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> Ken Darman student



I like to take my friends to Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center because there is such a variety of restaurants; you can find something to please everyone. We'll take in a movie at the IMAX theatre. Our second outing might be to Hartz Avenue. Just walk around and have dinner at Faz's. It's also fun to go to Hot August Nights if it's not too hot.

Michael Frieburg





Our friends always like to go to San Francisco, Napa Valley for wine tasting, Carmel and Pebble Beach. They like to see everything our beautiful Bay Area has to offer. We tend to focus on fine dining. I live in Blackhawk, so we go to the Blackhawk Grille a lot. We also enjoy Bridges and the new Forbes Steakhouse.

> **Peggy Kissinger** Realtor



I have a lot of friends and relatives who visit from Europe and it's always fun to take them to the Napa Valley. They enjoy comparing French wine with California wine. In the city we go to Union Square for shopping and enjoy the Museum of Modern Art. We'll drive over the Golden Gate Bridge to visit Sausalito.

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My out-of-town guests are usually relatives from Pittsburgh, Pa., and when they come to visit they like to go to the wine country. We also like to walk the Iron Horse Trail, stopping at Peet's for a latte where we sit outside and catch up on family news. I love to take them to a Giants game, especially if the Pirates are in town

Nancy Bandell

mortgage consultant

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Officer Mike Ireland checks a Danville woman's pulse as part of a drug test to see if she is under the influence of methamphetamine. Photo by Natalie O'Neill. Design by Jason Lind.

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NEWS DIGEST

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We are seeing more outages. We fix one, but others would crop up.

-Paul Marino, spokesman for PG&E. See story, page 5.

Check it out: 10 years of reading

The Danville Library is planning to celebrate its 10th anniversary in August with a party and a night of whodunnit. A Night of Mystery at the Danville Library will feature mystery writers Margaret Dumas, author of "Speak Now" and "How to Succeed in Murder"; Ann Parker, "Silver Lies"; and Simon Wood, "Accidents Waiting to Happen," at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 3. They will discuss the mystery genre and their own writing experiences, and the evening will be moderated by Camille Minichino, author of the "Periodic Table Mystery" series.

That Saturday, Aug. 5, there will be a birthday party at the Community Center adjacent to the library with dancing performances, music and birthday cake. Danville's awardwinning Motu-aina Polynesian Dance and Drumming group will perform, and there will be classical music by the string musicians of the California Symphony. A henna artist and face painter will add a splash of color to the festivities. The event is from 1-4 p.m. and is free and open to everyone.

The events will be sponsored by the Danville Library Foundation and the Friends of the Danville Library. The library is located at 400 Front St.; call 837-4889.

'Charlotte' in the park

Families will gather for a free outdoor showing of the movie "Charlotte's Web" from 8:30-10:30 p.m. tomorrow night in Livorna Park. The cartoon version of E.B. White's classic children's book will be shown on a large outdoor screen, and Alamo residents are encouraged to come with blankets, chairs and a picnic. Kids and parents can participate in arts and crafts, and snacks will be available to purchase.

The event, which is part of the Alamo Parks and Recreation summer activities, is funded by East Bay Regional Park District and put together by Alamo's recreation programmer Valerie Matlock.

An old-fashioned hoedown

The San Ramon Valley Republican Women will celebrate their 56th year in the Valley with a GOP Hoedown at the Wiedemann Ranch on Highland Road tomorrow, July 29. Festivities will begin at 5 p.m. Hostess Sandee Wiedemann is the great granddaughter of Valley pioneer Christian Wiedemann.

A barbecue will be held at 6 p.m., and dancing will follow. Other activities at the event will include the Chicken Drop, Egg Toss, Penny Pitch and horseshoes.

Several prominent local Republicans will be on hand to join in on the fun. They include state Assemblyman Guy Houston, former Assemblywoman Lynne Leach, Danville Mayor Karen Stepper, San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson, Contra Costa County District Attorney Bob Kochly and Supervisor Mary N. Peipho.

The cost is \$40 per person. For more information or to make reservations, contact Leta Rockwell at 838-2908.

Correction A story about special education students published July 21 said Trustee Nancy Petsuch stated teachers only work six hours a day for seven or 10 months for a fairly good salary, and they are still hard to find. Petsuch says she did not make these comments, rather she said only that special education teachers are hard to find statewide.

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Council OKs study to amend general plan

Developer wants 23 homes on corner of Diablo Road, El Cerro Boulevard

by Jordan M. Doronila

he Danville Town Council gave the go-ahead for developers to study a 2.5acre property on Diablo Road at El Cerro Boulevard with an eye toward building higher density homes than is currently allowed under the General Plan.

More than 90 residents filled Danville Town Meeting Hall last week to hear the issue. The majority of them lived near the acreage and did not want more homes on the site, saying they would attract more traffic.

Laura Malick, who lives near the property, said traffic problems would be created by a proposed multiple family development adjacent to the intersection that already has high traffic volume.

With Diablo Road as the only outlet for the development, traffic delays on Diablo Road would be exacerbated," Malick said in an open letter. "It is important to consider emergency access.'

The Appian Construction Co. wants to build around 23 single family homes on the 2.5-acre property on the southeast corner of Diablo Road and El Cerro Boulevard.

The town's 2010 General Plan, adopted in 1999, identifies the property as single family residential-low density, meaning it can have one to three homes per acre.

Appian was requesting permission to consider the merits of amending the land use designation to allow seven to 12 units per acre.

Candace Council members Anderson, Mike Doyle and Newell Arnerich voted to approve the General Plan Amendment study. Councilman Mike Shimanskywho lives on Redondo Way, which is near the land-voted against it. Mayor Karen Stepper was absent.

Council members said even though they approved it, they still don't see a good reason to develop more homes in Danville.

"I don't see my view changing," Arnerich said to the developers. "You've got a battle ahead. I don't see a compelling reason."

Property under discussion El Cerro Blvd В Diablo Targeted property Developers want to build a 23-unit project on this 2.47-acre property on Diablo Road and El Cerro Boulevard but residents living nearby have opposed it vehemently, saying it would intensify traffic in the neighborhood.

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Residents wilt as temperatures rise

Power outages plague Danville and Alamo as increased air conditioner use causes transformers to blow during heat wave

by Jordan M. Doronila

he scorching heat wave, which started last Friday and continued this week, damaged several hundred transformers and caused power outages throughout the Danville area.

"Contra Costa County was hit very hard," said Paul Marino, spokesman for Pacific Gas & Electric.

The excessive use of electricity and the heat damaged 600 transformers in the Bay Area over the weekend and created outages in Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek, San Ramon and other communities.

The hot weather was responsible for localized power problems that knocked out electricity to 540,000 customers over the weekend throughout the entire Bay Area. As a result of the heat, more people stayed indoors and used their air conditioning way too much, said Marino. "We ask peo-ple to conserve," he said. "We had power outages all weekend long." Power was out at Alamo Plaza

on Sunday from late afternoon until nighttime and again Monday. When its power went off again late Tuesday, customers waited in lines

in darkened Safeway to check out at cash registers run by generators. As they waited, they exchanged stories of outages in their homes.

"Our power went out Friday afternoon at 4 and we didn't get it back on until Monday at 4 a.m.," said

She said PG&E called frequently with updates. "They said, 'We'll have it fixed in one hour," she said. "Then they kept calling and saying it would be later."

Longs Drugs in Alamo had a power outage Sunday around 2:30 p.m. and another one Monday. Downtown Danville also suffered outages. Marino said businesses used a lot of electricity. He added there were 30,000 customers without power in San Jose.

The outages would continue to pile on top of one another, he said. "We are seeing more outages," he said. "We fix one, but others

would crop up. The total number is climbing as the day gets warmer."

Marino said transformers accept high voltages of electricity and feed

Beautiful on a budget

Alamo landscape committee explores alternative ways to makes ends meet

by Natalie O'Neill

he Alamo landscape and lighting committee is getting creative. With limited funds, members are brainstorming

cheap ways to complete beautification projects in Alamo. "We are on a very tight budget.

I'm just looking for pennies," said Valerie Schooley, chairwoman of Zone 36.

The Zone 36 landscape and lighting committee presented a meager project expense plan as part of its revised budget at a meeting last week. The budget showed the committee will only have about \$15,000 in its reserves for beautification projects.

Obtaining grants from scenic highway foundations, seeking volunteer aid from local organizations, and minimizing county staff time are some of the goals to keep expenditures to a minimum.

Schooley said she hopes the

Alamo Eagle Scouts will volunteer to help repair a hill slide near the Livorna Road freeway exit and also take part in tagging trees along Danville Boulevard.

"Maybe this is the way to get these things done in an inexpensive way," she said.

Zone 36 plans to mark and chart the Boulevard of Trees with aluminum tags and numbers. This way the trees, many of which were dedicated, will be documented with the county.

Using volunteers would not only improve the landscape in Alamo, it would educate kids on ecology and the environment, Schooley said.

"I'm going to e-mail them the projects we have for them and see if they bite," she said.

The committee's small budget comes in part because a parcel tax to fund beautification did not pass in June. Zone 36 was in debt and hoped the increase in property tax would fund future projects in the area.

Keeping down county staff time,

which has made up nearly half of the budget in previous years, will help keep spending down, members said. With county Public Works staff member Lisa Carnahan leaving recently and the high county staff turnover rate, limiting staff time has been difficult, said Contra Costa Senior Civil Engineer Eric Whan.

them into homes. But they cannot

function in the excessive heat, espe-

cially when the weather gets warmer.

afternoon that California was in a

Stage 2 emergency, meaning they

were looking for reserves to pro-

duce more power. Marino said the

state had not asked PG&E to per-

However, as of press time

Wednesday, the state was back to

Stage 1, meaning the emergency

was less severe but people should

continue curtailing their electrical

form rolling blackouts yet.

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State officials declared Monday

"I am working diligently to minimize my staff time ... we are stretched pretty thin right now," he said.

Merging meetings for Zone 36 and R-7A, Alamo Parks and Recreation, to keep time down was also discussed, and District 3 field representative Gina Ferretti said the county would look into it. If the committees merged, both groups would maintain separate budgets, and meetings would be held in the same location on the same night. Since some members are alternates and serve on both committees, it could work efficiently, Schooley said.

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Roadway damage

Danville Boulevard is in need of repair after a 10-inch water main ruptured at Danville Boulevard and Livorna Road in Alamo last week. The break occurred around 7 p.m., Thursday, July 20, said Jeff Becerra, spokesman for the East Bay Municipal Utility District. Puddles of water surfaced after the rupture, and about 140 homes were without water in Alamo. Crews worked that evening and well into the next morning fixing the main. "They worked throughout the night," Becerra said, and water was restored by Friday between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. Crews excavated the ground, shut down the water main, and repaired a new section of the pipe. The road was reopened Friday evening

Lisa Ridener, a resident of Santiago Drive near Green Valley Elementary School on Diablo Road. "My neighbor one house up had power."

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Council

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"Why more homes?" he asked. "We don't really need them. Parking is a real challenge. It impacts the neighborhood."

The study, which will take nine to 18 months, will cover traffic circulation, neighborhood compatibility, noise and hydrologic capacity. It will also research impacts to existing vegetation, availability of public services and physical appearances.

Danville residents have worked



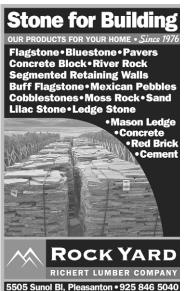
long and hard to maintain the present semi-rural character of the neighborhoods for the benefit of present and future generations," Malick told the council.

Still, representatives of Appian said it would be worthwhile to consider the development.

"This project should be looked at," said Vincent J. D'Alo, a plan-ner for Appian. "It's smart growth. It's not something we see very often."

Nevertheless, the company will face strong opposition from the community.

"If I were the developers," Councilman Mike Doyle told the company representatives at the meeting, "I'd look at the crowd behind you."



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NEWSFRONT

The 'other' part of the park

Geocaching introduces residents to the natural area of Oak Hill Park

<u>by Kevin Zhou</u>

Danville residents recently had a chance to discover the often forgotten side of Oak Hill Park.

"geocaching" event—where participants use Global Positioning Systems to find hidden cacheswas held earlier this month that included a portion of the 43-acre park which consists of undeveloped land. Unlike the park's main part on Stone Valley Road, which includes an artificial lake, restrooms and picnic areas, the natural section is home to deer, quail and hawks.

"We met and conversed with dozens of 'geocachers' during the event and were told how great the experience was and how much they enjoyed having the use of this 'back door' trail to Oak Hill Park," said Alamo Oaks resident Charles Jarrett. "Several especially noted the wonderful 'lonely little park bench' where they could sit in the shade of a tree and escape some of the heat at the entrance to the park and wondered who built it."

Although the two sections of the park are separated by a fenced barrier, the park's undeveloped area is accessible to those who wish to go there. The Alamo Oaks Trail, which begins at 305 Cross Road off Smith Road, provides users with safe access, said Jarrett, whose family built the trail for the community.

The trail originally traversed through the Alamo Oaks area and across the Frank Couper property,

where Oak Hill Park exists today, said Jarrett, and it had actually been in existence prior to 1935 when the Alamo Oaks subdivision was created.

He said the Alamo Oaks "formal trail" was conceived and proposed by the Alamo Oaks Homeowners Association to Bernie Cooper, Danville parks coordinator; R-7A service district volunteer Wanda Longnecker; and Contra Costa County Supervisor Bob Schroder in 1988.

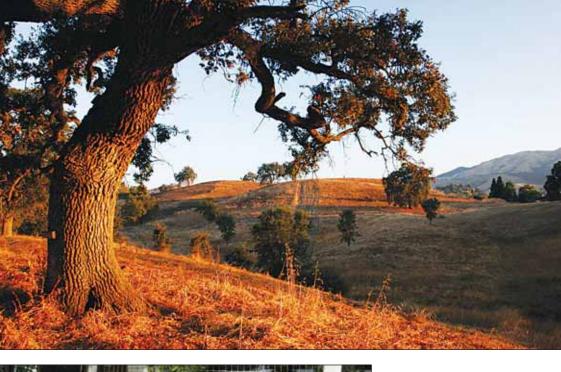
After a year of negotiations, part of Ackerman Road was abandoned and made into a permanent trail in 1989, allowing the completion of the Alamo Oaks trail between Ackerman Road and Oak Hill Park.

Jarrett said the trail, which is more than 70 years old, was revitalized as part of the Eagle Scout project of two Danville Boy Scout Explorers. Matt and Mike Mundelius created trail signs along the path, and added a redwood bench at the beginning and at the

"Most of the trail signs need to be recreated as vandals have torn down the old ones, but the 'secret' trail is still providing daily unfettered access to walkers, hikers and equestrians alike, to the beautiful undeveloped Oak Hill Park open space area," Jarrett said.

Besides hiking along the area, the geocachers spent time searching for treasure in the event sponsored by the Danville Parks and Recreation Services.

"The event was sponsored to promote the experience of hiking and exploring one of Danville's last large open spaces, as well as the fun and excitement of geocaching, Jarrett said.





Above: Sunrise at Oak Hill Park illuminates the beauty of the undeveloped part of its 43 acres.

Left: Geocachers (I-r) Henry Thatcher, Mark Thomas, Mona Hood and Keving Nawotka discovered "hidden treasure" as well as the beauty of Oak Hill Park at a town-sponsored event earlier this month.

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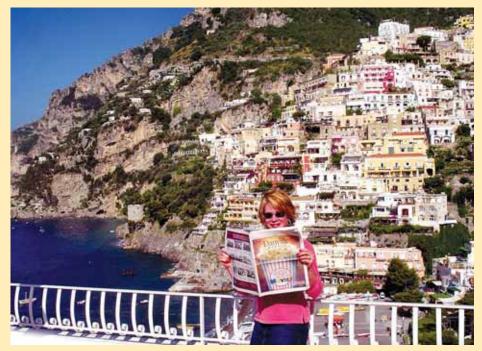
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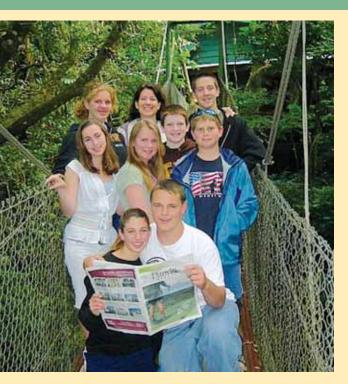
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Weekly



Part of the scenery

Linda Heidel Jaskolski catches up on hometown news while visiting Positano, Italy, on the Amalfi Coast.



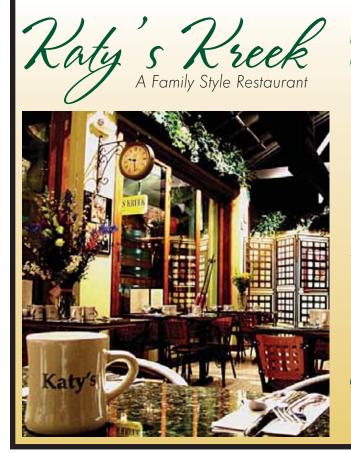
Family reading Kay and Paul Sheckler of Liberta Court in Danville read the Danville Weekly with daughters, sons-in-laws and five grandchildren in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, during Spring Break.



Reading with a view Jeff Johnson and his wife Pennie brought along the Danville Weekly when they spent a few days relaxing at the Timber Cover Inn just north of Jenner on Highway 1.



American girls read the Weekly Alissa Anderegg, 12, of Blackhawk, and her doll Molly in front of the American Girl Place shortly after it opened in Los Angeles in the spring. Alissa is performing in the American Girl Review at the store's theater through November.



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Budget

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But Whan said merging the committees wouldn't shrink Zone 36 expenses significantly.

'I don't think it's going to save much," he said. Zone 36, which has previously



had an annual budget of about \$50,000, will have new challenges

to overcome this year, Schooley said. After paying off a debt to R-

7A, and costs for maintenance and

staff time, it is left with \$15,000.





BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELL

Dining al fresco

? T is the season for outside dining, otherwise known as "dining al fresco." Not to be confused with "au natural"

although as the temperatures climb, I notice some young people becoming more rather than less "natural." Summer around here can be too

hot for a midday picnic, unless there is plenty of shade available —and a lake or a swimming pool helps, too. But mornings and evenings are usually perfect for spending outdoors, and I had been eating breakfast and dinner outside since that interminable rain stopped and our summer really began.

The birds are flocking to our fountain, which has been doubling as a birdbath and drinking fountain for the local fauna. Some birdies perch on the edge and quickly dart their beaks in for a drink. Others dive right in for the full bath treatment, shaking vigorously and making quite a splash with their little wings. Hummingbirds even rest for a moment to drink. And one dove likes to sit right on top, whether the fountain is bubbling water under her or is still. We thought it was cute when, after the birds finished their ablutions one morning, our next door neighbor's cat chose the fountain for a drink of water, stretching to rest her little paws on the lower ledge and delicately lowering her head to lap the water. We were fascinated when a deer tread softly up the hill to the fountain at dusk to take a long cool drink. On the other hand, we were rather alarmed one night right before we

turned in to glance out at the yard and see a very large skunk waddle over to check out the neighborhood watering hole.

My favorite summertime activity is not just sitting in my back yard but going to restaurants with patios, where I am spared meal preparation and cleanup, plus can enjoy watching the world go by. Last Thursday evening my book group went to

But mornings and evenings are usually perfect for spending outdoors, and I had been eating breakfast and dinner outside since that interminable rain stopped and our summer really began.

Piatti's in the Livery. Instead of a regular session of dissecting a book and author, we opted to go out to dinner since one of our members is moving to Southern California and we wanted to do something special. We hold our annual Christmas dinner at one of the big round tables by the fireplace so we wanted to check out the setting in the summertime. We requested a table outside and enjoyed a spot near a tinkling fountain. The patio heaters sat unused on this night, a reminder that many summer evenings are chilly, which was hard to believe on this particular night.

Then over the weekend we made a date for dinner with some friends, planning to enjoy more Danville patio dining. But this was the beginning of the heat wave and as evening approached and the temperature didn't lower, we knew the main ingredient required for a peak dining experience: air conditioning. We opted for the casual setting of Xenia in Alamo. After dinner, we returned to their house to loll around-and in-their swimming pool. It was a perfect enjoying-abackyard-swimming-pool scenethe only thing missing was the sun, which we did not miss at all.

As we drove the half-mile home near midnight we were amazed to see so many people out and about walking, visiting with friends in front yards—far more than had been out that day. It reminded me of when we lived in the Mideast: There wasn't much activity during the scorching days but the people and the marketplaces really came alive at night.

Hopefully our normal hot day/ cool night summer weather is back by the time this comes out so we can return to sidewalk and patio eateries, enjoying food, friends and watching the world go by. So many restaurants, so little time! And it will be refreshing to sit outside again at home, with the birds, cats and the deer—and even the dreaded skunk visitor.







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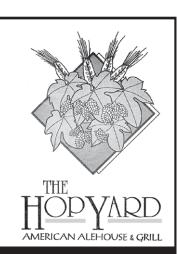


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Smart growth

Developers have their eye on the southeast corner of El Cerro Boulevard and Diablo Road, where it makes a sharp right turn to head toward Mount Diablo. This site is one of only two or three orchard-

ettes remaining in Danville, which we all enjoy seeing as a remembrance of our ranching origins in the Valley. Under the current Danville General Plan, three homes can be built per acre in this 2-1/2 acre location and that sounds just about right.

Appian Construction Co. was given permission by the Town Council to study

making an amendment to the general plan with the idea of building seven to 12 homes per acre. In its request, the developer noted this busy corner is not the place for large homes and cited denser housing as "smart growth," which builds up rather than out, with common areas and parks rather than

There is nothing about this location that would benefit from higher density than is in the current general plan.

private yards, and efficient public transportation.

Smart growth makes a lot of sense near city centers, close to shopping and transportation. But although the developers say this

> corner is less than one mile from the downtown area, the only shopping in the immediate vicinity is the nursery across the street.

> If the developers go ahead with the study, perhaps it will show that denser housing will not impact traffic. However there is nothing about this location that would benefit from higher density than is in the cur-

rent general plan. The plan was finalized in 1999 and nothing has changed since then to warrant higher density on that corner. The density in the plan is in keeping with the other neighborhoods in the area, for the semi-rural look that is so successful in Danville. Let's keep it that way.

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Danville HOOTS prove classic

Baseball club hits homerun at Sierra Nevada tournament

The under-18 Danville HOOTS Baseball Club defeated the defending champs Chafey Baseball Club of Seattle 5-3 to win the Sierra Nevada Classic held in Reno earlier this month. The HOOTS finished the tournament with a record of 6-1.

The team was led by HOOTS center fielder and tournament MVP Nick Baligod. Pitcher Mike Cassady of Monte Vista High School was named to the All Tournament Team, along with Randy Wells of Clayton Valley and Marshall Kratter of Campolindo.

Cassady played varsity the last two years at Monte Vista and was recruited to play baseball at UC Berkeley in the fall.

"I have had two years in T-Ball, two in Farm, three in Little League, three in Babe Ruth—about 13-14 years total," said Cassady.

At the National Wood Bat Championship in Marietta, Ga., from July 1-17, the HOOTS finished as the ninth-ranked team in the nation. Their record in pool play was 4-0-1. They defeated the Georgia Chain 5-4 in the semi-final round but were defeated by Team



Elite in the finals.

The HOOTS got to the semifinals last weekend in the Northern California Connie Mack Sectional tournament at St. Mary's College. Their season record stands at 31 wins and 6 losses.

The HOOTS team is comprised of players from schools throughout the San Ramon Valley, including EBAL MVP Dylan Tonneson, DFAL MVP Adam Greenberg and five first team All Metro Players. Other Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley High players are Mike Costello, Brett Harada, Kyle Harrell, David Hernandez, Ryan Lucas and Brad Marasco.

E-mail results and photos to sports@DanvilleWeekly.com.

SPORTS DIGEST

Town needs sports staff

Danville is looking for fun, reliable, hard-working leaders to join its sports and fitness staff. It needs referees, scorekeepers and leaders for a variety of sports activities, including indoor soccer, softball, bocce ball, basketball, flag football and T-ball.

Work hours are weekdays after 3 p.m. and some week-

ends. The pay is \$7 to \$11 per hours. Applications are at town offices, 510 La Gonda Way, and the Community Center, 420 Front St. The application is also available at www. ci.danville.ca.us.



Learning from the champ

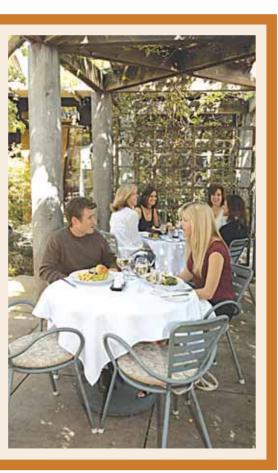
Swimmers at Diablo Country Club who participated in a clinic by Cal's head swimming coach Mike Bottom were treated to a very special guest—10-time Olympian Gary Hall Jr. Hall spoke to the swimmers about the importance of swimming, and how it has shaped his life. He also spoke on the challenge of being diagnosed with diabetes in 1999 and how he has found ways to manage his disease and still compete at the highest level. He talked about his current training for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing where he hopes to become the first person to win a gold medal in the same event (50 freestyle) in three consecutive Olympics.



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RIDE-ALONG SHOWS COPS D

story and photos by Natalie O'Neill

olling by a run-down house in a dark, woodsy part of Danville, Officer Mike Ireland sits up straight and gestures toward the small lot.

"You want to see a meth house?" he asks.

Just next door, houses are spacious and private, with meticulously kept lawns—residences that go for \$1.5 million. Expensive cars are parked in the driveways and remnants of kids playing outside are scattered across the front yards.

The contrast is stark, even at first glance.

"Drugs are a problem everywhere and Danville is not exempt," Ireland says.

The sun has just gone down on a hot Friday night in July and Ireland is patrolling the streets, only hours after a drug-related burglary in the area.

"My problem is mainly with meth and coke because people who do those drugs live that lifestyle," Ireland says.

He's referring to the bigger crimes connected to methamphetamine and cocaine: theft, violence, burglary and prostitution. Now that night has fallen, he is heading to an area known for foul play, with the hope of learning more about recent burglaries.

'Watch how jittery she is'

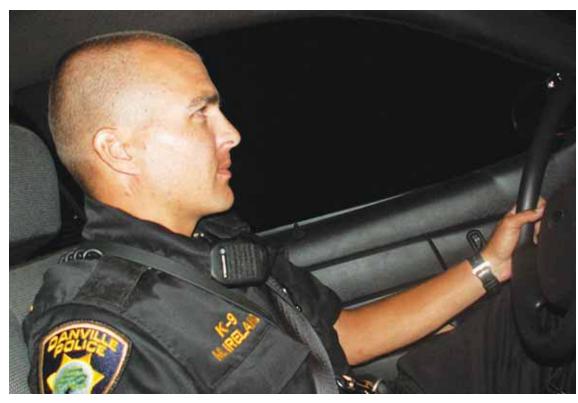
Ten minutes later, near a meeting point for speed users in the area, he pulls over a middle-aged woman in a white truck. She's driving with an expired driver's license and failed to use her turn signal within 100 feet of an intersection.

He asks her for her license and registration, then tells her to step out of her truck. She fidgets a lot, looks wound up and is visibly nervous talking to Ireland on this back road.

Ireland knows this woman. He's had previous contact with her and recognizes her as the wife of a man known to the department as a speed user. The couple frequently has drug addicts over to their house, from as far away as Lafayette and Martinez.

On a quick trip back to the police car to get a 7 DAR drug test, Ireland says, "Watch how jittery she is. Watch her body movement. She's under the influence right now."

After giving her a series of tests, including a pulse and eye examination, he determines she is in fact high on speed. He searches her, handcuffs her and cites her for possession of narcotics and driving under the influence.



After citing a Danville woman for possession of methamphetamine, Officer Mike Ireland heads to the Tassajara McDonald's, a teenage meeting point he said is known for underage drinking and late-night fighting. At right, Ireland takes a break from patrolling to practice commands with police K-9 Donna.

'It happens that quickly'

Once she is taken away by a reserve officer, Donna, the department's police for drugs in the truck, but finds none. Ireland then checks the vehicle for possib and meets the woman back at the Police Department.

According to Safestate.org, a nonprofit group dedicated to preventing crime more meth is produced in California than any other state. And unlike like here who are usually concentrated in urban areas, speed is just as popular in rural and of the West as it is in the cities.

Suburban speed users have been known to lead functional, productive lives w on the drug. For instance, the Danville woman Ireland has cited for possession raised children and maintained jobs while addicted to the drug.

Effects of speed include increased wakefulness and physical activity, increased decreased appetite. Addicts are sometimes able to live outwardly "normal" liv outsiders, a person who has ingested a moderate amount can come off as simply

'It's gonna catch up to you'

Back at the station, Ireland encourages the woman to seek help at a rehab facility. She will likely get a court mandated rehab treatment, as most first-time offenders do, he says. During the conversation, the woman admits that she has been using the drug for more than 20 years, but not that she has a drug problem.

"You've wasted the best years of your life ... It's gonna catch up to you," Ireland says with concern.

Treatment admissions for amphetamine and methamphetamines has increased 500 percent since 1992, according to the White House Office of National Drug Control, and the problem is only growing. The drug, which originally became popular in working class areas of the West, is spreading through the country and into middle and upper class suburban households.

After taking the woman's blood for evidence and talking more with her, Ireland decides to site release her—to let her go home as opposed to bringing her in to County Jail. Taking her to jail would take hours of his time, limiting manpower in Danville at a peak time for crime.

"A lot of (the decision) is based on prior contact with the offender and the severity of the crime," he says. This all seems routine for Ireland, who has been on the Danville

This all seems routine for Ireland, who has been on the Danville police force for four years and says he has dealt with hundreds of hard-drug-related crimes.

This is surprising, considering a common misconception that Ireland points out. He says he knows some people think Danville police have nothing better to do than drive around, pick on teenagers, and bust people for minor traffic violations.

"You have a lot of people making comments in a condescending way about how there is no crime in Danville," he says.

The area does not have an excessive problem with drugs, in Ireland's opinion, but citations do happen frequently.

'My neighbor used my hose'

While there are a fair share of what Ireland calls "my-neighbor-used-my-ho is, silly complaints—on this particular Friday, serious reports are flooding in thr Vandalism, burglary, suicide threats, and drunken driving all come in via the scr is pretty standard, he says.

As much as it wastes an officer's time and energy to respond to grievances could resolve themselves, the Danville Police Department is required to show reports on such calls. Teenage noise violations, swimming after pool hour between neighbors are examples of recent reports he admits to finding frustrating

"People are afraid of conflict, so instead of dealing with each other they go throu This is not to say serious crimes can't can grow from loud teenage pa between neighbors. Larger crimes are sometimes rooted in calls that seem l at first, he points out.

"Some people think we have nothing better to do than pick on kids, but we because people call," he says.

EAL WITH THE DARK SIDE OF DANVILLE

'Kids are lame criminals'

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Around 11 p.m. Ireland gets word that teenage males in a white Volvo are on a vandalism spree in a nearby neighborhood. The teens are reportedly going from house to house, smashing mailboxes and light fixtures, and owners of residences have called the station about the damage. "Wide are lame criminale." Ireland says, explaining that they usually get on a whim and forget

"Kids are lame criminals," Ireland says, explaining that they usually act on a whim and forget to cover their tracks.

This time of the year, during the summer months when it warms up, crimes like these begin to increase in Danville. It has a lot to do with people being out and about more, Ireland says.

"Circumstantial crimes go up. Like a bunch of kids might be walking down the street, see a car, and steal the change out of its ashtray," he says.

After cruising the area for 15 minutes or so, Ireland gets word that the Volvo came from the Tassajara McDonald's, a known teenage hangout spot that has been the epicenter for late-night trouble in the past.

Drinking and fighting is known to occur at this location, and Ireland often does a drive-by to scope out the scene. Teenage rowdiness usually dies down around midnight and that's when the drunken drivers come out, he says.

'Nothing shocks me anymore'

Ireland has seen a lot in the four years he's worked on the Danville force. He said he's heard people of every age use creative excuses to get out of anything from driving under the influence to property theft. "Nothing shocks me any more," he says, launching into a story about a man he once pulled over on the freeway.

The driver had a warrant out for his arrest and was going over 100 miles an hour. When he pulled the man over he pleaded with Ireland, telling him that his wife was giving birth and that he was rushing to get to the hospital.

After calling hospitals in the area to check on the man's wife, it became clear to Ireland he had been lied to. There was no woman at nearby hospitals under his wife's name, and Ireland took the man straight to jail.

"If she really was having a baby I would have done everything I could to try to help him," Ireland says.

'Cops have two mentalities when they approach your car'

Lying to the police in a situation like this isn't a smart move, he says. Being honest, respectful and receptive to verbal warnings are the best ways to decrease your chances of getting a ticket.

For example, he has caught cars by radar (located in the front and back of his police vehicle) going 50 miles per hour and, upon pulling the car over, drivers have tried to argue that they were only going 25 miles per hour. At this point, it's their word vs. the radar machine.

"Cops have two mentalities when they approach your car. Either you are going to get a ticket, or you might get a ticket," he said.

In reflecting on his job, Ireland points out that he has experienced both highly rewarding and extremely difficult situations as an officer. He's helped people in bad situations and influenced lives in positive, powerful ways. And in turn, he has seen horrifying things and dealt with desperate, dangerous people.

"You share with people the worst night of their life," he says.

But these awful nights are often the catalyst for positive change in people's lives—a wake up call. Looking back on the night, Ireland says he hopes something good comes out of the methamphetamine citations.

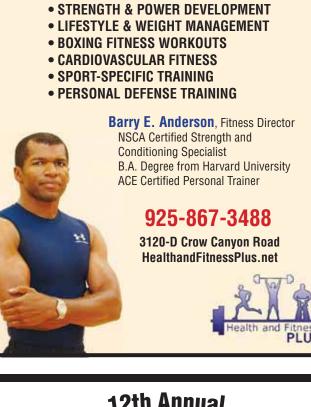
"If anything comes of this, she'll get a court-mandated rehab," he says. "She may think again before she drives on meth."

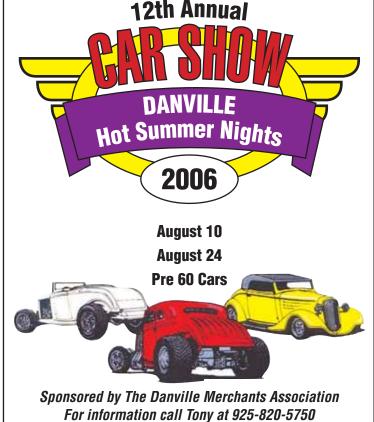
Spending a shift with Ireland is proof there is more to patrolling in Danville than just writing traffic tickets and breaking up teenage parties.

In the big picture, it's busts like these that help chip away at our country's suburban meth epidemic, the crime-laden lifestyles users lead, and the negative impact those crimes have on small communities like Danville.



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Grant, 6, runs up to his mom, Michelle Mills, at the finish line of the 39-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer; Michelle and Sam Wechsler sign the column during the opening ceremonies; Cindi Gillette with her children who made encouraging signs to cheer her on at the finish line, (I-r) Emma, 8, Harry, 6, and Maddy, 10; Sam, Cindi and Michelle on Day 1 with the Golden Gate Bridge in the background.







by Geoff Gillette

arge tasks are accomplished step by step.

Forty-three Danville and Alamo residents committed themselves to participating in this month's 39-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, and they found the effort took roughly 82,000 steps—after fundraising to qualify them to enter the event. They joined more than 2,300 others to walk over the weekend of July 8-9 in the annual endeavor.

Three women in San Francisco from Danville were affectionately referred to as "The Ladies of St. Helena," named after the neighborhood where they live. Cindi Gillette came to her family just after the start of the year and announced this was something she wanted to do.

"I have a friend who was diagnosed with breast cancer a few years ago," she said. "I saw the suffering that she went through with it and I felt very helpless throughout. This was something I could do to help." Two of her friends, Michelle Mills and

Two of her friends, Michelle Mills and Sam Wechsler, quickly joined up as well. Their reasoning was similar.

Michelle said she was walking because, "There's a high rate of breast cancer in the Bay Area, especially where I used to work in Marin."

Sam echoed those sentiments.

"Knowing how many people are impacted by the disease made me want to go," she said.

The trio started the process of getting ready to walk a marathon-and-a-half, which was more complicated than you might think.

"There's two pieces to getting ready for the walk," said Sam. "The first thing you have to do is have the courage to send out e-mails and get money (each participant must raise a minimum of \$1,800). The second is doing the training, finding the time to do it, and commit to doing the 39 miles or as much as you can."

The physical side of the training involved getting out at least once during the week for a short walk. Then each Sunday the Ladies would gather for walks of ever-increasing lengths, leading up to an 18-mile hike to the foot of Mount Diablo. Two weeks after that, the Ladies were in Speedway Meadow at Golden Gate Park in the chill pre-dawn air as the opening ceremonies were held for the Avon Walk.

The first day of the walk was 26 miles, winding through San Francisco, across the Golden Gate Bridge into Marin County then back across the bridge to end at Crissy Field.

"It was tougher than I expected," Cindi said. "I felt pretty well prepared going in but the reality of it was that it was a pretty long day."

The trio joked that on the return trip across the Golden Gate Bridge a tired Sam asked, "Are they adding on to this bridge?"

At Camp Crissy, the trio picked up their packs and sleeping bags

Danville residents help in fight against breast cancer

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Girl Scouts and other volunteers acted as Tent Angels, helping with the setup and trying to keep the brisk wind off the Bay from blowing the tents away. After a hot shower, the Ladies waited in line for nearly two hours to have a professional masseuse unknot their tired muscles, then tumbled into their sleeping bags. The second day proved to be chal-

and set about assembling their tents.

lenging, as stiffness had set in overnight. Cindi's hips were tight and painful, while Sam's feet were hurting with the onset of blisters. Still they packed up their things and joined the tired throng for the final leg of their journey.

A winding course up and down hills led them back to their starting point in Speedway Meadow. But this time family and friends stood waiting to greet and congratulate them. As they crossed the finish line, their children ran up for hugs and kisses, showering them with love and admiration.

"It was a huge sense of accomplishment just to do it, but to see my family there at the end and to see how proud and excited the kids were for me was just an amazing feeling," Cindi said.

Support both at home and on the walk was key, the three agreed. Rest stations with snacks and water dotted the length of the walk, and each person they encountered buoyed their spirits with enthusiasm and cheer.

"It was upbeat," Michelle said. "During the walk it was all 'building up,' telling us we could do it." All three talked about the special people they met along

the way—cancer survivors and people walking in memoriam of someone lost to the disease. The Ladies saw one cancer survivor, hair gone from chemotherapy, dressed in pink pajamas dancing alongside the route to the tune of "I Will Survive." A group of men walked together under the banner of "Dudes for Boobs." Another man sported a vest showing pins indicating he had taken part in walks in half a dozen cities.

Some of the demonstrations, however, were not as upbeat. Through the course of the two-day event, organizers randomly handed out sashes that read "Every three minutes" to illustrate how often a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. Cindi said the sashes really brought it home for her, especially after she was given one midway through the first day.

"I really hoped I wouldn't get one," she said. "I had a superstitious feeling about it because it felt like being told I had breast cancer."

"It amazes me still how many people are affected by the disease," she added.

Organizers say walks like the San Francisco event are a huge help in raising funds for research. Over the one weekend, walkers raised \$5.4 million to help in the fight against breast cancer. The 2,300 people walked a very long way to get us one step closer to the cure.



San Ramon residents almost wound up living in Limerick

The name "San Ramon" is one of the oldest in the San Ramon Valley, although it took several decades before this name was firmly established. An 1885 county map labeled the village as "Limerick."

The creek coming out of Bollinger Canyon was called San Ramon beginning in the 1830s. Three valley Mexican ranchos carried the name: Rancho San Ramon (Amador), Rancho San Ramon Valley (Castro/Pacheco) and El Sobrante de San Ramon (Romero). This last rancho was carved from the Castro/Pacheco grant in 1844 and covered parts of Alamo and Tice Valley.

Jose Maria Amador, whose rancho included most of San Ramon with a headquarters in Dublin, explained the origin of the name in an 1855 land case. He testified, "The name was given it (the creek) by a mayor domo (of Mission San Jose) by the name of Ramon who had the care of some sheep there a long time ago." He then stated that "San" was added to Ramon's name to conform to the usual way Spanish names appeared. Ramon was a mission Indian whose homeland was probably in the East Bay and who would have been named for St. Raymond.

The village itself was first known as Brevensville for Levi Breven (Brewin), who was a blacksmith. Frequently places were named for a person whose shop or skill was important to the area, and the blacksmith's trade was essential to early ranchers.

The next name was "Lynchville" for William Lynch, an energetic early pioneer who came to the Valley in 1850 as a young man and helped Leo Norris build the first two-story frame house in San Ramon. A skilled carpenter, he was prominent in the valley for many years as a rancher and farmer. He and his wife Mary Norris Lynch raised seven children in San



Norris house, built in 1850.

Ramon.

"Limerick" appeared on the map when settlers from Ireland moved in. As the Irish famines of the 1840s devastated that country, visionaries in Ireland promoted California as a haven for immigrants. In 1845 one Irish priest, Eugene McNamara, petitioned the Mexican government asking for land in California. He wanted to bring 2,000 Irish Catholic families—as a barrier against invading "Methodist wolves" of the United States—according to Kevin Starr in "Americans and the California Dream."

While that petition went nowhere, the idea of available land in California drew many European immigrants from cities in the east. By the 1860 census, 20.4 percent of the foreign born settlers in Contra Costa County's Township Two were Irish.

A San Ramon post office existed in the 1850s but closed in 1859; it was re-established on Dec. 4, 1873. In 1882, historian J.P. Munro-Fraser

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wrote that the name "San Ramon" was the one "given to the Post-office at what is usually known as the village of Limerick." A new park on Bethany Road in Dougherty Valley is called Limerick Park in honor of this history.

Only when the railroad arrived in 1891 was San Ramon's name finally established. The railroad's formal name was the San Ramon Branch Line of the Southern Pacific and from 1891 to 1909, it was the terminus of the line. When the line extended to Pleasanton in 1909, San Ramon was no longer known as Limerick. Today San Ramon is a thriving young city and can proudly claim one of the older city names in California.

Sources: Contra Costa County History, 1882; Land Case 322 in the Northern District Court in 1855.

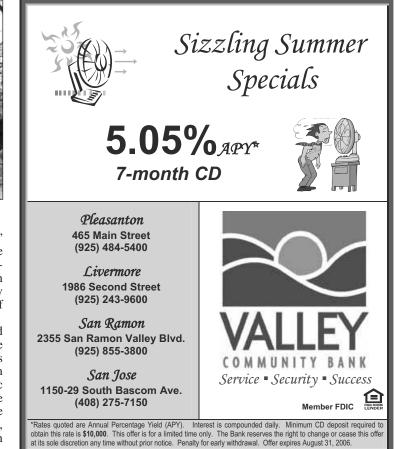
—Beverly Lane, a longtime Danville resident, is curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and co-author of "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon."

Local teens are Stars 2000

STARS 2000 is presenting "The Pajama Game," with Danville and Alamo teens (back row, l-r) Adam Powell, Megan McDermott, Stephen O'Malley, Brett McMahon, Lindsey Scanlon (front) Hannah Newton, Vinnie Urdea, Brandon Harrington, Madi Kay. The 1950s romantic musical is set in a pajama factory.

The musical runs July 28-Aug. 6 at the Diablo Valley College Center for the Performing Arts, with evening performances at 8 p.m. and matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10-\$13. Call 798-1300. STARS 2000 Teen Theatre is sponsored by the Diablo Light Opera Company.





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A peach is a midsummer's delight and a gorgeous icon of summer's blistering sweetness. From May to September—but especially in July and August, the peak of the season—multiple varieties of peaches can easily be found at local groceries, farmers markets and roadside stands.

They may be native to China and adopted by Georgia and Alabama as their state flower but, lucky for us, California is the largest U.S. producer of peaches. That means we have ongoing access to the freshest and heartiest crops. There are two basic variations: freestones, whose pits are easy to remove; and clingstones, which are mostly used for canning. White-flesh peaches are more fragile but generally sweeter and more fragrant than their yellow counterpart, which boasts a sweet-acidic flavor. Peaches come in dozens of domestically grown variations, from the white-fleshed O'Henry to the squatty Donut Peach to the Babcock, a yellow-flesh version with red streaks near the pit. And, goodness, don't forget the nectarines. The fuzz-less, shinyskinned peach is just as luscious and tasty as its fuzzy sibling.

Peaches are heavenly when freshly plucked from a tree and hand-eaten. (Picture this: A voluptuous reddish-orange peach so warm from the sun you can smell it before you touch it, so fuzzy you have to rub it on your jeans leg first, and so ripe the juices run down your chin as you bite into it.)

That said, they are equally delightful as a special ingredient to enliven lighthearted summer dishes or to perk up refreshing hot-weather beverages. To hasten your departure to the nearest peach source, I'm not going to spend time outlining their history and cultivation this week, as I usually do. Instead, I offer you a few good tips and a half-dozen ways to prepare them. I challenge you to try at least one new way of serving them this summer and sharing the joy of peach-eating with family and friends. Sweet pickings!

Jacqui Love Marshall lives in Danville with her vintage-car-loving husband, two pugs and binders of recipes. E-mail her at Epicure@ DanvilleWeekly.com. Epicure's tips for buying, storing and using peaches

- Select peaches that are firm to the touch but have a little "give" when gentle finger pressure is applied. Choose blemish- and bruise-free ones, preferably with a defined "cleft" along the body and a sweet fragrance.
- Avoid unripe peaches with green areas as they will never fully ripen. And, once peaches are picked, the sugar production stops even though they may soften.
- Because peaches are highly perishable, buy only as many as you will consume within a few days. Rinse them only just before eating or cooking.
- When storing, keep space between them to retard bruising and molding. To extend their life, store peaches in the refrigerator in a plastic bag to capture some humidity. Just before using, remove from the refrigerator and bring them close to room temperature to release fullest flavor.
- When cooking or freezing: Remove the pits so their bitterness is not transferred to the fruit.
- Peeling peaches: Mildly score each peach with an "X." To loosen skins, blanch by adding to boiling water for 2-3 min. Transfer to a bowl of ice water and peel skins with a paring knife.

2006 (no, really, just 6) ways to enjoy summer peaches

- Create a salsa for seafood or fish. Mix diced cucumber, red bell pepper, red onion and peeled peaches with lime juice, chopped cilantro, olive oil and sea salt. Season to taste with black pepper and/or crushed hot peppers.
- 2. Peach up a cool summer salad, such as Peachy Grilled Chicken Salad.
- 3. Roast them for dessert. For 4 people: toss 4 large peaches (peeled, pitted and halved) with 4 Tbsp. unsalted butter, 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar, 2 Tbsp. dark rum (optional) and the juice of 1/2 lemon. On foil, roast the peaches on a grill or in a 350-degree oven until they are tender and start to caramelize, 10-15 min. Serve warm over vanilla, butter pecan or rum raisin ice cream in bowls or martini glasses.
- 4. Serve some liquid peach. I served White Sangria at a cookout recently and it was a big hit!
- 5. Substitute them. Make your favorite al fresco stack of mozzarella cheese and basil leaves but use cross-cut peach slices instead of tomatoes. Drizzle balsamic vinegar and olive oil over the stack and season with sea salt and pepper to taste.
- Enjoy them frozen, as in Ginger Peach Sorbet (see www.DanvilleWeekly.com).

RECIPES

White Sangria (serves 6 to 8)

6 peaches, halved, pitted and sliced 1/4 inch thick (or substitute plums, nectarines or your favorite combination of stone fruits)

1-1/2 cups peach nectar (which comes in soda cans in many groceries)

1/4 cup orange liqueur, such as Cointreau

1 bottle (750ml) dry Spanish white wine (white Rioja) or Sauvignon Blanc

2 cups club soda, or more, to taste

Ice cubes for serving

In a large pitcher, combine the fruit, peach nectar, orange liqueur and wine. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Just before serving, mix in the club soda and ladle the sangria into icefilled glasses. Serve immediately.

Peachy Grilled Chicken Salad (serves 4)

- 5 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 1/2 tsp. sea salt
- 1 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 4 small skinless boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 2 green onions, minced
- 1 shallot, finely chopped 1-1/2 Tbsp. wine vinegar

2 tsp. fresh thyme leaves 1 tsp. honey-Dijon mustard

- 2 peaches, peeled, pitted, diced 1 small avocado, diced 1/2 cup thinly sliced
- radicchio 4 cups mixed baby greens (about 2 1/2 ounces)

Whisk 1 tablespoon olive oil, lime juice, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in

 $11 x\bar{7}\mbox{-inch}$ glass dish. Add chicken and turn to coat. Marinate 30 minutes, turning occasionally.

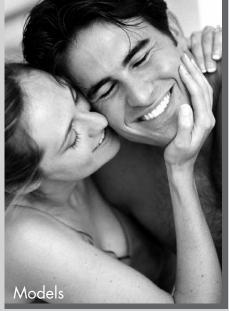
Prepare grill or grilling pan to medium-high heat. Whisk remaining 4 Tbsp. oil, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, onions, shallot, vinegar, thyme, and mustard in a large bowl to blend. Mix peaches, avocado, and radicchio into dressing; toss to coat.

Grill chicken until cooked throughout, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to work surface: cut crosswise into thin slices. Mix baby greens into dressing in bowl. Divide the salad among 4 plates. Arrange chicken alongside and serve.



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POLICE BULLETIN

Armed woman robs bank, flees on foot

A 40-year-old woman robbed the U.S. Bank on San Ramon Valley Boulevard and Sycamore Place for an undisclosed amount of money last week, said Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel.

"It's our third bank robbery this year," said Wenzel. "They are not uncommon."

The suspect-who wore a scarf over her head and looked about 40-robbed the bank shortly before 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 18. After she went

inside the bank, she approached a female teller, flashed a gun, and told her to give her money.

She took the money, fled the bank, and headed east on foot.

Bank tellers need to be aware of who is coming in the bank, Wenzel said; after a robbery occurs, they should gather as much information as possible.

He added that San Ramon has more robberies than Danville because it has a larger business area.

—Jordan M. Doronila

POLICE LOG

The Danville Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

Monday, July 17

- Commercial burglary on Town and Country Dr. at 6:13 a.m.
- Commercial burglary on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:50 a.m.
- Vandalism on Hartz Ave. at 10:58 a.m.
- Grand theft from vehicle on Flora Vista Pl. at 1:16 p.m.
- Commercial burglary on Front St. at 3:49 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Fountain Springs Cir. at 5:08 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18

- Grand theft, all other, on El Pintado Heights Dr. at 10:06 a.m.
- Drunk in public, arrest, on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 3 p.m.
- Armed robbery on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:59 p.m.
- Vandalism on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 5 p.m.
- Vandalism on Verona Ave. at 6:49 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19

- Residential burglary, arrest, on Fieldcrest Ct. at 2:04 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Harlan Dr. at 9:16 a.m.

Thursday, July 20

- School vandalism on Camino Tassajara at 10:39 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Lawrence Rd. at 10:03 a.m.
- Cruelty to animals on Narcissus Ct. at 11:30 a.m. • Drunk in public, arrest, on Hartz

Ave. at 3:47 p.m.

- Suspicious circumstances on Love Ln. at 4:39 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplifting, on Fostoria Way at 5:36 p.m.
- Felony false report of emergency on Joaquin Dr. at 11:07 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 11:17

Friday, July 21 • Felony vandalism on Glen Rd. at

- 5:51 a.m. • Vandalism on Greenbrook Dr. at
- 10:06 a.m. Accident, property damage, on Casablanca St. at 2:10 p.m.
- Warrant arrest on Casablanca St. at 3:28 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Hartz Ave. at 8:47 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Hartz Ave. at 10:06 p.m.
- Vandalism on Hartz Ave. at 10:30 p.m Saturday, July 22
- DUI, arrest, on La Gonda Way at 9:17 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Front St. and Hartz Way at 1:14 p.m. • Vandalism on Richard Ln. at 1:53
- p.m. • Residential burglary on Brookside Dr. at 5:07 p.m.

Sunday, July 23

- Driving with a suspended, revoked license on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 12:47 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Baldwin Dr. at 6:43 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Stone Valley Rd. at 8:52 a.m.

OBITUARIES

- Auto burglary on Rubicon Cir. at 11:14 a.m
- Auto burglary on Rubicon Cir. at 2:59 p.m.
- Vandalism on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:19 p.m.

The Office of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department's Valley Station in Alamo made the following information available

ALAMO

Monday, July 17

- Commercial burglary on Danville Blvd.
- Residential burglary on Jackson Way • Petty theft from vehicle on La Serena Ave

Tuesday, July 18

- Vandalism on Danville Blvd.
- Vandalism on Sandstone Rd.

DANVILLE

- Wednesday, July 19 Misdemeanor battery on Shadow Creek Ct.
- Friday, July 21
- Misdemeanor, other, on Portola Dr.

ROUNDHILL

- Wednesday, July 19
- Vandalism on Roundhill Rd.

Thursday, July 20

- Felony battery on cop on Rolling Hills Ct.
- Vandalism on Roundhill Rd.

Jesusa 'Maguita' Salazar

Jesusa "Maquita" Salazar, a native of Peru, passed away at her home in Danville on July 7 at age 97. She was born on Jan. 15, 1909.

She is survived by her children, Luis Salazar (Patricia), Jorge Salazar (Maria Jose), Guillermo Salazar (Kathryn), Rosario Chiri (Conrado); nephew Alfredo Puccio (Gilda); and nieces, Gilda Elliot (Bob) and Ana Luisa Delgado; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren with three more on the way; sister, Eva Nanfi; and daughter-in-love Beth Salazar. She was predeceased by her husband, Luis Salazar in 1976.

A memorial Mass was celebrated July 15 at Queen of All Saints Church in Concord.

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Author Visits

A Night of Mystery

Join mystery writers Margaret Dumas, Ann Parker and Simon Wood as they discuss the mystery genre and their writing experiences at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 3, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. in the Mt. Diablo room. Call 837-4889.

Franz and Kurt Wisner

Franz and Kurt Wisner Rakestraw Books will host Franz and his brother, Kurt Wisner, and they will be talking about "Honeymoon with My Brother," with a reading, signing and lunch at noon, Friday, July 28, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. The cost of lunch is \$12. Reservations are required by calling 837-7337.

Lewis Buzbee

Rakestraw Books will host Lewis Buzbee, author of "The Yellow Lighted Bookshop," at 7 p.m., Monday, July 31, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Darville. There may be no better way to remind ourselves of the pleasure of bookshops, especially from the recent sad news that has dominated Bay Area bookselling lately. Call 837-7337.

Events

23rd Annual National Night Out

Celebrate National Night Out (NNO) with the millions of people nationwide Tuesday, Aug. 1. Danville police offi-cers will visit registered block parties to answer questions, distribute crime prevention information, and hand out goodies to the kids. To register your block party, visit www.nationalnight-out.org or for more local information, call Toni Ferreira at 314-3359.

Cupid Pre-Dating

Attention all single professionals ages 27-49. Cupid.com presents a Cupid Pre-Dating event from 6:30-10 p.m., Monday, July 31, at Vic Stewart's, 850 S. Broadway, Walnut Creek. Cost is \$34 if you register before July 29; \$3 at the door. Call (408) 849-4749 or 29; \$39 visit www.predating.com.

Disaster Preparedness Day San Ramon Valley United Methodist

Church is sponsoring a Disaster

Preparedness Day from 10 am.-5 p.m., Saturday, July 29, at the church, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. This event will have lots of free information from professionals with free music and lunch provided. For information, visit www.srvumc.org.

Www.srvumc.org. Family Campout The Town of Danville presents Family Campout including swimming, youth crafts, family games and a movie under the stars starting at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 29, and end-ing at noon, Sunday, July 30, at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road. Danville residents' cost is \$30 per family of four, \$5 each additional fam-ily member; non-resident cost is \$36 ily member; non-resident cost is \$36 per family for four, \$6 each additional family member. To register and find out what families should bring, go to the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., call 314-3400 or visit www. ci.danville.ca.us.

Family Fun Nights

Alamo Parks and Recreation will host a Family Fun Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 3 (at Hap Magee Ranch Park). There will be games, karaoke and roasting marshmallows around the campfire. Call 451-9176.

Hot Summer Nights Car Show Darville Merchants' Association will host Hot Summer Nights Car Show from 4-9 p.m., July 27 and Aug. 10 and 24, on Hartz Avenue, Danville. The staging will be at San Ramon Valley High School, 140 Love Lane, Danville. For information, call Tony at 820-5750 or David at 820-9116.

Health

Children's Health and Wellness Pediatricians, Thomas Long and Sharlene Pereira from San Ramon Regional Medical Center will answer questions on "Children's Health and Wellness" live on Ask the Doctor television show from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2. Viewers can submit their medical questions via phone at 313-1190 or fax at 313-1185. The show will rebroadcast

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On Stage

"Shirley Valentine" Center REPertory Company will host "Shirley Valentine," a charming, quirky and humorous heroine as she breaks free to self-discovery in Greece, at the Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. The show will run until July 29 with different times and days. Tickets are \$14-28. Call 943-7469.

'The Paiama Game

Stars 2000 Teen Theatre, which is sponsored by The Diablo Light Opera Company, is presenting "The Pajama Game" with many teens from Danville and Alamo. The evening performances start at 8 p.m. with matinee perfor-mances at 2 p.m., July 28-Aug. 6, at Diablo Valley College Center for the Performing Arts, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. Tickets are \$10-13. Call 798-1300.

'The Secret Garden' S.T.A.G.E. Too presents "The Secret Garden," a literary classic that your entire family will enjoy from July 28-30. The showtimes are at 7 p.m., Fridays; noon and 4 p.m., Saturdays; and 4 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door. Call 682-0896

Political Notes

San Ramon Valley GOP Hoedown San Ramon Valley Republican Women will host a "GOP Hoedown" at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 29, at the Wiedemann Ranch on Highland Road (call for directions). Many elected politicians will be present. Western attire optional. Cost is \$40. For information, contact Leta Rockwell at 838-2908 or rockwellsnuggery@comcast.net.

Seniors

Port Chicago Memorial The Town of Danville will host seniors to the site of the largest homeland disaster during WWI at Port Chicago from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2. After lunch in Danville, participants will hop on a National Parks Shuttle and will tour the Eugene O'Neill Tao House. Activity level is 4.0 (walking and stand-ing). Cost is \$4 for residents; \$5 for non-residents. Bring money for lunch. Call 314-3476.

Spiritual ALPHA Course Thursday Evening Seminar

San Damiano Retreat presents Thursday Evening Summer Series on Creativity and Spirituality from 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, Aug. 3 and 17, at San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Sessions are \$15 each; \$75 for the series. Call 837 9141 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Sports

Adult Kickball League

Town of Danville will host an adult coed kickball league open to players 18 years old and up. The games will be played from 6:30-10 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, starting in September. Registration will start August 14; the cost is \$250 for residents, \$300 for non-residents. Call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us

Adult Open Gym Basketball

Adult Open Gym Basketball Danville Parks and Recreation Department holds drop-in basketball year-round at the Los Cerros Middle School, 968 Blemer Road, for ages 18 and over. Drop-in times are 7:30-9 a.m., Saturdays. Bring your own ball. Cost is \$3 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Call 314-3400.

Support Groups

Association The ACPA group meets from 11a.m.-1p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Community Presbyterian Church Library at 222 W. El Pintado Rd., Danville.

Bipolar Support Group The Tri-Valley Support Group provides free peer support for people with mood disorders. It meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m., every Wednesday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Call 560-0842.

Cancer Support Groups

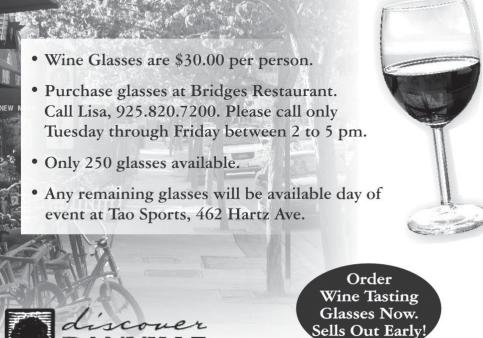
Free support, education and stress management for cancer patients and their loved ones, including general support groups for all types of cancer patients as well as cancer specific groups for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, brain tumor, support groups for 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 Darville 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

Overeaters Anonymous The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia and bulemia. It meets from 7-8 p.m., every Tuesday at the Darville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No fees. Call Susie at 275-1391.

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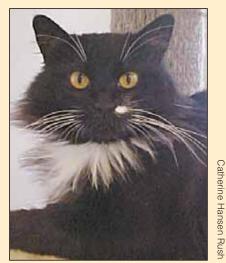
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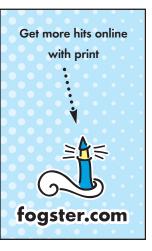
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1102 River Rock Sat 1-4	Intero	\$939,00 855-404
319 Deepcreek Sun 1:30-4:30	Ct. Intero	\$949,50 997-080
5 Bedrooms		

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\$720,000

963-3959

\$759,000

Joe Combs

510-406-4836

325-9215

855-4072

640-8283

2013 Camino R	amon PI.	\$1,049,000
Sun 2:30-5	Empire	837-5679
26 Bormio Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,499,000 984-1945
2465 Holly Oak	Dr.	\$1,780,000
Sat/Sun 1-4	Re/Max	518-5861
4 Ohlson Ln. Sun 1-4	Empire	\$2,875,000 217-5025

Diablo

4 Bedrooms			
21 Calle Del Sun 1-4	Casarillo Coldwell Banker	\$1,795,000 984-3060	
1811 Club H Sun 1-4		\$2,095,000 743-1225	

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms					
9085 Alcosta Blvd Sun 1:30-4:30		\$385,000 989-2989			
204 Norris Canyon Sun 1-4	PI. Re/Max	\$455,000 888-825-0428			
122 Stonepine Ln. Sun	Re/Max	\$489,000 899-0825			
2415 Soren Wy. Sat/Sun 1-5	Re/Max	\$600,000 787-1996			

3 Bedrooms

2513 Soren W	y.	\$639,000
Sun 1-4	Empire	200-0525
2608 Ashwell	Ln.	\$674,900
Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	510-406-4836
9459 Broadmoor Dr.		\$699,950
Sun 1-4 Intero		855-4072
9974 Foxboro Wy.		\$699,990
Sun 1-4 Re/Max		735-7653
9784 Belladon Sun 1:30-4		\$714,500 855-4053

855-4075	2211 S. Donovan Wy.		\$745,000
\$759,950	Sun 1-4	Intero	855-4110
984-1787	1046 Vista Poin Sun 1-4	Intero	\$754,900 855-4128
\$765,000 586-5456	429 Donner Wy		\$959,900
\$779,000	Sun 1-4	Intero	855-4128
314-4803		4 Deducers	
\$794,950	4 Bedrooms		
855-4072	2433 Wildhorse Sun 1-4		\$1,099,000 855-4059
\$824,000		Intero	
648-5331	718 Bowen Ct. Sun 1-4	Empire	\$1,199,900 217-3112
\$844,950 217-5090	201 Alderwood	1	\$1,209,000
217-3030	Sun 1-4	Intero	855-4078
	152 Elisha Ln.		\$1,300,000
\$1,050,000	Sun 1-4	Intero	784-7000
838-5700	773 Winterside	-	\$729,000
\$1,079,000	Sun 1-4	Intero	855-4110
00-492-6365	9509 Sandpoin Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$765,000 787-1996
\$1,150,000 963-8938	25 Palamos Ct.		\$792,500
\$1,169,000	Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	577-5510
217-3108	7600 Northland	I	\$799,000
\$1,229,000	Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	463-0436
323-6735	2724 Moet Ln.		\$879,000
\$1,479,000	Sun 1-4	Re/Max	735-7653
648-5342	228 Veritas Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$909,000 989-4123
\$1,710,000 858-5233	310 Salem Dr.		\$974,500
\$739,000	Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	968-1452
314-4803		5 Bedrooms	
\$895,000			
855-4108	361 Adelaide H Sat/Sun 1-4	lills Ct. Intero	\$1,119,000 785-1386
\$899,000	100 Allanmere		\$1,159,000
855-4125	Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	736-4155
\$929,000 217-5050	117 Avalon Ct.		\$1,259,000
\$939,000	Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	785-1386
855-4049	2380 Avalon W		\$1,259,000
\$949,500	Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	785-1386

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531 Treyburn Cir. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel <u>Walnut Creek</u> 2 Bedrooms 43 Iron Horse Ln. **\$599,900** 487-2629 Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 52 Iron Horse Ln. \$599,900 Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 487-2629 **33 Iron Horse Ln.** Sun 1:30-4:30 **\$649,900** 487-2629 Intero \$849.000

1851 San Luis Rd. Re/Max Sun 1-4 **3 Bedrooms**

2702 Walnut Blv Sun 1-4	d. Alain Pinel
475 Le Jean Wy. Sun 1:30-4:30	Intero
639 Banyan Ln. Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero
	1 Dodroomo

4 Bedrooms 180 Springside Rd.

Intero Sun 1-4 **5 Bedrooms 324 Persimmon Rd.** Sun 1-4 Intero

\$1,099,000 855-4072

\$789.500

735-7653

\$624,500 968-1452

\$797,950

858-5233 **\$869,000** 984-3992

\$914,800

855-4179

Dublin

3 Bedrooms				
3940 Southb	r idge Wy.	\$749,000		
Sat/Sun 1:30-	4 Alain Pinel	998-9747		
4520 Sparrov	v Ct.	\$749,950		
Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	734-5017		
4 Bedrooms				
4712 Boxwoo	od Wy.	\$849,000		
Sat 1-4	Alain Pinel	621-4049		



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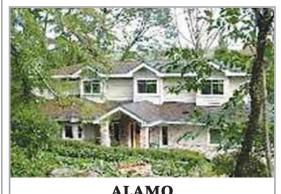
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