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Spirow Mitsanas
factory rep/reserve soldier



I will be working first of all so I'll be able to watch the parade from there. After, I'm going to go to party with my friends at my friend's house and drink margaritas!

Kris Mangino
restaurant management



I'm going down to Pismo Beach with my family and friends. We rented a beach house so I will be down on the beach barbequing and watching the fireworks.

Brian Labrucherie
chiropractic assistant



I'm going to be working all day. I'm going to try to go out and hang out with my friends though because I love the Fourth of July.

Jonathan Turney
chef



My boyfriend and I are playing a gig with our band Cerebral Catastrophe at A Million Fishes in the city. It's an all age's underground art collective and we'll be playing electronic music.

Nicole Beren
shoe designer

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ABOUT THE COVER

Drivers and cyclists keep an eye out for each other at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Church Street in Danville. This jag of town is particularly tricky because motorists worry about bicyclists whizzing by. Photo by Meghan Neal. Cover design by Manuel Valenzuela.

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—Jim Kohnen, president Valley Spokesmen, on why cyclists don't use the Iron Horse Trail. See story, page 10.

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Remember: No parade chairs before 6 p.m.

The Town of Danville reminds everyone that this year's Fourth of July parade will have an early start time, 9 a.m., due to the large number of entries. Also, attendees wishing to "reserve their spot" along the parade route are asked to keep the streets and sidewalk clear until 6 p.m. July 3, the evening before the event, in order to avoid significant public safety problems. Please take care not to block the public's access at street corners where handicap ramps are located.

The town also suggests planning to arrive at the parade early to avoid traffic congestion and to please consider carpooling.

Danville opera presenting 'Carmen'

Danville Lyric Opera, a company formed last year, is presenting Bizet's "Carmen" this Sunday in Lafayette. The production will be presented in full costume with sets and live piano accompaniment.

"As the company grows, it hopes to stage productions that will include an orchestra," said Artistic Director Elena Yakoubovsky. "Danville Lyric Opera is gradually attracting a devoted set of helpers."

Cast members of "Carmen" are professionals who have performed extensively with other companies, she said. Last year the company presented "La Boheme."

This weekend's performance begins at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 29, at Town Hall Theater, 3535 School St. in Lafayette. Tickets are \$30 reserved seating; \$25 general seating; \$20 for seniors and students. Call 283-1557.

Smoke gets in our eyes

Hazy air caused by wildfires that sparked throughout Northern California this week floated to Danville and Alamo, due to shifting winds and the sheer number and size of the blazes. Residents could not even see Mount Diablo at times, just the white smoke hanging in the air.

As of Tuesday, more than 840 fires were burning throughout the state following lightning storms that swept through the state from the Oregon border south to Fresno, fire officials said. Particularly dry weather conditions made the situation worse.

Three crews of San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District firefighters were sent first to Watsonville and then to Napa/Solano counties to fight a blaze dubbed the "wild" fire.

Residents with respiratory-related health issues are encouraged to limit exposure and exertion while outside, said district spokeswoman Kimberly French.

"It's a good reminder for people to be very cautious and understand that we are under a red flag warning," she said.

Corrections The recipe for Basil, Tomato and Mozzarella Frittata that ran in the Epicure on June 20 should have included 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, grated. Directions should have said to sprinkle in the cheese immediately after adding the eggs. For the complete recipe, read Epicure from June 20 at www.DanvilleWeekly.com.

Fun! Fun! Fun! Join the big town party July 3

Kiwanis, Museum and town plan two-day birthday celebration

Don't miss out on the big hullabaloo this week—Thursday, July 3, and Friday, July 4.

The Kiwanis of San Ramon Valley is not only planning its annual parade for the morning of July 4. It is also hosting a huge birthday celebration July 3 to commemorate Danville's 150th birthday. Co-hosts are the Town of Danville and the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

"This is possibly the biggest anniversary celebration the San Ramon Valley has ever seen," said co-chairman David Romano. "It's unbelievable we can provide all this fun and no charge to the public."

Everyone is invited to take part, from the hayrides through town, to games and goodies next to the Museum on Railroad and Prospect Avenues, to a free barbecue at the Town Green on Front Street. The event is called Hay Days and it's also celebrating the first Hay Days, which was held 50 years ago to celebrate Danville's centennial. That Hay Days is considered the forerunner to today's highly successful Fourth of July Parade.

"We are recreating Hay Days the best we can and attempting to bring people back in time," said co-chairwoman Nancy Bray.

"This is possibly the biggest anniversary celebration the San Ramon Valley has ever seen."

—David Romano, co-chairman of Hay Days

She noted that thanks to Safeway, the entire event is being offered at no charge to the public.

In the Railroad Avenue parking lot, next to the Museum, from 5-8 p.m. there will be kids' carnival games (modern and old fashioned); musical entertainment; a Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream Social; a Kids and Pets Costume Parade; an old-fashioned 1850s-1950s Bathing Suit Show; a horse exhibition by the Diablo Arabian Horse Association; and the coronation of Miss Pioneer Belle.

On July 4, the parade begins at 9 a.m., an hour earlier than in previous years because of the larger number of entries and due to the expected heat. Entries this year must offer entertainment value. Parade chairman is Rob Goldstein.

A complete Hay Days schedule is included in the second section of this paper. It is also online at www.kiwanis-srv.org.

—Staff reports



Ready for the parade—Four generations consider what the youngest member, Maria Holmes, 9, should wear for the parade where they will ride in a red convertible with a sign saying "5 Generation Danville Family." Maria, a fourth-grader at Green Valley Elementary, has on a dress first worn by her grandmother, Annetta Swenson Johnson, born in 1946, when she was a little girl. They are looking at a more fragile frock that was made 100 years ago for her great-grandmother Annetta Fredrickson, born in 1901. Behind Maria are (l-r) mom Kim Holmes, a 1989 Monte Vista High graduate; great-grandmother Barbara Fredrickson Parks, who graduated from San Ramon Valley High in 1945; and grandmother Annetta Swenson Johnson, San Ramon Valley class of 1963. Kim remembers visiting "Grandma Freddie" when she lived on Prospect Avenue in what is now the Leku Eder shop.

DOLORES FOX CARDELLI

Multi-taskers, beware

New no-hands cell phone laws go into effect Tuesday

by Meghan Neal

Attention drivers: It's time to buy a Bluetooth headset. Starting Tuesday it will be illegal to talk on a cell phone while driving in California unless a hands-free device is used.

The law is even stricter for drivers under 18; they aren't allowed to use a cell phone at all, hands free or otherwise. Violators will be fined \$20 for a first offense and \$50 for subsequent offenses.

Sending text messages, dialing and using a speaker phone are still allowed, but there's a caveat: An officer can pull over anyone who, in his or her opinion, is distracted and therefore not driving safely.

"Texting" behind the wheel could be the next thing to go. Last Thursday the Palo Alto senator who originally introduced the cell phone bill, Joseph Simitian, introduced a similar bill that would ban text messaging while driving.

Police in Danville and Alamo will begin enforcing the cell phone law immediately after it goes into

effect, they said.

"If I'm driving down the roadway and somebody's not paying attention, and I look over and they're talking on their cell phone, yes, I'm going to pull them over," said Alamo Deputy Elmer Glasser. But he added, "I'd much rather educate the public than go out and write as many tickets as I can."

Glasser and Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel compared the new law to the "click it or ticket" seatbelt campaign.

"It's a discretionary thing whether the officer writes a citation or even pulls them over," said Wenzel.

Adults can be pulled over solely for violating the new rule, but teens under 18 can only be ticketed for talking on a cell phone if they're already stopped for something else, the law states.

Simitian introduced the bill several years ago with the hope of making the roads safer. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger finally signed off on it in September 2006. While the bill crawled its way through the legislature, controversy brewed

over whether banning "driving while chatting" was a good idea, and the past several years have seen a slew of studies on the topic.

One frequently referenced study, done in 2002 by the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, estimated that cell phone use while driving accounts for 5 percent of accidents and causes about 2,600 deaths per year.

A 2006 study by psychologists at the University of Utah attracted media attention when it concluded that driving while talking on the phone was as hazardous as driving with a .08 percent blood-alcohol level, i.e. legally drunk. But that group also found that subjects' ability to drive was equally impaired if they were using a hands-free or handheld phone. The danger is in the cognitive attention it takes to hold a conversation, not the physical attention needed to hold the wheel, the study concluded.

According to preliminary data from the California Highway

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3-story building for Danville Hotel site

Condos, offices, stores may replace Old West town

by Meghan Neal

A three-story structure and an underground parking garage are slated to replace the old-fashioned buildings at the Danville Hotel site, a centerpiece in downtown Danville.

The revamping of the historic site continues to inch forward as town planners and developers go back and forth over the details of the mixed-use project, which consists of residential condos, commercial offices and retail stores.

On Tuesday the Planning Commission, Heritage Resource Commission and Historic Design Review Committee, along with town staff and the site owner, held a study session to discuss the project. The meeting included a public hearing, but no members of the public spoke.

The site is home to two of the town's heritage resources: the McCauley House, now Corks Wine Store, and the historic Danville

Hotel itself, now Sideboard Cafe.

Developing this site has been a particularly long and complex process; it's been four years since the project was first introduced. At 1.12 acres, the site is a huge property given its downtown location, said project planner Catarina Kidd.

The proposed plan would expand 13,000 square feet of developed space to about 23,000 square feet. The two heritage resources as well as most of the existing buildings facing Hartz Avenue would be retained while the rest of the old buildings, including the storefronts facing Railroad and Prospect Avenues, would be torn down, according to the plan.

The three-story building would be located behind the street-facing store fronts, along with a center quad for pedestrians. It would house eight residential condos on the second and third floors and

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Blackhawk police different from 'privacy staff'

Police teaching residents when to call which service

by Meghan Neal

The Blackhawk Police are trying to increase their visibility, to make sure residents in the area know who they are and what they do.

A \$280 annual parcel tax pays for a lieutenant and three deputies from the county sheriff's office that exclusively serve Blackhawk. They are overseen by a county-appointed advisory committee.

At its monthly meeting in June the committee discussed strategies to educate residents about their community police force.

"Part of this public education and getting the word out is to make sure people know we're here for them," said Lt. Alan Johnson, police services manager.

"We have found, despite the difference in uniforms and different vehicles and all our efforts to explain, there's still a lot of confusion as far as the delineation of duties—who does what," he said.

To make it clearer, the committee decided to repaint three police vehicles to say "Blackhawk Police" in large letters on the door. The new cars will be ready and on the street in about two months.

"It'll really get the name out there and get people recognizing that we're here for them," Johnson said.

The paint job will cost about \$1,500 per car, which will come from traffic ticket revenues.

Johnson said the new black-and-white cars will also be more "eye catching" and should get people to slow down.

"I'd love to never write another ticket ever in my whole career," he said. "If painting the cars will get us there, or another step closer, I

think it's a great idea."

Part of residents' confusion is because they mix up the duties of the police vs. the Blackhawk privacy staff, which mans the gates and enforces Homeowners Association rules. It has no police powers, such as making arrests or writing citations.

But too often people will call the privacy staff about a parking problem, or call police about a landscaping problem, said Johnson.

On June 1, the privacy staff implemented a new phone system that makes it simpler to transfer misdirected calls directly to police dispatch.

Under the old system transferring calls was cumbersome and often the resident would just hang up, leaving staff members that aren't trained in taking police reports to relate the situation to the officer. Police predict the new phones will save time and enhance safety.

"We're really excited about that because it really does help," said the lieutenant.

"It's all about the public safety," he said, adding, "It's public safety and community policing. We also need to be able to help people with issues that aren't emergencies."

Non-emergency, "quality of life" services include vacation checks or patrol requests; the latter is an opportunity for residents who might be concerned about suspicious activity to request an officer monitor the neighborhood.

The vast majority of the calls police receive are for these kinds of services, said Johnson. On average, out of 500-600 calls per month, one to five are felonies and eight to 12 are misdemeanors.

In another effort to get the word

out, the committee plans to order custom-made "Blackhawk Police" magnets to distribute among the area's 6,900 residents.

Johnson also publishes a bi-monthly insert in the HOA newsletter with the latest police news. The next one will come out in July.

The group is already planning for its next Town Hall Meeting, in November. For the last year-and-a-half, police have hosted these community meetings every three or four months to discuss topics like identity theft and Internet security.

November's meeting is a "back to basics" discussion, Johnson said. It's a chance to explain "what we are, what we do ... and the general issues concerning Blackhawk."

He hopes increasing visibility will help police "preserve what we already have here in Blackhawk: a strong community, good partnerships between businesses and homeowners and a safe place to work and live—and play." ■

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- Improper property maintenance
- Visitor lists
- Gate contact: 736-6446
- Business: 736-6440



JONAS AGUIAR

Hartz welcomes arts

Firefighters from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District were on hand at the Danville Fine Arts Faire last weekend to give families a close look at their equipment—and themselves. On Saturday, under the direction of Capt. Lon Phares, they extended their ladder over Hartz Avenue, and firefighter and paramedic Jonas Aquiar climbed up and took this photo. The Italian street painters can be seen in the foreground. Faire attendance suffered in the high temperatures Saturday but made up for it Sunday when the weather was mild.

'Wigged Out' on way out?

Beloved hair salon cabaret looking for a new home

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Last Saturday's finale of "Wigged Out" was more than a season's end. It was the last performance held at Victoria's Hair Onstage, which has been sold to another salon that will not include the campy comedy in its offerings.

"What we had at the hair salon was unique," said Jeff Seaberg, director and producer.

The cabaret-style comedy had its beginnings with stylist Vickie Brooks who owned the popular Danville salon. As the stylists worked together day after day, they realized many of them had dramatic talent, and began to present small skits some evenings in the salon setting. From there it developed into the professional quality shows produced by Seaberg, using entertainers who perform throughout the Bay Area.

The cast of 15 would sing, dance, act and tell jokes, garbed in costume after costume to fit their multiple roles. One fan called it "Saturday Night Live, a Beach

Blanket Babylon and an x-rated talent show all rolled into one."

Five years ago, Brooks sold her salon to Don Greene, said Seaberg, and he picked up where she'd left off. But the new owners have other plans, and Seaberg has been searching for a new home for the "Wigged Out" troupe.

"We could reinvent ourselves a lot of different ways," he said. "If we're not in a salon, we don't have to make stories revolve around a salon. That was the gimmick that made us unique. But we could do something that fits into a traditional theater space. We could reinvent ourselves as dinner theater."

"Wigged Out," although setting its stories in a hair salon, was constantly reinventing itself to stay up with current events.

"We've got a really talented writing staff," said Seaberg. "We have a political section and we were able to update."

Seaberg philosophizes that "an ending is always a new beginning."

"I'm confident that change will be an interesting improvement," he

said. "We are moving forward with the same wackiness and persistence that gets us the same silly show every year."

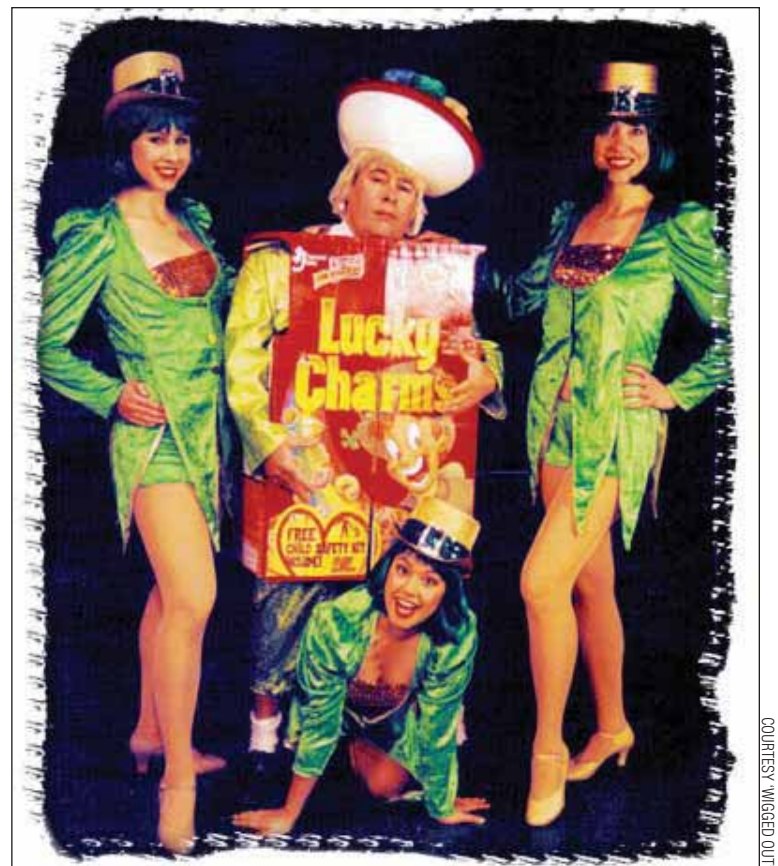
The group has been focusing on its last season and moving out of the salon rather than searching for a new home. Seaberg also runs Danville's summer musical theater children's camps.

"It's sort of the yin and yang that is me—a show for grownups and the kids show, which is near and dear to me," said Seaberg, a Danville resident.

But now he is exploring opportunities for the company of actors and says he has had some interesting discussions.

"There are lots of spaces around," said Seaberg, mentioning venues throughout the Bay Area. "We'd like to stay local. That's where our fan base is."

"We could do anything from getting another small space or completely turn around and reinvent the wheel and do something on a grander scale," he added. "We'll land on our feet somewhere." ■



COURTESY WIGGED OUT

"Wigged Out," known for its zany shows set in a beauty shop, had its last show Saturday at Victoria's Hair Salon, which is changing hands.



DOLORES FOX CARDELLI

Crosswalk makes safe walk

A driver ignores a stop sign as traffic is diverted into one lane on Front Street to allow installation of electrical equipment for the new crosswalk in front of the library Monday.

"It's the newest technology. It took six weeks to get it," said Mike Schratz, director of business operation for Presidio Systems Inc. of Livermore, which was awarded the job in May. He said signs will light up around the curve north of the crosswalk to warn cars about pedestrians, and the system can also give audio messages.

The crosswalk is costing Danville about \$74,000, which will come from capital improvement funds. Schratz estimated the work would be finished Wednesday.

After this photo was taken, the flagman began to stand in front of the cars to make sure they stopped.

Cell phone laws

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Patrol, there were 1,327 accidents in the state last year in which cell phone use contributed to the cause of the collision. Seven were fatal.

In Danville, cell phone use contributed to two out of 178 collisions in 2007, according to the same data. Both collisions resulted in property damage only; there were no injuries.

CHP Spokeswoman Jaime Coffee said the numbers are probably low since people rarely want to admit having been on the phone at the time of an accident.

"It's a matter of what the drivers told the officer for the report," she said.

She also said that cell phone use was the No. 1 cause of inattention

reported by drivers. Other factors that distract attention include children or pets in the car, playing with the radio, lighting a cigarette, putting on makeup or eating.

State Assemblyman Bill Maze (R., District 34) recently introduced a bill that would ban drivers from having pets in their laps. The bill passed in the Assembly and now heads to the Senate.

California joins Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Washington state and Washington, D.C., in banning cell phones behind the wheel.

A citation for driving while talking on the phone will not count as a point on the offender's driver's license but will show up on his or her driving record. The law makes exceptions for emergency calls to police, fire or medical officials.

For more information on the new cell phone law, visit www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws/ ■

TAKE US ALONG



Weekly goes to Vienna

San Ramon Valley resident Phil Pruski—with his Danville Weekly—visits St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, Austria. He was with the People to People Sports Ambassador program.

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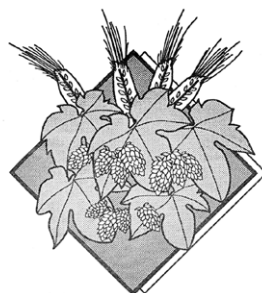


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I love the hot weather. Until it gets hot. Then I suffer and wonder why I ever thought I liked it. This is worrisome because isn't learning from experience a sign of intelligence? I remember hot weather with pleasure—swimming, sitting in the shade with a cool drink. Then when we have a hot spell I'm shocked to find it quite uncomfortable, even debilitating. On weekends when the temperature is over 100, I stay in the air-conditioned house. Even the thought of moving to the air-conditioned car to go to the air-conditioned grocery store is beyond me.

Maybe I've been confusing hot weather with general summertime—when the days are long and pleasant and the temperature around here mostly hovers in the 80s. This non-hot, non-humid weather is wonderful, which of course is why we pay so much for our houses. But hot weather is just uncomfortable.

Which brings me to the Fourth of July Parade. I hear from the old-timers around here that Danville

has had all kinds of weather for the parade during the last five decades. It's usually hot but it's also been cold and it's been cloudy and it even rained once. For the last three years I have gone to the parade and stayed from beginning to end, walking up and down the route talking to people and taking photos. (Would anyone like 600 pictures of the last three Fourth of July parades? A few of them aren't bad.) And you know what? It's been hot.

This year the Danville Weekly is going to actually be in the parade—meaning Ad Manager Mary Hantos and me. We have the pleasure of sponsoring the combined high school band, which, hopefully, will put a spring in my step. Mary and I will carry the identifying banner followed by flag girls and musicians from the four local high schools, who are nice enough to give up time during their summer holidays to practice and then to participate.

I love band music, having grown up marching in parades twirling a baton with the Fancy Steppers in

The Danville Weekly wanted to participate but wondered what we could possibly do to be entertaining. Perhaps Mary could play the kazoo and I could twirl my old baton?

San Jose. Baton twirling was big in the '50s; there were five or six groups in the Bay Area and we would compete against each other in several parades a year. The organizers would place the bands next to the baton units and when they launched into a piece, we would perform our routine. Baton twirling seems to be a thing of the past but I keep going to parades and enjoying them.

This year's Fourth of July Parade is a special one because it celebrates Danville's 150th birthday, and the 50th anniversary of Hay Days, which celebrated Danville's 100th birthday. So the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon

Valley, which runs the parade, is going all out. It's even holding another Hay Days on July 3 with some of the same highlights—an old-fashioned swimsuit contest, a talent show and more. From Railroad Avenue to Front Street, there will be hayrides and train rides and fun and music. The town is holding a free barbecue at the Town Green from 4-7 p.m. All the details are in the second section inside this paper.

Because this parade is special, Kiwanis is starting the parade at 9 a.m., an hour earlier than usual, and has asked all the entries to provide entertainment value. The Danville Weekly wanted to par-

ticipate but wondered what we could possibly do to be entertaining. Perhaps Mary could play the kazoo and I could twirl my old baton? Luckily we found out the high school band needed a sponsor. San Ramon Valley High School music director Cheryl Yee Glass, who is coordinating the band, feels it's important for students to be an active part of the community.

Now I only have to worry about the weather. I've been advised to dress as lightly as possible, and to wear the most comfortable shoes I own. Apparently walking in a parade, with all the stops and standing around, isn't the same as walking back and forth along the route. Also I've been told to wear a hat and carry water. Sounds like I need a "band mom" to carry stuff for me. Since I don't have anyone willing to take on the job, I guess I'll carry everything—plus, of course, a camera to document the 2008 Fourth of July Parade.

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commercial offices on the first floor, facing the center quad.

These could be doctors or lawyers, or possibly a gallery or small business, said owner and developer Tom Baldacci of Castle Companies. The landscape architect, David Gates, has envisioned a grassy area and a fountain made to look like Mount Diablo.

The goal of the project is to find a balance between retaining the historic properties and meshing with the character of downtown, while realizing the full economic potential of the area, said Baldacci. Shopping traffic is inconsistent and those that do visit downtown don't often spend money there, he said.

Downtown Danville is still evolving and finding its identity, and the mixed-use development of the Danville Hotel would introduce something brand new to the area, he said.

All the moving pieces of the project must fit together to make it viable, he said. The residential housing would finance the underground parking, which is very costly but helps maximize the use of the space.

In today's housing market, there's no way to scale back the residential area in the plan and still pay for the project, Baldacci said. "That's sort of what drives us up to three stories."

But the thought of a three-story building made many commissioners at the meeting nervous, plus the



The old Danville Hotel Restaurant is the centerpiece of the Old West buildings that were built 50 years ago and are now being torn down for redevelopment. Plans call for three stories with eight residential condos on the second and third floors, commercial offices on the first floor facing the center quad, and underground parking.

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proposed height of the buildings is 41.6 feet, which exceeds the town's limit of 35-38 feet. This is not a town that's wild about tall buildings, they pointed out.

"My sense is it's just too big. It could overwhelm all the properties around it," said Planning Commissioner Bob Nichols.

But Planning Commissioner Robert Storer called the project "spectacular," and said they just have to "clean up a few things" to make it viable.

Locating the three-story building on the inside of the development behind the smaller, traditional buildings is a common approach to developing historic sites, planners said, referencing the Vecki House on Front Street and Shuey-Podva House

on School Street as examples.

Heritage Resource Commissioner Lee Halverson asked if the historic buildings would be restored. Baldacci said as the project moves forward, the plans would ensure that the functionality of the buildings stayed intact.

Nothing was decided or voted on at the study session. The Planning Commission will meet again with the Heritage Resource Commission, which will make a recommendation to the Town Council. The council must hold at least one public hearing before acting on that recommendation.

A set of development plans is available at the Town Offices at 510 La Gonda Way for the public to view and comment on. ■

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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Keep 'Wigged Out' in town

Downtown Danville is undergoing extensive self-examination as Discover Danville, an organization of downtown merchants, tries to figure out the best way to draw customers to its shops and services. Meanwhile, zany musical comedy "Wigged Out" just finished its season at Victoria's Hair Onstage on the corner of Hartz Avenue, Hartz Way and San Ramon Valley Boulevard and is looking for a new home.

The production's organizers aren't worried about finding a new place to present their spoof, a notoriously campy cabaret-style comedy. They say venues are available throughout the Bay Area and they are confident they will find something.

But Danville should be alarmed at this potential loss. "Wigged Out" has been sold out for most performances as it has grown in popularity over its 15 years. It began as a small skit put on by employees of Victoria's salon and grew into a professional production, with its season running every weekend from November through June, two performances a night, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Now Victoria's has been sold and the new salon is not interested in hosting the performances, which is understandable. The former partnership was successful for many years but would not necessarily work for every shop.

But that is no reason for downtown Danville to lose "Wigged Out." It was perfect for drawing folks to downtown restaurants before and/or after the performances. It was the type of comedy that could be enjoyed periodically because the performers updated their material based on current events plus about 20 percent of each show was improv and the audiences were an integral part of it.

Hopefully some other partnership will emerge to provide a venue for "Wigged Out." Its cast comprises seasoned professionals who can be seen in other plays throughout the Bay Area. We are lucky the show began here in Danville and we should keep it here.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

National Night Out is a great event

Dear Editor:

My name is Janice Wilcox and I am the president of the Danville Ranch/California Chateau Home Owners Association. National Night Out is coming up Aug. 5. Our HOA participated last year for the first time. It was a tremendous success and everyone who attended had a great time.

It is our understanding that there were 18 block parties throughout all of Danville last year. Seven of those block parties were right in the Danville Ranch/California

Chateau HOA community.

The camaraderie was amazing. Our block had each neighbor introduce themselves and tell everyone a little bit about them and their family. It was really great to learn things about each other. We had two neighbors (one living on the street for 20 years and the other had lived here 15 years) who had never met. Every block had stories like that to share.

Our HOA would like to challenge other HOA's in the Town of Danville to participate in National Night Out. We guarantee you will have a great time.

Janice Wilcox, Danville

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sharing the road

Summer brings safety challenges as cycling groups hit the streets

by Meghan Neal

Driving has taken on a whole new dimension now that summer's in full swing. There seem to be cyclists at every turn, whizzing down the road in throngs that take up half the lane.

Who are these two-wheeled flocks dominating the streets? Well, the Valley is ripe with cycling groups and racing teams—and with Mount Diablo and Morgan Territory to the east, Sunol down south, Briones Regional Park up north and Las Trampas and the Berkeley Hills to the west, they frequently cut right through Danville and Alamo.

But sharing the roads isn't always easy. Drivers say bicyclists put themselves at risk by riding in large groups on narrow streets or ignoring the rules of the road. Cyclists say they have just as much right to be there as their 4-wheeled counterparts. It begs the question: Can't we all just get along?



A bike group rides up Danville Boulevard in Alamo. When it comes to the rules of the road, cyclists have different responsibilities as cars.

The spandex gaggle

"We call them 'a gaggle of spandex,'" said Bob Worthington. He and his wife live on Laurel Drive in Danville, a popular thoroughway for cyclists.

"On Saturday or Sunday it's not unusual to see 75 in a group all of a sudden fly by," he said. "I've gotten in the habit where I'll stand on my porch and try to count them all, just to see if I can do it. Count them all as they speed by. It's tough."

Seventy-five may be pushing it, but a group of up to 50 isn't unheard of. And they'll often ride two, three or four abreast. Alameda County is considering a law to require

bike clubs hosting group rides of 50 or more to apply for a permit, which the county sheriff's office could approve or deny.

Here, more and more residents are expressing frustration with the "gaggles" and their apparent disregard for the rules of the road. Two particular trouble spots are Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville and Railroad Avenue between Prospect Avenue and Linda Mesa, where space is tight, cars are parked on the side of the street, and there are no bike lanes.

When the town expanded the Clocktower Parking Lot two years ago it narrowed Railroad Avenue from four

lanes to two and took out the bike lane; the space was about a foot too narrow to keep it in.

The town built up the curb along the side of the road, rather than having it slope down as usual, so bikes could still use the area to ride. And they regularly do, but the close quarters put them at risk of, say, being clipped by a car making a right turn or getting "doored" by someone coming out of a parked car.

"When you put 15, 20 bicyclists at once simultaneously in a group, that's tough," said Linda Stolow, owner of the Small Frye Shoppe on Railroad Avenue. "All it takes is one misplaced movement and you can knock

over a bunch of bik

Alice Anthony has been biking in Danville long enough to have gained a reputation in town.

"I honestly think I'm impatient that they're taking the roads with any other idea than to have this idea that

People don't all agree. Jim Kohnen is a Spokesmen.



The Valley Spokesmen is one of the biggest cycling clubs in the East Bay, along with the Grizzly Peak Cyclists out of Berkeley and the Fremont Freewheelers.

Danville and Alamo also see riders from Diablo Cyclist, Strada Sempre Duro and Folks on Spokes, all based out of Walnut Creek, and an advanced group called the House of Pain, which meets at the Rudgear Road Park and Ride.

Kohnen said Danville is a great place to bike, except for the busy sections downtown.

"The people are shopping so they're not paying any attention," he said. "They open doors in front of us, and they don't look. The bicyclists have to be really careful during the three blocks on Railroad and Hartz."

What about the Iron Horse Trail?

Careful is something any experienced cyclist knows to be. Regardless of fault or blame, when bikes and cars share the road both parties should be extra alert.

Few know this better, perhaps, than tri-athlete star Chris Lieto, a 3-time Ironman Champion and Danville native.

"You've gotta be aware," he said. "You're on a bike. You don't have a lot of steel around you to protect you. And a lot of times cars don't see you. They're looking for a car—they're not looking for a cyclist."

"Every time I ride, my eyes are scanning all over the place, watching cars," he continued. "Because the cars think they have the right to be on the road and we don't."

Stolow said safety is the main reason drivers can get frustrated with the cycling masses.

"No driver who's worth their salt wants to harm a pedestrian or a bicyclist," she said. Yet cyclists increase the chances of that happening by putting themselves at risk, drivers say.

"One of these days somebody's going to try to swing around these bikers and there's going to be a car coming in the other direction. And I can just imagine the disaster," said Worthington.

Many people, including Danville Mayor Candace Andersen, strongly encourage bicyclists to ride along the Iron Horse Trail instead of the street. At least through the narrow jag of town, she said, "in my mind it's a great option."

"They're putting themselves at risk on Railroad and, you know, 40 feet away, 50 feet away is the Iron Horse Trail! And it's much nicer, it's much prettier—it's pleasant," said Stolow.

For the lone or casual cyclist the trail is certainly an excellent choice. But hardcore cyclists say it's not for them—no way.

"We would get a lot of letters from pedestrians saying it's very unsafe and dangerous. There'd be

a lot more accidents if people road their bikes on the Iron Horse Trail," said Lieto.

"You have 20 bicyclists going 20 mph and some lady pushing her baby carriage, talking on her cell phone and has a dog in the other hand," Kohnen said. "It's a disaster."

The speed limit on the trail is 15 miles per hour—too slow for long, fast rides, cyclists say. Plus, they don't like having to stop at almost every block to cross a street.

"If you really want to ride your bike, you don't take that trail," said Anthony.

Still for everyone's safety cyclists must go slower in the downtown area, many say, and Andersen pointed out that even with its obstacles, the trail offers more room than a bike lane does.

If people do choose to bike on the streets, she said, then they just have to be sure to abide by the rules of the road.

The law: Bikes are cars, too

Legally, there's no difference between a bike and a car when it comes to traffic rules. Realistically, it's no secret that more than a few cyclists tend to be loose about following those rules.

They'll even admit it.

"Bicyclists blow through red lights; bicyclists make illegal turns; bicyclists do stupid stuff all the time—sometimes in front of a police car," said Kohnen. "And very rarely do they get stopped."

If police don't enforce the rules, cyclists likely won't be apt to follow them, he said.

Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel said it's against the law to ride two or more abreast on the street. He couldn't remember how many citations had been issued for breaking that rule, but guessed it was probably only one, if any.

"Ask them how many tickets they've given for bicycle violations and you'll probably get, 'Huh?'" Kohnen said. "They probably don't even know how to write a bicycle ticket."

In fact, they do. Police issue about six to 10 bike citations per month, normally for failing to stop at a red light or stop sign. They have to prioritize where to use resources, said Wenzel. "We have enough to do already than worry about groups of bicyclists who don't follow the law."

Ideally, police would love to trust the cyclists to be responsible and follow the rules so they don't need to spend time ticketing, he said.

The issue can't be ignored, though. Residents will point the finger at police, Wenzel said, asking, "What are you guys doing about this?"

"I think that some way or another, the Town of Danville has to get the word out to the cyclists that they have to obey the same traffic rules as an automobile," Worthington said. "I think the cyclists need to be made aware of the danger they

are imposing."

Kohnen suspects many police officers don't think cyclist groups should be on the roads at all, "but the state law says we have as much right to the road as cars."

Being synonymous with a car comes with all the rights of one, but also all the responsibilities. In other words, cyclists can't have their cake and eat it too.

A classic example is 4-way stops. Drivers assume a person on a bike is going to follow the law and yield to whoever arrives at the intersection first. But often they'll zoom through without stopping, and sometimes that'll be right in front of a turning vehicle, said Wenzel.

The rules are there for the safety of the public, he said. "I'm not telling anybody not to ride their bicycle through town ... We have to work together."

Coexisting on the roads

With gas prices averaging \$4.50 a gallon it shouldn't come as a surprise that a growing number of people are benching the gas-guzzlers and bringing their bikes back onto the field.

Heightened environmental awareness and health consciousness further the rising popularity of cycling, said Jose Gutierrez, owner of Danville Bike.

The owner of California Bike, John Knowles, said cycling is once again the "cool" thing to do. They've both noticed more customers coming into the store in the past few months.

"There's no reason why the cyclists and the cars can't get along. I mean it happens in Europe. They get along just fine," said Gutierrez.

But others point out that ours is still a culture dominated by the automobile.

"America was never set up for it," Anthony said. "Because we produced cars and that became one of our biggest products."

In the first half of the 20th century public opinion shifted in favor of cars, buses and highways over bicycles and trains, she pointed out.

Still, most people agree Danville and Alamo are pretty comfortable places to ride.

"We live in a town that's perfect for biking and going to get groceries or going and running errands, and we want to encourage that as much as possible," said Lieto.

If more people start riding their bikes it could make Danville safer for everyone; the more prevalent cycling is in a community the fewer bike accidents there are, said East Bay Bike Coalition's executive director, Robert Raburn. If there are enough bicyclists around, motorists expect to see them. He called it "safety in numbers."

"And that's what leads to, I think, a shift in behavior, to know that we're sharing this road," he said. "The good news is, that shift is happening." ■

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BULLETIN

No explosions at home

Lighting fireworks at home is illegal in Contra Costa County. It's also illegal to buy them in cities in other counties and smuggle them over the border.

Fireworks can be dangerous when not operated by professionals, fire officials say.

More than 8,000 people per year, mostly children under the age of 15, are injured from fireworks, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The injuries are usually burns on the hands, eyes and head.

Fire officials encourage residents to attend organized events this Fourth of July. There will be a fireworks display at San Ramon Central Park at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Residents attending these events should be mindful of their pets, officials warn, because animals have sensitive ears and can get scared or stressed around loud noises.

To report the sale and use of illegal fireworks or explosives, contact the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Fire Prevention Division at 838-6600.

—Meghan Neal

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, June 15

- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:18 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Brookside Pl. at 4:31 p.m.
- Littering on Rassani Dr. at 8:38 p.m.

Monday, June 16

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 3:03 a.m.
- Grand theft on El Pintado Rd. at 8:23 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Silver Lake Dr. at 9:54 a.m.
- Identity theft on St. David Dr. at 1:22 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17

- Auto burglary on Turrini Cir. at 7:18 a.m.
- Warrant, arrest, on Ashland Way at 8:13 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Dolphin Dr. at 8:58 a.m.
- Petty theft on Tuscany Way at 11:11 a.m.

- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at noon
- Vandalism on El Cerro Blvd. at 2:31 p.m.
- Drugs violation on Waterman Cir. at 4:39 p.m.
- Welfare check, arrest, on Camino Ramon at 10:18 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18

- Accident, major injuries, on Crow Canyon Rd. and St. George Rd. at 3:17 p.m.
- Warrant, arrest, on St. Ramon Ct. at 9:38 p.m.
- Trespassing on Brookside Dr. at 10:29 p.m.

Thursday, June 19

- Vandalism on Blackstone Ct. at 8:54 a.m.
- Identity theft on Volterra Ct. at 9:45 a.m.
- Identity theft on Ridgeland Cir. at 10:19 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Railroad Ave. at 11:10 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Podva Rd. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:21 a.m.
- Vandalism on 400 block of Hartz Ave. at 1:58 p.m.

- Misdemeanor, other, on 3100 block of Stone Valley Rd. at 5:03 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, on Fostoria Way at 8:54 p.m.

Friday, June 20

- Suspicious circumstances, arrest, on Remington Loop at 7:58 a.m.
- Identity theft on El Dorado Ave. at 10:47 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Tunbridge Rd. at 11:25 a.m.
- Identity theft on Meese Cir. at 11:59 a.m.
- Warrant, arrest, on Diablo Rd. at 3:07 p.m.
- Animal cruelty on Fostoria Way at 6:18 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Del Amigo Rd. and Glen Rd. at 8:59 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Podva Rd. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:41 p.m.

Saturday, June 21

- Littering on Ambience Way at 7:04 a.m.
- Grand theft on St. Helena Ct. at 12:04 p.m.
- Assault with a deadly weapon on Holbrook Dr. at 10:58 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Minnie M. Avola

Minnie M. Avola, a former resident of Alamo, passed away May 30 in Ventura at the age of 98.

She was born Aug. 29, 1909, in a log cabin on the Big River in Mendocino, to Raffaello and Emelia Paoli. She had five brothers and a sister.

She married Bob Halter in 1934; he passed away 10 years later at the young age of 32. She remarried in 1950 to Carmallo Avola, who passed away in 1961.

She spent a big part of her life serving the Catholic Church. For more than 20 years she cooked for the priests at St. Teresa's in Oakland and St. Mary's in Walnut Creek.

She is survived by her daughter Dolly Efshoff, sons Bob and Jim Halter, 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated June 4 at St. Anthony's Church in Mendocino.

Sumner Warner White Sr.

Sumner Warner White Sr., a resident of Danville, died May 29 of pneumonia in San Ramon at the age of 83.

He was born Nov. 9, 1924, and was a native of Chicago. He attended Wentworth Military Academy and graduated from Northwestern University.

He served honorably in the U.S. Navy during World War II, entering the U.S. Air Force in 1950. After serving in many critical assignments, he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1969.

Residing in Northern Virginia, he then worked as a consultant for Logicon Inc. for 17 years. He and his wife moved to Danville in October 1998. Throughout his life he was committed to family and had a passion for golf.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gloria; his son Sumner and daughter-in law Karen of Castro

Valley; daughter Susan and son-in law Jean-Pierre Lallement of Zurich, Switzerland; and four grandchildren.

His memory was celebrated on June 7 at Crow Canyon Country Club Estates in Danville. Donations are appreciated to your favorite charity.

Roma F. 'Kay' Lusche

Roma F. "Kay" Lusche, a resident of Danville, died June 2 at John Muir Medical Center where she was being treated for a malignant brain tumor.

She was born June 29, 1931, in Schuyler, Neb., to Frank and Rose Kopecky. She was educated in Schuyler schools and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a bachelor's degree in education. She married Robert Lusche in 1953 and helped him through college to earn a bachelor's in civil engineering from Wyoming University.

They moved to California in 1956 where Bob worked for Standard Oil of California and they raised their three children. They were avid boaters and enjoyed water skiing, primarily on Lake Berryessa. They are 37-year residents of Danville and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2003. Her loving presence will be missed by her family and many friends.

She was predeceased by her son Kent, who died in July 1987. She is survived by her husband Bob Lusche, her son Bill and daughter-in-law Sharon; her daughter Diane and son-in law Steve Piersol; her sisters Evelyn Whitaker and Louise Paone and brother-in-law Cosmo Paone; two granddaughters; and many nephews and nieces.

A memorial service was held June 9 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lafayette. Private interment was held at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette. Contributions can be sent to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette.



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Art

Art, Wine and Cheese Come by and enjoy an artist's reception featuring Jill Tishman and Jacqueline Ford from 5-8 p.m., Friday, June 27, and from 3-8 p.m., Saturday, June 28, at Sotheby's, 360 Hartz Ave., Danville. Call Cynthia at 580-1430.

Artist's Day at Forest Home Farms Enjoy a day of painting, photography, drawing or other media among the historic structures, tall redwoods and sheep pastures from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, July 26, at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Bring your art supplies, a chair and lunch. Cost is \$5 for residents; \$6 for non-residents. Call 973-3282.

Author Visit

Rakestraw Books Rakestraw Books will host Dorothy Hearst, author of "Promise of the Wolves," at 7 p.m., Monday, June 30, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-7337.

Classes

Cactus and Succulents Navlet's Garden Center will host a free class on Cactus and Succulents at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, July 27, at Navlet's Garden Center, 800 Camino Ramon, Danville. This class is free. Call 837-9144.

Concerts

'Brigadoon' Diablo Light Opera Company presents "Brigadoon," Lerner and Loewe's first major musical, at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 28 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 29, at the Leshar Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$20-43. Call 943-7469 or visit www.lesherartscenter.org.

'Carmen' Danville Lyric Opera presents "Carmen" at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 29, at Townhall Theater, 3535 School St., Lafayette. Tickets are \$30 for reserved seating, \$25 for general seating and \$20 for seniors and students. Call 283-1557 or visit www.townhalltheater.com.

Events

'Dinner in a Snap' Cookoff Diablo Valley home cooks are invited to enter the first Diablo Valley "Dinner in a Snap" Cook-Off. Categories include salad, appetizer, baked goods, week-night meal and one-dish meal. Entries are due on June 30 and may be submitted at www.ensemblesmeals.com. Finals will be on Aug. 8. Call 855-8355.

Free Electronics Recycling Collection Everyone is invited to the free electronic waste collection event open to all businesses and residents of California from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 28-29, at the Danville Park and Ride parking lot, at the corner of Sycamore Valley Road and Camino Ramon, Danville. Call (510) 393-8276 or visit www.unwaste.com.

NextEnergy Solar System Open House Come to the Solar System Open House to learn other ways to make your home more energy efficient from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 28, at 324 Merrilee Place, Danville. This event is free. Call 798-0600.

Third Annual Summer Doggie Fair Come join us for a fun day with doggie games, demonstrations, food and drinks and live music at the third annual Summer Doggie Fair from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, July 19, at Pyrenees Pets, 3440 Camino Tassajara, Danville. This event is free; event benefits ARF. Call 648-7387 or visit www.pyreneespets.com.

Fundraisers

25th Anniversary Primo's Run for Education Join this fun community tradition by participating in the 1/2 Marathon starting at 7:15 a.m. or the 5k Race or 5k Fun Run/Walk both starting at 8:15 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 19. Cost is \$50, \$25 or \$20. Proceeds benefit the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. Call 820-9181 or visit www.primosrun.com.

26th Annual Alamo Music Festival Rotary Club of Alamo will host the 26th annual Alamo Music Festival from 2-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, at Alamo Plaza. The day will include live bands, marching bands, food, wine tasting, rock climbing and fun! Proceeds benefit Danville and Alamo school music programs. Call 217-3123.

Danville Library Book Sale Friends of the Danville Library will host a book sale from 9-10 a.m. (members only) and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, July 18; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, July 19; and from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, July 20 (\$5 a bag sale), at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Call 837-6737.

Family Pancake Breakfast San Ramon Senior Center invites you to its family pancake breakfast from 9-11:15 a.m., Sunday, July 13, at the San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. Cost is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children. Proceeds benefit the lives of seniors through a variety of programs, events and activities. Call 973-3250.

Rubber Ducky Derby The 17th annual Rubber 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.rubberduckyderby.org. Proceeds benefit Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland.

Kids and Teens

Free Practice ACT Test Athenian School will host a free practice ACT test for area high school students from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Saturday, June 28, at the Athenian School, 2100 Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd., Danville. Students will be invited back on July 1 to receive scores and learn ways to improve for the real test. Call (510) 845-7900 or visit www.princetonreview.com.

Kid's Gardening Navlet's Garden Center will host a gardening class on Kid's Gardening at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, July 13, at Navlet's Garden Center, 800 Camino Ramon, Danville. This class is free. Call 837-9144.

Kiwanis Kids and Pet Costume Contest Children ages 5-12 will have the opportunity to showcase their pets and compete for prizes at the Kiwanis Kids and Pet Costume Contest from 5-6 p.m., Thursday, July 3, at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley parking lot, Danville. The event is free and will be part of the Kiwanis Celebrating Hay Days event. The contest is limited to the first 100 entries. Visit www.kiwanis-srv.org.

When Mom or Dad Has Cancer A program for families with school-age children when a parent has cancer. Each workshop has an activity-based group for children where they identify feelings and learn coping skills, a support group for teens, and a group for parents from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

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.

Health and Wellness For the Whole Family Many survivors want to establish healthy habits to support their recovery and enhance their immune systems. Family members can learn the benefits from better nutrition and lifestyle habits from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients and their families and caregivers. Call 933-0107.

Neck, Back and Shoulder Relief Discover how to relieve the nagging discomfort of pain in the neck, back and shoulders from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 28, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free for cancer patients, their families and friends. Call 933-0107.

Recovery Retreat Growing up is mandatory and growing old is optional! Sr. B presents a weekend addressing emotional sobriety Friday-Sunday, July 4-6, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Cost is \$210 for a private room; \$180 for a shared room. Call 831-9141, ext. 315.

The Biggest Oil Spill on Earth Photojournalist Lou Dematteis, co-author of "Crude Reflections: Oil, Ruin and Resistance in the Amazon Rainforest" and Steve Harms, Senior Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, will talk about oil spill damage in the Ecuadorian Amazon from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, July 1, at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Cost is a suggested donation of \$12-\$20 for general admission; \$5 for students. Call 933-7850.

Literary Events

'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.

Miscellaneous

10 Great Dates A fun filled approach to building thriving marriages and enjoying the area's finest eateries will be held from 7-9:15 p.m., Fridays, until Aug. 29, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Rd., Danville. The evenings start with hors 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.

Synergy Institute Award Winning Contest Write a one-page essay on global warming including five points on which Al Gore is wrong by Aug. 15 and win a bicycle. For information, write to Synergy Institute, P.O. Box 561, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Recreation

Summer Tours at Forest Home Farms Come experience what life

was like on an old-fashioned farm from 10 a.m.-noon, until 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.

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Who's got talent in Danville?

Jack McGill, a fourth-grade student from Greenbrook Elementary School, and 69-year-old Stan Wharton are the emcees of "Danville Got Talent" being presented July 3 as part of Danville's sesquicentennial celebration. The old-fashioned talent show, hosted by the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and Role Players Ensemble, begins at 8 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall, on Hartz and Prospect avenues. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, with proceeds going toward youth programs of both organizations.

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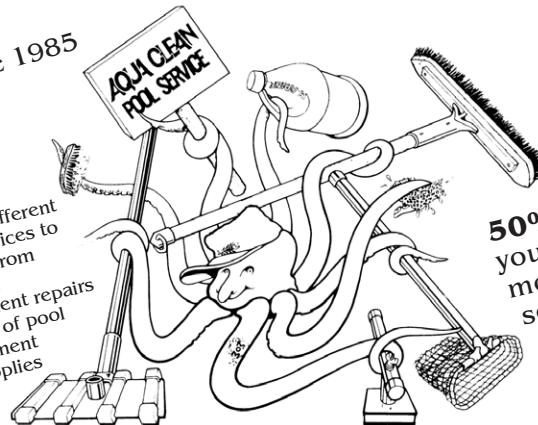
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Rubber ducky— you're the one

Derby raises funds for hospital,
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COURTESY ROWAN BRANCH



MICHELLE OLSON

by Michelle Olson

Yellow rubber duckies are time-honored toys for toddlers—and they are being used to help save lives.

The 17th annual Rubber Ducky Derby is set to happen at Oak Hill Park in Danville in a couple of weeks to benefit Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland. Each duck costs \$10 and will be placed into the pond alongside the live ducks for the derby.

"We want to bring awareness of Children's Hospital. We want people of Contra Costa County to know about the great resource of Children's Hospital," explained Kristina Smith, a seven-year member of the Rowan Branch, which raises money for Children's Hospital. The hospital saved the life of her infant son.

The derby is being held in Danville for the first time, thanks to the Rowan Branch,

Waddles will be at Oak Hill Park making new friends at this year's Rubber Ducky Derby on July 13 to benefit Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland. At left, Danville moms Diane Davis and Stacy Gilbert do their Pool Chicks cleaning business while talking about their contribution to the Rubber Ducky Derby.

which took over the event this year. Its members mostly live in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

The goal is to raise \$150,000 and have at least 15,000 rubber ducks in the pond. Ten ducks will be randomly picked out of the water, with the first one's "owners" winning the grand prize, four tickets from Southwest Airlines to anywhere it flies.

This year's derby will have family carnival rides, face-painting and live singing for the kids.

"It's going to be a friendly, fun, family day," described Belinda George, a Rowan Branch member for 12 years. (See sidebar)

The hospital is in need of more money than ever because of earthquake retrofits mandated by the state of California to be done by 2013. Children's Hospital also plans to open an additional medical facility in Walnut Creek in early 2009.

The event is getting some help from two Danville moms known as the Pool Chicks—Stacy Gilbert and Diane Davis.

Their pool-cleaning company will match the \$10 donation of anyone who buys a duck through them; they hope to sell 500.

"With our business it's a good way to help the community. With our name we'll be able to raise money for the hospital," said Davis.

The women started the Pool Chicks after being fed up with contracted pool cleaning help, they said. Davis said her pool was always green, the pool service would hardly show up, and she felt she was putting money into the pool but never getting results. Gilbert and Davis both needed to find

work at the same time and the pool cleaning business seemed to be a good fit. The friends went to school and became certified by the National Swimming Pool Foundation.

They launched their business and cleaned pools throughout last winter.

"The customers were happy and we knew the children would soon be swimming and splashing away their summer months," Gilbert said.

Now with their business going well, the Pool Chicks says they want to give back to the community.

"With our main emphasis in the well-being of children ... and in awe of the amazing work, research and community support that Children's Hospital provides, we decided to help fundraise and contribute to the Rubber Duck Derby Race," said Gilbert.

The Pool Chicks will have a table at the Fourth of July parade with support from Auto Care of Danville to sell rubber ducks.

Also, volunteers will be washing the duckies and sticking the numbers on at a pre-event from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, at Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek. This is an opportunity for people to donate their \$10 for a chance to win the grand prize. ■

Buy a duck, help a child

What: Rubber Ducky Derby

Who: Children's Hospital
and Research Center Oakland

When: 2-5 p.m., Sunday, July 13

Where: Oak Hill Park in Danville

Buy a duck: www.rubberduckyderby.org

Research and more

Belinda George originally joined Rowan Branch to meet new people and to feel that she would be working for a good cause. When her granddaughter, Katie Nues, now 6, was diagnosed with Rett syndrome, her volunteer work took on a whole new meaning.

Rett syndrome causes a mutation in one of the X chromosomes that causes children to move backwards in their development. When Katie's case was recognized, at 17 months, there was no care for girls in California with the syndrome, forcing the family to look to other states for treatment.

Since that time, \$50,000 has been raised and a doctor from Children's Hospital has helped start Katie's Clinic at the Oakland site to help other girls who have the disease.

Since Katie cannot talk, the team of Katie's Clinic helps identify and treat her health problems. These include seizures, poor weight gain, not being able to walk or use her hands, and problems swallowing.

The team also helps prevent issues she may face such as scoliosis and muscle contractures. And they assess her learning goals and work with Katie's school district.

This has been a great help to the family, explained Katie's mother, Paige Nues. The clinic gives the family hope about Katie's future.

Also Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland is involved in trying to find a cure for Rett syndrome.



BY DR. FRANKLIN UTCHEN

BY BEVERLY LANE

Keep your pet safe on the Fourth of July

We all remember as a child the excitement of the Fourth of July fireworks. However, that excitement for a child (or an adult!) might translate into panic for a dog or cat who doesn't understand what's happening.

This Fourth of July please consider things from your pet's perspective and help them have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Fourth of July fireworks can frighten pets, and that fear can cause a dog or cat to panic and try to escape the confines of a yard or even the house. To help protect pets during the July 4 holiday, consider the following:

- Keep your pet indoors in a quiet and isolated room with covered windows, to help your pet feel safe and secure. Turn on a fan, radio or TV to muffle the sound of fireworks. These devices provide familiar indoor sounds and may help soothe your pet if he must be alone on this noisy holiday.

- Don't bring your pet to a fireworks display. Many dogs are afraid of fireworks and other loud noises and they won't appreciate the colors (dogs are virtually colorblind).

- If you go to see fireworks and leave your canine friend at home, make sure he or she is very secure. Dogs have been known to break through screens, fences, even glass windows when terrified and trying to escape the sound of fireworks. The days after the Fourth of July weekend are the busiest

ones of the year for many animal shelters—many dogs get "lost" after running in fear from fireworks. Independence Day should be celebrated by all of us, but the whole idea of independence is a risky proposition when it applies to your dog running free across busy streets.

- Plan now. Make sure your dog has an identification tag on, and check to see that the tag is legible (sometimes the engraving gets worn off). Your dog should also be wearing a current rabies tag.

- Additionally, I strongly encourage our clients to have their pet "microchipped." This is a small implanted chip, about the size of a grain of rice, that is injected under a pet's skin over the back of their neck or shoulders. This is invaluable in the event that they lose their collar and tags.

If you know from past experience that your pet will suffer from severe anxiety caused by the loud noise of fireworks, here are three things you can do:

First, you may consider talking with your veterinarian several days in advance about giving your pet a mild tranquilizer. If you are unsure of how your pet will respond to a tranquilizer, I often recommend that my clients give it a "trial run" a week ahead of time when they will be with their pet for an afternoon or evening and they can see how their pet is affected.

Second, an herbal remedy referred to as "Rescue Remedy"

may also help. This is available in many pharmacies. Generally a single drop of this will help calm a nervous dog, but because the flavor is disagreeable to some dogs, some veterinarians recommend diluting it slightly with water.

Third, you may wish to consider a product called "Comfort Zone with DAP," which releases a chemical that is supposed to be a dog-comforting pheromone. It often helps to calm down stressed or excited dogs. A different but equivalent pheromone has been isolated and produced to help calm cats. See petcomfortzone.com for more information. For some "anxious dogs" it seems to really help take the edge off their anxiety or intensity. Ideally this should be used for a week or so before fireworks are expected. In the Tri-Valley Area this is available at Pet Care Depot in San Ramon.

If, despite all your efforts, your pet still behaves nervously by pacing, whining or crying, distract your pet by playing with him or doing something he enjoys. Don't stroke, pet or reassure him by saying, "Don't worry. It's OK." This may actually reinforce your pet's anxious behavior.

—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 bishopranchvets@yahoo.com.



BETH CASEY

This float won the 1976 Bicentennial Parade's Sweepstakes Award. It was built by St. Isidore's Cub Scouts Pack 817, supervised by leaders Jim Casey and Nancy Reidy. It represented 1776 with a liberty bell, 1876 with Annabelle Kennedy portraying the Statue of Liberty, and 1976 with a space age rocket.

Celebrate the Fourth, 19th-century style

Fourth of July celebrations have served to remind people of their American heritage for over 200 years. The 19th century San Ramon Valley pioneers went all out for these parties with barbecues, patriotic lectures, races and music.

Fortunately we have excellent accounts of the celebrations in early San Ramon Valley history because of Prof. James D. Smith's memory and writing in 1925. He lived here as a child, stayed in the area and became President of Livermore College.

1850s

The first July Fourth that Professor Smith remembered took place around 1852 just east of George Van Gordon's house in Danville. Here is Smith:

"A barbecue of beef and mutton was prepared by a negro we knew only as Mack, an expert cook, who had come from the southern slave states with Boyd and Field. Mack was free and was the first shoemaker in all that section. The families prepared bread and pies, and I have a pleasant memory of the blackberry pies of those days when the berries were so plentiful.

"A band of music and a detail of soldiers had been arranged ... After patriotic addresses by the chairman, Major Thompson, and John M. Jones, Major Mitchell and Daniel Inman, the band played selections after each speech ... and the feast began, and I remember I got an orange."

"After the feasting, there were running and jumping matches, and a wild horse had been brought to give the visitors an exhibition of riding. A young man, 6 feet 4 inches, named Jesse Bowles did the bronco riding, and satisfied everyone who saw the performance that he could keep his seat regardless of the mustang's efforts to unseat him."

For July 4, 1854, people came

to a picnic at Doc Huff's store on Ignacio Valley. Smith wrote:

"Neighbors assembled from San Ramon, Lafayette and the Clayton districts ... Many Spaniards came: the Pachecos; Galindo; Silvario Soto and his brother, Walloupi; and the Herandas and Garcias from San Ramon. There were several speakers. I recall Daniel Inman of San Ramon, John M. Jones of Alamo and Nathaniel Jones from Lafayette, and to conclude a boy of nine years old named Jimmy Smith recited Patrick Henry's 'Address before the Virginia Convention.' I have the memory of that speech in my old gray head yet and am prepared at any time to repeat it, though it was committed to memory 71 years ago."

1860s

Early in the 1860s July Fourth celebrations in Green Valley were covered by the Contra Costa Gazette. The party in 1862 took place at Uriel Huntington's "beautifully shaded place" (today's Diablo Country Club area). There was a huge picnic, social games and swimming. The Declaration of Independence was read and a patriotic address was given. Young Smith recited his Patrick Henry speech.

For two hours that night there were rockets, Roman candles, serpents, wheels, blue and red fires, etc. Quite a display!

James Smith's articles have been compiled by G.B. Drummond and his remembrances bring those times alive.

Sources: "Recollections, Early Life in the San Ramon Valley as related by Prof. James Dale Smith," ed. G.B. Drummond., Contra Costa Gazette, July 12, 1862

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" and "Vintage Danville."

OF NOTE



Dancers take stage at Monte Vista

The Monte Vista Dance Program presented a fabulous spring show last month called "The Music in Me," with dance students playing a large role in choosing the music, costumes and lighting and, of course, dancing.

Each student in the program is required to create a two-minute routine to a song of her choice and they presented them in December for teacher Susan Gordon to select those for the May performance. From January to May, the dance students worked tirelessly to put on a spectacular show to sold-out audiences.

A classic routine performed yearly is the "Can Can," which tends to be a crowd pleaser each time it is presented. Another interesting routine performed every other year is "Mr. Gone," an eerie song in which individuals are placed in bag-like costumes. The song

also features dancers whose upper bodies seem to vanish at one point, and their bottom halves at another due to white costumes that glow under black lights. Teacher Gordon herself performs in the routine.

Three of the most advanced seniors, Jhia Jackson, Amira Mourad and Heather Kliegman, performed in solos that were self-choreographed. The next show will be in the fall of 2008.

Youth Homes raise \$9,000 in Danville

Youth Homes Auxiliary announced that its Fashion Show and Luncheon held at Crow Canyon Country Club raised well over \$9,000 to benefit Youth Homes, Inc. Youth Homes Auxiliary is a nonprofit group of nearly 200 dedicated volunteers who, through various activities, help to fund the care and raising of neglected and troubled youths at Youth Homes, Inc. facilities.

"The new Crow Canyon Country Club venue, the inclusion of the silent and live auction enabled by the wonderful community support made this a very successful event," said Lorna Martyn, Fashion Show chairwoman, Youth Homes Auxiliary.

"Young ladies from our homes attended the Fashion Show and were in awe. They left feeling that maybe one day they too can 'walk on the boards,'" said Stuart McCullough, executive director of Youth Homes.

The money raised by Youth Homes Auxiliary directly supports the high quality residential treatment programs for abused and neglected children and adolescents offered by Youth Homes. To find out more about the Auxiliary, call 798-5561.

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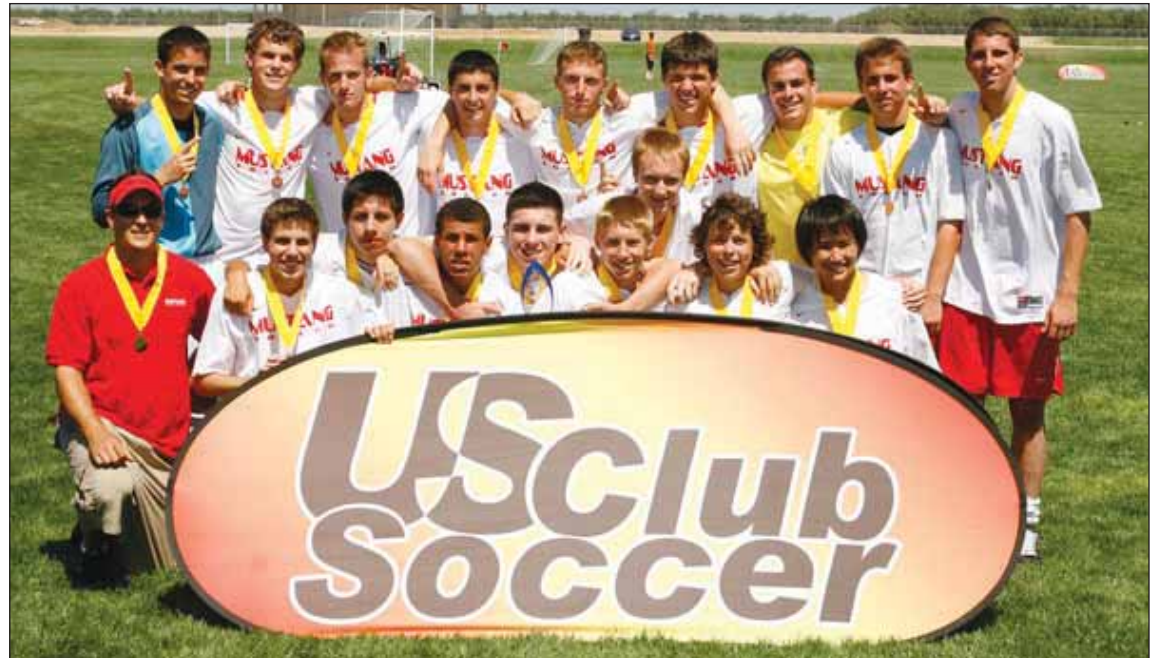
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Presenting the champs

The Red Sox beat the A's, 7-4, in the Championship Game on June 8 to become the 2008 San Ramon Valley Little League AA Champions. It was a battle of the pitchers, with the Red Sox starting pitcher Jordan Weil pitching almost five innings and holding the A's to only two runs in four-and-a-half innings. Then Red Sox pitcher Max Pienkny finished the game with the final pitch, with the bases loaded, striking the last batter out in the top of the 6th inning. The Red Sox capped a very successful season for a total of 18 wins and one loss.

Champion Red Sox are (back row, l-r) Coach Barry Mori, Manager Kevin Cole, Coach Jon Schletz; (middle) Ben Van Camp, Justin Kay, Max Pienkny, Alex Goodman, Jordan Weil, Nathan Stone; (front) Chris Taverrite, Dylan Cole, Colin Schletz, Jacob Cosca, Matty Davis and Brad Mori.



Mustang Strikers advancing to Nationals are (first row, l-r) Coach Rob Hansen, Dan Mariani, David Vega, Ryan Moore, Emrah Klimenta, Kevin Vaughan, Eric Futak, George Mayer, Justin Chew; (second row) Chris Salazar, Ian Cromwell, Ryan Pridemore, Connor Kaminski, Nadav Kariv, Stephan Rabrenovich, Gabe Sandler, Scott Brensel and Michael Janjigian. Not pictured: Max Mendes, Blake Haisley.

Mustang Strikers advance to US Soccer Club Nationals

The Mustang Soccer Club Strikers won the US Soccer Club Region H Championship, for the Boys Under 17 Super Group Division, during the tournament June 14-17 in Modesto. The Strikers advanced to the finals of the National Cup to be held in Virginia Beach, Va., on July 26-29.

The Strikers, led by Coach Rob Hansen, came from behind to win or tie in four of their five matches. They needed 220 minutes of soccer and penalty kicks to win their final two matches. In the semifinal, they defeated Cal Rush Nike 4-3, with a goal by Justin Chew in the overtime session.

The Strikers won the final against Marin FC on penalty kicks, after being tied 2-2 at the end of the 20-minute overtime session. Gabe Sandler saved Marin FC's first two penalty kicks, and the Strikers hit their first four to clinch the championship. ■

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Happy champs

Matthew Knoedler of the AA White Sox pitches at the championship game to become the American League Champions of the 2008 Tassajara Valley Little League. Celebrating are Assistant Coach Brian Fitzgerald, Kyler Wisenor, Matthew Knoedler, Garrett Steffen, Micheal Kwon, Joey Gordillo, Brandon Reyna, coach Todd Carlson, J.T. Carlson; (kneeling) Garrett Fitzgerald, Hunter Perley, Ryan Hourihan, C.T. Sanders and Kevin Luo.



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