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**Karen Linde**  
*homemaker*



Yes, we're prepared. We have a well and a generator, so we have our own source of water and electricity. We have a preparedness/first aid kit and plenty of bottled water and canned food. And if our house falls down, we have two other structures on our property we can live in. My wife and I both have a public safety background and we've been trained on how to deal with disastrous situations.

**Mark Moniz**  
*public safety*



We're probably not prepared to the extent that is advised. We do have plenty of water, flashlights placed around the house, canned food and radio. Would be a good idea to get better prepared just in case.

**Donna Hori**  
*pharmacist*



Seeing Katrina victims on television is certainly a wake-up call for Bay Area residents to get their disaster preparedness plans in order for the "Big One." I'm getting together a family communication plan, including extended family.

**Judy Macfarlane**  
*retired city clerk*



Yes. We keep all the essential supplies we would need in the trunk of our cars. We have water, non-perishable food items, can opener, snack foods, heavy duty gloves (in case we need to pick up glass or wood), sturdy shoes, flashlights, radio, tarps in case we have to sleep on the ground, thermal blankets, personal hygiene items (I need to brush my teeth). In each bedroom we store an extra pair of shoes under the bed. I have a carrier handy to transport my dog and a good supply of dog food.

**Robert Friedberg**  
*mortgage broker*

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I dream of a day when kids like me can just be regular kids again. When we can go to school, or to a sleepover and not have to carry insulin, test strips and an emergency kit.”

—Kendall Horalek, 9, in her speech on Giants Day. See story, page 16

### Volunteer opportunities for students and adults

Interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities close to home? The San Ramon Valley Unified School District along with the San Ramon Valley Education and the Coalition for Youth Safety and Development are hosting a "Volunteer San Ramon Valley" fair from 7:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Oct. 9, at Iron Horse Middle School, 12601 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon.

Different volunteer organizations will have booths for fair-goers to peruse and to discuss volunteer opportunities. Whether a student or an adult, everyone is encouraged to attend the fair. It is also still welcoming organizations that are interested in signing up volunteers. To find out more, contact Scott Gerbert at 552-5030 or sgerber@srvusd.net.

### What's new with the flu

Sutter VNA & Hospice will be issuing flu shots and pneumonia shots to the public. Flu shots are \$25 and pneumonia shots are \$35. Residents covered by Medicare Part B will not be charged. Proceeds will be given to help support end of life hospice care for local patients.

Three flu clinics will be held in Danville:

- Oct. 29 and Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Andronico's Market, 345 Railroad Ave.
- Nov. 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Navlet's Garden Center, 800 Camino Ramon

Those who are at highest risk for complications from the flu include people 65 years or older; 6-23-month-old children; pregnant women; and residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities. The Centers for Disease Control recently added people with respiratory problems as a new group that should get vaccinated every year. For more information on flu clinic locations, call (800) 500-2400.

On average, 5-20 percent of the population gets the flu each year and 36,000 people die from it. People who are not at high risk but who work with members of the high-risk population are also urged to get flu vaccinations. A new flu shot is needed every year. People who should not receive a flu shot include those who are allergic to chicken eggs, are ill or have a fever at the time they wish to receive the flu vaccine, and children less than 6 months of age.

### Bridging together

Los Cerros Middle School Academic and Technology Boosters are inviting the public to Bridging Together at Bridges, Hawaiian style, an evening of socializing plus heavy appetizers, wine tasting, a martini bar and a beer bar. The gathering takes place from 6-10 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, at Bridges Restaurant in downtown Danville.

Organizers emphasize that the event is not an auction, although one lucky guest will be awarded a parking spot for the entire school year. Proceeds will go directly to support technology and the library at the middle school. Cost is \$100 and reservations are needed. E-mail questions to LCbridgesEvent@hotmail.com; mail checks to LC Academic and Technology Boosters, Attn. Caroline White, 968 Blemer Road, Danville 94526.

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## Danville purchases Rose Street property to kick off downtown redevelopment

*Lot will temporarily provide 18 to 20 more parking spaces*

by Casey Reivich

By this spring, there may be more parking in the northern part of Hartz. The town of Danville recently purchased a 7,500-square-foot piece of property a block off Hartz from Robert Ferreira, 72, of Danville.

The property, 341 Rose St., sits in back of B-Line Cleaners on Hartz Avenue and is in close proximity to businesses like Pete's Brass Rail and Car Wash that need parking.

But the town's hopes for the property go far beyond parking. The town would like the property to be a steppingstone to redeveloping the north end of downtown.

Although the house at 341 Rose was built by Ferreira's father roughly 90 years ago, it's not con-

sidered a historically significant house, said Ferreira.

"It wasn't important. It wasn't a trading post or anything," said Ferreira. "My dad probably built it out of barn siding." Ferreira, who had been a commercial contractor for many years and has constructed 17 buildings in town, decided to sell the property to Danville.

"I offered it to the city as a civic gesture to help in the redevelopment of the north end of town," said Ferreira. "I had considered keeping it in the family but it became complicated. The building is worn and obsolete. It was just not that important."

The Town Council recently approved purchasing the property for \$973,800, with an estimated \$6,200 in closing costs.

Town Manager Joe Calabrigo believes the town negotiated a fair, if below market, purchase price. The Rose Street property works out costing about the same amount per square foot as the property at 177 Front St. that Danville recently purchased.

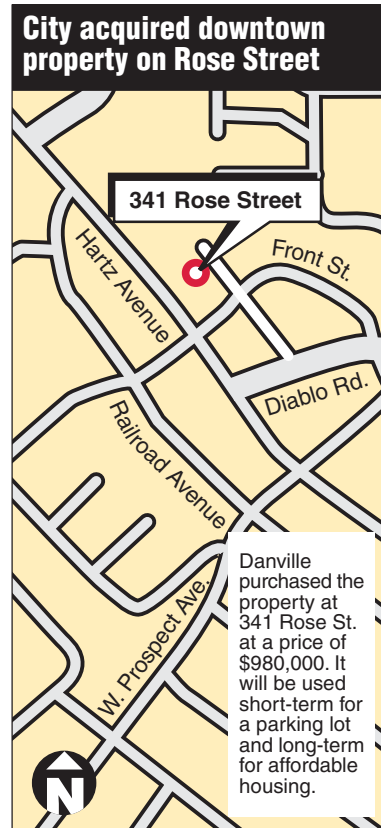
The Rose Street property was purchased with funds from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Debt Service Fund. The town tentatively plans to redevelop some of it into affordable housing, said Calabrigo.

"The hope is by purchasing this property we might be able to assemble it with other properties in immediate areas," said Calabrigo. The parcel is too small to develop individually as housing, said Calabrigo, but if adjoining proper-

ty owners partnered with the town, the area at the dead end of Rose Street could be redeveloped as a mixed-use area with space for both commercial and residential properties.

The Town Council recently approved rezoning the areas north of Linda Mesa Avenue fronting on Rose, Hartz and Railroad. The new zone is called Area 11: Special Opportunities District and is meant to make redevelopment easier for property owners who have been thinking of redeveloping. The new zoning requires only 50 percent onsite parking and permits 80 percent floor-area ratio, instead of 50 percent, which allows for bigger spaces. In addition to bigger build-

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## Pombo not targeting Eugene O'Neill site

*Congressional Budget Office apologizes for inadvertently raising alarm over possible closing of national parks*

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

The office of U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R., 11th) has sent out copies of a letter from the Congressional Budget Office apologizing to the House Committee on Resources for releasing information that was mis-

construed to be part of a proposal to consider closing national parks.

Fifteen national parks were listed for possible sale as part of a budget reconciliation package proposed by Pombo, according to wire reports sent out late last week. Among them was the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville.

Pombo is chairman of the House Committee on Resources, which was working with the Congressional Budget Office on potential options the committee could consider to meet its savings target.

"It appears that in the process of gathering information for such estimates, CBO inadvertently disclosed

draft legislative language that was developed to enable us to prepare cost estimates and that might have been misconstrued to be the committee's reconciliation proposal," read the letter from Douglas Holtz-Eakin of the Congressional Budget Office to Pombo.

"Pombo has NOT proposed a

budget reconciliation package yet, let alone one which would sell national parks," wrote Brian J. Kennedy, communications director for the House Committee on Resources, in an e-mail Monday.

The Resources Committee has the

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## Planning for disasters

*Danville police help people be prepared*

by Kevin Zhou

The Danville Police Department is offering disaster preparedness training to help residents who may be wondering in the wake of Hurricane Katrina what to do in case there is an emergency. The program, which is run through the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services, is aimed at teaching residents how to survive the first 72 hours of a disaster.

"It takes about 72 hours for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the help from the governor's office to get out here, so people must be prepared if there is a disaster," said Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel.

Disaster preparedness training teaches residents the basics on how to take care of themselves. It emphasizes organizing a plan of escape, stockpiling supplies, and preparing checklists on what needs to be taken during an evacuation.

Residents are told that, in the case of a disaster, they should stay away from downed power lines and should avoid gas leaks.

Most of the training done is hands-on. People attending the sessions are shown how to turn off gas valves, and room-by-room survival training is available. They are also given sample emergency supply kits.

The Danville police typically hold training sessions at events with large groups of people, including homeowner's association meetings. There are concerns that the police force does not have the capability to deal with a disaster of high magnitude, so its goal is to increase coordination among residents and, more importantly, to increase self-dependency.

"There is no way we could support 43,000 people with just 30 officers," said Wenzel. "We have plans in place to establish a command post and deal with all these issues, but we also need to wait for resources from

outside," he added. "We need to make individuals self-sufficient."

The Danville police encourage residents who cannot attend the training sessions to visit its Web site at [www.ci.danville.ca.us](http://www.ci.danville.ca.us), and see "emergency preparedness." There is a list on what to do in case a disaster strikes, and a list of tools and supplies that should be purchased to prepare for a disaster.

Emergency response is nothing new. With the lingering possibility of earthquakes, the town has had protocol in place for years to deal with such events. The disaster preparedness training program was implemented several years ago to help out residents.

"We're as prepared as we can be on these types of incidents. You look at different plans, but with any plan you have, you can't anticipate everything," said Wenzel. "Right now, we're doing the best we can."

To find out more about disaster preparedness training, call 314-3410. ■



### Tasting a tidbit

Mark Heidenreich of the Danville Sycamore Valley Rotary club receives a touch of sauce on goodies he's trying, provided by the Yotaka Sushi Grill at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase, Food & Wine Event last Thursday. Blackhawk Plaza was transformed for the culinary extravaganza into a courtyard of business booths and food and wine offerings.

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## Getting the numbers to add up

*Lack of incentive may hurt  
STAR math results*

by Casey Reivich

Students continue to test well in the school district but math results have raised some concern.

As the student population continues to grow, the percentage of those scoring advanced and proficient on the English and Math Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) tests combined continues to grow as well. Normally as the student population goes up, the scores go down percentage-wise.

The district, however, expressed concern over how middle school and high school students are performing on their STAR math tests.

Leslie Anderson, director of instruction accountability for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, presented an analysis of the high school exit exam and STAR tests to the school board at its last meeting. She identified math results as an area of concern.

"What steps need to be taken to increase proficiency in middle and high school math courses/STAR tests?" Anderson asked.

Whereas 83-87 percent of the students in grades 2-5 are scoring advanced and proficient in math, the percentage drops in the higher grades. School board members

debated whether students lose their motivation to well on standardized tests as they get older.

School Board President Joan Buchanan firmly disagreed with the idea that students lack motivation.

"Other districts say the same thing," said Buchanan. "It's not right to blame the students. We need to take them as real scores. Why do test scores fall in high school? Students still need to know it's important."

In an interview after the school board meeting, Anderson explained that as students get older there are a lot of other tests that vie for their attention.

"When students are in high school there are a lot of things they're planning for: the SATs, college, and they're in AP classes so they're preparing for AP exams," said Anderson. College applications, SAT scores, and AP exam scores all have consequences for students and their post-high school lives. The STAR exam does not.

With all of those competing interests—interests that weigh heavier on the students' minds—there is little incentive, other than a sense of personal best, for students to do well on the STAR exam.

"I don't know if they have a clear purpose in their minds when they're taking it," said Anderson. "They're

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## STAR results

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pretty savvy. Sometimes they need to understand the purpose.”

A few years back, the state offered scholarships to students who performed well on the STAR exams, said Anderson. Those scholarships are no longer offered. There are students, however, that try hard no matter what, said Anderson.

There is no way for a student to study for the STAR exam, said Anderson.

“We should be teaching for the standard,” said Anderson. “We should be preparing by osmosis.”

Another concern is the discrepancy in scores between the students who are adept at math and the students who struggle with math.

Ninety-one percent of the 10th grade students who took the advanced high school math exam passed at an advanced and proficient level, whereas only 28 percent of the 10th graders who took the algebra STAR test passed at an advanced and proficient level. Typically students in the 10th grade are finished with algebra and taking geometry so would not be taking the algebra STAR test.

Even though 2005 results show an improvement for both 10th-graders taking algebra and 10th graders taking the advanced math exam, the chasm between those who excel at math and struggle is still clear—and still a concern to the district.

“If you never understood division in elementary school,” said

Buchanan, “you’re going to struggle all the way through.”

Presently, one way that schools help students struggling with math is by offering a math lab.

“Most of our schools have put into place an additional period of math lab,” said Anderson. “A lot of times when they’re struggling in upper level math class it’s because they didn’t master the facts. The lab helps support basic skills as they take on more skills.”

The difficulty level also increases as students progress, said Anderson, but what has really changed in recent years is when students are expected to learn certain math skills.

“We’re asking kids to do things earlier. When I went to school I took algebra in ninth grade. Now they’re taking it in eighth grade,” said Anderson.

Part of this adjustment is reflected in the numbers. In 2003, only 30 percent of eighth-graders were taking algebra. Of those 30 percent, a whopping 95 percent scored at an advanced and proficient level.

Taking algebra in eighth grade is now considered more standard. In 2005, 49 percent of eighth-graders took algebra. Some were more prepared than others, said Anderson. The percentage of students who passed at advanced and proficient dropped from 2003’s 95 percent to 80 percent.

“When you put more kids in, you’ve got different needs,” said Anderson. “You’ve got to think of strategies for kids so they can take algebra.” ■

## Danville and San Ramon are on the same page

*In mass reading effort, both libraries are providing ‘The Maltese Falcon’*

by Casey Reivich

Does it seem like everyone in town is reading Dashiell Hammett’s classic mystery “The Maltese Falcon”? What could be behind this resurgence in noir fiction in the San Ramon Valley?

If you keep glimpsing “The Maltese Falcon” in purses and on porches, it’s because from Sept. 12 to Oct. 14 the libraries of Danville and San Ramon are sponsoring a city read of the most famous of the Sam Spade novels.

This is the second annual “Two Cities, One Tale” program, which is funded by the foundations of the Danville and San Ramon libraries. It was started last year to promote literacy and a sense of community between Danville and San Ramon.

The libraries often have programs for children and teenagers but do not offer many literacy programs for adults, said Seng Lovan, acting branch librarian at the Danville Library.

“We wanted something for everyone. We know other communities have started a similar program. We wanted to bring some-



CASEY REIVICH

Enjoy a mystery and a latte. Cherubini Coffee House in Alamo has a basket of free copies of “The Maltese Falcon,” which is this year’s book for Danville and San Ramon’s “Two Cities, One Tale” program.

thing to the San Ramon Valley,” said Lovan. In addition to exposing readers to this classic 1929 mystery novel, the program is meant to bring the Danville and San Ramon communities together.

Last year, the program chose John Steinbeck’s “Cannery Row.”

The program was a success, said Lovan. The libraries knew they wanted to make “Two Cities, One Tale” an annual program. They also wanted to maintain the California theme.

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## Danville rated fifth best town for families

Bay Area ranking based on number of families, schools, crime

by Casey Reivich

Danville and other I-680 corridor towns have just been put on the map.

San Francisco Magazine ranked Danville the fifth best town for families to live in the Bay Area in its October issue. The rankings, which ran along with a story about why many families are leaving the city to live in the suburbs, are based on the percentage of households with at least one person under the age of 18, the local school district's Academic Performance Index, and the number of crimes per year per 1,000 people in the area in towns under 100,000.

Neighbors San Ramon was ranked fourth, and Pleasanton came in sixth.

This comes as no surprise, but Danville is a family town. In Danville, 42 percent of households have at least one person under the age of 18, whereas in San Francisco, it's only 17 percent. Oakley had the highest child quotient, with 52 percent.

Danville had the 15th highest median price for a home in the Bay Area at a staggering \$988,000, according to SF Magazine. Hillsborough topped out the list at \$3,325,000 and Monte Rio bottomed out the list at \$220,000. The median price for a home in San Francisco was \$775,000.

In terms of education, the schools of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District ranked 10th in the Bay Area with an API score of 874. The Academic Performance Index is a numeric

scale that shows how students are performing on the state's standardized tests. Schools can score as low as 200 and as high as 1,000. The target score for all schools is 800. Hillsborough tops the list again with an API score of 948, and East Palo Alto was at the bottom of the list with an API score of 591. Pleasanton is ranked 15th, with an API score of 870.

The rankings also show that Danville is a safe area. Based on the number of crimes, ranging from petty crimes to murders, Danville is ranked the 13th safest town in the Bay Area with 20 crimes committed per year per 1,000 people. San Ramon is ranked 36th, and Walnut Creek is 69th, out of 107. San Francisco has a safer ranking than Pleasant Hill, Santa Cruz and Albany.

There was one category where Danville didn't fare so well. SF Magazine combined API scores with the median price of homes to come up with an "Educational Bank for the Buck" rating. The magazine's intent was to show how many API points a student will get for every \$10,000 of a family's home's worth. Danville came in at 67, with people in Danville getting 5.77 for every \$10,000 of a family's home's worth.

This says more about the incredible cost of living here, however, and less about the quality of education. Other towns have a better balance of affordable housing and quality education. Monte Rio was ranked No. 1 with 17.55 API per \$10,000; and San Ramon ranked 28 with 6.51 API per \$10,000. ■

## 'Maltese Falcon'

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Lovan and Joyce Gunn, senior branch librarian at the San Ramon Library, chose the quintessential San Francisco mystery novel "The Maltese Falcon." This is also the mystery novel's 75th anniversary.

Free copies of "The Maltese Falcon" are in baskets all over San Ramon and Danville. This year, there are 25 locations, including Rakestraw Books in Danville, Cherubini Coffee Shop in Alamo, Bay Books in San Ramon and the San Ramon Valley Unified District offices, said Lovan.

Act quickly, however, because books are being snatched up fast. Lovan estimated the baskets at the distribution locations have to be replenished weekly and the libraries' baskets are replenished daily.

Inside the baskets are a copy of the book and a CityRead bookmark that explains the program. Also each book has a book log on the inside cover. Once a person is finished with a book, the program

encourages the reader to pass the copy of "The Maltese Falcon" along to someone else. Before passing it along, readers should note their initials and ZIP codes. The program asks for copies to be returned to distribution sites or the libraries themselves, but Lovan understands that often does not happen. The librarians include the book log because they want to see who participated in the program and where they were from, she said.

At the end of the month-long read, both San Ramon and Danville will host a program related to the book. The San Ramon Library showed the classic film adaptation of "The Maltese Falcon," which stars Humphrey Bogart, on Tuesday evening.

CityRead will conclude with a slideshow presentation of the Dashiell Hammett San Francisco Tour at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Danville Village Theatre. Author and literary tour guide Don Herron will be giving the free presentation. For more information, check out [www.contra-costa.lib.ca.us/programs/dan.html](http://www.contra-costa.lib.ca.us/programs/dan.html). ■



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## Rose Street

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ings, the new zone permits apartments on second floors.

Danville hopes its new property on Rose Street can be redeveloped in accordance with Area 11 zoning and that the redeveloped property offers an incentive to other property owners on north Hartz.

Ferreira believes north Hartz will eventually be redeveloped and that it should be.

“The south end of town developed, the north end had to follow,” said Ferreira. “Our property will contribute greatly to the city’s efforts in the north end of town.”

If the town is successful in finding a partner for a mixed-use project on Rose Street, the new apartments will go toward the town’s affordable housing goal, said Calabrigo. Because the town paid for the property from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Debt Service Fund, which had a total of \$1.1 million, it either has to develop affordable housing out of the Rose Street property or eventually pay the money back into the fund, said Calabrigo.

The town has not yet reached out to adjoining property owners to discuss redeveloping the property, said Calabrigo. In the meantime, Ferreira plans to demolish the existing house and detached garage on the property. The close of escrow is Jan. 1.

“Once he turns the property over to us, we will use it for parking in the interim,” said Calabrigo. The lot will probably provide 18-20 parking spots, said Calabrigo. “It will help some of those businesses in that area,” he said. ■

## Pombo

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responsibility of increasing revenues to the federal government by \$2.4 million in this year’s budget reconciliation package, explained Kennedy. “Each of its subcommittee staffs must identify revenue-generating options within their jurisdictions,” he said. “These brainstorming options are compiled into one document and sent to CBO so that each can be ‘scored’ to determine the value of identified assets and returned to committee staff.”

Kennedy said the document that was inadvertently released was not a proposal, a bill or draft legislation of any kind. “It was a roughly 300-page inventory of assets and options to be used by the committee and its chairman in the development of an official budget reconciliation proposal,” he said.

Pombo representative Roxanne Lindsay was scheduled to attend the dedication of the Eugene O’Neill commemorative in downtown Danville on Wednesday, Sept. 28, and to present an Award of Congressional Recognition. ■

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# Diablo Views

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## Who are these people?

Last week I accepted an invitation to a Kiwanis club luncheon from Marge Jensen, whose TouchStone Marketing is right across the street from us on Diablo Road, because I wanted to know: What is the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley and who are its members?

Kiwanis. Rotary. I knew they were "service clubs" and I knew they "welcome you" to any town in America with those old-fashioned signs at the entrance. But I didn't quite have a handle on who joins and what they do. The local Kiwanis is best known for the Danville Fourth of July Parade each year—it draws 30,000 people but I'm not sure everyone knows to give the Kiwanis credit. The club also sponsors an annual golf tournament in the spring.

The Kiwanis lunch I attended last Thursday was at Mudd's Restaurant in San Ramon where they meet every week in the Fireside Room. It turned out to be a very pleasant hour and a half spent among good-natured folks who obviously are friends to each other plus interested in helping people in the community and the greater world. This particular day they honored special guest Dick Waldo, former mayor of Danville and man about town, and celebrated his 80th birthday. It was actually six months after his birthday but the Kiwanis don't worry about such trivialities. Danville Town Councilman Mike Shimansky was another guest, who gave an impromptu speech about his recent two weeks in Houston helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Kiwanis president Stuart Steele presented Mike with a check to the Red Cross for \$1,000.

Toward the beginning of the meeting, folks took turns putting "happy" dollars and "sad" dollars into a basket that was carried from

speaker to speaker. Elizabeth Gonzalez put in \$1 because she was happy to have just become engaged. Others followed suit, giving dollars—and more than just one—because they shared in Elizabeth's happiness and adding more dollars as they told their own good news. Many gave sad dollars. Some worried about family members hunkered down in Houston waiting for Rita to attack. It was a spontaneous way to share their thoughts and what was new in their lives while raising money.

States and Canada, and in 1962 expanded worldwide. The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley was one of the first to admit a woman, incoming president Bill Shryer told me. In 1987, Joan Franciosa August became the first woman member in the entire California-Hawaii-Nevada District. "She'd come as my guest many times," recalled Dave Stegman. He said Bill Blendow—who never needed a microphone—stood up at a meeting and announced loudly, "I think it's time for us to induct a woman into this club." They nominated Jonie and voted her in, not worrying about protocol. "Now a good part of our success is that a very strong portion of our club are women, so Jonie paved the way for that," said Stegman. "It is one-third woman now, which has made it much stronger and more representative of what we do in the community."

The San Ramon Valley club gives to the community through the Child Car Seat Inspection Program, the Danville Library Book Sale, the Contra Costa County Food Band, the Adopt a Family Program and more, giving \$30,000-\$40,000 annually, according to Stegman. But what impressed me most at the luncheon was the fellowship of the members. They seemed to truly care about each other's daily lives and their happy and sad happenings. They listened a lot, and they laughed a lot and were warm and funny. And the vegetarian lasagna at Mudd's was delicious. If you want to do some good in the community, and meet some nice folks, you might consider dedicating time to this group. Newcomers can attend three luncheons to get the flavor before joining, Marge told me. More information is available at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org); or telephone 831-3802 and talk to Marge. ■

This particular day they honored special guest Dick Waldo, former mayor of Danville and man about town, and celebrated his 80th birthday. It was actually six months after his birthday but the Kiwanis don't worry about such trivialities.

A new member was initiated into the club and given two minutes to talk about anything he wanted—himself or his business. After the initiation, if members mention their businesses they are fined. Making business contacts is not the club's purpose. The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Mich., in 1915, as a men's club and for the first few years there was some debate over whether it should be dedicated to community service or whether its purpose should be the exchange of business. Service won out. It spread throughout the United

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# Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS

## POLICE LOG

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

### Sept. 20

- Possession of concealed firearm: Arrest on Center Wy. and Shadowhark Cr., at 1:43 a.m.
- Petty theft-from vehicle: on La Gonda Wy., at 7:06 a.m.
- Trespassing: on Hartz Ave., at 9:29 a.m.
- Petty theft-from building: on Verde Mesa Dr., at 9:22 a.m.
- Identity theft: on Dolcita Ct., at 9:40 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on I-680 southbound and Sycamore Valley Rd., at 10:22 a.m.
- Sex offense-disrupt school activity: Arrest on Stone Valley Rd., at 1:15 a.m.
- Disturbing the peace: on Winfield Ln., at 8:20 p.m.

### Sept. 21

- Driving under the influence (DUI) - misdemeanor: Arrest on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave., at 12:33 a.m.
- Grand theft-from vehicle: on Shelterwood Pl., at 3:14 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on W. Prospect Ave. and E. Prospect Ave., at 3:20 p.m.
- Battery-misdemeanor: on Cliffside Dr., at 2:59 p.m.
- Petty theft-shoplifting: on San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 3:31 p.m.
- Accident-injury: on Danville Blvd. and La Gonda Wy., at 4:57 p.m.
- Abandoned vehicle roadway: on Camino Tassajara and Rassani Dr., at 5:02 p.m.
- Grand theft-all other: on Hill Meadow Pl., at 4:35 p.m.

### Sept. 22

- Stolen vehicle: on Remington Dr., at 8:12 a.m.
- Petty theft-all other: on Love Ln., at 8:35 a.m.
- Misdemeanor-other: on Love Ln., at 8:35 a.m.
- Stolen vehicle: on Esther Ln., at 7:29 a.m.
- Petty theft-from vehicle: El Dorado Av., at 8:19 a.m.
- Petty theft-from vehicle: on Verona Ave., at 9:13 a.m.

## FIRE BULLETIN

### Fire causes \$750,000 damage to home

A residential fire broke out on Adobe Court at 8:14 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22, causing damages of \$750,000. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to fire reports; however, foul play has been ruled out.

The fire caused major smoke and water damage to the interior of the home. Most of the damage was concentrated in the garage, said Investigator Darrell Jones of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. The

damage estimate is \$500,000 for the house and \$250,000 for its contents.

The fire warranted a second alarm, meaning that additional resources were needed to fight the fire. Response teams included four engines, one ladder truck and one paramedic. They were able to control the blaze in less than an hour.

One injury was reported but it was not life threatening. No one was transported to the hospital from the scene of the accident.

- Grand theft-bicycle: on Camino Amigo, at 11:05 a.m.
- Petty theft-all other: on Del Amigo Rd., at 10:53 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Love Ln., at 1:29 p.m.
- Abandoned vehicle roadway: on Hartz Ave., at 2:18 p.m.
- Theft of access card: on Quintera Ln., at 2:26 p.m.
- Warrant arrest: Arrest on El Rio Rd., at 3:59 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on San Ramon Valley and Sycamore Valley Rd., West, at 4:44 p.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Cr, at 11:09 p.m.

### Sept. 23

- Disturbing the peace: on Manchester St., at 8:41 a.m.
- Arrest: San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 9:53 a.m.
- Possession of destructive device: on Diablo Rd., at 11:14 p.m.

### Sept. 24

- Drugs-under influence: Arrest on Adagio Dr. and Greenbrook Dr., at 2:29 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Bonanza Wy., at 7:20 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Ramae Ct., at 7:37 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Sorrento Ct., at 9:57 a.m.
- Credit card fraud: on Plaza Cr., at 10:04 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Ynez Cr., at 8:30 p.m.

### Sept. 25

- Accident-injury: Accident investigation on El Pintado Rd., at 12:12 a.m.
- Battery-misdemeanor: on San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 5:33 p.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on New Boston Ct., and Tunbridge Rd., at 7:57 p.m.

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

### ALAMO

#### Sept. 19

- Burglary-residential: on Smith Rd.
- Malicious mischief: on Danville Blvd.

#### Sept. 21

- Grand theft-from vehicle: on Stephanie Ln.

#### Sept. 22

- Burglary-residential: on Stone Creek

#### Sept. 24

- Vandalism-felony: on Miranda Ave.

### BLACKHAWK

#### Sept. 23

- Burglary-commercial: on Blackhawk Plaza Cr.

### DANVILLE

#### Sept. 19

- Grand theft-from building: on Blue Spruce Ct.

### ROUNDHILL

#### Sept. 22

- Petty theft-all other: on Oakshire Pl.

## James 'Jim' Ennever Crossen

James "Jim" Crossen, long-time Contra Costa and Bay Area architect, passed peacefully into rest at Sutter Delta Memorial Hospital in Antioch on Sept. 22 at the age of 89. He was born in Jamaica, Queens, New York, on Aug. 27, 1916, and graduated from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. He moved to Contra Costa County following six years of active duty in the U.S. Navy during WWII, where he saw action in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters as a gunnery officer.



He was a senior architect and later a minority partner in Confer, Crossen and Nance of Pleasant Hill from 1955-80. He was the principal architect of many Contra Costa landmarks, including John Muir Hospital, St. Isidore and St. Raymond Catholic churches, De La Salle and Carondelet high schools, the renovation to San Ramon Valley High School, the athletic facility renovations at Los Medanos and Diablo Valley community colleges, the San Ramon Valley fire station in Danville, the Contra Costa County Jail in Martinez, and the Martinez Veterans Affairs Hospital renovation of the 1970s.

He and his wife Kay came to the San Ramon Valley in 1949 and raised four children. He was active in the Danville community from 1950-92, coaching over 200 players in Little League, Babe Ruth and Connie Mack baseball leagues. He was a longstanding member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), a past president of Danville Rotary, a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Isidore's, and served on the San Ramon Valley Planning Commission for three years. In 1977, he led the cause to save the historic valley Oak Tree when Diablo Road was widened to four lanes.

During his life, he was an accomplished swimmer, bowler, bicyclist and an avid golfer. His

favorite sports profession to follow was the Ladies Professional Golf Association. He marshaled eight PGA events in Alamo, Sacramento and San Jose in the 1970s and 1980s. He was also known at the Blackhawk Golf and Country Club where he was the golf course marshal for 12 years.

He is survived by his four loving children, Patricia Crossen of Fremont, Michele Crossen of Hayward, Jim Crossen and daughter-in-law Lissa of Morgan Hill, and Paul Crossen and daughter-in-law Linda of Antioch; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death in 1991 by his wife of 47 years, Katherine R. Crossen. Memorial services were held at St. Isidore's on Sept. 26. Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

## Cindy Fryer

Cindy Fryer was born March 18, 1935, and peacefully passed away Sunday morning, Sept. 11, at her home surrounded by her family after a short battle with lung cancer.

She moved to Diablo in 1968 and then to Danville in 1979. She enjoyed three successful careers. First, she was a stay-at-home mom and raised three children. Then she ventured into retail sales of men's clothing for Roos Atkins where she established a loyal clientele. She retired last year after 22 years as the office manager for Leo Rosi, CPA. She enjoyed traveling the world with friends and family but Lake Tahoe was her special getaway place.

She is survived by her ex-husband Gil Fryer of Tuolumne; her three children and their spouses Tammy Richard (Kerry) of Danville; Gil Fryer (Candy) of Bellingham, Wash.; and Cindy Erhart (Jeff) of San Ramon. She was preceded in death by her sisters Patty and Effie and her brother Phil. She also is survived by seven grandchildren and many wonderful friends.

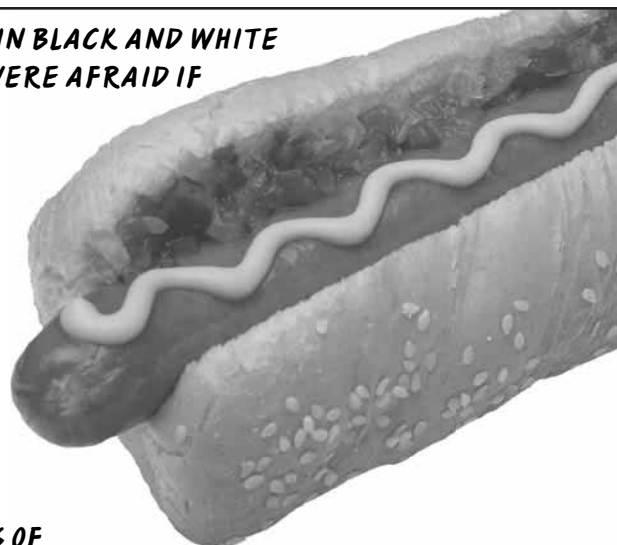
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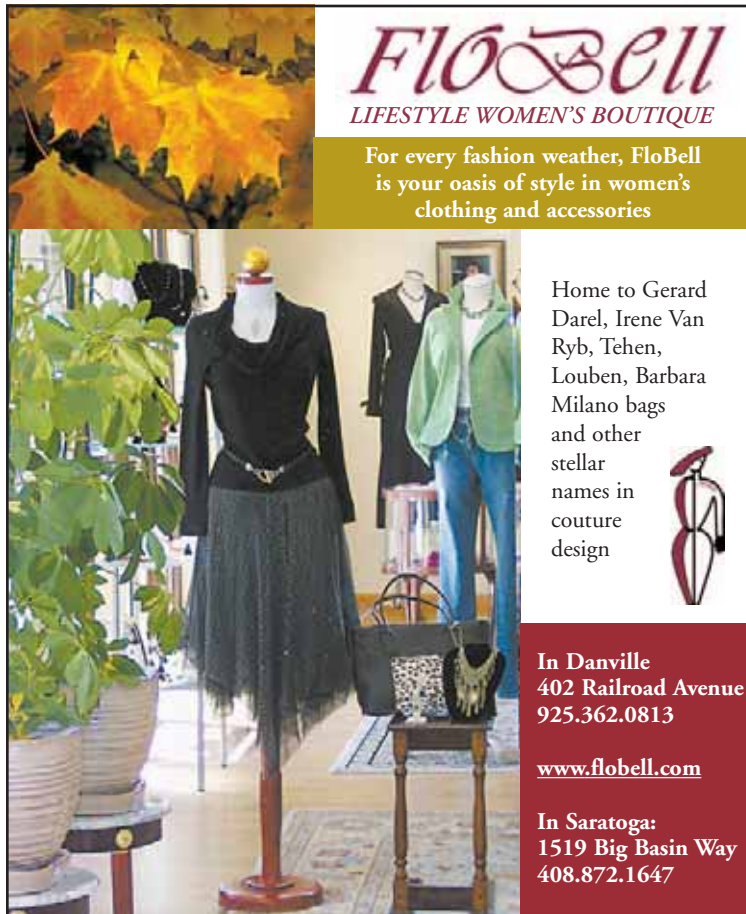
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# Perspective

EDITORIALS • LETTERS • OPINIONS

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Setting the record straight for Piepho on disbanded committees

by Nancy Dommes

Supervisor Mary N. Piepho (District 3) was quoted in a Letter to the Editor on Sept. 16 as attempting to "set the record straight" about terminating 13 leaders of Alamo Parks and Recreation and Zone 36 advisory committees.

The serious overriding questions on financial accountability were primary reasons for each committee providing factual information to the new supervisor. The committees also sought, so they had hoped, to work out problems with the County Public Works Department in delaying projects. The questions raised still remain for Alamo, and perhaps other county areas as well. The subsequent diversion into a blame game centering on volunteer advisory committees is a red herring.

- With over \$4.5 million in Alamo tax dollars, why haven't projects been completed in over three years?

- Did the advisory committees create "problems" for the county when they pressed for progress and accountability?

- The volunteers really were whistleblowers on waste, bureaucratic inefficiency and lack of financial accounting. Could this be why only reworked "drafts" of budgets were shown to the committees, not actual, accurate, monthly accounting?

- Has the money been spent elsewhere? In 1996, Alamo money was diverted to the Town of Danville. An R-7A volunteer member discovered and pursued it by going outside of Contra Costa County Public Works Special Districts (PWSD) to find out answers. Would Public Works have ever admitted this diversion if not discovered by this volunteer? Over \$235,000 was then returned to R-7A, without the interest accrued. Is this a similar situation?

- The terminated committees were told in August they were prohibited from addressing discrepancies outside of PWSD. With admittedly understaffed county offices, after trying to obtain accurate information from PWSD, why shouldn't volunteers be watchdogs and try to untangle errant situations?

- Currently, there is over \$615,000 sitting idle in the Park Dedication Fees special funds for use in Alamo, some of these amounts for nearly four years. Can the County Public Works Department respond to why these funds have not been used for park renovations? Will these funds, as required by law, need to be returned to developers because the county allowed the five-year spending timeframes to expire?

- When Zone 36 was told by Public Works Special District's planner that it would be bankrupt within a year, a committee volunteer discovered that over \$60,000 had not been carried over on its budget! The account was solvent because of a diligent volunteer.

Every community deserves well-functioning advisory boards but that is a small part of putting together a project and tracking the tax dollars. The burden and accountability for that lies not on the 13 advisory volunteers but on the many bureaucratic professional and elected officials. Misinformation, delayed information, reasons why things could not be done, was always relayed to these Advisory Committees. Ponder this: How could the smaller committee, including a four-month meeting hiatus, still be charged a usurious 26 percent of its annual budget in administrative fees? Similar areas of the county have been charged nothing for their admin fees or substantially lesser per-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**'Your suggestion ... is offensive and baseless'**

Dear Editor:

On Sept. 20, the Danville Town Council passed a resolution supporting disaster relief efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina and urging residents and businesses within the town to support disaster relief efforts. The resolution included a number of actions including committing a portion of the proceeds from an upcoming theater production and reducing expenditures committed previously, to support much needed relief efforts. A total of \$10,000 in funding was committed to the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity.

Your Sept. 23 editorial criticizes this action on the basis that it sets a bad precedent, and further that the town might suddenly begin to dole out public funds for any and all "causes." Consideration of the fact that in the 23 years since incorporation, the town has never previously committed funds for such a purpose should have allayed such concerns. Danville's Town Council members are well aware of their fiduciary responsibility to the residents and taxpayers of Danville and your suggestion that bank balances are viewed as their "personal checkbook" is offensive and baseless.

There are very specific limits and requirements that govern how public funds can be expended. The Town Council's action on Sept. 20 was within those requirements and limits.

In light of clearly extraordinary

circumstances—what has been quantified as the worst natural disaster in the history of our country—the town, like many other local governments state and nationwide, felt that it was appropriate to act. At some point in the future, when Danville, the Bay Area and California need to deal with a significant natural disaster of our own, we can only hope that other agencies will provide similar mutual aid and support our efforts.

*Joe Calabrigo  
Danville Town Manager*

**Supports council action**

Dear Editor:

Role Players Ensemble is a non-profit organization that stages three plays a year in association with the town of Danville. The town receives a percentage of ticket sales in exchange for use of the Village Theatre for 14 productions of each play, rehearsal space and the assistance of town staff as lighting and sound technicians. The town averages about \$10,000 for each show, depending on the number of tickets sold and the ticket price.

It is my understanding that the \$10,000 the Town Council plans to donate to Katrina relief efforts will come from the town's portion of ticket sales generated from "Red Hot and Cole," playing Oct. 13-Nov. 5. While the patrons of Role Players Ensemble productions are certainly taxpayers, the funds generated from ticket sales are not the normal tax-related stream of revenue for the town, such as property taxes, license fees, etc. While I am not sure how the town allocates its

funds generated from the ticket sales, it most likely goes into the general fund.

It is, in my opinion, a bit of a stretch to say that the town is using "public funds for anything other than town services." I realize the term "public funds" could be parsed from here to eternity but your editorial makes it sound as though the Town Council is raiding the public coffers for personal charitable donations and jeopardizing its ability to cover the costs of governance, infrastructure and maintenance. This is far from the truth.

Your thoughts concerning the "right role for local government in a natural disaster" are thoughtful and well considered. However, in consideration of Danville's realistic ability to provide the type of mutual aid efforts you describe, I support the alternative adopted by the Town Council.

*Gary G. DeAtley, Danville*

**Thanks, Town Council, for giving**

Dear Editor:

As a long time Danville resident I strongly disagree with last week's editorial "Whose money is it?" You stated that town officials have a fiduciary responsibility to refrain from using town resources for anything other than town services. While I agree that town officials have a fiduciary responsibility to protect our money, I also believe they have a moral obligation to be leaders in our community and to represent its best interests.

The \$10,000 contribution to help

amounts: Zone 36 has \$155,000; R7-A has \$3.5 million; and Roads Area of Benefit has \$1.2 million-\$1.6 million. A total of almost \$5 million. There is also a Park Dedication Fee account with over \$615,000.

- Why have all of the supervisor-approved projects not been funded and completed from these Alamo accounts?
- Why have there been bureaucratic slow-downs?
- Has the money been diverted to other accounts or used to balance the budget of Contra Costa County?
- Why, for over three years, have

the children at Livorna Park been denied baby swings, and the ADA compliant safety upgrades been waylaid? Especially since both project renovation plans are supervisor-approved, ready to bid, and the funds available to do so.

These are the questions I would like answered so I and many Alamoans can stop scratching our confused heads over volunteer terminations and get straight to the Real Problem.

*Nancy Dommes is a former staff member of R-7A and a terminated member of Zone 36.*

THE POINT OF THE PEN



in the relief efforts of what President Bush has described as "the greatest natural disaster in our nation's history" represents 0.05 percent of the town's 2005-06 operating budget based upon the town's fall edition of "Danville Today." So this \$10,000 represents a contribution of \$0.21 for each of Danville's 46,000 residents. Needless to say this contribution will not materially alter any of the town's programming or capital improvement plans. Further, I am sure any contribution would be made in complete compliance with town, county, state or federal law or regulation.

The Danville community has always demonstrated it has a giving heart for those in need, whether a neighbor in town, fellow American

2,300 miles away, or a person halfway around the world as demonstrated in the December 2004 tsunami relief efforts. While typically private individuals, churches and non-profit organizations have taken the lead in coordinating our giving efforts, this contribution from the "Town of Danville" is not only appropriate but also needed. The Town Council has demonstrated that we as a community stand with the people of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast and will support them in their time of need.

The Town Council has demonstrated the leadership and reflected the generosity of our community. Rather than condemning them, I thank them for taking this action.

*Kevin Donovan, Danville*

**Guest editorial**

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centages of their budgets. Is it because there *is* money in these Alamo accounts and it's convenient to charge fees because there is no elected official who will challenge the charges? These volunteers asked these questions!

Let's straighten the record and get to the real crux of the problem. Alamo has three committees that we believe have accounts with the following approximate dollar

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## Bruns



There are a few other similar in California, but Bruns House is its kind in the East Bay. Bruns House was founded by Lt. George H. Bruns III of Lafayette. He donated substantial funding through the Lt. G.H. Bruns III Foundation. The house was finished after Lt. Bruns died in 1951 while serving in the U.S. Air Force.

"It was definitely needed," says Kathy Kavanagh.

"The first year we served 265 patients," she says.

Most of the patients' costs are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance companies.

From the outside, the Bruns House looks like any other home on the residential streets of Alamo. It's a cream-colored house with a dark green trim, lots of trees, and a large front porch. A welcome mat leads the visitor inside to a comfortable living room with a big screen TV, a huge spot light, and a garden in the back with a barbeque shaded by a large tree.

The Bruns House is staffed with a registered nurse 24 hours a day, licensed practical nurses, health aid, a cook/housekeeper, and social workers and chaplains who visit the patients.

"The cook provides food for the patients. They can bring in their own food and we'll cook it," says Sanui. "Sometimes they want to have a big family meal together—make something special, a favorite meal or secret recipe. Life is about family. We can help families a lot."

"We try to make it a family affair. One of the biggest benefits here is that it's a family center, this is a place for families to have a dying experience. We try to have the group together."

"I think one of the most important things about the Bruns House is that they support the patient, they support the family," says Kathy Kavanagh. "When I was taking care of my father, my daughter role had completely changed. I was too busy being the caretaker."

"At Bruns House, I could rest. I could be in the bed and hold his hand. It took a lot of time that I might have missed something. I don't have known to do. That was a relief that could give me."

Shannon Rightmire has such fond memories of her grandfather's last days there. She has volunteered at the Bruns House. "It's a great place, it's your house, too," she says. "My grandfather was so great. They treated him like a person, not their grandpa. They would sit with him, they would keep him company. My grandfather loved chicken, so they'd make that every day. He still liked his wine, so he had a glass of wine. He still liked his beer—anything they wanted."

Food preferences are one way the Bruns House caters to patients. "They get what they want to eat. We don't worry so much about it. We do what the patient wants. They can eat chocolate cake if that's what they want. They can have beer—anything they want."

Being in control is not a feeling we associate with dying. Yet, as anyone who has nursed a loved one through a terminal illness knows, the freedom to make even small decisions at the end of life can be the difference between dignity and despair.

James G. Kavanagh was an ex-Navy man—the kind of guy used to calling the shots. When the 87-year-old's prostate cancer metastasized, Kavanagh's family took turns caring for him in shifts so he could remain at home where he felt comfortable and in control.

"I slept on the floor next to his bed so I could help him if he needed anything in the middle of the night," says his daughter, Kathy Kavanagh.

When Kavanagh's pain got too intense to manage at home, his daughter was grateful that he could go to the Bruns House—a unique hospice facility that combines the best of top-notch hospital care and a home environment.

"We talk to patients. We ask them what they're afraid of," says Delisa Sanui, inpatient facility manager. "Often they're afraid they'll be in pain or they won't be able to breathe. We tell them what we can do and we come up with a whole plan. Then we put the plan into effect so they won't suffer, so they won't have pain."

"The most important thing is that they listen to the patient," says Kathy. "As long as the patient has a breath, he is in control."

In Kavanagh's final hours, the staff not only listened to him, they almost sensed his needs.

"The last night his pain level soared," says Kathy. "They worked so hard. There was this

young nurse and, even though my dad was asleep, she noticed the tension in his expression. She sat by his bed and massaged above his eyes. She did that for an hour."

That's one example of the type of care for which the Bruns House is known. Founded in July 2004 by the Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa, Bruns House was designed to provide another option, rather than a hospital or home care, to families caring for dying loved ones.

**"I think one of the most important things about the Bruns House is that they don't just support the patient, they support the whole family."**

—Kathy Kavanagh

With typical hospice care, the nurses and staff go to the patient's home intermittently to provide medical and other care, but the patient's family and friends or hired caregivers are primarily responsible for the bulk of the

patient's care.

"At the end of life, 24-hour round-the-clock care is often required, and it's really difficult for the family," says Sanui, who has 10 years of hospice experience. "When a family comes here, they can step back and be family. The nurses provide all the care, and we have a doctor who comes in daily so there is a lot of medical supervision and continuity of care."

"What I've really noticed is a huge difference is that the families are able to process their grief differently," she continues. "They're able to address end-of-life issues much better than they can do when they're at home, awake 24 hours a day providing all the hands-on care. It's a big issue, and here we spend a lot of time helping them go through the whole dying and grieving process."

The traditional alternative for an overwhelmed family or a patient who needs more intense pain management than can be provided at home is for the patient to be admitted to a hospital. While hospitals can meet medical needs, they aren't typically prepared to deal with the myriad of emotional and social needs of the dying and their families. Hospitals also have rigid rules about visiting hours, food allowed and no-pet policies that can be upsetting to patients and families already going through a stressful time.

"We wanted some place home-like for patients to go at the end of life where they could receive care (comparable to a hospital)," says Cindy Siljastrom, CEO of Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa.

# ay goodbye

by Kathy Cordova

## House offers a peaceful ending

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(with doctor's permission).

"One woman ate only chocolate ice cream. She was too ill to speak, but her eyes would light up when you asked her, 'Do you want some chocolate ice cream?'"

Bruns House also allows pets, which can be a great comfort to patients. "We've had cats and dogs visit. One lady was a little confused and would get agitated, but her family would bring her poodle and as long as he sat in her lap, she was fine," said Sanui. "One patient even had her horse visit her in the back yard!"

The staff is surprisingly cheerful, considering their work.

"The way I look at it when I come to work, is I'm going to make the dying process easier for someone today. I don't look at it like a patient's going to die today," says Sanui. "You can see someone peacefully slip away without pain or agitation. I know that I have the power in me to make that difference. To make sure they're not suffering; to empower them to make their own choices and take care of unresolved issues; to make sure they get to die the way they want to die."

Kathy Kavanagh believes that philosophy made all the difference for her father. "The care they gave him was just amazing. He felt safe," she says. "Like it was finally OK to give up and let go and stop charging through. He really went in a peaceful way." ■

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  - Imminent death: The best care possible during the final phase of life.
  - Transitional care: Teaching caregivers the necessary skills to prepare for discharge of the patient to home or an extended care facility.



KATHY CORDOVA

The staff at Bruns House, with facility manager Delisa Sanui on the telephone, and (l-r) nurse Megan Vinson, Darbi Finley and Barbara Moody, discuss a new incoming patient.

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-Kendall Horalek, age 9  
Giants Day speech

## Diabetes facts

While Type 1 diabetes is often referred to as juvenile diabetes, anyone of any age can be diagnosed with this debilitating disease.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease, where the body can no longer produce insulin.

Type 2 diabetes is a metabolic disorder in which a person can still produce insulin, but is unable to use it effectively.

In the U.S., a new case of diabetes is diagnosed every 30 seconds. More than 1.3 million people are diagnosed each year.

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## Warning signs of Type 1 diabetes

- Extreme thirst
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- Increased appetite
- Sudden weight loss
- Drowsiness or lethargy

# Sugar shock

Family works and walks for juvenile diabetes research

by Cathy Jetter

Answers. At some point, every parent has searched for them. From toddler tantrums to teenage angst, no parent gets through the adventure of raising children without desperately searching for answers to thousands of quandaries. And resources to provide answers abound in our modern day world of Web sites, support groups and libraries.

But sometimes, the answers aren't that simple; sometimes there is no answer at all. Alamo's Jim and Deneka Horalek discovered that early in their parenting career when the very experts who should have all the answers informed them that their then 2-year-old daughter, Kendall, has Type 1 diabetes.

"There is no cure for diabetes," Jim said. "We chase the disease, we try to control the disease. But right now, there is no answer."

Type 1 diabetes, or juvenile diabetes as it is sometimes called, is an autoimmune disease. For reasons not yet understood, the immune system of a Type 1 diabetic attacks specialized cells, "beta cells," which live in the pancreas. These beta cells are necessary to produce the hormone insulin. Insulin's job is to move the glucose (sugars) that we get from food out of the blood and distribute it throughout our bodies to be used as energy. When there are no beta cells to produce the insulin that removes the glucose, the glucose stays in the bloodstream causing serious damage to all the organ systems of the body.

Kendall's diagnosis came soon after Deneka noticed her daughter's constant thirst and exceptionally wet diapers, two of the early warning signs for Type 1 diabetes.

"My very astute wife became concerned, so she took Kendall in for a checkup," Jim remembered. "The doctor's phone call following the office visit relayed the diagnosis and instructed us to pack up and take Kendall immediately to Oakland Children's Hospital. Her mother and I took about 30 seconds to collapse and cry, then our type A personalities took over."

At Children's Hospital, it took only 24 hours for infusions to stabilize Kendall. The doctors had told them to pack for five to seven days for other reasons.

"Very quickly we realized they were not going to release Kendall until the hospital staff felt confident that we knew how to take care of her," Jim explained. "The long stay was all about training us. There were five nights worth of videos to watch, and oranges for practicing our subcutaneous injection skills. We were determined to learn it all, as quickly as possible. Two-and-a-half days after our arrival, we took Kendall home."

Armed with all available information, the Horaleks began their 24-hour-a-day vigil to maintain Kendall's blood sugar levels. "Finger pricks had to be done every three to five hours, around the clock, to make sure her levels were stable. She needed insulin shots two or three times a day," said Jim. "We had to monitor her eating, make sure she ate at the right times, ate the right foods, and then, once again, check her blood sugar levels. And remember, this was a 2-year-old little girl, doing all the things other 2-year-olds do. It was a challenge."

As Kendall got older the finger pricks increased, as did the number of insulin shots. "Insulin treats the problem but it is not a cure," Jim stressed, explaining that insulin allows Type 1 diabetics to live, but only with constant monitoring, and the knowledge that at any time they may be faced with life-threatening complications.

While insulin is a diabetic's lifeline, it does not protect the body from the long-term dangers that can result from high blood sugar levels. Blindness, kidney and cardiovascular disease and neuropathy are all potential complications of Type 1 diabetes. The only true

answer is to find a cure.

That is the singular goal of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. As president of the Greater Bay Area Chapter of the foundation, Jim Horalek is doing his part to make sure it happens as quickly as possible. Money, of course, is the key.

"Each year our chapter raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for JDRF; 85 percent of those funds go directly to science and research," he said.

The foundation's benchmark event is the annual Walk to Cure Diabetes, which takes place at sites throughout Northern California and the United States. On Oct. 2, Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek will host the East Bay Walk. "Last year over 2,000 participants raised more than \$800,000 at Heather Farm," said Jim.

Of course, all three Horaleks will be at Heather Farm on Sunday. Kendall, now 11, will take time from her normal preteen schedule of soccer and friends to walk with mom and dad.

Activities like this have become easier since last year when Kendall began using an insulin pump to deliver a steady level of insulin to her body through a catheter, allowing her to forgo the daily injections.



All three members of the Horalek family—Jim, Deneka and their daughter Kendall—will participate Sunday in the Walk to Cure Diabetes. Kendall was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at age 2 and sometimes speaks in public about what it is like to live with the disease.

"The pump lets me eat what my friends are eating when they eat it," she added with a smile. "But I still have to monitor my blood levels."

Kendall and her parents work hard to keep the active adolescent's life as normal as possible, and Kendall shares her positive outlook with others more recently diagnosed with the disease.

"When people find out they have diabetes, they don't know what to expect. I tell them it's not that scary," she said.

To help educate those who might not understand the complex aspects of Type 1 diabetes, Kendall has given several speeches—sharing her experiences and asking for help to find a cure.

"The most exciting speech I gave was at Giant's stadium when I was 9," she recalled. "There were thousands of people; it was pretty nerve-wracking."

Countless finger pricks, thousands of insulin injections and a young life spent coping with a very adult situation may have given Kendall the confidence to speak before thousands, but they are not what any parents want for their child. A life free of needles and drugs is what the Horaleks and other parents of diabetic children are working and waiting for; it is the only answer they will accept. ■

## AT THE MOVIES

**CinéArts @ Pleasant Hill:** 2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill (687-1100)  
**Century 14 Walnut Creek:** 1201 Locust St., Walnut Creek (937-7025)  
**Blackhawk Movie 7:** 4175 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville (736-0368)  
**Crow Canyon 6:** 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon (820-4831)  
**Hacienda Crossings 20/ Regal Imax Theater:** 5000 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin (560-9600)  
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<b>Batman Begins (PG-13)</b>	<b>Regal Imax Theaters:</b> Fri-Tues 10 p.m.
<b>Broken Flowers (R)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:50, 5:05, 9:20 p.m.
<b>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)</b>	<b>Regal Imax Theaters:</b> Fri-Tues 3:30, 7:15 p.m.
<b>Cry Wolf (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 3:30, 5:55, 10:30
<b>Everything is Illuminated (PG-13)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 11:55, 2:15, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15 p.m.
<b>Flightplan (PG-13)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:35 p.m. <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 12:30, 2:25, 3:10, 4:45, 5:35, 7:10, 8, 9:35, 10:25 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 12:40, 2:10, 3:10, 4:40, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50, 10:45 p.m.
<b>History of Violence (R)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m. <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues Noon, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10 p.m.
<b>In Her Shoes (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Sat 7:30 p.m.
<b>Into the Blue (PG-13)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 2, 4:30, 7, 9:35 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:35 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:50, 10:40 p.m.
<b>Just Like Heaven (PG-13)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 2:40, 5, 7:20 p.m., 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:20, 2:45, 5, 7:20, 9:40 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 1:10, 3:40, 6:50, 9:10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:10 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:05, 12:45, 2:25, 3:10, 4:55, 5:35, 7:25, 8:05, 9:55, 10:35 p.m. <b>Vine Cinema:</b> Fri-Sun Noon, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:10 p.m., Fri no show Noon.; Mon-Tues 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9 p.m.
<b>Lord of War (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:05, 4, 7, 9:45 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:30 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:30 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25 p.m.
<b>Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon 3-D (NR)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45, 1, 2:15, 6 p.m.
<b>March of the Penguins (G)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 3:15, 5:20 p.m. <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:55 a.m., 2, 4:40, 6:55, 9:10 p.m. <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45 p.m. <b>Regal Imax Theaters:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 1, 2:15, 6 p.m.
<b>Oliver Twist (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues Noon, 3, 7:40, 10:30 p.m. <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:35, 3:30, 6:45, 9:35 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15 p.m.
<b>Proof (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10 p.m. <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 1:15, 4, 7:15, 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20 p.m.
<b>Red Eye (PG-13)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 7:25, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m.
<b>Roll Bounce (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10 p.m.
<b>Serenity (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:30, 5, 7:20, 7:50, 10:10, 10:40 p.m.
<b>Sky High (PG)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30 p.m., Sun-Tue no show 9:30 p.m.
<b>The 40 Year Old Virgin (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:45, 10:15 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:25 a.m., 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:35 p.m.
<b>The Constant Gardener (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:10, 3:20, 7:05, 9:55 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 1, 4, 7, 10:05 p.m.
<b>The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 p.m.
<b>The Greatest Game Ever Played (PG)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 12:50, 3:50, 7:10, 9:50 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:50 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m., 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30 p.m.
<b>Thumbsucker (R)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 3, 7:15 p.m.
<b>Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG)</b>	<b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 12:25, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:25, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:05 a.m., 11:55, 12:30, 1:15, 2:20, 2:50, 4:30, 5:10, 7, 7:30, 8:20, 9:20, 9:50 p.m. <b>Vine Cinema:</b> Fri-Sun 11:45 a.m., 1:30, 3:25, 5:20, 7:15, 9:15 p.m., Fri no show 11:45 a.m., Mon-Tues 2, 3:45, 5:25, 7:10, 8:55 p.m.
<b>Transporter 2 (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 10:25 p.m., Sun 7:30 p.m.

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**Layettes for new mothers**

Members of Diablo Valley Assistance League and volunteers from Fehr & Peers worked together to assemble 300 layettes for first time mothers in Contra Costa County whose babies are at risk for developmental problems. The layettes were assembled at the Walnut Creek headquarters of Assistance League of Diablo Valley, a hands-on volunteer organization. The workers with their 300 layettes are (l-r) Kristine Ojascastro; Marion Donnelly; Diane Bardet; Cora Pisciotto; coordinator Carol Murray; Carl Thoreson; and Colleen Killian of Fehr & Peers.

**Know kids who need clothes?**

*Twins Club mothers assemble wardrobes for children*

The Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club holds a huge sale twice each year to give moms and dads a chance to outfit their babies and toddlers with clothes, toys, furniture and accessories that are gently used, or sometimes not used at all. With the proceeds, the club continues its philanthropic activities, helping crisis centers, hospitals, shelters and others in need.

But the organizers have a problem. "At the end of the sale we have truckloads of clothing, toys, maternity clothes that we then donate," said Carole Friesen, a Danville resident and vice president of the club. "We take names of families in need, and we put together wardrobes for kids."

The problem is they do not have many names of local families who could use the clothes although they know they must be out there.

"We're ending up giving them away to other places because we don't have names here," said Friesen.

She asks anyone who knows of families that could use children's clothing, toys or maternity clothes to please contact her so the club members can assemble wardrobes for them. Telephone 736-4641 or e-mail [crzyladycarole@aol.com](mailto:crzyladycarole@aol.com).

The next sale is 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Barn in Livermore, 3131 Pacific Ave. Entry fee is \$1.

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## Fascinating food: Black Mission figs

by Jacqui Love Marshall

It is purely my imagination but there are certain foods I think of as food for the gods and I count figs among them. Figs are some of the world's oldest fruit and are typically grown in Mediterranean climates. California—especially the San Joaquin Valley area—has long been an ideal climate for growing figs. Hence, figs are easily obtainable for us local fig lovers. My favorite fig is the Black Mission fig, named after the Spanish missionaries who planted fig trees along California's coastline in the late-18th century.



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Figs in California are harvested in a first season, which begins in July and lasts about two weeks. A second, longer season—August through October—is more abundant but produces smaller, rounder figs. "Figs need the best combination of hot summers and cool winters," explained Tonetta. "The sweetness of a crop will depend mostly on how hot the growing summer was; the final season is determined by the arrival of rain, which causes the trees to fall into natural dormancy."

I'm fascinated by the sensuality of Black Mission figs. They are culinary treats unto themselves. You have to love the artistry of the plump teardrop shape with its purplish-black skin, part-shiny and part-matte with tiny vertical grooves. Then, there's the interior: beautiful strawberry flesh with a sweet-as-honey taste that slides down the throat—a satiny lusciousness combined with the nutty crunchiness of all those little "seeds." In fact, the fig is not even a fruit but an inverted flower—actually thousands of little flowers captured inside the skin. And to add to the bounty: figs are fat-free, sodium-free, cholesterol-free and high in minerals, calcium and fiber. Bet you didn't know that figs have more fiber than any other fruit, and their calcium content is only second to oranges. See, all kinds of reasons to think of them as food for gods.

**Bet you didn't know that figs have more fiber than any other fruit, and their calcium content is only second to oranges.**

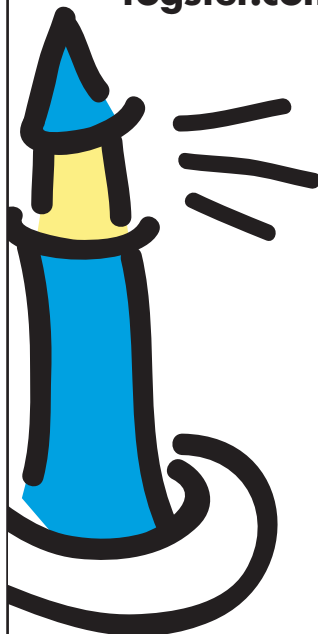
To learn all this and more about Mission figs, I spoke with Tonetta Gladwin of Passion Fruit Farms, who is better known as "the fig lady." The Gladwins are third-generation fig farmers. Tonetta's grandfather, Mauro Simone (1893-1953), planted and farmed many of the first fig orchards in the San Joaquin Valley. "The Bank of America (then called the Bank of Italy) hired Simone to manage their foreclosed fig farms," said Tonetta. "Simone learned the business, then began planting and farming his own groves." The family's been growing figs ever since. "For years, Fresno County was the largest producer of figs in the world but development pushed the fig growing business further north to areas like Merced, where Passion Fruit Farms is located," Tonetta explained. And she shared more good news: You can count on serving figs for a long time to come. Although figs have a very short lifespan, fig trees are hardy and live long. If well cared for, a tree lasts 80-100 years, compared to the normal 20-25 year lifespan of an almond tree. Care to know

The high concentration of sugar in figs makes them quickly perishable. To sustain their firmness and quality, you should keep them refrigerated and consume them within days of bringing them home. Tonetta says her favorite way to eat figs is right off the tree but I prefer serving (and eating my share of) them like this: Wash, then quarter the figs right down the center. (For a special presentation, I like to place the quartered figs on a large leaf or two cut from a safe backyard tree.) Push a spoonful of feta or ricotta cheese into the middle of each fig and drizzle your best honey generously over the cheese. Grab the fig by its four tips and plop it into your mouth. Mmmm ... food for gods ... and goddesses, too!

—Jacqui Love Marshall lives in Danville with her vintage-car-loving husband, two pugs and binders of recipes.

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## Coach chronicles

Cross country invitational success for Wolves

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The San Ramon High Cross Country team had a successful day in the recent Adidas Invitational held at Newhall Park in Concord. Head coach Tim Hunter summarizes the day:

After arriving and setting up camp in the Wolves traditional area away from most of the crowds and in the shade and getting through the always exciting process of handing out numbers, the Wolves were ready to race. With over 40 teams signed up for the various races this was set to be the biggest and most competitive Adidas Invitational in the past 10 years.

After some great results from the JV and freshman racers, it was the girls varsity turn to run. This would be the first time this season for the varsity athletes to run their traditional distance of 3 miles. With lead runner Alexis Nordine out with a pool workout injury the

group of six would be looking for someone to breakthrough and lead the group on the course. The team got a great start led by Allie Colaco and positioned themselves in the front third of the pack finding themselves with other teams' No. 1 runners. The group was close together with no one willing to let anyone else go; therefore, good pack running. Coming off the big hill the group remained close together, now led by Danielle Ribera with the rest of the pack within five seconds of her. At the 2-mile mark, a group of five came by at 13:55 all in a line now led by Janelle Jacobs and Katie Prucha, and Kisten Anderson at 14:10 chasing the group. At the finish it was still Janelle Jacobs leading the Wolves coming in at 20:51, with Katie Prucha just behind in 21:02, and Danielle Ribera at 21:04. A whole eight seconds later came Sara Beyers at 21:12 and Allie Colaco at 21:15, and Kirsten Anderson at 22:38 finishing up the team today. A 24-second spread for the scoring five runners is a sign that this group is getting ready for a big November. The girls may have been feeling the effects of the eight-mile run on the previous Friday that their mean coach "suggested" they do. The pack running

gained the team a seventh-place finish out of 22 teams—not bad for tired legs!

The last race of the day would be the varsity boys' 3-mile contest that pitted the Wolves against familiar foes De La Salle, Jesuit and McFarland of the Central Valley. The Wolves put three sophomores and four juniors on the line to test their mettle at the longer race distance. Led by Brett Gunari, the group was out to a solid start that set them up for a good race. At the 1.5-mile mark the boys were being led by Gunari with the duo of Mitch Lappin and Alex DeLuna close behind. At the 2-mile mark Gunari began to stretch the gap over the others coming by at 11:35, Lappin and DeLuna passing the 2-mile at 11:55 with the other four Wolves past the mark before 12:10. The order of the boys stayed the same at the finish with Gunari flying by at 17:00, and Lappin and DeLuna staying together with 17:38 and 17:40 times respectfully. Next would be Blake Regalia at 18:02 who just caught his teammate Devan Blair who finished in 18:03. Keir Forster at 18:33 and Jake Wiskel at 18:55 would round out the team of seven on this day.

We watched 53 Wolves race the 2- and 3-mile courses. Also we had two teams gain top-4 finishes. We had a number of top 10 finishes as individuals. Plus we had a number of runners race their first race. This was a very successful day.

### Football

Monte Vista beat Berkeley 24-10 in a non-conference game. The 3-

0 Mustangs were lead by Peter Geurts who ran for two touchdowns and 228 yards. League play begins tonight with an away game against California.

San Ramon also went to 3-0 against Will C. Wood with a 49-14 win. Roy Helu Jr. ran for 198 yards on 28 carries and scored two touchdowns running and two others catching passes. The Wolves will open league play tonight with an away game against Foothill. ■

### Water Polo

The lady Mustangs and Wolves are in first place in the East Bay Athletic League standings, with San Ramon beating Amador Valley 16-3 and Monte Vista beating Granada. They will face each other Oct. 4.

The Monte Vista boys team went to 3-0 beating Livermore 19-4 and Granada 13-7. Charlie Steffans led the team with five goals against Livermore and six against Granada.

### Golf

The lady Wolves went to 3-1 with a win over Cal High. Jennifer Cohen shot her low round of the year with a 37 at the Bridges. Monte Vista beat Amador at Round Hill Country Club. Jane Lee, Sunny Zhang and Jordan Ontiveros all shot 39 leading the team to victory. Currently Monte Vista leads the league and San Ramon is tied for third with Amador Valley; Foothill is in second place.

E-mail or fax your weekly results to [lmccol3525@aol.com](mailto:lmccol3525@aol.com) or 837-8454.

## PREP SCHEDULE

### Saturday, Oct. 1

#### Girls Volleyball:

San Ramon at the Castro Valley Invitational

#### Boys Water Polo:

San Ramon at Buchanan, TBD

### Tuesday, Oct. 4

#### Girls Volleyball:

San Ramon at Livermore, 6 p.m.

#### Boys Water Polo:

Monte Vista at San Ramon, 5:45 p.m.

#### Girls Tennis:

San Ramon at Cal High  
Monte Vista at Amador

#### Girls Golf:

San Ramon vs. Granada, 3:30 p.m.  
Monte Vista at Livermore, 3:30 p.m.

#### Girls Water Polo:

Monte Vista at San Ramon, 3:45 p.m.

### Wednesday, Oct. 5

#### Cross Country:

San Ramon and Monte Vista at the EBAL Center Meet #1

#### Girls Golf:

Monte Vista at Cal High, 3:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Oct. 6

#### Girls Volleyball:

San Ramon vs. Amador Valley, 6 p.m.  
Monte Vista at Granada, 6 p.m.

#### Boys Water Polo:

San Ramon at Foothill, 5:45 p.m.  
Monte Vista at Cal High, 5:45 p.m.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Art

### Art in the Park

The Alamo Danville Artists' Society & the town of Danville will present its seventh annual Art in the Park from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2, on Front Street (next to the Library and Community Center). Benefits Art in the Schools Program. Admission is free.

### Fine Art & Fine Craft Show

The 20th annual Alamo Fall Art & Craft

Show will take place from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Alamo Plaza Shopping Center.

## Auditions

### S.T.A.G.E. Troup Auditions

North Pole Revue - 2005. Be part of this hilarious musical holiday song and dance production. Shows are Dec. 9-18. Auditions are open to grades 5

through college. Prepare a two-minute upbeat song and be ready to move. Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., at the Winslow Center, 2590 Pleasant Hill Road. Call for appointment, 682-0896.

## Classes

### Divorce Recovery

A safe environment for those going through divorce to explore ways of moving toward wholeness. The class is from 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 15, at Community Presbyterian Counseling Center, 375 Diablo Road, Suite 109, and facilitated by Pat Powell, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. Cost is \$240. To register, call 820-1467 or visit [www.cpccounseling.com](http://www.cpccounseling.com).

## Clubs

### Alamo Rotary

The Alamo Rotary meets at noon every Wednesday at Roundhill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road. Call Mark Kahn at 837-3262.

### Bay Area Single Christians

BASC club is a free, large, online group with event listings for Christian single adults around the S.F. Bay Area. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/basc-singles/>.

### Diablo Singles Dance Club

The Nob Hill Sounds plays for the Diablo Singles Dance Club's regular dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m., the last Wednesday of each month, at the Arts Education Building, corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Wiget Lane. All are welcome. Admission is \$9 for non-members and \$7 for members. Refreshments. For information, call 837-2851.

### Kiwanis San Ramon Valley

The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis meets from noon-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Mudds Restaurant in San Ramon. Meeting includes a guest speaker and

## WEEKEND PREVIEW



## Art in the Park on Front Street

Kick off the fall season this weekend by meandering through beautiful art, eating good food, tasting fine wine, listening to strolling minstrels and being entertained by various performers at the Alamo Danville Artists' Society and the Town of Danville's Art in the Park festival, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 1-2, next to the Library and Community Center in Danville.

lunch. For information, visit its Web site at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org).

### San Ramon Valley Rotary Club

This club meets for dinner at 7 p.m., each Wednesday, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Guests are welcome. The club offers a great way to make new friends while making a difference in your community. Call Bill at 838-9110.

## Events

### Antique Roadshow - Appraisal Event

The Blackhawk Museum Guild is sponsoring an Antique Roadshow type Appraisal Event from noon -4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. Bring small antiques, art and collectibles to be verbally appraised by expert appraisers for a donation of \$10 per item. For information, call Anita Venezia, Appraiser (964-9999) or Joyce Tucker, Guild Program Chairperson (736-9393). Donations contribute to the Museum's Children's Education and Transportation Fund.

### Blessing of the Animals

San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Drive, will hold its annual

Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1. Bring four-legged and feathered friends to receive a blessing in the Franciscan spirit. For information, call 837-9141.

### Bridges, Hawaiian style

Bridges Restaurant is bridging together with Los Cerros for its annual Los Cerros Evening Out. This casual, social gathering is from 6-10 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, at Bridges Restaurant, 44 Church St., with heavy appetizers, wine tasting, martini bar, and a beer bar. One guest will win a parking spot for the school year. The cost is \$100 per person to benefit Los Cerros technology and library. Space is limited. RSVP to Caroline at 989-1813 or e-mail [LCBridgesEvent@hotmail.com](mailto:LCBridgesEvent@hotmail.com).

### Danville Lioness Club

The Danville Lioness Club (The Champagne Club) is having a garage sale from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, at 1540 Via Romero, Alamo. The club donates to local charities and services provided by Lions International. For information, call 837-6253.

### Green Valley Fall Festival

Green Valley Elementary School Fall Festival is from 4-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14, at 1001 Diablo Road, Danville. Family fun includes carnival games, yummy food, giant slide, rock climbing wall, DJ and Karaoke contest, pumpkin and scarecrow decorating contest and great prizes. Call Amy Phillips 413-7901, for details. Volunteers needed.

### Splendor in the Park

Friends of the Danville Library are presenting the First Wednesday at the Library program, "Splendor in the Park," a free slide tour presentation of the new de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park (opens in October), at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Mt. Diablo Room in the Danville Library, 400 Front St. For information call Carole Stevenson-Byers at 837-1293.

## Fundraisers

### Art Under the Stars

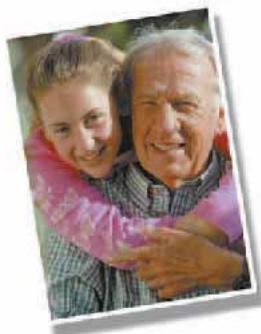
Stone Valley Education Foundation is sponsoring an Art Under the Stars event to benefit all elective programs of Stone Valley Middle School, from 5-10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Austere residence, 254 Prospect Ave. Enjoy an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a jazz band, and local and Bay Area artists. Tickets are \$45 and credit cards are welcome. For information, call Yasmine Austere at 998-9747.

### Mothers of Twins big sale

The Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club, is hosting its semi-annual sale of children's clothes, furniture, toys, books, etc., from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. This fundraising activity helps support the club's philanthropic efforts. Fee is \$1. For information, call 736-4641 or email [crzyladycarole@aol.com](mailto:crzyladycarole@aol.com).

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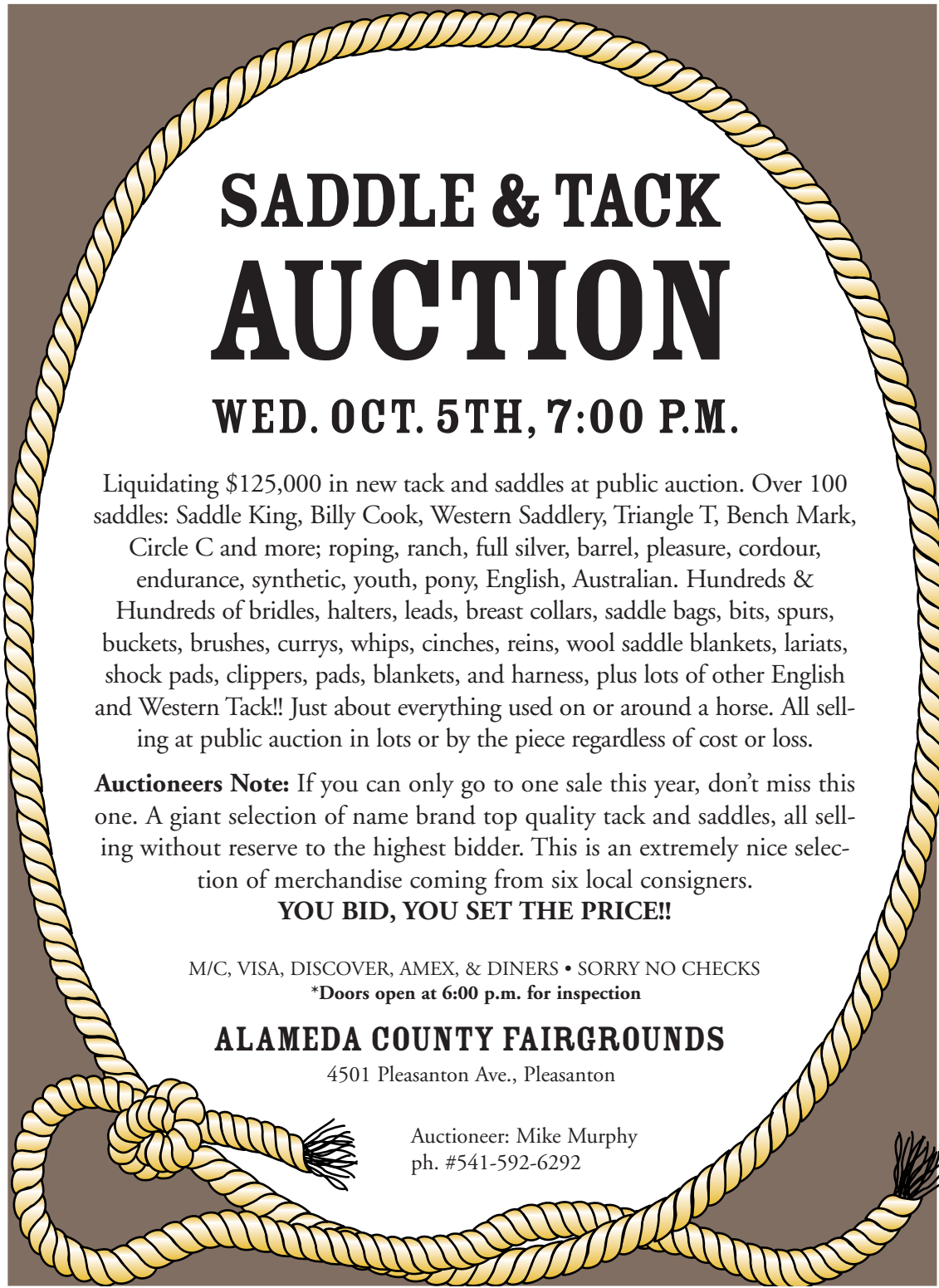
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### National Depression Screening Day

Depression is much more than a set of feelings. It's a whole body illness. Learn more about depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, and signs of suicide at the free screening, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (or by appointment), Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Community Presbyterian Counseling Center, 375 Diablo Road, Suite 109, Danville. For information, call 820-1467.

## Kids & Teens

**Street Smarts Skate Nights is back**  
San Ramon and the Golden Skate are co-sponsoring Street Smarts Skate Nights, from 6:30-9 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month starting Sept. 21 and ending May 17 at the Golden Skate, 2701 Hooper Drive, San Ramon. Come and start a season of fun, prizes and learn about traffic safety. For information, call Darlene Amaral at 973-2655.

## Lectures

### AARP Grandparents as Guardians

Join AARP for the first ever Grandparents as Guardians Conference, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church, 1188 12th St., Oakland. At this free conference you'll learn how to receive financial and legal help, find support groups in your area, and cope with the responsibilities of raising grandchildren. The conference includes continental breakfast, lunch and daycare. To register, call toll free (877) 926-8300.

## Miscellaneous

### Giant Book Sale

Friends of the Danville Library are sponsoring a Giant Book Sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15; and noon-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16, in the Mt. Diablo Room, Danville Library, 400 Front St. Friends of the Danville Library, members only, 9-10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 14.

### Got E-Waste Inc.

Got E-Waste Inc., in partnership with the Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club, is sponsoring a free public collection/recycling event for electronic waste (e-waste), from 1-6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7, and 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9, at the Chronicle Pavilion, Concord. For information call (510) 357-8993 or visit www.gotewaste.com.

### Help Katrina's animal victims

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is accepting animals left homeless in Katrina's aftermath. Help is needed in housing these animals until their owners are located or it is determined that a new home is needed. Minimum 45-day fostering commitment. Medical exams, care, food and supplies will be provided. For information on fostering dogs, e-mail Linea at atrescue@mcomcast.net. For cats, call TVAR's information line, 803-7043, and leave a message. Donations are also accepted at Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 11193, Pleasanton 94588, attention Katrina Victims.

## On Stage

**Eugene O'Neill's 'Ah, Wilderness'**  
San Ramon Valley High School's Drama Department will be presenting

Eugene O'Neill's play, "Ah, Wilderness," at 7 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 12-14, at San Ramon Valley High School Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$6 at the door.

### 'Miss Saigon'

The Diablo Light Opera Company presents "Miss Saigon," Sept. 2-Oct. 1, at the Hofmann Theatre, Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. For tickets, call 943-7469

### 'Red Hot and Cole'

The Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Red Hot and Cole" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 14-Nov. 5, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St. The show celebrates the great American songwriter, Cole Porter, who brought style, elegance and sophistication to the stage and soundstages of Broadway and Hollywood, delighting the world with his clever rhymes, fresh and unexpected melodies, and sassy lyrics. For tickets call 314-3463 or visit www.villagetheatreshows.com.

## Scholarships/ Seniors

### Senior Sneakers Fall Festival

Danville's Senior Sneakers program is a great way for seniors to make new friends and get out and around the greater Bay Area. Interested seniors may pick up a copy of the Silver Streak newsletter for trip details and a registration form at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., or call 314-3476. A few of the trips being planned are A Day in Tiburon, Oct. 6; Shall We Dance..on Icel, Oct. 9; Talk to the Animals, Oct. 20; Ghost Walk at Old Monterey, Oct. 27; Jewels of Stockton, Nov. 8; Dessert and Disney, Nov. 18; Senior Holiday Luncheon, Dec. 2; Alameda Holiday Home Tour, Dec. 10; and The Colors of Christmas, Dec. 13.

## Spiritual

### 'Spiritual Connection Between Love and Healing'

Margaret Rogers, member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, will speak about how understanding your relationship to God, divine Love, can bring physical healing and remove fear, guilt and resentment. This free talk is at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3, at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. All are welcome. For information, call 330-8955 or visit www.danvillespirituality.com.

## Support Groups

### American Chronic Pain 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 Road. For information call Kathie at 930-0524 or Emily at 831-3279.

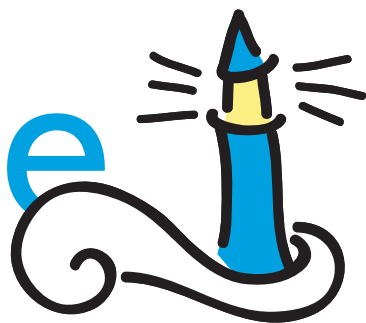
## Volunteering

### Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association of Northern California, East Bay branch, seeks volunteers to facilitate support groups, staff the help line, and perform a variety of office support at its office in Lafayette. Call (800) 660-1993.

### Child Abuse Prevention Council

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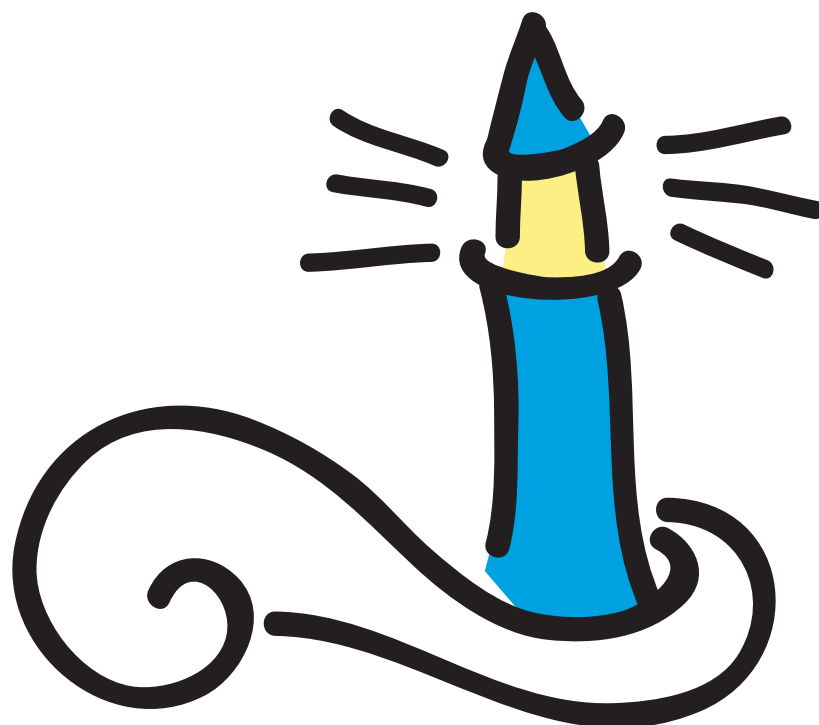
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This week's data represents homes sold during September 2005

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 18	Total sales reported: 2	Total sales reported: 31
Lowest sale reported: \$470,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,199,000	Lowest sale reported: \$255,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,600,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,325,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,800,000
Average sales reported: \$1,108,500	Average sales reported: \$1,262,000	Average sales reported: \$754,080

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
<b>5375 Blackhawk Drive</b> K. & J. Smith to S. Reecher for \$2,600,000	<b>507 Live Oak Drive</b> Smith Trust to J. & O. Kardek for \$2,000,000	<b>248 Stetson Drive</b> M. & J. Jamati to T. & L. Baker for \$945,000
<b>6024 Condor Street</b> D. & M. Crowley to J. Peyser for \$601,000	<b>621 Morninghome Road</b> R. & M. Ross to J. Kenny for \$1,000,000	<b>314 Livorna Heights Road</b> K. & J. Cole to K. & P. Spyrka for \$1,199,000
<b>110 Cottonwood Place</b> S. Ohira to J. & J. Bailey for \$1,100,000	<b>420 Old Orchard Court</b> D. Duggan to S. Moya for \$610,000	<b>107 Muir Lane</b> Swanson Trust to R. Bonner for \$1,325,000
<b>20 Diamond Court</b> D. & E. Gemmell to E. Sargent for \$1,740,000	<b>2228 Oneida Circle</b> C. & M. Balmas to S. Wensler for \$705,000	<b>1781 Almond Avenue</b> Smith Trust to Jaroth Limited for \$615,000
<b>61 East Leeds Court</b> Murray Trust to M. & S. Lanning for \$729,000	<b>4187 Quail Run Drive</b> T. & S. Blanda to R. & B. Walsh for \$1,500,000	<b>3133 Bowling Green Drive</b> A. & L. Krell to B. & K. Judd for \$1,210,000
<b>1914 East Rancho Verde Circle</b> K. Thompson to B. Pollack for \$680,000	<b>50 San Paulo Court</b> Caldwell Trust to P. & L. Kelly for \$1,029,000	<b>1885 Castle Oaks Court</b> N. Ras to S. Hilferty for \$1,165,500
<b>394 Ilo Lane #105</b> S. Nicholson to K. Erickson for \$470,000	<b>1131 San Ramon Valley Boulevard</b> S. Wilson to G. Fleming for \$500,000	<b>2795 Cherry Lane</b> Whitacre Trust to J. Essy for \$1,017,000
<b>341 La Questa Drive</b> C. & A. Gullledge to Nowacek Trust for \$1,900,000	<b>1679 St. Helena Drive</b> M. & C. Ortega to G. & C. Gillette for \$984,000	<b>166 Cragmont Drive</b> C. McCracken to T. & S. Doherty for \$902,000
	<b>80 St. Patricks Court</b> D. Nuefeld to R. & J. Slatten for \$860,000	

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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Alamo	Brentwood	Castro Valley	Danville
<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	<b>3 Bedrooms</b>	<b>3 Bedrooms</b>
<b>110 Paseo Del Sol</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,150,000 977.8965	<b>166 Remington St.</b> Sat/Sun 12-4 p.m. Windermere RE510.219-0962 \$Request	<b>19579 Barclay Rd.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord \$715,000 918-2912	<b>155 El Dorado Ave.</b> Sun 1-4p.m. Empire Realty \$1,149,000 217-5017
<b>5 Bedrooms</b>	<b>3 Bedrooms</b>	<b>3 Bedrooms</b>	<b>8201 Mallard Ave.</b> Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Empire Realty \$649,950 858-6906
<b>80 High Eagle Rd.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,349,000 838.4300	<b>114 Blackstone Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams \$879,000 786-8731	<b>11829 Bay Laurel St.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams \$1,175,000 989-4123	
<b>12 Roxbury Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,679,000 838-4300	<b>3 Bedrooms</b>	<b>5 Bedrooms</b>	
<b>121 Alicia Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,799,000 855.4155	<b>155 El Dorado Ave.</b> Sun 1-4p.m. Empire Realty \$1,149,000 217-5017	<b>7621 Ashford Wy.</b> Sat 1-4:30 p.m. Prudential \$675,000 899-7378	
<b>456 Crest Ave.</b> Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel \$899,000 736-3736	<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	<b>5 Bedrooms</b>	
<b>6 Bedrooms</b>	<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	<b>11289 Bay Laurel St.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams \$1,175,000 989-4123	
<b>147 Alamo Springs</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero Real Estate \$3,250,000 997.1123	<b>1643 Harlan Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,010,000 855.4060	<b>64 Silverwood Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,475,000 648.5345	
<b>Blackhawk</b>	<b>441 Woodbine Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,050,000 949.3059	<b>25 Ariey Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,925,000 838.4300	
<b>2 Bedrooms</b>	<b>976 Richard Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,149,000 838.4300	<b>Livermore</b>	
<b>308 Jacaranda Ave.</b> Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate \$939,000 683-0488	<b>14 Stirling Dr.</b> Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel \$1,249,000 736-3736	<b>2 Bedrooms</b>	
<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	<b>23 Shadow Tree Ct.</b> Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Intero \$1,345,000 251.2561	<b>350 Wood St. #202</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Investment Real Estate Company \$549,000 963-0569	
<b>4307 Quail Run Pl.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,585,000 998.3808	<b>1103 Lawrence Rd.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker \$1,600,000 984-3060	<b>3 Bedrooms</b>	
<b>4 Bedrooms</b>		<b>5665 Victoria Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker \$1,325,000 847-2226	
<b>142 Pepperwood Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$2,379,000 989.8920		<b>330-2 Windward Common</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential \$567,000 876-6575	
<b>5 Bedrooms</b>		<b>1863 Calle Del Sueno</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Pat Huffman \$649,500 698-4422	
<b>61 Blackhills Pl.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,995,000 682.9799		<b>689 Mojave Ave.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams \$649,950 397-4320	

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<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	<b>3 Bedrooms</b>
<b>106 Windover Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,699,000 736.1666	<b>7063 Dublin Meadows St. #F</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty \$529,950 734-5057
<b>965 Elwyn Pl.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,725,000 855.4075	<b>7841 Tamarack Dr.</b> Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Prudential \$609,900 899-7378
<b>110 Sunhaven Rd.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty \$1,765,000 217-5048	<b>4369 Talle Way</b> Sat/Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Intero \$819,000 648.5331
<b>2100 Hidden Oak Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker \$1,795,000 831-3326	<b>3 BedroomsTownhouse</b>
<b>1100 Sunshine Cir.</b> Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Intero \$765,000 648.5336	<b>7585 Brigadoon Wy.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential \$647,500 683-1365
<b>1739 St. Helena Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Intero \$Request 648.5331	<b>4 Bedrooms</b>
<b>5 Bedrooms</b>	<b>2758 Poppy Hills Pl.</b> Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Empire Realty \$1,385,000 858-6906
<b>9 Creeklodge Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Tucker Centoni Real Estate \$2,295,000 998-18	<b>7621 Ashford Wy.</b> Sat 1-4:30 p.m. Prudential \$675,000 899-7378
<b>13 Brightwood Cir.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$2,495,000 855.4033	<b>5 Bedrooms</b>
<b>731 Graham Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$Request 699.7004	<b>11289 Bay Laurel St.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams \$1,175,000 989-4123
<b>6 Bedrooms</b>	<b>Lafayette</b>
<b>10 Creeklodge Ct.</b> Sun 1-5 p.m. Intero \$2,190,000 683.9799	<b>5 Bedrooms</b>
<b>Discovery Bay</b>	<b>64 Silverwood Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,475,000 648.5345
<b>3 Bedrooms</b>	<b>25 Ariey Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$1,925,000 838.4300
<b>4556 Cove Lane</b> Sun 2-4 p.m. Cartier Properties \$580,000 989-4653	<b>Livermore</b>
<b>4790 Discovery Point</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero \$789,950 855.4179	<b>2 Bedrooms</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>350 Wood St. #202</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Investment Real Estate Company \$549,000 963-0569
<b>2 Bedrooms</b>	<b>3 Bedrooms</b>
<b>6953 Stagecoach #A</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Realty \$499,950 719.1207	<b>5665 Victoria Ln.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker \$1,325,000 847-2226
<b>3329 Monaghan St.</b> Sat/Sun 1:30-5 p.m. Empire Realty Associates \$649,000 785-2188	<b>330-2 Windward Common</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential \$567,000 876-6575
<b>3295 Monaghan St.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Ohlmeyer Team \$669,000 831-3390	<b>1863 Calle Del Sueno</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Pat Huffman \$649,500 698-4422
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