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“A Doctor’s Confession To The Town of Danville...”

And why, despite all, I still do what I do

Dear friend,

Confessions are tough. Real tough. But, sometimes a confession can set the record straight, and I want to give credit where credit is due. Before I talk about my confession, though, let me say a few other things first.

Let me start by explaining the photo in this letter. You know, when I meet people in town they usually say, “Oh, yeah, I know you, you’re Dr. Jake. I’ve seen your ad with that picture of you, your wife and that cute little girl.” Well, I’m the guy on the right.

Years ago something happened to me that changed my life forever. Let me tell you my story.

I had experienced low back pain ever since I was a teen, but this was different. I was playing hoops with the boys after class, and I made an abrupt move and felt a “pop” in my low back and pain flew through my body and sent me to my knees. Tears shot out of my eyes. It was a pain that words cannot explain. I had shooting pain down my leg, numbness in my foot, and I was unable to stand up straight for two weeks! My doctor said I had *“blown two discs in my back”*. After considering surgery (that was the only option, according to the surgeon) I decided against it. *But wait, there’s more...*

A friend of mine convinces me to give their doctor a try. This new doctor does an exam, takes some films, and then ‘adjusts’ my spine. The adjustment doesn’t hurt, it actually feels really good. I get relief, and I can walk again. *Oh, did I mention that this doctor is a chiropractor?* It works so well for me, and I’m so impressed with the other ‘miracles’ I see in his office, that I eventually go to chiropractic school myself.

Now for Pia, who is the one on the shoulders. Pia had a traumatic entry into the world. *At one week of age she couldn’t turn her head to the left.* Breastfeeding was very difficult for her, and we were concerned. At birth I noticed she had a bone out of place in her neck, and I started to gently adjust her, and she began to turn her head in both directions. Now she is a happy and healthy three year old and she tells *me* when she needs to be adjusted. She never gets sick. That seems like a small thing, but it makes a huge difference to her. Her baby sister was born at home, 100% natural, and is also full of life.

The other lovely woman in the photo, Dr. Julie, is not only my wife, but also a chiropractor. We are partners not only in life, but also in health!

It’s strange how life is, because now people come to see *me* with their low back problems.

Also they come to us with their *headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear*

infections, asthma, allergies, numbness, just to name a few.

Here’s what some of my patients had to say:

►“...after 1 week the 30 yr. pain in my right leg was gone!” —Carol

►“I rarely get headaches and my arm numbness is gone!” —Barbara

►“I was taking Ibuprofen for pain...Chiropractic is a Life-Saver” —Patricia

►“My menstrual cramps have DISAPPEARED!” —Kim

►“I no longer wake up in the morning with agonizing low back pain!” — Philip



Several times a day patients thank me for helping them with their health problems. But I can’t really take the credit. **My confession is that I’ve never healed anyone of anything.** What I do is perform a specific spinal adjustment to remove nerve pressure, and the body responds by *healing itself*. We get tremendous results. It’s as simple as that!

Being a chiropractor can be tough, because there’s a host of so-called experts out there. They tell people a lot of things that are just plain ridiculous about my profession. But the studies speak for themselves, like the Virginia study that showed that over 90% of patients who saw a chiropractor were satisfied with their results. That’s just incredible!

Forty-eight million Americans no longer have health insurance, and those who do have found that their benefits are reduced. That’s where chiropractic comes in. Many people find that they actually save money on their health care expenses by seeing a chiropractor. Another way to save...published, peer-reviewed research indicates that the immune system may be enhanced by chiropractic adjustments. The immune system

is the system that helps the body fight colds, the flu, and many other sicknesses. Maybe you won’t be running off to the doctor as much once you start chiropractic. This is especially important if you are **self-employed**. And an entire week of care in my office may cost what you could pay for **one visit** elsewhere.

You benefit from an Amazing Offer- Look, it shouldn’t cost you an arm and a leg to correct your health. You are going to write a check to someone for your health care expenses, you may as well write one for a lesser amount for chiropractic. When you bring in this article, you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$17. That’s with x-rays, exam....the whole ball of wax. This exam could cost you \$250-\$350 elsewhere. But, please call right away because this offer expires on March 31st, 2008 and I don’t want you to miss out. By the way, further care is very affordable and you’ll be happy to know that **I have affordable family plans**. Further care is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor. **High costs can add up very quickly.** By law, this offer excludes Medicare/Medi-caid patients.

Great care at a great fee... Please, I hope that there’s no misunderstanding about **quality of care** just because I have a lower exam fee. You’ll get great care at a great fee.

Dr. Julie is a Suma Cum Laude graduate of Life West. We’ve been entrusted to take care of tiny babies too. After working in an office in San Jose for two years, my wife and I moved to the East Bay Area where we wanted to start not only a practice, but raise our family. We just have that low exam fee to help more people who need care.

Our assistants are Desiree & Marlene, and they are great people. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We have a wonderful service, at an exceptional fee.

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Yours In Health,

—Dr. Jacob Lyhne, D.C.

P.S. When accompanied by the first, I am also offering the family members this same examination for only **\$10**.

P.P.S. Can you imagine not having to wait at a doctor’s office? That’s why we have a no-wait policy.

Streetwise

ASKED AT YELLOW WOOD COFFEE & TEA IN ALAMO

Q: Who would play you in a movie?



In my youth everyone would tell me I look like Doris Day ... Maybe Meryl Streep because she can play everybody. She's such a chameleon.

Mary Jo Painter

semi-retired real estate developer



You know, people tell me I look like Tom Cruise. Just kidding. Arnold Schwarzenegger, 'cause I'm just yoked (buff).

Andrew Bonner

food service



Robert Downey Jr. He's a little neurotic. He seems to be on a good path now. He's just wily—so that makes for a good fit.

Chris Jenks

consultant



I guess Vince Vaughn would have to play me. Because I'm just like him in the movie "Swingers." I'm just fancy free. I'll say anything on my mind.

Dan Grunau

executive



Vivian Leigh. I think she's a very passionate actress. She's passionate and complicated and talented.

Nancy Schultz

stay at home "domestic goddess" (mom)

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ABOUT THE COVER

The State of the Town continues to be excellent, reported Mayor Candace Andersen at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week; this year's priorities are the economic vitality of downtown and public safety. Cover design by Manuel Valenzuela.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ We have needs every day for every kid. ”

—Suzanne Beauregard, Children's Hospital Oakland, about sailors reaching out to its patients. See story, page 14.

Eggstravaganza is fun for young ones

Spring is here and that means the Town of Danville is offering its annual Eggstravaganza, a fun-filled family morning with egg hunts, crafts, balloons and face painting.

Eggstravaganza takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 22, at the Danville Community Center and Town Green, 420 Front St. The registration fee—\$5 for Danville residents and \$6 for non-residents—includes six-treasure filled eggs to find during the egg hunt, crafts and face painting. The egg hunts are separated and organized by age, with 1-year-olds scheduled at 9:30 a.m.; 2-year-olds at 10 a.m.; 3-year-olds at 10:30 a.m.; 4- and 5-year-olds at 11 a.m.; and 6- to 9-year-olds at 11:30 a.m. Parents are reminded to bring their cameras to take pictures with the Spring Bunny.

Preregistration required, by calling 314-3400 or visiting www.ci.danville.ca.us. Event will take place rain or shine; no refunds will be given due to inclement weather.

First 5 Contra Costa offering grants

First 5 Contra Costa is offering Family-Friendly Community Grants up to \$10,000 for local community improvement, health and literacy projects that benefit children 5 and younger. The grants are available for non-profit organizations, small community groups, city agencies, public adult schools and public libraries. A total of \$200,000 is available.

Applicants must attend a mandatory information workshop in order to apply; they are being held in Concord, Antioch and San Pablo in late March and April. For more information, call 771-7300 or visit www.firstfivecc.org.

First 5 Contra Costa makes a difference in the lives of children from the prenatal stage through age 5, when a child's brain development is so critical, and it is the most important time to establish healthy relationships with parents and caregivers. For nearly a decade, First 5 Contra Costa has used tobacco tax funds to help children from the prenatal stage to age 5 grow up healthy.

Meet a rancher and a blacksmith

Stop by the Museum of the San Ramon Valley between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. tomorrow and meet Howard Bettencourt, a former cattleman, farmer and blacksmith. Howard attended the Highland One-Room School and graduated from San Ramon Valley High School in 1947. For awhile he was the only blacksmith in town while his uncle “Muck” Bettencourt recovered from a bad burn accident. Their shop was located on Linda Mesa.

Bettencourt is appearing in conjunction with the Museum's current exhibit, “Agriculture, For a Century, the Business of the Valley,” which highlights the period of 1850 through 1950, when agriculture was the cornerstone of the Valley's economy. It runs through May 10, and each Saturday a special guest who lived and worked in the Valley during this period will be at the Museum to talk to visitors.

The Museum is located in the restored Southern Pacific Depot at 205 Railroad Ave. in Danville. Call 837-3750.

Corrections The story Feb. 29 on the Girls Scouts cookie sales should have said that Trader Joe's in Danville has been a very willing partner in the cookies sales this year, giving them space to sell on all three weekends of the annual sale. This weekend, March 15-16, is the last chance to buy cookies.

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Mr. Mustang—hubba, hubba!

Mr. Mustang candidates do a hip hop dance to kick off the competition at Monte Vista High School last week. The winner—Vinnie Butera—is at left. See story, page 9.

NATALIE O'NEILL

Danville balks at unfunded federal mandate on water

Town proposes alternate ways to achieve same goals

by Meghan Neal

A federal mandate regulating stormwater runoff and trash reduction, among other things, has the town of Danville in a pickle.

That's because it would obligate the town to comply with strict and—the real kicker—costly new requirements without providing any plan on how to fund them.

"It would appear to defy conventional logic," Danville Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board is the group responsible for implementing the mandate—called the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit—in Contra Costa County and the Bay Area.

The concern is that stormwater runoff could contain pollutants and toxins like mercury and lead, coming from yard fertilizers or brake dust from cars. These pollutants may then be flowing into the San Francisco Bay and harming the environment.

Complying with the permit's requirements would cost cities in the county an estimated \$200 million over five years. Danville's portion comes to \$4.2 million, half of which is currently unfunded.

"There isn't any money coming from the state or the federal government to help us," Calabrigo said.

He stressed that the environment is important to Danville, and the town doesn't wish to ignore or go against the mandate.

"We're not trying to get out of doing things, we're trying to suggest alternate ways of doing," he said Monday.

On Tuesday the town got the chance to make those suggestions, at a hearing the water board held in Oakland on the permit. Mayor Candace Andersen, Councilman Newell Arnerich and Calabrigo testified at the hearing along with State Assemblyman Guy Houston and representatives from other cities in the county.

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Two Democrats, two Republicans running for District 15

Assemblyman Guy Houston leaving due to term limits

by Meghan Neal

The deadline to file to run for State Assembly for District 15 was March 7, and the final candidates are determined. Two Democrats and two Republicans will be competing to win their party's nomination dur-

ing the June 3 primary, then on to the general election in November.

The current occupant of the seat, Assemblyman Guy Houston (R., San Ramon), is now in his third term and must leave the position in January due to term limits.

The Democrats running are Joan Buchanan of Alamo, vice president of the San Ramon Valley School Board; and Theodore Ford, an economist from Walnut Creek.

On the republican side are

Judy Lloyd of Danville, a former Reagan administration member; and San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson.

Judy Lloyd was appointed to the U.S. Department of Agriculture by President Reagan. She was also an assistant to Bob Dole when he was the Senate Majority Leader; a special projects director for the Republican National Committee; and co-chairwoman of Arnold Schwarzenegger's cam-

paign for governor.

"I've been involved with the Republican Party for 25 years," she said. "I've had the opportunity to work with some of the great leaders."

Education, the budget, the economy and immigration are important issues to Lloyd, she said. She is concerned that the Democrats in the state legislature are averse to change, squandering taxpayer dollars and creating a

budget deficiency.

"We need somebody that's going to be strong up there to fix a broken system," she said.

Mayor H. Abram Wilson has served on the San Ramon City Council since 1999. He became the city's first elected mayor in 2003 and was re-elected in 2005 and 2007.

A veteran himself, Wilson

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Castle walls come tumbling down

One man's quest for medieval romance is apparently over

by Natalie O'Neill

Alamo folks can kiss their royal landmark goodbye.

The 1950s country home that Hemme Avenue owners converted into a 12th century castle will now turn back into a house. A simple peasant dwelling, that is.

This, in part, is because the king hath packed his bags. Alamo carpenter T.J. Baker, who used acrylic limestone and six-foot columns to create the medieval castle, is now in Arizona and can't be reached,

according to the female occupant of the house.

"It's coming down. I didn't like it to begin with," she said.

She asked that her name not be used.

It's embarrassing to be known as the quirky Alamo woman with the castle, she said. It will be dismantled before June.

She has been the owner since the castle was put up two years ago, she said, although she wouldn't reveal her relationship to Baker.

Construction crews arrived at the

castle last week to take down the large gray crenellated—or toothy—wall, which caught the attention of neighbors and passers-by. Columns in the front yard were also removed.

"I was just getting used to the castle," said one Hemme neighbor, Alicia Watson.

Parents picking up their kids from the neighboring Rancho Romero Elementary School last week slowed their cars to a roll and turned to look at the house while driving.

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Workers in late February begin dismantling the Alamo castle on Hemme Avenue. Homeowner T.J. Baker, who designed the castle, has left town.

NATALIE O'NEILL

Local restaurants tap into water idea

Project funds drinking water for children in countries where it is scarce

by Meghan Neal

The idea behind the Tap Project is simple: Donate \$1 for the tap water you'd normally get for free at a restaurant, and the money will go toward providing clean drinking water for children in developing countries around the world.

Almost one-fifth of the population does not have access to safe drinking water, and the problem is affecting children most of all; water-related diseases are the second leading cause of death for children worldwide.

"People are very willing to give a dollar for a glass of tap water," said Holly Elfman, volunteer city coordinator for the project. "It's a very noble cause. It's a very serious, serious situation, and the restaurant agency overall has grabbed hold of it."

More than 1,500 restaurants nationwide, including about a dozen in Danville and Alamo, will partici-

pate in the Tap Project—a UNICEF initiative—from March 16-22.

"I'm happy to be part of this thing," said Mehriar Hamzeh, owner of Uptown Cafe on Hartz Avenue. "We just have to step up for the kids. If we don't get them to grow up right they can't think right, and they can't live right, and they can't do anything good for the world."

Participating restaurants are given cards to place on each table that explain the issue and the project's goal. On the back of the cards customers can write in how much they'd like to donate.

For each dollar donated, 93 cents goes directly to UNICEF water projects such as water lines, solar-powered pumps, filter straws, dehydration packets and emergency urgent relief. According to UNICEF statistics, every dollar provides 40 days worth of clean drinking water for a child.

The funds raised will go to the areas in the most need. Poor nations

in Africa, micro Asia and Central America are hit particularly hard by the water crisis, Elfman said.

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—Holly Elfman,
volunteer city coordinator

"It's because the country doesn't have the infrastructure, or it's because they've been made refugees or because there's war going on," she explained. "Those are some of the reasons why people don't have access to clean water."

Children, who are more sus-

ceptible to disease than adults, are perishing from dysentery, diarrhea, dehydration and other water-related diseases. The crisis also robs children—particularly the girls—of the opportunity to go to school, because they must instead spend their time fetching water for the village.

Global warming is escalating the crisis. Floods cause fresh water to mix with salt water, making it unsuitable to drink. And droughts, for obvious reasons, also worsen the problem. The United Nations estimates that by 2050 the number of people without safe drinking water will be twice what it is today.

"The water situation gets more and more dire," Elfman said. "Some people say water's going to be the new oil in the future. Water's going to be what people war over and demand the most."

The Tap Project debuted last year in New York City as a one-day event, which raised \$100,000.

The project has expanded out to the rest of the country and will last a week.

This year the goal is to raise \$1 million nationwide, which Elfman said would save millions of children's lives.

"This is a really good community here in Alamo," said Michael Huggins, restaurant manager at Xenia, which is participating. "If they do see the same concept as myself, I'm sure they will be quite happy to participate." ■

Participating restaurants

In Alamo: Alamo Café, Bagel Street Café, Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant, Xenia, Yellow Wood; **in Danville:** Amber Bistro Restaurant, Basil Leaf Café, Bridges Restaurant, Forbes Mill Steakhouse, The Peasant And The Pear, Tower Grill and Uptown Café.



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Castle

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Other nearby residents, out for a walk, stopped in front of the former castle to stare at the wall coming down. They had mixed feelings about the change.

"I suppose it's good to have a few eccentrics in the neighborhood," said Gwen Langosch, a senior.

In December 2006, Baker said he wanted to transport medieval aesthetics and values to the modern world because romance has been lost. Kids from the school loved his castle, but the adults were not so enthusiastic.

Back then, he planned to finish the castle by the end of 2008, complete with a drawbridge, moat and decorative cannonballs. He couldn't be reached for comment this week.

Neighbors were concerned that the castle didn't fit in with the rest of the single family, one story ranch-style homes.

The female owner of the home also said she wishes people would stop gawking at her half-castle.

"It's none of their business," she said.

AlamoImprovement Association, which advises the county on local planning issues, generally aims to keep structures and homes cohesive in style.

Aesthetics can be a factor in planning for small lots such as this, said Mike Gibson of AIA.

"The bottom line issue is neighborhood compatibility," he explained, summing up regulations on the architectural design of homes on small lots.

The demise of the castle, however, had nothing to do with a recommendation from the association.

Unusual homes sometimes have a negative effect on property values, although it's a matter of taste, Gibson explained.

"People buy their houses based on whether they like the neighborhood. Some people wouldn't give a damn. Other people would think 'Oh, my god. I'm not living next to that thing,'" he said.

Roger Smith, who is on the AIA Planning Board, said he thinks of Baker as an artist who likes to stir up controversy.

"My suspicion would be that he's probably onto his next project," Smith said. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Celebrating friendship at the fort

Danville residents Priscilla Wolfram and Janelle More (on right) visit Fort Ross and celebrate 30 years of get-togethers with girlfriends Pam Stroud and Karen Schmidt.

Two of a kind

Send us your mother-daughter look-alikes

With Mother's Day coming up, the Danville Weekly is holding a mother-daughter look-alike contest. If you and your daughter have a strong resemblance, send a digital photo, no larger than 1 MB, to editor@DanvilleWeekly.com by Monday, April 21.

The staff at the Weekly will choose the finalists, and readers will be able to vote online for which mother and daughter in the Danville-Alamo area look most alike. Prizes will be awarded for the first- and second-place winners. Photos of the winners will be published in the May 9 edition of the Danville Weekly for a happy Mother's Day. ■



Danville Weekly office manager Amory Gutierrez and her mother Rhonda Foreman.

Assembly

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serves on the board of the Iraq veteran's organization Sentinels of Freedom. He's also on the foundation board of directors for Diablo Valley College, and has been a member of the San Ramon Arts Council for 10 years.

Democratic candidate Joan Buchanan has served for 20 years on the San Ramon Valley School Board, including four terms as president. She was president of the Alamo Elementary School PTA, and vice president of the San Ramon Valley School Age Child Care Alliance. Prior to her school board service, she was an executive with Delta Dental.

Besides education, Buchanan is an advocate for universal health-care and is focused on the environment. She said traffic and affordable housing are also areas of concern for residents throughout the 15th District.

She said she is running because, "One: I'm ready for a new challenge. And two: I think I'm the

best person to represent the values of the people in the 15th District."

The other democratic candidate, Theodore Ford, said his main focus is on "the unbalanced fiscal structure" in the area. He said this underlying issue affects education and everything else.

Ford has worked for 35 years as an economist in both government and the public sector. He has never run for electoral office, but the 12-year Walnut Creek resident called himself "an observer of the political current."

"The reason I got into the race was because of my strong feelings about these issues and wanting to address them in a public forum," said Ford. "It would be nice if a citizen candidate could go out there and articulate a point of view that resonates with people and get some votes."

"We'll see how it turns out," he added. "I'd like to win."

Buchanan, Lloyd and Ford all mentioned the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which is mainly located in the 15th District. The Delta provides the water for two-

thirds of California and is in a tenuous situation.

California's 15th District includes Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek, San Ramon, Livermore, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, part of Pleasanton, and portions of the Sacramento Delta communities of Stockton, Galt and Elk Grove.

It is generally considered a swing district—the voters are split nearly 50/50 by party. Both Republicans and Democrats feel they have a good chance to win this year's election.

"It's one of the top three targeted districts in the state," Buchanan said. "So this will be a very exciting election." ■

Political makeup of District 15

Total registered voters: 164,902
Democrats: 63,897 - 38.7%
Republicans: 64,566 - 39.1%
Declined to state: 30,476 - 18.5%

Source: Contra Costa County Elections Department

Stormwater

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"We're all speaking with a single voice here," Calabrigo said.

That single voice relayed to the board that they support clean water goals and have worked hard to comply with past permits, but they're asking the board to adjust certain requirements and work with them to find a permanent, ongoing revenue source.

"We felt very pleased with what occurred. The board seemed very responsive to the comments of the city," Andersen said Wednesday morning.

She said one board member specifically pointed to Danville's suggestion to let cities come up with their own results-oriented plans.

For example, under the proposed permit, half of the cost would go toward trash reduction, which Calabrigo said makes no sense for Danville. It would require trash reduction methods in 10 percent of

the developed land, but the town knows where the heavy trash-generation areas are and focuses its efforts there, he said. Moreover, the current street sweeping and trash pickup efforts are already very successful.

The new permit would also almost quadruple water quality monitoring costs by requiring toxicity tests that are pricey and often inconclusive. The town is asking for two to three years to develop a more cost-effective plan by working with the many academic institutions in the area and the environmental community, said Calabrigo.

Without help from the federal or state government, the money for the permit could have to come from the town's general fund or be taken away from funds already delegated to community projects and programs.

"It would prevent us from doing things we would like to do because we would have that much less money," Andersen said. "I would rather put that money toward

seniors or youth programming. I can think of a lot of great ways for the town to spend \$400,000 (a year)."

Right now resident fees contribute to a \$470,000 annual budget that's used for all the requirements under the current permit—street sweeping, trash removal, creek cleanup, and the town's contribution to the county's clean water program.

Even if it wanted to, the town couldn't raise the funds by increasing these fees thanks to Proposition 218, which passed in 1996 requiring local government to get taxpayer approval before it can increase taxes, fees or property assessments.

No final decisions were made at Tuesday's hearing. Staff members will now conduct workshops and talk with cities to come up with more custom-tailored requirements rather than the current countywide "one size fits all" approach, said Andersen. The board is expected to reconvene in June or July with a decision. ■

Weekly publisher building new digs

Palo Alto Weekly, the lead newspaper of Embarcadero Publishing, which also owns the Danville Weekly, announced last week that it will break ground within two months for a new three-story office building at 450 Cambridge Ave. in Palo Alto. It will become headquarters for the company, which is moving from 703 High St. in Palo Alto where it has been located since 1981.

The new headquarters building also will be a model for green building design and construction, according to Palo Alto Weekly publisher and company president Bill Johnson.

"We have been looking for an opportunity to purchase or build our own headquarters for several years, and this project has enabled us to design a building around our unique needs," said Johnson, who founded the Palo Alto Weekly in 1979.

It will be the first office project in Palo Alto to be certified LEED "silver"—a designation given when a building incorporates numerous environmentally sensitive features. The Weekly headquarters will con-

serve significant amounts of energy, said Johnson. Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2009.

The building design was approved by the city's Architectural Review Board last June. The facility will cost approximately \$5 million to construct, according to Johnson, and house about 50 employees. The project is being managed by local developer Jim Baer, who jointly purchased the land with the Weekly in 2006. Baer's interest will be bought out when construction is complete, Johnson said.

Embarcadero Publishing Co. owns six Bay Area newspapers, including the Danville Weekly and the Pleasanton Weekly in the East Bay; the Palo Alto Weekly, the Almanac in Menlo Park and the Mountain View Voice on the Peninsula; and the Pacific Sun in Marin County; as well as their associated Web sites. The company is owned by mostly local shareholders. The Palo Alto Weekly publishes twice a week, with a circulation of 37,000.

—Staff reports

Times discontinues Friday insert

The Danville Times, a weekly insert in the San Ramon Valley Times, has been discontinued due to changing market conditions and higher printing costs. The final issue was Friday, March 7.

The Valley Times, which covers Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, also discontinued its insert, the Pleasanton Times.

Earlier this month Bay Area News Group-East Bay, which operates the

San Ramon Valley Times and the Valley Times, announced it would be cutting staff by 10 percent, offering buyouts to 107 of its employees. The group said it was forced to lay off staff in order to cut operating expenses in response to weak revenue.

The first issue of the Danville Times was May 6, 2005, the same week the Danville Weekly was launched.

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Like a kid, dot, dot, dot

Who knew that Danville needed a candy store downtown? I didn't. But when I spotted At the Candy Shop near the Clock Tower, I thought, "How perfect."

It's more than a candy shop; it deals in nostalgia, offering the old-fashioned balsa wood airplanes, paddle balls, pinwheels and jacks. I used to be a jacks champ and was upset when my folks got wall-to-wall carpeting that covered my favorite spot to play, between the living room and dining room. See how nostalgia works?

At the Candy Shop leapt into existence Feb. 29 and lots of people have discovered it, owner Ken Etherington told me last Friday. At that point, around 3:30 p.m., the store was packed with young people oohing and aahing over the goodies and lined up to make purchases.

"They come in waves," Ken said. "In between waves, we straighten up and restock the shelves."

A lot of the merchandise is novelty candy, such as marshmallow guns, bubblegum yardsticks and jawbreakers so huge that you'd have to break a jaw to insert one.

"My kids tested most of the stuff," Ken said. "I don't want people to buy stuff that will fall apart."

His son Timmy, 7, is in the first grade at Rancho Romero, and his daughter Rachel, 9, is in fourth. They often help out after school.

"The biggest seller is bulk candy," Ken said. "People gravitate toward that."

The bins have plastic forks for sampling before buying. That way

people will know exactly what they're getting, he said. The front wall has baskets of taffy and next to that are the gummy candies.

"Anything 'sour' moves," Ken said, noting that they refill the sour worms bin several times a day.

Packaged candies include everything from Sugar Babies to Red Hots to U-No bars.

The shop carries the old metal lunchboxes but without the thermoses—"Remember how those always leaked?" Ken asked. My favorite was the Junior Mints box and I may buy it yet. I mean, why can't I bring my lunch to work in that instead of a bag?

"We carry sodas you don't normally see," said Ken, pointing out Frostie Root Beer, cream sodas and Leninate, with a hammer and sickle on the label. The smaller bottles sell for about \$1.50 per bottle, he said, because he doesn't want people to get sticker shock when they check out.

He also has a rack of jokes. Some are a tad racy, he admits, explaining, "I didn't want to be too uptight." Almost every item is under \$20, for a quick pick en route to a party. There is an interesting selection of Band-Aids—pirate strips, crime scene, boo-boo kisses, and bacon strips. And there are chocolate Band-Aids, which of course have another purpose altogether.

Ken, who's lived in Alamo for 16 years, says he got the idea for his store when he was walking around downtown after dinner one night, and he started to tell his children about visiting a candy shop when

he was growing up in San Mateo. To get ideas, he and his partner, Kerynn Gianotti, traveled the country looking at candy shops, including New York, Atlantic City and Chicago.

"When the space on the corner of Hartz Avenue and Diablo Road became available, I knew that I had to move forward and open the store," Ken said.

"We want to be part of the community," he added. "Our craftsmen were all local, doing the sheetrock and the walls."

They designed the shop so people would feel at home.

"I used bookcases for the shelves, cabinetry that would normally go in a home," he pointed out.

Pinatas and other decorations hang from the high ceiling. Pez dispensers are lined up on top of one cabinet. Jelly Bellies are omnipresent, from the décor to the 48 flavors in bins.

"We're dealing directly with Jelly Belly headquarters," Ken said.

Chocolates in a display case near the cash register are from Asher's Chocolates in L.A., and there is almond brittle made from almonds on Ken's almond farm in Ripon.

"The store is a place where kids feel like they are in heaven and adults feel like they are kids," Ken said.

Works for me. I just might go back and buy those jacks—and the lunch box. (And a few mint chocolate malt balls.)

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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Mr. Mustang—hubba, hubba!

Beauty pageant spoof earns \$2,000 for school

by Natalie O'Neill

Ten high school hunks strutted their stuff—and hammed it up for a laugh—onstage at Monte Vista High School's Mr. Mustang competition on Thursday evening last week. Students, teachers and parents cheered as the boys competed in four categories: casual wear, talent showcase, swim suits and formal wear.

"It's a spin-off on the normal, girl beauty pageants. It's really funny," said Rachel Brandt, a leadership student involved in putting the show together.

About \$2,000 was raised from ticket sales and will go back to the school, said Alex Hebels, student spokesman for the event.

A panel of four teacher judges rated the contestants on each category and tallied up a winner at the end. This year Mr. January, Vinnie

Butera, was named Mr. Mustang.

During the casual wear section, Butera wore a bright blue European soccer uniform and presented the judges with a pizza to spoof his Italian heritage.

The pageant was hosted by ASB president Abby Van Muijen and Rally Chairman Shaun Collins, a senior, who made jokes between competitions.

Upperclassmen filtering into the Al Gentile Theater at Monte Vista for the contest said the contestants were well known for participating in extra curricular activities.

"It's just, like, the confident guys who are enthusiastic," said Katie Creed, who was selling tickets before the show.

The talent portion and the swimwear portion were the biggest hits of the night, Hebels said.

"Everyone really loved it," he said. ■



"Superman" vies for Mr. Mustang in the casual wear portion of the contest.

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A roundabout solution

The county has helped the traffic problems in Alamo by adding the island just north of downtown, the pedestrian-activated flashing lights at Jackson Way, and a second lane to turn left from Danville Boulevard onto Stone Valley. Now it's time to tackle the confusion caused by 12 driveways plus Orchard Court and Jackson Way feeding onto Danville Boulevard. This situation is not only bad for traffic; it is dangerous.

The Alamo Improvement Association has been studying this situation for years and has concluded that although a signal at the main Alamo Plaza entrance might improve safety, a roundabout would be better.

One drawback to a signal is that the entrance to Alamo Plaza would have to be realigned opposite Orchard Court. A roundabout would not require this but it would necessitate rounding off the four corners to allow cars to turn into the thoroughfare. Each entry point would have a yield sign, and cars would slow to 15 mph.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has analyzed conditions at roundabouts, comparing accident rates with those before they were built, when signals or stop signs controlled the intersection. The institute found a 39 percent decrease in total crashes, and a 76 percent decrease in injury-producing crashes. Roundabouts also decreased both the number and the seriousness of pedestrian accidents.

The total cost of a landscaped roundabout is estimated at \$3 million, as compared to \$1.6 million for a signal without landscaping. The Alamo Area of Benefit Funds from developers could pay part of the costs, and AIA suggests the county seek other county, state or federal moneys since a study in 2001 showed only 28 percent of peak hour traffic comes from Alamo, and 40 percent comes from some place other than Alamo, Walnut Creek, Danville or San Ramon. Once these avenues have been exhausted, the county could seek a special parcel tax for just the shortfall.

But most importantly, AIA points out that another signal would reinforce the downtown's image "as an auto strip." A landscaped roundabout could become an attractive focal point of Alamo.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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maintain our economic position but we do not have technology, productivity and knowledge to substantiate any real global leadership.

We are a consuming economy becoming more ignorant of our global role and more arrogant, and violent, in our protection of self-proclaimed leadership. We have stopped serving the world we live in and we have bordered ourselves against a world that invites our humanity and technological potential.

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POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, March 2

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Danville Blvd. and Del Amigo Rd. at 1:33 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Danville Blvd. and Leona Ct. at 2:29 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Town and Country Dr. at 10:22 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on northbound I-680 off ramp and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 11:45 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Zenith Ridge Dr. at 10:48p.m.

Monday, March 3

- Grand theft on Fostoria Way at 5:42 a.m.
- Petty theft on Van Gordon Pl. at 10:31 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Camino Amigo at 10:36 a.m.
- Investigation, arrest, on Danville Blvd. at 12:53 p.m.
- Identity theft on Jasmine Way at 12:56 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Camino Amigo at 2:47 p.m.
- Accident, minor injuries, on Richard Lane at 5:11 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Greenbrook Dr. and Mustang Dr. at 6:41 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Glasgow Cir. at 8:01 p.m. and 8:18 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

- Drunk in public, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Green Valley Rd. at 1:38 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Glen Rd. at 8:47 a.m.
- Petty theft on Greenbrook Dr. at 9:07 a.m.
- Investigation, arrest, on Danville Blvd. at 11:29 a.m.

Wednesday, March 5

- Auto burglary on St. Norbert Dr. at 7:36 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Ackerman Dr. and Diablo Rd. at 8:21 a.m.

- Suspicious subject stop, arrest, on Daisy Ct. at 9:01 a.m.
- Vandalism on El Capitan Dr. at 9:04 a.m.
- Identity theft on Dartmouth Pl. at 10:24 a.m.
- Grand theft on Hansen Lane and Orange Blossom Way at 10:30 a.m.
- Drunk in public on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:57 a.m.
- Miscellaneous burglary on Fostoria Way at 1:18 p.m.
- Warrant, arrest, on St. Ramon Ct. at 7:56 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

- Accident, major injuries, on Brookside Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 8:56 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and Linda Mesa Ave. at 10:44 a.m.
- Court order violation on Wild Flower Ct. at 10:55 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Railroad Ave. at 12:17 p.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Ramon at 12:51 p.m.
- Grand theft on Montego Dr. at 4:06 p.m.
- Grand theft on Crow Canyon Rd. at 4:54 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Iron Horse Trail and Love Lane at 10:26 p.m.

Friday, March 7

- Accident, property damage, on El Pintado at 8:42 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Rassani Dr. and Zagora Dr. at 8:33 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

- Accident, property damage, on El Cerro Blvd. and W. El Pintado Rd. at 10:36 a.m.
- Vandalism on Westward Lane at 10:46 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. at 11:51 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Green Valley Rd. and Liahona Lane at 1:52 p.m.
- Vandalism on Brightwood Cir. at 2:29 p.m.

Priestly 'Pat' Travis Hibdon

Priestly "Pat" Travis Hibdon, 85, of Danville passed away unexpectedly Dec. 11 at San Ramon Regional Medical Center after battling emphysema and colon cancer.

Pat, as he was known to his friends, was born in 1922 near Kenefic, Okla., the seventh of eight children to George and Mattie Hibdon. He was raised in Texas, then Orland, where he attended high school, excelling in academics and lettering in baseball and football. After graduating he worked a short time in San Francisco as a pile driver, and then joined the Army Air Corps. During World War II as a young pilot cadet, his ambition was to fly fighters, but during training his entire class was sent to a Troop Carrier Command in support of an Air Assault Operations initiative. He later served his commission as a flight instructor and pilot, ferrying troops into areas in the Pacific.

After the war he married Fern Williams, his high school sweetheart. Using the GI bill, he grad-

uated from UC Berkeley in physics and then worked several years there, first building the Berkeley Synchrotron and then studying fundamental atomic interactions. He was a founding member and vice president of Scientific Engineering Laboratories, developing ultra high vacuum systems to test the first U.S. satellites. In 1962 he joined Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories where he worked on classified projects until retirement in 1995.

He lived life to its fullest as a husband, father, fisherman and hunter. Later in life he became an avid golfer and joined Crow Canyon Country Club.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Fern; daughter Sharon and son-in-law Chris Murray of Soquel; son Dwight and daughter-in-law Joan of Park City, Utah; two grandchildren; sister Beth Jasper of Orland; and brothers Raymond of Orland and George Elby of Chico.

The family is planning a Celebration of Life at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 22, at the Federated Church in Orland.

Nadine Jeanne Burton

Longtime Danville resident Nadine Jeanne Burto, 82, passed away Feb. 21 at her home in Sonora where she'd lived for the last three years.

She was born April 30, 1926, and was raised in Oakland and attended Piedmont High. She lived in Danville for more than 50 years, where she was active in the Community Presbyterian Church and the Grandmothers' Club. She was manager of the San Ramon Valley Chamber of Commerce for several years before working as production assistant for Packaging Industries in San Leandro.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathleen Burton of The Woodlands, Texas, and Mary Austin of Sonoma; and her son, Scott Burton of Las Vegas, Nev. She was preceded in death by husbands Donald Burton and Jack Ridge, and her son, Lloyd Burton. A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m., Sunday, March 16, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road in Danville.

BIRTHS

Olivia Antoinette Linn

Olivia Antionette Linn was born to Kerry and Scott Lin at 9:55 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces and 19.5 inches long. She has a 2-1/2-year-old sister, Ava; her grandparents are Howard and Katherine Verrinder of El Sobrante, and Arthur and Victoria Linn of Fremont.



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STATE OF TOWN

DANVILLE PUSHING TO MAKE DOWNTOWN

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Mayor Candace Andersen noted at her State of the Town address last week that Danville is celebrating its sesquicentennial this year.

"A lot has happened in the last 150 years," she said, and the audience at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon chuckled at the understatement.

A priority this year is the vitality of downtown, she told the crowd at Crow Canyon County Club.

"We understand the need to be business friendly—the need to promote the right mix of businesses to attract outside customers and keep our local residents shopping here in town," said Andersen.

The town is teaming with the Chamber on a campaign to Shop Local First. Plans call for a task force with members from the town, the Chamber and Discover Danville to develop and implement this idea. There will be a marketing assessment, and the campaign will be launched in time for the 2008 holiday shopping season.

"The preliminary campaign may include encouraging stores downtown to stay open later," said Andersen. "The Livery has already implemented this in their shopping area with great success."

"Sales tax is actually up 4.6 percent ahead

of last year at this time," she added, "and we want to see it continue to grow."

Danville has added 151 parking spaces in the last two years to make downtown more of a draw, she noted, plus new spaces are going in at Danville Square and at Iron Horse Plaza.

Sprucing up the town

The town continues on its mission to keep the town well maintained and looking attractive.

"We've repainted the light poles," Andersen pointed out. "After so many years of people sticking on their signs about lost dogs, they start to look a little shabby."

The town also put the power lines on Camino Tassajara underground, a great visual improvement, she said.

The town is working with property owners along the north end of Hartz Avenue for permission to make improvements to the public area in front of shops, similar to what has been done in front of Chevron's Extra Mile, she reported.

She said she is expecting new plans for the property behind the Danville Hotel any day now from the developers, Castle Companies and Neuron Enterprises.

"Occasionally concern is expressed over the loss of the Old West frontier look," Andersen said, "but hopefully most are aware that this was an Old West façade put up in the 1950s by Russel Glenn, owner of the site, who wanted to attract tourists."

The plans include retail on the ground floor, offices and condominiums on the second floor, and underground parking. Now the developers are reworking them to achieve the



Mayor Candace Andersen delivers the Danville State of the Town address at last week's Danville Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Crow Canyon Country Club.

best look for the center of town.

"Our Arts Commission and Parks Commission have recently approved and will soon be looking at designs for a small pocket park on Railroad and Linda Mesa," Andersen said. "With benches and a fountain, it will

be a nice place to stop and visit with friends while shopping downtown."

The new Fresh and Easy at the old Albertsons site on Diablo Road is not opening this year as hoped.

"We were disappointed to learn the new Fresh and Easy ... will not be open until 2009 when they get their distribution center for Northern California," Andersen said.

Keeping open space open

Andersen anticipates the Elworthy property project on the hills on the west side of town coming forward this year.

"Of the 459 acres, only 12 will be developed, on the flat land seen in the right hand corner, along San Ramon Valley Boulevard," she said. "The view you see above will remain unchanged."

Plans call for 84 homes and 12 apartments.

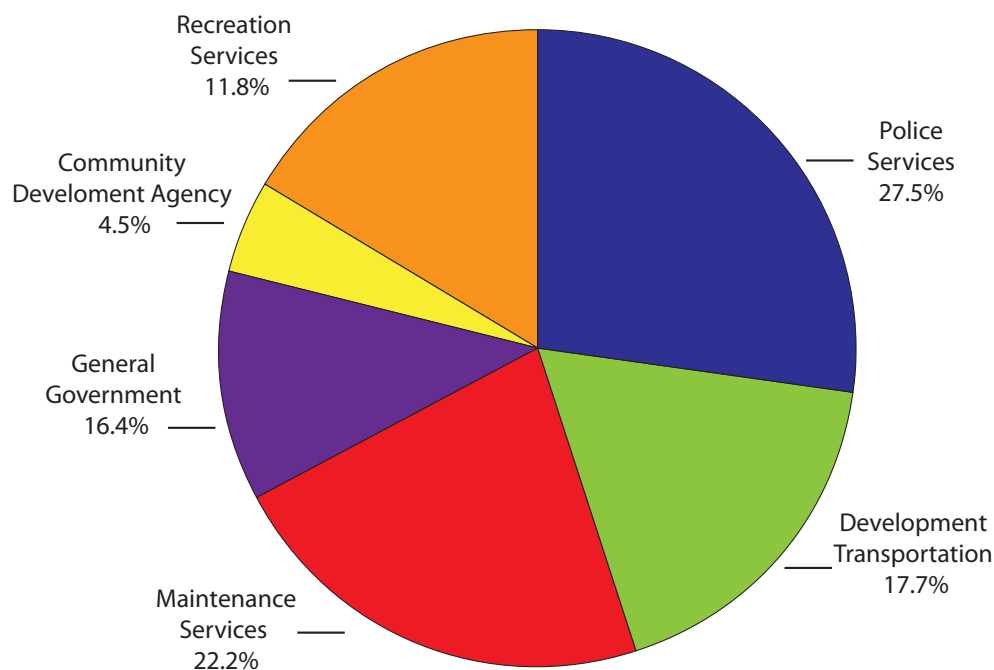
Andersen expressed optimism about cooperating with the city of San Ramon as it works on an East Side Specific Plan for the Tassajara Valley, even though its application for a change in the sphere of influence does not mention the impact on Danville should development occur.

"A majority of our voters would like to see this stay outside the voter approved urban limit line," Andersen said.

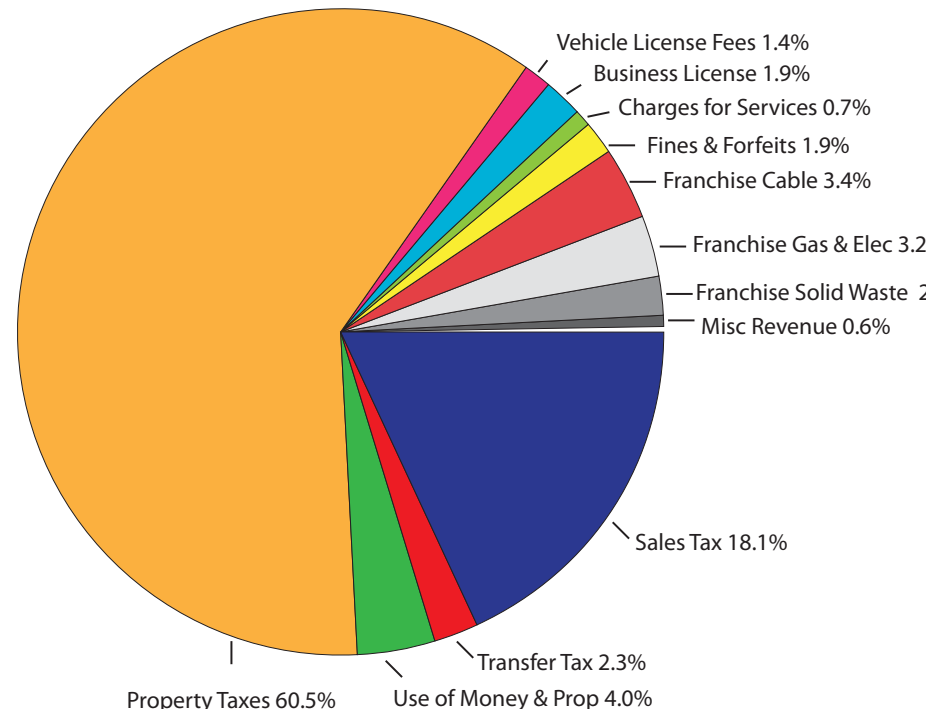
New updates for old buildings

The Village Theatre will undergo renovations in 2009, said Andersen. The lobby redesign will include modifying the restroom and concession area, and there will be gallery space to display art. The remodeling will include a marquee outside.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES \$25.6 MILLION



GENERAL REVENUE SOURCES \$29 MILLION



THE TOWN

WNTOWN LIVELY AND LUCRATIVE



A few blocks away, the Veteran's Memorial Building, built under a 1921 federal mandate and held in public trust for veterans, is under study.

"The county currently owns the building, and the town pays for management and maintenance at \$50,000 a year," said Andersen.

The Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee of San Ramon Valley recently presented a business plan to the town. It hopes to restore, renovate with an add-on, or possibly replace the building to meet the needs of the veterans, seniors and others in the community.

"As someone who deeply values our history of this Valley, I am hopeful and confident that we can come up with a great plan," Andersen said. "A terrific example of how a building can be renovated, expanded with an annex, and still retain the historic character of the building is the Shuey-Podva House (on the corner of School Street and Hartz)."

Plans for the Vets Hall include an upstairs for the exclusive use of veterans, and the downstairs with community rooms and a new kitchen.

"We're working with the county and hope to have title to the building transferred to Danville," said Andersen. "This could justify expending a significant amount of our money to help this project go forward."

Coping in a down economy

"How are we faring in the current economy?" asked Andersen.

"We are doing well," she answered. "Unlike the state, we are required to pass a balanced budget."

She said the town forecasts conservatively, doesn't spend one-time money on recurring expenses, and keeps close to 40 percent of the operating budget in reserve.

"Home prices in Danville are doing well despite major declines in other areas," she said. "The county, in January, saw a decline of 15.64 percent. Ours actually went up 6.91 percent."

However, she noted, a record low number of houses actually sold and are on the market.

The town has an income of just over \$29 million from a variety of sources, she pointed out.

"In our general revenue, 60.5 percent is from property taxes, and 18 percent is from sales taxes," she said. "We are on track, with our property tax revenue being approximately 3.9 percent over last year's budget."

A chart of the town's revenues showed the town's priorities: safety (27.5 percent for police) and the appearance of the community (maintenance, 22.2 percent).

"The \$25.6 million (expenses) doesn't quite match our \$29 million income," Andersen said, "\$3.4 million goes into our capital projects. Each year the town spends \$1 million on road repairs."

She said the town remains cautious in its spending.

Safety, safety, safety

"Something that is essential to the economic success of our community is our public safety," she said. "We are fortunate to have a great police chief, Chris Wenzel, and a department of 31 officers."

Danville contracts with the county Sheriff's

Office for services, which is more cost effective than having its own police force.

"Lately we have seen an increase in burglaries," Andersen said, and urged everyone not to leave valuables in their cars in plain view.

Traffic safety is being enhanced through electronically posting vehicle speeds in neighborhoods.

"Recently the police chief brought us an interesting statistic showing a correlation between enforcement and a decline in accidents," she said. "So if you get cited, remember, you are helping with the decline in accidents."

The Street Smarts program focuses on traffic safety as well, and Andersen reported that 600 parents and students attended a gathering last week for its poster contest awards. Middle schoolers are making traffic safety videos, and high school students are creating Webisodes for www.ithappens2u.com.

"Along with promoting safety through our Street Smarts program, we also focus on Safer Routes to School," she said. "One major component, which is also intended to reduce traffic around our schools during morning and afternoon drop off and pick up, is the 2009 Measure J bus program. We're looking forward to having that roll forward."

The buses will transport students at the schools that most impact the traffic in Danville, Alamo and San Ramon, said Andersen.

"We will likely use a model of contracting with a public or private bus company to provide the service," she said.

Serving the community's needs

Andersen detailed town programs for teenagers, including the teen centers at each of the middle schools, and trips, including college tours. Danville also offers employment to youths, such as at its camps, she noted.

She said last year's Senior Needs Assessment discovered that close to 8,000 homes have seniors, so the town Silver Streak newsletter goes to all of them; before the assessment it was mailed to 400.

"The town increased the funding of our senior programming by 85 percent," she said, "from \$188,511 to \$346,888."

Also 16 new programs have been added, and the Veterans Hall is now open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday for seniors to drop in.

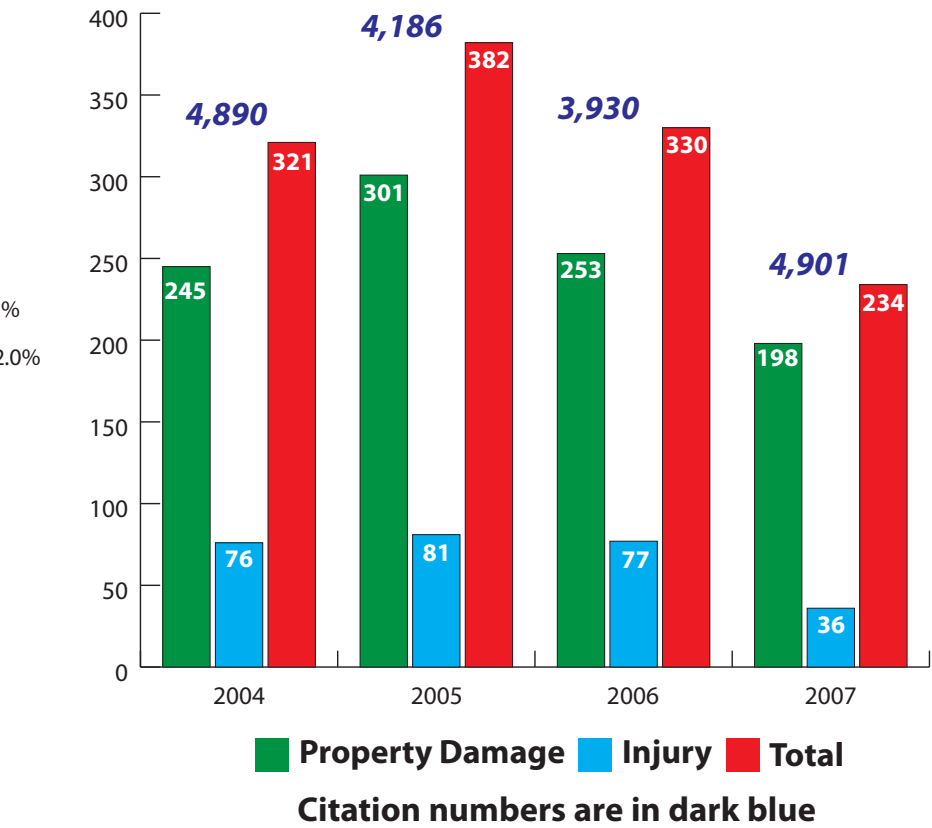
Back to the beginning

"Going back to our sesquicentennial this year," said Andersen, "we have some fun events scheduled around our traditional Fourth of July events, starting on July 3. Through tremendous efforts of Kiwanis and the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, we are going to have an incredible community celebration."

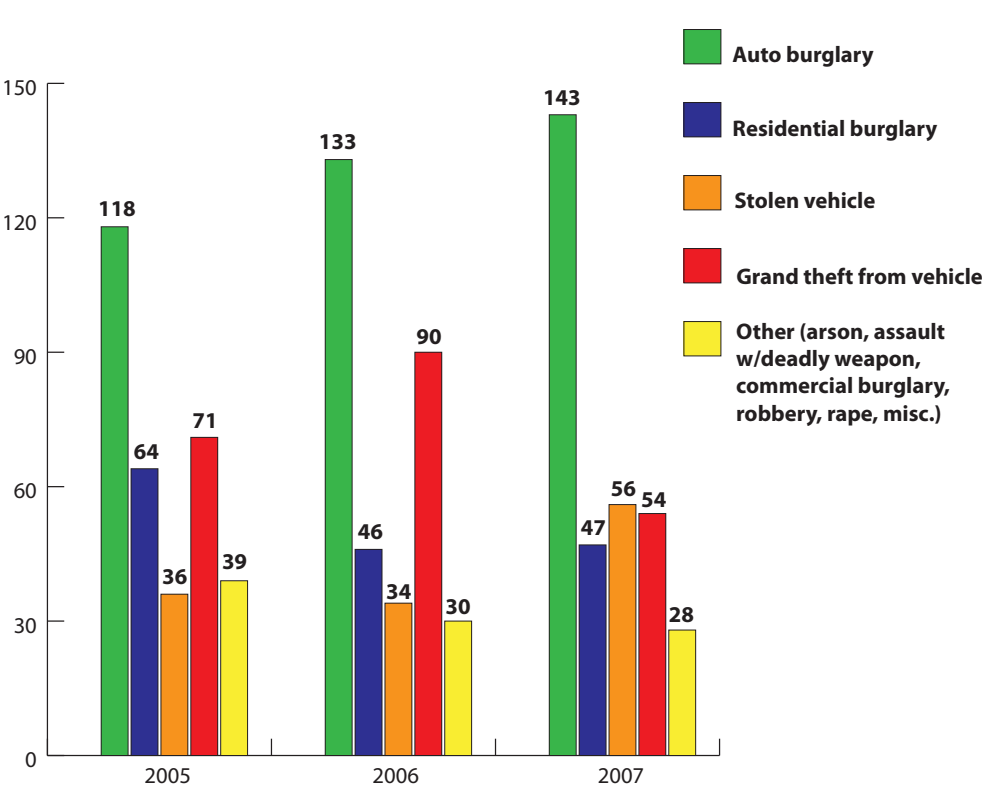
She also noted that the book written for the occasion, "Vintage Danville: 150 Years of Memories," is only having 3,000 copies printed, and executive editions can be ordered now with a company's name embossed on the front or an insert front page talking about the company.

The State of the Town speech can be seen in its entirety on Channel 26 at 6:30 p.m., Sundays, March 23 and 30. ■

TRAFFIC COLLISION AND CITATION STATISTICS 2004-2007



CRIMES 2005-2007



Source: Town of Danville



Sailing, sailing to give thanks for son's life

Evan Luc Plihon finishes up a day of sailing in the Bay. His health problems as an infant inspired his father to start Sailors on a Mission, a nonprofit group that raises money for Children's Hospital Oakland.

by Natalie O'Neill

In the middle of the night, Stephane Plihon woke to find his 5-month-old boy had stopped breathing. The color had been drained from his face and his tiny chest was still.

"His lips were blue and his face had changed color," the Danville father remembers.

Born prematurely, his son Evan Luc had underdeveloped lungs—a source of stress for his parents, especially during the night. Premie babies sometimes stop breathing in their sleep, and Plihon, now 37, knew how crucial it was to monitor his newborn's breath.

"Sometimes you can just wake them up and they will come back," he said.

But not this time.

After a frantic phone call to 911—and the anxious minutes that followed—emergency technicians were able to supply Evan Luc quickly with enough oxygen to snap him into consciousness.

Evan Luc is now an active 7-year-old, speaks three languages, and loves to sail with his dad. But Plihon hasn't forgotten about the close call.

That's why he began Sailors on a Mission, a nonprofit group that raises money for Children's Hospital Oakland through sailing adventures. It provides much-needed funds to the hospital to help with things like the intensive care unit and kids with no health insurance.

"I always wanted to do something; to be thankful," Plihon said.

The organization is just getting off the ground, but volunteers eventually plan to take sick or recovering children out on a boat with their family. It also gives patients education about the ocean, boating, marine life and environmental impacts.

"It really kind of gives them a chance to view life from a different angle," Plihon said. "When you're sailing, it's like you're dreaming. There are no buildings to block your view."

The group is targeting the Bay Area sailing, boating and yacht clubs and communities. It's looking for volunteers and donations.

Donations are made through an online fundraiser Web site that offers high e-commerce security. The money goes directly to the children's hospital.

Suzanne Beauregard, director of corporate relations for

the foundation branch of the hospital, said organizations like Sailors on a Mission keep the hospital afloat. Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland turns no child away—insured or uninsured.

"We have needs every day for every kid," Beauregard said.



Evan Luc, now 7 years old, stopped breathing in his sleep as a 5-month-old baby.

Another way Plihon will raise money is through accepting pledges for the Pacific Cup, a roughly two-week-long sailing race from San Francisco to Hawaii. On the journey, he'll use a 24-foot sail boat called Le Flying Fish. The global software director will take with him one sailing partner, two weeks worth of freeze-dried food and a "piece of cloth" for a bunk.

"The comfort level will be almost zero. There is barely sitting room. The toilet is a bucket," he said.

They will bring about 30 gallons of water for drinking; they will use ocean water for showering.

Growing up in Brittany, France, Plihon's friends had post-

Sailors on a Mission deliver the whole wide ocean to sick children



COURTESY OF STEPHANE PLIHON

Stephane Plihon will sail in a race from San Francisco to Hawaii in July on a boat called Le Flying Fish to raise money to improve children's health care.

ers of soccer players and pop stars on their bedroom walls. He had pictures of sailboats.

Long distance sailboat racing was popular in the coastal region, and in some circles, the top sailors were as glorified as Bay Area NBA stars. Plihon sailed a few times in France but didn't start taking lessons until he got to the Bay Area in 1997.

Once in California, he tried out small boats at the Cal Sailing Club in Berkeley, before he moved to racing keel boats in the Bay. After much training, he made his first journey from San Francisco to Hawaii on a 39-foot boat in 2006.

This year his boat will be smaller. And the smaller the boat, the bigger the challenge.

"We have the skills to do it. Now, it's just the preparation; the mental work," he said. The adventure begins in July.

Additionally, Sailors on a Mission will bring boats into the parking lot at the Children's Hospital Oakland to help kids learn about sailing and to raise awareness about the ocean and the environment.

Bringing a boat onto hospital grounds is a way to let sick children—many with brain aneurysms, tumors and sickle cell anemia—to see something outside of the hospital walls.

It gives them a reason to get out of bed, Beauregard said.

The second mission of the nonprofit is to raise awareness about the ocean, pollution and endangered marine species. Plastic gets into the ocean and, since it doesn't biodegrade, it's broken down into small pieces. Sea creatures then ingest the toxic material.

"It's basically destroying the marine life," Plihon said, explaining the importance of recycling and using paper or cloth bags at the supermarket, as opposed to plastic.

Sailors on a Mission has given similar educational presentations to students at St. Isidore School in Danville, where his two children attend. When it comes to kids and the ocean, their curiosity is flowing fast, he said.

"These kids get captivated," he said.

For sick young people at Children's Hospital Oakland, igniting that spark of curiosity—or just giving them a reason to get out of bed—can do a whole lot for their will to live.

"It opens their minds to new horizons," Plihon said. "It makes them dream."

To find out more about Sailors on a Mission or to make a donation, visit www.sailorsonamission.org. ■

COURTESY OF STEPHANE PLIHON

This Blushing Frog is 'très élégant'

**2006 Frog's Leap
La Grenouille Rougante
"Pink"**
(Napa Valley)
(Whole Foods—San Ramon,
\$12.99)



An impressively tempting rosé from the heart of California's Cabernet country? *Oui*. La Grenouille Rougante (The Blushing Frog), Frog's Leap tribute to the vin rosés of Provence, *est fantastique*. "Rosé" *est très élégant!* ("Pink" is very stylish!)

The blend is 98 percent Valdiguie (Napa Gamay), 2 percent Petite Sirah and flat out yummy. Vinified using the *saignée* technique (bleeding free-run juice from dark-skinned grapes after a brief maceration period before actual fermentation), this excellent complement to a temperate, sun-drenched East Bay afternoon was crafted by winemakers John Williams and Paula Moschetti. A mere 1,100 cases were produced.

Colors beam through the exceptionally classy package and are even

more magnetic once the wine's in the glass. The range is riveting and gorgeous; eye-popping rust, orange, salmon pink and Mandarin garnet.

Aromas are relaxed and subtle. Although toned down, fragrances of rhubarb, watermelon, cherry, white pepper and marmalade are well-defined.

Whereas the nose is caressed, the palate is hit by the wine's considerable structure, weight and depth. A quartet of luminous flavors—cher-

ry, watermelon, blood orange and raspberry—will have you reaching for a second bottle.

With an ideal level of natural acidity and only 11.8 percent alcohol, it's super refreshing and downright easy-drinking. The Blushing Frog is a perfect "go-to" spring and summer sipper.

The finish provides a welcomed dichotomy. On one hand, it is light and almost vapor-like on the palate. On the other, the airy and filmy qualities endure well into the next sip.

Two fish dishes repeatedly come to mind for pairing with this tantalizing rosé: niçoise salad and grilled wild salmon on a bed of spring greens with a light raspberry dressing.

I hope you enjoy "Pink" as much as I did. Let your palate be the judge ...

Have comments or questions about wine? Gregory Peebles, wine industry professional and East Bay resident, can be contacted at caledoniawine@sbcglobal.net.

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Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

Dan Inman, Danville's founder (Part 1)

This month, March 2008, marks Danville's sesquicentennial. In March of 1858—150 years ago—Dan Inman purchased 400 acres in today's Old Town. Danville counts its anniversary from that purchase.

In a letter 40 years later, Inman wrote that he had been gold mining in 1857 and "In March of the following year I came into the valley once more—this time for good—and purchased a farm where Danville is now located, of a man named Pigmore. I went to farming and seeded the lands with wheat that winter."

He, his brother Andrew and a friend named Jesse Bowles came to California in 1849 at the ages of 22 and 23. Like so many young men, the lure of the fabulous California Gold Rush sent them West. Dan was born in Tennessee in 1827, grew up and went to common school in Illinois, learned farming as a boy, and then apprenticed as a cooper (making wooden barrels, casks and tubs). He had started his own business when the Gold Rush beckoned.

Unlike so many miners, they were successful at it. With \$3,000 they had earned, they opened a boarding house in Sacramento near the river that first winter, only to have winter floods ruin the property. Returning to the mines, they worked around Hangtown, Grass Valley, French Corral, Downieville, Middle Fork, Grass Valley and Auburn.

In 1852, the brothers moved to Danville, bought a farm in Green Valley, and raised cattle and sheep together for several years. Andrew settled down, married Ann Young, built a fine house and ran large flocks of sheep from Green Valley all over the western Mount Diablo foothills. He later donated land for the first Green Valley Grammar School.

But Dan returned to mining, coming back to the valley occasionally. At one point he, Jesse Bowles and a Mr. Bixby tried to grow tobacco on 30 acres south of Danville,

which didn't make a profit. Later he bought a mine in El Dorado using a new technique, hydraulic mining, which was very profitable.

In the Sentinel, dated January 1898, Dan Inman wrote this letter:

"In the summer of 1859 a man named Davis came along and wanted to start a blacksmith shop where the one now stands (Close's) and I gave him permission to do so. He sold out that winter to Jim Johnson, now deceased. Johnson soon after sold to Simon Whitmore.

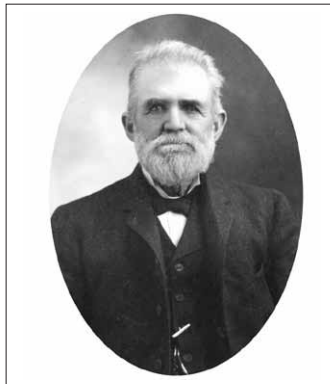
"Then a man named Long started a wheelwright shop. About the same time H.W. Harris started a hotel, and Wolff & Cohen a store.

"Then the people of the valley wanted a post office. Of course it had to have a name, and quite a number were suggested. At first they thought of calling it Inmanville, but my brother Andrew and I objected to that.

"Finally, Grandma Young, my brother's mother-in-law, said, 'Call it Danville,' and, as much or more out of respect for her, as she was born and raised near Danville, Kentucky, it took that name."

Harris called his hotel the Danville Hotel in Dan's honor even before the community was named. It was on the northwest corner of Tassajara Road and Front Street. He became the first Danville postmaster in 1860. Michael Cohen built a general store on Front Street, with a house built by the Howard brothers in 1866. The census stated he and wife Matilda were born in France, their three children were born in California, and their cook, Jim Ah, came from China. Cohen was postmaster for 20 years beginning in 1865.

Inman farmed his land east of the creek and sold properties along Front as needed. He used his cooper training, built coffins and created the first fine carriages in the county.



Daniel Inman, Danville's founder

And he had interests beyond making a living. He was a popular speaker at July Fourth events as early as the 1850s. In 1863 he ran unsuccessfully for County Sheriff as a Democrat, during a time (the Civil War) when Republicans persuaded voters that to vote Democrat would be disloyal.

The year 1863 had a happy ending for him when he married Josephine Jones in November. The daughter of Alamo pioneers John and Mary Jones, Josephine had her own special history. In 1846, her parents and two sisters made it over the Sierra just before the early snows trapped the Donner Party. John had been ill and Mary did much of the grueling driving and work, all while she was expecting a baby. They ended up in Chiles Valley that winter, and Josephine was born in January 1847.

Next week: new ventures for the Inmans

Sources: J. M. Guinn, *History of the State of California, 1904*; James D. Smith, *Recollections, 1995*; J. P. Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County, 1882*; museum archives.

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

The Pet Vet says...

BY DR. HEIDI STRAND

When do vaccinations start working?

Q. We have a 3-month-old puppy. She has had a DHPP vaccination at 8 weeks, and DHPP at 12 weeks. Is it safe to walk her around the neighborhood?

A. If you are walking in a suburban area and avoiding contact with dogs you don't know, your puppy should be fine. We don't recommend walking on city streets at this age because of the higher proportion of unvaccinated dogs in urban areas. And definitely don't visit dog parks or allow nose-to-nose contact with any dog you don't know to be vaccinated and healthy.

After she has had her final booster at 4 months of age she is considered well protected from contagious diseases. The reason for this is that during the initial vaccination series, a puppy still has maternal antibodies—protection from disease that she got through the placenta from her mother. It's good protection for her, but can cause vaccinations to be less effective. We know that by 4 months of age, the maternal antibodies are

gone, so the last vaccination in the puppy series (and kitten series as well) should be given at this age.

Which brings up the question of why animals need annual or triennial vaccinations after the puppy or kitten series. People don't need yearly boosters, except for the flu shot, but that's because that virus is constantly changing. The answer to the question is that we don't actually know how long the immunity to any given vaccine lasts for dogs and cats. The companies that make vaccines have done studies to prove that immunity is effective for at least a year (after the initial series). And some new vaccines have been shown to be effective for three years. But beyond that, many factors come into play, such as the animal's individual immune system, the type of vaccines they had as a puppy or kitten, and their level of exposure to diseases. So we err on the side of caution and recommend the yearly vaccination.

—Dr. Heidi Strand is a veterinarian for the East Bay SPCA in Dublin.

OF NOTE

Odyssey leads students to state competition

The Odyssey of the Mind Team from Sycamore Valley Elementary, "The Extreme Babies," took their souped up, motorized baby buggy on an Odyssey Road Rally on March 1. The team had to design, build, and operate an original vehicle that had to compete in four different sports related events. This team of fourth- and fifth-grade students placed first in its division and will be moving on to the Odyssey State Competition in Brentwood on April 5.

Additional teams moving on from our area are from John Baldwin, Rancho Romero and Alamo elementary schools; Charlotte Wood Middle School; and San Ramon, Monte Vista and California high schools.



Erin Leeds, Rex Lueth, Kaitlin Ross, Rachel Smith, Jackson Wightman, Brandon Wise and Alex Tsuruda display their medals from Odyssey of the Mind.



JANEL ASTOR

Girls take pop to the sock hop

Dads and daughters kicked up their heels at Vista Grande Elementary School's Take Pop to the Sock Hop father-daughter dance on Friday. Fourth-graders (l-r) Danielle Edberg, Kira Weiss, Nicole Amberg and Jessica Rousseau swing in their poodle skirts, with second-grader Emily Wood to the left. At left, first-grader Georgia Cunningham loves dancing with her dad. More than 350 attended the event, which was catered by Taxi's Diner. Special guest star was an Elvis impersonator who called Principal Pat Hansen onto the stage to sing "Memories."



JANEL ASTOR

SPORTS DIGEST

Monte Vista reports on basketball

Monte Vista High School's women's basketball team had a fantastic year, taking first place as the East Bay Athletic League Champs and finishing the season undefeated with 12 wins. The team made it to the semifinals of North Coast Section, where it defeated Newark Memorial High School. The Mustangs lost 58 to 55 in a very close game against Berkeley High School in the NCS semifinals.

Monte Vista men's basketball team had a great season finishing league with a record of 10 and 2 with a first place finish in the EBAL for the third year in a row. The team continued on to the semifinal round of NCS where it defeated San Ramon Valley in the first round and San Leandro in the second round. In an exciting game, Monte Vista fell short against De La Salle, losing 32 to 47 in the NCS semifinals played at St. Mary's College.

MV soccer season roundup

Monte Vista women's soccer team finished in first place of the EBAL for the fourth year in a row. The team members finished their EBAL season undefeated with 8 wins and 4 ties. Monte Vista dealt with a tough loss to cross-town rival San Ramon Valley High, 2 to 1, in the NCS semifinals.

Monte Vista High School men's soccer team finished the EBAL with a record of 3 wins, 4 ties and 4 losses. Although the team did not finish at the top of EBAL as it did last year, the members played some excellent soccer in a challenging league and will have 14 returning seniors next year.

Adidas chooses Alamo player

Alexandra Conti of Alamo was one of only 96 female youth soccer players in the nation selected to attend the adidas Elite Soccer Program (ESP) 2008 that was held Feb. 21-24 at Cal Poly Pomona. Adidas ESP is a sanctioned U.S. Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program that identifies the country's best high school-aged players and provides them with a top-level, on-field training program along with a diverse off-field educational curriculum.

An estimated 60 coaches from colleges, universities and professional teams were expected to scout the players attending adidas ESP.



Easy over

Stephanie Schafer of Monte Vista shows the form that won her first place in the girls varsity high jump, at 5 feet 2 inches, on Saturday, while Kelley Nordine runs the 4X400-meter freshman-sophomore relay.

Thirty-three schools—more than 1,300 athletes—attended the Body Max East Bay Invitational at Cal High put on by California, Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley high schools.



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Golf takes grip under sunny skies

Ryan Corbett of Monte Vista High School tees off as its golfers face California High at Round Hill Country Club on Thursday, March 6. The Mustangs prevailed with a final score of 194-206.

San Ramon Valley men's golf team placed third out of 24 schools at the Gambetta Invitational on Monday, March 3. The five-man team shot a combined score of 385 at Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch, finishing 11 strokes behind winner De La Salle and five strokes behind second-place Foothill. Senior Mike Perchak and junior Cole Pickavance tied as the second-low individuals with rounds of 1-under 71.

The team concluded the week by winning its first two EBAL matches to improve to 4-0 overall, 2-0 in league. The Wolves beat Amador Valley 184-197 on Tuesday at Crow Canyon County Club, and Granada 193-206 on Thursday at Poppy Ridge in Livermore. Perchak and Pickavance shot 1-over 35s to lead the team to its victory over Amador. Pickavance shot a 1-under 35 against Granada, while senior Alex Calleja added a 1-over 37.

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Friday, March 14

Swimming

Monte Vista at Granada

San Ramon Valley vs. Amador

Women's Lacrosse

San Ramon Valley at Miramonte, 7 p.m.

Men's Tennis

San Ramon Valley vs. Piedmont

Friday-Saturday, March 14-15

Track and Field

Bay Area Distance Festival at Amador, 10 a.m.

Men's Lacrosse

Monte Vista vs. Berkeley

Saturday, March 15

Men's Volleyball

Washington Tournament

Baseball

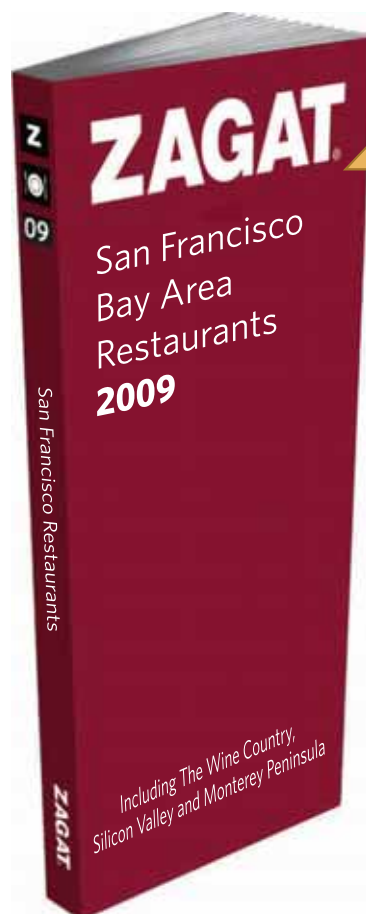
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Author Visit

Laurie Todd Laurie Todd, author of "Fight Your Health Insurer and Win," will host a workshop on how to deal with health insurance issues from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Learn how to advocate for yourself. This event is free for cancer patients and their families and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

Rakestraw Books Rakestraw Books will host numerous Martha Sherrill, author of "Dog Man," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Reservations are recommended, call 837-7337.

Clubs

Danville Women's Club This club will host a luncheon at noon, Thursday, March 20, at the Clubhouse, 242 Linda Mesa, Danville. After lunch, enjoy a fun afternoon of Bingo with prizes. For reservations, call 837-7528.

Diablo Bonsai Club This club will host a lecture and workshop on "Windswept Style" from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, at Heather Farm Garden Center, upper room, 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek. Individual attention will be given to those interested in the art of bonsai. Call 937-4216.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network will host a discussion on vaccinations from 7-9 p.m., Monday, March 17, at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. Dr. Tim O'Shea will present "Vaccines: It's Your Choice." Visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail tri-valleyhmn@hotmail.com.

Concerts

'One Planet, One Heart, One Song' Danville Girls Chorus presents "One Planet, One Heart, One Song" at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 15, at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, 9015 S. Gale Ridge Rd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 14 years old. Call 837-2624.

Gospel and Classical Benefit Concert Outdoor Adventure Faire will host Angelique Lucia, who was the

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IRISH-AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB

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The Irish-American Culture Club will host the eighth annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance starting at 6 p.m. with no-host cocktails, Irish buffet dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Traditional Irish dancers will perform. Tickets are \$50 for members, \$55 for non-members. Call 830-1084.

lead in "My Fair Lady," at a benefit concert at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at Rolling Hills Community Church, 1565 Green Valley Rd., Danville. This concert is free, but donations will be accepted to support Outdoor Adventure Faire. Call 820-3874 or visit www.christkidsports.org.

Silicon Valley Houserockers Silicon Valley Houserockers with special guests will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at the Wesley Center, Alamo. Tickets are \$35 for gold circle seating, \$20 for general admission and \$18 seniors and students. Proceeds benefit Community Violence Solutions. Call (510) 237-0113 or visit www.cvsolutions.org.

Pancake Breakfast from 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, March 16, at 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Cost is \$8 for adults; \$5 for children under 12. Call Nancy at 351-6999.

Film

'No End in Sight' TriValley Democratic Club will host a viewing of "No End in Sight" from 7-9:30 p.m., Monday, March 17, at IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. A discussion will follow the movie. Refreshments will be served; wheelchair accessible. Call 831-8355 or visit www.trivalleydems.com.

Health

African Drumming Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism. Experience this fun way to get "good vibrations" from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. No rhythmic or musical ability is required. Call 933-0107.

Mindful Chi Kung and Healthy Being Chi Kung is a moving meditation that integrates mind, body and spirit to enhance health and strengthen the

Events

2008 O'Neill International Conference Scholars and devotees of Eugene O'Neill will come together at the 2008 O'Neill International Conference held from June 11-15, at the Tao House, Danville. Registration is now open; contact Diane Schinnerer at 828-0659 or dmdds@aol.com.

Community Pancake Breakfast Alamo Women's Club and Tassajara 4H Club will host a Community



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immune system. Come and learn how to meditate from 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients and their families and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

Holiday

Eggstravaganza Town of Danville will host Eggstravaganza from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 22, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Activities include an egg hunt, crafts, face painting and a visit from the Spring Bunny. Parents should bring their cameras for pictures with the bunny. The egg hunts are organized by age: 1 year olds at 9:30 a.m., 2 year olds at 10 a.m., 3 year olds at 10:30 a.m., 4-5 year olds at 11 a.m. and 6-9 year olds at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for residents, \$6 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Purim Party Jewish Culture School and Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will celebrate Purim with games, crafts, hamentashn-baking, a costume parade and more from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 16, at Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Suitable for pre-school and elementary school kids; students can come in costume. This event is free, but bring a donation for the Alameda County Food Bank. Call 485-1049 or visit www.tri-valleyculturaljews.org.

Rotary Egg Hunt Alamo Rotary will host its annual Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 15, at Livorna Park, Livorna Rd. and Miranda Ave., Alamo. Children ages 0-12 are welcome to come and enjoy the hunt. This event will be held rain or shine.

Lectures/ Workshops

Neck, Back and Shoulder Relief Discover how to relieve the nagging discomfort of pains in the neck, back

and shoulders from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. You will learn simple self-help techniques for relieving the buildup of tension from cronic illness or caregiving. This event is free for cancer patients and their families and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

Open Your Heart Through Art

Using art and movement, "Open Your Heart Throught Art" workshop promotes self-awareness and connction of body, mind and emotion from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at ValleyCare Medical Plaza Building, 5725 W. Las Positas, Pleasanton. All exercises will be modulated to your energy level and needs; no creative experience necessary. This event is free. Call 933-0107 or visit www.twcba.org.

The Therapeutic Power of Journaling

Learn techniques to guide you on an inward journey of self-discovery, self healing and creativity at this workshop from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 15, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Journaling will be combined with scrapbooking to help you create your own healing tale; bring photos and other materials to help you get started. Call 933-0107.

Miscellaneous

Host Families Needed Host families in Danville are needed for exchange students that are coming from France April 11-23. Students are ages 14-18 and are coming with their teachers who are responsible for the group. The group is properly insured in personal liability and health insurance. To volunteer, e-mail Martine Casusse at caussefly@wanadoo.fr.

On Stage

'Betrayal' Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents 'Betrayal' as part of their Black Box productions at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 14-15, at the Town Meeting Hall, 210 Front

St., Danville. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.danvilletheatre.com.

'Godspell' Light Youth Musical Productions presents "Godspell" at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, March 15 and at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, March 16, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Tickets are \$15. Call 830-0600 or visit www.sjasr.org.

'Mulan' Danville Children's Musical Theater presents "Mulan" at 7:30 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m., Sundays, until March 15, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Come see the ancient Chinese legend spring to life in this musical adventure! Tickets are \$7.50-\$9.50. Call 314-3463 or visit www.danvillechildrensmusicaltheater.com.

'Mystery Manor' Who is kidnapping all the dogs in the neighborhood and why? The answers lie at Mystery Manor. Join Alan and Wendy and their friends as they solve the mystery and save the dogs from March 20-23, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for children. Call 314-3400 or visit www.villagetheatreshows.com.

Night at the Improv Join San Ramon Improv U for a fun and interactive evening of improvisational comedy from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. The show is unrehearsed, unscripted, and created on the spot with the help of audience participation. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.sanramonimprovu.com.

Political Notes

Surge for Peace March and Rally "Surge for Peace" will host a march and rally from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, March 15, in Walnut Creek. The march and rally marks the fifth anniversary of the Iraq War. Meet at 11 a.m., at Walnut Creek BART parking lot. Speakers and music will begin at noon. Call 933-7850 or visit www.surgeforpeace.us.

Recreation

Wright Canyon Join Save Mount Diablo for an interesting history and spectacular Diablo peak views on this moderate two mile walk from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 15, meeting at the Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Rd. The property is not yet open to the public so this is a special opportunity. Heavy rain cancels. Call 837-5018.

Spiritual

'Heroines of Purim and Passover' Hadassah Shalom Chapter will host special guest Rabbi Chaya Gusfield, who will speak on the "Heroines of Purim and Passover," from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, at Beth Chaim Congregation, 1800 Holbrook Dr., Danville. Purim and Passover recipe exchange and tasting to follow. Call 968-9240.



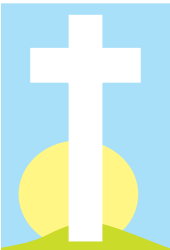
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Alamo 2007 Year in Review

Alamo Real Estate sales during 2007 showed both signs of a gentle rebound and slowing rates of decline. Unit sales of single family detached homes actually increased, while condo sales and land sales continue to experience declines.

Compared to other parts of the East Bay, single family detached homes in Alamo fared pretty well last year. Unit sales were UP about 7.6 percent from the 158 reported sales in 2006 to 170 in 2007, suggesting that the bottom has been reached. Average unit sales for the past five years is 219 homes, so Alamo home sales are down 22 percent from their five-year average and 43 percent below 2004, the five-year high, during which 299 Alamo homes sold.

The price story is not bad either. Average price paid for a single family home in Alamo during 2006 was \$1,721,075 while the average price paid in 2007 was \$1,700,797 for an ever so slight (1 percent) price decline. For the statistics fans among you, median price dropped more notably from \$1,575,000 to \$1,450,000 during the same time period. In 2006 the highest price paid for a home was \$4,950,000 while in 2007 the highest reported sales price was \$4,999,950. The lowest price paid for a single family home in 2006 was \$875,000, significantly more (14 percent) than the \$750,000 low price for 2007. Average price paid per square foot declined from \$515 to \$508 from '06 to '07, a slight (1 percent) decline, and this change reflects a slight increase over the \$505 per square foot price paid in 2005. This is further evidence that overall a bottom has been reached in the Alamo market.

Alamo has a very small market for condos and town homes, so there isn't a large quantity of data to review. A total of three units sold in 2007, down from five in 2006. That's a 40 percent drop in unit sales from the previous year, which is significantly smaller than last year's drop of 71 percent (ouch!) when a total of 17 units sold. Since the market can't drop

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much below three unit sales, this probably is further indication that the bottom may be near. Average sold price in 2007 was \$515,000 compared to a \$597,400 average in 2006, for a crushing 13.8 percent decline in price. That sales price declined far less

sharply than unit sales may also signify that this battered market sector has at last thumped to the bottom.

Beneath it all there is the land, so let's take a look at undeveloped land sales in Alamo. A total of six parcels sold in 2006 at an average price of \$1,202,500. In 2007 only one parcel sold at a price of \$931,000. It is hardly enough data to formulate any opinion, other than to say that one sale is about as close to a bottom as you can get without hitting zero. With eight parcels listed as active, this may also suggest that landowners are willing and financially secure enough to sit on the sidelines rather than dump their investments ... only time will tell on this one.

The most compelling argument that can be made from a review of the 2007 data is that single family home prices are holding up quite well in Alamo. They are not in free fall or in much, if any, decline. This may be due in large part because Alamo is a relatively homogeneous high end market compared to other Bay Area communities that include greater concentrations of moderate- and low-priced properties, which, like the condo market, have been taking more of a beating.

If you would like to receive a copy of our annual Alamo Market Review including the complete detail, e-mail joecombs@thecombsteam.com and place Alamo Market Review in the subject line. Or call 925-989-6086 to arrange delivery.

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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during February 2008

Alamo

Total sales reported: 5
Lowest sale reported: \$1,385,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,100,000
Average sales reported: \$2,244,300

Danville

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$456,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,685,000
Average sales reported: \$911,824

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$208,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,200,000
Average sales reported: \$712,025

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

This week's data represents homes sold during February 2008

Alamo

148 Alamo Springs Drive
T. Labenz to P. & J. Rowley
for \$2,765,000

321 Golden Grass Drive
Davidon Homes to T. & R. Goldman
for \$2,321,500

1015 Kirkcrest Lane G.
Chevsky to J. & C. Periroth
for \$1,650,000

422 Legacy Drive West
Coast Home Builders to J. & C. Ornellas for \$3,100,000

40 Oak Trail Court
Samaniego Trust to Mosby
Trust for \$1,385,000

Danville

470 Castanya Court W. & D. Travis to T. & S. Darcy for \$1,150,000

19 Channi Court Shapell
Industries to K. Neghabat
for \$465,500

23 Channi Court Shapell
Industries to D. & B. Patel
for \$501,500

41 Channi Court Shapell
Industries to B. Tai for \$456,000

623 Colmar Court KB
Homes to P. Patel for \$804,000

629 Colmar Court KB
Homes to J. Chan for \$1,034,000

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3 Bedrooms

1327 Lawrence Rd. **\$1,585,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 ReMax 915-1100

4 Bedrooms

1490 Pine Tree Dr. **\$1,375,000**
Sun 1-4 ReMax 915-1100

40 Hamilton Ct. **\$1,599,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3329

3168 Roundhill Rd. **\$2,199,000**
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union GMAC 487-1194

35 Summer Meadows Ct. **\$2,390,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 791-2600

BLACKHAWK

4 Bedrooms

44 Tennis Club Dr. **\$1,999,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 200-3600

DANVILLE

3 Bedrooms

421 Garden Creek Pl. **\$490,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

1948 St. George Rd. **\$742,950**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

4 Bedrooms

842 Matadera Cir. **\$1,099,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-2508

200 Alicante Pl. **\$1,269,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 984-1890

410 Bridgeside Cir. **\$699,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

186 Ramona Rd. **\$869,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 791-2600

1541 Harlan Dr. **\$969,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3329

5 Bedrooms

104 Parkhaven Dr. **\$1,200,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

100 David Ln. **\$1,949,000**
Sun 2-4:30 Alain Pinel 640-8708

272 Montego Dr. **\$5,489,000**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 791-2600

SAN RAMON

3 Bedrooms

2238 S. Donovan Wy. **\$659,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

613 Bali Ct. **\$884,500**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

4 Bedrooms

9693 Thunderbird Dr. **\$849,950**
Sat 1-4 Empire 217-3108

DUBLIN

5 Bedrooms

4939 Sequoia Ave. **\$824,900**
Sun 10-1 Hometown GMAC 417-8603

PLEASANTON

2 Bedrooms

3474 Smoketree Cmn. **\$379,990**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams - Julie Lauer 963-2842

2341 Oakland Ave. **\$628,000**
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 730-0907

3 Bedrooms

4081 Stanley Blvd. **\$545,000**
Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3329

4496 Desertwood Pl. **\$824,950**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 963-8871

4 Bedrooms

2226 Kamp Ct. **\$1,170,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 398-6706

844 Division St. **\$1,195,000**
Sat/Sun 12-4 Investment RE 963-0569

26 Castlewood Dr. **\$1,225,000**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3833

964 Piemonte Dr. **\$2,099,950**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 963-8871

4630 Herrin Wy. **\$717,750**
Sat 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

1809 Paseo Del Cajon **\$750,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4/2-5 Keller Williams 397-4167

233 Del Valle Ct. **\$759,950**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

3730 Crofters Ct. **\$775,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 200-7210

946 Madeira Dr. **\$819,950**
Sun 1-4 Allied Brokers 846-3755

5 Bedrooms

205 Heritage Ln. **\$1,595,000**
Sat/Sun 10-1/1-4 Henderson Properties-Judy Winter 699-7900

7914 Paragon Cir. **\$1,899,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 846-6500

459 St. Mary **\$1,929,000**
Sat/Sun 12-4 Investment RE 963-0569

LIVERMORE

3 Bedrooms

5075 Erica Wy. **\$524,950**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

1232 Diamond Ct. **\$689,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 640-3762

2447 Marbury Rd. **\$699,900**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 200-2457

4 Bedrooms

2371 Vintage Ln. **\$1,199,000**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30Alain Pinel Realtors 455-5464

5832 Lobelia Wy. **\$659,950**
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 455-5464

540 Sheridan Cir. **\$745,000**
Sat 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 455-5464

3954 Loch Lomand **\$765,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 621-4087

5 Bedrooms

932 Hansen Rd. **\$1,399,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 621-4087

Home Sales

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2443 Diablo Ranch Place
R. Stavchansky to M. Hayes
for \$1,685,000

210 Heather Place
Dahlquist Trust to K. & J.
Ryan for \$940,000

1365 Monterosso Street
Lennar Homes to C. Ouyang
for \$1,150,000

2524 Montreux Street
Lennar Homes to S. & D.
Smith for \$1,092,500

2536 Montreux Street
Lennar Homes to A.
Bhatnagar for \$1,082,500

178 Paraiso Drive Dodic
Trust to S. Sullivan for
\$815,000

348 Red Maple Drive T. &
M. Fu to S. Juenemann for
\$1,131,000

648 St. George Road
Sessa Trust to J. & J. Higbie
for \$865,000

1105 Sunshine Circle R. &
E. With to F. & L. Muntean
for \$619,000

748 Tunbridge Road W.
& S. Ekren to R. Dooley for
\$950,000

32 West Leeds Court J.
Roca to Pointes Trust for
\$760,000

Walnut Creek

1800 Alma Avenue #105
R. & S. Sladek to T. & R.
Wolf for \$950,000

407 Augustus Court M.
Wilde to J. & M. Sullivan for
\$575,000

525 Banyan Circle Toner
Trust to M. & L. Rodriguez
for \$690,000

475 Beacon Ridge Lane
J. Pensyl to G. Magilen for
\$750,000

1166 Chatswood Court D.
Wilhelm to G. Casaretto for
\$785,000

3565 Eris Court D. & W.
Osorio to R. Hollinger for
\$1,025,000

1937 Fallen Oak Court R.
& M. Glazer to O. Marci for
\$775,000

824 Foxtail Court D.
Dekens to Castagno Trust
for \$1,200,000

1637 Geary Road R.
Chavez to L. Kiriaze for
\$607,000

1360 Huston Road Jacobs
Trust to M. Lukza for
\$835,000

562 Lakewood Circle Bank
of New York to C. Mo for
\$810,000

620 New Seabury Court
Hutflieck Trust to J. &
E. Pasquino-Greco for
\$915,000

31 Newell Court Fremont
Investments & Loan to L.
Leigh for \$615,000

2720 Oak Road #130 D.
Riveness to B. Aaron for
\$314,500

2738 Oak Road #130 J.
Rice to J. Gonzales for
\$208,000

1916 Piper Ridge Court
D. & N. Schubb to M. & J.
Ziman for \$750,000

664 Savoy Court Wachovia
Bank to C. Cattalini for
\$535,000

3139 Stinson Circle
Christensen Trust to B.
Ravid for \$880,000

4033 Terra Granada Drive
#7A Steffen Trust to Shaw
Trust for \$393,000

182 Venado Corte C.
Moreland to G. Mitchell for
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