 to 18 said they were vegetarian, most of them female. Eleven percent of all females said they never eat meat, the greatest percentage of them in the 13 to 15-year-old age range.

There are a variety of reasons teenagers decide to go vegetarian. Some make the choice out of concern for the environment or animal cruelty, others due to religious beliefs, family decisions, or simply to gain independence from their parents. Of specific concern is the desire of young people to become vegetarian because they want to be cool, evident by a study performed by Teenage Research Unlimited, which found that 25 percent of teens feel being vegetarian is "in."

"There is significant pressure in some groups to be vegetarian,

and as a vegetarian myself, I am often embarrassed by the militant attitude a lot of vegetarians take toward other peoples' eating habits," said San Ramon Valley High School senior Melanie Bowman, a vegetarian of more than three years. "I think that eating habits should be a personal choice."

With the increasing number of teens choosing to become vegetarian, some before putting much thought and planning into the decision, I feel it is necessary to fully discuss the increasingly popular choice not to eat meat.

There are several different classifications of vegetarianism. A person is considered a lacto-ovo vegetarian if meat is the only food group excluded from the diet, but they still eat eggs, dairy and plant products. A lacto vegetarian eats only dairy and plant products, excluding both eggs and meat. An ovo vegetarian eats eggs and plant products, excluding dairy and meat. Finally, a vegan (or pure vegetarian) does not eat any animal products.

The impression for many is that vegetarians eat vegetables, so they must be healthy. But as more and more reports are showing, there is apparently a large capacity for teens to work to the detriment of their body by excluding meat from their diet. If correctly

executed, eating a vegetarian diet can have significant health benefits, reducing risk for developing heart disease, high blood pressure, certain cancers, adult diabetes, and obesity. However, living a vegetarian lifestyle is extremely time consuming, and oftentimes inconvenient. As a result, many vegetarian teens sustain themselves on convenient foods like pizza and pasta, which, while filling, are typically not rich in nutrition, and certainly do not provide enough nutrients to compensate for those found in meat.

Vegetarians can suffer deficiencies in calcium, iron, vitamin B-12, vitamin D, and protein, all essential nutrients found in animal products. While there is no essential nutrient in meat that is not available from other sources, it is often improbable that one can effectively get these nutrients from non-meat substances. As some of my own health-conscious vegetarian friends have experienced, health problems ranging from unhealthy weight loss to fatigue to anemia can potentially result as a consequence of these deficiencies.

Many of these nutrients can be obtained in foods like tofu, beans, lentils, nuts, leafy greens, certain cereals and meat alternatives, foods all vegetarians should be getting in substantial amounts. However, my fear and occasional observation is that young vegetarians who have not put enough thought into their diet are not getting the essential vitamins and minerals they need to stay healthy.

Young people should consider why they want to become a vegetarian, and should put serious thought into the decision before setting anything in stone. Should they decide vegetarianism is the right choice, newly decided vegetarians should take vitamin supplements, and see a dietician to ensure they create a balanced diet.

As far as reacting when their pre-teen or teenager declares their desire to become a vegetarian, parents should engage their child in an open-minded, non-confrontational discussion about why they are considering this lifestyle. Is this something they have thought about for a long time, or is it simply a split decision based on trivial grounds? As a final concern, parents should also be aware that excluding meat from the diet could be classified as "controlling food," which is a preliminary indicator of the onset of an eating disorder.

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

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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Potatoes: baked, mashed, cheesed ... delicious

For me, potatoes are one of the “comfort foods”—foods that soothe the soul as much as the appetite—along with homemade soup, meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, apple pie and hot buttered dinner rolls. (Note that comfort foods, by definition, are not diet foods!)

When I’ve got the blues or I’m nursing a bad case of the flu, any one of these dishes can bring back pleasant memories of days gone by, when life was simpler and someone else did the cooking. That someone was usually my mother or grandmother who made everything “from scratch.” As a child, no boxed, instant potatoes lived in our home pantry. When I think of potatoes, I can recall my mother scrubbing the heavy dirt off the thick skin, peeling and boiling them in a large steamy pot, then mashing them with lots of milk and butter to create mashed potatoes.

Potatoes are the fourth largest world fresh food crop, just behind rice, wheat and corn. In more agri-

cultural times, potatoes were popular because they were easy to grow, readily available and inexpensive. Whether they were baked, mashed or casserole—and most of our mothers knew at least a dozen different ways to prepare them—potatoes were a steady companion to whatever meat, poultry or fish and vegetable dish being served at the dinner table.

Potatoes offer a variety of important vitamins, minerals and fiber but they are also well known for their carbohydrate content. In recent times, with our rigorous avoidance of carbs, potatoes are no longer a staple of every household. Now, we tend to sneak potatoes into our diets with fast-food fries and breakfast hash browns. But, during the holiday seasons, potatoes get an annual revival. In fact, they hold a place of honor in the culinary homage to holiday tradition—representing the supreme “comfort food” and evoking memories of good times and good people from our past.

Some time before year’s end, I predict that you will indulge in at

least one scrumptiously delicious potato dish—Aunt Sally’s mashed potatoes, Granny’s potato latkes, Nana’s potatoes au gratin, Uncle George’s scalloped potatoes or even your own super-loaded baked potato. Whatever the style, I invite you to totally savor the dish, not fretting the calories or carbs as you partake. Instead, let the soothing flavors and steamy smells take you back to a younger, thinner, less-stressed you and help you conjure up a few nostalgic memories of holidays gone by.

I’m also predicting that the dining experience will be worth the extra carb intake and the memory will join your “database” of special holiday gatherings you have known. And if you don’t have a favorite potato recipe, adopt the one here and serve it as a holiday gift to someone you love.

Jacqui lives in Danville with her pug, Nina Simone, and volumes of cookbooks and recipes. Her column runs every other week. E-mail her at jlovemarshall@yahoo.com.

RECIPES

Potato-Onion Gratin (serves 6)

3 Tbsp olive oil, plus extra for brushing
4 cups thinly sliced onions
5 large garlic cloves, chopped
1 Tbsp chopped fresh thyme
1 tsp chopped fresh rosemary
2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, sliced into 1/8-inch rounds
1/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp coarsely ground black pepper
1-1/2 cups low-salt chicken broth

1. Heat 2 tsp oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add onions and garlic, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Sauté until onions are golden brown, about 6-8 minutes; add rosemary and thyme and sauté 2 minutes more. Note: This step can be done 1-2 hours ahead; leave standing at room temperature.

2. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Brush 11 by 7 by 2-inch glass baking dish with

oil. Arrange 1/3 of potatoes in the dish. Sprinkle with 1/4 tsp each of salt and pepper. Top the potatoes with half of the onion mixture. Repeat this step once; top the dish with the remaining potatoes. Pour the broth over all; drizzle with 1 Tbsp oil.

3. Cover dish with foil. Bake potatoes 30 minutes. Uncover and continue to bake until potatoes are tender, about 25-30 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

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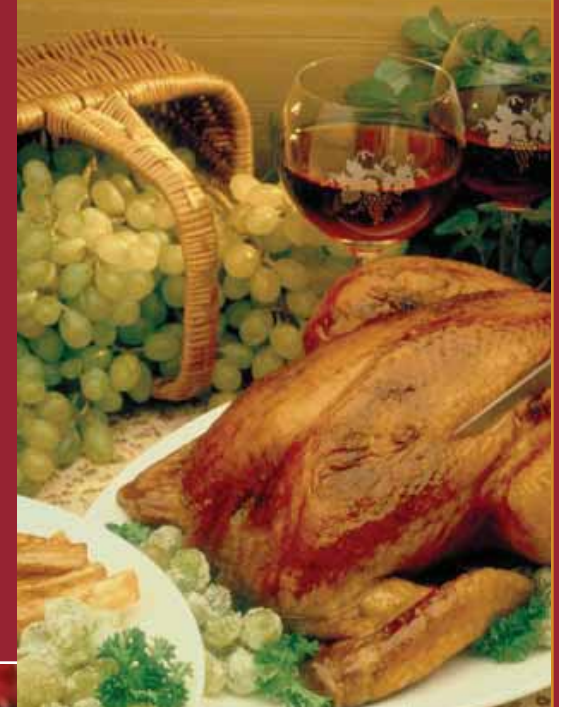
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POLICE BULLETIN

Schools on alert for stranger

A stranger in his 20s wearing sunglasses and a red-sleeved shirt caused a stir in Danville after he offered a fifth-grade boy on a bicycle a ride home from school in his truck last week.

The incident occurred shortly after 3 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, near John Baldwin Elementary School. Three fifth-grade friends were riding their bikes on Paraiso Drive and the Iron Horse Trail, when one fell behind. The two continued on the trail. A Caucasian in his early 20s, with dark brown to black hair, braces and a goatee, approached the lone boy and offered to put his bike in the back of his truck and give him a ride home. The truck was a dark blue Ford, without a shell, and the driver's side window was cracked.

The youth ignored the man, caught up with his friends and continued riding to his home. The district sent a letter to families who have children at

John Baldwin.

"We want to make sure parents are informed," said school district spokesman Terry Koehne. "If an incident occurs like this, we encourage families to report this immediately."

The district encourages students who encounter strange situations to go back and notify their schools. District officials would then inform their parents and police.

The recent incident sparked a flurry of police calls, said police Sgt. Troy Craig. As a result, Danville police increased their patrol cars and investigated the calls. However, police couldn't find the man that fit the boy's description and don't know if he intended to abduct the child.

"We haven't come to a conclusion if there was malicious intent," said police Sgt. Troy Craig.

—Jordan M. Doronila

POLICE LOG

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

Monday, Nov. 5

- Investigation, arrest, on Wildwood Ct. at 9:41 a.m.
- Public nuisance on Freitas Ct. and Freitas Rd. at 1:34 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 1:53 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

- Battery on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 12:19 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Crow Canyon Rd. and southbound I-680 off ramp at 2:45 a.m.
- Warrant, arrest, on Danville Ct. at 9:44 a.m.
- Petty theft on Hartz Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 12:37 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Brookside Dr. and Paraiso Dr. at 4:24 p.m.
- Battery on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 8:01 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 12:47 a.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on Gingerwood Ln. at 1:00 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Danville Blvd. and El Cerro Blvd. at 3:32 p.m.

- Auto burglary on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 4:56 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Oak Ct. at 7:09 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Ramon at 7:55 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 8

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Camino Ramon and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:48 a.m.
- Investigation, arrest, on La Gonda Way at 10:40 a.m.
- Identity theft on San Thomas Way at 5:21 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Crow Canyon Rd. at 5:33 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 5:56 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and El Cajon Dr. at 6:09 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 6:26 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Crow Canyon Rd. at 7:02 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 7:20 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Verde Mesa Dr. at 7:47 p.m. and 8:13 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8

- Drunk in public on Love Ln. at 9:17 a.m.
- Grand theft on 3100 block on Stone Valley Rd. at 11:10 a.m.

- Grand theft on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 11:13 a.m.

- Auto burglary on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:14 a.m.

- Accident, property damage, on Fostoria Way at 1:57 p.m.

- Auto burglary on Town and Country Dr. at 2:26 p.m.

- Auto burglary on Harlan Dr. at 3:02 p.m.

- Battery on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 3:26 p.m.

- Accident, property damage, on Glen Dr. at 8:24 p.m.

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Hartz Way and Railroad Ave. at 10:13 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10

- Vandalism on Houston Ct. at 12:25 p.m.

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sonora Ave. at 8:01 p.m.

- Auto burglary on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:31 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Donald Sussman

Danville resident Donald Sussman died Oct. 2 at the age of 71.

He was born in Berkeley to Berta and Joe Sussman on Feb. 28, 1936. He graduated from Berkeley High in 1954 and was an active member of the reunion committee. He graduated from Idaho State University School of Pharmacy and went to work in Berkeley at Foley's Drug Co. He was the pharmacist/owner of MD Pharmacy on Piedmont Avenue for 10 years, and then went on to Long's Pharmacy in his semi-retirement.

He enjoyed working on his golf game, and was an avid reader of histories and biographies. He was a

clothes horse who stayed true to his George Good roots, and a lover of music with stacks of jazz and blues on vinyl, although his grandkids introduced him to the iPod. He found his green thumb in his later years.

He was the best friend and loving husband of Joan Sussman for 44 years; he is also survived by his children Julie and Joseph and their spouses; and five grandchildren. He was the younger brother of Sheldon Sussman.

A memorial service was held Oct. 8 at Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland. Donations can be made to Children's Hospital Oakland New Facilities Fund, 2201 Broadway, Suite 600, Oakland 94612.



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Father Nature's Restaurant Art Event Father Nature's Restaurant will host a two-day art event from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday-Monday, Nov. 25-26, at 172 Prospect Ave., Danville. Activities including viewing contemporary paintings, visit with artist Kevin Barry Dever, complimentary appetizers and a glass of wine. Call 820-3160 or visit www.finthingsart.com.

Stephen Sanfilippo Alamo-Danville Artists Society and the Pioneer Art Gallery will host Stephen Sanfilippo in a reception from 4-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 23, at Pioneer Art Gallery, 524 Hartz Ave., Danville. You can meet Stephen Sanfilippo during the downtown Danville holiday kickoff. The exhibit is open 5-9 p.m., Friday, 1-9 p.m., Saturday and 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13-27.

Clubs

'How I Became My Own Fairy Godmother' E2S will host author Lorena Bathey who will talk about her book, "Happy Beginnings: How I Became My Own Fairy Godmother" on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Non-members are welcome. Cost is \$5 per meeting. E-mail sue@hometownpr.com.

Lawyer Addresses Democrats Lawyer Jerry Okendo, will address the Tri Valley Democratic Club from 7-9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 19, at IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. This event is free. The address will be followed by a question and answer session. Wheelchair accessible and refreshments will be served. Call 831-8355 or visit www.trivalleydems.com.

Poet Laureate to Speak at Local Writers Group California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch will host Martha Meltzer, Poet Laureate of Pleasanton, who will speak on "Poetry in the Everyday" from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, at Oasis Grille, 780 Main St., Pleasanton. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Call 462-7495 or visit www.trivalleywriters.com.

San Ramon Valley Republican Women Berkeley College Republicans President, Ross Lingenfelder, will

accept a \$1,000 contribution from the San Ramon Valley Republican Women at their luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Cost is \$22. Call 837-6253 or visit srwvf.org.

SIR Monthly Luncheon Sons in Retirement will host a luncheon at 10:45 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21, at San Ramon Golf Club, 9450 Firest Lane. The day will include a social hour, buffet lunch and a speaker of local interest. Cost is \$20. Call 828-5688 or visit www.128.sirbranch.com.

Concerts

'A Jubilant Holiday' Danville Community Band presents "A Jubilant Holiday" concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at East Bay Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara, Danville. The concert will feature Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland," "Greensleeves," "An Olde English Christmas," "A Chanukah Celebration" and other Christmas songs. This event is free. Visit www.danvilleband.org.

'Songs of the Season' Danville Girls Chorus and the San Ramon Valley High School Chamber Singers present "Songs of the Season" at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29, at Dean Leshar Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$10; \$7 for children 14 and under. Call 943-7469.


Exhibits

European Train Exhibit Blackhawk Museum will host the layout of HO-scale European model trains, track layout and scenery from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 23-Jan. 6, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Call 736-2751 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org or www.theshopsatblackhawk.com.

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PLAYHOUSE WEST

Starring in 'Defiance'

Alamo resident John Hale (far left) plays Gunney Sergeant in "Defiance," which is set on a U.S. Marine Corps base in North Carolina in 1971. Two officers, one white and one black, are on a collision course over race, women and the high cost of doing the right thing. This play performs Sundays and Thursdays, until Nov. 25, at Playhouse West, 1345 Locust St., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$26-30. Call 942-0300 or visit www.playhousewest.org.

Contra Costa County during "Bally Cares" until Nov. 21. Members and guests can help donate at any Bally Total Fitness. Each donation participant will receive a free Bally Cares coupon book valued at over \$75. Call 838-4960, ext. 28 or visit www.ballyfitness.com.

Kids Carnival Come and enjoy a Kids Carnival from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, at 1822 Alameda Diablo, Diablo (near the main entrance to the Diablo Country Club). The day will include games, fun, music, food and prize for all. Tickets for games and events are 25 cents; raffle tickets are \$1. Proceeds will benefit Food and Shelter for African HIV/AIDS Orphans (www.rsaa.org). Call 855-9295.

Health

Flu Shot Clinic Sutter VNA and Hospice Public will host a flu shot clinic from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, at Navlet's Garden Center, 800 Camino Ramon, Danville. Cost

is \$25 each. The shots are for adults and children ages 9-13 (with a doctor's note/prescription) and ages 14-18 (with parental permission). Pneumonia shots will be available for \$35 each. Proceeds will benefit local home and hospice care. Call (800) 500-2400 or visit www.suttervna.org.

Yoga for Managing Chronic Pain Yoga can help in managing chronic pain. This workshop will help identify various types of pain from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Discussion will be followed by a yoga practice. Call 933-0107.

Holiday

3rd Annual Holiday Home Tour Danville-Alamo Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host the third annual Holiday Home Tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8. Six homes will be open in the Danville and Alamo area. Advance tickets are \$25 before Nov. 30; \$30 thereafter. Mail SASE to Danville-Alamo AAUW, 255 Morris Ranch Ct., Danville, CA 94526. Call 837-0826 or visit www.aauw-da.org.

Do It Yourself 'Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens Recapture the time when fun didn't require batteries by enjoying a fun-filled, hands-on workshop how-to-do-it-yourself "Christmas Carol" from 2-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. This is event is free. Call 735-9270.

Lighting of the Old Oak Tree Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Danville will host the 31st annual Lighting of the Old Oak Tree from 5:15-8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 23, on Diablo Road in Danville. The night will include holiday music, entertainment and refreshments throughout downtown Danville. Streets will close to traffic around 3:30 p.m. and will reopen at 10 p.m. Call 314-3400 or 837-4400.

Lights of the Valley Illumination Ceremonies Join Hope Hospice as they light the Tree of Life at different locations: Danville at 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 25, at Pleasant Thoughts in the Danville Livery; Blackhawk at 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, at the corner of Blackhawk Rd. at Blackhawk Dr.; San Ramon at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, at San Ramon Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd. and Alamo at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Remember or honor someone special with the purchase of a symbolic light, star, angel or

name on a memorial wreath. Call 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.

NBC11 Holiday Food Drive NBC11 Chief Meteorologist, John Farley, will bring his Holiday Food Drive to Bay Area Nob Hill Foods, Raley's and Food Source locations. NBC11 and Bay Area Kiwanis volunteers will collect food and money to benefit local food banks from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17. For information, visit www.nbc11.com.

Operation Christmas Child Bay Area residents will be able to drop off shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies and personal items for Operation Christmas Child from Nov. 12-19, at Creekside Community Church, 1350 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Call (800) 383-1459 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

Thanksgiving Day Invitation Christian Science will host a special Thanksgiving church service at 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 22, at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 650 Danville Blvd., Danville. Individuals and families are welcome; childcare is provided for infants and small children. Call 837-1081.

Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church will host a Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21, at San Ramon United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Attendees are invited to bring canned foods to donate to the Contra Costa Food Bank. Refreshments will be served. Call 837-5243.

Kids and Teens

Children's Authors at Rakestraw Books Rakestraw Books will host children's authors including: Ashley Wolff, author of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" at 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 29 and Jim LaMarche, author of "Bear's First Christmas" at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 30, all at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Most events required reservations, call 837-7337.

Family Funshop: Trains! Blackhawk Museum will host a family funshop "I Think I Can: Trains!" from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 25, at Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free for children with museum admission. The day will include building track and blasting tunnels, train stories and tasty snacks. Call 736-2277.

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Chemotherapy and Radiation Treatment Join Rishi Sawhney, MD, Medical Oncologist and Michael Moyses, MD, Raditation Oncologist, will discuss the latest in chemotherapy and radiation options from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29, at Regional Cancer Center at ValleyCare, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suites 240 A and B, Pleasanton. This event is free. Call 933-0107.

Intimacy and Romance This workshop will present ways to bring romance and intimacy back into a relationship during cancer diagnosis and treatment from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

Project Censored 2008, with Peter Phillips Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center will host journalism professor Peter Phillips and his student assistants, who will talk about "Project Censored 2008" from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Cost is a suggested donation of \$10-20. Call 933-7850 or visit www.mtdpc.org.

Literary Events

Holiday Music and Books Friends of the Danville Library and Kiwanis of San Ramon Valley will host their First Wednesday at the Library at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. San Ramon Valley High School Chamber Singers will sing holiday songs and Michael Barnard of Rakestraw Books will talk about books for holiday giving. This event is free. Call 837-4455.

Miscellaneous

Bay Area Crisis Nursery Drive Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. is holding a drive to support the Bay Area Crisis Nursery during November by collecting large and extra large diapers, good night diapers, training diapers and infant formula. You can drop off these goods from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the Danville Weekly, 315 Diablo Rd., Suite 100, Danville. Call 284-3740 or 837-8300.

One Warm Coat San Ramon Valley Rotary Club is hosting its 12th anniversary of One Warm Coat until Dec. 15. They are collecting coats, sweaters and blankets for men, women, children and infants in clean and good condition. Drop-off points include: Diablo Lodge, 950 Diablo Rd., Danville; Curves, 9500 Crow Canyon Rd., Danville; Moda Mi, 140E Prospect Ave., Danville; Pascal's French Oven, 155 Railroad Ave., Danville; ReMax Accord, 313 Sycamore Valley Dr. W., Danville; Heritage Bank, 387 Diablo Rd., Danville and Oscar's Jeweler, 15 Alamo Square, Alamo. For information, contact Elizabeth Forth at 820-4077; Dany Gregory at 838-9110 or Mark at 552-9900.

On Stage

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'Guys and Dolls' Danville Children's Musical Theater presents "Guys and Dolls" at 7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, and at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$7.50-\$9.50; order tickets by e-mailing vtboxoffice@ci.danville.ca.us or call 314-3463.

Recreation

Wright Canyon Hike A Save Mount Diablo board member will host the Wright Canyon Hike starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, meeting at the Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Rd. This hike is two miles; heavy rain cancels. Call 933-9402.

Seniors

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

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Sports

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Support Groups

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

Danville TOPS The Danville chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets at 9 a.m., every Tuesday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road. Call Bob Blendow at 935-9344 or Rosemarie at 838-7870.

Hospice Offers Support Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa offers a variety of support groups and workshops for people experiencing grief and loss after the death of a loved one. Individual grief counseling for Hospice families is also available. Groups are offered from 7-9 p.m., Friday evenings

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PFLAG The Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter of Parents Families 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.

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.

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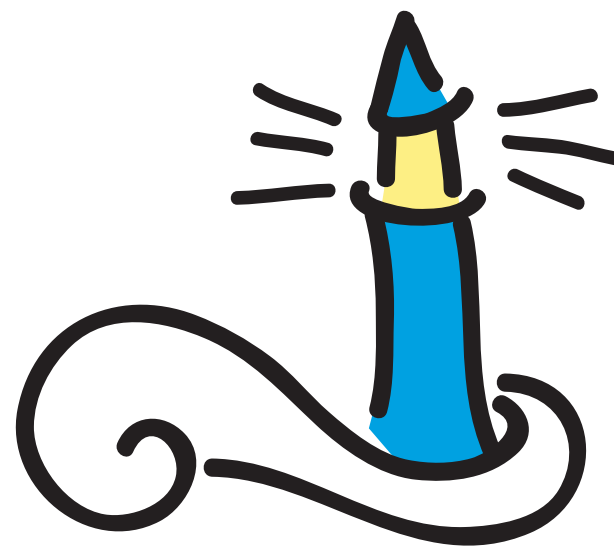


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REAL ESTATE

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during 2007

Alamo

Total sales reported: 3
Lowest sale reported: \$1,000,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,140,000
Average sales reported: \$1,066,667

Danville

Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$501,500
Highest sale reported: \$2,300,000
Average sales reported: \$1,086,174

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$190,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,300,000
Average sales reported: \$607,265

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

This week's data represents homes sold during October 2007

Alamo

- 2051 Danville Boulevard**
Nomura Credit to Dsf Trust for \$1,000,000
- 1311 Laverock Lane**
Sandstrom Trust to M. & N. Hatfield for \$1,060,000
- 135 South Avenue M.**
Mullery to J. & C. Novelli for \$1,140,000

Danville

- 1139 Blue Spur Circle**
Shapell Homes to J. Petropoulos for \$1,300,000
- 648 Bourne Court A. & M.**
Gilcinski to M. & J. Sauer for \$1,170,000
- 2134 Carmenere Street**
KB Homes to S. Braroo for \$1,131,500
- 1560 Colchester Street**
Lennar Homes to M. & N. Reneau for \$1,125,500
- 1566 Colchester Street**
Lennar Homes to E. & S. Pang for \$1,050,000
- 2006 Colmar Street** KB
Homes to Jacobsen Trust for \$1,088,000
- 2030 Colmar Street** KB
Homes to A. Feng for \$971,000
- 2033 Colmar Street**
KB Homes to E. Ly for \$1,091,500
- 126 Entrada Mesa Road**
Hill Trust to A. Punjani for \$1,199,000
- 262 Greenbrook Drive**
R. Casale to J. Bruno for \$721,500

352 Harper Lane M. & B.
Pasqualina to Miller Trust for \$1,400,000

- 11 Hillside Drive** Otto
Trust to Eldridge Trust for \$1,400,000
- 29 La Gonda Court** Rinetti
Trust to D. Luger for \$793,000
- 258 La Questa Drive** Gallo
Trust to D. & K. Miks for \$2,300,000
- 2224 Lusitano Street** Shapell
Industries to Reeves Trust for \$985,000

2216 Lustiano Street Shapell
Industries to I. Michiels for \$1,076,500

741 Mastino Court Shapell
Industries to R. Lee for \$1,076,500

116 Menton Court KB
Homes to A. Ng for \$873,500

1444 Menton Street GMAC
Model Home Finance to S. & K. McKay for \$1,010,000

1341 Monterosso Street
Lennar Homes to T. Hong for \$1,233,000

288 Pembroke Street Shapell
Industries to M. Farooq for \$501,500

247 Ramona Road R. & L.
Devlin to S. & A. McGhee for \$765,000

3670 Silver Oak Place
Johnson Trust to K. Lawson for \$720,000

Walnut Creek

1800 Alma Avenue #207
S. Taylor to Hansen Trust for \$895,000

11 Alta Hill Way R. & S.
Nicholes to Y. Sun for \$730,000

1201 Alta Vista Drive #107
J. Matson to J. Duchi for \$495,000

2673 Buena Vista Avenue
Heung Trust to D. Lawson for \$550,000

255 Charter Oak Circle M.
Enemark to D. Meadors for \$505,000

1310 Creekside Drive #209
Iron Horse Place Limited to H. Madani for \$419,000

985 Dee Court R. & C.
Hamilton to J. Fu for \$859,000

5920 Horsemans Canyon Drive #2B Blumberg Trust to Hueter Trust for \$810,000

1300 Juanita Drive
Acasamos-Guinto Trust to E. Sadykhov for \$860,000

1615 North California Boulevard Trinity Avenue Limited to Davies Trust for \$1,300,000

1655 North California Street #334 Trinity Avenue Limited to T. Pfeifer for \$506,500

410 North Civic Drive #502
HSBC Mortgage to J. Balovich for \$222,000

1401 Novato Court D.
Meadors to P. Cohen for \$637,000

3648 Sugarberry Lane Hulett Trust to N. & J. Belmonte for \$610,000

1840 Tice Creek Drive #2345 B. Karp to M. Brooks for \$190,000

3183 Wayside Plaza #101 P.
Meeker to C. McKechnie for \$329,000

3193 Wayside Plaza #12 A.
& A. Diaz to C. Pingree for \$406,000

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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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4 Bedrooms
3661 Country Club Ter. \$2,198,000
 Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 998-1818

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4 Bedrooms
3302 Prairie Dr. \$1,098,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436
1143 Cheshire Cir. \$1,149,000
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 998-1818

5 Bedrooms
810 Richard Ln. \$1,120,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3844

SAN RAMON

2 Bedrooms
9024 Craydon Cir. \$265,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 UCB / Brian Wright 417-7138

4 Bedrooms
2748 Mohawk Cir. \$889,000
 Sat 1-4/Sun 2-4 Coldwell Banker 785-9373

5 Bedrooms
3526 Sandalford Wy. \$1,059,000
 Sat 1-4/ Sun 2-4 Coldwell Banker 785-9373

DUBLIN

4 Bedrooms
8633 Brairwood Ln. \$674,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 336-1108

PLEASANTON

2 Bedrooms
2013 Inverness \$998,000
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel-Moxley Team 621-4064

3 Bedrooms
1139 Kottinger Dr. \$529,000
 Sun 1-4 Olde Towne Realty 426-9122

6386 Shorewood Ct. \$650,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

3193 Montpelier Ct. \$695,000
 Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Re/Max Accord 922-1575

4 Bedrooms
1397 Whispering Oaks Wy. \$1,059,000
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 846-6500

3730 Crofters Ct. \$799,000
 Sun 1-4 Re/Max 200-7210

5 Bedrooms
4823 Arlene Pl. \$1,339,800
 Sun 1:30-4 Hometown GMAC 200-2525

4742 Arlene Pl. \$1,350,000
 Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 963-8322

1325 Stone Canyon Ct. \$1,599,000
 Sat/Sun 1:30-5
 Alain Pinel - Moxley Team 621-4064

5725 Ohana Pl. \$2,097,500
 Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel 846-6500

LIVERMORE
4 Bedrooms
6608 Tiffany Cmn. \$569,000
 Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 963-8322

819 Wall St. \$598,999
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 583-1121


1657 3rd St. \$649,950
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 583-1121

2329 Rapallo Cmn. \$719,950
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

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 Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel 398-6706

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