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Michael Hock
manager of software development

Mostly my focus has been on food storage but I’m not so prepared in other areas. That’s why I’m here. I’m trying to get motivated.

Tammy Rowan
nursing student, Red Cross volunteer

Halfway. We have quite a bit of food although it’s not in a central location, except for a first aid kit. We will get our 72-hour kits.

Elaine Lazo
retired teacher

We have enough food for everyone. We’re getting prepared with a backpack with clothes and water. In school they tell us it’s important to be prepared.

Lynne Lazo
fifth-grader at Vista Grande Elementary

We’re about 70 percent prepared. We have flashlights, extra propane, some water. We have quite a bit of food. I have a 50-gallon drum for water in the back yard but haven’t filled it yet. I’ve gotten ideas here and got my children fingerprinted.

Brad Edgren
manager

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Fall festival this weekend in Danville
Celebrate the changing seasons with a costume parade, local art and musical performances at the Danville Fall Crafts Festival this weekend, Oct. 21-22. The 15th annual festival, hosted by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, has served as a gathering place for more than 50,000 people in past years. The kids costume parade will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday and will give youngsters a chance to trick or treat and get excited about the big night.

For adults, the town is offering a chance to stroll the streets of Danville and admire art and music in a quaint autumn setting. Artists will display vibrant paintings, intricate glass works, jewelry, woodcarvings and photographs. Some participants use it as a chance to get started on their holiday shopping. Chamber booths will sell alcoholic beverages, and stages have performances for the world music that will be showcased, including Latin, Italian and Native American bands.

Essay winners awarded
The Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley announced this month that Laura Ashton from Los Cerros Middle School and Richard Bogolub from Monte Vista High School won first prize for a 9/11 remembrance essay contest. The subject of the essays was “How the September 11th Ceremony at Oak Hill Park Impacted Me,” and winners from high schools and middle schools were chosen.

The students read their essays and collected their $100 prize at a club luncheon at Faz in Danville, and awards were presented by Mayor Karen Stepper and Essay Contest Chairman Wayne Rice. The award presentations were followed by a speech from Mark Curtis, KTVU 2 News Anchor and Danville resident.

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Hens, but not roosters, considered for lots in Danville

Town Planning Commission working on updated residential ordinance

by Jordan M. Doronila

Hens in Danville? The Town Planning Commission conducted a public hearing earlier this month to update Danville’s single family residential ordinance, including allowing up to six hens on 15,000-square-foot properties.

The commissioners are in the process of updating the requirements for building a single-family home or make additions to an existing one in Danville.

“It’s outdated,” said Catarina Kidd, project planner of the Town Planning Division. “We received feedback from the community. It isn’t clear.”

Commissioners discussed new requirements for a home’s design review for additions and extensive remodeling in established single-family residential neighborhoods.

The commissioners also plan to clarify how builders could add portable storage sheds and pool houses, fences and retaining walls, and on-site parking and garages.

In addition, the update would allow a limited number of hens at single-family homes on 15,000-square-foot lots. Previously, property owners could only have hens on larger lots. Now, they can have up to six hens, no roosters and the hens must be in coops.

The updated ordinance would make it easier to add second units in accordance with the state’s second dwelling requirements. It would allow the Danville Planning Division to approve units that have 750 square feet or less of living space with heating and air conditioning, which would help provide affordable housing.

In addition, the updates include new language saying that fences and retaining walls do not qualify as accessory structures.

The old ordinance for single-family residences originated before the town was incorporated in 1982 and the county supervised Danville, Kidd said. Since then, the town has adopted the county code pertaining to building or making additions to single-family homes.

The new changes in the ordinance will go through a second hearing by the Planning Commission at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24. When their changes are finalized, the proposed updated ordinance will go to the Town Council for adoption.

For more information about the changes in the single-family ordinance, visit the town’s Web site: www.ci.danville.ca.us/default.asp?serviceID=419&Frame=L1.

Bid awarded for new gym, classroom building

Measure A work continues at San Ramon Valley High School

by Jordan M. Doronila

Work is starting on a new gymnasium and a two-story classroom building at San Ramon Valley High School.

The School Board awarded the bid last month to West Coast Contractors to start building a new auxiliary gymnasium and a two-story classroom at the school. The facilities are Measure A projects, and they are scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2008.

The estimated cost of the project is $16.9 million, said district spokesman Terry Koehne. The project is part of the first of a three-phase plan to renovate the school campus.

“We think facilities are tied closely to the learning environment—students learn better in a nicer environment,” said Rich Lowell, the district’s director of facilities development. “It’s bringing the school up to date to the latest technology.”

The gymnasium will have one full basketball court with two side courts, a girls’ locker room, a girls’ team room for sports, a fitness/weight room, an aerobics/wrestling room, a dance room, restrooms and physical education offices.

The gym will be a one-story, 16,000-square-foot tilt-up concrete building. There will be pathways surrounding it, Lowell said.

The two-story classroom building will house standard classrooms and computer labs.

The gym and the classroom building are the second part of phase one, Lowell said. The first phase involved finishing the library and commons area. The plan will also include finishing the career technology building, which would have mechanics, wood and metal shop, and computer design classes.

Lowell said breaking up the school’s renovation projects allows students to continue studying on campus while construction is taking place.

“You want to minimize the impact on the students and the operation of the school,” he said.

District officials will also discuss modernizing the main gym, which is in the school’s master plan.

All Measure A construction is scheduled to be finished by 2010.

Kiwanis turns 50

Club to host year of celebrations

The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley kicked off a year-long celebration of its 50th anniversary Oct. 5 at Round Hill Country Club, with the installation of its new officers for 2006-07.

The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley was chartered in September 1956 and serves the communities of Alamo, Danville, San Ramon, Blackhawk, Diablo and the Tassajara Valley. In the past year, members contributed more than 2,000 hours of service. Major service projects include:

• Sponsoring the annual Danville 4th of July Kiwanis Parade since 1975, which currently draws 30,000 to 40,000 people, making it the region’s largest single day event.
• Establishing a Grant Program in

Getting prepared

Thomas Rainsford, 22 months, and his mom Anna smile out of a fire engine at dad Nick while attending the Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday. The equipment from Station 31 in Danville was part of many displays in the parking lot at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Old Orchard Road, along with other emergency services and mobile pet licensing with shots and microchip implanting for $20. Below, Ron Delucchi explains how to act after a disaster, at a PG&E booth. Others sold 72-hour food kits and told about emergency communication while volunteers from the Danville Police Department fingerprinted children. The fair was sponsored by the Danville Stake of the church and the Town of Danville. Organizer Jim Greenan said the church’s philosophy is to take care of their neighbors, and they like to share their expertise in food and water storage. More than 2,000 people attended the fair, and Greenan hopes to hold another one next year in San Ramon.
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Stepper urges No on Prop. 90

Tri-Valley mayors criticize Nov. 7 ballot measure

by Jeb Bing

Danville Mayor Karen Stepper has joined mayors in four neighboring cities to urge voters to reject Proposition 90, a measure on the Nov. 7 ballot that would affect eminent domain actions by state and local governments.

Speaking at the recent Tri-Valley Mayors Summit at Wente Bros. Winery, Stepper warned that Prop. 90 would amend the state constitution to limit government authority to take ownership of private property. Cities such as Danville already are required to compensate property owners at a fair market value set by independent appraisers for any land acquired for community improvements.

Prop. 90, however, would increase those requirements, adding to those eligible for compensation any nearby property owners who believe they have incurred economic losses as a result of the acquisition.

“We don’t take anyone’s land without paying the fair market value,” Stepper said. “But Prop. 90 would add a new requirement that we have to also pay those outside of the land acquisition area. Right now, if we needed land to extend a freeway or Highway 4, we have a pretty good idea of what it would cost. Under the rules imposed by Prop. 90, we would have no way of projecting costs or paying for those additional claims.”

Stepper agreed with Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, who warned that “if Prop. 90 passes, virtually all development will stop.”

“That’s because cities would have to pay outlandish sums to adjacent property owners who could claim that their property values would be reduced,” he said. “No matter what your perception is of this proposition, it would be a bad law.”

“We know there are issues with eminent domain and its use, and sometimes its misuse, but this proposition goes far beyond those concerns,” added Mayor Jennifer Hosterman of Pleasanton. “It would essentially allow a developer to make a claim to the city that if they developed properties that the city would not rezone or want to see developed, that city would then have to pay for any losses incurred by those decisions.”

The mayors also joined in their support of efforts by the convention bureau to promote the Livermore Wine Country. Stepper said her daughter was married at Wente Bros. a year ago in a wedding ceremony and reception that involved restaurants and hotels in all five cities.

The successful wine country is as important to Danville residents and businesses as to those in all the other cities,” Stepper said. •
Two young athletes swim from Tiburon to Angel Island

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Swimming 1.2 miles from Tiburon to Angel Island wasn’t difficult, said two young swimmers who competed in the seventh annual RCP Tiburon Mile Open Water Swim on Oct. 1. But the water sure was cold.

“It was sort of hard to dive in. I splashed myself first,” said Forrest White, 9, who does fall swimming with the Sharks at Crow Canyon Country Club and swims with the Blackhawk HOX during the summer. “My dad and my mom and grandma were waiting for me with a towel and blanket.”

Forrest and his sister Madison, 11, competed along with fellow Sharks in the event, which benefits Special Olympics Northern California. Participants pay $100 to enter, which goes directly to the cause. About 800 swimmers participated, and the Sharks dove in at 9:02 a.m.

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A group of friends donated $28,000 to the Danville Library recently, which will be used to provide more books and children’s programs for the community.

Friends of the Danville Library presented the check to the library Wednesday, Oct. 4. The funds were earned from its quarterly three-day book sales, its used bookstore in the library, membership fees and donations from the public during the last year.

Friends is a growing organization with more than 450 volunteers that help bring books and resources to the Danville Library. The 'Friends' donations provide the library books and children’s programs that would not otherwise be available,” said Carole Stevenson-Byers, treasurer for the Friends of the Danville Library.

The volunteers received more than $2,000 from its used bookstore, located inside the library, she said, and the amount varies during the season.

“That’s where most of the money or the funds come from,” she said. Stevenson-Byers also recalled getting a couple of thousand dollars from the three-day book sales that are held four times a year.

However, she said money made from the sales was only a rough estimate.

“We try to do it every three months,” she said, adding that external conditions such as the weather may affect the number of customers buying books at the sales.

Additionally, Friends encourages more members and the public to donate money.

“Any memberships or donations by people are tax-deductible,” said Stevenson-Byers. But most important, she noted, is getting donations of books to resell to the public. Without books, Friends wouldn’t make much money, she said.

“Anybody can bring books to us,” she said.

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Kiwanis

1996 that has distributed nearly $250,000 to more than 100 nonprofit organizations; in 2006, funded grants are totaling more than $41,000.

- Sponsoring annual holiday toy drives for needy children, donating and delivering 400 turkeys and 350 bags of food to families in the area, and donating cash, time and talent to support the school district.
- Providing support for 19 years to The Danny Foundation, a national charity dedicated to crib and child product safety.

“This is an exciting time to be a Kiwanian,” said new President Rob Goldstein. “We are honoring our past by planning an exciting, challenging future.”

Other new officers are President Elect Alan Davis; First Vice President Harry Bonn; Second Vice President Nancy Bray; Recording Secretary Franklin Kistner; and Treasurer Duane Slater. Past President is William Shryer. Serving as directors are Chris Joy, Cindy Gin, Amy Harris, Ilene Furguson-Mullery, John Lineweaver, Marge Jensen, Mike Nelson and Paul Byer.

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Helping others play ball
When Alyse Cronin and Daniel Stern visited Zimbabwe on vacation with their families last summer, they befriended Isaac, a porter at the Victoria Falls Hotel, who invited them to play soccer with a team he coaches to encourage the town orphans to stay in school and not wander the streets. Alyse and Daniel were surprised to see the team members playing on the dirt field in bare feet, not to mention without shin guards, cleats and uniforms. Isaac explained that their lack of uniforms sometimes kept them out of tournaments, plus they only had one soccer ball. Alyse and Daniel immediately purchased a couple more soccer balls for them and, upon their return, they started a uniform drive at St. Isidore School, which they attend. As word got out, other families and groups became involved and recently they were able to send more than 50 used and 18 new full uniforms—including cleats—to Zimbabwe.

Birthday fun
Louise Fraser chose to celebrate her birthday in Ashland, Ore.—with the Weekly.

Now that’s a house
Guy Greco, Danville Area Chamber of Commerce chairman, and his wife Mary and friends take us along to visit the Peterhof Castle in St. Petersburg, Russia, while on a 10-day Scandinavian cruise. The friends are Dick and Mary Jo Gelhaus, Jeff and Julie Disch, and Bob and Marie Kroha.
We all have two-ton weapons

How often do you get behind the wheel and think about your full potential to kill, maim and otherwise destroy people’s lives? I think about it all the time, and I hope the drivers of the big ol’ SUVs, especially those on cell phones, are aware of it also.

This is what Street Smarts is about, making each of us continually aware of being safe in our driving habits, as well as when we bicycle, skateboard or even walk on our streets and sidewalks. It’s all about being aware and staying safe—having “Street Smarts.”

Street Smarts kicked off its Phase 3 last week with a presentation on the lawn in front of the school district offices. I met Bob Pack, president of the Troy and Alana Pack Foundation, named in honor of his two children who were killed three years ago. Troy, 10, and Alana, 7, were walking with their mother Carmen and other friends down Camino Tassajara to buy slushies on a warm October evening when a Mercedes, driven by a woman under the influence of drugs and alcohol, jumped the curb and hit the children.

As the Packs grieved, they decided to do something positive for the community that had rallied behind them; they used donations to start the nonprofit foundation named after their children to promote traffic safety. It targets legislation at state and national levels, and has succeeded in tightening laws regarding driving under the influence, driver’s licenses and narcotic prescriptions. It also began Street Smarts with Danville and San Ramon and the school district.

Last week I asked Bob Pack if the twinkle in his eye was due to their baby Noelle, now 4-1/2 months old. He said with a laugh that perhaps it was really due to lack of sleep but he glowed when talking about what joy she has brought them. The Packs have always been welcoming to the media, talking about their struggles after the tragedy and to have more children. Soon after Noelle was born, KTVU filmed a section for Mornings on 2 about what joy she has brought.

“Street Smarts... Be Reel” is Oct. 27. Now, in Phase 3, the program is tackling the teens and holding a Street Smarts Ad Campaign Contest for high school students. The grand prize is $500; there is also a first prize of $350, second prize of $250 and a third prize of $150.

“I like the interactive nature of it,” Pack said. “It gets the kids involved.” All the organizers are especially keen to reach the high school students, since this is when students begin to drive plus are dealing with the temptations of drugs and alcohol.

Pack also announced that the USC Film School of Cinematic Arts has agreed its graduate students will write, produce and edit a film on the dangers of drinking and driving. “I contacted them directly through our foundation and asked if they would help our efforts,” said Pack. “I wanted to put together a film that we could distribute free to high schools or organizations that would find it valuable.”

It seems like we’ve been driving home these messages to our students forever: Don’t drink and drive; obey traffic rules; be safe. But just a few months ago, a teenage Danville boy fatally smashed into a tree while driving under the influence; in April 2004, a 14-year-old lost control of his bicycle riding down Bollinger Canyon Road, crashed and died of head injuries.

CCTV cameras film Bob Pack of the Troy and Alana Pack Foundation last week as he announces the launching of Phase 3 of Street Smarts.

So the message bears repeating, in any form that might catch people’s attention. And each of us needs to think about the potential for disaster when we get behind the wheel. Focus on your driving and being safe. It’s only smart.

—Dolores Fox Ciarrelli can be e-mailed at editor@DanvilleWeekly.com.
Danville is fortunate to have three qualified candidates running for Town Council. Incumbents Mike Shimansky and Karen Stepper and Planning Commissioner Robert Storer. They all share a love of Danville and have devoted much time and energy to making it a better place to live. Of the three candidates, the Danville Weekly is endorsing Stepper and Storer.

Stepper has proven her ability to work with others on the council since she was elected in 2002. During the last year, when she has served in the rotating mayor’s position, she has reached out to other communities to partner with Danville for disaster preparation, to become known as a tourist destination, and on transportation issues. For future work, she has transportation and, indeed, she worked on the passage of Measure J to get funding for county projects to help the highways and tunnels that we all use.

She has worked up with other Tri-Valley mayors, some of whom do not share her political views, to be a stronger voice for the Tri-Valley. Besides her list of the Republican regulars, she is also endorsed by state Sen. Tom Torlakson (D., Antioch), which shows he can rise above her personal feelings on national issues to deal with local issues.

She is seen at every event from ribbon-cuttings to ground-breaking to downtown events, and prides herself on being accessible. As she becomes more experienced, she becomes more valuable, and her year as mayor has only increased her enthusiasm, if this is possible.

Storer’s endorsements also speak well for him, ranging from current council members to former members Beverly Lane and Millie Greenberg, cutting across political lines. He has made a name for himself with his work developing Willow Commons, a 22-unit apartment complex downtown for low and moderate income seniors, and developmentally disabled adults. He was recognized for this endeavor at the Town of Danville Awards Ceremony last December, and he was also named 2005 Business Person of the Year by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce.

He has an excellent working relationship with the business community, and his ability to compromise, along with his years of experience and his respect for preserving Danville’s history should help downtown to develop along the lines that residents want.

Storer feels that now is the time for him to make the change from the Planning Commission to the Town Council and we agree. With land use and traffic concerns, he will bring added expertise. He would also bring a fresh perspective to some issues and his professional style will be an asset.

Mike Shimansky has served on the Town Council since 1989; if re-elected he would end up serving more than 20 years. During his time on the council, the town has accomplished many things, becoming financially solvent, building the new library and community center on Front Street, and adding parks and artificial turf fields.

Shimansky has not only served as mayor but is also active in other community activities, such as the All Wars Memorial board and the Boy Scouts. But we feel now is the time for a change and to allow other capable people in the community with fresh voices to serve on the council.

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District is also lucky to have a great candidate running for its board in the Nov. 7 election. All of the candidates are aware that customer service needs to improve within the district, especially with parents of special education students.

We heartily endorse incumbent Joan Buchanan, who brings intelligence, knowledge and experience to the table, along with the leadership qualities needed to work with others. She has been on the board since 1990 and says she wants to serve one more term to improve the schools in the district and to see more Measure A projects through to completion. We say, give her the chance.

What does Danville, Tracy and Morgan Hill have in common? One of the nation’s worst and most arrogant members of Congress, Republican Rep. Sigma Buchan, like Buchanan, has served the district for a long time, but is not as well known outside the district. Buchan came under attack from neighbors of Monte Vista High School for supporting the new 400-car parking lot across the street. But this lot student cars off Stone Field Road, remedying a dangerous situation. It also increased the size of the back yards of the immediate neighbors. Buchanan said he would do the same at each high school if the opportunity were there, and we laud her for her position.

Rachel Hurd is running on a ticket with Buchanan and we also endorse her. She is passionate about arts and has strongly supported about how special education children can be helped, gleaned from her experiences as a mother. She has worked her way up through the ranks of PTA, including heading the San Ramon Valley chapter of PTAs and is familiar with all the schools in the districts and their needs.

We also would like to see Jim McVey on the school board. He has done his homework and brings a new voice regarding test scores and curriculum. He voiced the importance of keeping gifted students working at full capacity, quoting studies that show they slow down as they get older. His experience as a manager for Tesoro Corp. has taught him the importance of working with others, and his engineering background gives him the impetus to improve the technology curriculum in the district.

Bill Clarkson, who was elected to both houses in 1990, is well integrated into the community as a past president of San Ramon Rotary Club, a broker and owner of ERA Golden Hills Brokers, and in the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce. He feels a huge effort will be needed to pass a new parcel tax, and we hope he will again put his energies toward passing it as he did for the Measure D School Facilities Bond of 1998. We like his dedication to civic activism and applaud what he has done toward making the Measure D School Facilities Bond of 1998.

But Tri-Valley residents and their tradition of supporting moderate candidates can make a real difference in this election if they vote in sufficient numbers for Jerry McNerney. With a strong victory here, Poemo’s San Joaquin County subsidy can be overcome, and one of the nation’s worst members of Congress can be replaced with a person committed to serving the people of this district.

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McKenna for Congress

Pombo has used his position to raise money from Indian gaming interests, from convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff, and from mining and logging interests. The Washington, D.C.-based Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington has devolved the last 20 years of his career to the development of wind turbines.

Far from being a political ideologue, McNerney represents the kind of citizen activist who wants to work on solving important problems, not use those problems to curry favor with special interests and as a way to raise campaign contributions. Not surprisingly, with the fundraising help of special interests and campaign visits by both President Bush and Vice President Cheney, Poemo will far outspend McNerney in this campaign.

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McKenna for Congress
Teen runs with jar of money

A 17-year-old boy stole a jar full of money from Domenico’s Delicatessen on Hartz Avenue last week, said Danville police Sgt. Troy Craig.

The youth went in the deli at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, and took a jar containing about $30 worth of tips from customers. After stealing it, he ran out the door, Craig said.

One of the deli employees recognized the teenager, who attends Del Amigo Continuation High School, and gave information about him to the police, said Craig. An officer contacted the juvenile’s mother, who made arrangements to return the money to Domenico’s.

Danville police charged the case to the juvenile Probation Department.

“Anyone who breaks the law should be prepared to accept the consequences when they are caught,” Craig said.

— Jordan M. Donnelly

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With tomato sauce, and smashed potatoes. Choice of Caesar or butter lettuce salad or seasonal vegetables.

$35

New OBITUARIES

Roberta Edith Seabury

Roberta Edith Seabury, 64, died peacefully in her home in Diablo on Oct. 10.

She was born in Boise, Idaho, on Aug. 18, 1942. She and her husband Tom were married in 1962 and moved to Alamo in 1964. While she was raising three children, she attended Cal State Hayward majoring in communications. She had a column for the Valley Pioneer, in which she wrote touching stories about the horses, goats, chicken, dogs, and others on her “farm” in Diablo. She had joined the Girl Scouts when she was young and was active in her children’s troops also. She was also involved with the Danville Junior Horsemens Association, serving as adult advisor in the 1980s.

She played the viola and was a charter member and on the Board of directors for Diablo Symphony. She served on the Danville Arts Commission during the 1990s and was appointed to the Arts and Culture Commission (AC5) in June 1999. She worked on the development of the county’s first cultural plan, and was the music critic for the Valley Pioneer Times. She was a director of the Eugene O’Neill Foundation through August 2006. She served on the Contra Costa County Historic Preservation Committee and helped form the Diablo Preservation Society.

Through its efforts, Diablo became a Historic District. Her Diablo home since 1973 is a preservation trust home with a protected grove of Heritage Oaks.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas William Seabury; children Thomas David Seabury of Walnut Creek, Elizabeth Seabury-Ullof San Jose and Annette Seabury-Day of Brentwood; and four grandchildren, Thomas Quinn and Kaye Day, and Robert Thomas and Maria Day.

Services are being held at 1 p.m. today, Friday, Oct. 20, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara in Danville. The family suggested donations in her memory to Hope Hospice, or AC5 Arts Trust, 1236 Escobar St., Martinez 94553.

POLICE LOG

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

Monday, Oct. 9
• Suspicious circumstances on Silling Dr. at 11:34 a.m.
• Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:20 p.m.
• Accident, property damage, on El Cerro Blvd. and El Pintado Rd. at 7:22 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 10
• Grand theft on Squirrel Ridge Way at 9:17 a.m.
• Accident, property damage, on Danville Blvd. and Del Amigo Rd. at 3:34 p.m.
• Neighbor disturbance on El Cerro Blvd. at 5:09 p.m.
• Accident, property damage, on Bleier Rd. and Green Valley Rd. at 6:06 p.m.
• Malicious telephone calls on Mission Pl. at 6:32 p.m.
• Intoxicated subject, alcohol, on Richmond Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 7:56 p.m.
• Battery on Camino Tassajara and Rassini Dr. at 7:51 p.m.
• Drunk in public on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 8:10 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 11
• Reckless driving on northbound I-680 onramp at 7:49 p.m.
• Reckless driving on Hartz Ave. at 8:33 a.m.
• Petty theft on Love Ln. at 2:05 p.m.
• Petty theft, all other, on Love Ln. at 2:08 p.m.
• Littering on Diablo Rd. at 5:37 p.m.
• Petty theft on Love Ln. at 6:10 p.m.
• Petty theft on Hartz Ave. at 7:17 p.m.
• Accident, property damage, on Glen Alpines at 9 p.m.
• Suspicious circumstances on El Cerro Blvd. at 10:17 p.m.
• Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Goldstone Ct. at 1:54 p.m.
• Battery on Stone Valley Rd. at 3:22 p.m.
• Accident, property damage, at the Livery at 5:13 p.m.
• Suspicious circumstances on Sycamore Dr. at 6:30 p.m.
• Suspicious circumstances on Alta Vista Way at 10:36 p.m.
• Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. at 4:31 a.m.
• Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. and W. Prospect Ave. at 5:15 a.m.
• Petty theft on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 7:01 a.m.
• Drunk in public on W. El Pintado at 7:31 a.m.
• Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. at 8:18 a.m.
• Suspicious circumstances on N. Paradise Valley Ct. at 11:52 a.m.
• Petty theft on Stone Valley Rd. at 12:55 p.m.
• Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Esther Ln. and Quintessa Ln. at 2:11 a.m.
• Petty theft from vehicle on Camino Tassajara at 5:16 p.m.
• Accident on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 6:23 p.m.
• DUI, arrest, on Hartz Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 8:22 p.m.
• Suspicious shooting on Adagio Dr. and Heather Pl. at 10:01 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14
• Grand theft on Tivoli Ln. at 9:10 a.m.
• Vandalism on Barringer Dr. at 9:30 a.m.
• Grand theft on Tivoli Ln. at 9:36 a.m.
• Misdemeanor hit-and-run on El Cerro Blvd. and northbound I-80 at 10:01 p.m.
• Suspicious circumstances on Garden Creek Pl. at 11:11 a.m.
• Vandalism on Brookside Dr. at 1:40 p.m.
• Residential burglary on Estes Dr. at 2:12 p.m.
• Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Oak Pl. at 2:35 p.m.
• Grand theft on Silver Lake Dr. at 6:50 p.m.
• Party disturbance on Diablo Rd. at 9:56 p.m.
• Vandalism on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 10:56 p.m.

POLICE BULLETIN
Homecoming football highlights

Mustangs, Wolves beat out opponents
by Rachel McMurdie

If there’s one thing that can be said for both Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley football teams, it’s that they know how to please a home crowd. Last Friday’s homecoming games proved it.

The Wolves and the Mustangs charged onto their fields Oct. 13 to take crushing first-half leads while holding their opponents scoreless. Both went on to homecoming victories.

Handing the Amador Dons their first season loss, the Mustangs made what many predicted would be a close game, look like an easy win.

Drew McAllister, the arm behind the Mustangs’ 28-7 victory, completed 13 of 15 passes for 173 yards and three scores. The first score, a 10-yard pass to Dustin Coldren, was the start of the Mustang scoring blitz and the first of three McAllister-Coldren connections that included a 40-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter. By the end of the third, the Mustangs led 28-0.

The Wolves quarterback, Louks completed 9 of 12 for the night to total 133 yards and four touchdown passes.

Monte Vista improved its record, and after the win, held third place in EBAL standings.

On the other side of town, another home crowd was cheering as San Ramon Valley crowned its homecoming night with a 44-7 win over Livermore High. The still-undefeated Wolves took early possession on the opening kick and in five plays pushed the ball 55 yards for the first touchdown.

It wasn’t long until the Wolves, on a fumble recovery, were in scoring range again. Roy Helu Jr. scored on a 13-yard touchdown run. A two-point conversion pass from quarterback Corbin Louks to Geoff Michalecy gave San Ramon a 14-0 lead. The Wolves closed the first quarter up 28-0 after two more scores, by Clark Petersen and Helu.

When the second quarter opened, Livermore made another costly fumble at the Livermore 45, which San Ramon’s Ryan Lucas ran 43-yards back. Mike Tamaki finished the two-yard push into the end zone to score.

By the end of the first half, San Ramon Valley (6-0, 2-0 EBAL) had 44 points and 210 yards while Livermore (1-5, 0-3) had just 26 yards and remained scoreless.

Wolves quarterback Louks completed 9 of 12 for the night to total 133 yards and four touchdown passes.

Tonight both Danville teams will play on the road, with varsity beginning at 7 p.m. The Wolves will challenge the Amador Dons, a team that needs a win to stay in the running for the EBAL title, while the Mustangs will venture to Livermore to face Granada High School (2-4, 0-2 EBAL).

Girls tennis
San Ramon Valley girls tennis team hung on to a first-place tie with Foothill for the league’s top spot, while Monte Vista slipped out of the running, after last week’s matches.

The Mustangs won 9-0 over Granada, but Monte Vista was unable to hold off Foothill and fell 6-3, out of what was a three-way tie. The Mustangs No. 2 singles player, Elena Cadet, recorded a 6-3, 6-2 win over Falcon Melissa Arthur, but the Mustangs’ other singles ran into more trouble.

In the end, the Falcons’ Teagan Benson beat out Mustang Courtney Mohney (6-7, 6-1, 6-2) and Falcon Lauren Guerdot recorded a win over Mustang Joelle Luedeke (6-7, 6-4, 6-2) in the final two matches of the Falcon’s win.

Girls volleyball
San Ramon Valley girls volleyball fell to league rivals at Foothill last week in a hard-fought rout. The Wolves opened the first game making a 12-2 run for a two-point, 17-10 lead. But the Falcons, lead by the dual towers Betsy Sedlak and Felicia Willoughby who combined for 28 kills, made a run of their own and captured the win. Final scores were 25-23, 25-11, 25-20. Wolves outside hitter Lauren Claybaugh put in eight kills for San Ramon, while teammate Amy Mulligan contributed five.
This team is Dy-na-mite

Carina Bender of the U10 Bronze Mustang Dynamites puts practice drills into play in a recent game against the Mustang Mavericks. Lead by coaches Susanne Bender, Kari Doolittle and Mark Westgate, the Dynamite players have hit their stride as this game showed, ending with a 4-0 victory, with the girls playing well together offensively and defensively and showing that hard work and focus truly bring great results.

Outlaws are champs

The girls U9 Mustang Outlaws recently won the 2006 Harvest Cup Tournament held at Sonoma State for their age group. During the preliminary round, the Outlaws scored 13 goals and only allowed 2 goals. In the championship game, the Outlaws defeated Santa Rosa United Gold in penalty kicks (2-0), after a 0-0 tie during game play and two overtime periods with no score. Team members are (front, l-r) Felicia Johnson, Sammy Levy, Lexie Silva, Lauren Clore, Nicole Emerson, Annie Kunsman; (back) Maddy Duncan, Alyssa Ruzich, Danielle Land, Amanda Outcalt, Natalie Knowles, McKenzie Reiland, Brielle Sharpe, and Coach Pat Uriz.

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Danville Town Council

Mike Shimansky
Age: 62
Education: San Jose State, 1964-66
Experience: Retired manager at Pacific Bell; Danville Parks Commissioner, 1982-89; Town Council member since 1989

Karen Stepper
Age: 59
Education: Bachelor’s degree in education; University of Illinois; MBA Cal State Hayward
Experience: CPA; Town Council 2002-present; school board 1979-88

Robert Storer
Age: 49
Education: Bachelor’s in construction management, Cal State Hayward
Experience: Builder/contractor; Danville Planning Commission 2000-present

Candidate Robert Storer’s passions include seniors, youth, special populations and planning. As a co-owner of Pellegrini Construction, he put his actions where his heart is a few years back and developed Willow Common Apartments, 22 units to house low and moderate income seniors and developmentally disabled young adults in downtown Danville.

Now, after serving on the Planning Commission since 2000, he wants to bring his experience to the Town Council. “My strong land-use background would be invaluable,” he said.

He said he feels relationships within the community are paramount, and the council should embrace the school board “A friendly disposition goes a long way,” he said.

He has relationships within the business community and Discover Danville, which could lead to partnering, he said. For example, he thought more could have been done when the LPGA was at Blackhawk recently. “LPGA brought people downtown but we should have had a caddy dinner,” he suggested. He is also on the board of directors for Leadership San Ramon Valley.

He said he is interested in history; another priority is to improve traffic around schools. He also noted Danville spent $70,000 to prop up the Oak Tree and said it needs to spend money on seniors and teens.

Storer is canvassing the neighborhoods, along with his wife and two teenage sons. He is also an avid cyclist, a recovery diver for the Sheriff’s Department and is proud that his homemade wine under the Pellegrini Vineyards label won a silver medal at the Alameda County Fair.

He said his personal and professional life have always been about results, and this is why he wants to serve on the Town Council.

Vision for downtown

Town Council needs to work to keep Danville like it is, which is what people like. “I want a walking downtown.”

Danville territories

It would be good to have stores that will bring people in.

Main points
Traffic/transportation issues; parks for youths and seniors; economy and heritage resources

Special education
She wants to use Total Quality Management to improve the individual education plans to catch children who have special needs, and think we need to do a better job

Money for Measure A
The Measure A Oversight Committee will receive a year facilities plan for the district. Storer recommends to her child if she is re-elected to finance the district move through a five-year path with the ranks despite denial of all school system in the community.

Buchanan in a San Francisco
followed her boyfriend to San Francisco, economics, not a method of all students, deal with schools, recruiting and re- means, and finishing all Mea communities. She realized her talents to the board when first elected to serve on the school district’s tasks in the district.

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"We need to train employees who are friendly and collaborative instead of being overly assertive and overly aggressive," Clarkson said, adding that he enjoys the board’s process of decision-making.

Because of the district’s overall success, he believes it allows the board to focus on securing a long-term parcel tax, which supports the growth of new schools and the reduction of overcrowding in the San Ramon Valley.

"Our district is doing so many things right that it allows us to focus on issues that many school districts only dream about handling," he said.

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A burst of Rob Apter’s heavenly guitar resonated through the air, about a hundred Danville residents filed into the lunch room at Diablo Vista Middle School on Oct. 1. The room was converted to a place of worship on Sundays, and the folks were there to share in the offering and one-year anniversary celebration of Community Presbyterian Church at Tassajara—otherwise known as CPC@T.

CPC@T is the satellite church of Community Presbyterian Church on El Pintado Road near downtown Danville. With 150 years of service under its belt, CPC in Danville was committed to serving residents of the Tassajara Valley and worked for a year and a half prior to opening the second site in October 2005.

“It’s my hope that people find CPC@T a loving, honest community where we can celebrate the power to live from day to day by seeking God,” said Apter, associate minister of Worship and Arts.

He also shared that the primary goal of CPC@T is “to be real.”

“Church has changed—let us show you how much” reads one of many signs posted along Camino Tassajara to attract residents to worship at the services held at the school. Clever outreach programs—such as a hot chocolate drive-through service, summer bash with barbecue, and Easter baskets made for children in the community—also invite everyone to feel welcome.

Campus Pastor Mark Wollan said the middle school site was chosen because they saw a need in that location.

“At the time, there was no local church for people to fulfill their worshipping needs,” Wollan said. “We wanted to connect with the community through common experience with faith. And CPC@T was committed to providing that opportunity and the convenience of having a church to build positive relationships within the neighborhood.”

Wollan said people from the core membership volunteered to help get CPC@T off to a strong start.

Danville residents Chris and Jan Eklem and their two children were willing to convert to the smaller church site.

“We like CPC a lot and we use the resources for our middle school son—but we like the more intimate experience of this church,” said Chris.

“Not only is this church biblically accurate, but it’s friendly and we love that,” Jan added.

Live messages from Senior Pastor Scott Farmer from the downtown campus are blended with Wollan’s weekly messages. The occasional video sermon helps the congregation stay connected with the main site with all the extended activities offered, such as family nights, classes and an upcoming trip to Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center near Santa Cruz.

“This body seeks to be relevant—seeking young families of the Valley to worship with the freedom of this venue—to start a little later and with great programs,” said Bill Haslim, pastor of Children’s Ministries.

This freedom includes a casual atmosphere with Starbucks coffee, pastries and bagels.

“This is a very warm congregation that embraces others as they walk through the doors,” Haslim said.

“The biggest thing in my heart is to meet the needs of our community in any way we can,” noted Wollan. “Our long-term goal is to find a more permanent campus but we aren’t in any rush. We have such a good relationship with the school and, on the whole, it’s a great opportunity to make connections in the community. So unless something fell into our lap and growth demands it, we are happy here.”

Wollan, his wife Julie and three children are role models as they are involved in every aspect of the growing church.

“We’ve learned a lot by listening and meeting people where they are,” he said.

Wollan brings church things into the modern day as he frequently wears jeans and casual shirts, embodying the comfort that transcends old thinking about church protocol and inspires the congregation to expand into its second year.

When planning the new site, church leaders addressed concerns they had heard: that church was “boring” or that people didn’t understand it. They decided to make the new location ready to meet people “where they are,” realizing everyone has his or her own set of problems.

The weekly messages are aimed at being relevant to real life, and they hope the parishioners are warm and welcoming.

“We truly want to create an oasis from the rush of life,” Wollan said.

His words and actions show he talks the talk and walks the walk. Learn more at cpcdanville.org.
Peering at pears

Sensual, even seductive ... that’s how I think of pears. Homer called them a gift from the gods, and that rings true to me. I admire their fit-in-your-hand shape, soft fragrance and beautifully varied skins. They evoke boldness in their plump, curvaceous forms and modesty in their mild, understated taste. They are most often soft and sweet but some can conceal a tart flavor and crunchy texture. Those ambiguities create a mystery of sorts, one that attracts most of us to try at least one pear every season.

Pears have been cultivated for thousands of years so they are considered to be an ancient fruit, like pomegranates and figs. They belong to the rose family, like their apple cousins. Pears appeared in the U.S. around the time of the colonists, probably brought here by Europeans. Pears eventually made it to the West Coast and found the optimal climate in Washington, Oregon and California. Today, those states produce 98 percent of U.S. pears. Domestic pear season runs July through January but pears from other climes (e.g., Australia) make them available practically year-round.

In selecting pears, choose firm ones absent of dark spots and with the stem intact. Non-Asian pears need to ripen after picking to avoid becoming mealy so they are picked from the tree hard. Let them sit for three to five days to reach perfection—until the flesh is soft when pressed—or place them in a brown paper bag to hasten the ripening.

My favorite pear is the d’Anjou but I enjoy most types—Bartlett, Red Bartlett, Seckel, Bosc, Comice—and apple-like Asian pears such as Ya-Li.

Those of us who grew up in or around the Caribbean Islands or Latin America remember eating cherimoya, sugar apples or sweet-sop—second-cousins of the pear with similar textures and tastes. I remember the tree in our back yard with its luscious sugar apples. It didn’t bear a lot of the fruit but, when it did, the sugar apple was so juicy that it ran down your mouth as you bit into it.

The understated flavor of pears mixes well with most foods but is especially tasty as a dessert, whether served as the lone ingredient, inside a pastry or as a complement to other things. I like to add them to salads, use them as garnishments with meats (especially pork), or poach them as desserts but their culinary uses are limitless. In fact, they can be substituted in almost any recipe using apples. I think they are under-utilized by many home chefs—perhaps because they are somewhat fragile: easily bruised and quick to ripen. The recipes here are easy to make and, to side-step the worries, just buy the pears you’ll need a few days before you make the dish. If you’re not already, try becoming a pear person!

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.

**RECIPIES**

**Poached Pears**

4 medium-size firm pears, such as Anjou, Bartlett, or Bosc (see note)
1/2 cup sugar
1 whole cinnamon stick
1 vanilla bean, cut in half lengthwise
2 whole cloves
Peel from 1 orange and 1 lemon
1 star anise
1 whole bay leaf
1 bottle strong red wine (e.g., Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot)

1. Peel the pears gently, leaving the stems intact. Cut a level piece off the bottom of each pear to help them stand upright. (When you’re peeling several pears at once, immerse them in a large bowl of cold water with lemon juice. The acidulated water will keep the pears from discoloring until they are ready to be poached.)

2. Place the pears in a medium saucepan. Add sugar, vanilla bean, cinnamon stick, orange peel, lemon peel, cloves, star anise, bay leaf, wine and just enough water to cover pears.

3. Set the pan over high heat and bring the liquid to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook gently, stirring occasionally. Over medium-low heat, about 15 minutes or until a knife easily pierces pears. Set aside and let pears cool in the liquid.

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Auditions
Auditions for Handel’s Messiah
Experienced soloists are being sought for auditions for Handel Festival Community Chorus and Orchestra at Messiah, 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 2. Bring resume to the audition. For an appointment, call Dean at 552-7851.

Author Visits
Annie Barrows
Rakestraw Books will host Annie Barrows, author of “Ivy and Bean And the Ghost That Had to Go,” at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Fee is $35. Call 838-8804.

Fall Craft Festival
Join the fun at the Danville Fall Crafts Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 21-22, at Hartz and Prospect Avenues. The day will include a Halloween parade, street and stage entertainment, great food and beverages! Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillefestival.com.

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Tri-Valley Writers This club will host a writing workshop, Lesson in Punctuation, by Robin Orsini of Edictetera followed by a luncheon from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at Givere grille, 3183 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Cost for the workshop is $25 for members, $30 for non-members; cost for the luncheon is $18 for members, $25 for non-members. For information, e-mail fnorman300@aol.com.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75 The organization meets every second Thursday of the month at Danville Veteran’s Hall, 460 Hartz Avenue, Danville. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCrackey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Wives of Retired Officers Club This club will host its monthly luncheon with a performance from the Singing Blue Star Moms at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. The club will also give a special donation to the Blue Star Moms. Call Suzanne Paul at 934-0145.

Concerts

An Evening of Piano Music with Daniel Glover This concert will feature Schumann’s Fantasy in C, Opus 17, and Mozart-Liszt’s fantasy on Themes from “Marriage of Figaro” at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at First Presbyterian Church, Fifth Street, Livermore. Tickets are $25. Visit www.valleyconcertorator.org.

Deck The Hall For All Concerts

Creekside Community Church will host its annual Harvest Festival from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29, at the church, 1360 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Admission is free. The day will include bluegrass music, line dancing, BBQ, face painting and more! Call 820-9031 or visit www.creeksidechurch.org.

Art of Living Series II The Art of Living Series II, with “The Art of Home Organization” taught by Elaine Betts from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at the store, 178 E. Prospect, Danville. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 820-8012.

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Lithorama 2006 Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem and Mineral Club presents its 33rd annual show and sale, Lithorama 2006, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19, at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore, Alamo. Call 443-5789 or visit www.lithophiles.com.

Mount Diablo Trail Adventure This year the Save Mount Diablo trail adventure will include many different runs starting at Castle Rock climbing up the slopes of Mount Diablo starting at 7 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 5. Lunch and T-shirts will be provided to all participants. To register, visit www.active.com or www.savemountdiablo.org. or call Julie, 947-3353.

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Contra Costa County will host a ceremony honoring art leaders throughout the county, including Alamo resident Barbara Grant, at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, at El Campanil Theatre, 602 W. Second St., Antioch. To reserve your spot, call 646-2278; admission is a $10 donation.

Children’s Fall Festival Town of Danville will host the Children’s Fall Fest from 4-6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Preregistration is $5 for residents, $6 for non-residents. The day will include arts, crafts, face painting and more! Danville Police Department will also host an hour of free Halloween activities from 3-4 p.m. Call 514-3477.

Danville Fall Crafts Festival Join the fun at the Danville Fall Crafts Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 21-22, at Hartz and Prospect Avenues. The day will include a Halloween parade, street and stage entertainment, great food and beverages! Call 837-4600 or visit www.danvillefallcommunity.com.

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

Lights of the Valley Hope Hospice will host “Lights of the Valley,” a unique way to memorialize a loved one, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Road. Your tax-deductible donation of $20 lights a bulb on the tree of your choice. Call 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.
“House of Innovation Idea House” located in Alamo. The house is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays-Sundays from now until Nov. 12. Free parking and shuttle are available at the Sycamore Park & Ride lot. Cost is $12 for adults, $8 for seniors (Fridays only); children under 5 are free. Call (800) 786-7375.

Tour of the Blackhawk Museum Blackhawk Museum sponsors a docent-led tour of the museum’s Renowned Exhibitions at 2 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. The tour is free with admission. For information, call 736-2280.

WineTasting Party WineSocials.com presents a WineTasting Party from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20, at Joe’s of Lafayette, 3707 Mount Diablo Blvd. Cost is $20 in advance; $30 at the door. The night will include music, wine and appetizers. Call 955-6340 or visit www.winesocials.com.

Exhibits
Chinese Experience in the Valley Museum on Main, Livermore Heritage Guild and the Chinese American Cooperation Council present the “Chinese Experience in the Valley” exhibit that will run until Dec. 3, at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Admission is $2. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Embroidered Stories, Knitted Tales This exhibit will include knitted and embroidered pieces as means of expression in fine art until Nov. 5, at Bedford Gallery, Dean Leather Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Admission is $5. Call 296-1417 or visit www.bestfordgallery.org.

Indian Life of the Valley Come and experience “Indian Life—First People of the Valley” from now until Nov. 15, at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 255 Railroad Ave., Danville. The exhibit will feature artifacts and reproductions reflecting the lives of Indians in the San Ramon Valley. Call 637-0750 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Industrial Art The Blackhawk Museum will host “Doodles, Drafts and Designs” until Nov. 5, which has been organized by SITES (Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition Services) and is sponsored by the Blackhawk Museum Guild. This exhibit will appeal to audiences interested in art, design, history, technology and popular culture. For information, call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Legends of JazzThis exhibit of Rudolph J. Omena’s work will be displayed until Oct. 31, at the Lindsay Dircox Brown Art Gallery, San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Gallery hours are from 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday. Call 945-1625.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum The museum will feature two new special exhibits: “Broken Wings: Portraits of Non-Releasable Raptors” and “One Man’s Window” from now until Dec. 31, at the museum, 2501 First Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife.org.

Film
Videos for Peace and Justice Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center will host a “The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil” at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24. Stop the Abuse of Power: Civil Liberties Issues and the Elections will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25; and “Videos for Peace: 9/11: Peace for Truth” at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eddy Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

Fundraisers
A Woman’s a-Fair This is the perfect opportunity to explore, discover and shop at “A Woman’s a-Fair” from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at Concord Hilton, 31, at the museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. Cost is $35 for general admission and fashion show lunch. Proceeds will benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity. Bring an accessory, jewelry, scarf or handbag to benefit the organization. Call 944-1013.

Animal Lover’s Boutique Valley Humane Society will host the Seventh annual Animal Lover’s Boutique from Nov. 9-11, at 4510 El Camino Real, San Carlos. Admission is $25 for general admission. Proceeds will benefit the organization. Call 944-1013.

Annual Holiday Home Tour Danville-Alamo Branch of American Association of University Women presents its second annual Holiday Home Tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2. Tickets are $25 or Nov. 25, $30 thereafter. Proceeds will benefit Local Scholarships and Tech Trek science camps. Call 820-6158.

Artful Living Home Tour Junior League of Oakland-East Bay Inc. presents the “Artful Living Home Tour” from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Nov. 3-4, at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Monara Way, Orinda. The tour will feature five distinctive homes in Orinda. Tickets are $35 in advance; $40 at the door. Call 962-1776 or visit www.jloeb.org.

Breast Cancer Benefit Using Photon Corporation presents Breast Cancer Benefit concert from 1-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at Tesla Vintner’s, 1141 Tesla Road, Livermore. Advance tickets are $20 for adults, $8 for students. Tickets at the door are $25 for adults, $10 for children. Call (925) 498-4384.

Charlotte Wood BASH! Charlotte Wood Middle School will host “BASH!” (Building Academic Success Happily) at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3, at Blackhawk Country Club, 598 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. The night will include a live auction and dinner. Proceeds will also benefit a silent auction from Oct. 18-27, at www. cbashbash.com. Call Beth at 855-7454.

Cinderella Soiree Ever dreamt of being Cinderella for an evening? Diablo Ballet will host “Cinderella Soiree” at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20, at Claretsa’s Bridal Salon, 1401 Main St., Walnut Creek. Proceeds will benefit Diablo Ballet’s Dance Education Development Outreach Program. Tickets are $50, $98 or $175.

Fun Shopping Day Junior League of Oakland-East Bay Inc. is working with Macy’s in Pleasanton to host a Fun Shopping Day to raise money for non-profit organizations from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at the store, Stoneridge Mall, 1 Stoneridge Mall Road. The day will include fashion events, live music and crafts. Cost is $10; call 294-3740.

Crab Fest and Sports Auction Bletnickoff Foundation will host its seventh annual Crab Fest and Sports Auction from 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Nov. 10, at the Marriott at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Bishop Ranch Drive, San Ramon. Tickets are $95, attire is casual. Proceeds will benefit the foundation. Call 556-2525 or visit www.bletnickoff.org.

Everything But The Moon Runnmage Sale A Wild Horse Club will host a Runnmage Sale that will benefit scholarships and charitable organizations in the Contra Costa area from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, and from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, at the clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. They are also accepting tax deductible donations from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at the clubhouse. Call 920-5895.

Hats Off American Red T-Shirt 10K Run/SK Walk Come run with Sparky George to raise awareness and money for Hats Off America at the Red T-Shirt 10K Run/SK Walk at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 21.
Holiday Boutique
The Inner Horse Mothers Club (IHMC) will host its annual Holiday Boutique from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Inner Horse Middle School, 12801 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon. Proceeds will benefit IHMC’s Caring Fund. For information, call Mary at 964-0585.

One Warm Coat
Celebrate the 15th anniversary of “Protection from the Cold” with the San Ramon Valley Rotary Club and donate a coat, sweater or blanket from Oct. 16-Oct. 18. There are drop-off locations in Danville including: Heritage Bank, 310 Hartz Ave; Pastic’s Cafes, 155 Railroad Ave; or Remax Accord, 313 Sycamore Valley Drive West. For information, call Larry at 250-7840 or Darcy at 838-9110.

Power of Change Fashion Event
Help support the second annual Wardrobe for Opportunity Power of Change Fashion Event from 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at Rotunda Building, 300 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. Advance tickets are $40; $50 at the door. The night will include a fashion show, hors d’oeuvres and wine. Call (510) 463-4100 or visit www.wardrobe.org.

USU Hornet Golf Tournament
The museum will host a golf tournament and dinner with a live auction from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Country Club Drive, Danville. Cost is $250 for golf and dinner, $75 for dinner only. Visit www.usu-hornet.org.

Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust
Warren W. Eukel Teach Trust will host its 15th annual Awards Dinner honoring outstanding teachers of Contra Costa County at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, at Diablo Country Club, 7777 clubhouse Road, Diablo. Tickets are $150. Proceeds will benefit the Trust. Call 945-0200.

Wine Tasting Benefit
AWM Financial Partners will host wine tastings from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10, at Bella Vino Wine Bar, 3450 Camino Tassajara Blvd., Danville. Cost is $25 for either, or $50 at the door. The night will include a fashion show, hors d’oeuvres and wine. Call (510) 463-4100 or visit www.wardrobe.org.

Holiday Events
Fright Night
Bring your family to Fright Night including haunted house tours, outside crafts and activities for all ages from 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Granite Bay Elementary School, 1531 St. Helena Drive, Danville. Advance tickets are $12 for adult; $10 each at the door. Call 831-8591.

Inventing Halloween: A Monster Factory
Blackhawk Museum presents “Inventing Halloween: A Monster Factory” from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29, at the museum, 5700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Make your own paper mask, paper bag costume and create edible monsters. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 738-2280.

Monster Bash on USS Hornet
The USS Hornet Museum will hold its annual Monster Bash from 7-10 p.m., midnight, Saturday, Oct. 28, onboard the ship, 707 W. Hornet Avenue, Pier 3,ameda. Advance tickets are $20 for adults; $10 for kids. Call (510) 521-8448, ext. 282, or visit www.hornet-events.com.

Pumpkin Jubilee
This harvest festival provides fun and entertainment for the entire family on Saturday, Oct. 28, in the Livery, off of Interstate 680 at Sycamore Valley Road West and San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 838-7070.

That Old Blackhawk Magic X
Old Blackhawk Magic X Blackhawk Museum hosts “That Old Blackhawk Magic X” from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 738-2280.

The Witching Hour
City of Pleasanton Civic Arts presents their annual haunted house. “The Witching Hour” from 5:30-8 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Oct. 19-20.
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**Lectures/Workshops**

**Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers**

Join the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center when they host U.S. Rep. George Miller who will talk about "Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers" at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27. For information, call 989-4402 or visit www.mdrymca.org.

**Stop the Abuse of Power:**

Join the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center when they host Jeffrey Mittman, author of "Stop the Abuse of Power: Civil Liberties Issues and the Elections," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Mt. Diablo Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

**Talk on Parenting**

First Resort along with community sponsors present "Talk" from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at Foothill Middle School, 2775 Cedro Lane, Walnut Creek. There will be several experts covering "Empowering My Teen," "The Silent Epidemic" and "Why Fathers Matter." Advance tickets are $19 for singles, $20 for couples; tickets at the door are $20 for singles, $30 for couples. Call (510) 569-1200.

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**Volunteering**

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue**

Will be holding a Halloween Costume Extravaganza from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29, at the store, 660 Main Street, Pleasanton. Girls should show up in costume. A Costume Runway Show will start at 6:30 p.m. Cost is $35; $20 with BFF discount. Call 485-4380.

**Seniors**

**Free Flu Shots**

San Ramon Valley Regional Medical Center will provide free flu shots to adults 65 years and older from 9-11 a.m. and to adults 50 years and older from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at the health center, South Conference Room, South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call 275-8250.

**Jewish Culture School**

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will host its family and adult education program at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Diablo Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

**Support Groups**

**San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue and Chronic Pain Support**

A new and proactive group for FIBRO, CFS, CFIDS and Chronic Pain meets from 7-9 p.m. every other Monday in Danville. This group is positive, informative that meets to help each other to be better advocates. Call for location and information at 234-5821.

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**On Stage**

**‘Cyrano de Bergerac’**

San Ramon Valley High School presents “Cyrano de Bergerac” at 7 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Oct. 19-20; 2:30 and 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, in their Performing Arts Center, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Tickets are $8; $10 at the door. Call 989-4402.

**‘The Tale of Cinderella’**

Daisyfield Players presents "The Tale of Cinderella" by Nikolai Kabaniev at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, at Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are $14-

**Tuesdays with Morrie’**

Center Repertory Company presents “Tuesdays with Morrie” from now until Oct. 24, at Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are $14-

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**Storage, 200 Purdue Road, #1018, P.O. Box 185, Pleasanton 94567**

**Pleasanton Library**

**Runway Show**

Will be held from 6-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21; 2:30 and 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, in their Performing Arts Center, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Tickets are $8; $10 at the door. Call 989-4402.

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Will be hosting two new volunteer orientations from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, and Sunday, Oct. 22, at the shelter, 4385 Gleason Drive, Dublin. Call 426-2472 or e-mail Cathy at calcccathy@yahoo.com.
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SALES AT A GLANCE
This week’s data represents homes sold during September 2006

Danville
Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: $175,000
Highest sale reported: $8,184,500
Average sales reported: $1,417,000

Alamo
Total sales reported: 2
Lowest sale reported: $2,000
Highest sale reported: $2,595,000
Average sales reported: $1,297,500

Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: $228,000
Highest sale reported: $2,010,000
Average sales reported: $670,712

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND
To list your home in the Danville Weekly Open Home Guide, please email: OpenHomes@DanvilleWeekly.com

Alamo
3 Bedrooms
155 Wilson Rd.
Sun 1-4
$1,249,000
1484 Emmons Canyon Dr.
Sun 1-4
$1,299,000
1606 Litina Ln.
Sun 1-4
$1,995,000
46 Vista Ln.
Sun 1-4
$1,695,000
75 Candleston Pl.
Sun 12-5
$1,899,000
Walnut Creek
2 Bedrooms
2198 Shoshone Cir.
Sun 1-4
$649,500
Sun 1-4
$649,500
5 Bedrooms
61 Vista Ln.
Sun 1-4
$1,698,000
3 Bedrooms
2200 Oneida Cir.
Sun 1-4
$660,000
34 Magnolia Pl.
Sun 1-4
$1,995,000
25 Chestnut Pl.
Sun 1-4
$2,398,000
5078 Blackhawk Dr.
Sun 1-4
$1,749,000

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Ron is a long-time resident of the Bay Area. He and his wife, Leslie, live in Walnut Creek and have two children, Justin and Kelsey.

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ALAMO
Multi-Dimensional Westside Estate $2,699,000 Property includes main house, 2 in-law units, pool house. Gorgeous backyard with Mt. Diablo views & pool w/waterfall. Possibilities are endless.
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Mike Weber 925.736.1500

ALAMO
Stunning Rear Yard $1,715,000 5bd, 3.5ba offering privacy and close proximity to town. Sparkling pool in the absolutely stunning rear yard.
Constance Hughart 925.648.5328

ALAMO
Down a Peaceful Lane on Westside $1,649,000 4bd (1 converted into large bonus room on main floor), 3ba, slab granite kitchen, wood & travertine floors, many French doors, all new windows.
The McDougall TEAM 925.672.2499

ALAMO
Rancher on Quiet Lot w/Views $1,450,000 4bd, 3ba, updated kitchen w/granite counters & travertine floors. Open family room w/granite wet bar and wall of windows to rear yard.
Dave Bauer 925.855.4040

ALAMO
Separate Guest House $1,349,950 Gorgeous 3bd, 2.5ba single story. Completely remodeled w/granite, tile floors, vaulted ceilings, French doors, huge great room, pool, spa.
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ALAMO
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ALAMO
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