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Kim Doyle
homemaker



I'm a dog person. I have a 13-week-old Lhasa-poo named Maddy. She's a cross between a Lhasa Apso and a poodle. We got her because we have allergies in the family, and her coat is like a poodle's, non-allergenic. I prefer dogs because they are more people-oriented and have more personality.

Michelle Lee
mom



I'm a dog person. I always have been. Dogs need more attention, which I like; cats are too independent. I've only had one cat in my life, but I've always had dogs.

John Lopez
sales



Both, definitely! My cat acts like a dog, he goes on walks with me. He'll run ahead of me and then come back to walk with me. He's not much of a lap kitty though. My dog is just a big goof, easy going, a huge puppy. He's a pit bull/lab mix.

Monica Dichov
professional dog groomer



Neither. I came in here to buy crickets for my pet tarantula. If I were going to pick which I liked best, I would probably say a dog because their attitude is more fun. Cats are too cynical.

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A representative from each of the Service Academies will be at the event to give a short presentation on the application process and to answer questions. Instructions will also be given on how to obtain a Congressional nomination.

For more information regarding the event or academy nominations, call 866-7040.

Showing the ‘can do’ spirit

The Blackhawk Women’s Scholarship Fund will hold its annual fundraiser for its 2006 scholarships on Saturday, Oct. 15. The gala Homecoming 2005 dinner will be in the Blackhawk Country Club Ballroom of the Lakeside Clubhouse at the Blackhawk Country Club. Tickets to attend cost \$75.

The event will begin with a silent auction at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a live auction at 8:30 p.m. Auction items include a Vespa motor scooter, jewelry, concert tickets, Tommy Bahama clothing, cakes and vacations in Mazatlan, Paris and Hawaii.

The scholarships go to deserving young women in Contra Costa County. In addition to their academic excellence, a primary factor in being picked as a scholarship recipient is a commitment to community service. The scholarship program has been deemed as the quintessential example of the “can do” spirit.

To find out more about the event or to make reservations, contact Amanda Sinclair at 736-8567.

Lesson of the day: family fun

A petting zoo, obstacle course, giant slide and magic show will be just a few of the activities at Montair Elementary School’s Fall Carnival. The Danville Fire Department will once again give tours of its fire engines, and a disc jockey will lighten the mood with music and karaoke.

The carnival will take place from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16, at the school, 300 Quintrerra Lane.

A classic favorite that will continue this year is the “Crazy Hair & Nails and Face Painting” booths. Here, students will get a “new look,” which they are guaranteed to love.

Kids will have a chance to show their creativity by participating in the cake decorating contest. Prizes will be awarded for each grade, and after the cakes are judged, they will be used on the cakewalk.

Cakes won’t be the only things to decorate. A variety of art supplies will be available for students to paint pumpkins in the craft booth. For more information, call 837-8662.

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YVONNE GILCHRIST

Get ready for Primo's Run

Race expected to draw 4,000 participants

by Casey Reivich

Thousands of adults and children will participate in the Primo's Run for Education this Sunday, Oct. 9. The race, which began 22 years ago, has become a local institution.

The 5K run begins at Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon on Alcosta Boulevard at 8:30 a.m. and ends at the middle school. The half-marathon begins at Primo's Pizza & Pasta on Hartz Avenue and Front Street at 7:30 a.m. and ends in San Ramon, just south of Iron Horse Middle School. The half-marathon, which winds through commercial and residential streets, is for the most part flat, but climbs

Wyatt Martin, who broke his leg playing soccer, is included in running practice by fourth- and fifth-graders Ross Gilchrist, Blake Dicus and Matthew Fowler as preparation take place each Wednesday at John Baldwin Elementary School for Primo's Run for Education this Sunday.

in elevation at Contada Circle and Thornhill Road.

The race first began on a whim, said former Primo's owner Jack Rhodes of Alamo. Rhodes at the time was a runner and had Primo's locations in both San Ramon and Danville. His fellow runner friends suggested that he should host a race, with his two restaurants as obvious markers.

Rhodes first had to figure out which organization would benefit from the race. Initially, he considered the American Heart Association but later spoke with a new organization called the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. The foundation's purpose was to give grants to teachers for projects and materials they could not otherwise afford.

The first race, recalled Rhodes, was not exactly a blockbuster.

"It was by the standards then a small race. I believe we raised a

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Alamo resident caught with pot

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

A tip that marijuana plants were being cultivated in an Alamo home led to a drug bust last week by a narcotics enforcement team. Agents found 30 plants.

North Jackson Way resident Ted Carscadden, 47, was arrested on suspicion of cultivation of marijuana. He was released because he had a prescription from Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco to use marijuana to relieve his chronic back pain, according to Central Contra

Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team reports.

The law allows six mature and 12 immature plants for medical purposes, said CNET Commander Norm Wielsch. "We seized 23 plants and left him with seven because two were immature," said Wielsch.

He said the plants were being nurtured under horticultural grow lamps, with fans blowing to help keep the heat down. "It was a pretty big setup," he said. There were also a shotgun and a .22-caliber rifle

on the premises, he said.

The case will be referred to the District Attorney's Office, which will decide whether to press charges.

Wielsch said marijuana cultivation can be profitable, with indoor plants producing up to two pounds per year, and each pound selling for \$4,000-\$8,000.

"It's a big business," he said. He added that it is a dangerous business as growers become territorial and fight to protect their stashes, noting a shootout between law enforcement and marijuana growers in

Santa Clara County in August.

He said earlier this year a property owner on Mount Diablo found marijuana seedlings. He killed them with a weed control product and notified County Narcotic Enforcement.

"We check out Mount Diablo with a helicopter every year during the growth season," said Wielsch. "The color is different but they try to conceal it."

The CNET telephone tip line for information about suspected local drug dealers is 602-6591. ■

Parking time extended downtown

Limit at the Clocktower going from two hours to three

by Casey Reivich

The Danville Town Council discussed extending the parking time limit at the Clocktower parking lot from two hours to three, at its meeting Tuesday.

The hope is that the new time limit can be in effect when the Clocktower renovations are completed in November. Currently, the town is adding 50 new parking spots to the Clocktower parking lot in an effort to provide more downtown parking for shoppers.

"The availability of convenient public parking is vital to the long-term economic health of the downtown," said Bonnie Guttman, Economic Development Coordinator for Danville, in her

staff report. "In the last few years, downtown economic revitalization has been significant. As this trend continues, parking management and supply continue to warrant attention."

The two-hour parking limit was originally thought to be a good idea. In 1999, the Downtown Parking Task Force, which was made up of residents appointed by the Town Council to address parking issues, suggested modifying the parking time limit at the Clocktower. They felt that a two-hour limit would discourage employees from parking there all day long and would leave more parking spaces for customers.

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DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Artistic time warp

Playwright Eugene O'Neill (Bay Area actor Kurt Gravenhorst) chats about his life and his work, in his study at Tao House, his Danville home from 1937-44, with visitor Sam Van Zandt during a Living History presentation last Saturday. Afterward there was a reception and a performance of the play "Hughie," which O'Neill wrote while living here, all part of the 2005 Eugene O'Neill Festival.

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Sydney Dolan, 7, left, samples an Asian pear at a recent downtown Danville Thursday evening farmers market. Derick Lennox, 18, a Monte Vista graduate, picks out yams for dinner, while Bozo the Clown makes a balloon puppy for Bryan Wathen, 4. The evening market ran every Thursday in September and now it will be evaluated to see if it should become a regular event.



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Landscape designer Matt Akabane relaxes with his son Trey, 3, at Tassajara Nursery, where he was discovered by HGTV and subsequently featured on the show "Landscape Smart."

Akabane is 'Landscape Smart'

Local nurseryman designs garden for national TV show

by Kevin Zhou

When landscape designer Matt Akabane began working on a certain home in August, his working conditions were slightly different than usual. Instead of worrying about the rain or the mud, he had to deal with a camera crew following him around.

Akabane, 33, whose family runs the Tassajara Nursery, was selected to be on "Landscape Smart," a nationally televised program on Home and Garden Television. The episode he will appear on will air

in April.

Each of the episodes of "Landscape Smart" focuses on a single project completed by homeowners with the help of professionals. The producers were looking for a local landscape artist to renovate the garden of a 30-year-old Lafayette home and came across Akabane.

He said that one of the show's producers likes his nursery and

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Landscape

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knows he is a landscape designer. "Other than that, I don't really know how she found out about me," he said.

Akabane met with the show's producers, bringing along a laptop that included pictures of all his projects. He also answered the producer's questions on what landscaping concepts he would apply to different situations.

"In many ways, it was very similar to a job interview," he said.

The producers liked his work, so they decided to contact him again. Akabane had a follow-up interview with Allison Tom, a producer and project manager for the show.

"She wanted to get a feel for me and my knowledge," said Akabane.

A week later, the producers called back with the good news.

The home Akabane was assigned to work on has a 30-by-40 foot L-shaped garden. The homeowners wanted to have a French country garden, and provided additional input on what they wanted it to look like. Akabane, though, was still given a lot of freedom.

"It was mainly half and half," he said. Akabane came up with several different ideas to improve the garden. Since the show tends to focus on projects more than straight landscaping, Akabane was able to install a bench swing as well as a flagstone patio. Best of all was the

two-tier recirculating wine barrel fountain.

"The homeowners told me they wanted to hear the sound of water," he recalled. "With the fountain, the smell of wine would come out and they could also hear the water."

Akabane's design for the fountain revealed his ingenuity. He got the fountain to recirculate by having the full wine barrel overflow into a half wine barrel. To prevent any leakage, Akabane installed two bamboo spouts.

As Akabane worked, the show's camera crew constantly followed him around and filmed him. This didn't really bother him, he said.

"Something really interesting that they told me is that they shoot 20 hours of film for just 22 minutes of TV," he said.

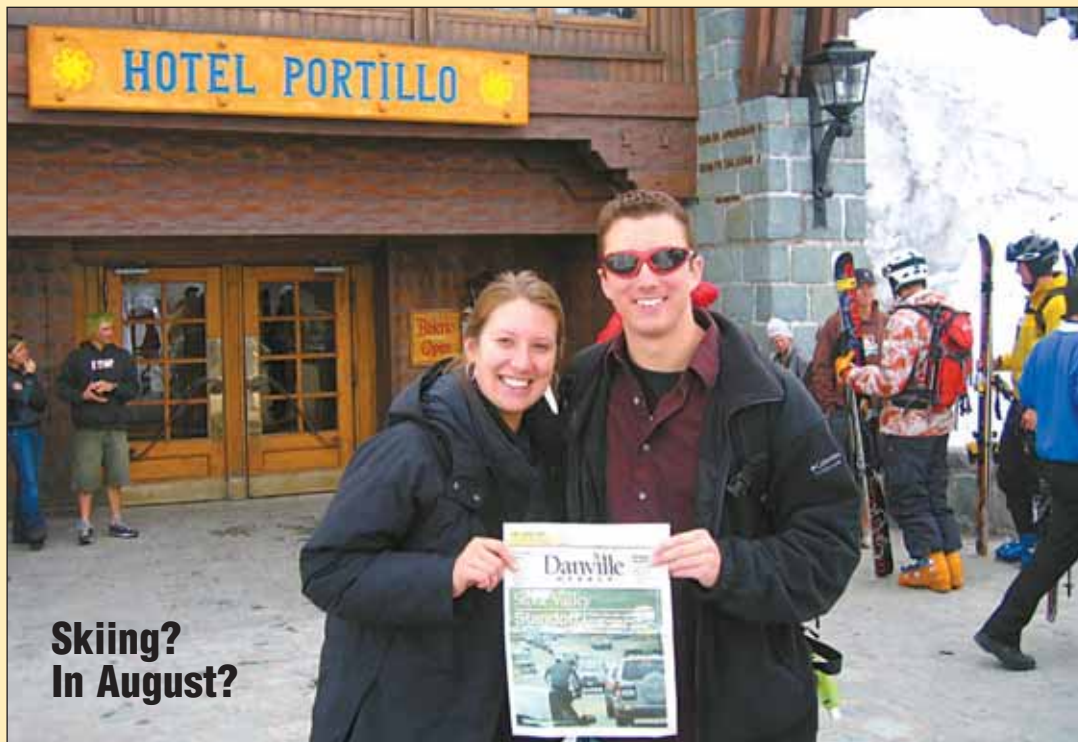
The biggest challenge Akabane faced was the time constraints. He had an initial half-day meeting with the homeowners. Then he had five days to come up with a design, and only two days in August to put his vision in place.

"It was a very stressful time," said Akabane.

In spite of the cameras and time limitations, Akabane said the process was similar to other projects he had done.

"It really wasn't a whole lot different than what I had worked on before. The time constraints were an issue, but I did with the Lafayette homeowners what I would normally do with other homeowners."

For Akabane, his appearance on



Skiing? In August?

Kristyn Young and Ryan Bantz brought along their Danville Weekly to enjoy the thrill of mid-summer skiing—although of course it wasn't summer in the Southern Hemisphere in Chile where they skied in the Andes with the U.S. and Austrian ski teams. Take Us Along on your travels and send photos to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com or 315 Diablo Road, Danville 94596.

"Landscape Smart" is just another chapter in a long history of landscaping. His parents originally built Tassajara Nursery in 1979. As a teenager, he would routinely haul around plants or help out in whatever way he could. He now lives in

Danville with his wife Kristi and three children: sons Trey, 3, and Jordan, 2; and daughter Reagan, 10 months. They are expecting a fourth child in the spring.

Ever since he graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo,

Akabane has been designing gardens.

"Landscaping is something that I love to do," he said. "It's a great honor to do an HGTV show. I would definitely do it again if I had the chance." ■

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Since the two-hour limit was instituted, the town has received feedback from merchants and downtown shoppers that two hours is not enough.

Instead of providing more parking spaces, it discourages people from doing longer activities downtown, such as visiting a hairdresser and having lunch. While trying to enjoy themselves downtown, patrons are worried about moving their cars and getting a parking ticket.

Danville has been in discussions with the Discover Danville Association and the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce about the time limits. They decided that four hours would be too long. It would encourage employees to park for half a day in the parking lot, which would take up a lot of customer parking. All three parties agreed on

a three-hour limit. They believe this is sufficient time for patrons to shop and dine.

"The availability of convenient public parking is vital to the long-term economic health of the downtown."

—Bonnie Guttman,
Economic Development
Coordinator for Danville

Danville is also planning to add four 20-minute parking stalls to the south of the driveway that bisects the Clocktower building. The two 20-minute stalls behind Rick's Picks will remain. The loading zones will be in effect from 4-10 a.m.; three-hour parking throughout the lot will be enforced from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ■

Primo's Run

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grand total of \$800," said Rhodes. "It seemed like it was almost more work than perhaps it was worth."

In the 22 years since, the Primo's Run for Education has grown by leaps and bounds. This year, organizers expect over 4,000 participants. In 22 years, the run has raised over \$2 million for the education foundation and the race draws over 300 volunteers.

While he has not always been able to participate in the race, Rhodes has attended the Primo's Run every year. Last month, Rhodes sold Primo's Pizza & Pasta to his son John, who has been its general manager for the past 10 years.

The race provides many fundraising opportunities. Some of the funds are raised through registration fees. Interested people can register now for \$30 for the 5K individual race; half-marathon, \$40; and 5K families of three or more, \$20 each person. On race day the 5K individual is \$35 and the half-marathon is \$45.

Also the higher percentage a school has participating in the run, the more money it will receive. This percentage is based on school enrollment divided by the number of registrations received listing the school's name. Schools with 10 percent or greater participation receive \$500, and schools that have 40 percent participation receive \$1,000. In addition, schools with the first, second and third highest percentage receive \$750, \$500 and \$250, respectively.

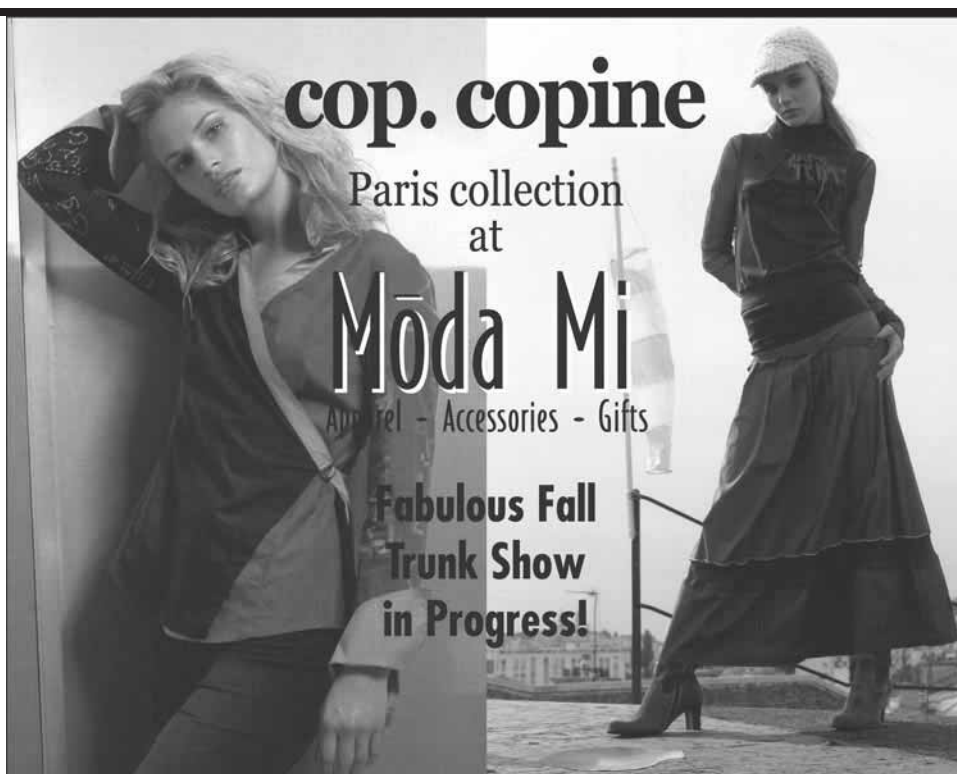
Schools can also raise funds by the number of volunteers. For every 10 volunteers, the school

receives \$50. Schools with the first, second and third most volunteers receive an additional \$750, \$500 and \$250.

There is also a centipede contest, where eight-member teams from different schools put together a display that incorporates Primo's, the school they're representing, and the annual theme, which this year is a character or a setting from a children's book. Elementary, middle and high school each have their own 'best in show'. The winning schools receive \$150.

Last year, John Baldwin Elementary School in Danville was able to raise the most money with 399 participants running under its name. Baldwin raised \$1,750.

For more information about the race, call the Primo's hotline at 820-9181 or visit www.primosrun.com. ■



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Shop puts Danville on the map

A funny thing happened when I went into Maps Unlimited at the Livery to buy a map to track where our readers are taking photos with their Weeklies: I discovered a map paradise. I knew it was heaven because of the music—not harps but classical music playing softly in the background.

While the proprietor helped other customers, I found treasure after treasure: globes of all hues and sizes on stands, travel games and stickers for children, maps mounted and hung on the walls, and a world map puzzle (only \$16.95!) with 92 countries, 50 states and the 13 provinces of Canada each one of the 600 pieces. Near the door hangs a wooden map of the world with countries formed by trees native to the area, including bird's eye maple, yellow cedar, alder and redwood. The store also carries travel accessories and more types of magnifying glasses than I ever imagined.

I eavesdropped as the owner, Peter Bedegi, helped the other customers. One couple was planning a trip to Germany and the Czech Republic and wanted to follow their adventures on a map. After some discussion and looking at various choices, Peter found them a map specific to the area of their trip. He ordered a map of Russia for someone else.

This personal service distinguishes shopping there from buying maps at bookstores or on the Internet plus, Peter said, folks like to actually see maps before buying. He knows his way around the world of maps so he can help people hone in on what they want. He also noted that more customers travel to his shop from around the Bay Area since Rand McNally closed its stores in San Francisco, Berkeley and Santa Clara.

Bedegi, 57, just returned from a trip visiting extended family in Hungary, where his parents originated. He was born in Austria, en route to the United States, where they settled in Idaho. His father offered a ticket to Europe to any of his children who graduated from college, and Peter took advantage of this after finishing the University of Idaho. On that trip, he first traveled to his parents' village where he met many Bedegis and stayed in the house where his father and even his grandfather had been born.

the foot of the Great Pyramid at Giza and climbed up its face the next morning, ignoring a guard who shouted at them before turning to other business. Peter's face lights up as he tells of the view at the top—the Sphinx right in front with sprawling Cairo and the green Nile valley in the distance and, on the other side, the vast barren desert. Soon they were joined by an Egyptian university student who spoke English and they ended up dining together that evening. This is just one of his many travel stories.

Great Britain was their last stop, where they—and their van—boarded a Russian ship to sail to New York. It docked at the 42nd Street pier, where customs officials told them they should not have treated the VW as though it were a big suitcase; their belongings should have been packed into boxes. Peter blamed the Russians and customs waved them through.

Peter worked for many years selling printing in the East Bay, and his wife became a financial consultant. But he often frequented Maps Unlimited, located at the time in San Ramon. In 1996, the owner mentioned he was looking to sell the store and Peter recalled that it sounded like fun so he made the career move. He soon moved the store to the Livery, which he says is a much better location.

By the way, the Bedegis did get into the local housing market and raised two children in a house they built in Pleasanton. Peter said he occasionally drives by the big house in Montclair but has no regrets over not buying it at that low price. As a matter of fact, he calls being outbid "the best thing that ever happened." Now there's a man who appreciates travel—and helping others find their way in the world. ■

Instead of renewing their home search, they used the money to travel to Europe, buy a Volkswagen camper at the factory in Westphalia, and spend two years visiting 38 countries on the continent as well as the Mideast and North Africa.

He returned and settled in the Bay Area. In the mid-'70s, he and his wife had saved \$13,000 and made an offer on a stately old house in Montclair for \$39,000. They were outbid by \$500. Instead of renewing their home search, they used the money to travel to Europe, buy a Volkswagen camper at the factory in Westphalia, and spend two years visiting 38 countries on the continent as well as the Mideast and North Africa. They camped at

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POLICE LOG

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

Sept. 25

- Accident-injury: Accident investigation on El Pintado Rd., at 12:12 a.m.
- Driving under the influence (DUI)-misdemeanor: Arrest on Greenbrook Dr. and Scotts Mill Rd., at 1:39 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.

Sept. 26

- Possession of weapon-public place: Arrest on Camino Tassajara and Creekside Ave., at 3:04 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: Accident investigation on Ackerman Dr. and El Cerro Blvd., at 8:26 a.m.
- Hit & run-misdemeanor: Accident investigation on Camino Tassajara and Contada Cr., at 8:07 a.m.
- Warrant arrest: Arrest on Camino Ramon at 1:48 a.m.
- Petty theft-from vehicle: on Hill Meadow Pl., at 2:41 p.m.
- Grand theft-from vehicle: on Hill Meadow Pl., at 3:24 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on La Gonda Wy., at 5:01 p.m.
- Possession of dangerous drugs: Arrest on El Cerro Blvd. and La Gonda Wy., at 5:42 p.m.
- False ID to police: Arrest on Linda Mesa Ave. and Railroad Ave., at 8:05 p.m.

Sept. 27

- Burglary-auto: on Bobbie Dr., at 7:18 a.m.
- Petty theft-from building: on Stone Valley Rd., at 10:40 a.m.
- Petty theft: on El Alamo Ct., at 11:44 a.m.
- Burglary-commercial: on Diablo Rd., at 6:39 a.m.
- Violation of court order: on Gil Blas Rd., at 4:26 p.m.
- Petty theft-from building: on La Gonda Wy., at 5:05 p.m.

Sept. 28

- Burglary-commercial: on Diablo Rd., at 6:39 a.m.

- Burglary-residential: on Camino Amigo Ct., at 12:28 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: Accident investigation on Diablo Rd. and Front St., at 3:38 p.m.
- Warrant arrest: Arrest on Linda Mesa Ave. and Railroad Ave., at 12:10 a.m.
- Unlicensed driver: Citation on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Town and Country, at 1:29 a.m.
- Petty theft: on Love Ln., at 8:22 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Love Ln., at 8:42 a.m.
- Burglary-commercial: on Diablo Rd., at 12:28 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Swan Ct., at 3:54 p.m.

Sept. 30

- Petty theft: on Diablo Rd., at 6:48 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Windchime Dr., at 6:51 a.m.
- Stolen vehicle: on La Gonda Ct., at 8:30 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Hartz Ave., at 4:15 p.m.
- Drunk in public: Arrest on Hartz Ave., at 6:40 p.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Stone Valley Rd., at 3:39 p.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Danville Blvd. and Del Amigo Rd., at 10:15 p.m.

Oct. 1

- Vandalism-felony: Arrest on Railroad Ave., at 3:43 a.m.
- Civil matter: on Skylark Ln., at 6:39 p.m.

Oct. 2

- Civil matter: on San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 3:05 a.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Danville Blvd. and La Gonda Wy., at 4:15 a.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr., at 5:23 p.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Dunhill Dr., at 5:02 p.m.
- Civil matter: on Mustang Dr., at 7:13 p.m.
- Disturbing the peace-domestic: on Brush Creek Pl., at 7:50 p.m.

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

ALAMO

Sept. 26

- Petty theft-from vehicle: at Alamo Plaza

Sept. 27

- Burglary-boat: on Via Del Gato.
- Burglary-auto: on Via Serena.

Oct. 1

- Burglary-commercial: on Danville Blvd.

Oct. 2

- Burglary: on Iron Horse Trail and Las Trampas Rd.
- Battery-misdemeanor: on Tara Jean Ln.

BLACKHAWK

Sept. 26

- Grand theft-from vehicle: on Oakridge Dr.

Sept. 29

- Burglary-auto: on Blackhawk Rd.

Sept. 30

- Malicious mischief: on Cottonwood Dr.

Oct. 2

- Disturbance-domestic: on Country Club Pl.

OBITUARIES

Curtis Collins

Curtis Collins was born in Arkansas on Jan. 31, 1925, and passed away Sept. 16 in Danville. He was a resident of Pleasanton for 10 years, and prior to that lived in Newark for 30 years. He served in the U.S. Army and in the Korean War. He loved working on his car but most of all he loved caring for his surrogate family Christina, Danielle and Valerie Nunes.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret Mary and parents Ethel and Will Collins. He is survived by his sister Leola Thrower of Louisiana.

A memorial service was held Sept. 26 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary. Burial is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

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Perspective

EDITORIALS • LETTERS • OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITY

EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Good call on Rose Street

Two sections of the main street running through downtown Danville would appear to have a disconnect, and we are pleased to see the town government taking steps to make them equally charming.

The southern section of Hartz Avenue, between Diablo Road and where it is rejoined by Railroad Avenue at Country Kitchen, is lovely, no doubt about it. Those blocks have mature trees, attractive architecture and beautifully restored historic buildings. North of Linda Mesa, it still ain't bad but it has that outskirts-of-town look that is usually associated with larger cities. This area also has interesting shops and popular eateries so its appearance hasn't stopped its commercial success. The two sections just don't quite fit together visually.

The town administrators recognize and are addressing the situation—it sounds a little too spoiled to label it a “problem.” The latest move was to acquire property on Rose Street that backs up to Hartz Avenue north of Linda Mesa. It will be used short-term for parking spaces, but the town officials hope to work with developers to amass parcels to add to this property to be used for affordable housing. Such a development would, of course, be done with an eye to attractiveness to continue the charm of downtown.

It's all part of the move to make the northern stretch of Hartz as appealing as the main section and to bring redevelopment this way. The town recently rezoned the area as a “Special Opportunities District.” This allows for less onsite parking and 80 percent floor-area ratio instead of the previous 50 percent, which should make the area attractive for business owners and developers.

The Rose Street property was a good purchase by the town to jumpstart the refurbishing of the north end of downtown. The parking lot is a great interim use and, hopefully, this purchase will convince developers that the town is serious about its intentions toward this part of town.

THE POINT OF THE PEN



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pleased with Piepho

Dear Editor:

We are pleased with what Supervisor Mary Piepho has been doing in Alamo. The past supervisor's inaction created a lot of problems.

A. Traffic: We have been trying for over a year to get a “No U-Turn” sign reinstalled on Danville Boulevard south off Stone Valley Road. There have been accidents and near misses—it is an absolute hazard. We now have a “No U-Turn” sign. Piepho is now working with Public Works to fix Danville Boulevard so constituents see improvements by next year and do not have to wait any longer. She had the county clean up the dead bushes, trees and leaves along the I-680 onramp at Stone Valley Road south to prevent fires and infestation of rodents.

B. Her goal with a MAC (Municipal Advisory Council) is to provide Alamo with a unified voice instead of the several special interest groups, both commercial and private, that fight with each other. She is fast tracking the R7A and Zone 36 projects. Supervisor Piepho is focusing at present on forming a MAC to give Alamo unified representation.

Let us work with Supervisor Piepho to get these projects completed. As an office holder for a short nine months and considering the infrastructure, she has accomplished a great deal.

SC Thompson, Alamo

Doesn't support new student parking lot

Dear Editor:

The article “Student Parking at Monte Vista...” in the Sept. 16 issue reads like a public relations article for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. Traffic on Stone Valley Road, Green Valley Road and the neighborhood streets is intolerable and the proposed solution for the high school parking will make it worse. In fact, many students do not use the current parking lot because it is “locked” during school hours.

There is not a single high school in Contra Costa County that has its student parking across a major arterial road (Stone Valley Road) from the school. In fact I understand the Education Code prohibits schools from having classroom facilities “across the street,” yet it seems the school district is very willing to put student parking across the street from Monte Vista High School.

Further, the article says, “some residents in surrounding neighbor-

hoods have expressed opposition and concern.” In fact, the Alamo Improvement Association and the San Ramon Valley Planning Commission have both recommended “denial” of the project, and I understand that more than 1,000 people have expressed opposition to the project. I have also heard that the town of Danville does not support the project, as planned.

I feel you would do the community more good if you would fully research “hot topics” and give a full account of both sides of the issue.

L.R. Connelly, Alamo Oaks Lane

Town planning problems are same all over

Dear Editor:

The stories in the Sept. 23 issue about more businesses for Danville had great interest to me. At present, my funding principals are adding foreign trade zone industrial partnership and commercialization centers to outlying villages in North America.

As I review the Danville Town Council's thoughts, I see the same issues faced in my village renovation planning:

1. Maintaining the town's character and current residents' view of their town.
2. Creating a community business district that is in character with the town's history and residents' perspective.
3. Creating infrastructure, such as streets, parking, lighting, signage, parks, recreation, protective and safety services, and sanitation.
4. Establishing corporate relationships to bring the anchor and ancillary businesses to the town.
5. Establishing a town government based on residential participation in a community advisory panel that is solely focused on town renovation. The key goal is to avoid the failures in American village conversions to a sprawl of malls and box-styled housing.

In our current southern Nevada town planning, we are taking a village of under 1,000 people to an incorporated village community of more than 14,000 people in 27 months, through corporate sponsorship of renovation of current businesses via their owners and adding complementary residential, commercial, retail, hospitality and professional operations among the current business renovations to insure overall success.

Danville community business district renovation is a great story, newsworthy and interesting. Best wishes to Danville.

Harald A. Bailey, Alamo
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Danville teams split results on gridiron

Mustangs beat California, Wolves lose to Foothill

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The Monte Vista Mustangs beat California High, 34-20, in their East Bay Athletic League home opener last Friday. Peter Geurts ran for 214 yards and two touchdowns in the victory. The Mustangs are now 4-0 and 1-0 in the EBAL. They play tonight at home against Livermore.

The San Ramon Wolves lost a tight game to Foothill, 41-35, in their EBAL opener. After scoring two touchdowns, the Wolves were rolling coming back from a two-touchdown deficit. Harmon Bruno made a key interception for the Wolves, but the momentum changed on the next play when Austin Day intercepted a pass from Corbin Louks. The Wolves record is 3-1 and 0-1 in the EBAL. They will play tonight at Granada.

Cross Country

The San Ramon Wolves varsity boys cross country team placed 13th out of 40 at the Stanford Invitational on Sept. 24. Brett Gunari led the Wolves with a time of 17:24 in the 3.1-mile race. Mike Grant finished at 18:21; Devan Blair and Aaron Grant at 18:00; and Alex DeLuna at 18:30.

The lady Mustang varsity race was led by Alexis Nordine with a time of 20:22.

The EBAL season begins next

with only seven teams racing as opposed to big races like this with 40 teams competing.

Golf

The Lady Mustangs golfers went to 7-0 with a win over the Lady Wolves at Crow Canyon Country Club. Michelle Hatsushi and Jordan Ontivaros led the Mustangs with scores of 40, and the Wolves were led by Jennifer Cohen and Kait Pickenvance shooting 45. The Wolves lost a close match to Foothill at the Pleasanton Fairways to go 3-3 in league play. Jen Cohen shot the low score of the match, an even par 30.

The Lady Mustangs set a tournament record at the San Leandro Fall Invitational on Sept. 26, shooting a sizzling 391 at Monarch Bay Golf Course. The Mustangs were led by Jordan Ontiveros and Sunny Zhang with 74s, and Michelle Hatsushi and Jane lee shooting 75 and 77. Amador Valley finished second with 431 and Bishop O'Dowd third at 444.

Tennis

The Lady Mustang tennis team won its match against Foothill on Sept. 29 to move into first place in the EBAL. Both teams were undefeated coming into the match. Mia Giovanetti and Vanessa Lunardi led the Mustangs to victory. Last year Monte Vista beat

Foothill in the North Coast Team Championship.

Volleyball

The Lady Mustang volleyball team opened its league play Sept. 27 with a hard-fought win over California. The team was led by Marie Kosnik with 31 assists.

Water Polo

The Lady Wolves beat College Park 10-8 in a non-league water polo match. College Park was seeded fourth in last year's North Coast section.

On Tuesday, the lady Wolves ran their record to 5-0 and first place in the EBAL with a win over Monte Vista, 10-2. Kristin Auker led the Wolves with three goals. Monte Vista's record is now 5-1. The Mustang boys team edged the Wolves 7-5 to go 6-0 in the EBAL and move into first place over the Wolves. San Ramon is now in second place, with a 4-1 record. Charlie Steffans led the Mustangs with four goals. ■

Send weekly results to lmcol3525@aol.com or fax 837-8454.

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 7

Football:

San Ramon at Granada, 7 p.m.
Monte Vista vs. Livermore, 7 p.m.



DENNIS RANDELL

Go, T-Birds!

Jr. Midget T-Birds Jordan LaTendresse, Adam Klooster, Brenton Chevez and Kendal Leusing in the navy blue overwhelm the Clayton Valley Falcons in a home game Saturday at San Ramon Valley High School that ended 8-0. Running back David Redmon broke several long runs off tackle, the first resulting in the Jr. Midgets lone score. Other runs, also by Redmon, kept drives alive, along with good offensive line play at the point of attack. Defensively, the Jr. Midgets brought great intensity to shut down the Falcons' passing attempts. Constant pressure provided by defense linemen Payton Woodbury, Jordan Weiss and Zack Dreyer, along with defensive back's Adam Klooster and Trent Peterson, gave the Clayton Valley Falcon quarterback no time to throw. The T-Birds season record is now 2-2.

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In the dog-eat-dog world of business, Danville is more than holding its own

Each morning, Bob Desautels, one of the two principals of ATI Engineering and Architecture, leaves his Danville home and drives to his Blackhawk office. When he and his partner, Paul DiDonato, also a Danville resident, decided to locate their firm in Blackhawk in 1989, the choice was a no-brainer.

Construction was beginning to boom in the area and their business provided consulting services for many of those projects. Talented people were plentiful and the area offered affordable housing. Employees could live, work and enjoy a high standard of living in the area.

After starting off with only a handful of employees, the company now employs about 100 people in three

offices in California. Over the years, it has received national accolades and garnered numerous local awards, including being voted one of the East Bay Business Times Fastest Growing Companies for an unprecedented four years straight from 1999-2002. Unusual business success for a Danville company? Not at all.

According to the "Preserving the Prosperity Report" issued by the Tri-Valley Business Council (TVBC), Danville is a player in the regional business landscape and success stories like ATI Engineering and Architecture are common.

In fact, for the past 10 years, small companies have driven the region's economic engine. Despite the prevalence of large corporations lining the 580/680 corridor, the report finds that small businesses have grown faster

and added more jobs than their large business brethren. And perhaps most surprising: A large percentage of these businesses are founded in Danville.

To perform the study, the Business Council retained consultants, Collaborative Economics, to analyze the area's current business climate, investigate the types of business currently operating in our geography, and make recommendations for improvements.

Their findings, summarized in the Prosperity Report issued in July, define several key actions the Business Council can take regionally to insure the business climate remains strong.

The report starts by identifying the key types of businesses. In the Tri-Valley region, there are over 18,000 companies doing business, spread among many business sectors. Today, the strongest sector in the region is "innovation services," or more simply, consulting. It is larger than any other sector, employing 13 percent of the area's workforce and 2.5 times more concentrated than the California average.

Given the number and growth of home-grown businesses, the report also concludes small businesses founded locally with fewer than 100 employees, like ATI,

are the region's bread and butter. While larger companies have moved to the area in the past 10 years, the firms founded locally have added, on average, about 40 percent more jobs than firms expanding or relocating here.

Small businesses have grown too. The number of small firms with annual revenue over \$500,000 who enue continued to grow by at least 2 percent for four consecutive years, tripled in the last decade.

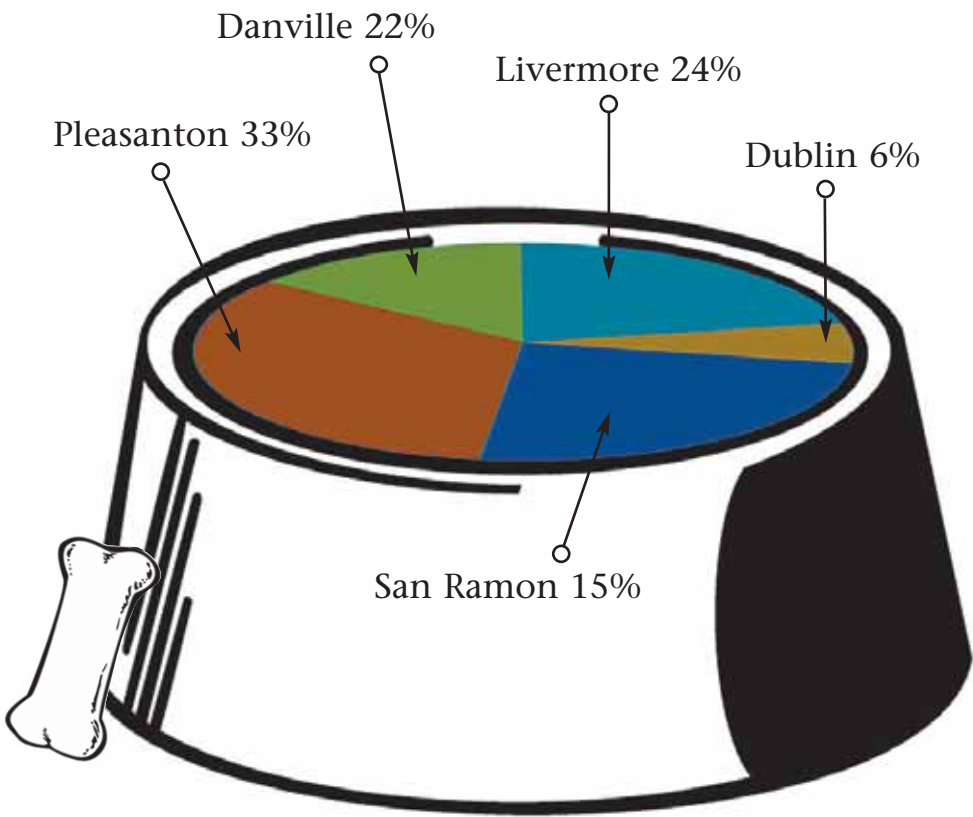
Many think of Danville as a bedroom community with little impact on the regional business scene, but this is a Danville residents founded more businesses in 2003 than any city in the Tri-Valley.

"The strength of Danville is a surprise," said Tom O'Malley, the Tri-Valley Business Council president. "The statistics are overwhelming. The idea is we can't ignore (the small businesses)."

Bonnie Guttman, Danville economic development coordinator, agreed.

"I think the news for Danville is very good," said Guttman. "People think of us more as a bedroom

Share of Patents, by city, in 2003



Business Starts 1990-2002

	Information Technology	Innovation Services	Business Operations
Danville	12% (57)	21% (721)	21%
Dublin	10% (48)	9% (296)	11%
Livermore	19% (89)	17% (590)	13%
Pleasanton	34% (158)	29% (1,000)	32%
San Ramon	25% (119)	24% (805)	23%

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by Julie Nostrand

community, but we are a 'player' in this region." The report points to a great number of businesses in Danville that are very small, with fewer than five employees, and home-based. But, according to Guttman, the concern is that once those smaller businesses start to grow, there is little commercial space available in Danville for expansion.

"That is why the regional aspect of this report is so important," said Guttman, also a member of the Business Council. "We need to create connections so business can incubate in Danville and move to another Tri-Valley city as they grow."

O'Malley said the report also shows the opportunity to partner with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for commercial efforts could be a tremendous boon to local small entrepreneurs.

Danville entrepreneurs, in particular, are well positioned to take advantage of this new partnering effort. Many Danville residents are already on the cutting edge of innovation. In fact, Danville residents filed 22 percent of the total patents registered in the region. Couple this innovative know-how with the prospects of partnering with the technologists of the



Livermore Lab, and Danville entrepreneurs may be in the business spotlight regularly in the future.

"The Labs in Livermore have the technology for starting points for entrepreneurs," said O'Malley, "and the technology has applicability to business. There is an opportunity for these partnerships that could become the economic engine for the region."

With the Lab's new charter to commercialize its technology, the opportunity seems ripe for local businesses and the Business Council is ready to pave the way for small businesses.

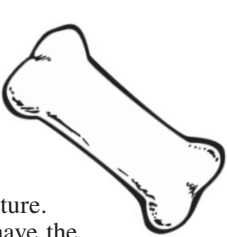
While many local business leaders are excited by the future forecasted, others fear that clouds are looming on the horizon. The reason for their caution: Soaring housing costs are making it difficult for businesses to thrive.

An increasing number of talented employees are no longer able to afford houses in the area. Instead, those employees are buying more affordable homes in outlying areas and clogging freeways with traffic. The bottom line is the cost of living is becoming unbearable and threatens to impact the quality of life enjoyed by Tri-Valley residents.

The study validates these concerns. According to the report, unless there is greater regional cooperation to resolve some of the area's cost of living and quality of life issues, the business climate could be drastically affected.

"Larger companies are impacted by traffic, housing and lack of a skilled work force," said O'Malley, "but big companies have better ability to manage them. Big companies can come up with higher pay, carpools, even loans to employees that small companies can't."

ATI Engineering confirms that it is feeling



the pinch these days. Desautels said it is difficult to hire young engineers in the area because of cost of living issues. The company opened satellite offices in Roseville and Costa Mesa to ease some of the hiring pain and remain close to construction, but that strategy hasn't completely resolved the issue.

"Now, only our senior managers can afford to live here, not staff," noted Desautels.

Guttman said the city is aware of the problem, too. "The problem is endemic. It was one of the first problems (the Tri-Valley Business Council) identified as a key issue."

While the area has not seen a major departure of business despite the increase in the cost of living, it remains to be seen how much more the business community can tolerate.

"Unless we do something as a region, businesses will leave. There is only so much they can take," said O'Malley. He added, "People need to understand, regionally the economy will take a hit at some time unless some of these problems are solved."

So, what does it mean if businesses can't afford to be here? No one knows for sure, and O'Malley hopes we will never find out.

To address these concerns, the Business Council is beginning work on the opportunities and challenges uncovered in the study. Four teams will tackle the actions identified, which include promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, encouraging partnerships with the national laboratories, creating, attracting and retaining talent, and enriching the regional quality of life.

O'Malley said the teams are in the process of identifying priorities. Once the names of the local businesses are available,

the teams will begin defining what those companies need to continue thriving in the Tri-Valley. And once those needs are known, the action teams will create plans to resolve the common barriers to success.

"A lot of time is spent attracting big companies to this region," said O'Malley. "Maybe we need to start nurturing smaller companies."

And with its breadth of smaller entrepreneurs, that may be good news for Danville businesses. ■

Protect all businesses

Founded in 1994, the Tri-Valley Business Council has the mission to represent the interests of the private sector on regional issues that impact the economic vitality of the Tri-Valley. President Tom O'Malley leads the organization along with Chairman of the Board Phil Wentz of Wentz Vineyards and Chief Financial Officer Weldon Moreland of the Accounting Offices of M. Weldon Moreland.

The organization, which has more than 80 businesses currently participating, is focused on bringing together business, government and the community. Its geographic reach includes Danville, Dublin, San Ramon, Pleasanton, Sunol and Livermore.

The Business Council protects the interest of businesses of all sizes regardless of sector. Its key projects include Vision 2010: the Golden Valley, the Tri-Valley Career Expo, the Economic Vitality Study, Crayons to Computers Warehouse, the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair and more.

For additional information about the Tri-Valley Business Council, visit www.trivalley.org.

Business Starts 2003

Business Categories	Scientific/Biomedical	All Industries
(784)	20% (388)	19% (6,332)
(411)	6% (125)	11% (3,664)
(511)	18% (345)	21% (6,994)
(1,215)	32% (612)	29% (9,580)
(884)	24% (465)	20% (6,485)

Source: TVBC "Preserving the Prosperity Report"

	New Starts in 2003	Firm Starts per 1,000 Residents in 2003
Danville	26% (702 firms)	16.3
Dublin	10% (268 firms)	7.8
Livermore	18% (474 firms)	6.2
Pleasanton	26% (694 firms)	10.5
San Ramon	20% (541 firms)	11.6

GRAPHICS BY JASON LIND

Hairy and Scary

Tarantulas aren't deadly, they're just misunderstood

story and photos by Casey Reivich

The group of hikers stared in fear and awe at the pet tarantula being cradled in the hand of Park Ranger Ron Lavin. But by the end of their Tarantula Trek on Mount Diablo last week, these same hikers were excited to find tarantulas at their feet - they were even eager to hold them.

Within a few short hours Lavin convinced the apprehensive hikers that although they appear terrifying, tarantulas are woefully misunderstood. The hairy little critters don't want to bother anyone, and they certainly don't want to pick a fight. Really, they're lambs in wolves' clothing, explained Lavin.

Every fall, Lavin takes groups of curious hikers out on the Mitchell Canyon trail at the Clayton end of Mt. Diablo State Park. Not only is the weather sunny and mild - the hills of Mount Diablo still golden and dusty from the summer - but early fall is the prime time to come across wandering male tarantulas.

In the fall, mature tarantulas (8 to 12 years old) begin the biologically necessary but ultimately unromantic journey of finding a mate. The male must leave his comfortable bachelor pad in the ground and traverse mountainsides, roads, back yards and fields to find a female. His journey is solitary and his ambition simple.

Befriending tarantulas

What: Tarantula Trek

When: 3-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16

Where: Mitchell Canyon Trailhead, Mt. Diablo State Park

Contact: Call Ken Lavin, 686-9393, to reserve a spot. Hikers must be 11 or older.

Along the way, a male tarantula must fend off predators such as a female tarantula hawk, which will paralyze a tarantula and drag him off to her nest. She buries him with her eggs, so that when her babies are born they will have something to feast on.

The tarantula is the largest spider in North America, but despite his size, fangs and deadly reputation, the male tarantula has really only the hair on his belly to help him. His fangs are not imposable, which makes fighting difficult. He basically has to get on top of his attacker to be able to bite. Even if he is able to sink his fangs in, he only has enough venom to kill a cricket. A tarantula's only real defense is to rub the hair off his abdomen with his hind legs. If an attacker breathes those hairs, it will sneeze uncontrollably and the tarantula can slink away.

Once the male comes across a female's burrow, he will tap on the top, creating a vibration. The female tarantula will come out of her burrow thinking he's dinner. The male tarantula will have to use his hooks to grab onto her fangs so she does not kill him while they mate.

After they mate, if the female needs the protein for her eggs, she will kill and eat the male tarantula. If she isn't hungry, he is free to go. He will wander for a short time, never returning to his own burrow, and eventually die of old age. The female tarantula can go on to live for many years. Every year she will produce a hundred or so spiderlings in the spring.

Tarantulas are harmless, almost wimpy arachnids. How did they gain their fearsome reputation? They're portrayed in films like the 1955's campy horror classic "Tarantula" as rampaging monsters, but in reality they are no more danger-

ous than bees, actually even less so.

Lavin, whose knowledge of wildlife and Mount Diablo was expansive and entertaining, explained that the tarantula's hairiness and size have plagued the spider throughout history. In Italy in the Middle Ages, grape harvesters thought they were being bitten by tarantulas. They discovered fang marks and thought the venom was causing their cramping and sweating. They believed they could sweat the venom out by dancing. They called this dance "Tarantella," which means tarantula in Italian. Lavin explained that the real culprits were most probably European Black Widow spiders.

"Poor tarantula, he got the blame," said Lavin. A tarantula's bite is much like a bee sting, Lavin explained. No one has ever died from a tarantula bite.

The deadly reputation continued to dog the tarantula in Contra Costa County, where they are abundant. When the California Geologic Survey came out to analyze the copper and quartz being mined in Mitchell Canyon in 1861 they weren't too impressed with the natural resources, but they were impressed by the wildlife. Except, of course, for the tarantulas.

"They picked the one animal they didn't need to be afraid of," said Lavin. Even though Mitchell Canyon has changed throughout the years, going from mined quarry to preserved state park, the tarantulas continue to come out every fall in the search for their mate.

Lavin, with his olive-green felt hiking hat and fit figure, looks every bit the part of an intrepid naturalist. He began his hike by dispelling all of the popular misconceptions about tarantulas. He assured hikers that they were going to spot tarantulas on the trail, they set off in the late afternoon.

At first, the group came across fascinating wildlife and fauna like an alligator lizard, California quail, beautiful blue oaks, the last of the summer wildflowers, red berry bushes and jug-sized pinecones. Two horseback riders even passed by - but no tarantulas.

Then sure enough, just as Lavin had said, hikers started spotting the perfectly camouflaged male tarantulas on the side of the trail. Slowly creeping through the brown and golden brush, the tarantulas were almost indiscernible. The first tarantula spotted by the hikers appeared to be at the end of its days. It was thin and almost hairless. Hikers looked on with interest but left the dying tarantula alone. Later the hikers discovered a more virile male tarantula. Immediately on the defensive, he stood on his front legs signaling to the hikers that they should back away and let him be.

Lavin also pointed out burrows of female tarantulas along the trail. He tapped on the outside, even poking inside the burrows with a piece of grass. The female tarantulas sometimes took hold of the straw but could not be persuaded to come out.

By the end of the hike, some of the hikers were happy to observe the tarantulas but still weren't keen to touch them. But many were excited to hold them. Lavin showed those people how to gently place their hand on the ground so the tarantula could easily climb up into their palm. Alone, most people might never consider doing this, but with Lavin's expert guidance the idea of holding a wild tarantula seemed reasonable and fun.

The same hikers who had shuddered at the sight of the hairy beast earlier that afternoon, could not wait to get their hands on one. Tarantulas: harmless and gentle. Who knew? ■



Hikers Betsy Safine of Martinez (left) and Sue Donecker of Clayton look on in awe at the tarantula the group discovered on a Tarantula Trek at Mt. Diablo State Park.



Ranger Ken Lavin holds a tarantula that was climbing a piece of straw. Lavin, a park ranger at Muir Woods in Marin, travels to Mt. Diablo State Park in the fall to lead hikers on a Tarantula Trek, when the park is crawling with male tarantulas looking for female mates. Lavin is knowledgeable not only in the flower and fauna of the park but in its human history as well.



Teddy bear time

How's this for lots of bear hug potential? Moms Offering Moms Support of Danville—otherwise known as MOMS—collected 75 bears, all different sizes, new and gently used, to donate to the Pryor Center in Concord. They gave each teddy a nametag so it would be ready to be loved by a child taken into the center.

“Each year we do four different service projects a year and at least one is with children,” said Sabrina Hungerford, administrative vice president for the group. “Our hope is each child will receive a teddy bear for comfort.”

The Pryor Center is an emergency shelter for children taken out of their homes due to abuse or neglect. It can admit children ages 6 to 17 any time of day or night, and its program is designed to help prepare them to return to their families or for their next home.

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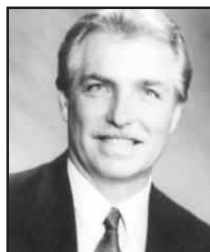
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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)	Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 3:30, 7:15, 10 p.m.
Everything is Illuminated (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:45 p.m.
Flightplan (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:30 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:10, 5:35, 8, 10:25 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m., Hacienda Crossing 20: 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.
History of Violence (R)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:05, 2:25, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues noon, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10 p.m.
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Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon 3-D (NR)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:45, 1, 2:15, 6 pm
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Quiche? Oui! Easy? Mais, oui!!

by Jacqui Love Marshall

Being attracted to recipes that use fresh vegetables and cheese, I generally love French dishes. As a young wife beginning to cook seriously, one of the dishes I learned to make early on was quiche. It remains one of my favorite dishes to this day—mainly because of its ease of preparation and its flexibility of fillings. The kids always liked the pie format and took delight in the “mystery” ingredients I always hid in them. Pair one or two pies with a fresh salad ... maybe add a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc for the adults ... and, voilà, you’ve got the perfect family dinner within no time.

The classic French egg dish is Quiche Lorraine, a specialty of the Lorraine region on the French-German border; its primary ingredients are bacon or ham and cheese. Some see quiche as a tricky dish but the basic formula is easy, at least the way I’ve come to make it. First, to focus on the flavor, don’t fret over the dough, buy frozen deep-dish pie crusts instead of making them from scratch. Better yet, purchase a few and keep them in your freezer for quiches and other pies. If you like thick crusts or insist on using your favorite pastry recipe, fill a pie pan with the dough and add a medium crust lip.

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For the filling, I use two basic formulas—one for everyday; another for fancier meals. The only difference between the fillings is the calorie/cholesterol level but, for holidays and entertaining, don’t sweat the calories, just enjoy.

Everyday Filling: Whisk together 5 eggs, 3/4 cup milk, 3/4 cup light cream, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste. Make it regularly and you’ll memorize this recipe.

Special Filling: Substitute 1-1/2 cup heavy cream for the milk/cream mix.

As for flavor, there are no limits to the things you add to a quiche to liven it up or to finish up a remnant of some ingredient. For the average-sized pie, you’ll want to add about 1/2—3/4 cup of any flavorful ingredients. My favorite combinations are mushrooms and scallions, leeks and corn, asparagus and red pepper. For other ideas, see the variation box.

Preparing the pie is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Prep the flavor ingredients as desired by braising, sautéing, etc. Scatter the ingredients in the bottom of a crust that has been brushed with melted butter or sprayed with butter-flavored oil (to keep the crust from getting mushy). Prepare the custard filling.

2. Grate cheese to generate 1/2 cup worth. Scatter half the cheese on top of the flavor ingredients. Pour the custard filling over everything. Scatter in the remaining cheese.

3. Put the quiche in the preheated oven on the middle rack and bake for 35 to 45 minutes. The quiche is

Quiche: Variations on a theme

- For flavor, try one of these combinations: fresh tarragon and crumbled sausage, spinach and red onion, sliced tomatoes and crumbled cooked bacon, flaked salmon and dill, arugula and shrimp, chicken and peas, crab and onions.

- In addition to Swiss cheese, try using other hard cheeses like Gruyere, smoked Gouda, Jarlsberg, Cheddar, Monterey Jack with jalapeno pepper or other combinations. Avoid soft varieties.

- Be inventive—try using different combinations of cheeses and leftover veggies in your refrigerator. When you hit on a combination that your family loves, make it your household “specialty.”

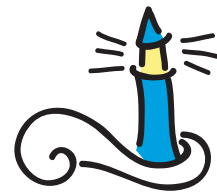
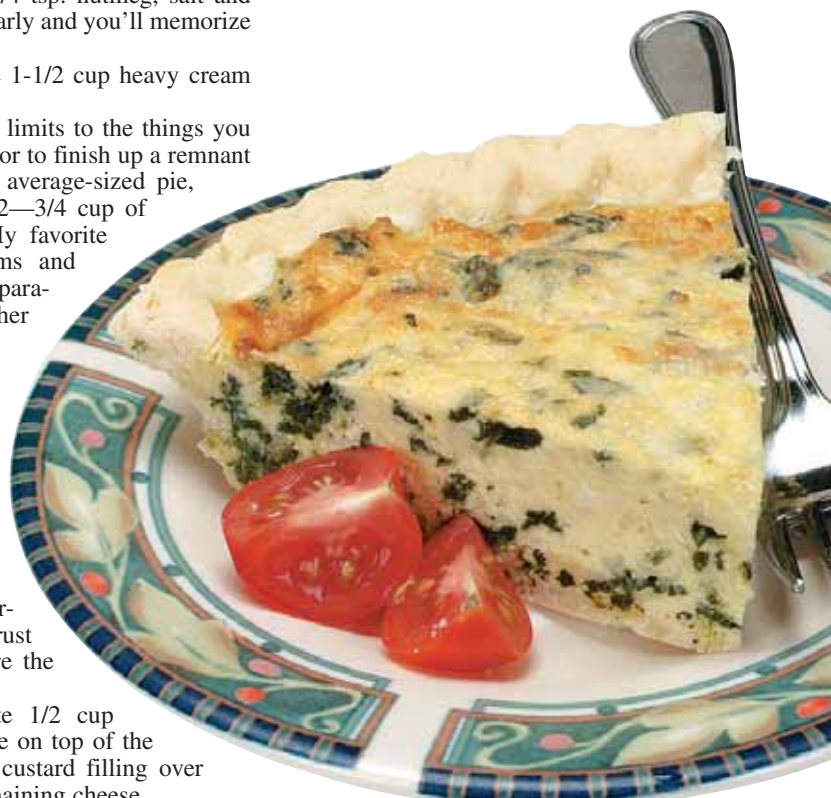
- Consider making two—one for now, one to freeze for a future dinner or brunch.

- Oh, did I mention that leftover quiche makes a great breakfast meal?

ready when an inserted knife comes out cleanly and the top is gently browned. Let the quiche sit for 10 minutes; serve warm in wedges.

Quiche requires little or no watching while baking, so throw it in the oven, toss a quick salad and use the rest of the baking time to open mail, take a power nap or talk to the kids. The next time you’re wondering what to throw together for dinner, quick ... think of quiche!

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Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

Elder Arts 2005

This unique art exhibit celebrating the visual arts of older adults will be on display during the grand reopening of the new de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Oct. 15-Nov. 9. Elder residents from Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living in Danville have contributed art-work to the exhibit through the Art with Elders program. The exhibition is open to the public. For information, call (415) 441-2650 or visit www.eldergivers.org.

Pastel Still Life Demonstration

The Alamo-Danville Artists' Society will host an artist's demonstration and lecture presented by artist Nancy Roberts, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Nancy will paint a pastel still life (flowers). The session is free to the public. For information, call Ginger at 837-6414 or visit www.adas4art.org.

Author Visits

Children's Novelist Jeff Stone

Children's novelist Jeff Stone will be introducing his second book, "Monkey," at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 14, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave. For confirmation, call 837-7337.

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Civic Meetings

Danville Parks and Leisure Services Commission

The Commission meets regularly on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Danville Planning Commission

The Commission meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Town Council Meeting

The Danville Town Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

Classes

Clay Character Modeling for Kids

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Clay Character Modeling for Kids class from 10-11:30 a.m., Saturdays, for ages 6-13. Michael Yen is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$86 for four weeks plus \$15 for materials. For information, call 838-1959.

Entertainment Extravaganza

Curtain Up Productions and Mt. Diablo Region YMCA presents "An Entertainment Extravaganza." Come put on a show with "The Great Pretenders" (children's theater - ages 6-16); work on your theater skills with "It's All Just an Act!" (ages 8-13); or "Movie Magic" (ages 10-16), at the San Ramon Valley YMCA, 1029 La Gonda Way, in Hap Magee Park. For detailed information, call 978-2300 or 831-1100.

Mixed Media Fun for Kids

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Mixed Media Fun for Kids class from 3-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, for ages 6-13. Marilyn MacDougall is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$78 for five weeks, plus \$8 for materials. For information, call 838-1959.

The Marriage Dance

This four-week class addresses putting the zest back in your marriage, embracing differences, working through conflict, etc. The class is from 7-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 19-Nov. 9, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Room 100. The class is facilitated by Laura Taggart, LMFT and Mark Wollan and costs \$75/couple and \$50/individual. Limited childcare is available for a nominal fee with advanced reservation. Call 820-1467 or visit www.cpcounseling.com.

Watercolor

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Watercolor class from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, for all levels. Karen Mason is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Clubs

Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club

This club is open to new and long-time residents of Alamo and Danville interested in making new friends while learning more about the area. Activities include games, day trips, sports, crafts, couples events, volunteer projects and book, movie, international and cooking groups. A prospective member coffee is held the fourth Thursday of the month, and a monthly luncheon on the second Tuesday. Call 775-3233 or visit www.alamodanvillenewcomers.com

Model RC Boaters Association

The Danville Model RC Boaters Association seeks new members. To learn more, call president Rich Mahan at 785-0421.

San Ramon Valley National Exchange Club

Join us to kick off our new San Ramon Valley National Exchange Club at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Faz, 600 Hartz Ave. in Danville (sign in at 11:45). Lunch is \$15. RSVP 475-2412.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club Luncheon

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites members and guests to its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 20, at Cafe Esin in San Ramon. Enjoy lunch while Chef Esin de Carion demonstrates how to prepare his famous Chocolate Hazelnut Torte. For information, call Mickey at 803-2918.

Concerts

Contra Costa Wind Symphony

Duane Carroll conducts a concert honoring the music of Russia with folk musicians and dancers at 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14, general admission, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for students. Call for tickets at 943-7469. For information, call 944-5392 or visit www.CCWindSymphony.org.

10K Red T-shirt Run

Hats Off America, a nonprofit foundation raising money for the families of soldiers who died in Afghanistan and Iraq, is sponsoring a 10K red T-shirt run at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19, at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive. The cost to participate is \$35 per person, which includes a T-shirt and BBQ at Sycamore Park after the run. Volunteers are needed. For information, contact Sparky at 855-1950 or e-mail thebearlagrunner@yahoo.com.

Events

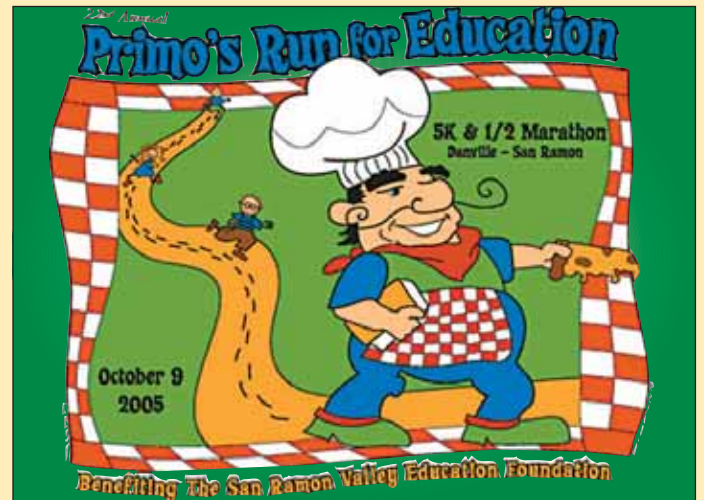
Art, Jazz and Wine Fest

Pleasant Hill's third annual Art, Jazz and Wine Fest is from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, on Crescent Drive in downtown Pleasant Hill. For information, call Pleasant Hill's Chamber of Commerce at 687-0700.

'Autobubbling' family program

"Autobubbling You and I: What Automobiles Tell Us About America" is a family program with music clips, lecture and a sing-a-long. It showcases composers and performers' contributions to popular music with the auto-

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Put on those running shoes and run for education!

Primo's 22nd annual Run for Education, benefiting the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation takes place Sunday, Oct. 9. The half-marathon starts at 7:30 a.m. on Diablo Road at the corner of Hartz Avenue, and the 5K (family fun run) starts at 8:30 a.m. at Iron Horse Middle School in San Ramon. For additional information, visit www.primosrun.com.

mobile as the theme, at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Blackhawk Museum. Event is free with paid admission (museum members free). For information and confirmation, visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org or call 736-2280.

Danville d'Elegance Auto Show

Discover Danville Association and the Parkinson's Institute are sponsoring a fine and speciality auto show benefiting the Parkinson's Institute from noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16, on Hartz Avenue, from Prospect Avenue to Church Street.

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.

Jazz at Peace Series

Mad and Eddie Duran bring their quartet to Peace Lutheran Church to open its "Jazz at Peace" series at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3201 Camino Tassajara. Jazz at Peace is based upon the Jazz Vespers series founded in New York City in 1961 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. For the next six months lineup, or for more information, e-mail peace@peacejourney.org; phone 648-7000; or visit www.peacejourney.org.

Lindamood-Bell Open House

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, a leading educational instruction and research organization, is hosting an open house at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 12, at its Danville Learning Center. To reserve a seat, call 837-4532.

Vintage Sale at Hospice Thrifts

Find vintage couture and more at Hospice Thrift Shoppe's vintage sale events. The events showcase a range of fabulous vintage clothing items from the elegant to the outrageous, including vintage hats, purses, gloves, jewelry, linens and more. This sale event is Oct. 7-9 in Concord and Antioch; Oct. 13-15 in Danville; and Oct. 14-16 in Walnut Creek. Funds raised by the Hospice Thrift Shoppes benefit the programs and services of Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa. For store hours, addresses, etc., call 766-5413.

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.

Gold Medal Winners Concert and Fashion Show

The U.S. Open Music Competition will host its fourth annual Gold Medal Winners Benefit Concert, starting at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara. Hors d'oeuvres and a light buffet will be served from 6-7:30 p.m., with the program starting at 7:30 p.m. with a fashion show followed by the gold medalists' concert. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$30 children. For tickets, call Irene at 735-6218.

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.

Health

Brain Tumor Caregivers' Workshop

The Michael Dunbar Family Charitable Foundation, a nonprofit foundation for awareness and research in the fight against brain cancer, is hosting a comprehensive one-day workshop retreat for brain tumor caregivers from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20, in Walnut Creek. Continental breakfast and lunch included. This event is free to those caring for a loved one with a brain tumor. Advanced registration is required by calling 819-2249 or e-mail, DunbarFoundation@yahoo.com. For more information, visit www.dunbar-charitablefund.com.

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Yoga Classes

The Diablo Yoga Center offers community classes (taught by student teachers), from 4-5 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, at the Diablo Yoga Ceter, 125A Town and Country Drive, for \$8 per class. For information, call Lauren at 838-7878 or visit www.diabloyogacenter.com.

Holiday

Children's Fall Fest

Put on your costume (ages 1-12), and come to the Children's Fall Fest, hosted by the Town of Danville, from 4-6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 28, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Residents, \$5 per child; non-residents, \$6 per child. Preregistration required. Fee includes crafts, carnival style games, face painting and more!!! For information, call 314-3400.

Danville Fall Crafts Festival

The town of Danville welcomes the change of seasons by celebrating the talents of over 200 artisans, entertainers, a Halloween parade, and safe trick-or-treating. This 14th annual festival, hosted by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 22-23, on Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville. Admission is free. For information, call 837-4400 or visit www.mlaproductions.com.

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.

Harvest Festival 2005

Creekside Community Church is hosting a safe alternative to trick-or-treating. For children of all ages, adults too, this event features game booths, door prizes, food (nominal charge for food items), bounce house, large slide, Scooter the Clown and lots of free candy. This free activity is from 5-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30, at Creekside Community Church, 1350 Danville Blvd. in Alamo. For information, call 820-9031.

KKIQ Halloween Party

That Old Blackhawk Magic:KKIQ Halloween Party for ages 21 and over takes place from 8 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Oct. 28, at the Blackhawk Museum. There'll be a DJ, dancing, cocktails, finger foods, costume contests and prizes. When the sun goes down and the moon is overhead, the creatures will come out to play at the Blackhawk Museum! Event is free with paid admission. (Museum members free.) Call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Let's Make Magic for Hospice

Purchase tickets for a wonderful evening of magic and illusion at Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation's "Let's make Magic" gala, from 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Blackhawk Country Club. Doug McConnell, of KRON4 Bay Area Backroads, will be the Master of Ceremonies, hosting a silent and live auction, dinner, cocktails and dancing. Tickets are \$150 per person. For information or to make a reservation, call Cyndie Harrison at 887-5676 or visit www.hospicecc.org.

Monster Bash on the USS Hornet

Is the USS Hornet haunted? Bring the whole family and find out! The Monster Bash will take place from 7:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 29, onboard the USS Hornet, 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda. There'll be live music, a costume contest and haunted happenings below the decks of the "grey ghost." For information, call (510) 521-8448 or visit www.hornetevents.com.

New Year's Eve Casino Classic Celebration 2005

Blackhawk Museum and BHEI Inc. invite you to the New Year's Eve Casino Classic Celebration 2005, from 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Blackhawk Museum. Enjoy an evening of champagne, hors d'oeu-

vres, casino gaming and prizes, San Francisco quintet, gourmet dinner stations (Scott's catering), dancing, etc. Cost is \$135 per person inclusive, black tie optional. Reserve early - deadline Dec. 24. Must be 21 years old and no refunds after Dec. 24. Telephone reservations only at 736-2277, ext. 653.

Wheat-free Holiday Cooking Class

Great tasting, gluten free, holiday cooking and baking class featuring cookbook author of "The Wheat Free Kitchen" Jacqueline Mallorca will take place from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, at Camp Arroyo, 5555 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Enjoy a delicious gluten free continental breakfast and lunch. There is a non-refundable fee of \$50 per person and space is limited. Contact Elaine Taylor, 575-1640, or e-mail etaylor331@aol.com.

Kids & Teens

Annual 'PHAT Friday'

Rolling Hills Community Church is sponsoring an evening of fun and games just for junior highs. "PHAT Friday" is from 6-10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14, at Rolling Hills Community Church, 1565 Green Valley Road. This cool, safe, Fall party will feature a paintball course, go-kart racing, bungee basketball, free food, drinks and much more. The cost is \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. For information, call James McKinney, Rolling Hills Junior High Youth Pastor at 838-7729.

Battle of the Bands competition

St. Raymond Catholic Church, Dublin, announces the second annual youth "Battle of the Bands" competition from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, at St. Raymond Octoberfest Fall Festival (Bandstand), 11555 Shannon Avenue, Dublin. No admission fee for spectators. For information, call 828-2460 or visit cbmartin@sbcglobal.net.

Montair School's Fall Carnival

Montair PTA is presenting its annual Fall Carnival from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16, at Montair Elementary School, 300 Quinterra Lane. There will be a petting zoo, obstacle course, giant slide and Ginger Snaps the Clown's Magic Show, just to name a few. For information, call 837-8662

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.

Internet Essentials Workshop

Learn to navigate the Internet or search the library catalog like a pro. The Danville Library is offering this free, hands-on Internet workshop from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Registration is required. Call 947-4889 or stop by the information desk.

Literary Events

Library Book Discussions

The Book Discussion Group has chosen books for December and 2006. In October the selection is "Housekeeping" by Marilynne Robinson; in November it is "Will in the World," by Stephen Greenbelt, a non-fiction book that explores 16th Century England and what enabled Shakespeare to become Shakespeare. The discussion group meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of every month from September through May at the Mt. Diablo room of the library. Everyone is welcome.

Library Lectures

Contra Costa County Library announces that Robert B. Reich, former Secretary of Labor in the Clinton Administration, will speak on "Globalization Isn't What You Think It Is," at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St., San Ramon. This free program is open to the public and is part of the fall 2005 Library Lecture Series. For information, call Kristen Wick at 927-3286.

Miscellaneous

Annual 'One Warm Coat' drive

The San Ramon Valley Rotary club is holding its 10th annual One Warm Coat drive from Oct. 10-Dec. 10. The drive this year will help Katrina victims as well as local charities. Donations are being accepted for warm coats, sweaters and blankets for men, women and children. Infant clothing is very much needed. To find the most convenient drop-off location, call Rotary members Larry Blair, 200-7640; Mark Murphy, 552-9900; or Dany Gregory, 899-6771 or 838-9110.

Autumn on the Mountain

Save Mt. Diablo publishes upcoming hikes and events on and around Mount Diablo to raise public awareness, appreciation and support to preserve open spaces on and around the mountain. For a schedule of autumn events, call Julie at 947-3535, e-mail jseelen@savemountdiablo.org or visit www.savemountdiablo.org.

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.



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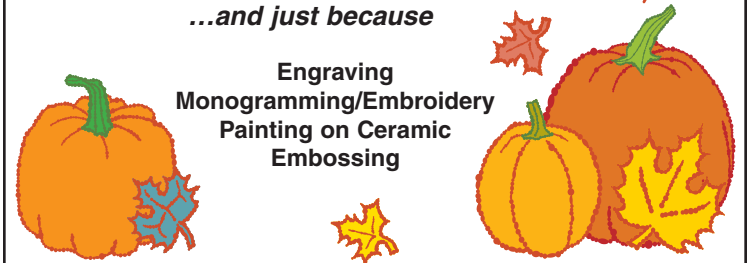
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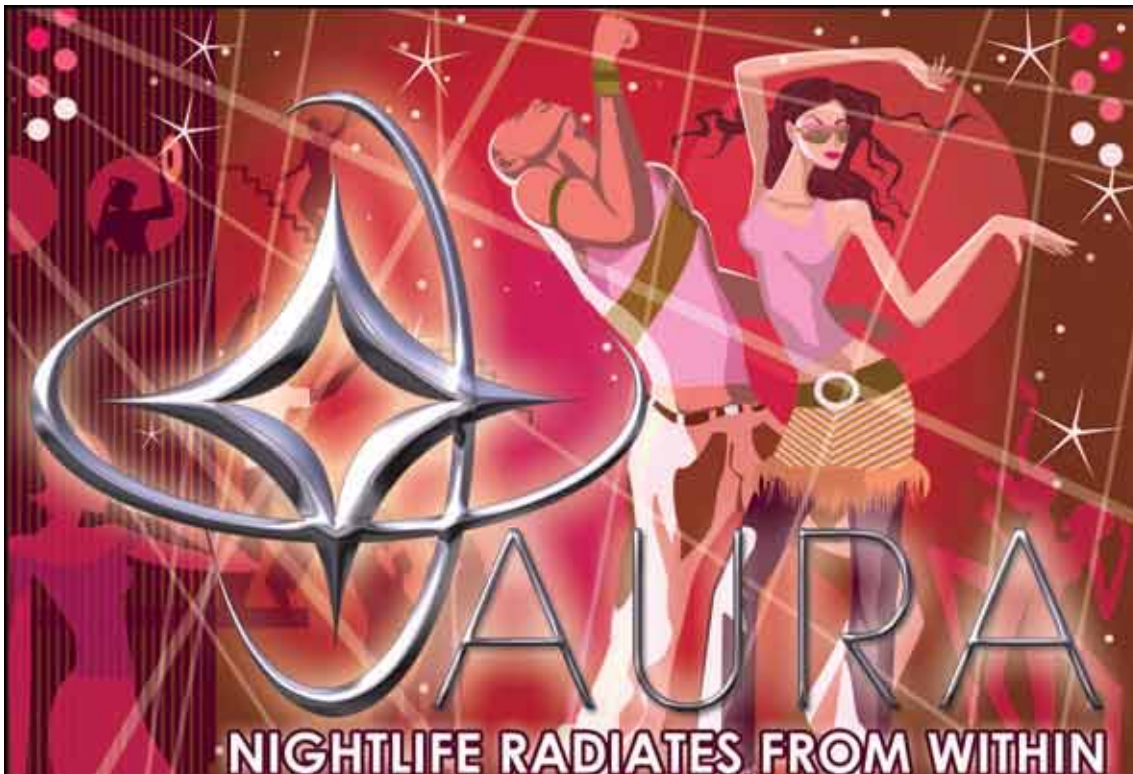
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Got E-Waste Inc., in partnership with the Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club, is sponsoring a free public collection/recycling event for electronic waste (e-waste), from 1-6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7, and 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October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

Treats for the Troops-2005

The Blue Star Moms are sponsoring Treats for the Troops - 2005 holiday care package donation drives, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Oct. 15 and Nov. 5, at Danville Veterans Hall, Hartz Avenue and Prospect. For a list of donations visit www.bluestarmoms.org, or call Tami at 784-5014 or Patty at 989-2960.

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.

'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.village theatre shows.com.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

Join in on the hootin' and hollerin' when local youths present the musical comedy, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 2-5, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 655 Old Orchard Drive. Admission is free, space is limited. For tickets, call 838-1768.

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 Ice!, 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

John D. O'Connor Speech

Catholics@Work, a fellowship of individuals who explore how to actively live one's beliefs in the workplace, features John D. O'Connor, attorney and author of the Vanity Fair article, "I'm the Guy They Called Deep Throat," at their breakfast meeting at 6:45 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Crow Canyon Country Country, 711 Silver Lake Drive. Cost is \$20 for members and \$27 for non-members. To register, visit www.catholicsatwork.org/EventDesc.a.spx.

Support Groups

Danville TOPS

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

Fibromyalgia/Pain

The San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Group meets from 7-9 p.m., every other Monday in Danville. Call Denise for location and information at 837-0510.

Overeaters Anonymous

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

PFLAG

The Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter of Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a support group that meets at 7:30 p.m., every third Monday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 831-8172.

Volunteering

Assistance League of Diablo Valley

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

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art

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

Help Hospice Patients

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa (HPCCC) has three volunteer opportunities available in East Contra Costa County: certified massage therapists, patient support volunteers, and bereavement volunteers. Annual training is provided and begins Jan. 25. For information or to schedule an interview, call 887-5678 or e-mail volunteers@hospicecc.org.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

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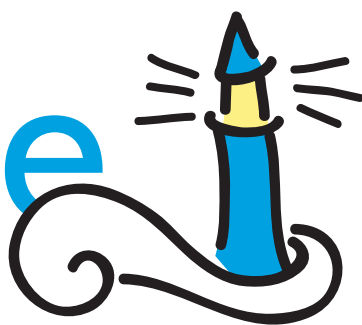
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Pleasanton, 2 BR/2.5 BA

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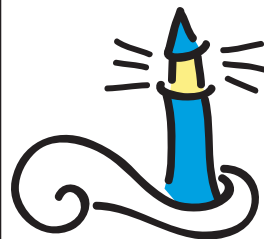
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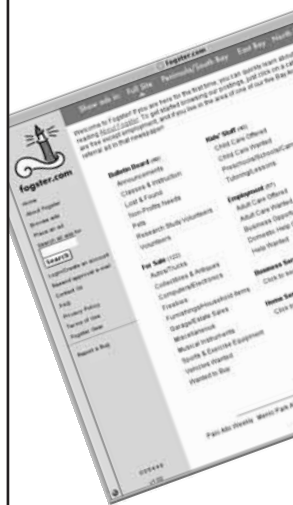
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during September 2005

Alamo	Danville	Diablo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 3	Total sales reported: 21	Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$1,259,000	Lowest sale reported: \$455,000	Lowest sale reported: \$2,500,000	Lowest sale reported: \$475,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,450,000	Highest sale reported: \$3,200,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,500,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,680,000
Average sales reported: \$1,906,333	Average sales reported: \$1,009,309	Average sales reported: \$2,500,000	Average sales reported: \$872,800

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville

362 Adagio Drive C. & A. Griffiths to J. Morrow for \$930,000
689 Adobe Drive M. & D. Lurie to J. Barakett for \$1,000,000
736 Blue Spruce Drive V. Roldan to A. & M. Kadir for \$1,787,500
3511 Country Club Place Tracey Trust to Hadsell Trust for \$3,200,000
2210 Creekview Place Shapell Industries to T. & K. Tingley for \$1,260,000
722 Diablo Road Larson Trust to J. & R. Levitt for \$1,175,000
131 El Cerro Court E. & J. McRae to A. Major for \$1,115,000
315 El Pinto T. & P. Cusumano to A. Naimyar for \$730,000
81 Fawn Place E. Rago to R. Langford for \$715,000
304 Garden Creek Place R. & J. Roth to M. Bonacic for \$455,000
127 Gatetree Court J. & M. Sheidenberger to M. & D. Lurie for \$1,165,000
59 Glen Valley Circle R. Romero to J. Perfetto for \$540,000
1524 Green Valley Road Busch Trust to J. & L. Dutra for \$675,000
1185 Greenbrook Drive M. & L. Odonoghue to B. & S. Wells for \$1,100,000
363 Highland Drive T. Barber to A. & A. Bly for \$1,132,500
394 Ilo Lane #601 J. Fowler to B. Morris for \$466,500
104 Kelley Lane M. Salunga to F. Batchelor for \$500,000

137 Larkwood Circle Rethers Trust to J. Wszolek for \$879,000
237 Stetson Drive J. & M. Daniel to P. & H. Stafford for \$985,000
40 Summer Hill Court D. Lappin to S. Marshall for \$800,000
504 Sycamore Circle J. & K. MacAulay to S. Heller for \$585,000

Alamo

345 Canterbury Court Cohen Trust to S. & B. Block for \$2,010,000

72 Incline Green Lane N. & N. Kaufman to J. & J. Bindra for \$2,450,000

22 Sugarloaf Terrace L. Bani to Habib Trust for \$1,259,000

Diablo

1761 Calle Arroyo Ives Trust to A. & C. Perino for \$2,500,000

Walnut Creek

1541 2nd Avenue Exchange Support Services to B. Tran for \$605,000

1897 Appia Court Marshall Trust to B. Parise for \$600,000

3835 Arbolado Drive J. & S. Foster to C. & M. Ayers for \$1,515,000

141 Camrose Place Seidman Trust to T. & T. Stotka for \$1,120,000

2548 Chinook Drive M. & M. Devincenzi to A. Brown for \$1,150,000

1438 Corona Place Cendant Mobility Financial to S. & L. Gorski for \$800,000

30 Corte Ellena R. & C. Shaffin to J. Markiewicz for \$1,175,000

2020 Doris Avenue W. Zeidan

to S. Sweis for \$900,000
2130 Dorsch Road Shih Trust to A. & E. Cruz for \$820,000

501 Dover Drive L. Thomson to R. & G. Earl for \$1,000,000

129 Galen Drive M. Miller to B. Lavin for \$1,025,000

2201 Geary Road #C Ogren Trust to Chan Trust for \$960,000

190 Glen Court L. Tobin to L. Halpin for \$1,100,000

36 Iron Horse Lane E. Sinn to C. McNamara for \$610,000

49 Iron Horse Lane B. Forman to G. Hayes for \$660,000

1557 Longford Court D. & K. Ocallaghan to S. Denton for \$790,000

2683 Oak Road #234 K. & E. Keith to I. Chang for \$500,000

750 Old Stable Place T. & M. Rudder to S. & R. Mulvaney for \$1,680,000

1833 Parkside Drive Y. Shahabzada to D. Leleu for \$590,000

174 Ponderosa Lane Hull Trust to V. Baiocchi for \$796,500

3032 Rossmoor Parkway #2 G. Begor to Layshock Trust for \$808,500

1653 Siskiyow Drive P. Tehrani to J. Pezzaglia for \$635,000

2570 Walnut Boulevard #25 D. Weimann to P. Mehrazar for \$475,000

2340 Westcliffe Lane #1 H. Fleischer to B. Wilson for \$555,000

1004 Woodstock Drive Oneill Trust to B. & R. Atkinson for \$950,000

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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Danville

3 Bedrooms

155 El Dorado Ave. \$1,149,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5017
1641 Lawrence Rd. \$1,625,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero Real Estate 925-855-4128
220 Borel Ln. \$524,700
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Realty 200-0004
1833 N. Forest Hill Pl. \$724,527
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. C21 Heritage 846.7997
1900 St. George Rd. \$760,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 837-5679
701 Senca Ct. \$809,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4036

110 Lehigh Valley Pl. \$829,950
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

124 Tivoli Ln. \$835,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel Realtors Blackhawk 876-8373

233 Promenade Ln. \$844,950
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4072

114 Blackstone Dr. \$879,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 786-8731

109 Bountiful Ct. \$924,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 339-3500

1431 Harlan Dr. \$959,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217.5050

Open homes

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Danville

4 Bedrooms

1643 Harlan Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio Real Estate Services	\$1,010,000 855-4060
441 Woodbine Ln. Sun 1-4 p.m.	\$1,050,000 949-3059
1224 Robyn Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	\$1,098,000 217-3126
1739 St. Helena Sat/Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Interio	\$1,124,000 648-5331
302 Sun Stream Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	\$1,135,000 362-2019
976 Richard Ln. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,149,000 838-4300
629 Dolphin Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,199,900 855-4046
14 Stirling Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	\$1,249,000 736-3736
306 Zagora Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,284,900 785-6219
345 Remington Loop Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,299,000 855-4072
23 Shadow Tree Court Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Interio	\$1,345,000 251-2561
106 Windover Drive Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,699,000 736-1666
965 Elwyn Place Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,725,000 855-4075
110 Sunhaven Rd. Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	\$1,765,000 217-5048
2100 Hidden Oaks Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	\$1,795,000 831-3326
1100 Sunshine Circle Sun 1:30-4:00 p.m. Interio	\$765,000 648-5336

5 Bedrooms

731 Graham Court Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,059,000 699-7004
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1052 Hill Meadow Place Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,199,000 785-6219
8 Stirling Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	\$1,475,000 895-3755
1130 Lawrence Rd. Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	\$1,575,000 984.3060
5401 Johnston Rd. Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	\$3,500,000 847-2218

6 Bedrooms

1622 Lawrence Road Sun 1-4 p.m.	\$2,150,000 855-4065
10 Creekledge Court Sun 1-5 p.m. Interio	\$2,190,000 683-9799
5401 Johnston Rd. Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	\$3,500,000 847-2218
265 Montego Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker	\$4,900,000 831.3329

Alamo

4 Bedrooms

110 Paseo Del Sol Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,150,000 977-8965
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5 Bedrooms

121 Alicia Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,799,000 855-4155
456 Crest Ave. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	\$899,000 736.3736

6 Bedrooms

147 Alamo Springs Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$3,250,000 855-4155
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Blackhawk

4 Bedrooms

3342 Quail Walk Ln. Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	\$1,450,000 209-7498
3551 Deer Crest Rd. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,575,000 510-612-8008
5275 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$2,299,000 577-4165
142 Pepperwood Ct. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$2,379,000 989-8920

5 Bedrooms

61 Blackhills Pl. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,995,000 683-9799
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Diablo

5 Bedrooms

1515 Avenida Nueva Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel Realtors	\$2,875,000 383-1001
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San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

1515 Arianna Lane Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$629,500 855-4031
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3 Bedrooms

124 Skyline Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	\$540,000 984-1787
105 Lansdowne Loop Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	\$775,000 209-7498
5 Lupine Ln. Sun 1-4 p.m. Remax Accord	\$780,000 699-9099
1022 Vista Pointe Circle Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$839,000 855-4000
11885 Chanterella Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Olde Towne Realty	\$999,950 426-9122

4 Bedrooms

60 Lake Mead Ct. Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel Realtors	\$1,044,500 968-1452
711 Pradera Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,089,000 997-0806
2234 Dewberry Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Interio	\$1,299,000 648-5331
16 Winding Creek Wy. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,695,000 648-5327
3094-3 Lakemont Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$709,950 855-4072
2963 Cheyenne Ave. Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes Realty	\$759,900 791-4263
649 S. Blackbrush Ln. Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC	\$775,000 858-5400
3242 Munras Pl. Sun 1-4 p.m. Pacific Union GMAC	\$799,950 314-4849
500 Bagado Ct.	\$885,000

Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	648-5354
246 Westvale Ct. Sun 1-4 p.m. Ohlmeyer Team	\$889,000 831-3390
4121 Reedland Cir. Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel Realtors	\$949,500 968-1452
243 Latera Ct. Sat/Sun 12:00-5 p.m.Help-U-Sell Valley	\$965,000 Pleasanton 462-5950
820 Springbrook Dr. Sat/Sun 12:00-4 p.m.Hometown	\$969,950 GMAC 426-3824

3685 Sandalford Wy. Sat/Sun 12-4 p.m.Interio Real Estate Services	\$975,000 855-4020
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400 Arlewood Ct. Sun 1-4 p.m.Interio Real Estate Services	\$979,000 855-4020
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5 Bedrooms

121 Woodland Valley Drive Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,074,990 855-4046
3050 Hastings Wy. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,318,000 238-7004
4035 Lilac Ridge Rd. Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord	\$1,595,000 242-8971
9515 Velvet Leaf Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Interio	\$1,989,000 855-4068
142 Lyndhurst Pl. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$2,129,975 251-2532
212 Sun Ridge Drive Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$998,000 855-4046

Walnut Creek

2 Bedrooms

1340 Las Juntas Way Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio	\$484,950 997-9057
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3 Bedrooms

575 Cabot Ct. Sat/Sun 12-4 p.m.Advantage Realty	\$699,000 673-7250
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1 BedroomsCondo

2724 Oak Road #90 Sun 1-4 p.m.	\$330,000 648-5315
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