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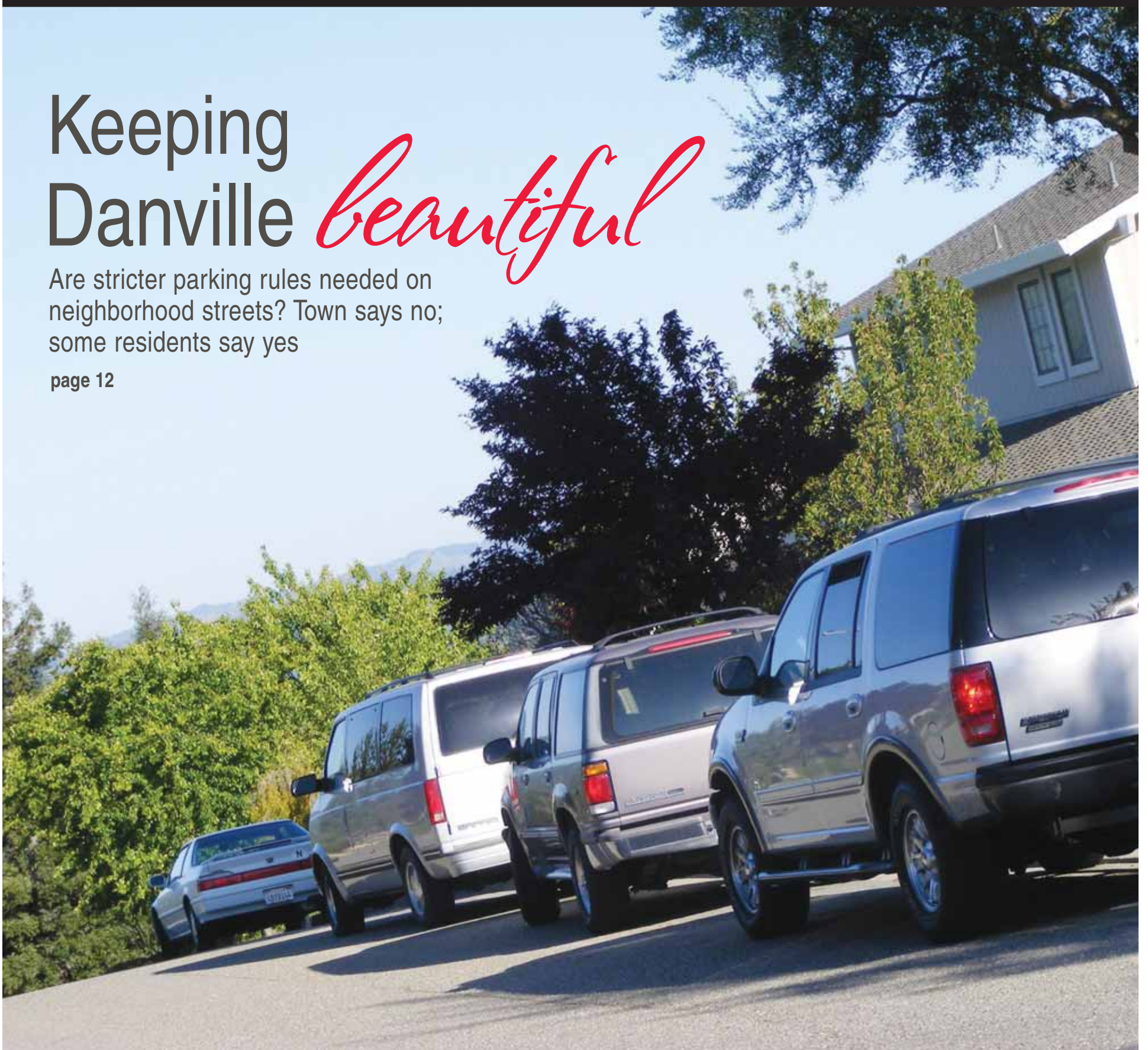
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Q: What do you remember about your prom?



I remember the excitement of getting ready and being with friends and getting my outfit at Bebe on Union Street. It was a black skirt and a white top! Wow, it's all coming back to me!

Barbara Rogers
owner, The Body Adventure



Dang! I never went to my prom but I always wished I did. I missed out on what seems to be a really valuable experience. I do regret it, I really wish I went.

Joe King
personal trainer



Prom was cool because it was my first time ever getting all dressed up and being in a limo! It was somewhere in the city, and all of my best friends were with me.

Revita Saidian
student



Oh, gosh, my prom! Well, my boyfriend had been drafted so it was me and the girls. Our prom was at a bowling alley in El Cerrito in 1971. We had the whole bowling alley to ourselves to bowl and dance. I wore my little 1970's dress with big poofy hair. It was great!

Janet Smith
domestic engineer



I got lost going to dinner in San Francisco. I couldn't find the restaurant and was driving around the city thoroughly confused! Then I decided I didn't even want to take my date to prom so we went to dinner and a club instead. It was pretty lame.

Jonathan Briggs
pharmaceutical scientist

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Gay Pride Week inspires Day of Silence

High school campus shows increased respect and tolerance

by Meghan Neal

It's not easy for most high schoolers to spend an entire day without speaking a word. Yet more than one hundred students at San Ramon Valley High School took a vow of silence last Friday to encourage respect and tolerance toward gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

The Day of Silence, a nationally recognized event, represents the silence, helplessness and shame that many closeted and openly gay people face in their life.

"It's just trying to show straight people—and gay people of course—'This is what it's like,'" said senior Nick Pittarides, co-president of the school's Gay-Straight Alliance.

The National Day of Silence is being recognized today in conjunction with Gay Pride Week, which began Monday. For scheduling rea-

sons SRVHS recognized the event a week early, on April 18.

Throughout the week leading up to the event, students distributed more than 300 rainbow ribbons and sold the same amount of T-shirts touting the message, "Support Love."

All week students were enthusiastic and eager to support the cause, said senior Sammy Brenner, the other GSA co-president. While last year only 40 or so people officially took part in the event, this year the club surpassed its ambitious goal to sell 300 shirts.

"I think we took it to the next level this year," she said, adding that the turnout reflects the growing trend toward gay tolerance nationwide.

"I think it's our generation that's really going to hit this on the head and make it happen," said Brenner.

But there still are instances of

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San Ramon Valley High School held a Day of Silence on April 18 to promote gay tolerance. Seniors Sammy Brenner and Nick Pittarides, co-presidents of the Gay-Straight Alliance, use signs to count down from 10 to break the silence.

MEGHAN NEAL

Taxpayers bear the burden of unfunded mandate

Danville raises stormwater utility assessment fees by \$2.50 a year to help pay for new requirements

by Meghan Neal

The Danville Town Council voted April 15 to increase stormwater utility assessment fees by \$2.50 a year, in order to comply with increasingly strict clean water requirements. The annual fee will go from \$27.50 to \$30 per residential unit.

The hike is the town's attempt to fund the new Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit that is being reissued throughout the Bay Area with strict and costly new rules.

The permit is mandated by the state and federal governments, but

neither will provide the necessary funding to meet the new requirements, which will cost Danville \$4.2 million over five years.

Since half that cost is unfunded, the town must come up with more than \$2 million on its own. The fee increase will make a dent, generating \$225,000. The council hasn't yet decided where the remaining funds will come from, but the general fund and more increased fees are likely options.

"Our taxpayers are going to end up paying for it," said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

For that reason Councilman

Mike Shimansky voted against the increase at the meeting this month. He was the only member of the council to do so. He doesn't like the idea of raising "taxes" during a possible recession, he said.

However an assessment fee is not the same thing as a tax, distinguished Calabrigo. The fee is determined based on the benefit to the property owner, not on property value.

"When we talk about it being terrible timing to increase anything, I think you have to put it in context," he added.

Essentially, there's no easy way out of the predicament. With fines for not complying with the permit up to \$10,000 per day, that's just not an option, he said.

Calabrigo pointed out that compared to other cities in the county, Danville's stormwater fee is relatively mild. And the town has been judicious in only increasing the fee when necessary, he said. The last increase was in 2004, also by \$2.50 per year.

Money aside, Shimansky also expressed skepticism that the clean water regulations have actually been making a difference.

"No one can tell me if our creeks in Danville are cleaner now that we have spent over a half million dollars a year in property tax assessments than they were before Danville residents began paying these taxes," he said. "I believe Danville and its citizens are doing a fine job protecting the Bay from pollution and they shouldn't be rewarded by taxing them for doing so."

Calabrigo said that given his duties he wouldn't volunteer to do all the things the town is being required to do, either.

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Pedestrians wave red flags to cross Danville Boulevard

Alamo shop owner takes safety measure into his own hands

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Red flags mean "stop" for drivers on Danville Boulevard in Alamo.

The flags are being used by pedestrians as they cross the major thoroughfare in the crosswalks at two risky spots—Jackson Way and Orchard Court. They were placed in buckets on either side of the road by Jim Peterson, owner of Alamo Flower Co. He said he got the idea after seeing Jackson Way resident

Andy Hass, who is in his 80s and legally blind, as he ventured onto the crosswalk.

"I used to watch him cross the street and raise his cane," said Peterson. "I thought it ought to have a red flag on the end of it."

So Peterson bought the all-weather red material, had a local seamstress stitch it into flags, and attached them to PVC pipes.

"The first ones I put out were on wooden dowel sticks," Peterson said. "But kids had fun breaking

and stealing them."

He switched to PVC pipes; these were also broken until Peterson came up with the current length, which is not so easy to break.

Peterson can keep an eye on the crosswalks—and the flags—from the flower shop.

"I see them used every day, all the time," he said. "I keep an eye on them to make sure there are some on both sides of the street."

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Rosemary West (left) and Maria Carter use a red flag to make sure drivers stop for them when they cross Danville Boulevard at Orchard Court on Saturday morning. The flags are in holders at either side of the crosswalks at Orchard Court and Jackson Way to help make it safer for pedestrians crossing the busy street.

DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

NEWS DIGEST

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ You don't have to be pro gay rights. But you do have to have respect. ”

—Nick Pittarides of SRVHS's Gay-Straight Alliance.
See story, page 5.

Friday Morning with the Mayor scheduled for next week

Danville Mayor Candace Andersen will host her monthly Morning with the Mayor on Friday, May 2. This is an informal opportunity for residents to share their thoughts about town issues and receive a brief update about what is happening in Danville. The free event is held from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Father Nature's Restaurant, 172 E. Prospect Ave. Refreshments are served.

Blackhawk before 'Blackhawk'

How would it have been to live in Blackhawk in the 1930s and '40s? Stop by the Museum of the San Ramon Valley from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, April 26, and meet Alvin and Marge Bacon Hauschildt to find out. Alvin grew up on the Blackhawk Ranch where his father was the manager. He graduated from San Ramon Valley High School in 1948, and his wife Marge graduated three years later. The community known today as Blackhawk was not built until 1979.

The Museum's weekly special guests are in conjunction with its current exhibit, "Agriculture, For a Century, the Business of the Valley," which highlights the period of 1850-1950. It runs through May 10. For more information, call 837-3750 or go to www.museumsvr.org.

Business to Business Expo to offer tips

The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to its Business to Business Expo 2008 being held at Blackhawk Country Club on May 6.

The educational event is designed to help business owners market their businesses. Marge Jensen of TouchStone Marketing will speak on "Making Informed Marketing Decisions on a Limited Budget," and Rich Wood of E-Paynow.com will address "Web Marketing Checklist."

There will also be exhibitors who will help with increased name recognition, building a mailing list and generating leads, consumer education and networking.

The Expo takes place from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, May 6. The entrance fee is \$10. To register in advance, call Charlotte Mills at 837-4400. Registration will also be available at the door. Visit www.danvilleareachamber.com for more information.

Devil Mountain Run supports Children's Hospital

The 31st annual Workday Devil Mountain Run takes place next Sunday, May 4. The run is one of the oldest running events in the East Bay, supporting Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland.

Runners can choose from a 5K or 10K course along Danville's Iron Horse Trail. About 3,000 people have participated in races in the past, ranging from competitive runners to local businesses and families.

The race starts at 8 a.m. at Railroad and Prospect avenues in Danville. At 9:30 a.m. non-competitive 50-100-yard dashes will be held for kids ages 3-8.

Registration is \$30; call (415) 759-2690 or e-mail diane@rhodyco.com. Online registration is available until May 1 at www.devilmountainrun.org. For questions call (510) 428-3885, ext. 4273 or e-mail sarogers@mail.cho.org.



Charlotte Canning, art teacher at John Baldwin Elementary, shows the cougar quilt, one of three created to commemorate the renovation of the school.

Go, Cougars

Art project celebrates 'new' John Baldwin Elementary

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

School days, school days are better at John Baldwin Elementary School since its renovation was completed in the summer of 2006. And next week the "new" school will be celebrated with the unveiling of a commemorative art project.

A couple of years ago, the principal asked the art teacher, Charlotte Canning, about doing something to note the dramatic change between the old campus and the new.

"She wanted an art piece for the school, and she wanted the kids to be part of it," recalled Canning. "We wanted something meaningful for years to come."

"I'm not a ceramicist so I was not going to do tile," she explained, "but I had quilting experience."

She designed a triptych of quilts, each with its own theme to reflect the natural beauty of this area, as well as the school community. Each quilt has a center, created by Canning, surrounded by block prints made by students.

"I'd never done a project this enormous before," said Canning, who teaches art to every grade, K-5. "The biggest I'd done was a queen-sized quilt for my daughter."

In their art classes, the older students each created a design for a block print, following the themes of the three quilts:

- Mount Diablo, a foundation of support, referring to the supportive school community;
- The Danville Oak Tree, symbolizing the branches of learning; and
- A cougar, the school mascot, with the theme of Cougar Spirit positive values.

The students transferred their designs to rubber carving blocks,

carved them, and finally printed them onto fabric. Canning quilted the blocks around the center designs she created.

"It became an overwhelming task," she said.

Canning noted that several moms helped out and she became friends with them, especially Kerry Dickinson and Margaret Hart. Dickinson, in turn, raves about Canning, who has been teaching art at Baldwin for seven years, paid by the Cougar Ed Fund.

"I have framed photos in my home of artwork my boys completed while attending Baldwin and taking art classes from Charlotte," said Dickinson. "These quilts are a testament to her creativity, talent and dedication to the Baldwin art program."

The project ended up taking two years, due to the work involved in making the three quilts and also due to events in Canning's personal life.

Principal Claudia Bensley is no longer at the school. But the quilts are ready to be dedicated at the Baldwin Spring Art Show and Concert taking place from 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 30. They will be hung somewhere on campus, perhaps from the ceiling of the library.

Personal invitations went out to the students who participated in the project—they are now in the seventh grade—and Canning said last week she had begun to get responses.

Some of the student blocks depict human handprints and footprints to think about the marks we leave behind as we move forward into the future. Charlotte Canning and her art students left more than footprints at John Baldwin Elementary—they left quilts to be cherished for generations to come. ■



The cougar is the school mascot and stands for its spirit and positive values. Students made block prints of local wildlife, such as a raccoon and its paw prints, to symbolize the marks we all leave wherever we go.

DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Corrections The chart on child abuse reports in the April 18 issue gave the wrong ZIP code for Blackhawk although the figures were accurate. The figures were for Blackhawk, ZIP code 94501.

The story on the packages being stolen off a front porch in Danville in the April 18 issue should have said that about three dozen have been stolen.



MEGHAN NEAL

Scouts work to Save the Bay

Fifth-grader Monica Kunzel leads a Save the Bay workshop, part of an Earth Day event where Girl Scouts taught Brownies about caring for the environment, at Charlotte Wood Middle School on Saturday. Above, Girl Scouts Monica Kunzel and Melina Gross give the "Amazing Bay Pledge."

Taxpayers

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He and other town officials attended a hearing last month with the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the group responsible for implementing the mandate, to try to negotiate certain aspects of the permit.

While the town agrees clean water is important, the general sen-

timent is that some of the regulations are over the top.

"I wouldn't spend this much money to do them," Calabrigo said. "But that's the federal and state government telling us."

Mayor Candace Andersen said no one on the council is happy about the unfunded mandate, but the cost of not complying with it is significant. Therefore the town is continuing to cooperate, while trying to keep costs down.

It's likely the water board will agree to delay implementing the permit until the middle of the upcoming fiscal year, said Calabrigo. That would save the town about \$200,000 and also buy the council time to dig up the rest of the money.

The stormwater utility assessment fee increase will be reflected in the next property tax bill, which goes out in August. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Down Mexico way

After a fun afternoon of snorkeling, Danville resident Marla Schleicher and her daughter, Kristin, take a quick look at the Danville Weekly before heading to dinner at the Riv Palace Riviera Mayee hotel in Mexico. Kristin is currently studying for her Ph.D. in chemistry in Boston.



MEGHAN NEAL

Gov! Things don't add up

Danville's Chris Hopkins takes off on his unicycle from Montair Elementary School, in Danville, beginning his 100-mile ride to the state Capitol in Sacramento with a sendoff by students, faculty members and supporters. He will deliver a special calculator to the governor to send a message that the school budget cuts don't add up. The back of the calculator says, "This one works Arnold," signed by Montair Principal Matt Hermann.

Hopkins will arrive in Sacramento on Thursday, April 24, and join PTA members from across the state at the California State PTAs' "Flunk-the-Budget" rally at the Capitol.

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Moms and daughters look so much alike

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Go to www.DanvilleWeekly.com where these 10 photos will be displayed and cast your vote by May 4. It's as easy as clicking the button below the photo. The winners will be featured in our Mother's Day issue, and the two finalists will receive gift certificates for Faz and Bridges restaurants. ■



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Inhale and die

Latest 'high' is accessible to youths but can be fatal

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Household inhalants aren't the No. 1 drugs preteens are using. But in Danville they are arguably the easiest for kids to acquire—and to get away with, police officers say.

Young users are finding that inhaling compressed gas from cans of Dust-off and whipped cream can be a quick odorless high, school resource officers report. Alamo and Danville users tell officers they like it because it's cheap, and effects are intense but come and go quickly.

Problem is, a one-time use of an inhalant is much more likely to leave a person dead than marijuana or alcohol, the two most common drugs used by minors in Danville and Alamo.

"It alters the level of oxygen in the brain and gives you a very short high," said Alamo Sheriff's Department Cpl. Elmer Glasser, who works with juveniles in a diversion program, where youths are often placed for abusing drugs.

Kids who use these drugs sometimes crack cartridges of nitrous oxide into balloons and inhale to induce a brief hallucinogenic and euphoric buzz. They also breath

in the gas from whipped cream containers and from Dust-off, a refrigerant-based cleaner generally used for clearing dust from computers.

According to recent police reports, nitrous oxide cartridges, known as "whip-its," along with balloons were dumped on the side of an Alamo street.

This is the type of drug paraphernalia parents should keep an eye out for, should they suspect their child is experimenting with drugs, Glasser said.

Users often suffer injuries, from passing out or losing control of their bodies in the altered state.

"It sucks the air out of you," said Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel. "It burns brain cells."

School Resource Officer Jeff Phelps said he has seen inhalant use come in fits and starts over the past four years. At the high school level, overall use is down, he said.

"It's kind of a trendy thing. If 10 kids think it's cool, then 2,200 do. It's strange," he said.

In 2005, a widespread e-mail began circulating from a Cleveland law officer named Jeff Williams, who told the tale of his son's death from inhaling Dust-off.

Some suspected the story was

fabricated, but it turned out to be true and in turn brought mainstream attention to the term "dusting"—at least among parents and law enforcement officials.

School resource officers in Danville and Alamo said they hadn't heard teens or preteens use the term "dusting," to refer to inhaling the gas.

Typically preteens get hold of drugs in Danville from older siblings, Glasser said. But with inhalants, they tend to snag them from their parents or shoplift them from stores. Oftentimes they learn how to use the drugs by going online, Glasser said.

"All they have to do is Google it," Glasser said.

One of the first Web sites that comes up during a Web search for "whip-its" is www.urbandictionary.com. The site contains posts giving directions about how to get high on nitrous oxide using a can of whipped cream, alongside a link to purchase nitrous oxide dispensers online.

The best thing parents can do is monitor the Web sites their children are visiting, ask questions and keep an eye out for "anything that looks different" and involves compressed gas or balloons, Glasser said. ■

Silence

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disrespect around the school, such as when people use the phrase "that's so gay" to describe something lame or stupid.

"It's gonna be hard to tackle that one," Pittarides said. He thinks acceptance should be talked about with kids at a younger age, before prejudiced habits are formed.

"You don't have to be pro gay rights," he said. "But you do have to have respect."

The club has created and distributed "Safe Zone" fliers to hang on

classroom walls, signifying that the voices of gay people will be respected in that room. Pittarides said it's important to let people know that if they are subject to prejudice, they have allies at the school.

"I think things like that show people that San Ramon is a safe and welcoming campus," he said.

When school let out on Friday a crowd of soundless students, many wearing the GSA shirts, gathered in the quad to break their silence together.

Standing on a brick wall in the middle of the quad, Pittarides and Brenner started counting down from 10—not out loud, of course,

but by holding up big signs with large numbers written on them. At the end of the countdown the students erupted in noise—cheering, clapping and hugging one another.

The GSA topped off its celebration of Gay Pride Week by hosting a photography exhibit last weekend in the school's performing arts center.

The exhibit displayed about 100 photographs of openly gay athletes taken by photographer and lecturer at UC Santa Barbara Jeff Shang.

The goal of the project, called "Fearless," is to break down stereotypes and encourage people to open their minds. ■

Flags

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Residents have complained for years that drivers speed through Alamo and do not see people trying to cross Danville Boulevard. In November, Orchard Court resident Tonya York was struck by a truck and thrown 38 feet in the air; she suffered a broken back and a concussion and is now campaigning to make the street safer for pedestrians.

The county is responsible for the streets in Alamo, which is unincorporated. District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho and her predecessors have held meetings for years to hear complaints and suggestions to make the downtown safer. Pedestrian-activated flashing lights were put in at the Jackson Way crosswalk during the past year as part of a project that also created two left-turn lanes onto Stone Valley Road from Danville

Boulevard going south. More recently, the speed limit was lowered from 30 mph to 25.

Peterson credits Piepho with finally getting these improvements in place, and he said a stoplight is needed at Orchard Court to make it safer.

"I've been to so many meetings on that, I'm tired of it," Peterson said.

Originally he only placed flags at Jackson Way, then he moved them to Orchard Court when the flashing lights were installed.

"I didn't think they needed them but people who'd been using them came in and gave me hell," Peterson said. "They wanted to use them."

So he provided flags for both crosswalks and maintains them.

"I think it's a very clever, thoughtful effort," said Piepho. "Jim's doing his part to protect his community. His participation is extremely helpful to Alamo."

"Lowering the speed limit will

hopefully help, too," she added. "I've heard it's set a different tone."

Jim's wife Connie Peterson said the California Highway Patrol has been more of a presence lately.

"The traffic slows down just to see their cars out there," she said. "People that drive through Alamo are slowly getting educated."

Director of County Public Works Maurice Shiu said in February that his department acts quickly when it considers an area hazardous, by putting in signs or speed bumps. But he said the county does not consider Danville Boulevard to be dangerous.

"It's important but it's not an emergency," he said.

The Alamo Improvement Association wants a roundabout put in at Orchard Court to slow down traffic but many others say a traffic light is the solution.

In the meantime, Peterson urges pedestrians to avail themselves of the red flags. ■

Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Alamo hits a high note for the schools

Those Alamo Music and Wine Festivals aren't just for fun, you know. Besides providing an enjoyable day and evening for folks in Alamo, they raise money for music programs at the schools. The event, being held this year Sept. 6—save that date!—is a great chance to see the school music programs in action as the kids take to the stage to perform. In the evening professional bands provide music. Plus there are games for the kiddies, a rock wall to climb, and great food—and wine.

Last week I joined Beth Burlingame and other Alamo Rotary members at their luncheon to present the proceeds from the 2007 Alamo Wine and Music Festival. The checks, given to the schools located in Alamo as well as the two high schools that draw from Alamo, were for \$1,000 each; the money came with the best wishes of the entire community to show its support for the music programs.

Music at the schools has special meaning to me because my son Pepe plays the guitar and the piano, as does my husband Jim. Pepe was a star guitarist in the Monte Vista jazz band until we moved to Bangkok in the middle of his sophomore year.

Pepe also played in a local "garage band" named Full Moon with some other 15-year-olds. For awhile they called themselves the Greenhorns after drummer Chris Barron's teacher told him he was wasting his time playing with his friends because they were "a bunch of greenhorns." Jae Lee was the lead vocalist, John Pickett also played the guitar, and Jer Hainline was on bass. Luckily for our garage and, indeed our entire neighborhood, the Barrons have a wonderful big home in Bryan Ranch and graciously welcomed the boys to practice in the rec room over their garage. Both Pepe and Chris took lessons at Danville Music, and Pepe's teacher Mike Williams is still there.

Now that Pepe lives in Berlin, we don't get to enjoy his music so much although last time he was home for Christmas he and Jim had a Chopin Showdown to compete on who played the Nocturne No. 2 better. My daughter and I were the judges, and I won't say who won.

At the luncheon as the teachers accepted the checks, many expressed pleasure at having money of their own for their programs. Several from the high schools mentioned the high

cost of sheet music—\$1-\$3 per copy—and of course each member of the band or orchestra needs the score. Another teacher said that the donation was especially important after the state budget cuts.

My husband has a minor in music and I've had the benefit of a music appreciation marriage.

At the luncheon to accept their checks were Monte Vista Principal Becky Smith, Bruce Koliha (vocal music) and Ed Cloyd (instrumental); San Ramon Valley High School Principal Joe Ianora and Cheryl Yee Glass (instrumental); Stone Valley Middle School Principal Shaun McElroy and Ben Loomer (instrumental and vocal); Alamo Elementary Principal Beverly Tom and music teacher Nancy Raam; Rancho Romero Elementary music teacher Christine Bertolero; and Mauzy School teacher Debbie Munoz.

I sat at the same table as Ben Loomer, who took over the Stone Valley program midyear. He talked about starting a music appreciation class and this sounds great—otherwise some students might never be exposed to classical music or other types that would be covered in the class.

I don't remember my parents listening to much music but I used to watch the Hit Parade in the '50s with my mother. My favorite song was "How Much is that Doggie in the Window?" Because I twirled the baton and was in parades, I was always partial to marching bands. Then I discovered American Bandstand and rock 'n' roll. My friends and I moved on to folk music in college, and one day at a beach near Santa Cruz, there was Jim, playing "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" on his guitar. He has a minor in music and I've had the benefit of a music appreciation marriage.

But not every student is musical or will marry a musician, so I wish Ben luck with exposing middle school students to the wonders of music. And I'll see everyone at the Alamo Wine and Music Festival on Sept. 6.

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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

**Night out
can do good**

A quick glance at the Community Calendar in this newspaper shows that a lot of fundraisers are being held, for schools, nonprofit groups and other worthy causes.

Most of us don't think of attending a fundraiser unless we or someone we know is directly involved. When our children attend a certain school, we will go to its benefits and perhaps contribute our time and money to organize them, too. When a friend works for a nonprofit group, they let us know when its gala takes place. People suffering from a disease and their friends and relatives will attend whatever fundraiser helps pay for research.

But fundraising events can be a lot of fun even if we don't have any connection to the cause being benefited. Volunteers in this area have a tremendous amount of know-how, and put together fundraisers that are on a par with anything done by professional event planners.

Coming up are several golf tournaments; even if you don't golf, the day on the green is usually followed by a dinner that can be attended for a nominal charge. Several garden tour fundraisers are coming up, a great way to discover new neighborhoods, get ideas for your yard and contribute to a good cause.

The Child Abuse Council of Contra Costa County is holding its gala dinner May 3 at the San Ramon Marriott. It will include wine-tasting, silent and live auctions, and an evening of dancing. Then June 7, STAND! Against Domestic Violence is holding a casino night at Round Hill Country Club. Schools hold fundraisers from carnivals to evenings out and what a great way to support the school in your neighborhood.

Anyone looking for an enjoyable outing might consider patronizing a fundraiser. It's a way to contribute to a good cause and can also mean a fun evening out and a chance to meet some remarkable people who work hard for a good cause.

Fundraising events can be a lot of fun even if we don't have any connection to the cause being benefited.

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SAN RAMON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS WRAPUP

by Kaity Ferretti

Men's Lacrosse

The Wolves prevailed over rival Monte Vista on Tuesday night last week. San Ramon led throughout all four quarters and ended the game with a winning score of 15-8. Seniors Pat Sornsins and Tom

Reyda scored 4 points, while senior John Brereton and sophomore Ross Rudow each scored 2. The team played Amador in an away game on Friday night and lost, 8-4. The Men's Lacrosse record now boasts 10 wins, 4 losses.

Women's Lacrosse

San Ramon played Monte Vista in an away game Tuesday night. The Wolves were defeated by their No. 1 rivals, 11-6. Christine Austin played good defense and goalie Katherine Herzog displayed immense skill. Casey Bowles and Kyun Saiidnia stood out as well. The girls played Amador at home Friday night and lost, 14-8. San Ramon's league record is now 2 wins and 5 losses. The girls are planning on making a comeback, having played their toughest teams early in the season. Fans should keep their eyes on the Wolves.

Men's Volleyball

The Wolves played Head Royce of Oakland in an away match Tuesday night, winning three of the four games by a large point margin. Travis Selland, Tommy Crow and Will Rei scored the majority of the points. The boys played Cal on Thursday night and won two of the five games and were unable to secure a win against the undefeated Grizzlies. The Wolves league record now stands at 2 wins and 6 losses. The boys are anticipating the next five games to be challenging.

Men's Golf

San Ramon's varsity golf team participated in a tournament in Diablo on Monday. The Wolves were up against 22 teams and managed to place 7th, only five strokes behind their rival, Monte Vista. Junior Cole Pickavance tied for the tournament low with a 71. Senior Mike Perchak shot a 76, while junior Christian Ulmer shot a 79. The junior varsity team played Foothill in an away game Tuesday. The boys lost 188-206. JV's record now stands at 4 wins

and 2 losses; varsity's is 9 wins and 4 losses.

Swimming

The Wolves junior varsity team competed against Dougherty Valley at home Wednesday. Both the boys and girls won and showed incredible endurance. Luke Therien competed in the 100 meter and 50 meter freestyle, and Alex Garcia swam in the 500 and 200 freestyle. The varsity team participated in the Palo Alto Invite this weekend and placed in the top three.

Track and Field

The Junior Varsity track team lost to Dougherty Valley by a very small point margin at home Thursday. Highlights of the meet included Coki Wuest's domination in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 19.26, and Kevin Griffith's victory in the 1600 meters with a time of 4.54.

Softball

In a game against Livermore High School on Thursday, junior Brittany Baker scored one hit, and senior Dominique Ortega pitched well. Unfortunately, they were defeated by the Cowboys, 4-1. Their record sits at 6 wins and 5 losses, ranking them 7th in East Bay Athletic League.

Baseball

This week in Wolves baseball, the freshmen and junior varsity teams played Dougherty Valley High on Wednesday. JV pulled through and beat the Wildcats but the freshmen fell short of a win and lost to Dougherty Valley. Varsity played away at Livermore on Friday and lost 5-2.

Men's Tennis

San Ramon's JV team triumphed over Dougherty Valley on Tuesday. Scoring 8-1, the Wolves definitely dominated. Sam Cole won two matches 6-0, securing a No. 1 position in the singles. Doubles team Andy Teichman and Ian Rosenthal won two matches, 6-4 and 6-3 respectively. JV's record now boasts 12 wins and only one loss. Varsity beat Livermore High on Thursday with a score of 8-1. Varsity's record is now 8 wins and 3 losses, allowing major North Coast Section potential for the Wolves.



MICHAEL DEJESUS

Winding up for a win

Michael DeJesus, 9, prepares to pitch for the Cubs in the Tassajara Little League (AA) on April 12 as they face the Giants. The Cubs won, 11-9.



KEITH PETERS

Swimming fierce

Paige Bradley, a junior at Monte Vista High School, wins the girls 200-yard individual medley in 2:07.46, an All-American consideration time, at Saturday's Section Challenge at Palo Alto High. She also placed second in the girls' 100-yard breaststroke in 1:06.63.

The Monte Vista girls scored 162 points and finished fourth in their division. The Monte Vista boys scored 92 points and finished eighth. The meet included teams from the North Coast Section, Central Coast Section and San Joaquin Section.



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Friday, April 25

Swimming
Monte Vista vs. Foothill
San Ramon Valley at Livermore
Women's Lacrosse
Monte Vista vs. Livermore, 7 p.m.
San Ramon Valley at Cal High, 7 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse
Monte Vista at Livermore, 7 p.m.
San Ramon Valley vs. Cal High, 7 p.m.
Baseball
Monte Vista vs. Granada, 3:45 p.m.
San Ramon Valley at Amador, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Track and Field
Sacramento Meet of Champions at

Sacramento City College

Tuesday, April 29

Women's Lacrosse
Monte Vista at Redwood High, 4:30 p.m.
San Ramon Valley vs. Foothill, 7 p.m.
Softball
San Ramon Valley at Granada, 4 p.m.
Monte Vista at Cal High, 3:45 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse
San Ramon Valley at Foothill, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30

Men's Lacrosse
Monte Vista vs. St. Ignatius, 7 p.m.
Baseball

Monte Vista at Cal High, 3:45 p.m.
San Ramon Valley vs. Granada, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 1

Men's Volleyball
Monte Vista vs. Granada, 6 p.m.
Track and Field
Monte Vista vs. San Ramon Valley, 4 p.m.
Softball
San Ramon Valley at Cal High, 4 p.m.
Monte Vista at Livermore, 3:45 p.m.
Baseball
San Ramon Valley vs. Castro Valley, 6 p.m.

Keeping Danville *Beautiful*

Are stricter parking rules needed on neighborhood streets? Town says no; some residents say yes

story and photos by Meghan Neal

So you've got yourself a beautiful home with a striking view, on the perfect little road. At least, you thought it was perfect. Turns out the family next door stores junk in the yard and parks their four cars on the street all day and night because they've converted their garage to a living room.

BEAUTIFUL



NOT BEAUTIFUL

Streets flooded with parked cars threaten the beauty of Danville's neighborhoods and homes, such as this one on the cul-de-sac atop Paraiso Drive, top photo. Some roads in town have parked cars lining both sides day and night. Homeowners worry it's a safety hazard; the town says public streets are public.

"It's people not thinking about the ramifications of their neighbors," said Lynn Just, a Paraiso Drive homeowner who's fed up with the condition of her street.

"People only care about themselves. Unfortunately, then you're held hostage to the people you live next to," she went on. "It's an 'I, me' world and it's all about 'me.'"

You can't choose your neighbors

At last month's Morning with the Mayor, an informal gathering for residents to share their thoughts on town issues, Just raised a concern shared by several homeowners in Danville.

"The biggest issue," she explained, "is most people aren't parking in their driveways. They're parking in the street—which really makes it look bad."

People park on the street for a few reasons. Some use their garage for living space or storage instead of parking. Others want to show off their handsomely landscaped driveways. And some families, particularly in an affluent town, own three or four cars and have nowhere else to put them.

As a professional decorator, Just visits homes all over town and says she often sees cars blocking the street, scattered debris and beautiful houses next door to ugly ones. She worries things have gone downhill since she moved here 22 years ago.

"It's really starting to look like Dublin and Oakland. And that's not a positive. And it doesn't help the value of your home," she said.

But Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said he's not too concerned with property values in Danville—there's a lot of pride in home ownership here. With the average price for a house pushing \$1 million, people aren't going to invest that kind of money and then not take care of their home, he reasoned.

"Property values are so high that there's this overwhelming tendency on the part of residents to maintain their property in order to maintain those values," he said.

However, property value isn't the only issue at play.

Barbara Kendig's chief concern is safety. She lives off the cul-de-sac at the end of Paraiso Drive, where street parking is particularly out of control; people have been illegally parking perpendicular to the curb in order to fit more cars in.

She said when the road is lined with cars on both sides—sometimes even double parked—it's hard to see incoming traffic, which is dangerous for children playing outside.

Fire safety is also a biggie. If there was a fire in a Paraiso home the fire trucks wouldn't be able to get to it, neighbors say, adding that sometimes cars even park in front of fire hydrants.

"My dream would be that we could park in front of our own house if we have company, that the fire engine can reach us if we need it, that the ambulance can go by, that some child doesn't get killed running between cars," Kendig said. "And that people use their driveways and their garages."

NO parking

A number of neighbors are suggesting the town implement a rule prohibiting parking on the street between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

The thinking is, it would allow enough leeway to have guests over in the evening but still discourage some people from making the street a permanent home for their cars.

"You really need to have some kind of thing—some rule or ordinance—that there's no parking at certain hours," Kendig said. "It would get people out of the habit of parking in the street. It would force them to park in their driveways."

She said she thinks the rule would have a lot of support from residents. But so far, it hasn't had much from the town. Calabrigo called the request "an over-reaction."

"Public streets are just that—public," he said, "which means they're designed so cars can drive on them and cars can park on them."

A "no overnight parking" restriction would pose huge logistical problems, he said, considering there are about 16,000 houses in town.

"We don't have the staff to be sending people out into residential neighborhoods to be enforcing it. We would simply be irritating the vast majority of our

residents," he said, noting that people would likely grumble the town wasn't using police resources effectively.

Currently, town code states that cars can't park on the street for more than 72 consecutive hours, and even that limit isn't rigorously enforced.

"It's pretty much complaint-driven," said Lt. Mark Williams of the Danville Police Department.

Police don't troll the roads looking for violators unless an upset resident calls them about it. When they do get a call, they'll chalk the tire of the offending car and leave a notice explaining the violation.

Just said that tactic doesn't work: People will just move their car down the street a few feet and erase the chalk.

"That can happen sometimes, yeah. Then they've complied—they moved it," Williams responded. "It doesn't happen that often."

So how about restricting parking in only certain areas? That's where the homeowners associations come in. HOAs have the power to regulate more strictly than the town, based on each association's specific CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions).

"There are some neighborhoods that absolutely restrict any cars being parked on the street overnight, unless they receive a permit from the HOA," said Mayor Candace Andersen. "I think that's always a good option if someone doesn't feel comfortable with cars on the street."

Keeping Danville beautiful without Big Brother

Lt. Williams pointed out that usually when people have a complaint about parking violations they'll only go to police as a last resort. First they will try to resolve the issue by taking it up directly with their neighbor. Andersen advocates the same approach for any clash over property maintenance.

"I'm a big proponent of neighbors getting to know each other, working together," she said. "I would think people would be cognizant of their neighbors' concerns."

But it's not always that easy. Just said she's tried the one-on-one approach and the response wasn't favorable. Now she would like to see the town step in.

Different towns regulate "beauty" in different ways, and with varying degrees.

Dublin's "anti-ugly" ordinance prohibits clotheslines in front yards, overgrown lawns and graffiti, among other things. San Ramon's neighborhood preservation ordinance says it's a public nuisance to park a vehicle that blocks a sidewalk or street.

Walnut Creek's associate planner Ethan Bindernagel said aesthetic guidelines are left largely in the hands of the design review process; there's been no need for a citywide ordinance.

Danville has a screening rule. Town code states that debris or junk which could potentially reduce the value of the property, or be considered an attractive nuisance, must be screened substantially from adjacent property and from public view.

"Property owners can't actually do whatever they want," said Calabrigo. "Basically, you can't adversely affect the ability of the neighbors to enjoy the use of their property."

A couple years ago the town made its code even stricter, making it illegal to park boats or RVs in plain view. Andersen said the change was controversial.

"A lot of people felt like, 'Well, this is my property,' and we said, 'Fine but you need to screen it. Your neighbors don't want to see it,'" she recalled.

The screening code, like the 72-hour parking rule, is enforced whenever a complaint comes in. Danville's code enforcement officer, Dave Casteel, estimated he gets around 100 calls per year on the subject—one of the heaviest complaint loads.

"Some cities do have stricter ordinances," Casteel said. "And half the population's happy with it and half's not. You want to be able to allow property owners freedom to do what they want to do with their private property. But at the same time, you want the community to uphold property values."

Nevertheless town officials agree there's no need to adopt a stricter code to keep Danville looking nice.

"I'd hate us being the 'anti-ugly police' driving up and down streets saying, 'That's not tolerable, I don't like that one,'" said Andersen. "It's a beautiful town, and I think most people want to keep it that way." ■

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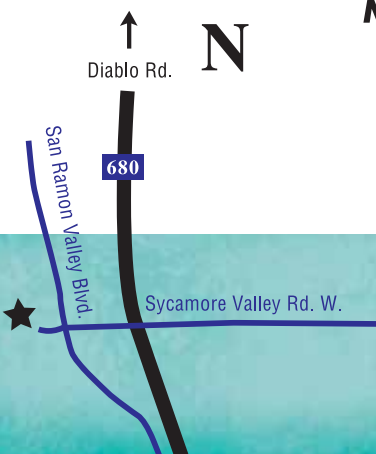
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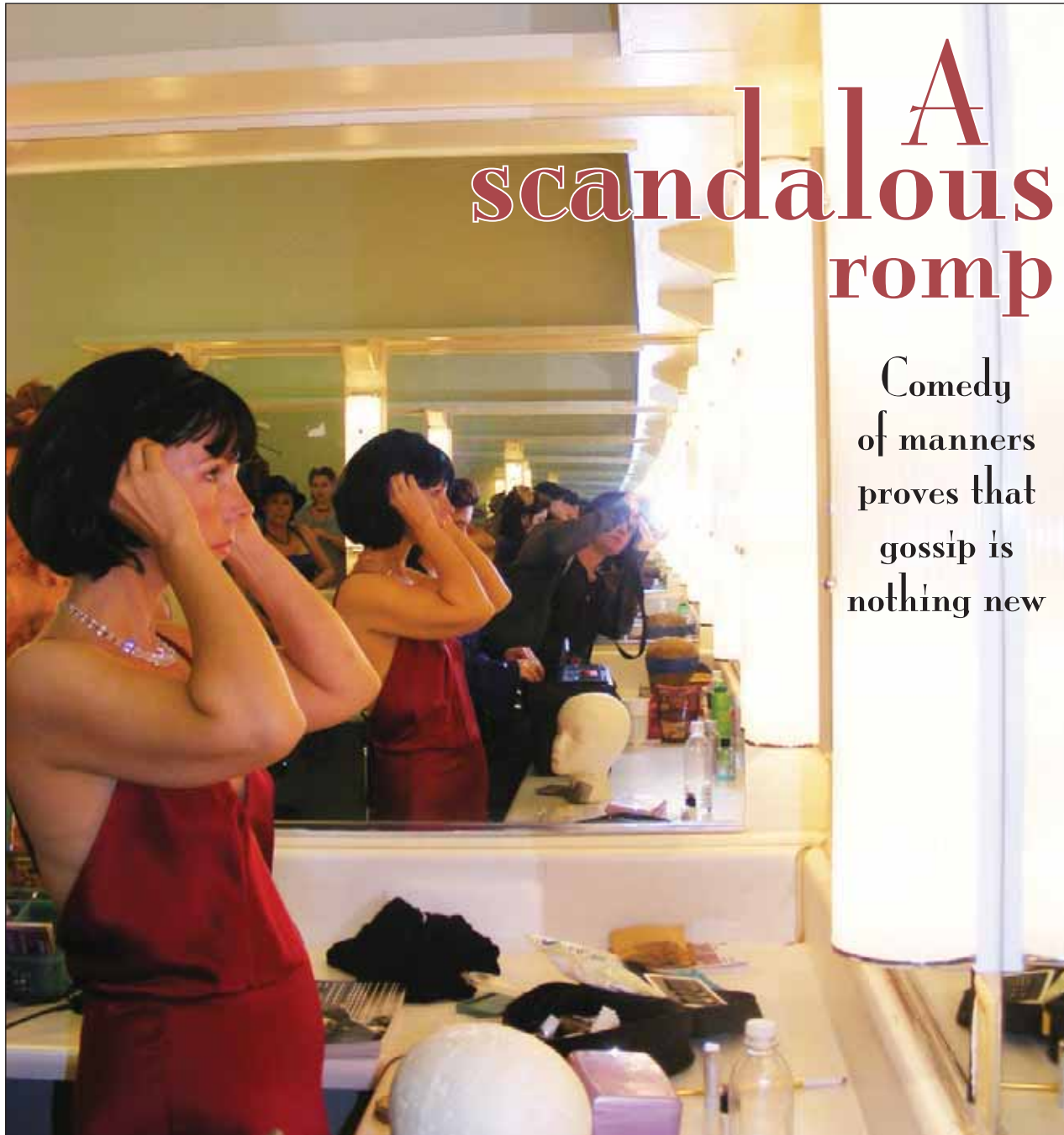
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Melynda Kiring puts the finishing touches on her costume backstage before the show. She plays the gossip-loving "Mrs. Candour" in Role Players Ensemble's production of "The School for Scandal."

by Meghan Neal

It's 20 minutes 'til curtain up. Backstage the cast scurries in and out of dressing rooms, putting on wigs and touching up makeup with the excited and anxious energy typical of an opening night.

Danville's Role Players Ensemble Theatre is performing "The School for Scandal," a comedy of manners portraying high-society London socialites whose lives revolve around rumors, gossip and scandal.

The classic play was written and originally set in the 18th century, but Role Players Director Sue Trigg decided to set this one in the 1930s.

"I think the style works very well. It's very pretty," she says with dramatic flair.

And it's true. The actors' elegant costumes and pompous English accents instantly transport you into their chic culture.

The show holds nothing back. Ripe with unabashed sexual insinuation and tongue-in-cheek wit, it relentlessly pokes fun at the members of this London society.

Sporting obvious names like "Teazel," "Sneerwell" and "Candour," the characters are totally lovable despite—or maybe because of—their dubious sense of morality. You can't help but be sucked into their playful and decadent lifestyle.

"I cannot deny the pleasure I get from spreading slander," Lady Sneerwell proclaims in the first scene, dragging from her long cigarette. "I have known no pleasure equal to reducing others to the level of my own reputation."

A scandalous romp

Comedy of manners proves that gossip is nothing new



Candy Campbell is full of energy in the male role of "Mr. Crabtree."



Michael Sally (left) as "Joseph Surface" and Paul Plain as "Snake" wait in the dressing room before the performance.

The plot makes the ride even more fun. It's full of love triangles, scandalous affairs and irresistible deceit. And the talented cast provokes laugh-out-loud moments more than a few times.

Act IV, Scene III: Mr. Joseph Surface is on the couch with Lady Teazel, with whom he is having an affair, when her husband comes to the house to tell Joseph he suspects his wife is cheating on him—with Joseph's brother. Lady Teazel quickly hides behind a screen, overhearing the whole conversation.

At that moment the accused brother comes to the house and the distraught husband, hoping to discover the truth, jumps into a trunk on the other side of the room. Now both husband and wife are hidden, eavesdropping in secret.

This scene barely scrapes the surface of the show's convoluted story, which forces you to think twice about the meaning of vice and virtue.

"At a time when we seem to have rediscovered our guilty love of gossip and scandal, Sheridan's play is surprisingly relevant," says Trigg.

Written in 1777, the show is the most famous work of playwright Richard Brinsley Sheridan. It was a huge success upon its debut for its ability to simultaneously mock and entertain its audience.

The theme is indeed timeless. In today's age of tabloids and paparazzi, scandal still sells.

"Plays like this remind us that great plays, performed live, offer views of ourselves that enlighten us as they entertain

us," says Role Players board president Pat Kenber.

Which is why it's worth shelving that book, turning off the television, and heading down to the theater. Be it entertainment or enlightenment you're after, you're likely to find it in "The School for Scandal."

Cast members are Jill and Kate Davidson as "Careless" and "Lady Teazel," John Blytt as "Sir Peter Teazel," Chris Chapman as "Sir Oliver Surface," Candy Campbell as "Crabtree," Melynda Kiring as "Mrs. Candour," Sharon Huff as "Lady Sneerwell," Paul Plain as "Snake/Sir Benjamin Backbite," Michael Sally as "Joseph Surface," Xanadu Bruggers as "Maria," Craig Eychner as "Charles Surface," Elias D. Protopsaltis as "Moses," Michael Green as "Rowley," and Joel Stefani as the servant.

Tickets are available at www.villagetheatreshows.com, the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. in Danville or by calling 314-3400 or 314-3463. The show will run until May 10. ■

High society frolic

What: 'The School for Scandal'

Who: Role Players Ensemble Theatre

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The Wine Guy

BY GREGORY PEEBLES

South African wines circle the globe

2007 Simonsig Chenin Blanc Stellenbosch, South Africa
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Given its blue-blood pedigree stretching back centuries to France's Loire Valley, Chenin Blanc's reputation in domestic wine markets is usually far less majestic. Too bad, it's widely considered one of the world's most noble and versatile grape varieties. I strongly encourage you to taste Chenin Blanc in its many Loire guises: Savennières (dry), Quarts de Chaume (sweet) and Crémant de Loire (méthode champenoise bubbly). This Rodney Dangerfield-like lack of respect must end!

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the cork. You'll be glad you did.

The colors are super-charged. Shades of iridescent gold, brassy yellow and pale green pierce the crystal.

Aromas range from sweet floral and vanilla bean to ultra-ripe pear, tart pineapple and citrus. Some Gewürztraminer-ish pepper notes show themselves over time.

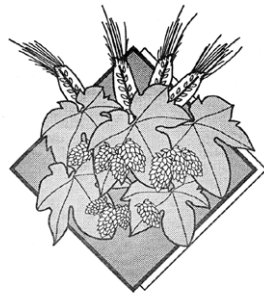
Pure essence of green apple Jolly Rancher hits the palate first. No joke! Secondary flavors include pineapple, melon, kiwi and golden raisin. Both layers are surrounded and nicely accentuated by a rich veneer of honey.

Texturally, the wine is unexpectedly full bodied and very compelling. It's a fascinating marriage of opulent, creamy viscosity and brilliant, jolting acidity. Quite lengthy on the finish, too.

Simonsig's stellar Chenin Blanc craves to be served with fresh seafood. Indulge yourself and enjoy a delicious Greek octopus salad, grilled sardines with olive oil drizzled crostini, lightly sautéed prawns on a bed of angel hair primavera, salt-and-pepper calamari with jasmine rice or savory fish tacos.

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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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Chosen for Boys State are (l-r) Joe Marcinkowski, Michael Fullem, Kevin Hsiue and David Eliahu.

American Legion chooses delegates for Boy's State

David Eliahu from Monte Vista High and Kevin from Athenian were selected to attend Boy's State, which will take place in Sacramento for a week in June. They will represent American Legion's Mt. Diablo Post No. 246. Alternates were also picked: Michael Fullem for Monte Vista, and Joe Marcinkowski is an alternate for Kevin Hsiue for Athenian.

Boy's State is an annual gathering of young men in their junior year of high school in a mock government setting. They are able to network with individuals in the military and civic leadership roles. They are chosen for their high grade point averages and school citizenship, sending in resumes and having personal interviews.



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The Pet Vet says...



BY DR. FRANKLIN UTCHEN

Spring marks beginning of rattlesnake season

You're out for a hike with your dog in the early evening after a warm day, and suddenly your dog wants to pull you into the grass to investigate something. Before you know it you hear a "rattle" and you're a few feet from a rattlesnake that recoils from you. What now? This is the kind of situation that any of us who exercise in the hills around the Tri-Valley can encounter.

Spring is the period of greatest activity as rattlesnakes emerge from winter hibernation. Their dens are usually in rocky outcroppings in the hills or in deep animal burrows. They are hungry and looking for mates, as this is also the breeding season. It is mistakenly believed that rattlers are active only during the heat of the day. Not only do they rest during the heat of the day, sheltered

from the sun, they are adept hunters in the dark.

During periods of excessive heat during the day, many diurnal animals become crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk) or partially nocturnal. Thus rattlers are more nocturnal in summer than during the spring or fall, and adults are more nocturnal than juveniles. When out walking, hiking or camping, precautions should be taken from early morning to late evening, as temperature, season and humidity can all affect just when rattlers will be active.

Dogs encounter snakes during play or work in the snake's natural habitat. Most bites to dogs occur on the face or extremities. The rattlesnake bite is generally hemotoxic, which means that it exerts its toxin by disrupting the integrity of the blood vessels. The swelling is

often dramatic with up to one-third of the total blood circulation being lost into the tissues in a matter of hours. The toxin further disrupts normal blood clotting mechanisms leading to uncontrolled bleeding. This kind of blood loss induces shock and finally death. Facial bites are often more lethal as the swelling may occlude the throat or impair ability to breathe.

Symptoms of an envenomated bite include: immediate pain, swelling and discoloration, weakness, difficulty breathing, nausea and vomiting, and hemorrhaging from the wound site.

To prevent bites, take precautions such as wearing protective pants and boots, and look carefully where you are walking. Keep your dog on a leash when hiking, and stay out of tall grass. Do not let your dog investigate piles of wood

or rocks.

So back to our original question: What do you do now that you and your dog have encountered a rattlesnake? When you hear a rattle, freeze until you identify where the sound is coming from; you don't want to accidentally step on the snake when trying to flee. Once you have spotted it, give it time to move away. If it doesn't, move slowly straight away from it; don't walk to one side or the other as that could be perceived as threatening.

If you or your dog are bitten by a rattlesnake, stay calm and seek medical or veterinary attention immediately.

—Dr. Franklin Utchen, shown with his dog Tory, has been practicing veterinary medicine in the San Ramon Valley since 1989 and currently co-owns Bishop Ranch

Veterinary Center & Urgent Care.
For questions or comments e-mail
bishorchvets@yahoo.com.

Avoiding rattlesnakes

- Don't move planks, rocks or logs by hand—use a stick or crowbar until you can see under it.
- Don't reach into holes in the ground, rocks or trees, woodpiles, even abandoned buckets and tires.
- When walking, stay in cleared areas as much as possible, and keep a visual and auditory look out for rattlers.
- Take most care when the temperatures are moderate, not only when they are very hot.
- Step on a log, not over it, so you can first look down to make sure there is nothing concealed on the other side.
- Don't handle a dead or injured snake. Muscle contractions can still cause envenomated wounds.

From 'Little House' to Tao House

TV star to perform in Playwrights' Theatre series

Actress Karen Grassle, who starred in the TV hit series "Little House on the Prairie," will be at a bigger house in May—Eugene O'Neill's Tao House estate in Danville, where she will be appearing in the 2008 Playwrights' Theatre series.

The series will include staged readings of O'Neill's rarely-produced "Welded"; and "Blood Mirage," a new work, will highlight the series in the Old Barn at Tao House.

Blood Mirage, by San Francisco actor, director, producer and playwright Jeffrey Hartgraves, will open the series May 4 along with "Revelations," a series of scenes from O'Neill plays in which women are the principal characters and in which Grassle will be featured.

"Welded," about a successful playwright and his wife, will be performed May 18.

Performances on both dates will

begin at 3 p.m. in the Old Barn at Tao House.

Tickets at \$25 for each show are on sale at the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in Danville AT 820-1818 as well as online via Pay Pal at www.eugeneoneill.org.

Tickets include transportation to Tao House. Private vehicles are not allowed. The transportation schedule will be provided at time of ticket purchase.

Although she achieved fame as Caroline Ingalls, co-star Michael Landon's ranch wife in the "Little House" series that began in 1974, Grassle is no stranger to the stage. She made her Broadway debut in 1968 in "The Gingham Dog," and appeared over the years with regional and touring companies in such hits as "Driving Miss Daily."

Grassle is a native of Berkeley, where she was born in 1944.

Mike Ward, artistic associate at

the Magic Theatre in San Francisco, will direct "Blood Mirage." Ward describes "Blood Mirage" as a story

of three adult sisters who are called together by their aging mother to attend the funeral of her sister, their aunt. The mother decides that certain truths must be revealed before it is too late. The daughters find that their lives are altered through a shift in nothing more or less potent than perspectives.

Ward returns to Tao House after last year's successful presentation of Adam Sandel's "This is Not My Life."

Welded will be directed by Josy Miller, artistic director of the new



Karen Grassle

Hapgood Theatre in Antioch. The play was written by O'Neill in 1922-23, and performed the following year at the Thirty-Ninth Street Theatre in New York. Although it did not enjoy a successful run, it is an example of O'Neill's early attempts to explore the nature of married love. He sought to convey the inner conflicts of the individual spouses and reveal the spiritual dimension of the marriage bond.

The play's protagonists, a successful playwright and his actress wife, bear striking resemblances to O'Neill and his second wife, Agnes Boulton, a writer whose career, in the early years of their marriage, rivaled his.

In the play, O'Neill challenges the couple to remove the masks which they have been wearing in the marriage. Unable to do so, each of them seeks comfort in another relationship—she with a family friend, he with a prostitute. It is in their

reunion, in the final act of the play, that O'Neill introduces the notion of a spiritual love, a sacrament, which demands a surrender of their ego-centric selves, one which transcends yet bonds them forever.

While he was drafting the play, O'Neill wrote in Theatre Arts magazine: "I feel that I'm getting back as far as it is possible in modern times to get back, to the religious in the theatre. The only way we can get religion back is through an exultation over the truth, through an exultant acceptance of life."

The Playwrights' Theatre, now in its 13th season, is a program of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service, which maintains Tao House as a National Historic Site. The theater features new works as well as those by O'Neill or by playwrights who were influenced by the legendary dramatist. ■

OF NOTE

Miss Teen Danville goes to state pageant

Jenna Green of Danville was a delegate to the 29th annual Miss Teenage California Scholarship Pageant that was held in Los Angeles on April 19-20. The pageant stresses education, personal achievement and community involvement.

A freshman at Monte Vista High School, Jenna competed as



Jenna Green,
Miss Teen Danville

Miss Teen Danville. Contestants from around the state are judged on their communication skills, achievements and activities, and their poise and appearance in evening gowns. The program is organized and produced by Danfranc Productions and the California Scholarship Foundation.

Jaffe to head up John Muir gift planning

Linda Jaffe, a Danville resident, has been promoted to vice president of Gift Planning for the John Muir Health Foundation. In her new role, Jaffe will be responsible for the solicitation and steward-

ship of life-income and testamentary gifts to the foundation through wills, bequests and various charitable trust vehicles.

Jaffe's 10 years of fundraising experience includes her work with Bryn Mawr College, the Jewish Community Foundation of Oakland, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and Bentley School. During her legal career, she practiced health care law and later became a public defender. Since becoming a professional fundraiser, Jaffe has



Linda Jaffe

worked for educational, environmental and Jewish philanthropic organizations to improve the wellbeing of the nonprofit organizations based in the San Francisco Bay Area. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Bryn Mawr College; a master's in management from North Carolina State University; and a juris doctor from Hastings College of the Law.

Teen travel writer from Danville

Madeline Morris of Danville, a student at Bentley School in Lafayette, placed first in the 2007 High School Travel Writing Contest for the Bay Area. Her

essay was titled, "The Achuar and Me," and she received \$200 for the first prize.

All Bay Area high school students were eligible to enter contest by submitting a 500 word travel essay. They were evaluated by professional travel writers and first, second and third places were awarded. Other winners came from high schools in Saratoga, Santa Rosa, Orinda, Larkspur and Dublin.

Bay Area Travel Writers (BATW), based in San Francisco, is a nonprofit, professional organization of travel writers, editors and photographers who share their stories in newspapers, magazines, books and other worldwide travel publications.

Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

The Tassajara Volunteer Fire District

For ranchers in the Tassajara and San Ramon valleys, fires were always a worry. In the early years ranchers, their families and their workers were the front line—and sometimes the only line—of defense, especially in the fall when no rain had fallen for months. For example, in September 1886, a fire at the Woodside Farm in Sycamore Valley wiped out the Woods' entire grain crop and was fought unsuccessfully with buckets of water and wet gunny sacks.

Volunteers organized to fight fires, beginning with the Danville Farm Defense Fire District in 1912. After trucks came into regular use, the firefighters kept water in milk cans on a trailer. The first volunteer to drive up attached the trailer to his truck and took off for the fire.

In the Tassajara Valley fire suppression was provided by volunteers under the auspices of a huge district, the East County Fire Protection District. Rose Bettencourt Ferreira recalled that her family house burned down in August of 1923, and only the barn and outhouses were saved. She especially mourned the loss of their large collection of stereoptical slides and family pictures. A Mount Diablo fire in 1925 swept over 1,000 acres, threatening homes at the Diablo Club. That fire was fought by 100 volunteers for over 18 hours.

In 1969 Tassajara ranchers organized the volunteer Tassajara Fire Protection District, headed by a five-member Fire Commission. The district had a fire truck at Roger Lake's house near the top of Morgan Territory Road and Station 36 at 6100 Camino Tassajara. By 1987 they protected 285 homes with an annual budget of \$80,000.

The commission met at the Tassajara School House on Finley Road for which they took responsibility. Over the years the school had been saved with a new foundation and roof; renovations of the building continued under the auspices of the fire district and local volunteers. An annual picnic at the school sponsored by the district and the community gave residents a chance to see one another, hear a report from the district, and raise funds to support school and fire district improvements.

The district participated in the Twin Valley and other mutual aid agreements. Its volunteer orga-



"SAN RAMON VALLEY: ALAMO, DANVILLE, AND SAN RAMON" BY BEVERLY LANE AND RALPH COZINE

For years, the Tassajara firefighters and other volunteers hosted an annual community picnic at the Tassajara School House on Finley Road. This photo shows the classic school building, with the historic stable to one side, around 1955.

nization and small budget was supported by contracts with San Ramon Valley Fire for dispatch services and with the Dublin San Ramon Services District for administration and inspection services during the 1980s. Chief Phil Phillips of DSRSD was a mentor and advisor for the Tassajara volunteers who were supervised by Chief Warren Reinstein, followed by Chief Steve Eppler.

Discussions about joining the larger San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District began seriously in the 1980s. In 1989 Steve Morgan, chairman of the Tassajara Fire Commission, recommended that the two fire districts should merge. In a letter to residents, he gave these reasons:

1. Install a full-time 24-hour per day, 7-day per week, paid force in Station 36. All volunteers who wish to remain active are welcome to do so.
2. Continue to support the volunteer force on Morgan Territory with training, new vehicles and an actual station.
3. Create a special services district to carry on the maintenance and administration of the Old Tassajara School.
4. Create an Executive Board composed of existing Fire Commission members to advise the SRVFPD Board of Directors on issues of concern to Tassajara residents.

Morgan also wrote that the change would not affect the tax rate and would not tie Tassajara to the city of San Ramon. This latter statement responded to activist Joe Covello who wanted to have a fire

district which would serve only the city of San Ramon; he had served on the Dublin San Ramon Services District but did not speak for San Ramon's council.

Covello charged that there was a hidden agenda and some kind of deal had been struck between the two districts. An angry SRVFPD Director Bill Blendow replied, "I want you to know that we've never done anything under the table. How come everyone wants this but San Ramon?" The Local Agency Formation Commission (charged with district reorganizations), listened to the debate and voted unanimously to approve the annexation.

The Tassajara District annexed to the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in 1990, bringing its 35 volunteer firefighters and a responsibility for 325 homes and a 40 square mile area to SRVFPD. In 1997 the SRVFPD became the fire district for all of the San Ramon, Sycamore, Tassajara and Dougherty valleys, including the Town of Danville, the city of San Ramon and the unincorporated county. Professionals and volunteers now serve the greater Tassajara Valley, many with fond memories of the historic Tassajara firefighter-volunteers.

Sources: *Grange Herald*, Aug. 4, 1923, *CC Courier and Danville Journal* Oct. 30, 1925, *Rambling Reminiscences by Charlotte Wood*, 1951), *San Ramon Valley Times*, Aug. 9, 1990, *Steve Morgan Beverly Lane, a longtime Danville resident, is curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and co-author of "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon."*

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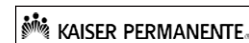
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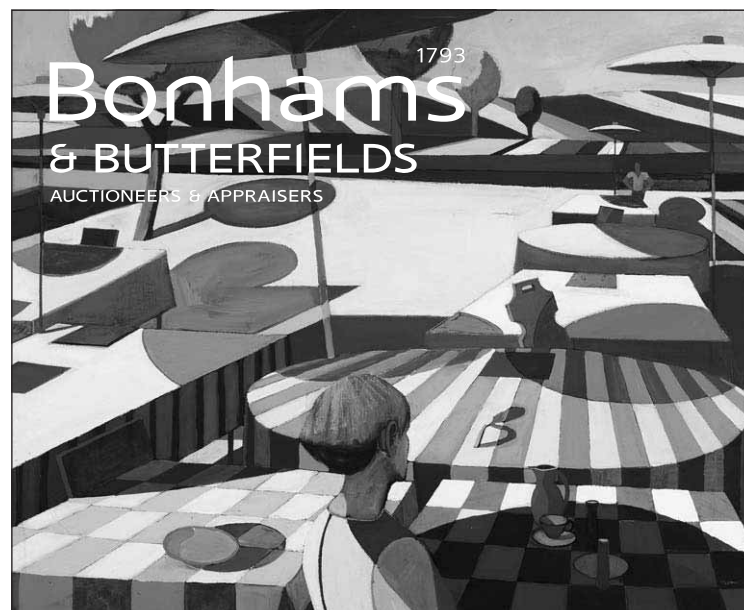
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The Danville Police Department made the following information available from its incident summary report:

Sunday, April 13

- Suspicious subject stop, arrest, on Hartz Ave. and W. Prospect Ave. at 2 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Glasgow Dr. at 2:48 a.m.
- Vandalism on Mikado Pl. at 8:06 a.m.
- Petty theft on Verona Ave. at 9:18 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Old Creek Rd. and Old Orchard Dr. at 4:31 p.m.
- Warrant, arrest, on Allegheny Dr. at 7:59 p.m.

Monday, April 14

- Suspicious circumstances, arrest, on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 1:33 a.m.
- Suspicious subject stop, arrest, on Danville Oak Pl. at 5:53 a.m.
- Vandalism on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 8:17 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Camino Ramon at 8:48 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Mustang Dr. at 9:34 a.m.
- Petty theft on Danville Blvd. at 11:02 a.m.

- Identity theft on Laurel Dr. at 11:48 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Diablo Rd. at 2:09 p.m.
- Auto burglary on El Cerro Blvd. and La Gonda Way at 6:36 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Logan Lane at 10:30 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Camino Ramon and Greenbrook Dr. at 11:10 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15

- Vandalism on El Cerro Ct. at 6:46 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Novara Ct. at 7:44 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Monza Ct. at 8:44 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Amigo and Del Amigo Rd. at 9:06 a.m.
- Identity theft on Blemer Pl. at 1:48 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Rd. at 2:27 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, at Sherburne Hills Rd. at 2:46 p.m.
- Battery on 4100 block of Camino Tassajara at 3:41 p.m. and 5:18 p.m.

POLICE BULLETIN

Bike accident No. 4

Yet another vehicle hit and injured a bicyclist, on Friday, April 18, in Danville.

The driver, 16, hit the 25-year-old rider while making a left turn off Danville Boulevard into the parking lot of San Ramon Valley High School at 3:30 p.m., police said.

The bicyclist, who was riding with two other peo-

ple, was taken to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Walnut Creek with a broken collar bone. The other cyclists were not hurt. No arrests were made.

Police, town staff and the school district's Street Smarts program have been making an extra effort lately to educate kids and teens about bike safety. Still, Friday's accident is the fourth of its kind in the San Ramon Valley in a month.

—Meghan Neal

- Petty theft on Front St. at 8:34 p.m.
- Battery on 4100 block of Camino Tassajara at 10:17 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

- Vehicle stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and southbound I-680 at 1:18 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Garden Creek Pl. at 10:45 a.m.
- Drugs violation on 100 block of Hartz Ave. at 3:19 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Town and Country Dr. at 4:57 p.m.

Thursday, April 17

- Petty theft on Danville Blvd. at 7:26 a.m.
- Identity theft on Sky Terrace at 12:03 p.m. and 2:14 p.m.

- Credit card fraud on Ambience Way at 2:38 p.m.
- Petty theft, bicycle, on Harlan Dr. at 4:20 p.m.
- Identity theft on Orange Blossom Way at 4:22 p.m.
- Drugs violation on Messiah Pl. at 8:19 p.m.

Friday, April 18

- Accident, property damage, on 400 block of Hartz Ave. at 1:49 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Danville Blvd. at 3:35 p.m.
- Battery on Greenbrook Dr. and Harlan Dr. at 5:32 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances, arrest, on Summerside Cir. at 5:42 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. at 11:02 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on La Gonda Way at 12:38 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Ridgeland Cir. at 12:57 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Diablo Rd. at 7:07 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Railroad Ave. at 10:50 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Ramon at 12:12 p.m.
- Battery on Diablo Rd. at 4:52 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Railroad Ave. and School St. at 10:11 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Tassajara and Hill Meadow Dr. at 11:07 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Francis X. Vizena

Frank Vizena passed away peacefully at the Bruns House Hospice in Alamo at 10:20 p.m., Saturday, April 12, at the age of 76, after a long battle with cancer and spending nearly six weeks in the hospital. He was surrounded by his family members, friends and even his dog Molly on his last day.



He was born Sept. 11, 1931, in Danvers, Mass., one of seven children of Joseph Vizena and Alice Lavoie Vizena. All his siblings reside in New England: Joseph Vizena and wife Frances, Eugene Vizena and his wife Joan, Marie Jones and husband Robert, Dorothy Vizena, Charles Vizena and wife Sandra and Beatrice Sybert. After high school he served with honor for several years in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne.

He had a long career traveling all over the United States as superintendent of the machine shops of American Can Co. and later was supervisor for the Tydeman Machine Works in Redwood City. He also enjoyed dancing with his wife Ella, golfing, traveling, solving crossword puzzles and gardening. He was an avid reader and had a wonderful sense of humor—a "larger than life" kind of man.

He is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Ella Smith Vizena; his six children: sons Francis Vizena Jr., Eugene Vizena and daughter-in-law Sharon, James Vizena and

daughter-in-law Christy, Michael Vizena, Steven Vizena; daughter Adrienne Baumann and son-in-law Rene; and stepsons Laurence Smith and Curtis Smith. He is survived by his former spouse Marjorie Coleman, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Danville at 10 a.m., Friday, May 2, and a reception will be held immediately afterward across the street. A military ceremony will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Valley VA Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road in Dixon.

In lieu of flowers, those who desire may make a memorial donation to Hospice of the East Bay, c/o Bruns House, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill, 94523.

Daniel W. Boudett

Daniel W. Boudett passed away peacefully March 13 in Danville at the age of 95.

Born in Portland, Ore., in 1913, he and his sister, Doris, were raised in Everett, Wash. His family moved to California when he enrolled at UC Berkeley.

After graduating in 1935, he received his M.D. from UCSF School of Medicine, where he met his wife, Bernice Baldwin, of Gilroy. They were married in 1940.

During WWII he served as a flight surgeon in the 482nd Bomb Group of the Army Air Corps.



Upon his return, he practiced as an ear, nose and throat physician in San Mateo until he retired in 1978.

He also served on the faculty at UCSF, and was active in the San Mateo County Medical Association, of which he was president in 1952. He was a long-time member of the Peninsula Golf and Country Club.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, sailing and skiing, and also loved to tinker. After retirement he immersed himself in sculpture, sketching and painting, and was a member of the Peninsula Outdoor Painters Society.

He was predeceased by his wife Bernice in 1990. He is survived by his three children: John Boudett of San Anselmo, Kathy Galloway of Alamo, and Nancy Boudett of Napa. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Private services and burial were held March 16. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the East Bay.

Charles C. Marshall

Charles C. Marshall, a resident of Danville, passed away March 15 at the age of 56.

He was born Dec. 1, 1951, in the East Bay. He had a great love of sports, especially baseball, from childhood long into his adult life and played professionally before serving as a Green Beret in the Vietnam War. He later worked in the insurance and annuity business for nearly 30 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Louise, of Danville; parents Bud and Marge Marshall of Antioch; sister Jamie Ray of Antioch; daughter Brandi Marshall of Kansas, and stepdaughter Colleen Laneer of Arizona; plus many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He

was preceded in death by his brother Michael and sister Brandy Ross. Services were held March 20 at Oak Park Hills Chapel in Walnut Creek with burial at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette. Donations may be made to the American Red Cross or American Legion.

Dorothy Mae Schlaegel

Dorothy Mae Schlaegel, a former resident of Danville, passed away quietly at home in Roseville on Feb. 28 at the age of 91.

She was born Sept. 2, 1916, in Los Gatos. She lived in the San Jose area for 30 years before moving to San Francisco with her family while her husband Carlton studied for his opera-singing career. They then moved to Phoenix, and finally to Danville in 1979. She was active with church and senior activities in the area before moving to Roseville in 2004.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carlton. She is survived by her sons, Ronald Schlaegel of Alamo and Martin Schlaegel of Roseville; her best friend Shar Martinez, also of Roseville; her daughter-in-law Marlene of Alamo; her brother Stanley Luce of Seattle; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; plus many friends throughout California.

A private family service was to be held at a later date.

Ronna Bates-Skarda

Ronna Bates-Skarda, a resident of Diablo, passed away March 13 at the age of 49. She was taken after a short battle with Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer.

She was born June 20, 1958, in Sacramento. She grew up in the Sacramento area, moving to Danville

in 1996 with her husband Stephen. She made a career of being a loving mother with children ranging in ages from 33 to 5. She was a wonderful and caring daughter, sister, wife, mother and friend.

She is survived by husband Stephen, sons Jason (wife Tara), Sam, and Skyler, daughter Danale (husband Justin), and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Alamo on March 19, with burial at Fair Oaks Cemetery in Fair Oaks.



Deaths, Weddings and Births

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Art

Baldwin Spring Art Show and Concert John Baldwin Elementary will host a Spring Art Show and Concert from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, at John Baldwin Elementary, 741 Brookside Dr., Danville. Art teacher, Charlotte Canning, will present three quilts in honor of the new school building. This event is free. Call 552-5670.

Auditions

Role Players Ensemble Theatre 2008-09 Season Role Players Ensemble Theatre will host auditions for its 2008-09 season from 7-9 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, May 5-6, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Actors should prepare two minute monologue; actors will be seen in order of arrival. Call 820-1278 or visit www.danvilletheatre.com.

Author Visit

Steve Klitzing Danville Library will host Steve Klitzing, author of "Lighthouse of the Gods" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. He will discuss dream interpretation. Call 837-4889.

Trio of Great Writers Rakestraw Books will host a trio of great writers including Robin Benway, author of "Audrey, Wait," Jody Gehrman, author of "Confessions of a Triple Shot Betty" and Polly Schulman, author of "Enthusiasm," on Monday, April 28, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-7337.

Camps

Ready for Camp? Roughing It Day Camp will host a presentation for parents who do not know where to begin when selecting a summer camp for their child from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, at Roughing It Day Camp, 1010 Oak Hill Rd., Lafayette. This event is free. Call 283-2795.

Events

Calling All Dalmatians Museum of the San Ramon Valley is having a "Blemie" look-a-like contest to honor Eugene O'Neill's dog at noon (registration begins at 11:30 a.m.), Sunday, May 18, at Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Railroad and Prospect avenues, Danville. This event is free. Picnic will follow the contest. Bring food; drinks and dog treats will be provided. E-mail stolow@juno.com.

Danville International Children's Film Festival Come and enjoy a film festival for children and by children Friday-Sunday, May 16-18, at Village Theatre, 433 Front St., Danville and other locations. Times will vary for events; for information, call 314-3400 or visit www.villageheatreshows.com.

Live! at the Livery Danville Livery & Mercantile will host the second annual Wine Tasting Series "Live! at the Livery" from 5-8 p.m., Thursdays, May 8-29, at the Livery & Mercantile, Danville. The nights will feature bands and entertainment. Cost is \$5 for a souvenir wine glass to enjoy tastings from numerous wineries. Proceeds benefit Discover Danville Association. Visit www.danvillelivery.com.

Print-a-Thon Event KlassKids Foundation and Integrated Security Professionals, Inc. will host a Print-a-Thon event from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 26, at Integrated Security Professionals, Inc., 3470 Fostoria Way, Suite A, San Ramon. Every participant will receive a free DNA collection kit.

Sheep Shearing Day San Ramon Historic Foundation and Forest Home Farms will host Sheep Shearing Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 26, at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Watch the sheep get their "haircut" and

enjoy the entertainment, kids craft area, music, old fashioned games and tours of the farm. Admission is \$3 in advance, \$5 at the gate. Call 937-3284 or visit www.sanramonhistoricalfoundation.org.

Sixth Annual Tri-Valley Youth Food Drive About 800 youth volunteers will be collecting non-perishable items from single-family residences in local Tri-Valley cities including Danville and Alamo from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 26. All food donations go to local food pantries. Call 998-6513 or visit www.youthservicecouncil.com.

Fundraisers

'A Taste of 94507' Come and enjoy "A Taste of 94507" gala with wine and food tasting at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at a private residence in Alamo. Tickets are \$75. Proceeds benefit the Alamo Community Foundation for costs for the one-time State-required studies of feasibility of Alamo incorporation. For reservations, call 838-1277.

'When I Grow Up' Child Abuse Prevention Council's Gala event is being held from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at the San Ramon Marriott. Event includes wine tasting, dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions. Cost is \$125. Proceeds benefit the children of Contra Costa County. Visit www.capc-coco.org.

18th Annual Blackhawk Food, Wine and Film Festival Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotary Club will host the 18th annual Blackhawk Food, Wine and Film Festival at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Tickets are \$50. Proceeds benefit many of the Rotary's community projects. Call 648-2098.

Danville Women's Club This club will present "Passport to Fashion" at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 8, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Tickets are \$35. Proceeds benefit Hospice of East Bay. Call 838-0347 or 837-1165.

Drive Fore A Cure Golf Tournament Driving Fore a Cure and PHA Golf Tournament will start at 11:30 a.m. with sign-in and a shotgun start at 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. The day will include golf, a luncheon, banquet and awards. Cost is \$250 per player; \$900 for group of four. Proceeds will help save the lives of pulmonary hypertension patients. Call 736-8309 or visit www.drivingforeacure.org.

Family Fun Bike Ride YMCA will host a family bike ride from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, April 27, meeting at Hap Magee Park, Danville. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child and children under 5 are free. The day will include food, a live cover band and a jumpy house. Call 831-1100 or visit www.mdrymca.org.

Family Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Come join the Danville Job's Daughters for Family Spaghetti Dinner Night from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, at Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd., Danville. Feast on spaghetti with your choice of vegetarian or meat sauce, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. After dinner have fun bidding on items at the silent auction. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under. Call 989-4325.

Kyle Furrer Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner The 13th annual Kyle Furrer Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner will be held on Friday, May 30, at Diablo Creek Golf Course, Concord. In a six-person scramble, the day will include a shotgun start, putting contest, lunch and dinner. Cost is \$160 per person, \$900 for a six-person team rate; for those wishing to forego golf and enjoy dinner, cost is \$45. Proceeds benefit Comfort for Kids. For reservations, e-mail kylefurrer@sbccglobal.net.

Tee Off for Technology Carondelet High School will host the "Tee Off for Technology" Golf Tournament from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday, May 12, at Diablo Country Club, 1700 Club

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Firefighters and ice cream

Join firefighters from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District at a local Baskin Robbins to raise money for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and Muscular Dystrophy. The firefighters will be behind the counter scooping up 31 cent ice cream cones and lots of fun, from 5-10 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, at 9000 Crow Canyon Road in Danville near Blackhawk, and downtown Danville in the Clock Tower.

Lectures/ Workshops

All About Attention Focus and Learning Come and learn about an informative community presentation on the issues surrounding ADHD and correct VS incorrect diagnosis from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. This event is free. Call 837-4889.

Financial Lecture Danville Library will host a financial lecture on "Why the Time may be Right for Muni Bonds" from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 26, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are required by calling Christina or Gina at 866-8600.

Natural, Organic, Conventional The Wellness Community will present "Natural, Organic, Conventional: What is the Difference?" from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Learn how the foods you choose can impact the environment. This workshop is free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Call 933-0107.

Spirituality and the Cancer Experience Our beliefs about our identity, relationships to others and to a higher power are greatly challenged by cancer. Explore the notion of spirituality and examine how it can provide meaning and understanding during this turbulent time from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 26, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

Literary Events

First Wednesday Program Friends of the Danville Library, Town of Danville and the Kiwanis of the San Ramon Valley will present "A Day in the Life of the Renaissance" at 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. This event is free. Call 837-4889 or visit www.cclib.org/friends/dan.

Miscellaneous

Blood Drive American Red Cross and Town of Danville will host a Blood Drive from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 3, during the town's Spring Fest: A Safety and Wellness Community Event. Reservations are required to donate; visit www.beadonor.com, click on "Find a Drive" and enter TOWNOFDANVILLE.

Host Families Needed Host families are needed for Spanish, French and Slovakian exchange students from July 7-27 in Danville. Host families provide a bed, meals and transportation to daily planned activities. The teens speak English, are fully insured and bring spending money. E-mail Dawn at garlieb@sbccglobal.net.

On Stage

'School for Scandal' Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "School

for Scandal" at 8 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays and at 2 p.m., Sundays, until May 10, at Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$25, \$22, or \$15. Call 314-3400 or 314-3463.

'Seussical, Jr.' Civic Arts Education's Junior Theatre Program presents "Seussical, Jr." a musical at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Friday, May 2 and 2 and 7 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$13-15. Call 943-7469.

'Wigged Out!' Hair on Stage presents "Wigged Out!" playing until June 21, at Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. The box office is open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Call 855-SHOW (855-7469) or visit www.wiggedout.org.

Recreation

YMCA Family Bike Ride Gather the family, dust off those bicycles and get outside for a Family Fun Bike Ride from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 27, at Hap Magee Park, 1025 La Gonda Way, Danville. Food, music and fun will follow the ride. Cost is \$5-\$10. Call 831-1100 or visit www.mdrymca.org.

Seniors

Senior Volunteer Awards Culture to Culture Foundation presents its first Senior Volunteer Awards honoring seniors that provide voluntary service to the community. The competition is open to all seniors (55 and older). Applicants must describe their volunteer activities in 500 words or less and supply at least three references with their phone numbers; deadline is July 31. Four winners will receive a \$250 cash prize and a plaque. Call 938-9988.

Spiritual

Introduction to Judaism For Jews, those choosing Judaism and those interested non-Jews are invited to a five-session class from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 30-May 28, at Beth Chaim Congregation, 1800 Holbrook Dr., Danville. Explore the essential beliefs and practices of Judaism. Cost is \$54 for members; \$72 for non-members. Call 736-7146.

Mother's Day Retreat San Damiano will host a Mother's Day Retreat with Mary Ann Lemire Mattos and Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy from May 9-11, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Cost is \$195 for a private room; \$165 for a shared room. Call 831-9141 ext. 315.

Spiritual Spa Day Treat yourself to a day of peaceful relaxation at San Damiano Retreat. Renew your mind, body and spirit in our tranquil garden setting on Friday, May 2 and 9, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. The day will include quiet time, walking meditation, gentle stretching, praying in color and spiritual direction. Cost is \$75, including lunch. Visit www.sandamiano.org.

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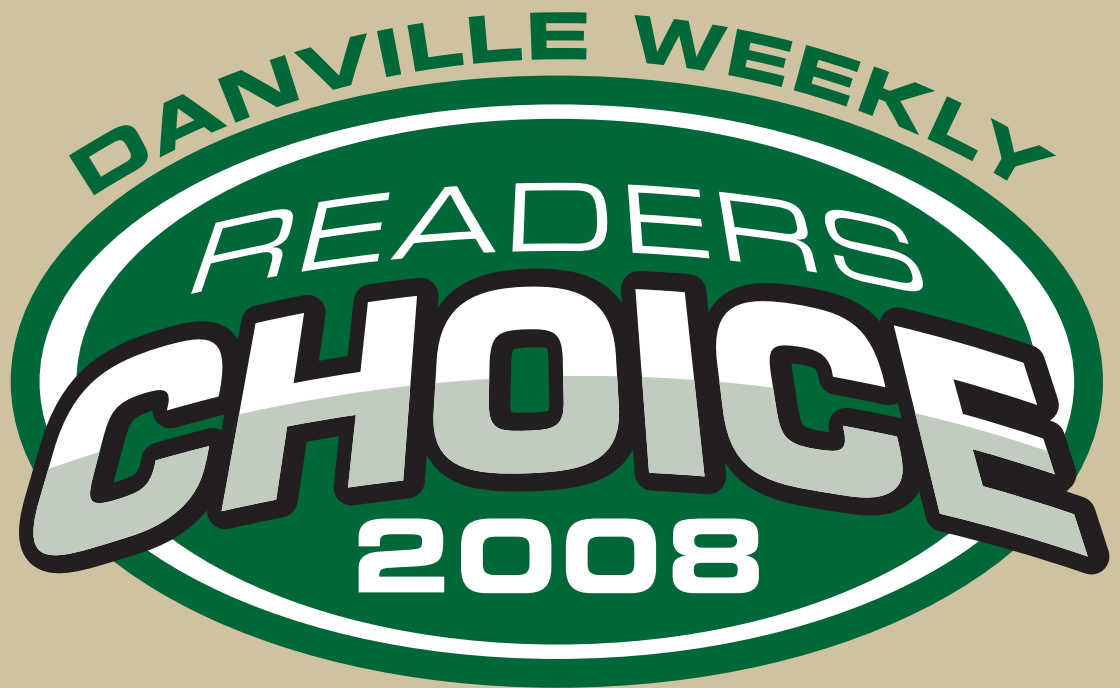
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- Best breakfast
- Best burger
- Best burrito
- Best California cuisine/innovative dining
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- Best deli
- Best dessert
- Best French restaurant
- Best fresh produce
- Best ice cream/yogurt Shop
- Best independent coffee house
- Best Italian restaurant
- Best Mediterranean/Middle Eastern restaurant
- Best Mexican restaurant
- Best outdoor dining

- Best personal chef
- Best pizza
- Best place for a business lunch
- Best romantic restaurant
- Best sushi/Japanese restaurant
- Best takeout
- Best Thai restaurant

Let's Get Physical

- Best bike or walking trail
- Best fitness club
- Best martial arts studio
- Best personal trainer
- Best place to jog
- Best place to walk a dog

At home

- Best antiques store
- Best home consignment shop
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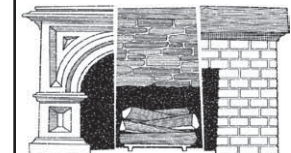
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Danville is showing 241 properties listed as active, 61 as sale pending, and 80 properties have actually sold. Through the first quarter Jan. 1-March 31, 2008, a total of 60 single family detached homes have sold, compared to 117 sold homes

in the first quarter of 2007. This represents a (-49 percent) decrease in unit sales for single family detached homes. Average selling price in Q1 of 2007 was \$1,118,244. Average selling price in Q1 '08 is \$1,064,848 for a modest (-5 percent) decline in average selling price. Average price paid per square foot in Q1 '07 was \$433 while the average price per square foot paid in Q1 '08 was \$399, a significant (-8 percent) decrease in price paid

per square foot. Median price in 2007 was \$1,005,000. It was modestly (-5.5 percent) lower in Q1 '08 at \$950,000. Depending on which measure you choose, Danville is exhibiting a notable but not alarming price decline in the neighborhood of -4-8 percent.

Given the daily bombardment of negative national real estate news, everyone living in Alamo, Blackhawk and Danville should feel pretty lucky. Although unit sales are down significantly from the first quarter of last year, homes are selling, prices are holding up relatively well, with Alamo and Blackhawk showing virtually no change and Danville showing a modest decline in price.

Blackhawk is showing 66 properties listed as active, nine as sale pending, and 11 properties have actually sold. Through the first quarter Jan. 1-March 31, 2008, only 11 single family detached homes have sold, compared to 17 sold homes in the first quarter of 2007. This represents a 35 percent decrease in unit sales for single family detached homes. Average selling price in Q1 of 2007 was \$1,367,064. Average selling price in Q1 '08 is \$1,368,820 for virtually no change in average selling price. Average price paid per square foot in Q1 '07 was \$397 while the average price per square foot paid in Q1 '08 was \$401 for a slight (1 percent) increase in price. Median price in 2007 was \$1,320,000. It was significantly (-11 percent) lower in Q1 '08 at \$1,190,000. Given the small number homes that sold in Q1 '08, the average price is probably a reasonable representation of market reality.

Alamo appears to be showing the greatest resistance to price decline, and Blackhawk appears to be demonstrating the greatest resistance to unit sales decline.

As of this writing, 96 Alamo properties are listed as active, 20 homes are pending sales, and 20 properties have sold. Through the first 2008 quarter—Jan. 1-March 31—only 18 single family detached homes have sold, compared to 35 sold homes in the first quarter of 2007. This represents a (-49.6 percent) decrease in unit sales for single family detached homes.

Average selling price in Q1 of 2007 was \$1,558,365. Average selling price in Q1 '08 is \$1,650,468 for a 5.9 percent increase in average selling price. Average price paid per square foot in Q1 '07 was \$473 while the average price per square foot paid in Q1 '08 was \$470 for slightly less than 1 percent decline in price. Median price in 2007 was \$1,415,000. It was 11 percent higher in Q1 '08 at \$1,575,000. Given the small number of homes that sold in Q1 '08, the square foot price is probably a better representation of market reality.

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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during March 2008

Community	Lowest sale reported:	Highest sale reported:	Average sales reported:	Total sales reported:
Alamo	\$501,500	\$1,510,000	\$1,450,000	13
Danville	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000	\$746,000	12
Diablo	\$900,417	\$1,495,000	\$1,495,000	1
Walnut Creek	\$207,500	\$1,495,000	\$1,450,000	18

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

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Alamo

2263 Granite Court Deutsche Bank to S. & D. Weissishal for \$960,000

404 Oakshire Place G. & K. Vegh to P. Vitucci for \$1,680,000

21 Tanbark Lane E. & M. Antenucci to D. & B. Messina for \$1,885,000

Danville

160 Blackstone Drive M. & M. Blasquez to R. & R. Oral for \$775,000

200 Channi Loop Shapell Industries to R. Hui for \$501,500

3740 Deer Trail Drive S. & S. Sturgis to D. Divelbiss for \$1,330,000.00

3075 East Griffon Street Shapell Industries to M. & A. Young for \$882,500

41 Harris Court B. Eckert to J. & K. Goldstein for \$1,510,000

2451 Marsanne Street E. Caufield to H. & S. Joo for \$1,075,000

2020 Shady Creek Place HarborView to M. & P. Cotton for \$570,000

36 Sherburne Hills Road American Home Mortgage to A. Wong for \$1,444,000

70 St. Charles Court Dileo Trust to R. Gopalan for \$748,000

229 Stetson Drive C. & L. Spain to R. & D. Leininger for \$809,000

16 Velasco Court M. Scarzella to P. Miller for \$553,000

311 West Meadows Lane Y. Chen to P. Skaggs for \$607,000

Diablo

2540 Caballo Ranchero Drive M. & C. Thompson to Calhoun Saint John Limited for \$1,450,000

Walnut Creek

1505 Arbutus Drive Arbutus Group to L. Edgar for \$1,285,000

196 Castle Hill Ranch Road K. Buchholz to J. Grass for \$1,495,000

3145 Ebano Drive T. & C. White to B. Stevenson for \$739,000

1935 Fallen Oak Court R. & V. Oehler to Freitag Trust for \$900,500

35 Harmony Lane Wylie Trust to B. & N. Barr for \$1,070,000

490 North Civic Drive #504 G. Meese to J. & A. Stavrianopoulos for \$207,500

8 Oak Treat Court J. Bloom to S. Kirkland for \$580,000

3222 Rossmoor Parkway #1 Schumacher Trust to Leary Trust for \$440,000

248 Sequoia Avenue T. & D. Ghirardelli to S. & C. Swihart for \$909,000

504 Sitka Court L. & C. Tierney to B. Farley for \$760,000

1780 Stanley Dollar Drive #2B Greenfield Trust to Callahan Trust for \$539,000

719 Terra California Drive #1 Sorisio Trust to Swickard Trust for \$469,000

3800 Terra Granada Drive #2B Allen Trust to D. Allen for \$575,000

5545 Terra Granada Drive #2B Norton Trust to E. Davidson for \$581,000

1860 Tice Creek Drive #1114 Jarmin Trust to G. Lawson for \$330,000

1203 Whitehall Court Dulmage Trust to E. Sandberg for \$925,000

2125 Wilmington Drive C. Pandell to M. Rogoff for \$623,000

50 Winfield Lane R. & L. Jennings to P. & R. Ining for \$1,000,000

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

BLACKHAWK

4 Bedrooms

3659 Deer Trail Dr. \$1,349,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

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

18 Rio Del Ct. \$1,039,000
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union 997-3966

842 Matadera Cir. \$1,050,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-2508

5 Bedrooms

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

149 Sunhaven Rd. \$1,580,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

129 Parkhaven Dr. \$998,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-7498

SAN RAMON

2 Bedrooms

223 Majorca Dr. \$709,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 510-325-7997

3 Bedrooms

2601 Basswood Dr. \$919,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 200-3939

4 Bedrooms

808 Ridge Pointe Ct. \$1,165,000
Sat/Sun 1-4:30 Coldwell Banker 831-3337

9696 Thunderbird Dr. \$1,325,000
Sat 1-4 Empire 217-3108

2421 Talavera Dr. \$749,500
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-2508

643 Canyon Crest Rd. E. \$989,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3343

DUBLIN

2 Bedrooms

7423 Oxford Cir. \$520,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 417-2250

3 Bedrooms

7463 Oxford Cir. \$500,000
Sat 1-4 Keller Williams - Lydonna Walker 997-8267

4 Bedrooms

6023 Hillbrook Pl. \$638,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 784-3068

3201 Oak Bluff Ct. \$995,000
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 858-5400

PLEASANTON

2 Bedrooms

1944 Fiorio Cir. \$579,000
Sun 1-4 Mike Gregg, Broker 485-1435

5128 Rappolla Ct. \$649,950
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 337-2989

4382 First St. \$699,850
Sat 11-2 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2556

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Open homes

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3 Bedrooms

3785 Thistle Wy.	\$374,995
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	525-0116
5411 Black Ave., Unit 3	\$499,850
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2556
6264 Guyson Ct.	\$599,950
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams	463-0436
3973 Kern Ct.	\$609,950
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams	463-0436
4264 Dorman Rd.	\$638,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams	413-6815
246 Trenton Cir.	\$649,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams	596-1918
6380 Dana Ct.	\$679,950
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams	463-0436
5202 Crestline Wy.	\$775,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	462-7653

4 Bedrooms

1288 Concord St.	\$1,100,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams - Donna Garrison	397-4165
480 Cabonia Ct.	\$1,125,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams - Dave & Fran Cunningham	426-7957
307 Brianne Ct.	\$1,198,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	462-2068
1717 Courtney Ave.	\$1,798,500
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams - Dave & Fran Cunningham	426-7957
8045 Oak Creek Dr.	\$1,874,750
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams	397-4244
3654 Dunsmuir Cir.	\$859,000
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel	998-9747
10762 Inspiration Cir.	\$999,988
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	583-1121

5 Bedrooms

3008 Briggs Ct.	\$1,549,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	200-2525

205 Heritage Ln.	\$1,595,000
Sun 1-4 Henderson Properties-Judy Winter	699-7900
1441 Irongate Ct.	\$1,700,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams	397-4244
1098 Laguna Creek Ln.	\$2,350,000
Sun 1-4 Sotheby's	484-2045

6 Bedrooms

1327 Montrose Pl.	\$2,099,950
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel-Andy Poryes	963-8871

LIVERMORE

3 Bedrooms

3912 Dartmouth Wy.	\$399,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	525-0116
731 Mojave Ave.	\$471,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	525-0116
1338 Balboa Wy.	\$499,700
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty	200-0004

4 Bedrooms

2648 Saint Helena Ct.	\$1,025,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	525-0116
983 Cayuga Dr.	\$479,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams - Dave & Fran Cunningham	426-7957
6608 Tiffany Cmn.	\$529,000
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC	963-8322
1285 Norwood Pl.	\$689,950
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	583-1121
1579 Frankfurt Wy.	\$719,000
Sun 12:30-3:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2523
1836 Heidelberg Dr.	\$749,000
Sun 2:30-5:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors	580-4513
4244 Milton Wy.	\$759,950
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	487-6360
4293 Bellmawr Dr.	\$799,900
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel	583-1121
2790 San Minete Dr.	\$893,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	462-2068
751 Vinci Wy.	\$919,950
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	487-6360
2752 Chablis Wy.	\$995,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors	583-2181

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