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Daniel Smithwick



I'm going to miss the spirit on our campus and the awesome events they put on for us! But most of all I am going to miss all of my friends.

Priscilla Opferman



All of the extracurricular activities, especially the football games. I love dressing up in spirit-wear and getting ready to go out to them with all of my friends.

Courtney King



I'm going to miss all of my close friends. They really helped to shape me into the person I have grown to be today.

Pat Sorsin



Being in the locker room an hour before a game and getting ready to complete a common goal with my closest friends.

Harmon Bruno

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Quakes disturb sleep

An earthquake centered three miles south southwest of Alamo woke up some residents at 4:31 a.m., Monday, June 9; it had a magnitude of 3.1, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

This was after a series of quakes hit the area the previous Friday early morning, June 6. The first East Bay earthquake struck at 1:51 a.m. and registered 3.0 on the Richter scale. The second was the strongest at 3.5, which was recorded at 2:02 a.m. A third quake followed at 2:16 a.m. and registered a magnitude of 1.7.

The quakes were centered four miles southwest of Alamo, five miles west of Danville, and five miles east southeast of Moraga, according to U.S.G.S.

A fourth quake registered 2.0 at 9:42 a.m., said Greg Gilbert, emergency services manager for the Town of Danville.

"There was no damage in the town, just some people awakened from their sleep," Gilbert said.

Large pieces of furniture should be secured with seismic straps, which can be purchased from Safe-T-Proof at www.safetyproof.com.

Alamo bird has West Nile virus

A dead Hermit Thrush found in Alamo tested positive for West Nile virus last week, the first positive case documented in Contra Costa County this year, according to the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District. Since the arrival of West Nile virus in the county in 2004, 22 people have been documented with the disease and two have died.

Hot weather typically precedes positive virus cases since mosquitoes reproduce in as little as five days, plus the virus spreads quicker in warmer temperatures. West Nile causes people to experience mild to severe flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body ache and possible paralysis.

Residents are urged to use bug repellent, drain sources of standing water that could be breeding grounds for mosquitoes, prevent mosquitoes from entering residences by tightly screening all windows and doors, vaccinate horses, avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk, and to wear long pants and sleeves when outside and mosquitoes are present.

Dead birds should be reported to 877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473).

County honors volunteers

The sixth annual Mary Shockley Award Ceremony was held last month at the Pleasant

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Of course, we’re all hoping it’ll start raining.”

—Assistant Town Manager Marcia Somers
about Danville’s measures to save water.
See story, page 5.

Hill Community Center to honor 10 people who served as volunteers in our community.

Jennifer Lam-Gorman, nominated by the Chinese American Senior Center, was one of those selected by the Award Committee. She has worked tirelessly for CASC from the time of its inception four-and-a-half years ago and is currently a social dance instructor as well as the club’s treasurer. She volunteers at Hap Magee Ranch Park and Danville Senior Center as well as at senior centers in Lafayette and Pleasant Hill.

Representing Danville’s Senior Center was Christopher Panton, who has provided leadership for a hiking group that opens new horizons for seniors.

The Culture to Culture Foundation is currently taking nominations for its first Senior Volunteer Awards to be given in the fall. Seniors must be 55 or older and have voluntarily served in some aspect of the community in the last year. To nominate someone, describe the volunteer in 500 words or less and supply at least three references. For more information call 938-9988 or e-mail stolow@juno.com. Entries are due July 31.

Walking tour tomorrow

Take a walking tour of Danville’s historic downtown tomorrow, June 14. Saturday morning tours, led by experienced docents, take place on the second Saturday of each month, through October. They meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave.

A Friday evening Walking Tour will take place Friday, June 20, meeting at 6:15 p.m. in front of the Village Theatre, 233 Front St. They occur the third Friday of each starting month through October, led by Danville Councilwoman Karen Stepper.

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Holding the torch high

Danville's finest (l-r) Police Chief Chris Wenzel, Lt. Frank Lawrence, Town Emergency Preparedness Manager Greg Gilbert and Sgt. Kevin Daley run the Special Olympics torch down Hartz Avenue on Wednesday, June 4, during their 5.2-mile stretch from Alamo to San Ramon. The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department handed the torch off at Alamo Plaza. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a nationwide fundraiser benefiting the Special Olympic Games, which were held June 6-8 in Berkeley.

Town to slash water usage about 30 percent

EBMUD mandates turning off water features in parks

by Meghan Neal

Private homes aren't the only place Danville residents will feel the effect of water rations this summer. The town itself will be making major cutbacks to get through a statewide drought that comes after the fourth driest spring in the history of California.

Last week the Town Council approved a report compiled by town staff that outlines various ways the town can limit its water use. In order to comply with East Bay Municipal Utility District's requirements, Danville must cut back usage by about 30 percent.

Already the children's water features have been turned off at Sycamore Valley, Oak Hill, Diablo Vista, Osage Station and Hap Magee Ranch parks, said Assistant Town Manager Marcia Somers. EBMUD has mandated this.

Roadside areas and parks will be watered less often—in most cases down to two days per week from three or four, and never on consecutive days. "Color spots," meaning areas with flowers or flowering plants, are considered nonessential and will be cut out entirely, the report says.

"Definitely our parks and roadsides will not be as green or as aesthetically pleasing as people would like them to be," said Somers. "But, you know, we all need to do this."

EBMUD director John Coleman attended the council meeting to answer questions from the council, who pointed out that Danville had already worked hard to conserve water even before the recent crackdown.

The last major drought in the early 1990s resulted in the town spending several thousand dollars to replace dead plant life. Since then various

procedures have been adopted to limit water use, such as using a central irrigation system and collecting "evapotranspiration" data to adjust watering based on plant needs.

"We're trying to learn from that experience," Somers said. This time around they aim to meet EBMUD's requirements while minimizing the aesthetic and financial harm to the town, she said.

"Obviously cutting back 30 percent is a significant amount and plant material will be lost, there's no doubt about that," she said. "We're going to be looking to see what's going to work best to keep the landscaping and the grass alive to the extent we can."

The town plans to aerate turf more often and mow less often, since longer grass can better handle low-water, high-heat conditions. It also will stop power-washing sidewalks and tennis courts and will

Danville passes \$25.8 million budget

Town plans to spend \$372,000 less than in 2007-08

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

The Danville Town Council passed its 2008-09 budget at its meeting last week, which came in at \$25.8 million. This is \$372,000 below last year's budget, reported Mayor Candace Andersen.

"We have not cut back any services," she said at her monthly Mayor's Morning held Friday.

Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said the town cut costs by making some staff changes. For instance, the Police Department's youth officer position will be filled by a civilian staff person rather than a sworn officer. In the building department, the town has hired an inspector rather than contracting the services. These two changes will save \$120,000.

Danville operates as a limited service town, contracting or privatizing up to two-thirds of services provided, he explained.

"We also had a one-time expenditure in the '07-'08 budget for converting our old software to new software," Calabrigo said.

Utility costs are projected to increase by 12 percent overall in 2008-09. The budget includes \$250,000 to offset increased water rates and staff time to deal with the town's irrigation systems. This is 40 percent of the town's annual water budget.

The financial plan appropri-

ated \$6.3 million to its Capital Improvement Program for the next year. The Town Council recommended that \$5 million be appropriated for the Veterans Memorial Building project to be used along with the \$3 million pledged by veterans' groups to complete the renovation of the 1925 downtown building.

"We have not cut back any services."

—Mayor Candace Andersen

Operating revenues for 2008-09 are projected at \$28.4 million.

The town keeps \$7.5 million in reserve to deal with contingencies, Andersen noted.

"We like to keep our reserves at 29 to 30 percent," she said.

The town sends out its Annual Report with financial details to every resident after the fiscal year ends in June, said Andersen.

People with questions or who want to hear monthly updates are invited to the Mayor's Morning, which is held at 7:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month at Father Nature's restaurant on Prospect Avenue. Next month it will be held July 11. It is free and open to the public. ■



MEGHAN NEAL

Danville may need to lower the pond at Oak Hill Park in response to a mandate from EBMUD to cut back its water usage 30 percent, but it will not endanger the fish, turtles or fish that depend on it.

sweep and use blowers instead.

If the drought persists the town may have to limit the use of sports fields.

"Not to any great extent," Somers clarified. "We want to reserve the right to kind of say, 'OK, for the next few days we need to have people not playing on the sports fields because they're dying.'"

The town may need to lower the water level at the Oak Hill Park pond, but not past the minimum level needed to support the birds, fish and turtles that depend on it, the report says.

Per Coleman's suggestion the town is exploring purchasing water

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Pack creating drug database

by Meghan Neal

Danville's Bob Pack has spent the last four years working on a project that would help put a stop to "doctor shoppers"—drug abusers posing as patients who hop from doctor to doctor to get their hands on addictive narcotics.

Last Wednesday he and California Attorney General Jerry Brown announced a partnership to create an online database that would hold millions of patient prescription histories.

Once complete the statewide database will be the ninth of its kind and the largest in the nation.

"It provides two levels of defense," said Pack; doctors and pharmacists will both have access to the database and can spot phony patients.

Pack became involved with the issue after his children Troy, 10, and Alana, 7, were killed in October 2003 by a driver under the influence of alcohol and narcotics.

"She was what I call the ultimate doctor shopper," Pack said. "She was

going to numerous doctors, and with fake injuries, and they were giving her highly addictive painkillers.

"Just weeks before the crash she had received six prescriptions from six doctors for over 300 Vicodin pills. And then of course the evening before the crash she took a lot of them."

To his surprise, he learned that doctors did not share prescription information among themselves or have any easy way to look up patients' records. "I said, 'How can that be?'" Pack said. "So that set me down the path on this project."

The state has a database in existence now called California's Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System, or CURES. It's run and operated by the Department of Justice.

But according to Pack, Brown and others, the current system is outdated. Requests for records must be faxed in and the whole process can take weeks to complete, they say.

The new system brings the database online and adds a search

component so patients' records are instantly available.

This will help professionals spot red flags that could indicate a doctor shopper—like when someone visits multiple clinics or emergency rooms in a short period of time and requests frequently abused drugs like Vicodin, Xanax and Oxycotton.

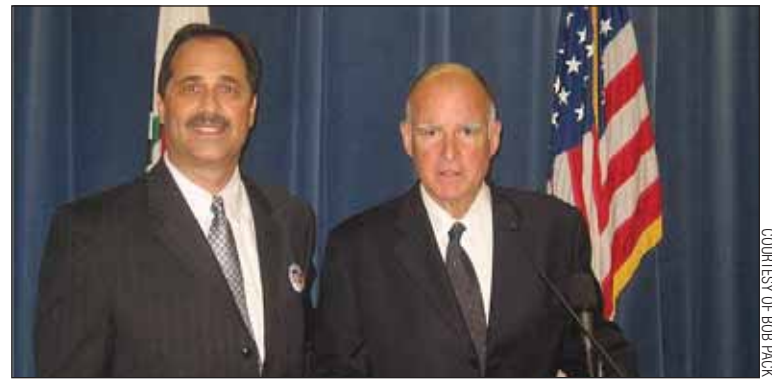
"The main goal I think for most everyone, with this, is we really want to stop the abuse of narcotics," said Pack.

The database will be funded and built by the Troy and Alana Pack Foundation, which was created by Pack and his wife Carmen to promote traffic safety after their children's accident.

Last year the foundation and Kaiser Permanente co-funded a feasibility report that studied the security, privacy, technology and cost involved with the project.

Privacy advocates are concerned that the database infringes on patient privacy by allowing easy access to individuals' medical records. But Pack said the system is highly secure, and only doctors and pharmacists will be able to access the information.

"(They) will have to register with



Bob Pack (left) and Attorney General Jerry Brown announce in Los Angeles that they will partner to create the nation's largest online prescription database.

COURTESY OF BOB PACK

the Department of Justice verifying their licenses and who they are, and then they will be given a login password to the system," he said.

Computer engineers hired by the Pack Foundation have finished designing the platform and will begin building it as soon as the funding is raised.

The project's estimated cost is \$3 million. Pack said he plans to court healthcare industries to help raise the funds; healthcare and insurance providers stand to gain from the new system, he explained.

Of the 34 million drug prescriptions reported last year about 2 million were fraudulently obtained, he said. That equates to about \$100

million in lost revenue.

"So this system will help curb many of those prescription losses for the healthcare industry," he said.

But that's not why Pack has spent years working toward this.

"To me, I know it's going to save lives," he said. "If that system had been in place back then, maybe Troy and Alana would be alive today."

Pack hopes to raise the \$3 million over the next four months, at which point the engineers will begin building the technology, which is expected to take about six months. Once the database is up and running, the Pack Foundation will officially donate it to the state of California. ■

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A notice at Oak Hill Park tells patrons about the EBMUD water restrictions against water features. County health standards prohibit recycling the water where children play.

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Water

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from agencies outside of EBMUD to protect the wildlife and comply with regulations from the state Department of Fish and Game, said Somers.

It's also considering this option for the Sycamore Valley Park fountain, which without sufficient water could sustain costly mechanical damage. However, county health standards prohibit using recycled water for any features where children play.

Signs informing residents of the water conservation efforts will be placed on water features and other impacted areas, said Somers.

"We're putting our best foot forward," she said. "Of course, we're all hoping it'll start raining."

For more information visit the town Web site at www.ci.danville.ca.us/ or contact EBMUD at (866) 403-2683. ■

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Pecoraro Family in Paradise

The Pecoraro family enjoys the Danville Weekly in front of the Hula Grille at Kaanapoli Beach in Maui last August.

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Welcome to the chalk-athon

Natasha Absher and Summerlynn Nugen, 12, create a fanciful chalk art welcome sign at Beth Batchelor's studio last Saturday during the weekend-long Open Studio tour. Batchelor had several artists working at her studio in Alamo, a children's drawing table and a chalk-athon outside, with students from Darlene Feyler: Dar's Young Picassos with the Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art. Inside, Batchelor, who specializes in portraits of people and animals, did a pastel of Halona Palmer, 14. The annual event, sponsored by the Alamo Danville Artists' Society, included 25 sites for visitors to see artists at work.

Church to address peace and justice

St. Timothy's to air movies on social issues followed by discussion

by Michelle Olson

Homosexuality in the church, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, slave trading—all are critical social issues that will be covered in St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Peace and Justice Summer Movie Series that starts next week.

"The church is called on to promote justice in the world in a peaceful way," said Lori Robinson, associate for Family Ministry at St. Timothy's and a member of the Peace and Justice committee that planned the series.

The committee in the past has had speakers on issues such as domestic violence and addiction, but this summer is trying a new approach to reach a broader community. It will show three movies, one per month, followed by a respectful discussion.

The first movie, "For the Bible Tells Me So," deals with how people of the Christian faith may struggle with the idea of homosexuals in the church. In the film, an Episcopal bishop, Gene Robinson, shares his experience of being gay and being part of a belief. Also former House

Majority Leader Richard Gephardt discusses how having a homosexual child fits in with his faith.

"Life in Occupied Palestine" highlights Anna Balzar's human rights work as she spent years in Palestine and supported a nonviolent movement against the occupation of Israel.

The final Sunday feature, "Amazing Grace," shows the difference made by one individual, William Wilberforce, as he led the fight 200 years ago to end slave trading; as a result, in 1807 the first anti-slave trade bill was passed by England's Parliament. Robinson believes "Amazing Grace" shows "how one person can make a difference on something as important as slave trading."

The core of the Peace and Justice committee is based on the baptismal covenant, Robinson said.

"Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of all human beings?" This is a question asked when a person is baptized under the Episcopal Church," she explained. "The person responds, 'I will with

God's help.' This is at the heart of the committee."

She wants people to understand that the church is not trying to extend any particular viewpoint when wrestling with these difficult issues.

"Hopefully something in these movies will spark someone to do something else, to make them think 'What can I do?'" she said.

This year committee members chose movies for their message because they feel movies are a good way to get perspective on the issues. ■

Movies and discussion

What: Peace and Justice Summer Movie Series

Who: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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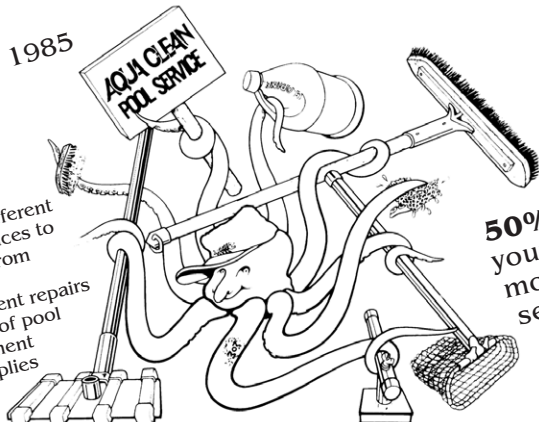
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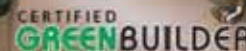
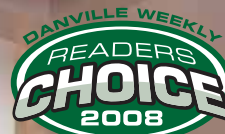
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Talent search

Where's all the talent around here? That's what the organizers of Danville's 150th birthday party are asking. A talent show is scheduled at 8 p.m. July 3 at the Danville Veteran's Hall as an integral part of the celebration but, as of Monday, fewer than a dozen had signed up. All ages are invited to participate, and so far the talent includes an 82-year-old woman singing "5 Foot 2" and a 7-year-old boy doing a tap dance.

The show, being put together by the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and Role Players Ensemble Theatre, is an integral part of the sesquicentennial celebration for the town. At the 100-year celebration in 1958, the talent show was a hilarious event, according to reports. Some older residents remember the enthusiasm 50 years ago as residents took to the stage with their talents.

A massive effort is being undertaken this year by the Kiwanis of San Ramon Valley, the Town of Danville, the museum volunteers and other groups to stage a two-day party July 3-4 to celebrate Danville's 150th birthday as well as the 50-year anniversary of Hay Days, a four-day celebration that celebrated the town's centennial. Everyone—newcomers and oldtimers—is welcome to participate behind the scenes as well as by attending.

The organizers are convinced that talent and community spirit are just as alive and well today as they were 50 years ago: Don't be shy, they urge. Anyone who can sing, dance, juggle, play the harmonica, yodel, etc., is invited to try out to take the stage. Individuals or groups can take part. Call Betty Joyce at 314-9612 today to schedule an audition. For more information, contact Florence McAuley at 837-9565 or e-mail fbmauley@comcast.net.

And be sure to show up at the Vet Hall, at 400 Hartz Ave., at 8 p.m. July 3 to enjoy the show.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poisoned comments

Dear Editor:

Local politics aside, I was incensed to read the June 6 letter to the editor, "An Encounter." You allowed your respected weekly paper to include comments both racist "...cotton-picking hands..." and rude. The comments about why we lost the Vietnam War were not only specifically disrespectful to the vet in Mr. Bevc's letter, but also disrespectful to U.S. veterans of all wars. Regardless of our individual position on any war, these men and women deserve our respect for their service. It's disheartening that you allowed your paper to spread Mr. Bevc's poisoned comments to other readers.

Letters to the editor should be supported with facts to spark intelligent discussion rather than elicit an emotional response to immaterial things like racist and unsupported comments. Mr. Bevc could have expressed his specific views with-

out the racist comment and perhaps provided more detail on explaining how we lost the Vietnam War.

Diane Stevenson, Alamo

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POLICE LOG

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

Tuesday, June 3

- Vandalism on Leonard Ct. at 8:54 a.m.
- Vandalism on Ramon Ct. at 10:40 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Brookside Dr. at 11:26 a.m.
- Vandalism on Ramon Ct. at 12:21 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Camino Ramon at 3:34 p.m.
- Petty theft on Danville Blvd. at 3:49 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Bueno Ct. at 3:53 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 4:55 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Rassani Dr. at 6:43 p.m.
- Petty theft on Camino Ramon at 8:09 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4

- Disturbance, arrest, on Chadbourne Ct. at 12:08 a.m.
- Vandalism on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 6:57 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Las Barrancas Dr. at 6:55 a.m.
- Arson on 3500 block of Camino Tassajara at 10:12 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Zenith Ridge Dr. at 10:33 a.m.
- Vandalism on Crow Canyon Rd. at 10:46 a.m.
- Arson on Crow Canyon Rd. at 11:38 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 12:28 p.m.
- Grand theft on Boone Ct. at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 5

- Arson on Center Way and Crow Canyon Rd. at 9:54 a.m.
- Grand theft on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:18 a.m.
- Petty theft on 1100 block of Camino Tassajara at 12:09 p.m.
- Investigation, arrest, on Diablo Rd. at 1:29 p.m.
- Petty theft on E. Linda Mesa Ave. at 5:57 p.m.
- Battery on Danville Blvd. at 6:05 p.m.

Friday, June 6

- Vandalism on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 3:01 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Camino Ramon at 9:55 a.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 10:44 a.m.
- Auto burglary on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:16 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on El Capitan Dr. at 1:31 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and E. Linda Mesa Ave. at 3:26 p.m.
- Vandalism on Las Barrancas Dr. at 3:54 p.m.
- Suspicious subject stop, arrest, on Greenbrook Dr. and Summerside Cir. at 4:34 p.m.
- Vandalism on Plumeria Ct. at 8 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Railroad Ave. at 8:43 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, in custody, on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 8:48 p.m.

Saturday, June 7

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on E. Linda Mesa Ave. and Rose Ave. at 1:48 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Fountain Springs and Peters Ranch at 3:52 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Mockingbird Pl. at 7:53 a.m.
- Miscellaneous burglary on Greenbrook Dr. at 9:31 a.m.
- Auto burglary on S. Forest Hill Pl. at 10:27 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Front St. and E. Prospect Ave. at 9:30 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Barrett Cir. at 10:06 p.m.
- Trespassing on Brookside Dr. at 10:58 p.m.

POLICE BULLETIN

Gas price rage burns in restrooms

A Danville woman who wanted to “take a stand” against rising gas prices lit two small fires in gas station restrooms, and one in a Starbucks, in Danville on Wednesday last week.

The first fire was lit at the Arco station on Camino Tassajara around 10 a.m. An employee discovered it and called police, said Danville police Lt. Mark Williams.

The woman started the fire on a baby changing table in the restroom using a Duraflame log, paper toilet seat covers and a lighter she had taken from the counter upon entering, he said.

Within the next two hours a second fire was discovered at the Chevron station on Crow Canyon Road and a third at the Starbucks down the street. Those fires were lit on top of toilet seats.

Police found the suspect, Diane Craig, 64, at a nearby McDonalds with Duraflame logs in her possession. She admitted to having lit the

fires, Williams said.

“She just made a spontaneous statement that the reason she did it was she was tired of the gas prices,” he said. “She basically said she wanted to take a stand.”

Craig was arrested on suspicion of premeditated arson and burglary and booked into Martinez Detention Facility.

On the way there, the police car transporting Craig was sideswiped by another driver.


After the collision Craig complained of a pain in her neck and was brought to a hospital for treatment. A few hours later she was brought back to the detention facility. The driver faces charges for driving without a license.


Craig was charged June 8 with four counts of attempted arson, a felony. She tried to plead guilty in court but was stopped by the judge, who suggested she get a lawyer.

—Meghan Neal

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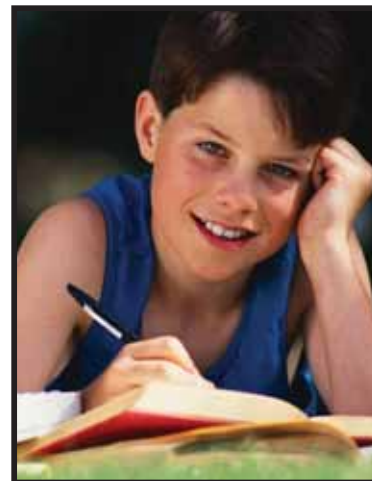
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Monte Vista High School seniors (l-r) Abby Van Muijen, student body president; Katie Mae Elliott, senior class president; and Vinnie Butera, activities chairman and "Mr. Mustang" winner, form an "08" with their hands to signify their graduating class of 2008.

MEGHAN NEAL

TECHNO GRADS

This ain't their parents' world—or even their older sister's

by Meghan Neal

What's the first thing today's "techno-grads" do when they find out they got into the college of their choice? Why, update their Facebook status of course! With a click of the mouse you officially belong to the "UC Berkeley Class of 2012," network—then it's time to start scoping out all the people you're connected to. As you surf the site a blog may pop up asking, "Need to find a roommate?" at which point you can handpick a future roommate based on the likes and dislikes listed in people's online profiles. Sociology major? Check. Favorite movie is "Juno"? Check. Prone to stay up 'til 3 and wake up at noon? Check and check. It's a match made in cyber-heaven.

Today's grads hail from a high-tech culture that's uber-connected and super-social. From the application process to making new friends once freshman year rolls around, technology has changed the transition from high school to college each step of the way.

Snail mail to CommonApp

Even the graduation ceremony in the new millennium looks a lot different than it used to. As proud grads walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, family members in the audience will hold up cell phones so cousins halfway around the world can experience the occasion.

Loved ones who can't physically attend graduation can still experience it "viscerally," says Armand Domalewski, a Monte Vista High School graduate who's been attending Diablo Valley College for the last year and plans to go to Santa Clara University. That's because the people videotaping and snapping photos will post them online or mass e-mail them almost immediately.

Communication is so heightened it's almost taken on a life of its own. A simple "Hi" can be said with a phone call, text message, e-mail, IM (instant message), Facebook message or comment posted on someone's profile.

What does this mean for the college application process? In a word: competition.

"Not only is the pool of people applying bigger, they apply to more schools and they're better at it," Domalewski said.

Online applications are without a doubt easier than the old-school longhand and snail mail way. Tools like CommonApp, a one-size-fits-all standardized application, can shave even more time off the process. Suddenly it's not unreasonable for students to be applying to five, or 20 colleges at a pop.

Trouble is, the more applicants there are the harder it is for students to get into the schools, and the harder it is to get in, the more schools they apply to, the more sure they're accepted somewhere.

"There are so many applications, the college admission officer might have bad coffee that morning, look at your application, and decide he doesn't like you," said Domalewski.

Candy Jewett, who works at San Ramon Valley High School's career center, said students will apply to an extra five or so schools just to be safe.

There are still the safe schools and the reach schools, but there's also the "really reach" and the "extremely safe," schools, says MVHS senior Elena Wible. She applied to 10 schools, herself.

"My mom, she says, she wouldn't be able to do this," Wible said. "And my dad too."

"My parents, they grew up without computers or typewriters."

ers,” Domalewski said. “The whole process of college applications is a complete mystery to them.”

It used to be schools would choose you. High schools would send out lists of graduates and top students would be recruited.

In the 1970s when Jewett graduated, people didn't worry about getting accepted to college, she said. She applied to just one school—the one closest to home. Nowadays, advances in technology have helped transcend geographical borders, broadening students' choices.

“Normally we don't go traveling to see college towns unless you really, really want to see them,” she said. But through virtual tours, prospective students can see the campus, its dorm rooms, bathrooms, closets and get a feel for the school as if they were actually there.

The downside is that too much choice can be debilitating, said Jewett. There's a lot of stress that comes with trying to narrow the options and, eventually, pick that perfect school to attend.

Do today's grads really have it easier than their parents did? Online resources like collegelboard.com and collegeconfidential.com help make students' applications stronger and better. But, as Domalewski pointed out, “Every edge you get, everybody else gets.”

Social networking your way to college

Facebook, now a social networking phenomenon, was named after the paper books of pictures and names that colleges and prep schools used to make to help incoming students get to know people on campus.

Today the Web site serves a similar purpose, but with 70 million users all over the world and a whole new level of interaction that's redefining socialization.

Facebook has recently replaced MySpace as “the” social networking site. Each member belongs to a school or geographic network, for example, “San Diego State” or “The Bay Area.” Members can also take it a step further by joining specific groups.

The groups are one of the site's most popular features and a crucial one for grads. There are groups for just about every college or university, as well as specific majors, clubs, dorms, student unions, sports teams, classes, alumni and activities.

“So you can establish friends in social networks before you even get there, which makes it a lot easier,” Domalewski said.

Monte Vista High School even has a Facebook group for this year's graduates. It's called “Where's MV off to next year?” Wible said she's spotted a few students in the group who will be going to San Francisco State University in the fall like she is. She plans to contact them over the summer.

“I definitely think it's going

to be so much easier coming in if you already know people,” she said.

The site is also changing the face of an age-old relationship: the one every student has with their freshman-year roommate.

Many schools now let students choose their roommates by browsing Facebook profiles, like shopping online for a pair of shoes that look nice and you hope will fit.

This can help avoid the disastrous scenario of two people with competing political or moral ideologies stuck sharing a room, students say.

“I have talked to plenty of seniors throughout the last couple years who have said, ‘Hey, this is great,’” said SRVHS Principal Joseph Ianora. “They can chat back and forth, they can see their likes and dislikes, what their interests are. We didn't have that.”

“A lot of these kids go to big campuses—you know, 25,000 students or more—and now you can put a name and a face together. So you've sort of almost made a friend before college even starts. And I think that's helpful. I think that reduces the stress and the anxiety around going to a new campus.”

The high school's head counselor, Craig Ritts, said he's heard the same opinion from students.

“Particularly for a brand new freshman going to school, that's a very important piece—fitting in with their roommate and feeling comfortable,” he said. “And I think that's very, very good.”

Behind a computer screen

Social networking certainly makes it easier to stick like with like, but is that always a good thing? Isn't there something to be gained by meeting people who challenge what you're used to? Isn't that the point of going to college?

“There's something kind of fun about meeting someone for the first time and having to go through the process of getting to know them in person, and not on the computer by looking at their profile,” said SRVHS senior Katharine O'Hara, who writes the Danville Weekly's teen column, “The 411.”

She worries that personal, face-to-face interaction could become a thing of the past. Learning how to meet and interact with others is a skill people use throughout their lives, she said, and college is a great place to hone that skill.

“I feel like it's almost robbing kids of something,” she said. “I feel like there's something almost beneficial to getting through that awkward, mucky stage.”

Not all students use social networking as a tool for making new friends, though. Some say its greatest benefit is in keeping in touch with old ones.

The comfort of having high school friends just a click away

can smooth the often-rocky transition to college—especially for kids traveling far from home.

Wible, for instance, said although she's a little nervous to leave her old friends behind, “with this I don't even really worry about it 'cause we'll be able to see each other every day with Facebook.”

Chris Carter, a grad night coordinator for SRVHS and the father of a graduating senior, pointed out that by making it easier to stay in touch with high school friends, social networking can keep shyer kids from having to get out there and meet new people.

“You stay within that comfort zone of people who you already know,” he said.

But Domalewski argues that if someone's prone to be anti-social, they're going to stay that way regardless of advances in technology. Same with someone that's more gregarious.

“There's certain things that don't change no matter how much technology changes. They change only if the people themselves change,” he said. “You can't just point the finger at technology, because people make decisions.”

What does the future hold?

The grandparents and parents of techno-grads could never have foreseen how the Internet would change the future, and it's similarly hard to predict the challenges the next generation of grads will face.

From an academic standpoint, will the pool of applicants get so big that schools only accept .01 percent of hopeful students? From a social standpoint, will young people experience a communication breakdown as they forget how to interact in person?

Many wonder if next-generation grads will experience college in the traditional setting we know today. Ritts predicts the answer is no; he thinks the college experience will completely change as online courses become more and more popular.

“A lot of students are attending college now without attending college,” he said. “They actually won't sit in the classroom, they won't sit on the campus itself, they won't listen to lectures... Their whole experience of college may be entirely different.”

Principal Ianora said the concept worries him, too, though he can see the pros and cons of such a future. Being able to work from home whenever there's time in the schedule makes it more convenient to learn, but he worries it could come at the expense of personal interaction.

“I don't know exactly where we're headed,” he said. “The students now are way more advanced on the computer than we were. I don't know what the future holds. They'd probably be able to tell you a little better.” ■

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 Shuchee Aatish Shah
 Antony Adel Shahid
 Mina Adel Shahid
 Parisa Shahsavari
 Tiffany Marie Sham
 Ross Jacob Shanken
 Gregory Walter Sharpe
 Jacky Show-Ding Shaw
 Abigail C. Shepherd
 Peter Shmulevich
 Rachel Grace Shuen
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 Jillian Nicole Armstrong
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 Samuel Malcolm Baba
 Andrew Benjamin Baird
 Susan Mari Ballard
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 Brendan Douglas Barber
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 Jeffrey Alan Barron
 Aaron Joseph Baruh
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 Giovanni Benedetto Marino
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 Kristina Kathryn Benvenuto
 Ashley Mark Sean Betts
 Akshay P. Bhaskaran
 Madeline Patrice Biatek
 Keegan Edward Bill
 Kathryn Marie Blackwell
 Robert Michael Blau
 Ryan Joseph Bonacci
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 Matthew Joseph Bronstein
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 Lucas O'Neil Brown
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 Kelly Ann Bull
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 Steven Matthew Callaway
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 James Paul Cannariato
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 Brett Thomas Carmody

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 Amy Jean Carsten
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 Jennifer Lynne Christensen
 Vincent Chuang
 Lauren Paige Claybaugh
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 Madison Rebecca Cole
 Rachel Dawn Cole
 Brenna Leigh Collins
 Michael William Colman
 Kirstyn Nicole Colonias
 Megan Elizabeth Condie
 Cole Alexander Conklin
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 Byron Orlando Cordoba
 Bryan William Cox
 Jennifer Lee Creagmile
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 Cody Justin Cross
 Kainoa Sato Cummings
 Kyle Lee Cummings
 Joshua Ryan Currie
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 Alexandra Julieta Downing
 Mark Drucker
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Me & my dad

Fatherhood can be spotted at any field in town

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Special moments are happening around here every day in every way between fathers and their families. While sports photographer Chris Scott is out on the fields around the San Ramon Valley shooting baseball, soccer, swimming, high school sports and everything in between, he often captures some of those touching times. Here is a photographic ode to local dads in honor of Father's Day on Sunday. ■



Jay Miller with 8-month-old son Peyton at Alamo School Field.



Gus Dastous with son Evan at the Athenian School soccer field.



Jeff Kaiser and son Tommy manicure the diamond at Stone Valley Middle School.



Darren Bowers with daughter Brycen.



Jeff Clark with son Carson attending a San Ramon Valley Little League game at Stone Valley Middle School.



Dad Christopher Godvin and daughter enjoy watching brother play T-ball at Stone Valley Middle School.



David Moret with son Nikolas.



Monte Vista Assistant lacrosse head coach Tom Bailey plays with son James before a game.

Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

Russel Glenn plans 'Retrogression'

In 1952 Russel Glenn came to Danville, sparking all sorts of changes in the quiet burg. Picture the valley that year—small communities in Alamo, Danville and San Ramon with no freeway in place, gas stations dotted along the boulevard, and walnut and pear orchards spreading out across the landscape. The whole valley had only 4,630 people in 1950.

Glenn leased, then bought the Danville Hotel restaurant, painted it red, decorated it with antiques and built a Ghost Town and facades nearby—all with the intent of turning the Danville Hotel Restaurant into a tourist attraction. He was full of ideas about how to improve and promote the entire downtown.

Glenn had been a mechanic, a Marine, a race car driver, sales manager for Duchess Inc. of Oakland, a middleweight boxer and a gold prospector. With his fertile imagination, persuasive words, effervescent personality, willingness to work and way with the ladies, Danville had never seen anybody like him.

In 1958 Glenn spoke to his friends Dr. Tom Ohlson, John May, Bill Hockins and John Roberts about the shabbiness of downtown. Some people had nicknamed Hartz Avenue "Gasoline Alley." Together they talked about "resigning from the 20th century" and proclaimed the "Confederacy of Danville."

Their slogan was "Old Century Leisure—New Century Convenience." They wanted "to retain and enhance the charm and leisurely atmosphere of the San Ramon Valley." Merchants were encouraged to spiff up their businesses, use old-

fashioned letters on signs, and put in leaded windows and cupolas. John May's Shoe Stable already had an old-fashioned look; Mildred Fereira and her mother changed the front of their Diablo Beauty Shop to improve its looks; Dr. Ohlson put flowers in an old bathtub in front of his Danville Veterinarian Hospital on Rose Street.

A Declaration was made and newspapers noticed the Danville effort, in particular the San Francisco Examiner. There was plenty of local conversation, with some saying the Confederacy was just a Danville Hotel promotion. Others thought it would improve the historic town.

Glenn discovered that Danville was founded in 1858 and plans for a centennial celebration were soon in place. The Chamber of Commerce with Ohlson as president recruited people to put on a four-day event in September 1958 and the community went all out. What a party! Hay Days provided a carnival, aquacade, bathing suit fashion show, pet and car parades and a barbecue.

In 1959, Glenn had 10 decorators redo the second floor of the Danville Hotel and provided public tours. He then moved into the new rooms. He tried to sell the hotel and buildings in 1962, but the transaction fell through. The prospective owners had planned a motel on the site.

Glenn gradually purchased the



Russel Glenn

whole block and, in 1965, built a large new restaurant, the Silver Dollar banquet room. Artist-craftsman Leon Erickson designed the room and adjacent buildings which Glenn called "a genial merchandise center." Local builder Vern Ryan constructed the project.

When the 300-person banquet room opened in June 1965, Glenn touted it as part of "Planned Retrogression To The Lusty Elegance of Early California ... The Ornate New Silver Dollar Banquet Room at the Danville Hotel."

Glenn even put up a billboard in San Francisco which asked, "Where the Hell is Danville?" He wrote a promotional piece with that title in 1970 which began: "In almost the center of the greenest, prettiest, most peaceful valley in the world!"

When Jerry and Eileen Carter bought and renovated the block in 1976, the banquet room became the Danville Hotel Restaurant and Saloon. For many, it is still the symbol of Old Town Danville.

Russel Glenn passed away in 1982 and left \$5,000 for a "celebration of life," directing that the invitation state "I hope that my friends will enjoy themselves and accept my gratitude for having made my life a very happy one." One hundred people came, partied and traded stories well into the evening, a fine tribute to Danville's unique spark plug.

Sources: *Valley Pioneer* Nov. 6, 1968, May 7, 1975; *The Silver Dollar Special*, June 23, 1965; *The History of the Danville Hotel and McCauley House* (2004); *SF Chronicle*, Dec. 30, 1982;

Irma M. Dotson.

The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

Enjoy the moment along the way

For 12 years now I have completed hundreds of homework assignments, written essay after essay, and taken test after test, because somewhere in the back of my mind I know I am doing it all for a reason. School years typically end in some stressful climax of final projects and exams, and students have worked so many long and hard hours that burnout is inevitable if summer does not come soon. Summer always seems to come in the nick of time, but before we know it we are back to the old grind come fall. And so it goes that we push our rock, just as Sisyphus so gruelingly did, to the top of the mountain, only to have it come tumbling back down and have to do it all over again.

As AP tests are now over, homework has slowed, and the days until my high school graduation dwindle (this column will appear on the day of my graduation from San Ramon Valley High School), I have had the opportunity to reflect on the last 12 very influential years of my life. I have had time to get some perspective on my high school career. For the last month, I have been having the time of my life, leisurely enjoying friends and having adventures without the worry of having to break away to get some paper, project or assignment done. I can't seem to get enough conversation with friends, and I am making the effort to secure and enhance my relationships and connections as much as possible. I am aware that this time is likely one of the most fun, carefree times I will have for the rest of my life, and while this is a daunting thought, it allows me to cherish it all the more. This last month has made me think that perhaps there is something flawed about our educational system.

From the very beginning of my education, I have felt discouraged from simply enjoying the present and have felt consistently pushed to prepare for some impending, scary future. As a middle school student I was warned of the frightening halls of high school: the bullies, the unmanageable amounts of homework and impossible tests, and have been equipped with skills for how to fight high school's battles. In high school this trend of constant preparation has only been perpetuated. Because of the pressure on teachers for their students to perform well on tests, it seems many are not able to teach for the present enjoyment of learning; the focus must be on future success on exams. In pursuit of the perfect college, we are encouraged to sacrifice time with friends, more appealing course choices, time to develop hobbies and to just have fun or to take a nap once in a while, for the sake of compiling a competitive resumé—one wrought with an obscene grade point average and SAT score—so that our futures will be bright.

After high school ends, I am aware that this preparation for the future is far from over; once I get to Kenyon, the small liberal arts college in Ohio I will attend this fall, there will be preparation for graduate school, landing my first job, and then my second.... But, my hope is that in college, I will get to pursue more vigorously the subjects and activities with which I am truly in love—psychology, sociology, art, music. Though it will be hard work and in a big sense preparing for the future, I will feel more confident in knowing that I am working for things that give me true satisfaction.

While it is obviously important to have aspirations, and look toward the future in order to grow and change, we must be cognizant of enjoying the present moment. Perhaps there is a way we can prepare students for the future better than with futile and repetitive work that hardly allows for the enjoyment of now. To prepare students for a life of fruitful contributions to society (this is after all why we attend school in the first place), perhaps we should lighten up a bit on the work load, and place heavier emphasis on allowing kids to enjoy their youth, develop more authentic relationships, dabble in a variety of interests, and discover and pursue their passions. It is when individuals are passionate that their contributions to the world are truly extraordinary and long lasting.

At my impending graduation ceremony, I am certain that after receiving the customary congratulations for our efforts thus far, we will be fed words that are supposed to inspire us to believe in our potential to achieve greatness in some far off, bright and distant future. Like every class that has preceded us, we will be told that we are the people of the future, who are filled with all the potential to change the world. And while these sentiments are important, too infrequently are we reminded that it is essential that we actively seek fulfillment, meaning, and to create change at this very moment. We don't have time to wait around.

But, the solution is not that everyone simply start living for today and never look beyond tomorrow; it is, however, that individuals start now to discover and enrich themselves (and others) by doing the activities that bring them most fulfillment. And while it may be a treacherous journey up the mountain, it is absolutely necessary to stop, breathe and enjoy the view along the way. As graduation approaches, I look forward to the future in the sense that I am excited for all the opportunities it will bring me, but for now am happy to sit back and enjoy the last, carefree months I have at home.

This is the final column on the teen scene by Katharine O'Hara, a senior at San Ramon Valley High School. Good luck, Katharine!



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Sports

A LOOK AT THE LOCAL SPORTS SCENE



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Championship play

Dylan Cole, catcher for the Red Sox, tries to get the Athletics runner out at home but the throw was a little late, in the San Ramon Valley Little League AA Championship last weekend held at Alamo School. The Red Sox went on to take the AA championship, 7-3

Golfer joins the champs

Ryan Corbett, a senior at Monte Vista, placed 10th out of 48 contenders from throughout California at the State Championship Tournament on Tuesday, June 3, in Santa Monica. He qualified as an individual player and was the only golfer from the East Bay Athletic League playing. His score at the championship was 75; the winning score was 70.

Corbett has been on the Monte Vista varsity golf team for the past three years. He plans to attend Chico State in the fall, where he hopes to continue playing golf.



Ryan Corbett

MICHELLE MCCONNELL



CHUCK LANCASTER

Scorpions come out on top

The Danville Scorpion 8A lacrosse team finished the regular season undefeated and ranked No. 1 going into the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association Final Four Championship held June 1 at San Jose's Spartan Stadium. The Scorpions defeated the Town School Tigers 15 to 5 in first round playoffs on May 18 at Lamorinda/OIS. Playing the Lamorinda Shock in the semifinal match, a determined Scorpion team came out fast with three goals in the first quarter defeating the Shock 12-5. Kevin Kuptz scored four goals with Jack McCormick, Michael Tagliaferri and Zack Kline contributing two goals each. Sean O'Dea, playing long pole midfield, scored one goal and picked up four ground balls.

The Scorpions faced Walnut Creek for the championship. A crowd of over 100 parents and friends watched as the Scorpions won 13-2 to earn the 2008 NCJLA Division Championship title. Michael Tagliaferri led the Scorpions scoring five goals and contributing four assists. Jack McCormick fired in four goals with Kevin Kuptz, Zack Kline and Travis Turley adding one goal each. Rounding out the Scorpion "Team of 17" playing as one were Sam Langon, Connor Lancaster, Patrick Worstell, Kane Franklin, Joe Abajian, Kevin Braunschweig, Blake Weltz, Sean O'Dea, Jordon Weiss, Owen Euser, Matt Corbin and Ian Lawton.

Head coach Peter Worstell was honored during the closing ceremonies for coaching Scorpion teams to four consecutive NCJLA championships; staff members were Bob OMeara, Joe Lawton and John Tagliaferri.

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Author Visit

Rakestraw Books Rakestraw Books will host many authors during the month of June. Nancy Horan, author of "Loving Frank," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 18; Ursula K. LeGuin and Karen Joy Fowler, authors of "Lavinia" and "Wit's End" at 7 p.m., Monday, June 23 (cost is \$6); Leif Enger, author of "So Brave, Young, and Handsome," at noon, Wednesday, June 25 (cost is \$15, including lunch); and Dorothy Hearst, author of "Promise of the Wolves," at 7 p.m., Monday, June 30, all at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Reservations are required; call 837-7337.

Clubs

Danville Lions Club This club meets at 7 p.m., on the first and third Wednesday of every month, at the Brass Door, San Ramon. For information, call Tom Jackson at 984-1541.

Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild The Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild meets at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Guests are welcome (\$2 donation). Annual membership fee is \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65+). For information, call Dianne at 837-1863.

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society The society meets from 1:15-3 p.m., the third Thursday of every month except August, at the California Savings Building, Rossmoor Shopping Center, Tice Valley Blvd. and Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Creek. Guest speakers are at each meeting.

Mt. Diablo Macintosh Users Group Get questions answered, solutions for problems, share experiences and explore new Mac developments. Club meets at 7:30 p.m., the third Monday of every month, at the Alamo Safeway Community Room. For information, call 837-1111 or 829-5501.

Porsche Club of America, Diablo Region This club is for owners and enthusiasts of all Porsches. It meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday for breakfast at Marie Callendar's, 1101 S. California Blvd., Walnut Creek. Visit www.pca.org/dia.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society This group meets at 10 a.m., on the third Tuesday of every month (except August and December), at the Danville Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley Rd., Alamo. The public is welcome. Call Ed at 299-0881 or visit <http://snrgensoc.org>.

Sons in Retirement Branch 128 Sons in Retirement hosts a luncheon every third Wednesday of the month, at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Rd., San Ramon. The luncheon will include a social hour, buffet lunch and a program of local interest. Cost for lunch is \$20; no dues or membership fees. Call 828-5688.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75 The organization meets at 7:30 p.m., every second Thursday of the month (except December), at Danville

Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. For information, call Post Commander Tony Carnemolla at 932-4042 or visit www.vfw.org.

Concerts

Father's Day Concert Danville Community Band presents a special Father's Day Concert "That's Entertainment" at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 15, at the Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$16, \$14 or \$12. Call 943-7469 or visit www.lesherartscenter.org.

Events

An Adoption Faire Tri-Valley Animal Rescue invites you to An Adoption Faire from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, June 14, at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Dog adopters receive three free training classes with a professional dog trainer plus a collar, leash and bed. Cat adopters receive a free blanket and goodie bags. Free hot dogs and drinks at 1 p.m. Visit www.tvvar.org.

Danville Fine Arts Faire Town of Danville and the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Danville Fine Arts Faire from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 21-22, in downtown Danville. Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvilleeachamber.com.

Hot Rod Run and Big Family Fun Blackhawk Museum will host the Hot Rod Run and Big Family Fun event from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, June 15, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The day will include demonstrations, book signings and pinstrippers will be on hand to customize your personal item for a fee. Call 736.2277.

Moonlight Movies on the Town Green Town of Danville will host Moonlight Movies from 8:15-10 p.m., Friday, June 13 ("The Goonies"); June 27 ("Galaxy Quest"); July 11 ("Arctic Tale"); and July 25 ("The Three Amigos"), at Town Green, 400 Front St., Danville. These events are free; bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Call 314-3400.

Exhibits

Eugene O'Neill's Global Legacy Museum of the San Ramon Valley is presenting the "Eugene O'Neill's Global Legacy" exhibit until June 15, at the museum, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Call 837-3750.

The Original Rat Fink Blackhawk Museum will host the "Original Rat Fink" exhibit from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., until June 15, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The exhibit will feature original artwork, hot rods and toys all built by Ed "Big Daddy" Roth. Admission to the museum is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Film

'For the Bible Tells Me So' St. Timothy's Church will host a movie "For The Bible Tells Me So" which tells of the experiences of five families and we discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child in the context of Christian faith.

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The movie, one of a social issues series, will be played at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, June 22, at St. Timothy's Church, 1550 Diablo Rd., Danville.

Fundraisers

First Officer John P. Miller Memorial Golf Classic The first Officer John P. Miller Memorial Golf Classic will start at 10 a.m., Monday, June 16, at Sunol Valley Golf Club, 6900 Mission Rd. The event will honor the first fallen Dublin officer. Cost is \$125 per person. Proceeds benefit the memorial. Call 828-0466.

Rubber Ducky Derby The 17th annual Rubbery Ducky Derby will start at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 13, at Oak Hill Park, Danville. There will be a children's carnival including games, face painting, snow cones and cotton candy. Ducks can be purchased by visiting www.rubberdukyderby.org. Proceeds benefit Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland.

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Fit Studio Health and Fitness Faire Fit Studio will host a free Health and Fitness Faire from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., until June 20, at Fit Studio, at Railroad Ave. and Church St., Danville. CPR, hydrostatic body fat testing, demos and free product samples. Must come into Fit Studio on Saturday to sign up to win free training sessions. Call 362-8001.

Holiday

Fourth of July Celebration This year, Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley will host a celebration of the Town of Danville's 150th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Hay Days. July 3 festivities will include lots of fun for children and their families from 4-8 p.m. The Fourth of July Parade is from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friday, July 4, on Hartz Ave. Call 425-1013 or visit www.kiwanis-srv.org.

Kids and Teens

Job's Daughters Installation of Officers Join Job's Daughters Bethel No. 247 for the 109th formal semi-annual Installation of Officers from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, June 14, at the Danville Grange, 743 Diablo Rd. Following installation there will be refreshments served and dancing. For reserved seating, call 829-8505.

Storytime with the Farmer Calling all little farmers! It's time to gather 'round and hear some stories about farm animals from 10-11 a.m., Friday, June 20

and Tuesday, July 22, at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. There will also be a craft activity and a snack. This event is for children ages 3-5 who must be accompanied by an adult, but only children need to register. Cost is \$3 for residents; \$4 for non-residents. Call 973-3282.

Lectures/ Workshops

'Dig It!' with Eloy Danville Livery presents "Dig It!" Garden Seminars with Eloy at noon, on the first Thursday of every month, at the Livery, 911 Memorial Garden (between Pinkie's and Pleasant Thoughts), Danville. There will be a question and answer forum, so bring your questions. Visit www.danvillelivery.com.

African Drumming Circle Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism. Come and experience this fun way to get "good vibrations" from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 19, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free for cancer patients and their friends and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

Medical Chi Kung Medical Chi Kung is a branch of traditional Chinese medicine that combines breath work, movement and sound in order to regulate energy within the body. Learn and experience this system of health care from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 19, at ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240, Pleasanton. This event is free for cancer patients and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

Project Management SIG: 'Speak Up and Speak Out' eBig will host a workshop on "Speak Up and Speak Out" from 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, June 26, at Sybase, One Sybase Center Building A, Dublin. You will learn about the importance of getting your message out to many different audiences. This event is free for eBig members; \$10 for non-members. Visit www.ebig.org.

Update on Multiple Myeloma Treatment Join Dr. Alice Reier and learn about the latest treatments for multiple myeloma and what may be on the horizon from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 21, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. There will be time for questions and meeting with other multiple myeloma survivors. This event is free. Call 933-0107.

Literary Events On Stage

'Vintage Danville' Launch Party Come and see the "Vintage Danville" books for the first time at a special

book launch party at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 28, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Cost is \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Danville Library Foundation. Call 837-4889.

Live Music

Alamo Summer Concert Series Alamo Parks and Recreation presents its annual Summer Concert Series, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fridays, June 27 ("Silver Spur"); July 11 ("Houserockers"); July 25 ("Boothill") and Aug. 8 ("Pan Extasy").

Music in the Park Town of Danville will host Music in the Park from 6-8 p.m., Saturdays, July 5 and 19, and Aug. 2 and 16, in Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Rd., Danville. These concerts are free. Call 314-3400.

Lost Pets

"Princess" is Missing A 12-year-old cat, Princess, has been missing since May 22 from Derbyshire Place, Danville. She has long, white hair with black and brown markings. She needs her medication; there is a reward. If you have any information, please call 837-8852.

Miscellaneous

10 Great Dates A fun filled approach to building thriving marriages and enjoying the areas finest eateries will be held from 7-9:15 p.m., Fridays, June 20-Aug. 29, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 West El Pintado Rd., Danville. The evenings start with hor d'oeuvres and a brief video, then couples hit the town for dinner and some fun dating exercises to enrich and enliven your marriage. Cost is \$25; dinner is on your own. Childcare provided until 9:15 p.m. Call 837-5525.

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@sbcglobal.net.

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

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Meet Yau-Man Chan from 'Survivor'

Friends of the Danville Library will host Yau-Man Chan from the CBS television show "Survivor" at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 14, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. This event is free. Call 837-4889.

p.m., Thursday-Friday, June 19-20, at San Ramon High School, Performing Arts Center, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Tickets are \$10. Call 327-0977.

'Charlie and "Bear"' Century House will host Charlie Getter, founder of SF's 16th and Mission "micless open mic" and "Bear" Toffoli and the co-founder of Word Up poetry workshops from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, June 15, at Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. An open mic segment of 40 lines or less will follow. Cost is \$5 including refreshments. Call 931-5350.

'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.

Political Notes

District 15 Business Debate San Ramon Chamber of Commerce will host the first debate of the district's Democratic and Republican nominees from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, at Marriott San Ramon, 2600 Bishop Dr. Topics will focus upon the slowing economy, housing slump and the unfolding financial market crisis. Debate will be interactive, so your input is needed. Cost is \$65. Call 242-0600 or visit www.sanramon.org.

Norman Solomon Media Critic Speaks The Tri Valley Democratic Club presents Norman Solomon, nationally syndicated media and politics columnist, from 7-9 p.m., Monday, June 16, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. This event is free and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Call 451-4303.

Recreation

Diablo Trail Endurance Ride 25/50 The Diablo Trail Ride offers a 25-mile limited distance and 50 mile endurance ride starting at 5:30 a.m., Saturday, June 21, starting and finishing at the Gateway Prop on North Gate Rd., near the North Gate

entrance to Mt. Diablo State Park. Visit www.savemountdiablo.org.

Summer Tours at Forest Home Farms Come experience what life was like on an old-fashioned farm from 10 a.m.-noon, June 16-Aug. 29, at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Activities include making orange juice or lemonade, working in the garden and old-fashioned sack races. Cost is \$4 per child for children in grades 1-5. Call 973-3282.

Seniors

Danville Senior Citizens Club The club meets from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., every Monday at the Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., for line dancing exercise, bingo, mah jong and more. New members are welcome. Membership is \$12 a year. Call Patricia Graber at 443-0268.

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

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.

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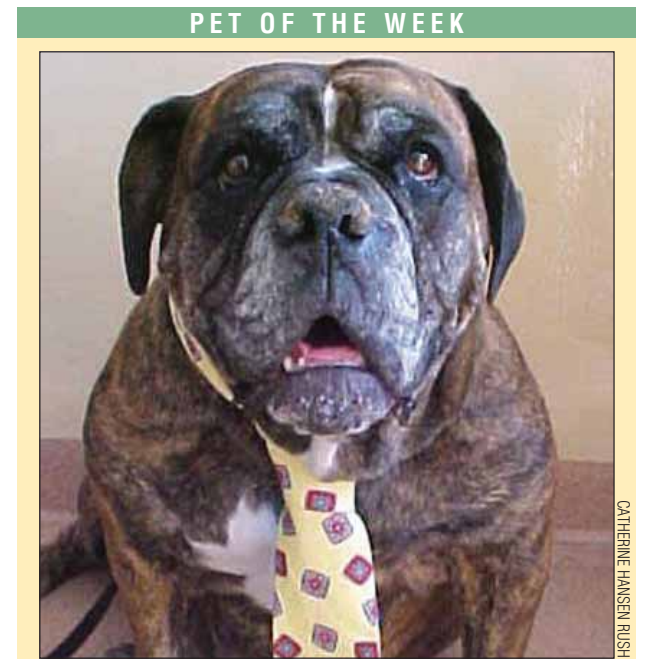
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This week's data represents homes sold during May 2008

Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 8	Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$1,360,000	Lowest sale reported: \$501,000	Lowest sale reported: \$165,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,360,000	Highest sale reported: \$3,810,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,950,000
Average sales reported: \$1,360,000	Average sales reported: \$1,344,375	Average sales reported: \$664,467

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

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Alamo

82 Amanda Court Bernstein Trust to D. & D. Johnson for \$1,360,000

Danville

364 Barrett Circle J. & S. Beizer to R. & D. Mimran for \$1,015,000
1389 Fountain Springs Circle Dressler Trust to G. Slater for \$954,000
127 Merano Street W. Hill to G. & L. Pederson for \$1,095,000
112 Nanterre Street KB One Limited to A. & A. Jue for \$860,000
2213 Shoshone Circle Mastr Assets to J. & L. Venkataramani for \$501,000
3681 Silver Oak Place Wachovia Mortgage to R. Cuellar for \$570,000

400 Starview Drive Smith Trust to Clawson Construction for \$3,810,000

112 Victoria Place Kreysar Trust to Ahluwalia Trust for \$1,950,000

Walnut Creek

1315 Alma Avenue #164 Alma Development to E. Brown for \$455,000
1315 Alma Avenue #333 Alma Development to T. & D. Harrison for \$439,000
3075 Arbolado Court CitiGroup Global to K. & A. Kengla for \$1,100,000
104 Lakewood Road M. & M. Cosgrove to A. & H. Salter for \$635,000
61 Picardy Court T. Grasso to J. Stroh for \$705,000
1904 Ptarmigan Drive #1 Sheridan Trust to J. & R. Jack for \$170,000
41 Ravenwood Drive Litsinger Trust to Schlichting Trust for \$770,000

333 Shady Glen Road J. & K. Santos to D. & K. Santos for \$725,000

1987 Shuey Avenue T. & F. Fisher to C. & K. Liberman for \$625,000

75 Sun Valley Drive Hendrix Trust to C. & A. Carlton for \$599,000

657 Terra California Drive

#4 Syverud Trust to J. & G. Martinson for \$325,000

1840 Tice Creek Drive #2112 Beltmann Trust to B. Behrman for \$315,000

1840 Tice Creek Drive #2245 E. Pitts to Liddicoat Trust for \$165,000

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 Sat/Sun 1-6 Keller Williams 260-2508

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5750 Belleza Dr. **\$537,500**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4173

3 Bedrooms

2803 Curry St. **\$749,900**
 Sat 1-4 Keller Williams 924-0444
4558 Lakewood St. **\$799,000**
 Sat 1-4 Keller Williams-Ginny Mees 699-3328

3436 Park Pl. **\$799,888**
 Sat 1-4 UCB 580-4524

5004 Hillcrest Wy. **\$829,950**
 Sat 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1234

302 Kottinger Dr. **\$929,900**
 Sat 1-5 & 6-8/Sun 1-5
 Couto Properties 216-3162

4 Bedrooms

953 Finovino Ct. **\$1,250,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4327
2977 Amoroso Ct. **\$1,549,000**
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 846-6500

72 Castlewood Dr. **\$2,250,000**
 Sat 1-4 Sotheby's 484-2045

6522 Inglewood Dr. **\$644,950**
 Sun 1-4
 Re/Max Accord-Kathy Westernoff 577-2600

5 Bedrooms

7914 Paragon Cir. **\$1,799,000**
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 846-6500
4031 Schween Ct. **\$885,000**
 Sun 2-4 Homeworks 462-4812

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