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Q: Are you bummed that summer is almost over or are you breathing a sigh of relief?



I am bummed because my last child is going to college and I am now officially an empty nester.

Helen Sanderson
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I am breathing a sigh of relief because fall is coming and I love cooler weather. I love the crackling fireplace, and I love all the festivals that go on during the fall.

Lynne Baxter
administrative assistant



Both. I am glad the kids are going back to school but bummed because it's the end of good weather and I love the heat. I love the summer.

Evelyn Blumin
nurse



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John Shea
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I wouldn't say either. I'm excited to go to DVC and start college but don't get me wrong, I love the summer.

Doug Smith
Diablo Valley College student, 18

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Danville residents Amy McKelligan and Ed Boersma, and Ed's bulldog Buddy, enjoy a relaxing ride on their Vespas. More and more people are choosing scooters as a way to get around town. Photo by Meghan Neal.

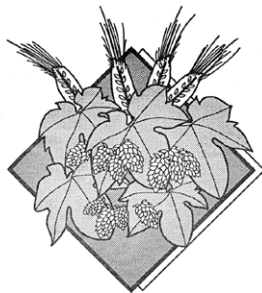
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County OKs money for Street Smarts

Supervisor Mary N. Piepho authorized \$10,000 to help fund Street Smarts, the second installment of a four-year commitment by Contra Costa County since the program was established in 2004.

Street Smarts delivers traffic safety education and continues outreach to San Ramon Valley elementary and middle schools. With the support of agencies including the Town of Danville, San Ramon, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District and the county, the Street Smarts program has expanded to the high schools with the "It Happens" campaign to raise awareness among teen drivers to be attentive, obey speed limit laws and avoid distractions while driving.

Arty party will benefit Alamo financial study

Paintings, photographs and perhaps a sculpture or two by professional artists will be available for attractive prices at the "Art from 94507" show on the evening of Friday, Sept. 5, at a private home on the west side of Alamo.

The evening, which precedes the popular annual Alamo Music and Wine Festival in Alamo Plaza on Saturday, is the final fund-

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I want to be the leader instead of a follower.”

—Sung Han Lee, owner of an environmentally friendly cleaners. See story, page 6.

raiser of the Alamo Community Foundation to benefit the state studies of Alamo incorporation, which was presented Aug. 7.

"Lots of art to choose from, great food, good wine and drinks, and lively people," said Ellen Sanchez, vice president of operations, who has organized the event. "The setting is beautiful, and we can expect the weather to cooperate."

Tickets, at \$50 per person, are on sale now from Nancy Huseby at 838-1277. The evening begins with a preview at 5 p.m. followed by an auction at 7:15 p.m.

The foundation is a nonprofit corporation to raise tax-deductible contributions to pay the \$200,000 cost of the studies, which are available at www.alamocommunity.org.

Corrections

The article "Goodbye to the old SRVHS gym" in the issue of Aug. 15 should have said construction began in 1957 and was completed in 1958.

Last week's recipe for deviled eggs should not have mentioned vinegar in the directions. There is no vinegar in this recipe, which can be found at www.DanvilleWeekly.com.

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Danville discusses Vets Hall renovation

Project committee will include stakeholders

by Meghan Neal

There has been a lot of focus on downtown Danville recently, and one of the most significant projects on the horizon is the long-discussed renovation of the old Veterans Memorial Building.

After the Town Council recently approved the agreement transferring building ownership from the county to Danville for \$200,000, council members and the veterans committee that spearheaded the project kicked into high-gear planning mode. The County Board of Supervisors transferred ownership of the building to Danville at its meeting Tuesday.

"We've got a lot of work to do," said Bob Chipley, vice chairman of the Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee of the San Ramon Valley.

Exactly what the new-and-improved Vets Hall will look like is still unknown, but the most likely option according to town staff is to preserve and expand the existing building.

Other options on the table include partially preserving the building and renovating it, or completely replacing it with a new one on the site, on the corner of Hartz Avenue and Prospect.

"We don't know all the answers to that just yet," said Chipley. "If they can design it using the existing building that'd be great, but again we have to leave it up to the architect."

The Town Council will appoint

a committee of stakeholders to oversee the project, made up of two representatives each from various groups with a vested interest in the building: veterans, seniors, Heritage Resource Commission, Planning Commission and others.

The council discussed the makeup of the stakeholder committee at a study session last week. One resident attended the session to voice his concern that the new Vets Hall could disrupt downtown Danville's old-fashioned aesthetic. He suggested two members representing the general public be added to the committee.

Marianne Bordogna, a Danville Realtor who recently announced her candidacy for town council, seconded the suggestion. Mayor Candace Andersen said in a later interview that all the committee meetings will be open to the public and she encourages participation from the entire community.

"If people have an opinion, by all means, get involved, come to the meeting," she said. "It's really important that people come forward and give us their ideas of how we can really preserve that heritage."

Meanwhile, the veterans committee is focused on fundraising, having pledged to raise \$3 million toward the project. The town has appropriated \$5 million.

The committee is reaching out to community groups like Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley, Kiwanis Club and Danville Rotary to

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A golden walk

Laura and Jeff Ajer walk their three golden retrievers early last week along Camino Tassajara, part of the 13-mile jaunt they've been doing for almost two years to get into shape. Riley and Buddy trot along on leashes while Beau rides in the wagon because he is suffering from cancer.

Their neighbor lent them the wagon so Beau didn't have to miss the walks he so much enjoyed.

"We helped him into the wagon and he loved it," said Laura.

"We had so much fun with him in the wagon," she added. "People didn't realize he was sick. Some would come and start laughing. Other people took pictures."

Beau died last week at the age of 1-1/2.

Town fears state will target funds

Redevelopment money is vulnerable, says town manager

by Meghan Neal

Town leaders are adamant the state won't get its hands on any of Danville's money, but with no sign of a state budget passing any time soon, the outlook is grim.

"Things have obviously reached a pretty critical state," said Danville Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

The Town Council adopted a resolution this month officially opposing any borrowing of local funds to balance the state budget, and has sworn to do whatever it takes to protect local revenue.

If Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declares a "severe state of fiscal hardship" the state can borrow money from city property taxes and transportation funds as long as they are repaid in three years with interest, according to Proposition 1A.

But there is a third source of local money that could be tapped into that is not protected by Prop 1A, which Calabrigo said could be even more harmful to the town.

"It's a lot of money and it's permanent and it doesn't get paid back."

—Joe Calabrigo,
Danville Town Manager

The state may shift a portion of redevelopment funds away from local projects and toward its expenses. These would not have to be paid back and the shift would happen annually for the remaining life of the redevelopment agency, said Calabrigo, which in Danville is until 2036.

A chunk of the funds, about 4 percent he estimated, would be shifted each year. This means the dollar amount would increase over time due to inflation. This fiscal year about \$86,000 would be shifted away from redevelopment funds. By 2036 the total amount

would be upwards of \$3 million, said Calabrigo.

"It's a lot of money and it's permanent and it doesn't get paid back," he said. It's also problematic because the funds are already committed.

The redevelopment agency borrows money for improvement projects like the parking lots downtown, senior housing and a portion of the Danville Library and Community Center. If money is taken out of the redevelopment fund, the town would have to tap into the general fund to pay off those debts.

"The state doesn't care," said Calabrigo.

The state has periodically borrowed local revenues since 1991 and already owes Danville \$8.7 million, according to the League of California Cities' watchdog Web site, www.cutupthecard.com.

This year the state would take in total revenues of about \$2.9 billion from cities, counties and special districts, Calabrigo said. About

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MEGHAN NEAL

Color me corny

Steve Chaney with his sidekick puppet "Corny Crow" entertain a full house at the Danville Library's reading room earlier this month. The ventriloquist's jokes, juggling and audience participation had both kids and adults laughing during the show.

Totally green dry cleaners opens in Danville

Owner makes move ahead of 2010 state mandate

by Meghan Neal

An award-winning dry cleaners that's been at the forefront of the eco-friendly movement has come to Danville to paint the town green.

Hasperien Cleaners took over Danville Cleaners on July 19 and converted it to be 100 percent environmentally friendly. The family-owned business is the second green cleaners to open in Contra Costa County.

"I've been looking forward to coming into Danville for over a year," said owner Sung Han Lee. "Now Danville has a choice of how their garments get cleaned."

Green cleaning, also called "wet" cleaning, uses water along with a specially formulated, biodegradable detergent. The machine itself is computer-controlled and designed to clean sensitive, dry-clean-only items without harming them.

No toxic chemicals are used and no hazardous waste is generated, and the process uses far less energy than traditional dry cleaning.

Lee wanted to come to Danville because many of its affluent residents own high end garments, and he wants to prove the system can handle even the most delicate clothing.

"It signifies that green cleaning is acceptable to everywhere—from high end to low end," Lee said.

Customers pay roughly the same



Hasperien Cleaners owner Sung Han Lee said he had wanted to open a green dry cleaners in Danville for more than a year.

for the service and the cost of running a green business is comparable to running a traditional one, he said. He saves money by conserving energy, but that's offset by the cost of the special detergent.

The company's overall electricity consumption has been reduced about 50 percent since going green, said Lee. Water consumption is down by 3,005 gallons per month.

Some people assume that wet cleaning uses more water, but the state-of-the-art machines are very efficient, he said. He can wash 25 pounds of clothes with 18 gallons of water; the average home washing machine uses 60-100 gallons for one load.

"The technology is there, it's just a matter of adapting it to our general practice," said Lee.

Traditional dry cleaners use a solvent called Perchloroethylene, commonly called PERC, which the EPA has identified as a toxin and air contaminant. The state of California has banned use of the chemical by 2010.

Lee chose to convert his cleaning process to nontoxic wet cleaning five years ahead of the mandated schedule.

"I'd rather do it ahead of time than anybody else," he said. "I want to be the leader instead of a follower."

Other cleaners are switching to a hydro-carbon solvent that is nontoxic, but still produces hazardous waste and some greenhouse gas emissions.

"If I was investing money and going over to green, I wanted to go absolute green," he said.

The company, which also has a facility in San Lorenzo and one in Castro Valley, won the Business Environmental Awards by Acterra, a Bay Area environmental nonprofit organization, for creative sustainability practices this year.

The San Lorenzo plant offers open houses, demonstrations and workshops for Bay Area dry cleaners interested in going green.

"I think that really signifies that I am really, really in the forefront in this movement," said Lee. ■

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Four-square fun at National Night Out

National Night Out last week was a local night out, too, as 23 neighborhoods throughout Danville held block parties and invited the Police Department.

Festivities at Balceta Court included JJ Koski playing four-square with his sister, Hannah Koski, as Peter Riley and Olivia Bagot look on. Neighbors met on the court for ice cream and other refreshments, and Lt. Mark Williams from the Danville Police Department stopped by; this was one of eight block parties spread throughout the subdivision.

The National Night Out is an annual event held across the county on the first Tuesday in August to discourage crime by building a strong neighborhood community. For more information, call the Danville Police Department at 314-3700 or visit NNO.org.

Convention coverage to offer local slant

Danville resident and longtime Bay Area TV anchorman Mark Curtis will be reporting from the political conventions during the next two weeks via a new version of his Web site, www.MarkCurtisMedia.com.

Curtis will attend both the Democratic and Republican conventions, being held Aug. 25-28 and Sept. 1-4, respectively, and offer complete election coverage, including broadcasts and videos from the conventions.

The Web site will also showcase some key local races and include interactive comments as well as feature local delegates to the conventions, and candidates for local office who will be in attendance.

"While the networks and big TV stations focus on just Obama and McCain, we are committed to bringing people news that is closer to their own community," said Curtis, a 30-year TV/radio veteran who has covered every presidential campaign since 1980.

"The Internet offers a new venue for politics," said Curtis. "We just had our first online video 'debate' between Congressman Jerry McNerney (D., 11th) and challenger Dean Andal on energy policy."

—Staff reports

Vets Hall

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increase awareness and ask for support and input. Chipley mentioned the importance of involving new veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"There's a lot of those folks around that should have a part to play in this building," he said.

The veterans building development committee is also starting to identify big companies to solicit financial support. They're targeting "heavy hitters" in the San Ramon Valley such as AT&T and Chevron, Chipley said.

A brochure is being created that outlines the reasons to support the project. It will highlight the multiple uses planned for the new building and stress the benefits it will have for the town and surrounding areas.

"We're pretty sure the public's going to support it," Chipley said. "It's not just for veterans. It's secondarily—a strong secondarily—also for seniors and members of the community." He added that he realized some people might be worried about the impact of reconstructing the historically significant building.

"Whatever we do, we will try every way in the world to maintain some sort of image, as much as we can, of what it is today," he said. "To maintain the history that it has."

The Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee meets twice a month to discuss planning and fundraising. Everyone is welcome to attend. Once the stakeholder committee is appointed by the Town Council, public notice of its regular meetings will be posted. ■

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Making the world safer for deer

Scout inquiry results in deer crossing signs on Green Valley Road

by Michelle Olson

Why the deer crossed the road is no laughing matter when it doesn't make it to the other side.

Schuyler McAdams, a 14-year-old Boy Scout who lives on Green Valley Road, was saddened by seeing dead deer close to his doorstep. Earlier this year, he spoke to Danville Mayor Candace Andersen about the problem, and a couple of months ago it resulted in deer crossing signs posted in both directions on Green Valley Road near the cross street of Green Valley Court.

"I saw some deer being killed and I wanted to make the road slower," said McAdams.

He was working on his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge and had to talk to an elected official about some issue in town. He also wrote to U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney about California's high speed rail plans.

McAdams attended the Mayor's Morning, a free public event held the first Friday of each month, where he was able to share his concerns with Andersen. She passed the word on to the town's Transportation Department and asked about signs.

"We went and checked it, scoped out the area and it was feasible," said Andy Dillard, transportation



Boy Scout Schuyler McAdams hopes the deer crossing signs he suggested on Green Valley Road will result in fewer deer being hit.

engineer associate, who helped install the signs. "There is a tendency for a lot of deer action."

"Deer action" involves an estimated 1.5 million people and their vehicles a year, according to the National Traffic Safety Administration, costing an average

of \$2,000 in car damages.

Often deer run, not walk, across the road, making it hard for a driver to react to the animal, said Sgt. Dan Barrett, deputy director of Contra Costa Animal Services.

Camino Tassajara, Blackhawk Road and Green Valley Road are popular crossing paths for deer in Danville, which are attracted to the urban area in part because of the brush on the sides of the roads. Some studies have shown clearing the brush helps to deter the deer, but this wouldn't stop the deer from crossing.

This year there have been six deer deaths or injuries on Green Valley Road.

"For that stretch of road it's not a lot," said Barrett. Contra Costa Animal Control calculates approximately 1,100 deer have been struck this year countywide, with a "significant number" being in Danville.

Anyone who sees an injured deer or has concerns about deer in the area should contact Contra Costa Animal Control at 335-8300.

McAdams is pleased with the new signs on Green Valley Road and said he thinks it's important to remember the wildlife.

"The deer will keep coming even as we change the area," he noted. "We need to evolve around that." ■

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\$2.1 billion of that would come from property tax; \$570,000 from Prop 42 funds; and the rest from redevelopment funds.

Most cities have redevelopment agencies. Some towns in Contra Costa County with very large agencies and would take a major blow from an annual shift in funds: Pittsburg would lose about \$2 million a year just to start, and Richmond more than \$1 million a year, said Calabrigo.

While there's no telling if the state will resort to local borrowing, the forecast isn't promising, he said. The budget is nearly two months past due and legislators remain at a standstill.

"At this point both the governor and the senate pro tem have indicated that local funds are off limits," said Calabrigo. "But the reality is: Here we are, it's the middle of August, there's no budget in sight and they still have this huge gap they have to bridge. It just seems very unlikely that they're going to do that without trying to tamper in some fashion with local government revenues." ■

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BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



It's a dog's life

Associated Press reported recently that Saudi Arabia has banned selling dogs and walking them in public. This is to discourage men from using them in cities as chick magnets, a totally unacceptable practice in a Moslem country.

We lived in Saudi Arabia—in Jeddah—for four years and I don't remember seeing anyone walking a dog in all that time. It was hard enough to get yourself down the irregular sidewalks, in the heat, much less walk a dog. It was definitely not a walking city.

But we had some friends, Ingrid and Pete Pedersen with their sons Peter and Christian, who were real dog people and probably did walk their dog Omar, especially since they lived in a high rise apartment. Omar was a saluki, the breed with slim greyhound-like bodies that are native to Arabia. They were the royal dog of Egypt, where their pictures grace tombs dating back to 2100 B.C. and their bodies have been found mummified. Somehow the Pedersens had acquired a strutting male they named Omar, and he became their beloved family dog.

When the Pedersens went home to Denmark for a month-long vacation they entrusted Omar to us. We had a house with a yard surrounded by a high concrete wall so we didn't need to walk him. Then about a week into his stay, I came home and found the gate open—and Omar gone. Repairmen and

delivery people came and went regularly so it could have been anyone. What mattered was that the Pedersens' beloved pet was at large in an unfriendly city in a culture not known for its affection toward dogs.

We searched the streets, on foot and by car, that day and for a week afterward; we even ran an unprecedented advertisement in the Arab News offering a reward. When the Pedersens returned they were broken-hearted, and we continued to drive through Jeddah with our eyes scanning the dusty streets for a lonely, lost saluki.

One day a few months later, a friend spotted Omar! He was in a vacant lot where young boys were kicking a soccer ball and otherwise hanging out. Omar would not come when the friend called so he quickly drove to the Pedersens and they returned to confront Omar, who was acting quite skittish and unfriendly. It broke their hearts to think of the hardships he had endured on the streets to warrant this change of behavior. They finally coaxed him into the car and returned home with him. Ingrid told me later that he was shaking in the elevator.

The boys welcomed him home with hugs of joy, and they all fed and admired him. When things settled down, Ingrid began to groom him, brushing his fur to clean away the dust that had accumulated and checking for ticks and fleas. She rolled him onto his back—and stared in amazement. Omar, their

un-neutered saluki, was missing his male parts. This dog was not a male; it was not Omar.

We still chuckle over how this poor clueless stray, accustomed to life on the streets of Jeddah, had suddenly been swooped up and taken into the lives of the Pedersen family, into a car and an elevator and an apartment for the first time in her life. But now they had another problem: What should they do with this other, female dog? They didn't want to just dump it back at the lot. And they were a dog-loving family without a dog. So they adopted this dog, and renamed her Omega. The veterinarian in town told them she was about 3 years old and apparently had had a litter at some point.

The Pedersens left Jeddah about the same time we did and moved to the Costa del Sol. When we visited them, there was Omega, lying comfortably on an expensive Persian carpet like the beloved family member she had become. Ingrid said Omega never lost the nervousness she'd developed on the streets but we took long walks with her in the Spanish countryside.

And Omar? I like to think he wandered into the courtyard of an Arabian prince who befriended him and provided him with a home and love and affection. But only Allah knows for sure.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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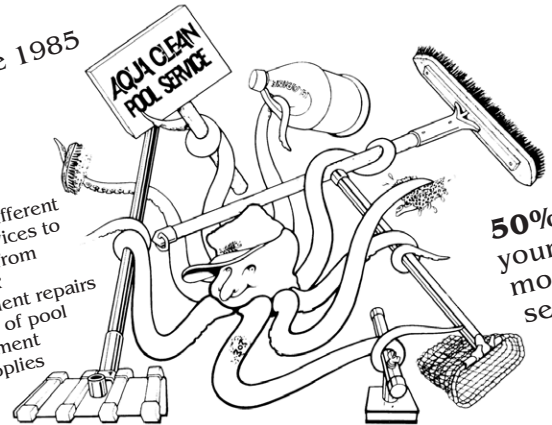
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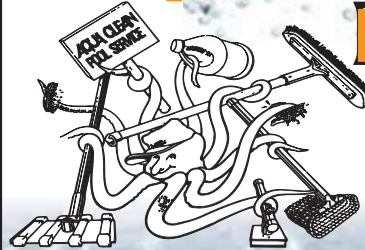
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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

A bona fide downtown

Downtown Danville is a joy to its residents and those who work and visit here, and how lucky we are to have such a charming downtown that is thriving on the site where stores and homes were built 150 years ago.

Some communities are constructing new downtowns, playing catch-up, because they did not evolve naturally. San Ramon, a growing city with nice parks and neighborhoods, is in the position of creating a city center for its offices that will include retail businesses and an attractive plaza. On the San Jose-Santa Clara border, developers built Santana Row as a fake upscale downtown, which has proven to be wildly successful. But neither place has the charming historic buildings that are in downtown Danville, such as the Shuey-Podva house on the corner of Hartz Avenue and School Street or the Vecki House on Front Street. Not to mention the original train depot on Railroad Avenue, which serves as the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

Some communities are constructing new downtowns, playing catch-up, because they did not evolve naturally.

Danville has retained its original downtown, first settled on Front Street next to the San Ramon Creek. The action shifted to Hartz Avenue after John Hartz subdivided these plots, and the Southern Pacific railroad brought business another block eastward. This makes for three parallel streets for a user-friendly, attractive downtown. Add the Livery shopping center and the stores in between and you have everything you need, from groceries to medicine to clothes—from practical to tres chic.

Danville is doing extensive marketing to make sure residents know they can find everything they need right in their own back yard. And to be sure everyone knows that for every \$100 spent in Danville, \$45 stays in the local economy, creating jobs and expanding the tax base.

The town's settlers chose the location well, and officials, businesses and residents have kept the downtown viable. Now we can all support the downtown to keep it going strong through the 21st century.

TO THE EDITOR

State borrowing hurts Danville

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your Aug. 7 editorial that spoke to the State of California's current \$17 billion budget shortfall and the potential impact upon local revenues. The state's latest budget crisis is the result of a tough economy and their inability to implement meaningful budget reform.

Local governments like Danville must pass balanced budgets by July 1 of each year. Like the state, local governments are affected by the economy and its effect on revenues. When this happens, your local elected representatives have two choices—spend less, or ask the taxpayers for more money. This year in Danville we chose to spend less.

Unfortunately, the state is once again considering diverting local government funds to help balance its budget—even though voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 1A in 2004 in order to prevent this from happening. Over the past several years, Sacramento has taken almost \$9 million in local funds from Danville to help balance its budgets. This is akin to using someone else's credit or debit card. This year, they are considering "borrowing" more than \$1.3 million in property tax and transportation funds from Danville, and permanently shifting redevelopment funds that would result in the loss of more than \$3 million over the life of our redevelopment agency—funds that should be used to improve our downtown and our local economy.

Borrowing or taking money from local government is irresponsible and harmful to local services and the local economy. Structural budget reform is needed in Sacramento. It's time for legislators to cut up the local government credit card and make the tough choices that they were elected to make.

*Mike Doyle, Council Member,
Danville*

Story prompts more funds

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you for the wonderful article on FUNDAFIELD in the Danville Weekly on Aug. 8. It was not only well written, the pictures were great—and in color! The best part is the attention that FUNDAFIELD has received. Every day people are telling us that they saw us in the paper and would like to donate; it is so rewarding.

We really appreciate your support.

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Scootin' around town

Vespa fans rave about their cheap—and fun—mode of transportation

by Meghan Neal



Danville Councilwoman Karen Stepper enjoys taking in the scenery as she rides her baby blue Vespa around town.

They're convenient. They're "green." They only cost \$7 to fill up the gas tank. Why isn't everyone riding a Vespa?

Lately, the tough economy, the clogged roads, the dearth of available parking, and growing environmental consciousness are causing more and more people to look for alternatives to cars. And scooters are flying off the shelves.

"Sales are on the rise big time," said Danville resident Amy McKelligan. "I used to feel like I was the only woman in Danville that had one, and now I see couples out on their scooter on the weekends, people doing their grocery shopping ... They're everywhere."

The Danville area is great for riding scooters, said Ed Boersma, who lives and works in town. The weather is almost always nice, the roads are flat, and you can get to neighboring towns without taking the freeway.

"I park my car for a week at a time and just drive the scooter," he said.

His sons, ages 12 and 15-1/2, love to ride on the back of the bike. Only one person can fit at a time, but Boersma said he's contemplating getting a sidecar so both boys can ride. Sometimes his English bulldog, Buddy, will come along, too.

"I tell everybody it's a great way to get around," he said. "A lot of fun."

It can be a way to reconnect with the environment. Taking in the beautiful scenery of the San Ramon Valley can help people remember why they live in the area, said Danville Councilwoman Karen Stepper, who rides a baby blue Vespa.

"It's a fun feeling," she said. "Every time I see anyone, I keep trying to convince them to get one and ride with me."

"Having a Vespa now, it's a very culturally aware, very green thing to do," said McKelligan. "And from an economic standpoint it's so much less expensive."

Even with this month's slight break in gas prices a trip to the pump can feel like a \$70 punch in the face. Filling the 2-gallon tank on a scooter, however, costs less than the price of a sandwich in downtown Danville. Scooters can get anywhere from 70 to 100 miles per gallon of gas, compared with 20 or 30 for your average car.

"There's definitely a knee jerk reaction to this issue," Boersma said. "Everyone was driving these giant SUVs for so long ... then gas tripled in price and this was a reaction to that."

He became a Vespa rider in 1980 quite by accident, when he pulled an abandoned scooter out of the San Francisco Bay. Later he bought a faster one and rode it around Santa Barbara during college.

"It's certainly the greenest form of transportation out there," he said. "It makes the Honda Prius seem like an SUV."

Some people buy scooters because they're naturally green-minded and aware that fuel is a limited resource, said Jim Perry, store manager at Vespa Walnut Creek. But another category of customer is popping up—those who are looking around at the gas-guzzlers crowding the roads and starting to think, "This is ridiculous!"

A gallon of milk that costs \$4 ends up costing \$9 by the time you get back from the store, said Perry, a Danville resident. More and more of these car owners are stopping in at the Vespa shop looking for another option.

"I can't get enough product," he said. "They're just on fire!"

The shop sells an average of two or three scooters a day; often the bikes will sell the same day they

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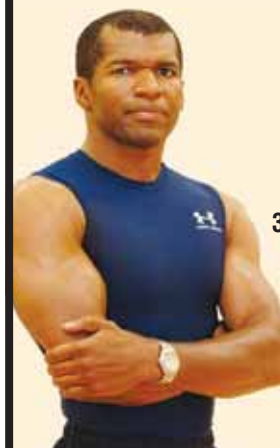
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MEGHAN NEAL

Amy McKelligan and Ed Boersma take their scooters to run errands, go joy riding, and get to and from work. It saves gas money and is good for the environment, they say.

arrive at the store, and some models have a waitlist of people trying to get their hands on them.

The sales boost started last summer and has been steadily growing since then, said Perry. December, which is usually slow because of the cold weather and holiday season, was one of the busiest months ever. That's about when gas prices started climbing.

But gas isn't the only reason people are jumping on scooters, Perry said. Nor is the environment. Bay Area residents are increasingly frustrated with congested roads, and they're realizing that maneuvering in traffic and finding parking are much easier on two wheels.

An average scooter costs around \$4,000 to \$7,000. That's just the middle range. Pre-owned vehicles can be as low as \$1,500 and new ones can get up to \$10,000 depending on engine size and features. Scooter insurance starts around \$100 per year and is higher depending on age, driving record and type of bike.

While classic, Vespa isn't the only kind of scooter. Its parent company, Piaggio, makes a range of popular bikes, as do Honda, Yamaha and others. But Vespa is the iconic brand—the gold standard. The Italian scooter came out of the broken economy of post-WWII Italy. In the '50s, Hollywood helped make it popular: Think Audrey Hepburn in "Roman Holiday."

When choosing what kind of scooter to get, one of the first things to consider is engine size. At the small end is 50cc. It's cheaper but slower, and may not have enough oomph to tackle big hills. Engines go up to 500cc and beyond, though anything larger starts to get into motorcycle territory.

Not all scooters are just "put-put" vehicles like some people assume, said Perry. The most common model, the LX150, is freeway-legal with a top speed around 65 mph, he said. The price at Vespa Walnut Creek is roughly \$4,300.

Not that there's anything wrong with a put-put. Most scooterists in the Danville area use the bike as a secondary mode of transportation for getting around town, rather than braving a freeway commute.

A car is still needed for transporting a lot of stuff, toting around a large family or going on a long road trip, scooter owners say. A Vespa is ideal for destinations that are too far for a bicycle and too close to be worth the drive. There's plenty of storage for errands, too, with one compartment under the seat

and another on the back of the bike.

The scooter is one of the last remaining "legal freedoms," said Boersma. Cars require seatbelts and forbid drivers to talk on cell phones. Safety is regulated at every turn.

"It just seems like this is a loophole," he said.

This is what Vespa riders love: being out in the open air, feeling the wind around them, taking in the scenery.

"It's a great feeling—kind of a fun, free feeling," explained McKelligan. "I can't even describe it—it's like riding on happiness. It puts a smile on your face."

For some people though, that vulnerability is what makes scooters seem scary and dangerous.

"I do know that most people are hesitant 'cause they think they're unsafe," admitted Boersma.

"It can feel like you're the invisible man or invisible woman," said Stepper. "You know that people can't see you, so you have to be careful."

In Contra Costa County, motorcycles (as a category that includes scooters) are at no higher risk of being in a crash than passenger vehicles, according to 2007 statistics from the California Highway Patrol and Department of Motor Vehicles. The stats showed the same fraction, 1.3 percent, of registered and motorcycles were involved in a collision.

However the safety concern with scooters goes further than that. Many worry that if you do crash, you are more likely to be seriously injured.

Stats show that the chances of an accident being fatal are higher for motorcycles than autos, at about 5 percent versus 0.5 percent. This is almost certainly due to the fact that motorbikes and scooters lack the protective shield of a car's frame.

"Frankly, you're a little naked out there in the traffic," said Boersma, suggesting that scooterists "drive as if you have a target on your chest."

Stepper recommends dressing up in all the safety gear. She wears a full helmet, gloves and a heavy duty jacket when she goes out for spin.

It's crucial for scooter riders to be extremely aware of what's going on around them, she said. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation offers a three-day safety course for new riders.

Scooters can be a bit nerve-racking, especially at high speeds. But when it comes to cruising around town, they're a relatively safe, easy and economical way to travel—plus they're just plain cool. ■

"It's a great feeling—kind of a fun, free feeling. I can't even describe it—it's like riding on happiness."

—Amy McKelligan, Vespa owner

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POLICE BULLETIN

Evading an officer ends in multiple charges

Danville police chased a drunken driver, an 18-year-old Danville man, up San Ramon Valley Boulevard at 11:15 p.m., Friday, Aug. 8. The driver had a 16-year-old girl from San Ramon in the car with him and was arrested on felony charges of evading a police officer and child endangerment.

The police officer was driving south on San Ramon Valley Boulevard when he first noticed the car on the side of road, just over the San Ramon city border, said Lt. Mark Williams.

When the officer went to further investigate, the vehicle made a quick U-turn and sped off going north back into Danville. The officer turned on his lights and siren, and a chase ensued.

The driver turned off the boulevard into a

housing development in the Ridgeland Circle/Fountain Springs area, and the police officer caught up with him.

"He doubled the speed limit at one point and was in a residential area, and he also ran the traffic light at Ridgeland Circle and the boulevard," said Williams. "When you run from the police when they have their lights and sirens on, and it puts the public in great danger; it makes it a felony."

Both the driver and passenger were found to be under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was arrested on charges of driving under the influence, evading police and child endangerment. The girl was released to her parents.

After his arrest the driver told police that when he saw the cop car, he got scared because he had been drinking alcohol and he took off to try to hide from police.

—Meghan Neal

OBITUARIES

Raymond Earl Donaldson

Raymond Earl Donaldson, a resident of Alamo, died Aug. 2 after struggling against leukemia since November 2006. He was 56.

He was born Jan. 11, 1952, and attended Huntington Park High School. He worked for many years as an owner/operator truck driver, then found his true calling in general construction specializing in residential design and remodeling.

His interests included fishing, hunting and camping with his family. He was on the cutting edge of technology and immensely enjoyed competitive aerial combat on his computer. Other passions included knowledge of historical events and his uncanny natural ability to understand the mechanics of life.

He is survived by his mother Tommie Rae, his wife Sondra, and his five children, Jennifer, Alex and Sean Donaldson, Holly Thomas and John Woods; brothers and sisters Jerry, Thomas, Kenneth, David, Deborah and Sandy; and seven grandchildren. A celebration of his life was held Aug. 7 at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville, and a Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 8 at St. Isidore Catholic Church. Contributions may be made to Leukemia Research Stanford Hospital, 2700 Sandhill Road, Menlo Park 94025.

Kay Jacobson

Kay Jacobson, a resident of Alamo, died peacefully Aug. 6 in Walnut Creek at the age of 72 after an eight-year battle with cancer.

She was born and raised in Oregon, graduating from Roseburg High School in 1954 and from the University of Oregon in 1958. After moving to Alamo in 1972, she was active in tennis at Round Hill Country Club. In 1988 she earned her master's degree in clinical psychology and became a therapist at the Community Presbyterian Counseling Center in Danville and the premarital counselor for all weddings at the church. She enjoyed traveling to many parts of the world and loved playing party bridge.

She re-dedicated her life during the eight years of her illness, saying, "Something good will come of this." She served on the Board of Deacons at Community Presbyterian Church and formed her own cancer support group, which she moderated.

She is survived by husband Dick; her daughter Tracy Stracke; her son Rick; her son-in-law Ed Stracke; grandson Eric Stracke; and beloved dog Tuffie. A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life were held at Community Presbyterian Church on Aug. 12. Donations may be made to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 7247-0260, Philadelphia, PA 19170-0260.

POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, Aug. 10

- Party disturbance, arrest, on the 100 block of Diablo View Ct. at 1:16 a.m.
- Drunk in public on the 300 block of Railroad Ave. at 11:43 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 11

- Possession of counterfeit bill on the 100 block of Leonard Ct. at 10:01 a.m.
- Residential burglary on the 300 block of Glendora Circle at 3:01 p.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Amigo/Del Amigo Rd. at 7:43 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

- Residential burglary on the 1800 block of St. Norbert Dr. at 10:22 a.m.

- Hit and run misdemeanor on the 9500 block of Crow Canyon Rd. at 3:58 p.m.
- Vehicle accident with major injuries, arrest, on the 1500 block of St. Helena Dr. at 11:54 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

- Credit card fraud on the 600 block of El Capitan Dr. at 4:56 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 14

- Residential burglary on the 200 block of El Dorado Ave. at 8:04 a.m.
- Grand theft, bicycle, on the 400 block of Greenbriar Ct. at 5:34 p.m.
- Strong-armed robbery on the 100 block of E. Prospect Ave. at 5:37 p.m.
- Fight disturbance, arrest, on the 300 block of Railroad Ave. at 7:04 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 15

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- Drugs violation on the 100 block of Waterman Circle at 5:59 p.m.
- Juvenile disturbance, arrest, on the 100 block of Bobbie Ct. at 10:45 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Danville Blvd./El Cerro Blvd. at 11:56 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16

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The online reviews on "Your Indies are Showing" are filmed at Left Coast Productions' studios in Pleasanton where the set was made to look like a little coffee house called the "Indies Café."

'Your indies are showing'

Danville production company creates site to feature online movie reviews

by Meghan Neal

Independent films can offer a refreshing change from mainstream blockbusters, and there are literally millions of them available free online, just waiting to tickle your funny bone or move you to tears. Features, shorts and documentaries—oh my!

The tough part is figuring out how to navigate through all the mediocre films to find those gems that are really worth watching, said Barbara Murray, president of Danville-based media company Left Coast Productions.

"With so many people watching movies online, we just thought, 'Gosh, where do you go to find out which ones are good?'" she said. She had the idea for the company's latest project, a new Web site that reviews independent flicks. It's called "Your Indies are Showing."

To choose which films to review, staff members comb through dozens of online movie Web sites and bring recommendations to the table.

"There's millions of choices," Murray said. "We're gonna whittle them down to 10 or 12 each month that we think are worth looking at ... We're sort of getting people talking about them."

The reviews are posted in the form of two- to five-minute videos, filmed at the company's studio in Pleasanton. "Your Indies are Showing" is the only Web site in the country devoted to reviewing online films, claims the company. Murray was inspired to enter these uncharted waters when she discovered just how many people were doing their movie-watching online.

More than 85 million people worldwide watch independent movies on the Web each month, she said. "The numbers were staggering to me. That's what gave me the idea for this, when I heard these numbers."

The reviews are presented as "episodes"—almost as if Siskel & Ebert had their own TV show again, only online. The "cast" is three co-hosts that critique the films via unscripted conversations. It's fun to have no idea what the



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Daniel Will Harris, Steph Borklund and Mitch Costanza review independent films at the "Indies Café."

reviewers are going to say, said Murray.

The "set" is where the conversations are filmed. The studio was made to look like a little coffee house called the "Indies Café." Sometimes the "barista" will take a break from making lattes and join the hosts—Ben Tyson, Daniel Will Harris and Mitch Costanza—to offer her two cents about a particular film.

Currently the site has reviews up of five short films, two features—including "Juno," the independent project turned hit movie—and a documentary. One of the shorts is

a political satire called "American Infant" that chronicles the life of a privileged boy.

"It's a story about a little boy named George who's violent, not very smart and likes to drink. Any idea who that might be?" said Harris in the review. "It was hilarious. I laughed out loud."

Though the reviews can sometimes be critical or turn into debates over the merits of a film, the company's intention is never to trash a movie, Murray said. It's about letting people know the films out there, and getting people to talk about them.

"Our goal really is to support filmmakers," she said. The site also serves as a resource for independent filmmakers, offering links to indie festivals, organizations and Web sites.

Some film festivals have invited the company to bring the "Indies Café" set and film the reviews live from the festival, said Murray. That way the hosts could interview directors, filmmakers and writers to supplement the review.

The site is still young, not much more than a month old, but the word is starting to get out, she said. As of Aug. 11, the site had 1,400 visitors from 35 countries around the world, including Japan, South Africa and all across Europe. They plan to look for advertisers or private support from companies to help fund the venture.

Online movies are a growing trend, Murray said. Experts predict that in about five years DVDs will just be backup; people will be downloading information straight from the Internet to their TV sets.

"It's just a different generation," she said. "This is where they're getting their information. This is where they're getting their entertainment. This is where they're getting their ads. It's just their form."

What about the older generation? Will they latch on to this new trend? Murray said that for viewers of all ages who are interested in finding quality films outside of the mainstream, the wealth of films available online is worth exploring.

"Some people will adjust to it, some people won't," she said. "I think it will be a wave of the future." ■

Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE



Monument on Mount Diablo

Col. Leander Ransom, a U.S. deputy surveyor general, established a principal reference point for land surveys on Mount Diablo in 1861. From this initial point, land in central California and Nevada is surveyed. After Mount Diablo State Park opened in 1931, this platform for visitors was constructed.

The Y Files



BY MARIA SHEN

Parents: Get out of my Face(book)

A couple of years ago, MySpace was all the rage. The social networking Web site got so hot that almost wherever you turned, the presence was felt—in the news, on TV, in pop references, in movie previews. Personally, I didn't have a MySpace, but that only meant my friends constantly bugged me about getting one.

I did feel a little left out. After all, all the drama was played out on MySpace. New pictures and comments were uploaded incessantly. While hanging out, my friends would go on the computer and check for updates (that was a bit annoying). I received second-hand news while they experienced it all virtually.

Users and mainstream media quickly found faults with the site—suicides, missing teens, Web abuse. It seemed like MySpace was more trouble than it was worth. That was when we witnessed the rise of Facebook, a social networking Web site that was basically more organized version of MySpace.

Perhaps because I'd been left in the dust during the MySpace craze, I quickly jumped on the Facebook bandwagon. The Web site didn't

disappoint. There are constant news feeds. Relationship statuses are kept under careful scrutiny—are my friends single, in a relationship, or "it's complicated"? Like someone? I could send them a Poke. Or even SuperPoke them if I'm feeling wild.

Originally meant for college students, Facebook has become an overall teen phenomenon. A Web site like this didn't keep under the radar for long. It's been garnering a lot of attention—especially parental attention.

Parents are now joining Facebook to catch up with their children. The perks? Parents can see the latest pictures posted by their kids and their friends. I can speak from firsthand experience when I say that, usually, the poor parents don't get to see half the pictures their kids are taking. We're at such an age when, every time friends hang out, everyone has a camera in his or her bag. And, if not a camera, then an iPhone. And if not that, then at least a cell phone with a camera on it. Literally, hundreds of pictures are taken each week.

Unlike the good ol' days, when people communicated through e-mail, the new generation has text

messaging, Facebook, and a plethora of communication portals at its disposal. The hit CW show, *Gossip Girl*, is a teen drama built on the foundation of text messaging and Internet. "Gossip girl," a mysterious character who narrates the TV show through text messages and her blog, plays a central role. Although the drama is grossly exaggerated, *Gossip Girl* is a good indicator of current communication trends.

The point is, it's difficult for a parent to catch up on what's happening nowadays. News travels and develops so fast that it's easy to parents to be out of the loop and stay there. And, frankly, "out of the loop" is exactly where most teens like their parents to be. Not that most of us have anything to hide. We just feel better with some privacy.

It's ironic that we're so willing to splay our life out on the Internet but not half as willing to share it with our parents. Most teens are leary when they see their moms or dads trying to "friend" them on Facebook. Some set their profiles to "limited." Like the word implies, parents would only be able to view a small window into their Facebook lives.

Facebook makes it harder for parents to keep tabs on (or stalk) their children, since fabricating an identity is more difficult to pull off. When making a profile, there's a lot of school and network information to be filled out. And, unlike MySpace users, Facebookers are much less likely to "friend" someone they don't recognize. The feature that counts the number of mutual friends between users also makes it easier for Facebookers to determine whether the person trying to "friend" them is really a friend or a fraud.

That's why when it comes to finding their children on Facebook, most parents go with their real identities. Some teenagers will reject the overture of virtual friendship altogether. Others will cautiously accept the friendship.

But whatever the case, teenagers everywhere feel a bit uneasy.

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ClubSport runs over Rebels in thrilling championship

The fifth-grade girls of Team ClubSport of San Ramon won the AAU National Basketball Championships held in Reno earlier this month, beating an experienced team from Los Angeles.

The ClubSport team was only formed in January by Coach Gary Brett Beeler so no one knew what to expect as the girls faced well-established basketball clubs from all over Northern California. The team's first tournament was in April and they came in third place, with only one loss by 4 points. They went on to win their next six straight tournaments.

The Nationals were held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center from July 30-Aug. 3, and the ClubSport team got off to an easy start against a team from Washington State but then lost to a Los Angeles powerhouse team by 1 point. The L.A. team

then suffered a surprise loss to the well-known Mission Rec program out of San Francisco, which ClubSport beat to claim the first-place seed for the playoffs.

The championship play found ClubSport in one game with a 4-point deficit with less than two minutes to go. ClubSport tied the game then won in overtime with free throws. In the title game, ClubSport was pitted against an L.A. team called the Rebels, which got off to an early 10-point lead. At halftime the Rebels were still up by 4 points, and the L.A. fans starting chanting "RE-BELS" for the entire convention center to hear. The ClubSport fans took over the cheering, and the ClubSport girls led by Beeler turned on their magic to come back and win. The final score was 50-41, the eighth time ClubSport had scored 50 or more points in a game. ■



The champion fifth-grade girls of the Team ClubSport of San Ramon are (front, l-r) Alyssa Lorenzo, Tylore Bell, Chandra Allan; (back) Aria Mack, Annie Styles, Arianna Zamora, Coach Gary Brett Beeler, Shannon Rosemark, Emily Barrett, Shoshana Merriman, and Kayla Frierson. Not pictured: Kathryn Rodd.



Sharks bite not fatal in final

Defender Jacob Clark fights hard for his team, the Mustang Sharks U-16 Boys Division 3 team, which had a strong showing in the pre-season Central Marin County Mission Classic Bell Tournament held Aug. 9-10, bringing home the second place trophies after a nerve-racking record-breaking overtime of 16 rounds of penalty kicks.

The Sharks, coached by Ziad Thielmat and Steven Hoffman, won their qualifying games, holding their opponents to one goal in all three games led by a strong defense in Stephen Armstrong, Jacob Clark, Kevin Trisko and Rory Clancy. The Sharks offense showed stamina and finesse with a 4-1 win against Roseville UFC, a 2-0 victory over the Rohnert Park Renegades, and a 6-0 lead over the San Ramon Rampage.

The championship game was played late in the day Sunday, and the Sharks came back out at half time trailing the Fair Oaks Hawks, 2-0. They were able to find their groove and scored 2 goals to tie up the match, the first goal by Jordon Giusti assisted by midfielder Casey Sbrana and the second goal by midfielder Renee Patino off a strategically placed free kick by midfielder Spencer Kitchen.

The regulation "golden goal" overtime play of two five-minute sessions didn't give the Sharks enough time to bring them a victory so a penalty kick shoot off ensued, surprising everyone by going an amazing 18 rounds. The Hawks were able to edge out the Sharks to win the game by making their 14th successful penalty kick against the Sharks' fierce goalkeeper, Hunter Doliber.

Parent photographers

Send a jpeg to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com of the best action shot from your child's game for consideration for our Sports page. Remember to include caption information: who, what, when, where—and the score.



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Clubs

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Danville AM Toastmasters Club
The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at Father Nature's, 178 E. Prospect Ave. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Dave Miklasevich at 899-1543 or dmik210@yahoo.com or www.danvilleamtoastmasters.org.

Danville Library Book Club Join the Danville Library Book Club at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Danville Library, 420 Front St., to discuss Jon Krakauer's books, "Into the Wild," and "Under the Banner of Heaven." Light refreshments will be served; this event is free; all are welcome.

Events

'Missing Pieces' Church Reading A free staged reading of "Missing Pieces" will take place at 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. This musical tells the story of a 15-year-old girl who learns through magical moments with her Alzheimer's-stricken grandmother to recognize her own potential. Call 648-7000.

26th Annual Wine and Music Festival The Alamo Rotary will hold its 26th annual Wine and Music Festival from 2-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, at Alamo Plaza. Headlining the event will be the "Fabulous Cruise Tones." Dinner tickets cost \$17 and feature selections

from Forli's, Faz, and the Rotary BBQ. Alamo Rotary will donate proceeds to local school programs and community charities. Call 820-3055.

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley with the Town of Danville is sponsoring a 9-11 Ceremony from 6-6:45 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, at All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park; 3005 Stone Valley Rd., Danville. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Nicholas Tooliatos, Commander, 5th Brig., 75th Div. There will be a color guard, bagpipers, Scouts, doves, a salute battery, ice cream for kids and a student essay contest with prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100. Call 275-2412.

Danville-Alamo AAUW Membership Brunch The American Association of University Women will present Jane Massengill, a corporate trainer, life coach, author and motivational speaker, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. AAUW membership is open to graduates of four-year colleges or universities and those holding an associate degree or equivalent. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. Cost \$25 if postmarked by Aug. 23 and \$30 until Sept. 1. Call 648-5153.

Scottish Highland Gathering & Games The Caledonian Club of San Francisco will present its 143rd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 30, and Sunday, Aug. 31, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Admission prices are \$17 for an adult one-day ticket or \$25 for a two-day ticket. Seniors 65 or older and youths 8-16 are \$12. Children 8 and under are free. Call 825-1043.

Exhibits

Museum of the San Ramon Valley - We The People The Museum's current exhibit, "We the People," will run through Saturday, Sept. 27. This political exhibit features artifacts from the County Clerk's office and local residents, Danville's John Baldwin, and Teddy "Bear" Roosevelt. The Museum is located at the corner of Railroad

and Prospect Ave. in Danville. Visit www.museumsvr.org.

Film

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. It will be shown from 7-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. This event is free. Contact 933-7850 or visit www.mtdpc.org.

Fundraisers

Katie's Classic Golfers of all abilities are invited for a fun-filled day of golf from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville, to raise money for Katie's Clinic for Rett Syndrome at Children's Hospital and Research Center. Cost is \$195 per golfer, which includes all meals, 18 holes of golf with cart and lots of prizes. Call 451-1220.

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On Stage

'Will Rogers Follies' Colorful Musical Will Rogers, the American folk hero who claimed, "I never met a man I didn't like," will be celebrated by the Diablo Light Opera Company starting Friday, Aug. 29, for 18 perfor-

mances continuing through Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$34-\$41. Call 944-1565, or visit www.dloc.org.

A Night at the Improv in San Ramon San Ramon's Improv U presents a hilarious and interactive evening of improvisational comedy at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, at San Ramon's Front Row Theater in the Dougherty Station Community Center, 1701 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Show is not suitable for children under 18. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.SanRamonImprovU.com

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Political Notes

Blackhawk Republican Women Luncheon The luncheon meeting 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, will feature Barbara Simpson, Hot Talk 560 KSFO Radio personality and Emmy award-winning, 20-year radio, TV and newspaper veteran. RSVP by noon, Friday, Sept. 5. Cost is \$20. All are welcome; ties not required; no denim. Call 820-6452.

Denver in Danville The Democratic Club of the San Ramon Valley invites everyone to join the Obama, McNeerney and Buchanan campaigns to watch Barack Obama accept the Democratic Party's nomination, at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 28, on two large TV screens at the Crow Canyon Country Club while enjoying food, drink and a silent auction. General tickets are \$60; seniors/students, \$35. Families are \$100. Proceeds benefit the Central Contra Costa United Democratic Campaign. To register, call 262-8544.

Recreation

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

Spiritual

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East Bay, Auction - Estate Clean Out, Open Dates

Livermore, 980 Cromwell St, May 24 7-12

Pleasanton, 1688 Calle Santiago, Aug. 23rd, 8-3

Pleasanton, 1702 Nursery Way, August 23, 8-5

Pleasanton, 2726 Oregon Court, August 23, 8 - 12

Pleasanton, 4253 Garibaldi Place, August 23 7:30am-3pm

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4 Bedrooms

70 Zand Ln. \$1,299,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 895-2804

5 Bedrooms

83 Stephanie Ln. \$1,595,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 963-0093

DANVILLE

3 Bedrooms

1111 Country Ln. \$1,489,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

210 Scotch Ct. \$898,700
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 200-0004

122 Summerside Cir. \$499,900
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 984-4910

4 Bedrooms

176 Estates Dr. \$1,199,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 998-9747

5 Bedrooms

318 Sun Stream Ct. \$1,194,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 785-1586

DUBLIN

4 Bedrooms

11120 Bay Laurel St. \$1,342,500
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

LIVERMORE

4 Bedrooms

93 Raccolio Wy. \$1,119,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4173

5 Bedrooms

2951 Picholine Ct. \$1,350,000
Sun 1-4 HelpUSell Tri-Valley 200-2602

PLEASANTON

3 Bedrooms

404 Pine Hill Ln. \$1,029,950
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel-Andy Poryes 963-8871

5768 Belleza Dr. \$575,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 600-0006

246 Trenton Cir. \$614,900
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 596-1918

3193 Montpelier Ct. \$674,888
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 922-1575

230 Tomas Wy. \$679,000
Sun 1-4 Allied Brokers 846-7300

2965 Moreno Ave. \$724,900
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 766-8031

8080 Canyon Creek Cir. \$779,000
Sat 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4173

2822 Jones Gate Ct. \$814,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 895-9950

447 Del Sol Ave. \$869,000
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 487-1427

7952 Spyglass Ct. \$950,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 737-1000

4 Bedrooms

6522 Inglewood Dr. \$619,950
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord Kathy Westernoff 577-2600

7341 Joshua Cir. \$725,000
Sat 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors Joyce Jones 398-6706

7727 Fair Oaks Dr. \$741,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-6410

3730 Crofters Ct. \$750,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 200-7210

4502 Lakewood \$770,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4320

1053 Riesling Dr. \$795,000
Sun 1-4 Allied Brokers 846-3755

1021 Crellin Rd. \$829,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 895-9950

4804 Knox Gate Ct. \$849,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 895-9950

SAN RAMON

4 Bedrooms

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

2508 McLaren Ln. \$748,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Realty World 784-2190

5 Bedrooms

554 Wycombe Ct. \$1,749,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4173

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during July 2008

Alamo

Total sales reported: 2
Lowest sale reported: \$1,297,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,424,000
Average sales reported: \$1,360,500

Danville

Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$630,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,800,000
Average sales reported: \$1,141,375

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 7
Lowest sale reported: \$283,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,216,000
Average sales reported: \$749,643

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

This week's data represents homes sold during July 2008

Alamo

48 Adele Court D. & J.
Cooper to Goldt Trust for \$1,424,000

31 Stone Creek Place K. & D.
Brown to Luo Trust for \$1,297,000

Danville

634 Ambience Way T. Nejat
to S. Stern for \$1,000,000

3048 East Griffon Street
Shapell Industries to S. & R. Gujrani for \$871,000

1035 Hill Meadow Place
Weichert Relocation to S. Ng for \$1,050,000

129 Parkhaven Drive GMAC
Global Relocation to G. & B. Vansickle for \$890,000

2145 Shady Creek Place
M. Nekorystnov to T. Shi for \$630,000

160 Summerfield Street J.
Ulmer to E. & A. Watkins for \$1,240,000

215 Tim Court D. & M.
Devany to C. & D. Cali for \$1,800,000

12 Woodside Drive R. & N.
Bradford to Koehler Trust for \$1,650,000

Walnut Creek

1800 Alma Avenue #313
Birdsall Trust to K. Bernie for \$710,000

1924 Cannon Place Diehl
Trust to J. & K. Tanner for \$400,000

34 Huntoon Court M. & D.
Bennett to S. & A. Gandhi for \$1,216,000

340 North Civic Drive #205
Primacy Closing Corporation to S. Levine for \$283,500

2771 Pontiac Drive GMAC
Global Relocation to B. Werber for \$1,100,000

2657 Saklan Indian Drive #2
Carlson Trust to Patterson Trust for \$690,000

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Sandberg Trust to S. & O. Huh for \$848,000

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254 JOSEPH LANE, DANVILLE

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