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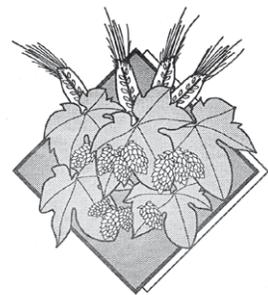
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Roger Crawford

retired/celebrating 50 years of marriage with wife Carol



I used to work in Danville and Alamo as part of the Welcome Wagon, where we would welcome people who moved into the community and give them gifts from local businesses. Some people would get very upset and ask why I was there or slam the door in my face. Once I gave them the gifts though, most were just delighted.

Carol Crawford

retired



I feel very fortunate to have such fine co-workers that I can't find any fault in them.

Ford Andrews

restaurant proprietor



I hate it when they don't do what they are supposed to do because they assume someone else will do it for them.

Stephanie Wong

server



It drives me crazy when they don't mind their own business!

Russ Silkitis

mail carrier

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ABOUT THE COVER

Linda Ballentine, a Danville resident and Contra Costa Resource Conservation District employee, hopes to raise awareness about the area's watershed and encourage people to help keep it clean and healthy. Photo by Meghan Neal. Cover design by Rick Nobles.

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Nominate a hero

The American Red Cross Bay Area is seeking nominations for its annual heroes awards program in Contra Costa County in the following categories, for adults or youths:

- Life-Saving Hero: Someone who performed an extraordinary life-saving act, using life-saving skills such as CPR or first aid;
- Act of Courage Hero;
- Act of Kindness and Philanthropy Hero;
- Community Service Hero, Individual;
- Community Service Hero, Organization;
- Animal Rescue Hero: An animal that has protected a human in a time of need or a person who has rescued an animal from a traumatic situation.

All nominees must work or reside in Contra Costa County, and the deadline is Aug. 15. Award recipients will be selected by a committee of community leaders. Nominations may be submitted online at www.redcrossbayarea.org/heroes.

The heroes will be honored at a breakfast Oct. 17 at Scott's Restaurant and Garden in Walnut Creek.

County launches video sponsorship

The Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County recently announced the launch of a new Video Sponsorship Program. It invites film makers, videographers, artists and arts organizations to submit videos for sponsorship and broadcast on Contra Costa Television's (CCTV) cable television station, which is Channel 27 on Comcast and Channel 32 on Astound.

Videos will be evaluated for their educational and entertainment value, alignment with the arts commission's mission, and overall video quality. When recommending videos to CCTV for broadcast, the commission will give priority to videos that further its mission to advance the arts throughout Contra Costa County.

There is no cost or deadline to submit a video for consideration; videos will be evaluated on an as-needed basis. More information is available at www.ac5.org or call Anne Atkinson at 646-2278.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The Danville bats started coming alive.”

—Tony Bartenetti, coach of the Danville Little League 11s who overcame a 5-0 score to win 8-7 for the Section 3 championship.
See story, page 20.

Voter registration made easier

Secretary of State Debra Bowen unveiled a new, redesigned California voter registration card last week.

“California's old voter registration card looked more like an imposing tax form instead of a simple invitation to participate in democracy,” said Bowen. “The new card is inviting, it's intuitive, and most of all, it's a visual reminder that registering to vote is quick and easy.”

The new layout has about 730 words as opposed to more than 1,200 words on the previous version. In addition, the new card helps eliminate confusion about how to sign up as a nonpartisan voter. Nearly 20 percent of state voters “decline to state” a party preference. However, some voters accidentally registered as a member of the American Independent Party when they intended to register as “independent” of a political party.

The new cards, available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean and Japanese, will be phased in as supplies of the old cards dry up.

The Web-based registration options at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm have also been streamlined. The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 4 General Election is Oct. 20.

Corrections

Last week's open home guide contained at least one wrong open home. We apologize for the error.

The sentence in the July 25 story “Roofing rules shake up Bryan Ranch” about the \$25,000 fine to put asphalt shingles on the roof should have been attributed to Jay Fischer.

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Alamo could make it as a town, says financial report

Supervisors OK revenue agreement—another move toward incorporation

by Meghan Neal

A fiscal analysis recently released found that Alamo has the financial chops to incorporate, edging the community a step closer to becoming an independent town.

A Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis was conducted for the Local Agency Formation Commission by the engineering firm Winzler and Kelly to see if incorporation would work from a financial standpoint.

“It is concluded by this analysis that the new city is considered to be fiscally feasible,” it is written in the report.

The analysis found that the town of Alamo would have more than sufficient revenue and reserves to sustain the current level of service and possibly enhance service in the future. Taxes or fees would not need to be raised, according to the report.

“I think it’s a favorable result,” said Lou Ann Teixeira, executive officer of Contra Costa LAFCO.

Based on the findings, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved on July 22 a revenue neutrality agreement between the county and the potential town of Alamo. The move marks

another milestone in the incorporation process, Teixeira said.

The agreement is essentially a transfer of funds. It outlines a one-year transition period during which the county would continue to provide services to the community and also retain some of the tax revenue from Alamo residents.

When the year is up, the town of Alamo would get the rest of the tax dollars. It would pay a \$3 million imbursement to the county at the end of a 10-year period, to compensate for the revenue the county would lose as a result of incorporation.

Alamo’s income is mainly from property tax and motor vehicle license fees, as well as roughly \$900,000 per year in sales tax and some money from development fees. Though the area is mostly built out, some fees are generated from in-fill development, lot splits and parcel splits, said Teixeira.

The findings are based on a few key assumptions, such as a proposed timing for incorporation of June 30 or July 1, 2009. Alamo would likely contract out law enforcement, animal control, and roads and engineering services.

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New fire chief hails from Danville

Richard Price will replace Craig Bowen to lead district

Danville resident Richard Price has been appointed the new fire chief of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. Price, 46, has been the district’s operations chief since he joined the district in 2006.

“I am very proud to serve as the fire chief in my hometown and to be at the helm of an agency that provides so much public value,” said Price. “The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District is one of the premier fire organizations in the country.”

Price and his wife Lisa have lived in Danville for 18 years, and their 5-year-old daughter attends Tassajara Hills Elementary School.

Prior to joining the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, Price served San Mateo County as a battalion chief for 18 years. He holds a master’s degree in public administration from Cal State Hayward and is a recent graduate of Harvard University’s Kennedy School of



Fire Chief Richard Price

Government, Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program. He is a certified Chief

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MEGHAN NEAL

Classic car show a winner

Event draws crowds to downtown Danville; organizers pleased with feedback

by Meghan Neal

Everyone seems to agree: Last week’s Hot Summer Nights car show was a hit.

“It was fabulous. It went fabulous. We had an awesome turnout,” said show organizer David Miller.

Thousands of people poured into downtown Danville to admire the classic cars. Early on, the sun was hot and the crowds somewhat sparse, but as the night cooled down the energy picked up.

By 8 o’clock there were 12,000 people bustling about the show, Miller said. He expects to see even more at the second and final show, on Aug. 21.

Thanks to the large crowd, restaurants downtown were packed throughout the evening. But many retail shops closed for the night, having found in past years that business was slow during the busy event.

Some stores stayed open despite the commotion, such as Rick’s Picks and Twenty One Tango, both on the main drag, Hartz Avenue.

“We don’t get a lot of traffic but you know, events like that are hit or miss,” said Rick Hirshberg, owner of Rick’s Picks.

He stays open every year during the car show. Sales are generally pretty low, but it’s a great marketing opportunity, he said.

“Any time there are thousands of people walking by your store, it’s a fairly good thing,” he said.



MEGHAN NEAL

Danville’s Hot Summer Nights showcased 1960s muscle cars like this Mustang GT-350. At top, classic hot rods like this shined and snazzy car were admired by thousands of spectators that attended the event.

“You pick up one or two customers, they tell other people ... you’ve got to look at the big picture.”

Tammy Cardinal, store manager at Twenty One Tango, said the event was fun even if business wasn’t booming.

Merchants who worry about the people that come down for the show are overreacting, she said, noting that in the four years she’s been working at the clothing shop, there’s never been any trouble.

Police made no arrests and wrote no citations at the show, though there were a couple minor disturbances, said Lt.

Mark Williams. About 50 people—a mix of officers and volunteers—staffed the event.

“It went well,” Williams said. “It worked out well for everyone.”

Miller said he heard a lot of positive feedback from car owners and the general public about the 1960s cars displayed this year, for the first time since the show’s inception 13 years ago.

“They’re so used to the old hotrods,” he said. “To finally get to see, you know, the GTOs, the Shelby Cobras, all the gorgeous Mustangs ... it was just a nice refreshing change. People really liked it.” ■

Congressman's conference call draws 2,300 residents

by Meghan Neal

U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D., 11th) wants to stay in touch with his constituents even while he's across the country at the nation's capitol.

That was the purpose of last week's one-hour "telephone town hall" meeting, in which residents dialed in to a conference call-style Q&A with their congressman.

Nearly 2,300 people listened in, staying on the call an average of 10 minutes, said communications director Andy Stone. The topics broached were a mix of local and national issues.

The first caller, a Pleasanton resident, asked what is being done in Washington to make renewable energy more affordable.

"I would love to put solar panels on my home but it is cost prohibitive at this point," she said.

"That scenario I feel very strongly about," replied McNerney, whose expertise is in alternative energy. Bills are working their way through congress that would give tax credits for renewable energy products and research and development efforts, he said.

"I think in the end, we're going to be moving strongly in that direction and we're going to be finding new sources of energy from the sun, the wind, geothermal," McNerney said. "I think within about 10 years most

of the cars people buy will be hybrids or all-electric vehicles ... We cannot allow ourselves to fall into this trap again of depending on foreign oil."

A Danville resident asked about benefits for veterans, explaining her son recently returned from active duty and is having a hard time navigating the system.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is backlogged, said McNerney, whose own son is a veteran. Congress has devoted a significant amount of resources into the department to help make the benefits process seamless, he said. In the meantime, he encouraged the caller to contact his office directly.

When a Pleasanton resident brought up education, specifically the high dropout rate in some local schools, the democratic congressman took the opportunity to underline his differences with the Bush administration.

"The people who designed No Child Left Behind had the best of intentions, but in practice I think this has been a very bad policy," he said.

He said the program puts too much emphasis on test results and achievements, reduces flexibility, and de-motivates students because they can't enjoy the learning process. A high dropout rate is a sign the system is failing and needs to be overhauled or scrapped.

Moreover, mandates that come

from the federal government ought to be funded by it. Schools shouldn't be struggling with limited resources, he said.

"As a society, as a culture, we need to look at education and see how important it is," he continued, pledging to work with local educators to put resources back into schools. "It's going to be an 'all hands on deck' effort."

A Pleasanton resident lamented slow-moving transportation projects in the Tri-Valley area. She said the area is continuously growing and by the time improvements like expanding I-580 and Route 84 are complete, the population will have grown beyond them.

The congressman acknowledged how important traffic issues are to people, especially as roads get more and more clogged.

"We want to cut down the red tape so that highway projects can go in quickly and efficiently," he said.

A Danville resident inquired if anything is being done to stop outsourcing.

"It seems as if there are a lot of jobs constantly going out of the country," he said.

McNerney suggested creating employment that can't be outsourced, such as jobs around new energy technology. He also supports laws that, tax wise, discour-

100 years of politics

Museum exhibit opens Tuesday to feature 'We the People'

In this election year the Museum of the San Ramon Valley is showcasing the early politics of the area with its newest exhibit, "We the People: A Century of Political History in the Valley, 1900-2000."

This informative and entertaining display includes historic campaign buttons, photos and other memorabilia from national, state and especially local campaigns that took place over this 100-year period in the San Ramon Valley. It includes highlights of the life of early U.S. Rep. John Baldwin, who was born and raised in Danville, and a 1910 suit with a suffragette's banner.

The non-partisan exhibit was

organized by June Hannon, who has been active in local politics for many years. She was an "I Like Ike Girl" in the 1950s and has remained very involved in elections ever since. This year she was named Woman of the Year for California State Assembly District 15. Many of the items on display are on loan from the Contra Costa County Clerk's Office and from the archives of local residents.

"We the People" runs from Aug. 5-Sept. 27. The Museum is located on the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues in Danville; there is no charge for admission, but donations are encouraged. For hours, call 837-3750. ■

age companies from hiring people from overseas.

One caller asked for the congressman's take on offshore drilling, citing a statistic that two-thirds of Americans support it. McNerney said he realizes it's a controversial issue, since gas prices are "astronomically high."

He disagrees with President Bush's take that offshore drilling will help the problem, he said, and believes the president has the ability to lower the price of gas immediately by releasing oil from the strategic petroleum reserve.

The final comment came from a Manteca resident who also lamented the price of gas, as well as things like groceries and college education. People who aren't rich or poor can't afford basic comforts these days, she said.

"What I want to do is make sure we create jobs so you can afford these things," answered the congressman, acknowledging the difficult times. "It's a very tough environment right now."

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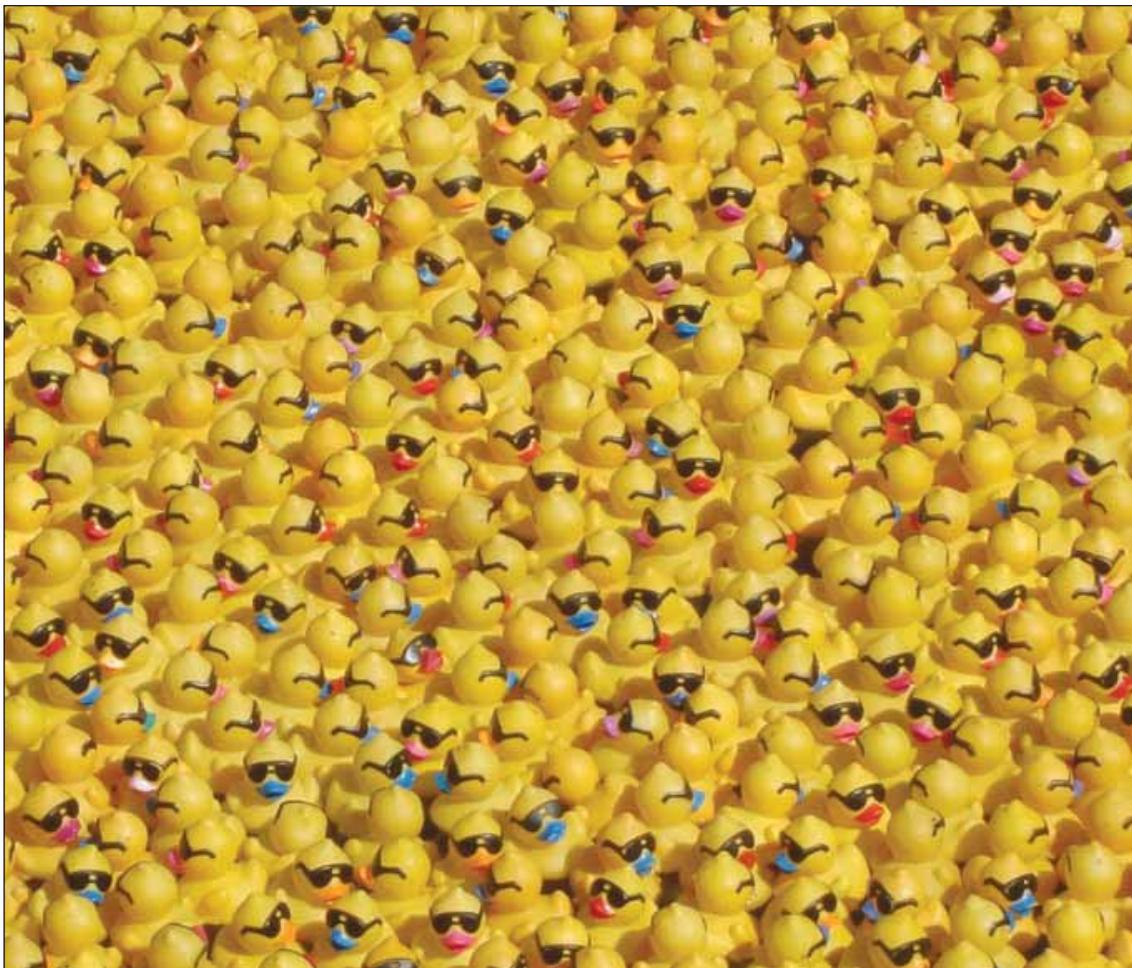
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Fowl play in Danville

Oak Hill Park rubber duckies raise \$100,000 for Children's Hospital

The migration is complete. More than 10,000 members of a unique duck species splash-landed in the pond at Oak Hill Park in Danville on Sunday, July 13. The shiny yellow rubber fowl took to the waters to raise funds for Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland.

Event organizers estimate that more than 700 people were on hand to watch the ducks bob for glory and get plucked from the water for some terrific prizes. This was the first time in its 17-year history that the Rubber Ducky Derby was held in Danville.

"This was the largest crowd we have ever had," said co-chairwoman Belinda George of Danville. She estimates that the Rubber Ducky

Derby grossed well more than \$100,000 for Children's Hospital.

"Families seemed to really enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the day. Kids played carnival games, enjoyed tasty food and snacks and enjoyed Asheba, a children's recording artist and musical entertainer, in addition to the derby itself," said co-chairwoman Janice Alamillo of Alamo.

Cresco Equipment Rentals and the Children's Hospital Branches presented the event. Cresco president, Chris Smith, told the large crowd that it is in the best interest of our community to have a Children's Hospital in our backyard that is thriving, not just surviving.

"Cresco Equipment Rentals are

a wonderful partner in our efforts to raise money for Children's Hospital," said George. Also local merchants, restaurants and attractions helped by contributing gift certificates and merchandise that became the Rubber Ducky Derby's prizes.

The Children's Hospital Branches is a network of volunteer women's auxiliaries that raise funds for the hospital to provide seed money for new programs and ongoing support for virtually every department and division. Over its 17-year history, the derby has raised nearly \$2 million for Children's Hospital Oakland through corporate sponsorships, duck adoptions and ducky merchandise sales.

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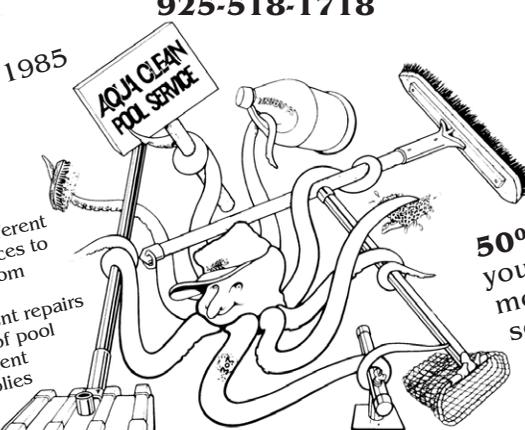
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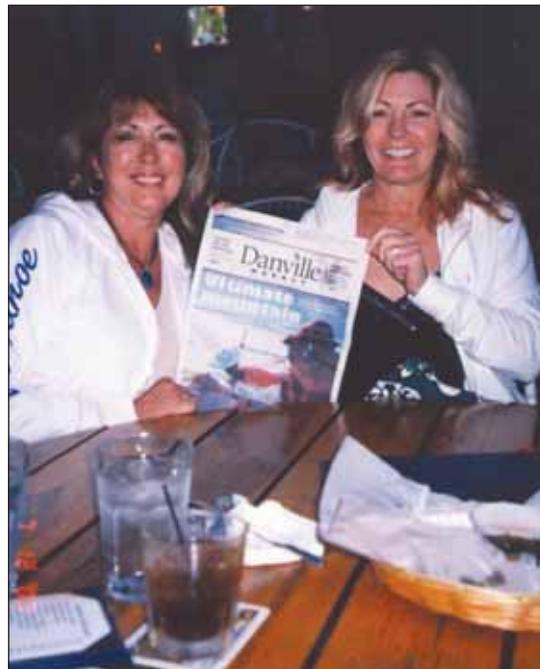
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Tahoe travels

Cathy Wilkins and Shelley Hilton enjoy their Danville Weekly while at the Sunnyside Restaurant in Lake Tahoe during their annual two-week vacation.



Exploring on the river

Gayle and Dave Christensen of Alamo—and their Weekly—enjoy cruising the Tennessee River on the legendary Delta Queen.



The ruins and the Weekly

Steve and Tamara Davis visit the Mayan ruins in Tikal, Guatemala in August of last year—and they didn't forget their Danville Weekly.

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Alamo

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The town boundary would not include the Tice Valley area, which is under Walnut Creek's sphere of influence but isn't part of the city of Walnut Creek. If also not included in incorporated Alamo, it would become an island, Teixeira said. LAFCO is still discussing the issue. "We've hit two major milestones

... with the fiscal analysis and the revenue neutrality agreement," said Textiera. "Now it's really just to gauge the public's interest."

She and the consultant who prepared the analysis will present the findings at a community meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Creekside Church in Alamo.

The report is open to public review for a period ending Aug. 25. There will also be opportunity for public comment at the Sept. 18 LAFCO

meeting at the Creekside Church.

At that meeting the agency will vote on whether to approve incorporation. If approved by LAFCO, it will be put to a vote by residents, likely in the March 2009 election.

The report can be viewed at www.contracostalafco.org. Comments should be directed to Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer, Contra Costa LAFCO, 651 Pine St., Sixth Floor, Martinez 94553, or faxed to 646-1228. ■

Fire chief

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Fire Officer (CFO) and is currently attending the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Maryland.

"We have greatly appreciated the commitment Chief Price has made to this district and to our personnel," said John Keel, president of the San Ramon Valley Firefighters Association. "We are in full support of his appointment and sincerely look forward to working with him to provide the highest

level of service possible."

Price is also president of the Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs Association and is an incident commander for the East Bay Incident Management Team. He is a board member for Leadership San Ramon Valley and a lifetime member of the One Hundred Club of Contra Costa County.

Price will replace Fire Chief Craig Bowen, who is retiring after six years as Fire Chief and over 30 years in the fire service. The transition will occur later this year.

"Chief Price has done an outstanding job leading our Operations

Division and has been a perfect fit with our organization," said Bowen. "He has broad support from the entire agency and is exceptionally well qualified to lead the Fire District."

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District service area encompasses approximately 155 square miles, covering the communities of Alamo, Blackhawk, the Town of Danville, Diablo, San Ramon, the southern boundary of Morgan Territory and the Tassajara Valley, all located in Contra Costa County. The district has 170 full-time employees and 43 volunteers.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



The American image

My son Pepe lives in Berlin but he was not there when presidential candidate Barack Obama visited last week, attracting hundreds of thousands to his speech at the Victory Column. Pepe was still on vacation—the same vacation that I wrote about two weeks ago.

Those Europeans really know how to take time off. Pepe claims they can vacation for weeks at a time because they are more productive while at work than Americans who spend time hanging around the water cooler. But I don't buy that. We don't even have a water cooler at the Danville Weekly.

I think that when jobs come with six weeks off, as in Germany, they are structured differently. Vacation time was completely overlooked when my job was structured so when I'm gone it's difficult for those who remain behind. It's been like this everywhere I've been employed. Except for Caltrans. I worked at Caltrans many years ago—it was still called the California Division of Highways—and it was staffed well enough that I didn't have to feel one bit guilty disappearing for a week. But maybe it wasn't Caltrans. Maybe it was the era.

Anyway, back to Obama. He is popular in Germany, indeed in all of Europe since part of his campaign is restoring America's image overseas. Apparently many Germans have been looking forward to a regime change here in America ever since U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld dismissed Germany and France as "old Europe" in 2003 when they pledged to stand together to oppose war in Iraq.

It was interesting when I was an American living overseas. For one thing, it made me aware of being patriotic. Sure I'd always been happy to hear the national anthem played before ball games and I'd flown the flag on holidays but it was a feeling I took for granted, kind of like loving my parents. Then when we lived in Thailand, it seemed some Europeans enjoyed criticizing the United States in front of Americans, and I would find myself bristling like a defensive parent and responding to negative remarks as though I were Uncle Sam himself. I never missed the Fourth of July celebration, working at the hamburger booth hosted by the American Women's Club; it was fun to see the eclectic collection of U.S. citizens who turned out, from grizzled old expats remaining from the Vietnam War era to the fresh-faced Peace Corps volunteers who came into Bangkok for the occasion.

Some foreigners are mind-boggled by the vastness of the United States. I remember a Danish woman

being amazed to read in one of my magazines how many thousands of people drown in a decade in the United States and commenting if that many drowned in her country it wouldn't have any population remaining. Stats on the vast quantities of food consumed are also popular.

"Many Germans have been looking forward to a regime change here in America ever since U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld dismissed Germany and France as 'old Europe' in 2003."

Another thing that impresses me is how passionately foreigners follow American politics. From CEOs to taxi drivers, they are well informed. Pew Research Center just published a survey done in March and April as part of its Global Attitudes Project to assess opinions of people around the world who follow American politics closely. In Germany, 82 percent expressed confidence in Obama while 33 percent had confidence in McCain. In France the figures were 84 percent Obama; 33 percent McCain. In Great Britain, it's 74 percent Obama; 44 percent McCain.

In the Mideast, both American candidates were viewed more negatively: In Lebanon, 34 percent had confidence in Obama while 25 percent said McCain; Egypt, 31 percent Obama; and 23 percent McCain; Jordan, 22 percent Obama; and 23 percent McCain. In Turkey, 20 percent expressed confidence in Obama while only 5 percent did so for McCain.

However, Pepe said he read a German poll in an airplane on the very day Obama spoke that found "71 percent of Germans were sick of him already." Perhaps this was a reaction to the fawning German media; a friend reported to Pepe that the newscasters, usually noted for their Germanic sobriety, were noticeably starry-eyed during the visit.

It hasn't been easy for an American in Europe since 2003, Pepe told us. How can he come across to women as an intelligent, sensitive guy when they see his government as imperialists? He thinks his social life may pick up if Obama is elected. Either way, Pepe will still get six weeks of vacation.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Those who help

California is ranked a lowly 42nd among the states in its percentage of adults who volunteer, in the newly released report from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Danville area obviously is an exception.

The recent big events around here—the Fourth of July Parade, Hay Day celebrations July 3, and last week’s Hot Summer Night—were all manned by volunteers. They contributed their time and talents toward helping Danville host these tremendously successful events for residents of the San Ramon Valley and anyone else who wished to attend.

Much is accomplished in this area by volunteers: Parents raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for programs at the schools, and charities hold professional-level fundraisers for research facilities to help find cures for diseases. Then there are the hospital auxiliaries and thrift shops, the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, and police volunteers for both Danville and the Sheriff’s Department Valley Station in Alamo. That’s not even mentioning service clubs such as Kiwanis and the Rotary Clubs and all they do for the community.

The Umbrella of Churches, headed by the Community Presbyterian Church but joined by many others, formed especially to help build houses for victims of Hurricane Katrina, doing everything from fundraising to actually visiting McComb, Miss., and picking up hammers and paintbrushes.

Others lead movements to better our area, such as Linda Ballentine and her watershed project. She is determined to lead creek cleanups to free the waterways in her hometown from pollution. Eagle Scout candidates head projects each year to better our community.

Anyone who wants to find out about volunteer opportunities can check our Calendar section. The complete list is at DanvilleWeekly.com; click on Community Calendar to see the 20 volunteer opportunities currently listed.

Around here, adults volunteer; teens volunteer. We’re not sure where the Corporation for National and Community Service got its stats, but we think it might have forgotten to include the Danville area.

FROM TOWN SQUARE

The following comments were made at DanvilleWeekly.com in response to our story June 27 on bicyclists and motorists “Sharing the Road.”

I am both a motorist who obeys the laws and an avid road cyclist who obeys the laws, as well as a cycle coach. I probably see as many motorists making mistakes or disobeying the laws (especially pertaining to right-of-way issues) as I see cyclists doing the same. I’d like to see people just obey the rules of the road, and if motorists aren’t familiar with the CA vehicle code, they should become familiar with it. When obstacles exist on the right side of the road, cyclists have every right to move into the road and “take the lane.”

As far as being a resident of Danville, I was very discouraged when the bike lane was taken away on Railroad Avenue. Now there is no place EXCEPT the middle of the road for cyclists to ride. Too close to the right hand side of the ride means being possibly “doored” by motorists who don’t look behind them before opening their doors.

Riding on the Iron Horse Trail is not a great alternative for road cyclists. In fact, I consider it dangerous for cyclists because of the multi-purpose-designated use of the trail: pedestrians of all ages, recreational cyclists, skaters, dog walkers, etc. And many of these are wearing I-pods, which makes passing them extremely precarious.

If both motorists and cyclists just obeyed the law, I think much of the animosity between the two

groups would disappear.

Posted by Barb H., a resident of the Danville neighborhood

I hope the price of gas goes up to \$10 per gallon soon so there will be fewer inconsiderate drivers in big SUVs who feel entitled to the road and bully cyclists and more people actually using their bikes on the road for transportation. In Europe where the price of fuel is double the US the drivers have much more respect for cyclists on the road and there is less unnecessary automobile use and in general more rationally sized vehicles.

Posted by Peak Oil, a resident of the Walnut Creek neighborhood

So bicyclists don’t follow traffic rules, don’t want to share the trails with pedestrians, and are generally snotty about the people who walk on trails. Sounds exactly like the attitude of the bicyclists in this area, for sure, especially the ones who ride in big groups.

Posted by Driver, a resident of the Walnut Creek neighborhood

Thanks for the article. I ride my bike a lot—in street clothes for errands, and wearing spandex for recreation. I would like to see my fellow cyclists observe the rules of the road more, and I would like to see motorists take the right of way when it is theirs. I get frustrated when I come to a stop at a four way stop or something like that and a motorist who has the right of way waves me through. It’s a good thing that the motorist notices me. Still, I want to be taken seriously, as the equal of a car. ... As Robert Raburn points out the more bicyclists become part of the landscape the more motorists will notice us, and everyone will be safer. We’ll

all benefit from using the road network more effectively, and we can all enjoy the equable climate here for exercising outdoors all year round.

Posted by Phil Morton, a resident of another community

Good article. Hey, anyone ever have any trouble with a group of bicyclists who ride old fashioned style bikes on the Iron Horse Trail? On Tuesday nights about 20+ riders from this group ride all over the trail forcing walkers, runners and moms with kids off the pavement and into the dirt. These people lack trail etiquette. A friend of mine was told to run in the dirt when he complained about this group riding to close to him on the pavement. I personally have had a runner almost run into me because he was forced off the path by this group. The bottom line is that we all have to share this trail. Please be more considerate towards others.

Posted by Bud, a resident of the San Ramon neighborhood

Can I just ask what the big deal is when you forced to wait the 30 seconds (or maybe even 2 minutes...) it takes to *safely* pass a “gaggle of spandex”? Honestly, I think if you can’t budget in how ever much time it takes to pass a group of cyclists, you probably have some bigger time management issues to deal with...

Posted by Mike C, a resident of the Danville neighborhood

Pedestrians walking in the bike lane, potholes, glass, tree limbs, and this morning garbage cans forced me to ride into the lane on Danville Blvd. Also, on Railroad Ave the congestion is essentially 2 blocks long. If a bicycle is forced

to ride in the lane because of opening doors, etc. it’s not a life altering delay for a driver. We can all share the road. I ride regularly on Sycamore and Camino Tassajara and there is always debris in the bike lane as well as poor road surfaces at points. Drivers have to realize that often times a bicycle is in the right lane and not in the bike lane for a reason.

Posted by David, a resident of the Danville neighborhood

It’s too bad people are used to cyclists breaking the rules. When I’m on my bike I stop at stop signs, but most drivers will wave me through, contrary to the right-of-way. If I wanted to blow the stop sign, I would have. You got there first in your car, you go first. I can’t track-stand forever, so quit holding us all up and go already

Posted by Randy, a resident of another community

I started to bike to work on a fairly regular basis 3 years ago. Over 6,000 commute miles, and 80+ pounds lost since. I have seen cyclists blow through stop signs in Danville, and other unsafe violations of the vehicle code. I don’t condone it at all. I also think it reflects poorly on the vast majority of riders who are out there doing the right thing. However, I have witnessed FAR worse behavior and more frequent, from drivers. I have had stuff yelled at me when I was doing nothing more than riding peacefully in the bike lane, cars coming up right next to me and blaring the horn to “shock me.” Cars intentionally or unintentionally swerving into the bike lane going over 50 mph...

Posted by Todd, a resident of the San Ramon neighborhood

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POLICE BULLETIN

No suspects in summer break-ins

Five Apple computers were stolen from Green Valley Elementary School in Danville sometime in the last month, police said.

No one noticed the lost computers until Thursday of last week when a teacher went back into the school and discovered they were missing from the classrooms, said Danville Police Sgt. Kevin Daley.

Janitors at Green Valley Elementary had previously found the doors forced open; they repaired the doors but didn't call police.

The theft occurred sometime after the last day of school June 24. There are no suspects.

Schools are vulnerable in the summer months, Daley said.

"Obviously the bad guys know school's out, and schools have computers," he said.

The estimated value of the stolen computers is \$8,000.

On Monday last week, an unknown suspect attempted to burglarize two offices in the YMCA building at Hap Magee Ranch Park.

At 9:20 p.m. the burglar used a pocketknife to jimmy the lock and kicked in the office doors. Papers were strewn about but nothing was missing, said Daley.

"It was apparent they were looking for something but they didn't steal anything," he said. "They basically vandalized our Hap Magee Park."

He guessed that since the gates are locked at that hour and the burglar was on foot, he or she was looking for cash or something easy to conceal in a pocket.

—Meghan Neal

OBITUARIES

Genevieve (Jean) Maser-Reed

Danville resident Genevieve (Jean) Maser-Reed died June 24 at the age of 90.

She was born July 3, 1917, in Elizabeth, N.J. She lived in Hawaii and worked as a telephone operator during World War II. She moved to the Bay Area about 65 years ago.

After the birth of her one and only daughter, Sally, she opened and taught at her own preschool in Walnut Creek. She loved the sun and warm weather and traveled to her home in Palm Desert for the winters. She welcomed the entire family to join her on Easters.

She was a long time member at Diablo Country Club and spent many years golfing. But above all, she was a mother and grandmother. The last 19 years of her life were spent enjoying the additions of nine great-grandchildren to the family.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, her sisters and a brother. She is survived by her loving daughter, Sally Neumann; two granddaughters and nine great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held July 3 at Oakmont Memorial Park and Mortuary in Lafayette.

Samuel Denton Woolsey

Samuel Denton Woolsey, a long-time Danville resident, died June 28.

He was born in 1932 and raised in Alice, Texas. He worked on oil rigs at a young age, then joined the U.S. Air Force and flew fighter jets in Europe and the U.S. He later flew commercial jets around the world for Pan Am and United.

When the Federal Aviation Administration forced him to retire at age 60, he earned a law degree and began a long fight against this unjust rule. He helped start Boy Scout Troup 815, rode a Harley, worked with HAM radio and the

Sheriff's Department. He also went to Grateful Dead shows with his kids, played with his grandkids, and was active in Job's Daughters and the Masons. He was an avid rock hound and member of the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, and died doing what he loved—searching for precious rocks.

He is survived by his loving wife, three children and four grandchildren. Services were held July 11 at the Masonic Lodge in Pleasanton.

David Hagberg

Former Alamo resident David Hagberg passed away June 30 while hiking on the Rough Go Trail at Annadel State Park in Santa Rosa. He was 65.

He was born in Berkeley and moved to Sebastopol in 1984. After serving in the Navy, he was a firefighter for the city of Richmond for 26 years, retiring in 1996. He was also a successful entrepreneur, property developer and auto mechanic.

He enjoyed a life filled with running, hiking, traveling in his RV, fixing cars and being with family and many friends. He had a wealth of practical knowledge and wisdom, which he used to help and mentor others.

He was the husband of the late Maureen Hagberg and is survived by his children Tom and Shelley Hagberg, and Theresa Davis; two grandchildren; brother Dennis Hagberg; sister Janet Ishikawa; and fiancée Mary Ruppenthal. A memorial service was held July 8 at St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Sebastopol. Donations can be made to the family for a memorial picnic table or bench.

Walter John Silva

Walter John Silva, a resident of Alamo, died July 5 at the age of 85 after an extended illness.

He was born May 15, 1923, in Oakland. He was class president and

valedictorian of his class at Oakland Technical High School, and also graduated from UC Berkeley. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and fought in the battles of D-Day on Omaha Beach. He received his honorable discharge with a rank of staff sergeant in 1946.

Having survived the war, he felt the rest of his life was truly a gift. He was an avid 49er fan, attending every home game for 51 years. He was a prolific gardener and cook who always aspired to try new recipes. He had a successful career as a manufacturer's representative in the furniture industry.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Elizabeth Polari Silva; three daughters, Candice Tamisiea, Valerie Silva Kiesler and Lisa Scruggs; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Edward Silva and his sisters Violet Silva and Madeline Hess. Services were held July 11 at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Danville, followed by burial at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. Memorial gifts may be sent to Hospice of the East Bay, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill 94523.

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, July 20

- Vandalism on Gold Creek Ct. at 12:25 a.m.
- Reckless driving, arrest, on I-680 and Stone Valley Rd. at 1:58 a.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. at 4:22 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Old Orchard Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 10:59 a.m.
- Warrant service, arrest, on Tweed Ln. at 11:52 p.m.

Monday, July 21

- Commercial burglary on La Gonda Wy. at 9:21 a.m.
- Reckless driving on Diablo Rd. and Green Valley Rd. at 7:39 p.m.
- Public nuisance on St. David Dr. and St. Luke Ct. at 1 p.m.
- Promiscuous shooting on Fostoria Cr. at 9:25 p.m.
- Fireworks disturbance at Lancelot Ct. and Richard Ln. at 9:59 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22

- Vandalism on Camino Ramon at 7:51 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Morninghome Rd. at 11:10 a.m.
- Drunk in public on San Ramon

Valley Blvd. at 12:22 p.m.

- Public nuisance on Ridgeland Dr. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:09 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23

- Grand theft on 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 1 a.m.
- Vandalism on La Gonda Way at 8:14 a.m.
- Vehicle accident on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 11:51 a.m.
- Harassment on 400 block of Hartz Ave. at 1:03 p.m.
- Drugs violation at Paraiso Dr. and Robyn Dr. at 4:22 p.m.

Thursday, July 24

- Traffic stop, arrest, on Greenbrook Dr. and Scotts Mill Rd. at 2:47 p.m.
- Residential burglary on La Gonda Ct. at 7:19 a.m.
- Commercial burglary on Diablo Rd. at 10:54 a.m.
- Battery on La Gonda Wy. at 1:28 p.m.
- Stolen vehicle on Valley Creek Ln. at 1:34 p.m.
- Identity theft on Endsleigh Ct. at 4:34 p.m.

BIRTHS

Zayden Cole Sembrat

Zayden Cole Sembrat was born July 12 to parents Tara and Mark Sembrat of Danville at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. He is the grandson of Randy and Jane Johnson of Danville, Mary Sembrat of Danville, and Bill and April Sembrat of Santa Cruz.



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She has been talking with town leaders and staff about establishing a watershed program in Danville.

“Both the mayor and the city manager have just been very ‘rah-rah’ about it,” she said. “It’s a positive thing. It’s a community building thing.”

Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said the town already does a lot to maintain clean water.

“Of course we’re anxious to help out with something like this, but our maintenance crews, really, starting in the middle of next month, go out and do a lot of creek cleanup on their own,” he said.

Every year, from August through early October, town staff will check to “make sure there’s nothing in the creeks that will get washed downstream and cause obstructions once the winter rains come,” he said.

To comply with regulations from the California Department of Fish and Game, creek cleanups must be completed by Oct. 15.

Calabrigo said there are plenty of people in town that would be willing to lend a helping hand, and “we certainly welcome the help, but it needs to be coordinated so we’re making the best use of the volunteers.”

“There’s good community spirit,” agreed Ballentine. “It’s just a matter of getting everyone together.”

Cleaning up the creek

Grab some coffee and a donut, gloves and a trash bag, and you’re

ready to hit the water.

Creek cleanups can be a lot of fun, said Ballentine. She has participated in events in neighboring towns and has seen more than 100 people show up. The largest existing local watershed group is called “Friends of the Creek.” It holds annual cleanups in Walnut Creek.

For a Danville cleanup day, Ballentine envisions a booth at the Saturday farmers market where people can sign up even if they weren’t already planning on participating.

Volunteers are given garbage bags and gloves and assigned to a specific stretch of the water.

“They just walk along the creek and if they find bottles or garbage, they put it in the bag,” Ballentine said.

The full bags are left near the water’s edge and picked up by another group of volunteers. Sometimes all the bags are brought to a single location where they can be counted, and everyone can see the difference they’ve made.

“It’s a great activity for like a Cub Scout group or a school program,” said Ballentine. Church groups, sports teams and families can enjoy working together for the good of the community.

If a watershed program is started in Danville, Ballentine said she’d like to call the group “Stewards of the San Ramon Creek watershed.”

“You don’t have to be a stakeholder to be a steward,” she explained. “You just have to care.” ■



MEGHAN NEAL

Top: Danville resident Linda Ballentine wants to organize volunteers to help keep the creek clean and the watershed healthy

Left: Discarded bottles float and algae grow in the San Ramon Creek across the street from San Ramon Valley High School. Algae affect the water’s oxygen content and can make it unlivable for wildlife.



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Bottom left: Trash discarded near the creek gets washed into it during rain storms, clogging pipes and causing backup that can result in flooding.

Calendar

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Auditions

'The Best Man' Auditions Role Players Ensemble Theatre will host auditions for "The Best Man" at 7 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 4-5, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Ten men (ages 30-65) and four women (ages 30-60) are needed. Applicants will read from the script. Callbacks will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 10. The show runs Oct. 10-Nov. 1. Call (510) 865-4740.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Requiem Diablo Valley Masterworks Chorale will host auditions for Lloyd Webber's "Requiem" and Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast" on Aug. 18. Chorus meets Mondays, Aug. 18 to Nov. 15, and performs Nov. 22 in Walnut Creek. For more information call 228-8690 or visit www.masterworkschorale.net.

Women Singers Auditions for experienced women singers are being scheduled for 4-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, or by special appointment at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. All voice parts considered. Contact 974-9169 or audition@womensing.org.

Classes

'Bug-Eating Plants' Sloat Garden Centers will host a class on "Bug-Eating Plants" at 10 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 17, at Sloat Garden Center, 828 Diablo Rd., Danville. Call 743-0288.

Drought Tolerant Plants for Yards Come and learn about drought tolerant plants for yards from 10:30-11 a.m., every Saturday, at Sunset Color, 1435 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. These classes are free. Call 914-0035 or visit www.sunsetcolor.com.

Clubs

Annual Picnic San Ramon Valley Historical Society invites you to enjoy its annual picnic from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 3, at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Rd., Danville. The day

will include food, a silent auction, sing along, entertainment, exhibit and visiting with friends old and new. Cost is \$20. Call 837-9382.

Exchange Club Luncheon Speaker The Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley is pleased to announce Dr. Joseph A. Caggiano, Senior Consultant, Technology Projects Chevron, Chevron Energy Technology Company as its guest speaker from noon- 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. \$16 for members, \$20 for non-members. For more information call 275-2412 or e-mail coachstepper@yahoo.com.

Concerts

'Evening of Bharata Natyam' Dakshina Palli Inc. presents an "Evening of Bharata Natyam" at 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Mary Sano Studio of Duncan Dancing, 245 Fifth St., Suite 314, San Francisco. Tickets for general admission are \$17; \$10 for children under 10 and seniors. Visit www.dakshinapalli.org.

Events

'Summer Fest' Show your local support for Danville during "Summer Fest" from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 7, in downtown Danville. Come and enjoy wine tasting, food, live music and entertainment. Visit www.discoverdanvilleca.com.

Business Showcase Food and Wine Event Danville Area Chamber of Commerce will present the Business Showcase Food and Wine Event from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Tickets are \$25. Call 837-4400.

Farmers Market The Danville Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Saturday; and from 4-8 p.m., Thursdays, until Aug. 14, at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Call 825-9090 or visit www.pcfma.com.

MVHS Cross Country Alumni Run

The third annual Monte Vista Cross Country Alumni Run for former and current Monte Vista cross country runners will be from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 9, at Oak Hill Park, Stone Valley Rd., Danville. This event is a two-mile course around campus and Oak Hill Park. This event is free. Call 437-8360 or visit www.eteamz.com/mvxc.

Summer Nights at the Livery

Summer Nights are back at the Danville Livery. Two Hot Nights in August! from 6-9 p.m., Thursdays, Aug. 7 and 21. Live music, dining, shopping and entertainment. Each night will include free hula hoops for children of all ages. 6-9 p.m. FREE Danville Livery, Sycamore Valley Rd., Danville. (800)762-1641. www.danvillelivery.com

Film

'Amazing Race' St. Timothy's Church will host a viewing of "Amazing Race" at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 17, at St. Timothy's Church, 1550 Diablo Rd., Danville. The story is about a brave force led by one persistent man who paved the way for this world changing milestone. This event is free. Call 933-7579.

Screening of "The Reflecting Pool" The Reflecting Pool follows an investigation by a skeptical Russian-American journalist who teams up with the father of a 9/11 victim to fact check the official version of the tragedy as documented in the 9/11 Commission Report from 7-9:30 p.m., Wednesday Aug. 27, at Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. This event is free. For more information contact 933-7850 or visit <http://www.mtdpc.org>.

Fundraisers

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,

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Watercolor wonders

The California Watercolor Association is holding a juried show of contemporary watercolor paintings at the Lindsay Dirkx Brown Gallery at the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcolta Boulevard in San Ramon from Aug. 1-28. The public is invited to the opening reception from 3-5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2. For more information call show chairwoman Maggie Metcalf at 837-8698.

rock climbing and fun! Proceeds benefit Danville and Alamo school music programs. Call 217-3123.

Broadway Revue for Habitat

Coldwell Banker Pleasanton will sponsor a Broadway Revue to benefit Habitat for Humanity East Bay from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2. The \$50 event, to be held in Acc'sentials' downtown Pleasanton garden courtyard, will feature top Bay Area singers and musicians and will include wine and hors d'oeuvres. Call 784-3068 for tickets. 8-10 p.m. \$50 Acc'sentials, 520 Main Street, Pleasanton. 925-784-3068.

Lazarex Cancer Foundation's Hope In Motion 5/10K Walk/Run

Join Lazarex for the Hope in Motion 5K Walk and 10K Run at 8 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 3, at Lake Merritt, 568 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Cost is \$30 before July 31;

\$35 thereafter. Proceeds benefit Lararex Foundation. Awards for all finishers. Register at www.lazarexfoundation.org.

Project Ready to Learn Drop-off at CarlaPie!

Donate and drop off new backpacks and new school supplies for K-12 students from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., July 29 - Aug. 15, at CarlaPie Baby & Kids, 109F Town and Country Rd., Danville. Donations benefit impoverished kids throughout the East Bay. For more information contact 552-9946.

That's Amore' Tri-Valley Animals Rescue

will host its biggest fundraiser of the year "That's Amore" from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Oct 11, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Road. There will be live and silent auctions and fun for all. Cost is \$50 before Aug. 1; \$60 afterwards; visit www.tvar.org and click on Pay Pal.



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Health

Spine Pain Treatments Spine surgeon Vikram Talwar, M.D., will present a free seminar on Spinal Stenosis from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 7. Stenosis is a narrowing of the spinal canal that carries nerves to the limbs, causing numbness, tingling & pain in limbs & back. Call 275-8230. 7:30-8:30 p.m. No charge South Conference Room, South Building on Medical Campus, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. 925.275.8230. www.sanramonmedctr.com

Summer Immunization Clinics for Children Axis Community Health Clinic will host Summer Immunization Clinics for children from 9-11:30 a.m., Saturdays, July 12, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6, at Axis Community Health Clinic, 4361 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. This clinic is open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records, information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations. Call 462-1755.

Kids and Teens

Children's Story Book Hour Rakestraw Books will host a Children's Story Book Hour series for children 4-7 years old from 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, July 23-Aug. 20, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Cost is \$5 per class, plus the cost of the books; if you order all five books in a session, the classes are free. Call 837-7337.

Getting in to College Princeton Review will host an evening seminar geared toward helping students and parents navigate the college admissions process at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug.

5, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. This event is free. Call 837-4889.

Kids Circle and Teen Talk—When Mom or Dad Has Cancer A program for families with school-age children when a parent has cancer will meet Saturday, Aug. 9, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. There is a support group for teens, and a group for parents. This event is free. Call 933-0107 or visit www.twcba.org.

Steve Chaney and "Cornelius Crow" Friends of the Danville Library will host Steve Chaney, ventriloquist, along with his sidekick "Corny Crow" at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Danville Library, Children's Reading Room, 400 Front St. This event is free and is good fun for all ages. 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, July 25 ("Boothill") and Aug. 8 ("Pan Extasy"). Call 876-0147.

Blackhawk Summer Concert Series Blackhawk Plaza will host its annual Summer Concert Series at 7 p.m., every Friday, July 11-Aug. 15, at Blackhawk Plaza, 3454 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Music will include R&B, Motown and more from Pride & Joy, The Best Intentions, The Fundamentals, East Bay Mudd, Super Diamond and Tainted Love. These concerts are free. Call (415) 380-8390.

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

San Ramon Summer Concerts in the Park City of San Ramon celebrates its 25th anniversary of its

Summer Concert Series at 5:30 p.m., Sundays, until Aug. 17, at Central Park Amphitheater, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. The Sun Kings on Aug. 3; The Groove Kings on Aug. 10; and a special band on Aug. 17. These concerts are free. Call 973-3200.

Miscellaneous On Stage

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.

A Conversation with Entrepreneurs Are you an entrepreneur or have always thought about starting your own business? SMC MBA Alumni Group invites alumni and friends to campus for a free "Conversation with Entrepreneurs" with three successful entrepreneurs and a networking mixer following, from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 4. RSVP to Jackie Williams at 631-4653. 6-8:30 p.m. Free. St. Mary's College, Soda Center, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga.

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.

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.

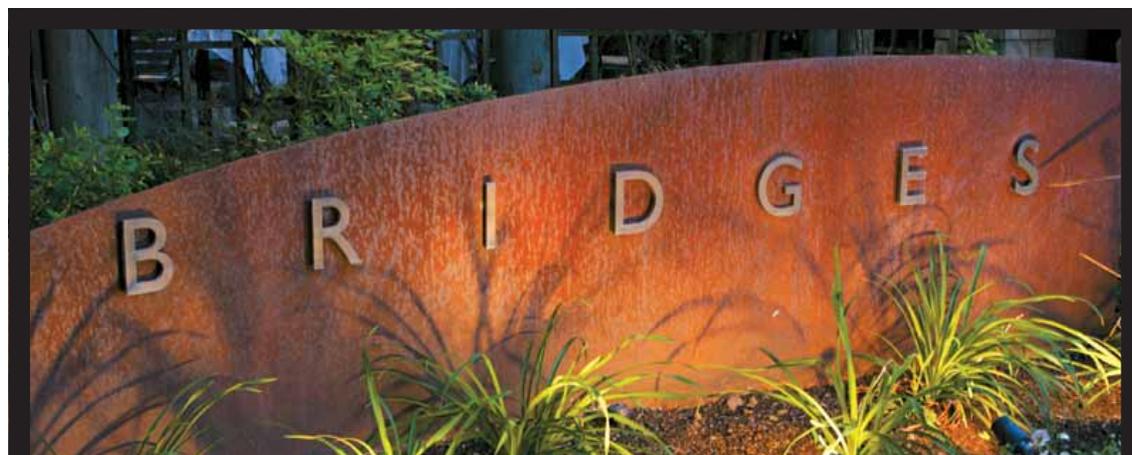
Seniors

Senior Sneaker Trips Town of Danville hosts Senior Sneaker Trips to different attractions throughout the area. For a list of dates, go to the Danville Community Center at 420 Front St., call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Seniors Program Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall Lounge hosts a senior drop-in program from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Front St., Danville. Activities include playing cards and board games, visiting with friends and meeting new people. Call 314-3400.

Spiritual

Women's Retreat Author Fran Ferder will present a women's retreat "Awaken to the Sacred" from Aug. 8-10, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Cost is \$205 for a private room; \$175 for a shared room. Call 837-9141, ext. 315.



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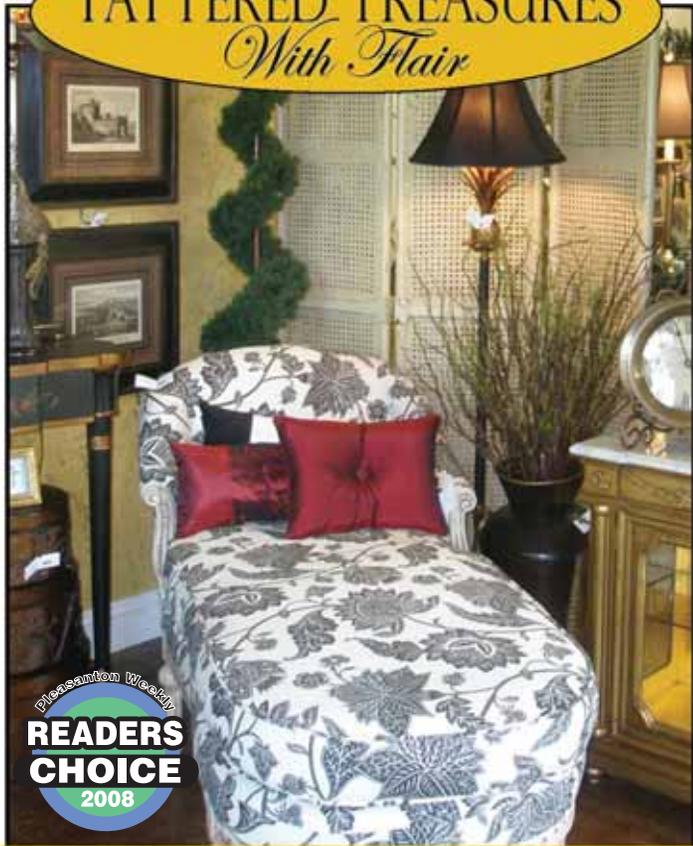
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Adult Softball Adult Softball plays pickup softball at 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round. New members welcome. Call Bob Randall at 855-4646 for more information

All-Star Cheerleading California Spirit Elite offers recreational tumbling classes as well as National Championship Cheerleading Teams for girls and boys ages 5 to 18. CSE is still accepting athletes for the 2008-2009

season. E-mail marcy@csecheer.com or call 462-5877 to schedule a private evaluation. California Spirit Elite, 1056 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. (925) 462-5877.

Support Groups

Cancer Support Groups Free support, education and stress management for cancer patients and their loved ones, including general support groups for all types of cancer patients as well as cancer specific groups for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, brain tumor, support groups for caregivers and life after cancer. Groups meet at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave.,

Walnut Creek. For times and days, call 933-0107.

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

Find Help For Addiction Problems with drug or alcohol addiction in a loved one? Don't know whom to turn to for help? Contact Drug Rehab Resource for a free confidential consultation to find the help you need. Call (866) 649-1594 or visit www.drugrehabresource.net.

Heart Support Group Heart support group for heart disease patients, their families and caregivers meets from 1:30-3:30 p.m., on the fourth Saturday of every month (except November and December), at Kaiser Walnut Creek Medical Center, 3rd Floor Conference Center, Walnut Creek. Its mission is to "inspire hope in heart disease patients and their families." Call 708-4151 or visit www.mendedhearts254.org.

Hospice Offers Support Hospice of the East Bay (formerly Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa) offers a variety of support groups and workshops for people experiencing grief and loss after the death of a loved one. All groups and classes are offered for a fee and require pre-registration. Fees are waived for those who cannot afford them. Call 887-5678, ext. 1068.

Overeaters Anonymous The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia and bulimia. There are many different groups that meet at different times and places, visit www.dvig.org.

PFLAG The Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter of Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a support group that meets at 7 p.m., every third Monday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 838-8632.

SRV Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free 12-step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, undereating and bulimia. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St. Call Gordon at 899-3117 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County This group meets at 7 p.m., the second Monday of every month (except August), at John Muir Medical Center, at either the Walnut Creek Campus, Ball Auditorium or the Concord Campus, Concord Room (locations alternate every other month). The group hosts guest speakers and provides coping groups for stroke survivors with and without aphasia or caregivers of stroke survivors. Call 376-6218.

Volunteering

Animal Fosters Urgently Needed Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) is looking for short-term fosters for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. ARF will provide the food, supplies and vet care; all you need to do is provide the love. Call 296-3173 or visit www.arf.net.

Anna's Program The specialized program of Hospice of the East Bay, Anna's Program, is looking for dedicated and caring volunteers to provide companionship and practical support for women with recurrent breast cancer. To apply for free training, contact Vicki Smith at 887-5675 or e-mail vickis@hospiceeastbay.org.

Assistance League of Diablo Valley This chapter of the National Assistance League seeks new volunteer members to help with a wide range of philanthropic service projects in many Contra Costa communities. These include vision screening in elementary schools, distributing clothing to school children in need, daily reassurance phone calls to homebound elderly and handicapped clients, and staffing the chapter's Lafayette thrift shop. Call 934-0901 or visit <http://diablovalley.assistanceleague.org>.

Blackhawk Museum Docent Training

If you are interested in becoming a much appreciated part of the Blackhawk Museum family while contributing to your community, making new friends, learning new things, and having fun, become a docent! Call 736-2280, ext. 238.

Bruns House In-Patient Hospice

Bruns House In-Patient Hospice is seeking volunteers to fill two- to four-hour shifts during the weekdays and weekends. To apply for free training, call 887-5678 and ask for the volunteer department, or e-mail volunteers@hospiceeastbay.org.

California Independent Film Festival Association

Support the Arts in the Tri-Valley by joining the California Independent Film Festival Association. The donation of the membership will support independent film events. For information, visit www.caindiefest.com.

CCI Volunteer Puppy Raising Program

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) are looking for special volunteers interested in raising a CCI puppy for 15-18 months and are now accepting applications. For information, call 1-800-572-BARK (572-2275) or visit www.cci.org.

Child Abuse Prevention Council

The Contra Costa County Child Abuse Prevention Council needs volunteer speakers for the community education program. Volunteers must complete a mandatory 24-hour speaker's training course. For information, call 946-9961.

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art

The academy seeks new volunteers and members to help with tasks ranging from bookkeeping to recruiting instructors. The group meets noon-1 p.m., the second Friday of the month at Richard's Art & Craft Store, 225 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call Beth Batchelor at 837-5654.

Education Docents Needed at Forest Home Farms

San Ramon's 16-acre historic park is looking for docents to volunteer in our 3rd grade education program. Commitment is two times per month for four hours. Experience working with kids is helpful, but not required. Call Stephanie at 973-3282.

Friends of Discovery

Discovery Counseling Center has received more than \$5 million, thanks to Friends of Discovery. The organization is looking for volunteers who can commit eight hours per month in the Thrift Station, 486 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Call Le Anne at 837-7998.

Hats Off America Volunteer Opportunities

Hats Off America is looking for volunteers for Red T-Shirt 10K Runs/5K Walks on Sept. 13 and Nov. 8. Proceeds benefit Hats Off America which provides support to families of the brave American soldiers. Call 855-1950 or visit www.hatsoffamerica.us.

Help Your Senior Neighbors

A lot of Danville seniors need rides to their appointments, stores or to special events. The Seniors' Club at Veterans Memorial Hall is looking for volunteers to provide rides on an "as-needed basis" on one or more Mondays a month. Call Jenn Overmoe at 314-3476 for more information.

Hospice of the East Bay

Hospice of the East Bay (formerly Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa) is seeking volunteers to assist hospice patients and their caregivers. Opportunities include: volunteers who are fluent in Spanish; Patient Support Volunteers; Licensed Hair Stylists to offer hair cuts and styling; Certified Massage Therapists; Handymen to help with minor repairs and maintenance; Mobile notaries; and Bereavement Support Volunteers to provide support to family members after their loved one has died. To apply for free training, call 887-5678 and ask for the volunteer department, or e-mail volunteers@hospiceeastbay.org.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and others about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. No experi-

ence needed. Call 627-2444 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Make a Difference

Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living (RCJL) in Danville provides assisted living, Alzheimer's and skilled nursing care in a community our residents call home. Volunteers play a key role at RCJL and opportunities are available for students and adults. For information, call Volunteer Coordinator Irma at 964-2098.

Mt. Diablo State Park

Mt. Diablo State Park offers many interesting ways to volunteer by helping with trail maintenance, serving as a docent at one of the Visitors Centers, helping with the new native plants garden or working on the trash removal program. Training provided for all areas. Call 837-6129 or visit www.parks.ca.gov. None

Museum of the San Ramon Valley

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley welcomes volunteers and has a current need for greeters who give three hours one day a month to welcome visitors to the museum, register their attendance, and give them an introductory tour of the Waiting Room and the Museum Store. Call Carmen Curtis at 837-9781 or the museum at 837-3750.

San Damiano Retreat

Opportunities abound for people of all ages and abilities at San Damiano. Sit and socialize while helping with mailings, enjoy solitude and meditation while cultivating the flower, vegetable and fruit gardens or lend your support to the front desk and gift shop. Call 837-9141, ext. 307 or visit www.san-damiano.org.

Search and Rescue

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team needs volunteer members to respond to missing person incidents, disasters and other critical incidents. Team members are on call 24/7 year round. The program provides required training including wilderness traveling, first aid, map and compass, tracking disaster response and search skills, and may additionally include special training for canine, equestrian, technical, mountain bike or other rescue skills. For information and applications, visit www.contra-costasar.org or call 646-4461.

Sheriff Seeks Senior Volunteers

The Sheriff's Valley Station Office in Alamo is seeking people interested in assisting law enforcement in the community. Citizens should have a clean criminal history and would be responsible for one shift a week for four-and-a-half hours. Interested applicants should call James Hogan or Elmer Glasser at 837-2902.

Trails Maintenance

East Bay Trail Dogs is an all-volunteer group that has built, repaired and helped maintain single-track trails in the East Bay Regional Park District, the Mt. Diablo State Park, and Walnut Creek open space. Volunteers meet the fourth Saturday and one weekday each month. To participate, call Harry at 443-3925.

Valley Children's Museum Needs Volunteers

If you are interested in working with kids, Valley Children's Museum is looking for you! For information about volunteer opportunities, call 461-6574, 3 # or e-mail Linda@valleychildrensmuseum.org.

Volunteer Interpreters

The California Medical Association seeks community volunteer interpreters for Contra Costa County to assist physicians when other interpretation resources are not an option. If you possess a proficiency in any foreign language and experience interpreting in a health care setting, you are encouraged to apply. Contact CMA at (866) 241-4262, or e-mail communityvip@cmanet.org.

Volunteering for Hospice

Become a volunteer for Hospice Foundation of the East Bay by helping to plan and host fundraising events. You will have the opportunity to be creative, meet people, have fun and make a positive difference in the lives of Hospice patients and their families. Contact Peggy Hernandez at 887-5678 or peggyh@hospiceeastbay.org.

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Dr. Robert Dees, DC of Canyon Chiropractic Family Health and Wellness Center which is located at 2570 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Suite A-106, San Ramon, has helped countless patients over the past two decades regain health and vitality. Assisted by his associates, Debbie Dominguez and Sue Perry, Dr. Robert Dees, DC has created a well respected family practice whose purpose is to help as many people as they can live healthy, drug free lives.

What makes their office so unique is the fact that they have been successfully helping patients not only with excellent chiropractic care, but are also helping their patients look good, lose weight and change their lives.

In the past, Dr. Dees' patients have lost a cumulative of over 100 pounds and over 100 inches on this scientifically designed nutritional cleanse program. "This is not a diet but a cleanse," explained Dr. Dees.

The program not only peels off the fat, it increases a person's energy, lean muscle mass and improves mood and focus. This is why famous author John Gray (Men are from Mars women are from Venus) highly recommends this program.

The Cleansing Program is composed of organic nutrients and is based on a scientific formulation that works synergistically as a system.

The body stores dangerous impurities in fat tissue as a way of diluting and neutralizing them, keeping impurities away from vital organs. If you gently remove the impurities, the body no longer needs to hold onto fat and you turn the body into a "fat burning" machine.

"What we have seen in our patients is nothing short of miraculous" explained Dr. Dees. "One of my patients, who is currently on the cleanse, reported that he has lost 40 pounds in four weeks, another lost 7 pounds and 12 inches in just four days. Results may vary. In a recent study participants averaged a weight loss of 7 lbs at the completion of the first 9 Day program. This is not a starvation diet or a fast, but a fully nutritionally balanced program." The program is doctor monitored, safe and effective.

"Everyone needs to cleanse to avoid the effects of impurities from food and the environment," said Dr. Dees. "Especially thin people who store them in the liver, kidneys and vital organs."

To find out more about this program, contact Canyon Chiropractic at 925-867-1414 for our next workshop on this amazing program or go to www.GoCleanse.com/docdees.





COURTESY JOHN BORDALAMPE

by Michelle Olson

Interested in politics? Then head for D.C. That's what John Bordalampe did—he's serving an internship in the Washington office of U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney. "I am interested in the political process," said Bordalampe, 22, a UC Berkeley student who was raised in Danville. "I was really excited to come out here."

He applied for the internship in April and was interviewed over the phone shortly afterward. He started in early June and will stay in D.C. through the middle of this month.

"The whole town buzzes politics," he said excitedly. "You get into a taxicab and the driver is talking about a bill passing."

Bordalampe works four days a week, starting at 9 a.m. and finishing at 5:30 p.m. During this time he makes coffee, sorts mail, answers phones and gives tours of the Capitol.

"The interns are basically the customer service team for the office," summed up Andy Stone, communications director for the congressman. "It is a great introduction to life on the hill."

McNerney, a Democrat, represents the 11th District, which comprises parts of Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara and San Joaquin counties and includes Danville and parts of Alamo.

Having grown up in the 11th District, Bordalampe appreciates the issues of the area. He said it helps him relate to the callers who are trying to reach the congressman to voice their opinions. Calls commonly are about controversial issues such as gas prices, oil drilling and veterans' affairs.

"Many of the people who call think they are talking to someone who has never been to California," Bordalampe said. "When I say I'm from the district, people open up more over the phone. I try to help them however I can."

A day at the office also includes a look at the congressional schedule to check for hearings he might like to attend.

"My favorite things are the hearings and the briefings," Bordalampe said. "There is a whole plethora of different subjects."

What interests him most are alternative energy sources and national defense. Soldiers who have been overseas sometimes share their experiences at the hearings, he said.

"With the situations in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's good to get detailed reports of what's going on," Bordalampe noted.

He graduated San Ramon Valley High School in 2004 and continued his education at UC Berkeley where he is a fifth-year senior.

He said he didn't always think he wanted to go into politics but always had an interest in it.

"I can remember being in Mrs. Endicott's kindergarten class at Green Valley Elementary School and every morning we would say the Pledge of Allegiance, facing the flag and a picture of George H.W. Bush," Bordalampe wrote via e-mail. "That was until the morning Bill Clinton was inaugurated, when the teacher switched the picture of Bush out for one of Clinton. I've been hooked ever since."

During college he changed his major from chemistry to political economies of industrial societies. The emphasis not only teaches about the American market but also how international markets affect each other, and how politics affect global markets.

Bordalampe is doing his internship through the Cal in the Capital program, which matches students with jobs in Washington, D.C. More than 180 students apply each year but only about 70 are picked in a highly competitive application process.

"It was pretty tough to get into," Bordalampe said. "There is the question: I got an internship in D.C., now where am I going to live? This program takes care of everything."

The Cal in the Capital program was started in 1965 by J. Michael McGinnis who was spurred into action when he applied for an internship and then found out senators' offices were picking summer interns randomly instead of by their qualifications.

He wanted to help Cal students with the application process and enable them to keep pace with their counterparts from the East Coast who live closer to the capital.

Now students with majors ranging from art to women's rights to publishing are taking advantage of the annual summer program.

When Bordalampe isn't at his desk at the government office he likes to view the memorials and monuments in the city.

"There is so much to see here ... I'm doing a lot of museum walking," he said.

After college Bordalampe tentatively plans on law school but when asked about the future responds with his favorite quote from Albert Einstein: "The universe tends to unfold as it should."

In the universe of the nation's capital, he has left a good impression. "John is a great contribution to the office. We have gotten rave reviews on him and his tours," said Stone. "And that is no exaggeration." ■

"The whole town buzzes politics. You get into a taxicab and the driver is talking about a bill passing."

—John Bordalampe, Washington, D.C., intern

HOOKED ON POLITICS

Danville man spending the summer as an intern in D.C.

Top: U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D., 11th) discusses politics with intern John Bordalampe, who is working at the congressman's office in Washington, D.C., as part of the Cal in the Capital program.

Right: Intern Bordalampe and his mother Linda enjoy the D.C. sites.



COURTESY JOHN BORDALAMPE

Epicure



BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Refreshing—and healthy— summer coolers

Ahhh, summertime ... and the living is easy! When quenching your thirst is the hardest chore facing you on a hot summer day, you know you've achieved that state of mind my dad described as "got it made in the shade." (Hint: You have to say it with a bit of a Southern drawl to convey its full meaning.)

Recent health studies have noted (with a sigh of relief from us all) that drinking eight full glasses of water a day is not a true requirement for good health as long as you consume that much liquid through other foods and beverages. Still, during the summer season, we all need a greater intake of liquids to keep our bodies hydrated and to avoid overheating our internal systems. When hot-weather thirst kicks in, though, it's tempting to grab the closest cold drink in sight, regardless of the nutritional



value, sugar-content or healthiness of the beverage. Hence, we drink gallons of sodas, ice teas, etc., over the three to five months of early-to-late summer. Sodas

(even diet ones) are especially bad for us. Like iceberg lettuce, they offer no nutritional value at all but, moreover, most sodas contain high levels of sugar and additives.

This week's Epicure is dedicated to some refreshingly healthy drinks or what I lovingly call summer "coolers." They are easy to blend at the moment or make ahead and freeze for serving later; ingredients can be easily adjusted for one or a dozen imbibers. Think: icy-cold-all-the-way-down-the-throat-to-the-tummy liquid refreshment! No time to create a "cooler"? Add lemon, lime or cucumber slices to a tall glass of ice water. Whatever you do, drink often and stay cool.

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



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RECIPES

Low-fat Watermelon & Mint Cooler (6 servings)

6 cups seeded watermelon, cut in 1-inch cubes

1 cup loosely packed fresh mint leaves

1 cup boiling water

1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 cup skim milk

Watermelon balls on skewers, or watermelon wedges, tips dipped in finely minced mint (for garnish)

1. Prepare watermelon and spread on cookie sheet. Place in freezer till frozen, 1-2 hours. Meanwhile, place mint leaves in a bowl and pour boiling water over them. Cover and let steep 10 minutes. Drain mint leaves and place reserved liquid in refrigerator to chill. Discard leaves.

2. Place frozen watermelon cubes in blender with cool mint liquid, cinnamon and milk. Blend on highest speed till smooth, about 15 seconds. Serve in tall glasses garnished with skewered watermelon balls or wedges.

Raspberry Refueler (2 servings)

1 cup diced mango

1 cup orange-flavored sports drink

1 frozen banana, sliced

1/2 cup frozen unsweetened raspberries

Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth.

Coconut Mango Lassi (2 servings)

2 large ripe mangoes

2 cups non-fat plain yogurt

2 packages Splenda sweetener

3 drops coconut flavoring extract

Peel mangoes and puree/blend in blender with the yogurt until smooth. Add extract and blend again. Serve ice cold.

Lemon-Lime Ginger Ale Cooler (1 serving)

1 handful grapes

1 apple, cored and sliced
1/2-inch fresh ginger (or less)

1/2 lime

1/4 lemon

Sparkling mineral water

1. Remove the grapes from the stem. Juice the apple and ginger together, then juice the rest of the fruit.

2. Pour the juice in a large glass and fill to the top with sparkling water; serve with ice.

Strawberry Lemonade Slush (makes 3 quarts)

2 containers (16 oz) fresh strawberries, sliced

1-1/2 cup sugar

2 cups water

1-1/2 cup fresh lemon juice

4 cups ice cubes

1. Stir together sliced strawberries and sugar; let stand 30 minutes.

2. Process half of strawberry mixture, 1 cup water, 3/4 cup lemon juice, and 2 cups ice in a blender until smooth. Repeat procedure with remaining ingredients. Serve at once.

Summer Fruit Cooler (1 serving)

6 ice cubes

1/2 cup cubed cantaloupe

1/2 cup pineapple chunks

1/2 cup cranberry juice

1/3 cup sliced banana

1/4 cup pineapple juice

1 Tbsp honey

3/4 tsp lemon juice

1/4 tsp grated lemon peel

Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth.

Sunshine Cooler (1 serving)

3 oz pineapple juice

3 oz orange juice

1/2 oz superfine sugar

1/2 oz lemon juice

1/2 oz grenadine

2 oz lemon-lime soda

Combine in a tall glass, stir; serve with ice.

Scouts plant a native oak

Members of Girl Scout Troop 32422, under the supervision of Judy Sandkuhle from Sunset Color Nursery, recently planted a native oak tree at Green Valley Elementary School, with (back row, l-r) Sandkuhle and Donna Bell; (front) Kat Anderson, Anna Nunes and Lillian Rippee.

The troop wanted to thank Donna Bell, outgoing principal, for allowing Girl Scouts to hold events at the school. Although the girls now move on to Los Cerros Middle School, they will continue to take care of the tree. The Scout Association motto is:



"Where girls grow as strong as oaks."

OF NOTE



AAUW presents six scholarships

The Danville-Alamo branch of the American Association of University Women presented scholarships to (l-r) Stephanie Wong, Erika Batten, Rochelle Bantug and Ashley Williams at its recent installation of officers. Not pictured are Bronwyn Burman and Lauren Ohl-Trlica, who also received scholarships.

Five applicants received scholarships of \$1,250 each, and Williams received the Jane Trittipo Memorial Scholarship of \$2,250.

Rochelle Bantug is a nursing student at San Francisco State; Erika Batten is working toward a masters in music education at the Conservatory of Music at University of the Pacific; Bronwyn Burman is finishing at Diablo Valley College and will enter UC Berkeley in the

fall; Lauren Ohl-Trlica is pursuing a masters of science in Engineering Management at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; Ashley Williams is a nursing student at San Diego State University; and Stephanie Wong is entering Cornell University.

The AAUW scholarship selection committee was Tena Gallagher, Maureen Reschke, Elaine Riesert, and Caroline Sanchez.

Club salutes Bishop

The Blackhawk Women's Scholarship Fund (BWSF) salutes Carol Lee Bishop, president and chairwoman, as she retires into an advisory role following seven years of leadership.



Carol Lee Bishop

Now independent of the Blackhawk Women, the BWSF is thriving, thanks to the insightful and indelible spirit of Carol Lee and the generous corporations and individuals, said a spokeswoman. Scholarships of \$10,000 were awarded to Alexis Krup, Bionca Htun, Alexis Angelelo, Sophia Liem, Hannah Yemane, and Minh Nguyen. Carol Lee fondly refers to each of them as "superstars."

BWSF members said they admire and appreciate Bishop's dedication and commitment. "She can retire knowing we will honor her legacy," said one.

Job's Daughters install queen

Lauren Muhleman, a 16-year-old Campolindo High School student, was elected to serve as Honored Queen of Job's Daughters International-Bethel No. 247. She was crowned last month when the group held its 109th semiannual Installation of Officers.



Lauren Muhleman

The other elected officers are: Brooke Foster, 14, a student at Monte Vista High School, elected to the office of Guide; and Allison Wright, 13, a Windemere Ranch

Middle School student, elected to the office of Marshal.

For membership and a current activity calendar, call Leah Muhleman at 829-8505.

SRVHS grad honored in Redondo Beach

Roberta Lenore Bloss, a 1965 San Ramon Valley High School graduate, gives a speech accepting her award as the Redondo Beach "Woman of the Year" at the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce's 100th anniversary dinner.

Bloss is an eight-year member and former chairwoman of the Redondo Beach Planning Commission, and a member of the both its Green Task Force and the Growth and Management task



Roberta Lenore Bloss

force. She also served on the city's Budget and Finance Commission. She is currently involved in a Political Action Committee to fight a no-growth ballot initiative that will go before voters in November.

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The Whitney Survey

In 1861 and 1862, the California State Geological Survey (the Whitney Survey) studied Mount Diablo. This photograph shows an 1864 survey group, (l-r) James T. Gardiner, Richard D. Cotter, William H. Brewer and Clarence King. They examined the mountain's height, geology and fossils and documented 25 unknown plants. Brewer's book is a California classic and is titled "Up and Down California in 1860-1864."

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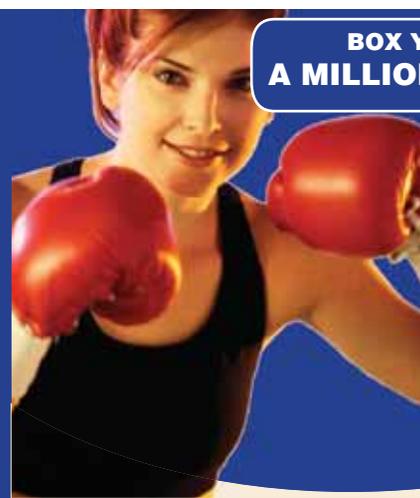
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The winning play: Alex Barden slides into home on a passed ball for the winning run, giving Danville Little League the title.



Danville Little League 10-11-year-old Section 3 champions are (front row, l-r) J.J. Koski, Charlie Adams, Andrew Vawter, Jerrett Dillon and Nate Kanat; (back) Nick Bartenetti, Coach Larry Barden, Brendan O'Connell, Alex Barden, Manager Bob Dillon, Conner Young, Cooper Berg, Coach Tony Bartenetti and Coby Ericson.

From zero to victory in stunning turn-around

Danville 11s win
Section 3 Championship

by Michelle Olson

Danville Little League 10-11s All-Stars pitcher Nick Bartenetti was concentrating so hard on a foul ball in the Section 3 championship elimination game July 23 that he didn't see the fence until he slammed into it. He could have left the game injured; instead he stayed in and led his team to victory from a seven-run deficit against a home-run-hitting team from Half Moon Bay.

The Danville 11s won District 57 to go on to Sectionals, where they played in two games before this final contest against Half Moon Bay. In the first inning Bartenetti struck out two of the three batters he faced. Danville landed first on base but stranded two runners

keeping the game scoreless.

Top of the second proved to be a power point in the game for Half Moon Bay, with three players hitting solo home runs and a two-run shot off the struggling Bartenetti, who had not given up a homerun all season, to make the score 5-0. The 11s were quiet with no hits or runs in the inning.

Half Moon Bay returned to the plate at the top of the third and in the middle of a four-hit, two-run rally, a hitter fouled a ball. That's the one Bartenetti chased, banging into the fence. This event seemed to change the momentum of the game because the losing Danville team came back in the bottom of the third inning by scoring five runs.

"The Danville bats started coming alive," said Coach Tony Bartenetti.

Charlie Adams opened with a line drive that was caught for an out on the first base line. Nick

Bartenetti and Jarrett Dillon got on base with consecutive walks. Andrew Vawter hit a single to score Nick Bartenetti from second base.

Connor Young hit a double RBI single bringing in Dillon and Vawter. Alex Barden doubled and moved Young to third. Young came in to score, and Barden moved to third on a ground-out by Nate Kanat.

Barden reached home on a wild pitch. The batter struck out to end the inning.

Pitcher Bartenetti caught his rhythm in the fourth, striking out the next two opponents and serving a ground-out to bring his team back up. In the bottom of the fourth, Adams attempted to steal third base then ran home on the catcher's throwing error to put Danville within one run of Half Moon Bay who were hushed by Bartenetti's pitching the rest of the game.

The fifth inning was when Danville sealed the deal scoring two

more runs to win the game. Cooper Berg and Barden led off with singles. Berg scored a run on Coby Erickson's ball contact to tie up the game. A wild pitch was thrown bringing Barden home with a slide into home plate under the pitcher's glove to score the winning run.

After a scoreless sixth inning, it was official that the Danville 11s Little League Team had won, 8-7. Nick Bartenetti totaled one walk and five strike-outs during his outing.

"This is a lesson of never giving up and always believing in yourself," said Coach Bartenetti.

The Danville 11s played against Tri-City (Rocklin) Tuesday night at Vallejo Mills Elementary School in Fremont and won, 7-2. Next the 11s were to play Morada from Stockton at 5:30 p.m.; the winners face Albany or Saratoga. The championships continue in Fremont through Friday and Saturday. Visit DanvilleLittleLeague.net for more information.



Pitcher Nick Bartenetti, after giving up four homers and seven runs and spending a minute to compose himself, gets back on the mound and, with awesome defense, keeps Half Moon Bay scoreless for the rest of the game.

"These kids are a humble, really good group of kids," said Coach Bartenetti. "They've shown outstanding sportsmanship." ■

Mustang Fury—the best in the West

Win in Hawaii puts local girls on top of the soccer world

The girls U12 Mustang Fury soccer team has achieved its quest to be recognized as the top team in the country by capturing the Far West Regional Championships in Hawaii. The Far West Regionals are made up of the 13 State Champions and three wild card teams from the Western United States.

The Mustang Fury opened the tournament with a convincing win over Alaska, 6-0. Chelsea Arnold, Makenna Kummer and Jamie Speros all contributed impressive goals for this first win.

They continued bracket play with a win over Oregon, 8-0. Rayan Takemoto was top scorer in this game striking two goals for the Fury, one off a nice cross by Sarah Peterson. Ashley Christensen scored on a strong drive up the middle. Kathleen Hupke, Chelsea and Jamie also contributed to the win with one goal each. Kummer toughed out the midfield backed up with flawless

defense by Madison Castelein.

The Fury completed its domination of bracket play with a 5-0 win over the Washington State wildcard team for the top draw out of its bracket. Castelein powered up from the backfield for a goal from outside, and Dana Outcalt scored an exciting header off a perfect corner kick to the box from Allie Dutto. Melissa Lewis and Takemoto each contributed noteworthy goals to the effort. Erin Donnelly commanded the middle of the field with Ashley making significant defensive contributions in the backfield.

After winning its bracket, the Fury defeated the Washington State Champs, Emerald City, 4-0, in the quarter finals. Hupke and Perez each scored powerful goals capping the win along with the two goals made by Dutto. Lewis ruled the midfield alongside Peterson with some crafty steals and Jessica Gillespie's exceptional defensive plays.

The semifinals were against a tough Arizona State Champion, Sereno, and the Fury came out on top with a 1-0 win. With a stunning shot, Erin Donnelly scored the lone goal for the Fury, while goalie Zoey Bauman skillfully handled the opponent's seven shots on the Fury goal. Alyssa Herwatt reigned over the middle with Outcalt playing outstanding defense.

In the championship game the Fury met its old rival from So Cal, West Coast FC. The Fury jumped out 2-0 in the first half with two dazzling goals by Dutto, one off a textbook feed from Perez. Midfielders Gillespie and Herwatt dominated the middle of the field winning every ball. WCFC had six shots on goal with some impressive saves by keeper Bauman before they scored with 10 minutes to go in the second half (the first goal the Fury had allowed since before the NorCal State Cup). The Fury



Far West Regional U12 Champions, the Mustang Fury, are (front, l-r) Sarah Peterson, Allie Dutto, Makenna Kummer, Jamie Speros, Jessica Gillespie; (middle) Chelsea Arnold, Rayan Takemoto, Zoey Bauman, Melissa Lewis, Erin Donnelly, Dana Outcalt; (back) Assistant Coach Pat Uritz, Erika Perez, Kathleen Hupke, Alyssa Herwatt, Madison Castelein, Ashley Christensen, Assistant Coach Fritz Scharff and Head Coach Ashley Iorio.

regained control as every girl on the team stepped up to contribute to the 2-1 victory for the Regional Championship.

The Fury was also presented with the Fair Play Award at the tourna-

ment, which recognizes one team in each age group for its spirit of fair play and outstanding sportsmanship.

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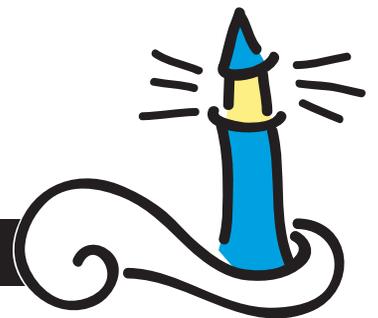
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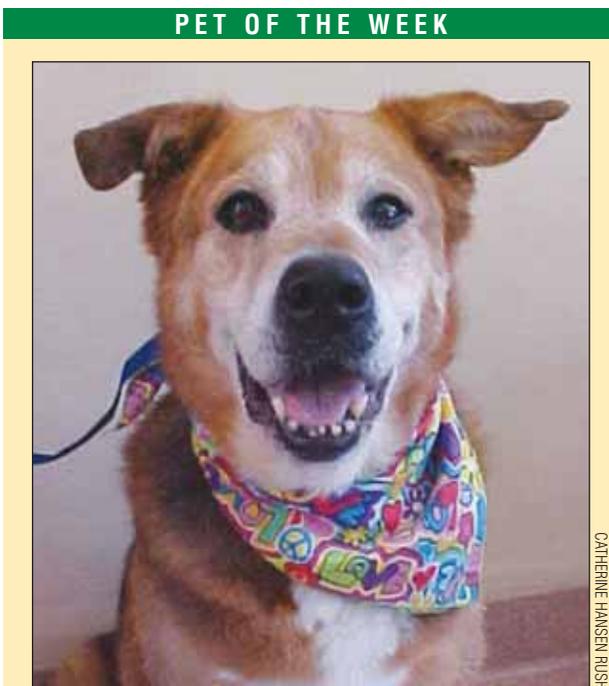
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This week's data represents homes sold during July 2008

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60 Lark Place Berkowitz Trust to Callahan Trust for \$3,200,000
1450 Laurenita Way D. & A. Heidemann to C. & L. Thompson for \$1,540,000
2204 Nelda Way M. & D. Mizis to R. Liu for \$1,015,000
4005 Stone Valley Oaks Drive K. & J. Mangold to Mangold Trust for \$1,750,000
80 Via Robles Isola Trust to K. Reddy for \$1,060,000

Danville

663 Bourne Court J. & J. Lamprecht to Cartus Financial for \$1,105,500
300 Bridgeside Circle D. Atwater to Randall Trust for \$715,000

1708 Cottswald Street K. & G. Freitas to R. & R. Tummala for \$845,000

25 Meadow Lake Drive Brennan Trust to I. & M. Reuling for \$2,900,000

121 Merano Street A. & L. Dumas to Stein Trust for \$1,030,000

601 Morninghome Road Wagner Trust to H. & B. Summers for \$900,000

7108 Pelican Street B. Juen to J. Haley for \$456,000

131 Shadewell Drive D. & B. Beinke to Guldner Trust for \$1,500,000

407 Snowdon Place Fremont Investment & Loan to J. Yang for \$888,000

303 Windchime Drive Rebhahn Trust to E. & D. Thompson for \$805,000

727 Ynez Circle I. Soligan to S. & R. Vigil for \$590,000

Walnut Creek

50 Autumn Trail Lane Braddock & Logan to D. & J. Collins for \$935,000

1129 Avenida Sevilla #1A Blendow Trust to A. Riley for \$448,000

1289 Avenida Sevilla #1A Ullner Trust to H. Henderson for \$425,000

539 Banyan Circle D. Hilty-Vance to D. & K. Leach for \$850,000

1953 Beacon Ridge Court T. & P. Bair to G. & K. Cosenza for \$708,500

1658 Candelero Court Burke Trust to A. Baram for \$413,000

1603 Candelero Drive K. Brantner to T. & E. Chaffee for \$480,000

2960 Corte De Maio R. & B. Henderson to D. Wang for \$750,000

2017 Countrywood Court T. & E. Chaffee to C. Salacka for \$420,000

1310 Creekside Drive #16 Iron Horse Place Limited to W. Hui for \$369,000

701 Hazelwood Drive Homesales Inc. to S. & L. Taylor for \$675,000

60 Iron Horse Lane J. Fobroy to H. Corcoran for \$465,000

136 Los Cerros Avenue Whelan Trust to S. Cho for \$525,000

1854 Magnolia Way G. & C. Hampton to W. & J. Tai for \$690,000

1901 Meadow Road D. Bledsoe to J. & N. Kukkonen for \$715,000

1904 Nero Court Wogman Trust to Defount Trust for \$487,000

401 Nob Hill Drive A. Jones to E. Wong for \$800,000

430 North Civic Drive #315 Adams Trust to D. Zeltser for \$340,000

422 Pimlico Drive G. Sielert to A. Thirumaligai for \$519,000

2589 Pine Knoll Drive #2 D. & K. Harwood to R. Wyatt for \$565,000

1811 Poplar Drive Wilson Trust to J. Archer for \$635,000

943 Reddington Court Reichenbacher Trust to R. & C. Vaserman for \$850,000

3298 Rossmoor Parkway #3 Wu Trust to C. Mintz for \$334,000

2878 Saklan Indian Drive L. Allen to Zukernick Trust for \$890,000

2053 San Miguel Drive American Home Mortgage to C. & S. Ybarra for \$610,000

960 Savannah Circle Avelo Mortgage to R. & A. Walters for \$625,000

656 Terra California Drive #2 Cabral Trust to Fink Trust for \$335,000

1840 Tice Creek Drive #2146 Nunes Trust to Gans Trust for \$645,000

1840 Tice Creek Drive #2323 Banning Trust to C. Banning for \$575,000

3183 Wayside Plaza #119 Wells Fargo Bank to E. Koupas for \$280,000

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16 Casolyn Ct. **\$1,595,000**
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5512 Old Westbury Wy. **\$675,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 548-7112

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5070 South Forestdale Cir. **\$839,900**
Sun 1-4 Empire Realty 217-5008

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2 Bedrooms

5750 Belleza Dr. **\$523,900**
Sat/Sun 1-4/11-2Keller Williams 397-4173

3 Bedrooms

1545 Calle Sontiago **\$460,000**
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 484-0700
7515 Homewood Ct. **\$618,000**
Sat 1-4 Re/Max Accord 484-0700
230 Tomas Wy. **\$689,000**
Sun 1-4 Allied Brokers 872-8286
2628 Maria St. **\$715,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 888-877-7653

4558 Lakewood St. **\$769,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-6410

3436 Park Pl. **\$779,950**
Sun 1-4 UCB / Brian Wright 417-7138

2822 Jones Gate Ct. **\$814,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111

4 Bedrooms

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Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 519-1455

3835 Yosemite Ct. N **\$599,000**
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6522 Inglewood Dr. **\$634,950**
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord Kathy Westernoff 577-2600

6337 Shorewood Ct. **\$674,950**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel-Andy Poryes 963-8871

7341 Joshua Cir. **\$725,000**
Sun 1-3 Alain Pinel Realtors 398-6706

7727 Fair Oaks Dr. **\$769,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-6410

5769 San Carlos Wy. **\$774,900**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111

4850 Ganner Ct. **\$829,900**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111

4804 Knox Gate Ct. **\$869,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111

2724 Laramie Gate **\$874,950**
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4031 Schween Ct. **\$867,000**
Sun 1-4 Homeworks 462-4812

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Sat 12-3 UCB / Brian Wright 417-7138

4 Bedrooms

200 Gaucho Ct. **\$675,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 998-9747

5 Bedrooms

554 Wycombe Ct. **\$1,749,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 243-0900

SALES AT A GLANCE

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Alamo

Total sales reported: 5
 Lowest sale reported: \$1,015,000
 Highest sale reported: \$3,200,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,713,000

Danville

Total sales reported: 11
 Lowest sale reported: \$456,000
 Highest sale reported: \$2,900,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,066,773

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 30
 Lowest sale reported: \$280,000
 Highest sale reported: \$935,000
 Average sales reported: \$578,617

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The formal dining room offers plenty of room and ambiance for intimate dining or a formal dinner party. It has French doors with a view of the flowering hillside and opens to both the living room and kitchen.

There's a large master bedroom with retreat area and double-sided fireplace. One of the bedrooms is conveniently located downstairs and has an adjoining full bath.

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