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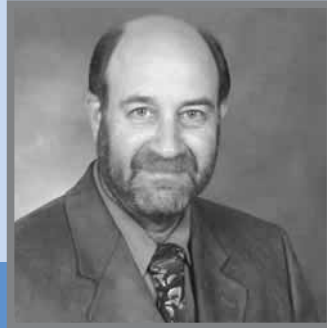
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No. Every piece of property adjoins someone else's property. What you build will directly or indirectly affect them. It would take a long time to build something as big as what Duffield is proposing. Who wants to put up with the noise and dust of construction for that long?

Frank Paniagua
IT security consultant



You absolutely should not be allowed to build anything you want, especially if it's totally out of scale and style with the rest of the neighborhood.

Kay Bauer
assistant flooring contractor



A home that is so much larger than the neighboring homes would be totally out of character for the area. If it were completely secluded that would be another thing. What happens after this guy moves on? Who is going to want to buy and maintain a place that size? Is it going to be taken over by the state like Hearst Castle?

Jim Faulkner
retired police officer



A person has the right to build any size home he wants as long as it doesn't adversely impact others. I'm sure the Taj Mahal is a beautiful structure but would it look right in the middle of a residential neighborhood? If you build something that is out of character for the neighborhood, who is going to want to buy it when you're gone?

Jim Muglie
mortgage broker



Yes, I think a person should be able to build anything they want on their own property – within reason. But, who decides the "within reason" part? Certainly, homeowner association regulations are a good place to begin. Perhaps neighbor approval should be part of the process. I know if somebody were building in my already established neighborhood, I'd want to know how it was going to impact my property.

Karen Ibarra
office manager

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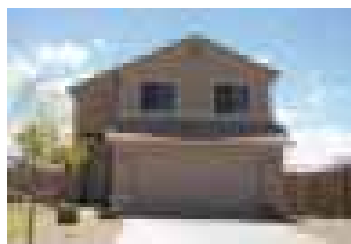
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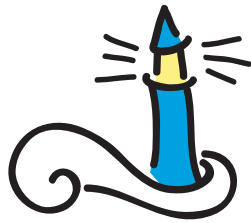
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“ You can be punk rock, you can be an athlete, you can be this or that, but you have to be true to yourself ”

—Drew Verdi, a member of the WB20 Teen Council, which produces public service announcements to air on its station. See story, page 16.

Giving a little, getting a lot

On Sept. 9, Danville resident Denise Navarra went to the Danville Grange to donate some of her blood. Little did she know that her short trip to the grange would eventually lead to a much longer trip to Hawaii.

Navarra won the trip after her name was selected through a random drawing of all American Red Cross Northern California blood donors from Aug. 1 to Sept. 9. Danville Community Blood Drive Sponsor Patricia Parks-Telek and Red Cross Account Manager Harry Beardsley presented her with a Hawaiian lei and a \$1,500 gift certificate for Pleasant Holidays.

The Red Cross encourages the public, especially those with O-positive and O-negative type, to continue to donate blood. The next blood drive will be held at the Danville Grange from 11:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11. For more information, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543), or check online at www.BeADonor.com.

Students help hurricane victims

Students from the San Ramon Valley Christian Academy raised over \$3,300 for Hurricane relief. The money, which was raised through bake sales, offerings, and change drives, was donated to Operation Blessing International.

The fundraising was primarily a group effort, but certain individuals received special recognition for their outstanding efforts. Michael Wollan raised a large portion of the money after asking people door-to-door for contributions. MacKenzie Cless and Landreigh Knapp raised \$50 after running a lemonade stand. The eighth-grade bake sale was also successful, raising \$331.

40 years of the Athenian

The Athenian School celebrated its 40th anniversary last Saturday, beginning with a social in the newly renovated Commons. Dyke Brown, the founder of the school, spoke on the school's mission and achievements, and was presented with "The Founding of the Athenian—An Oral History." The publication of this work was made possible by Athenian trustees Dave Buchanon, Susan Nebesar, Fiona Stewart and Bea Winslow.

Learn about grants

The office of U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D., 10th District) is hosting an all-day Congressional Grants Conference on Monday, Oct. 24, to introduce local nonprofit organizations and government service providers to the government grant process. It will present information about support provided by the congresswoman's office and share private grant options.

The panel will feature representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the state's Cultural and Historical Endowment; the county's Community Development Block Grants program manager; La Clinica de la Raza; and the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. The director of the Office of Grants and Contracts from John F. Kennedy University will share insights on the process, and there will be a panel on private funding grants.

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Cycling to save the mountain

Bicyclists traverse the mountainside in the recent 24th annual Mount Diablo Challenge to benefit Save Mount Diablo. Devon Vigus of Sharp Bicycle in Lafayette was the first male to make it to the top, in 47:55 minutes.

The first female was Jenny Slawta from Medford, Ore., who finished in 55:35 minutes. More than 1,000 cyclists competed, and Jennifer McLaughlin of Alamo came in first for women mountain bikers at 1 hour 29:27 minutes. A new record was set by a Capitola unicyclist, who made the summit in 1 hour 19:47 minutes. Jambo Juice sponsored the event and served smoothies at the summit.



COURTESY SAVE MOUNT DIABLO

Humphrey Ranch project is a go

Supervisors say housing development good outweighs bad; school plans seen as separate

by Casey Reivich

After nine years, many long meetings, rancor and debate, the Humphrey Ranch property development got the green light Tuesday in Martinez.

The county Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the housing development and overturn the San Ramon Valley Regional Planning Commission's decision to deny approval.

The meeting room was packed with opponents and proponents of the project, officials from the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, the county staff who had worked on the project, a few Monte Vista High School students, and members of the Alamo Improvement Association. Approximately 50 people gave public comment at the marathon meeting.

Chairwoman Gayle B. Uilkema, of District 2, joked with trepidation at the start of the packed meeting, "So this is the headliner

of the day."

Not too long ago Davidon Homes' project to build 39 high-end homes on the 96-acre parcel across from Monte Vista High School seemed unlikely. On Aug. 17 the Valley Planning Commission unanimously voted to deny a tentative map for the 39 homes, thereby halting the entire project.

The Planning Commission, which is made up of residents who were appointed by the Board of Supervisors, was troubled by the development's association with school district plans to build a 400-spot parking lot and practice playing field on 10 acres of the Humphrey Ranch that front Stone Valley Road in Alamo.

Even though Davidon insisted that the projects were separate, opponents saw the projects as inextricably linked. In buying the land from the Humphrey family, Davidon took on the obligation to sell 10 acres to the school district.

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Danville to expand community building at Oak Hill Park

New structure will offer another option for special occasions

by Casey Reivich

The small, 1,000-square-foot community building at Oak Hill Park in Danville is slated to get an extreme makeover.

The town of Danville is planning to demolish the small existing community building at Oak Hill Park and replace it with a new structure that is 6,000 square feet. Presently, the community building, which sits at the northwest corner of the park near the parking lot and the pond, has a small meeting room with the capacity to seat 50 people or 30 people with tables. It also has a kitchenette, and bathrooms that can only be accessed from the outside.

When Danville Town Council members discussed renovating the building, they believed the money would best be spent replacing it rather than updating it, said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

"Town Council said, 'If we're

going to spend that kind of money, let's look at replacing the building,'" said Calabrigo.

The Oak Hill Park community building is used by residents and local groups for classes and meetings, as are the buildings at Hap Magee Ranch Park and the Danville Community Center and the Town Meeting Hall, both on Front Street.

Recently, however, the Oak Hill building has been the target of vandals.

"We've had some real problems with vandalism there," said Calabrigo. "The windows have been shot or broken at least twice in the last few months."

The community building was built simultaneously with the park more than 30 years ago. The new building, which will be six times the square footage and have a larger footprint than the existing building,

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Still bedeviled

Federal government rejects proposals to change name of Mount Diablo

by Casey Reivich

Mount Diablo won't be called Mount Yahweh, Mount Miwok, or Mount Ohlone anytime soon.

The U.S. Board of Geographic Names unanimously voted Oct. 12 to reject changing the name of Mount Diablo, said Lou Yost, chief of the geographic names project at the U.S. Geological Society.

Art Mijares, a resident of Oakley, first proposed changing the name to Mount Kawukum, which he said meant, "laughing mountain, everywhere seen." Mijares, a devout Christian, believes the name Mount Diablo, which means Devil Mountain in Spanish, is "derogatory and profane," according to the Board's official docket.

There are several theories on how Mount Diablo got its name. The most commonly accepted is that early in the 19th century a Spanish military expedition was searching for runaway mission American Indians in a willow thicket near Buchanan Field. The soldiers surrounded the American Indians, certain they would capture them. In the morning, however, the American Indians were miracu-

lously gone. The Spanish called this area "Monte del Diablo" or "Thicket of the Devil." English-speaking settlers later mistranslated the name and thought the "Monte" referred to the mountain's prominent summit, hence Mount Diablo.

After questions were raised regarding the origin of Kawukum, Mijares changed the proposed name to Mount Yahweh. He contends that a Miwok holy man told him the name means "the Creator" in Miwok, according to the docket.

Mijares' formal request was followed by two additional name change requests. Sharon Skolnick of San Rafael proposed changing the name to Mount Ohlone, which she said would honor the Ohlone Indians, who once inhabited Mount Diablo.

Bruce Bagnoli, also of San Rafael, proposed changing the

name to Mount Miwok. He told the board that the Miwok consider Mount Diablo sacred ground.

Changing the name of Mount Diablo is no easy task. The name has appeared on the U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps since 1896 and it is the namesake for many local organizations. The name also applies to one of the three lines of meridian that pass through California.

The U.S. Board of Geographic names received roughly 70 letters and 70 e-mails, in both support and opposition to the name change. Organizations like Save Mount Diablo, the Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society, and the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association wrote letters voicing their opposition to the name change.

At the annual conference of the Council of Geographic Names Authority in Portland, Ore., the U.S. Board of Geographic Names unanimously voted down the name change.

"There was no local support for the change," said Yost. None of the proponents for the name change made presentations to the board. ■



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Willow Commons, a new 22-unit affordable housing complex for seniors on Hartz Way, is now accepting applications and is scheduled to open next month.

More affordable housing for seniors on Hartz Way

*For-profit builder creates
22-unit complex with private funds*

by Casey Reivich

Willow Commons, a 22-unit affordable housing apartment complex at the eastern end of Hartz Way, is scheduled to open next month.

The new apartments, which have taken a year to build, will be reserved for independent seniors, age 62 and older, and developmentally disabled young adults, said builder and co-owner Robert Storer. He also serves as a planning commissioner with the town of Danville.

A percentage of the 22 units will be set aside for adults with disabilities. The apartment building fulfills all of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, said Storer.

"It would be nice if we could get Danville residents to continue to

live in Danville," said Storer. "Especially disabled adults."

Being close to the restaurants and shops in downtown Danville benefits adults living with disabilities and seniors, Storer believes.

The project directly abuts Sycamore Place on Laurel Drive. Sycamore Place, an attractive 74-unit affordable housing complex for seniors, was built by nonprofit Bridge Housing in 2003. It was built almost entirely with state and federal funds, said Kevin Gailey, Chief of Planning for Danville.

Willow Commons, though designated affordable like the apartments in Sycamore Place, are owned and will be operated by a for-profit business. Gailey said it is unusual that a for-profit business

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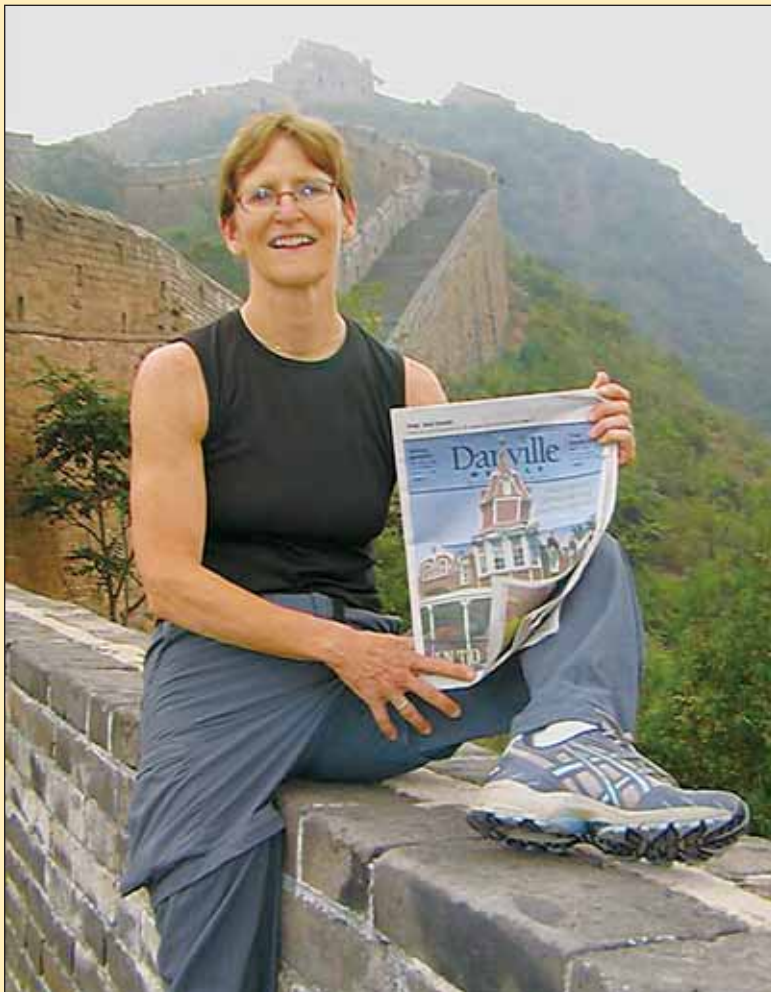


Weekly walks the Great Wall

Liz Miller relaxes with her Danville Weekly as her mate Dan Kibler captures the moment, while hiking a lesser known 10.5 kilometer section of the Great Wall northeast of Beijing. Ken reported the hiking was strenuous because of all the ups and downs as the wall hugs the ridge tops, but it gave them a sense of the effort that must have gone into building it. They also traveled to Tibet.

Liz and Dan live in Danville. Liz is a contract technical writer and inline skating instructor. Dan is an Internet technology professional.

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Oak Hill Park

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will include a ballroom that can seat 175 people, a separate classroom, restrooms inside and outside, a kitchen, a gazebo and decks on both sides of the building. To accommodate the growth, the existing parking lot will eventually be enlarged.

The new community building will provide another option as a venue for banquets and weddings.

The new 175-person ballroom takes full advantage of the scenic grounds at Oak Hill Park and will open out onto a deck that looks over the pond, noted Calabrigo.

“With the exception of the Crow Canyon Country Club, we don’t really have restaurants or hotels that have private banquet facilities,” said Calabrigo. “That exacerbates the demand on public facilities.”

The design of the new community building has been approved by the town’s Design Review Board

and is expected to go before Town Council for final approval before the end of the year, said Calabrigo.

The cost of the 6,000-square-foot building is roughly \$2.5 million. The funds will come from the capital improvements fund, said Calabrigo. Construction should begin by spring 2006.

The public is welcome, as with all town facilities, to reserve the community building through the Facilities Reservation Department, for a fee. ■

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Drinking designed for a doggie

Murdo, a cairn terrier who belongs to Lauren McCullough, enjoys a drink of fresh water from the doggie drinking fountain at the small dog park at Hap Magee Ranch Park. The main Canine Corral opened in July 2004. After an unfortunate incident when a large dog accidentally fell on a smaller one, killing it, part of the dog park was sectioned off for small dogs. Then last March the Town Council awarded a contract for this new small dog park, adjacent to the north side of the big dog park. Its enclosed 16,000-square-foot area includes benches, a scooper station, water fountain, trashcans and landscaping. The final contract amount presented to the council was \$59,085; development and maintenance costs are shared by Danville and R7A, the County Service Area for Alamo.

Rats: One negative of living with nature

Homeowners near Greenbrook concerned about rodents

by Kevin Zhou

Homeowners near Greenbrook Elementary School have started to complain about rats scampering around their homes. They believe the rats are mainly coming from the Iron Horse Trail.

The rats are approximately five to six inches long, not counting the rodents' tails. The most common type encountered are roof rats, which have black fur and are generally slim and agile. Residents have tried to eradicate the problem by installing ratttraps in their back yards or having cats around the house.

"I have three cats to stop the rats from coming into the house," said Edward Moniz, who lives in the area. "I think that cats are probably the best deterrent."

The rat problem has caused concerns among homeowners. During the night, the sound of roof rats scratching in the attic makes it difficult to sleep, they say. Additionally, homeowners complain that the rats are distressing to their children.

"It's caused some emotional issues with my children," said Pat Durkin, another local resident. "It's tough for them to sleep at night because they think that a rat might come up to them."

"You can see rats running along the fence lines near Iron Horse Trail. They've made it into our home, which is very dissatisfying," he added.

Health concerns also exist. Rats are capable of transmitting the plague to humans, and if people

ingest water or food contaminated by the animal's urine it could result in bacterial infection.

Durkin recently contacted the town of Danville about the rodent problem. Typically, a code enforcement officer from the town would go to the site and determine the cause of the problem. If an abandoned car or house was causing the infestation, the town would handle the root of the problem and the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District, which has a contract with the town, would handle the rats, said Kevin Gailey, Chief of Planning for Danville.

So far, the vector control inspector who came out to Durkin's home has only provided information on how to prevent rats from entering homes, said Durkin.

The rat problem is not new to homes along St. Helena Drive. Through the years, Moniz has encountered many rats.

"I've lived here since 1980, and the rats have always been here. I've exterminated over 100 rats," said Moniz.

Since moving to Danville in August from northern Virginia, Durkin has already encountered three rats.

Although some residents are experiencing problems, Gailey stressed that rats are not a major problem in Danville.

They are a common problem throughout the valley in our natural areas. The beauty of nature surrounding our homes brings us into close contact with animals and rodents. ■

Meeting the neighbors

Duffields discuss plans for mega-mansion with Bryan Ranch residents

by Casey Reivich

David and Cheryl Duffield's plans to build a 72,000-square-foot home on Country Oak Lane in Bryan Ranch, a subdivision in Alamo, has been drawing fire from the neighbors.

On Wednesday of last week, the Duffields set up two meetings at their property on Country Oak Lane to meet their new neighbors and share their house plans.

"The meetings provided an opportunity for Mr. and Mrs. Duffield and several of their Bryan Ranch neighbors to meet each other and to discuss their home," said Jim Dugdale, project manager for the Duffields' new home.

The meetings were restricted to Bryan Ranch residents only. Media was not allowed to attend.

At the meeting were the engineers, architects, builders and designers who would be working on the house, said Elizabeth Pelletier, a resident of Country Oak Lane. Also present were a public relations specialist, security personnel and Duffield family members, said Country Oak Lane resident Alicia Nance. Around 20-25 Bryan Ranch residents participated in both meetings.

There was no formal presentation, according to Pelletier. Instead the Duffields had tables set up with information about the house and staff nearby answering questions. The Duffields provided a model of the home and watercolor depictions.

Nance likened the look of the proposed home to a palatial villa in Sonoma or Italy. One resident described it as long, like the Ferry Building in San Francisco.

There are also three large, resort-

like pools, said Pelletier. The children's area of the home is 8,400 square feet, almost as big as the largest home on Country Oak Lane, which is around 9,000 square feet, said Richard Bedayn, a resident of Country Oak Lane and the subdivision's representative to the Bryan Ranch Home Owners Association.

"I was glad to finally have met with the Duffields. He has a dream for this huge complex."

—Richard Bedayn,
Country Oak Lane resident

Residents were able to ask the Duffields questions about their home informally. When asked about the size of the home, Duffield and his staff consistently replied that the footprint of the home was 32,000 square feet, said Nance.

"They didn't want to talk about the real numbers. The gross size is 97,000 square feet," said Bedayn. "The fact is it's a huge, huge project."

Bedayn described David Duffield as a quiet and reserved man who sometimes seemed uncomfortable answering questions about the home. The residents of Country Oak Lane have wanted to meet the Duffields since they heard about the scope of the proposed home, said Bedayn.

"The homeowners immediately

put together a letter and sent it to the Duffields and asked to meet them personally so we could talk one on one about how we feel about the whole community," said Bedayn. Last Wednesday was the first time the residents got to meet the Duffields.

"I was glad to finally have met with the Duffields," said Bedayn. "He has a dream for this huge complex. But it's about the size of the project. It's simply way too large."

No one interviewed had the impression that the Duffields were willing to negotiate. They were there to share their plans, but not to discuss size.

That same day, the architectural committee was out at the Duffield property to review the story poles that were erected to give a sense of scope, said John Warnlof, legal counsel to the Bryan Ranch Home Owners Association's architectural committee. The architectural committee, which is made up of three board-appointed Bryan Ranch homeowners, will decide whether to approve the Duffields' proposed home.

Before the architectural committee can proceed with a decision, members must review a letter they are expecting from Michael Durkee, a lawyer representing Bryan Ranch residents who are opposed to the project, said Warnlof. They will also review the response from David Gold, an attorney representing the Duffields.

"Once I have the letter and the response, they can meet and make a decision," said Warnlof. "That's a week to 10-day process." It is the wish of the architectural committee to move swiftly on the matter once all the information is gathered, he added. ■

Housing

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would develop affordable housing, without state and federal funds.

"A lot of people ask Robert and his brother: 'Why are you doing this?'" said Gailey. "This is largely a unique effort."

Storer sees Willow Commons as an example of how affordable housing can be made viable for a private business. It would not have been possible, however, without the support of Danville and utility companies like EBMUD, said Storer.

In addition to granting Willow Commons higher density zoning, which allowed it to have more apartment units, Danville is postponing the costly building and permit fees until Willow Commons is up and running. These two fees alone total \$150,000, said Storer.

"I can get the building stable before paying the fees," said Storer. "The town and builders must partner. Builders can't do it on their own." Storer praised the town for its work toward affordable housing.

"Danville is very proactive," said Storer. "We're in an area that's

not affordable, and the town is trying to create niches that are affordable."

Storer also appealed to EBMUD to lower the water fee schedule. Because the fee schedule is based on actual utilization and seniors typically use less water, he lobbied to be charged at a lower rate. Danville officials wrote a letter in support of his efforts.

"He's doing the right thing here. He needs what he can get to make this a viable project," said Gailey.

Willow Commons is like any other apartment complex. It collects rent, but the rent has been designated affordable. Rents are based on a moderate rent base for Contra Costa County.

Willow Commons includes studio, one bedroom and two bedroom apartments, all with different floor plans, so the rent varies, from \$970 to \$1,650.

There used to be six homes on Hartz Way, explained Storer. The town purchased five of the homes and sold them for \$1 to Bridge Housing, an affordable housing developer in California. Those five homes were developed into Sycamore Place.

The sixth home on Hartz Way was owned by Bob Morris. Storer,

along with his brother David Storer, partnered with Morris in developing the property into affordable housing.

"It seemed like a good use of property, considering we were adjacent to Bridge Housing," said Storer. "It was the natural continuation of a good idea."

Willows Common and Sycamore Place are both Craftsman in style. In order to create a sense of continuity between the two residences, the fence has been lowered from six feet to three-and-a-half feet, said Storer. He hopes the lowered fence encourages residents to socialize.

There will also be a community bocce ball court at Willow Commons that residents of Sycamore Place are welcome to use. Willow Commons has also worked out an agreement to use some of Sycamore Place's excess parking.

Willow Commons started accepting applications yesterday. For more information, call (510) 614-6200.

In addition to Willow Commons, Danville has an 80-unit affordable senior care facility in the works. Tentatively scheduled to open in 2007, the facility will be on property owned by St. Isidore Church on La Gonda Way. ■

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Humphrey

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The Humphreys also arranged a kickback for the school district. When the 39 homes are completed, the school district will receive a rebate of \$2 million.

The school district contends the new parking lot will help alleviate the parking crunch at Monte Vista. Presently, the school has 300 parking spots for 1,500 drivers. Despite a strict carpooling policy, many students must park on the streets surrounding the school. The district also plans to install a stoplight and crosswalk between the entrance of the existing parking lot and the proposed parking lot.

Opponents of the project believe having hundreds of students crossing busy Stone Valley Road twice a day would be dangerous to both students and drivers. They also feel a traffic light would back up vehicles on Stone Valley Road even more than they are now.

Residents whose properties directly abut the parking lot oppose having a potentially noisy and unsightly parking lot and playing field in their back yards and wonder if the school couldn't build somewhere else.

Some of the planning commissioners were particularly troubled by the school district's autonomous stance. The district contends because it is a public agency it is exempt from local jurisdiction. In the end, the commissioners could not find the housing development in harmony with the nearby community.

Uilkema assured the large crowd at the meeting that all the supervisors were familiar with the Humphrey Ranch project and all had toured the site.

County principal planner

Patrick Roche, who has worked on the Humphrey Ranch project since 2001, spoke in favor of overturning the Valley Planning Commission's decision to deny the project. Roche explained that county staff does not feel the commission had supportable evidence to back its decision. He said county staff sees Davidon's project as a typical infill development, one that the county tries to promote in small areas like Alamo.

Staff also felt the benefits of the project outweighed its drawbacks.

“When you work on something for nine years and it comes down to an afternoon in Martinez, it's a relief.”

—John Wyro, spokesman for the Humphrey family

Roche pointed out that Davidon has agreed to donate 62 acres to Save Mount Diablo, thus creating 300 acres of open space. He also restated the staff's position that the county has no jurisdiction over the school district.

“Denial of the applications would not prevent the San Ramon Valley Unified School District

from developing the 10 acres of land they own into a parking lot and playing field,” said Roche.

Jeff Thayer of Davidon Homes spoke before public comment was opened, reiterating the benefits of the project and saying it is compatible with other Alamo neighborhoods.

“The school will proceed with or without us. Please see the benefits,” said Thayer. “Those homes are the only thing before you today.”

Public comment went on for more than four hours, with both sides presenting their arguments. All vested parties—Neighbors for Rural Alamo Preservation, the school district and Davidon Homes—had legal representation at the meeting.

Parents of Monte Vista students spoke in favor of the parking lot; Seth Adams of Save Mount Diablo spoke of the conservation group's unusual but wholehearted support of Davidon's project; school board President Joan Buchanan spoke about Monte Vista's need for parking; Greg Jones of the AIA raised equestrian concerns; and Steve Creek of Monte Sereno pointed to the danger of having students cross Stone Valley Road.

Before Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, District 3, gave her recommendation to the board, Joan Buchanan and Becky Smith, principal at Monte Vista, assured her that the playing field would not be lighted at night and that the parking lot would be locked when not in use.

Piepho, who oversees unincorporated Alamo, cited the open space benefits, the desirable infill nature of Davidon's project, and frontage improvements on congested Stone Valley Road in her recommendation to approve Davidon's 39 homes.

While she recognized the school district's exempt status, she urged the school district to listen to residents' concerns.

“Community input should be sought. You should encourage discussion and gain neighborhood support,” said Piepho.

When the Board of Supervisors made its decision, some members of the audience grumbled and others grinned from ear to ear.

“I feel relief,” said John Wyro, spokesman for the Humphrey family. “When you work on something for nine years and it comes down to an afternoon in Martinez, it's a relief.” Wyro said he and Davidon Homes will continue to work with the residents most impacted by the project.

“We are very gratified after so much work by so many people,” said Robert Kessler, superintendent of the school district. “The next step is to work out the details of the design. We will solicit input from the community.”

After the meeting Piepho acknowledged that the residents who opposed the project had valid concerns. “It was a difficult decision. I've been meeting with neighborhood folks, weighing the benefits,” said Piepho. “Everybody has been hurt in this process.” ■

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



College location is vital

As the mother of two grown children, I have a valuable piece of advice for parents of high school seniors: Send them to a college somewhere that is fun to visit. When my daughter graduated from Monte Vista High in 1997, she went off to San Diego State and we always had a great time visiting. After she graduated, she didn't want to leave and has made her life down there. We have just returned from another wonderful trip to visit with her—and enjoy San Diego.

We've seen a lot of changes through the years we have been visiting, the main one being the state of airports post Sept. 11. First the security lines got longer and longer, and now everyone routinely removes their shoes to put into the bin on the conveyor belt to be X-rayed. The older gentleman behind me even removed his belt. I almost joked with him "not to go any further" but I didn't want him to think I was flirting.

Flying can be a drag but once we arrived in San Diego and were heading up I-5—ah! There's something you gotta love about a freeway with signs that just say: Beaches. My kind of place! We have finetuned our visits down there during the last eight years. We stay at a hotel right on the ocean at Pacific Beach, and have our favorite restaurants and walks, saving one night to try something new. Last week we had beautiful July days although it was October. Of course we haven't always been so lucky with the weather. For her graduation a few years ago, we had October days in May. No tans that time.

My favorite activity is sitting on our hotel room balcony watching the ocean, the surfers and the passersby on the boardwalk. In the early morning, it's serious joggers and older folks, plus all the dog walkers, since dogs are allowed on the beach before 9 a.m. The well-groomed purebreds stay on the boardwalk while the more casual pups trot along the surf, sniffing at the clumps of seaweed. In the afternoon it's the gods, goddesses and assorted sun worshippers, tanned and toned and lightly clad. Out on the sand, it's everybody—surfers, and merry makers, and families with their coolers and toddlers toting buckets and shovels. All this scenery is accompanied, of course, by the majesty of the pounding surf.

We had drinks Friday afternoon at a new chichi restaurant right on the boardwalk called Jordan, which is attached to a glass and chrome ultra-modern hotel named Tower 23 that opened three months ago. As we sat there, we had a special treat—suddenly women in

pink T-shirts began to walk by. They came singly, in twos, in threes, and in larger groups with San Jose Police on bicycles slowly riding back and forth among them. It was the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, three days of walking 20 miles each day. They were mostly laughing and talking and waving to those on the sidelines. "This is fun," my husband said, "watching all these women." He also conjectured that it might be a nice way (for a single guy, of course) to meet women. There were 4,500 walkers altogether, and a volunteer told me they had raised more than \$10 million for cancer research. Two walkers named Jackie and Jill, who were from Arizona and Minnesota, had relatives staying at our hotel so they came that afternoon to soak in the hotel hot tub. "You'll have to fight me for these jets," Jill told us as we approached the hot tub to join her.

"There's something you gotta love about a freeway with signs that just say: Beaches. My kind of place!"

Another bit of fun was a Porsche club staying at the cabins that are built over the water right onto Crystal Pier. As we walked out to the end of the pier we admired first one Porsche, then another, until we realized they weren't all there by coincidence. "How do they keep them so clean?" my daughter asked, and we soon had our answer, as we saw a man lovingly go over his vehicle with what looked like an oiled feather duster.

After three nights of sleeping to the sounds of the surf, and four days of fun and sun and being with our daughter, our lovely vacation seemed to end abruptly at the airport where we learned that our flight was delayed two hours. We've decided we will drive down next time although eight hours of driving doesn't sound all that appealing either. It was sad to say goodbye until Thanksgiving time, when she will be sure to come "home" in time to join the other local grads at the annual informal reunion Wednesday night on Hartz Avenue. Since our return, I've been rethinking my advice to parents of seniors. It is now: Encourage your children to attend college close to home. ■

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Give stoplight a chance

The county supervisors unanimously approved the controversial Humphrey Ranch project of 39 homes off Stone Valley Road at their meeting Tuesday after listening to hours of arguments for and against it. What has the neighbors up in arms is the parking lot for Monte Vista High School students planned across the street from the school and a stoplight to try to alleviate the traffic problems in the area. Many also feel the soccer field on the residential side of Stone Valley Road will be out of place. A look at the pandemonium before school and after makes us wonder why a stoplight wasn't tried long ago.

What this controversy has revealed is how much people's lives have been impacted by the congestion on Stone Valley Road near the school. It's tough on the residents who live in the vicinity, it's tough on the students, and it's tough on the parents of the students. When the San Ramon Valley Unified School District planned the parking lot across the road, it included plans for a stoplight to help the students reach the lot safely. It also noted that a light would bring some order to the entire traffic situation. However, the suggestion of a stoplight caused a furor because many residents are convinced it will back the traffic up even more.

Opponents to the project took the stand that a stoplight would give students license to cross the road in any manner and at any spot. They rallied for signatures in front of Alamo Safeway using signs with skulls and crossbones, saying our students' lives were in danger. But could the situation be any more dangerous than it is currently? The students are crossing now at any convenient point. For the new parking lot across the street, the school district is planning to erect a fence around the parking lot to funnel the students to the crosswalk. The stoplight is intended to put some order into the free-for-all. For everyone's sake, we hope it will.

"But could the situation be any more dangerous than it is currently? The students are crossing now at any convenient point."

THE POINT OF THE PEN



Supervisor brought chaos, not improvements

Dear Editor:

I respond to SC Thompson's comments in "Pleased with Piepho" (Oct. 7).

First, a former Zone 36 volunteer contacted Assemblyman Guy Houston's Sacramento office requesting assistance with the freeway interchange weed abatement. Houston sent CalTrans crews (not county personnel) to clean up. Because it is state not county property, Public Works cannot work in interchanges. Piepho was not involved.

Second, an "elected" Alamo Municipal Advisory Council would be good; however, Supervisor Mary N. Piepho would like to appoint members. Can she effectively appoint our leadership when she spends little time in Alamo and sits on 24 committees?

Third, fast tracking R7A and Zone 36 projects is good. However, Public Works historically blocks projects. Yes, watch for a flurry of Public Works' activity as they attempt to redeem themselves, yet I predict, soon, they will revert back to old habits of accomplishing nothing while talking and charging a lot.

Fourth, Supervisor Piepho has demonstrated that she wishes not to work with our community, otherwise it would make no sense to fire those who provided insights and shared problems. In her short nine months, she has also managed to wipe out Alamo's enrichment programming such as Concerts in Livorna Park, Tuesday Nights at the Ranch, Chess Camp and quilting classes, etc.

I believe Piepho has accomplished a great deal of chaos, not improvements to Alamo's community.

Stephen Goodman, Alamo

Supervisor Piepho responds

Dear Editor:

With all due respect, I cannot disagree more with recent letters published from a few former R7A and Zone 36 members who are unhappy that the Board of Supervisors terminated their appointments. Not only is the tone inflammatory but the information portrayed is very inaccurate and misleading.

Suffice it to say that I remain committed to providing a higher level of county involvement and responsibility than has historically been provided. In this light, change will occur. That change may not be comfortable for some but is nonetheless necessary as I lead in my new role.

Your readers should know that my office has received an overwhelming amount of support for this recent restructuring of R7A

and Zone 36, from kind notes, e-mails, letters, phone calls and even flowers.

The new committee members are receiving proper training in county guidelines, Brown Act procedures, and how to run proper meetings. They will shortly be commencing their meetings and making necessary decisions to complete projects that have been in process for way too long. At the same time, I am holding county staff to a higher level of accountability and service to Alamo.

My office remains available to any member of the public who has any questions or comments on this issue. My staff and I remain determined to providing a heightened level of county accountability for our communities.

Mary N. Piepho

County Supervisor, District 3

No quality of life near schools

Dear Editor:

I should like to respond to the Guest Editorial by Gabriela Odell (Oct. 14).

We lived in the Monte Sereno neighborhood for 14 years and left it 11 years ago. The "No Parking" signs went up in defense of the neighborhood. Any guests we had, had no place to park during the day, then as the students cleared out we were left with the trash and debris the kids left behind.

As for the safety issue—it is definitely a problem and has been always. The teen drivers are for the most part arrogant and ill mannered. They have never heard of "right of way" for others. It is always theirs. Try leaving any of the streets near the school during the "flood" hours—it is worth your life and is an education in sign language.

Students are there for four years. People bought those houses for 30 years. They have no objection to the new houses going up—only to the lack of real common sense traffic control and the seeming lack of concern for others by the school and obviously some of the parents.

While we lived there we were subjected to noontime concerts that made the roof rattle. We had a very ill elderly mother in the house, who was trying to rest in her final days. I called the school and got a "Too bad, we aren't going to change anything."

The day after we left the neighborhood, we awoke in our new house and wondered at the sound we heard—silence at 7 a.m. There were no horns or racing engines as they made turns on our street.

Living near a school is not necessarily such a great thing for prices or quality of life. My unfortunate former neighbors are not looking forward to the soccer field and the turmoil that will bring. I don't blame them.

Joanne Denison, Danville

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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.

Oct. 10

- Burglary-miscellaneous: on Lawrence Rd., at 7:17 a.m.
- Petty theft-from vehicle: on Heartland St., at 8:27 a.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Sutton Cr., at 8:31 a.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Alta Vista Wy., at 9:17 a.m.
- Battery-misdemeanor: on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave., at 3:37 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Camino Ramon and Mission Pl., at 9:40 p.m.

Oct. 11

- Hit & run-misdemeanor: Accident investigation on Diablo Rd., at 7:09 a.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Midland Wy., at 9:40 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Love Ln., at 2:49 p.m.
- Credit card fraud: on Sycamore Hill Ct., at 4:40 p.m.
- Warrant arrest: on Harlan Dr., at 8:31 p.m.
- Driving under the influence (DUI)-misdemeanor: Arrest on W. Prospect Av. and Railroad Av., at 10:24 p.m.

Oct. 12

- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Jewel Terrace and San Ramon Valley Bl., at 12:35 p.m.
- Petty theft-from vehicle: on Bottlebrush Ct., at 7:21 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: Citation given on Diablo Rd., at 9:07 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: Accident investigation on Morninghome Rd. and Sycamore Valley Rd., at 11:02 a.m.

- Accident-property damage: Accident investigation on Ambleside Ct., at 12:03 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Linda Mesa Av. and Railroad Av., at 4:01 p.m.
- Grand theft-from vehicle: on Crownridge Terrace at 4 p.m.
- Credit card fraud: on Brookside Dr., at 4:39 p.m.

Oct. 13

- Vandalism-schools: on Stone Valley Rd., at 11:07 a.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Westfield Cr., at 10:52 a.m.
- Burglary-residential: on Logan Ln., at 2:50 p.m.
- Misdemeanor-other: Arrest on Stone Valley Rd., at 2:28 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: Accident investigation on Diablo Rd., at 3:20 p.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Love Ln., at 3:53 p.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Danville Bl. and Hartford Rd., at 7:17 p.m.
- Disturbing the peace: on Macomber Wy., at 11:15 p.m.

Oct. 14

- Accident-injury: Accident investigation on Fountain Spring and San Ramon Valley Bl., at 3:47 a.m.
- Possession of dangerous drugs: Arrest on El Rio Rd., at 12:24 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: Accident investigation on W. Prospect Av. and Sonora Av., at 3:19 p.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Love Ln., at 3:56 p.m.
- Forgery-fraudulent: on San Ramon Valley Bl., at 4:18 p.m.
- Interfering with public officer: Arrest on Danville Bl. and Del Amigo Rd. at 5:18 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Brookside Dr. and El Capitan Dr., at 5:46 p.m.

- Accident-injury: Accident investigation on Diablo Rd. and McCauley Rd., at 7:13 p.m.
- Trespassing: Citation given on Quintrera Ln., at 8:31 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: Accident investigation on El Capitan Dr. and Mustang Dr., at 11:35 p.m.

Oct. 15

- Suspicious circumstances: on Baldwin Dr. and Camino Ramon, at 2:24 a.m.
- Burglary-commercial: Arrest on Fostoria Wy., at 5:24 p.m.
- Disturbing the peace-domestic: on Morninghome Rd., at 4:25 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on El Capitan Dr., at 9:48 a.m.

Oct. 16

- Disturbing the peace-domestic: on Borica Pl., at 11:27 a.m.
- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Camino Tassajara and Lawrence Rd., at 11:18 p.m.

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

ALAMO

Oct. 11

- Burglary-miscellaneous: on Danville Blvd.

Oct. 12

- Disturbance-domestic: on Vista Ln.

Oct. 13

- Burglary-residential: on Crest Ave.

Oct. 14

- Burglary: on Crest Ave.

Oct. 16

- Malicious mischief: on Lunada Ln.
- Malicious mischief: on Via Serena

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Two years after the tragedy

by Kathy Cordova

Carmen and Bob Pack face life without their children by working to make our streets safer



Several years ago there was a book called "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." This is the inevitable thought that comes to mind when meeting Carmen and Bob Pack.

The injustice of bad things happening, not just to good people, but also to people who are doing all the right things, rocks our tenuous belief in the fairness of the world.

When such a thing happens in our own community, and it involves the senseless death of two young children of loving, devoted parents, it horrifies and haunts us. How? and Why? are tormenting questions because they mean that none of us is safe from the vagaries of life that can turn unforgivably cruel in one unfortunate instant.

Two years ago, the Packs were a typical suburban family, living a dreamy life of Little League games and swim meets and neighborhood block parties. Their story began in a fairytale fashion when Carmen, a model and beauty queen in her native Peru, met Bob Pack by chance on a trip to the United States in 1986. They quickly fell in love and married in 1988. Carmen gave birth to their first child, Troy, in 1993, and their daughter, Alana, three years later.

Carmen stayed home caring for the kids while Bob worked at a rising Internet company. Their lives revolved around their children so much that people would tease them about it. "We did everything with them," says Bob. "My family would joke because when we would go out for our anniversary, we would take them with us. We just had so much fun with them."

Then on Oct. 26, 2003, in an instant of inconceivably bad timing and luck, the Pack's dream life turned into the worst kind of nightmare. On an early evening outing to get slushies, with Alana on her bike, Troy on his scooter, and Carmen walking behind them on the sidewalk, a gold Mercedes driven by a woman under the influence of drugs and alcohol, jumped the curb and hit the children. Alana died at the scene of the crash and Troy died later that evening.

Bob and Carmen returned home the next morning to a house full of memories, struggling to cope with the tragedy. Their grief was all-encompassing. Only Carmen's faith kept her going.

"After the crash, I lay here on the couch for several days and I did nothing but pray," says Carmen. "I was praying and praying and praying and all of a sudden, I just felt this peace in me. And I had the conviction that my children were OK and that I had nothing to worry about. Nothing. That peace has been with me since then, carrying me, giving me the strength that I needed."

Carmen's faith has been crucial to Bob's healing, too. He was so devastated by the children's deaths that he was once convinced that he and Carmen should kill themselves. Carmen discouraged him by telling him that if they did, they would not go to heaven and see Alana and Troy again.

"I've struggled quite a bit," says Bob. "But Carmen helped by pushing me along to go to church. When I would get down, she would help me to get back up."

"When you grieve, you can grieve with hope or you can grieve without hope," says Carmen. "I'm grieving with hope so it makes the process a little bit easier. Because I have the conviction that I

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— Carmen Pack

will be reunited with my children someday and that they will be in a better place. If I didn't have that hope, I would have nothing. Hope is what is keeping me alive, and of course my faith in God, which is very strong."

The overwhelming support of the community has also been important in the Packs' healing. "The community responded in a very nice, positive way since the tragedy," says Carmen. "I've made a lot of friends."

"We really like the town of Danville," says Bob. "We've really seen the good side here and it really shows what a great community it is."

Even as they mourned the loss of Troy and Alana, the Packs

stayed involved in the community. Carmen volunteered at Books for the Barrios, a local charity that collects books for schools in the Philippines. Bob continued to coach Little League baseball with Troy's friends.

"I think it was good for the children to see Bob out there coaching, especially Troy's friends," says Carmen. "Troy played baseball with the same group since he was 6 years old, so to see Bob out there coaching and smiling, it was good for the children, the parents, and me. When I would go to the games, the kids would come and see me all the time. I don't know if the parents told them to do that."

Two years after the crash, the Packs are working hard to contribute to the community that has supported them and to keep memories of their children alive through the Troy and Alana Foundation, which they created in December 2003.

"We didn't intend to start a foundation," says Bob. "We kept tripping across it for two reasons. First, donations came in and we set up a memorial fund, and it started to accumulate a fair amount of money, and we decided we needed to do something productive with that money."

"Second, we wanted to give something back to the community. That spearheaded the beginnings of the foundation. Carmen put some money in and we held some charity events. We've raised about \$250,000. There's \$200,000 in the fund now and we've given away about \$50,000."

One of the programs the foundation has helped fund is "Dad Smarts," a traffic safety program implemented through the Danville and San Ramon schools. The program helps educate kindergartners through high schoolers about traffic safety issues, such as wearing bike helmets, staying on the sidewalks, and obeying traffic lights.

The foundation also funds scholarships for local students. Last year it gave away two \$1,500 scholarships, one to a San Ramon Valley High School student and one to a Monte Vista student. More scholarships will continue in perpetuity.

"We're always thinking of a creative way that we can do something good," says Bob. "Over time we tried some good things to help us, and it feels good to know we're doing something to help others. It's kind of a healing thing."

The spring 2005 trial of Jimena Barreto, the driver who killed the children, was a difficult time for the Packs, who were trying to relive their ordeal. They also heard overwhelming evidence that she should have kept Barreto off the road years before the accident.

The trial revealed that Barreto, who was working as a nanny in Danville, was an alcoholic and drug addict with four prior DUI's. At the time of the accident she had a suspended license. Barreto admitted to taking eight to 10 tablets of Vicodin, a prescription pain reliever, on the day of the crash, and cocaine was found in her apartment.

"She did all the wrong things and never tried to correct herself," says Carmen.

"That is what pushed us forward (to pass more stringent DUI laws)," says Bob. "When we read the police reports and this started coming together we became very angry and frustrated that she was slipping through the cracks of the judicial system. It was like, how is this happening?"

"Barreto was getting hundreds and hundreds of Vicodins from various doctors, none of which knew about the prescriptions. In the two weeks prior to the crash, she had taken 200 Vicodins in addition to drugs and alcohol all the time."

The Packs worked with state senators Tom Torlakson (D., Antioch) and Jackie Speier (D., San Francisco/San Mateo) to pass four bills to strengthen Driving Under the Influence and prescription drug laws in an effort to help prevent another incident like the one that devastated their family.

With the trial over, Barreto sentenced to 30 years to life, and the bills signed into laws, the Packs are hopeful about the future. Carmen, 45, is pregnant with a baby that was conceived through in-vitro fertilization using an egg from her Peruvian niece. She had previously been pregnant with twins, but lost them at 20 weeks, soon after Barreto's trial. Carmen and Bob are looking forward to the joy that the new baby will bring into their lives.

"When we have the new baby, it will create such a busy atmosphere," says Carmen. "We'll get absorbed. And we'll get our holidays back. We'll get our Christmases and our Halloweens because it was all about the kids - carving pumpkins and trick-or-treating."

This kind of tragedy often breaks apart marriages, but the Packs, who have been married for 17 years, have a strong, affectionate bond.

"I see my children in Bob," says Carmen. "I see Troy's eyes when I look in Bob's eyes. I see Alana in his smile. It's almost like I'm clinging to the little bit left that I have of them. I think we are clinging to each other. I think he sees his children in me, too."

Even for Carmen, with her strong faith, the question of "why" remains.

"I do believe there is a purpose, a reason for everything," she says. "Unfortunately not always you can know what that reason is."

Nobody knows why bad things happen to good people. Yet, one thing that we can all be sure of is that some very good things are happening because of these very good people. And besides the new laws, traffic safety education and scholarships, we are reminded to hug our loved ones a little tighter and to treasure the good in our own lives. ■

Traffic safety

The Troy and Alana Pack Foundation is a nonprofit organization. Its goal is to help educate the public about traffic safety and responsibility, to promulgate legislation for traffic safety, and to help implement enforcement of those laws. For more information, visit www.troyandalana.org.

New laws

The Packs have worked with the California Senate to pass the following laws:

- SB 1694 will increase the state's statute of limitations on previous DUI offenses from seven years to 10 years. This law will help prevent repeat DUI offenders from slipping through the cracks of the criminal justice system.
- SB 1696 requires DUI-treatment providers to send a certificate of completion directly to the Department of Motor Vehicles. This certificate will be required before offenders can get their driver's licenses back, which will help eliminate fraud.
- SB 1697 will consolidate driver's license restrictions and revocations for DUI violators at the DMV, thus streamlining sanctions.
- SB 734 mandates that doctors are to report all prescribed narcotic drugs to the Department of Justice. This law will help eliminate the problem of patients receiving multiple narcotic prescriptions from different doctors.

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TV20 chooses Danville student for council

Teen hopes program will help him to help others

by Kevin Zhou

This past summer, you could've found Drew Verdi, 18, at the San Ramon In-N-Out Burger. Like most teenagers, he was working to earn extra spending money, and he was trying to get some work experience under his belt.

But to Verdi, there's more to life than getting money to buy new clothes or Playstation video games. The San Ramon Valley High senior believes in

the importance of helping others who are less fortunate, regardless of how busy his own schedule is.

During the school year, Verdi wrestles six days a week and has been actively involved in Youth and Government. But still, he finds time to help others. On the weekends, Verdi works at a shop in Walnut Creek where the proceeds go to Hope Hospice. He helps out by cleaning up the store or aiding customers. On Thursdays, he eats lunch and plays with students in San Ramon Valley High's delayed learning program.

So when Verdi learned from an e-mail his school sent out that the WB20 television station was accepting applicants for its student council, he seized the opportunity.

"I heard about it from the San Ramon Valley daily bulletin, and I knew that it was something that I would really want to do," said Verdi.

The WB20 student council is a committee of high schoolers who make public service announcements for the station on issues dealing with teens, including drugs, alcohol abuse and violence.

The selection process wasn't an easy one. Teens from around the Bay Area submitted applications for one of the eight coveted spots. Applicants were required to write essays on what they believed to be the most important issue facing teens today. They also had an interview and a screen test.

For his essay, Verdi focused on diversity. At first, though, he was worried that he would be disqualified from the selec-

tion process due to a technicality.

"The essay was only supposed to be 200 words or less, but after I finished my essay, it was nearly two pages," he said.

But through his essay, Verdi was able to reveal his personality and offer insights on his theme.

"Diversity is not necessarily a racial or cultural matter, but the recognition of people as individuals, and how they want to be seen, not just how we want to see them," he noted.

He also offered the selection committee his own opinion on the biggest issue society faces in general: The fact that hot dogs come in packages of 10, while hot dog buns only come in packages of eight.

Last month, Verdi, along with seven other Bay Area high school students, was selected to be on the WB20's student council. Other teens come from Pleasanton, San Leandro, Oakland, Sunnyvale, Hercules and San Jose.

After learning of his acceptance, Verdi was ecstatic.

"I think it's a really great program; it's an additional thing that addresses issues that are important," said Verdi.

Part of their job is to help out at various events. Verdi and the other council members recently went to the KMEL Summer Jams Concert in their "fan van" where they handed out fliers on how to help out the community.

More importantly, they act as spokespeople for the station in a series of public service announcements. The commercials, which are usually 10- or 30-second spots, primarily air on the station in the mornings.

"They can be skits or informational. Basically, they can be anything we can

think of," said Verdi. "Funny, serious, it all depends on what's going on."

Just recently, Verdi shot a public service announcement on the importance of being yourself.

"You can be punk rock, you can be an athlete, you can be this or that, but you have to be true to yourself," he said. "People are growing up too fast and trying too hard to fit in, and that's not good."

Participating on the council has given Verdi a new perspective.

"I recently went out to the BART station to get people to fill out a survey on diversity," he said. "We asked them questions on what they thought teens could improve and what they thought were problems with teens today. A lot of the people said that there is a huge gang problem, and that's something that I don't see very much of."

For Verdi, who plans on applying to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, this may just be the beginning.

"After being a part of the council, I've definitely taken up an interest in broadcasting," he said. "Everyone I've met at the station is amazing and they're all really nice. If that's where this leads me, I would love to pursue it."

While the friendships he's developed with his fellow council members and the knowledge he's acquired in broadcasting are nice, they are not the most gratifying parts of the experience.

"We're doing a public service announcement later this year on suicide. People who are going through these issues can e-mail me with any problems, and I will address them," said Verdi. "I think that if it helps someone, even if it's just one person, it's all worth it in the end." ■



Fall fun for all

Crafts fest a winner for Danville artists

by B. Lynn Goodwin

Nature creates its own art show in October. And the brilliant colors and intense golden sunlight will be complemented by the Danville Fall Crafts Festival, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday on Hartz Avenue. The festival, co-sponsored by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and the town of Danville, has been an ongoing success for 14 years.

Danville Arts Commission Chairwoman Roberta Babcock, who will be displaying her acrylic paintings, pointed out the festival's excellence, explaining that a panel chooses the artists. "It's an honor to be accepted," she said. Babcock is one of more than 200 artists showcased this year.

Jeweler Norma Mead, who makes unique dichroic glass pendants and does her own etching, attends about 10 festivals a year. She concurs with Babcock. "Danville has one of the best shows," she said, citing the support of townspeople and the setup on Hartz Avenue as two important reasons for its success.

Another Danville resident, Rich Mortensen, is participating in his first fair this weekend. He described his work with fused glass as "a hobby that got out of hand," and looks forward to selling pieces in this festival because of the "nice atmosphere and friendly, small-town feel."

Photographer William Hockins, a resident of Alamo since 1947, will sell his historical

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Gretchen Loenen, 10, of Danville holds up a Wyoming rodeo rider scarecrow for a fellow Bay Hills Pony Club member who is stuffing it with straw. Twenty scarecrows will be displayed on School Street during the Danville Fall Festival this weekend.

AT THE MOVIES

CinéArts @ Pleasant Hill: 2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill (687-1100)
Century 14 Walnut Creek: 1201 Locust St., Walnut Creek (937-7025)
Blackhawk Movie 7: 4175 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville (736-0368)
Crow Canyon 6: 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon (820-4831)
Hacienda Crossings 20/ Regal Imax Theater: 5000 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin (560-9600)
Vine Cinema: Corner of First and South O streets, Livermore (447-2545)
Internet address: For show times, visit the Danville Weekly Online Edition at <http://www.DanvilleWeekly.com/>

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

Capote (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:15, 3:45, 7:20, 9:55 p.m.
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)	Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 3:30, 7:15, 10 p.m.
Domino (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:10, 4:05, 7, 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 12:50, 3:55, 7:10, 10:20 p.m.
Doom (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues noon, 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5, 6:30, 7:30, 9, 10 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11 a.m., noon, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7, 8, 9:40, 10:40 p.m.
Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:10 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55 p.m.
Elizabethtown (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 1:35, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:05 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:15, 4:25, 6, 7:10, 8:45, 9:55 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:15, 4:10, 7, 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:05 a.m., 1, 2, 4, 4:55, 7, 7:50, 9:55, 10:45 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 12:20, 3:10, 5:35, 8, 10:25 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 6:50, 9:30 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Sun 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:05 p.m., Fri no show 12:20 p.m., Mon-Tues 3, 5, 7, 8:55 p.m.
Good Night, & Good Luck (PG)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7, 9:25 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10 p.m.
History of Violence (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues noon, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:05 p.m.
In Her Shoes (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:15 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:30 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 p.m.
Innocent Voices (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:25, 9:55 p.m.
Just Like Heaven (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 2:50, 8:05, 10:35 p.m.
Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon 3-D (NR)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:45, 1, 2:15, 6 p.m.
Mirrormask (PG)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:35, 10 p.m.
North Country (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:55 a.m., 3:40, 6:50, 9:40 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 1, 4, 7, 10 p.m.
Serenity (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 2:10, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40 p.m.
Stay (R)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2, 4:50, 7:30, 10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5, 7:40, 10:15 p.m.
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 4:45, 10:35 p.m.
The Constant Gardener (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 3:35, 7:10 p.m.
The Fog (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:10, 4:35, 7, 9:25 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:25 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50 p.m.
The Greatest Game Ever Played (PG)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:25 a.m., 2, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:10, 4, 6:45, 9:20 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:20 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m., 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30 p.m.
Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20 p.m.
Two for the Money (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:30, 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 1:35, 4:35, 7:05, 7:35, 10:25 p.m.
Waiting (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:25 a.m., 2:05, 7:45 p.m.
Wallace & Grommit (G)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:40, 5, 7:35, 9:55 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:55 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:35 a.m., 12:15, 1:55, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:05 a.m., 12:20, 1:30, 4:10, 5:30, 6:55, 9:30 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Sun noon, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 8:50 p.m., Fri no show noon, Mon-Tues 2:45, 4:45, 6:45, 8:45 p.m.
Where the Truth Lies (NR)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues noon, 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50 p.m.

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Tea for 1, 2, 4 ... or more!

I can't get very far in the mornings without a strong cup of coffee to jumpstart my day yet tea has always held a place of true affection for me. My appreciation for tea—and its role in my life—has grown along with my years.

My earliest memories of tea are the parties at which I served imaginary tea from a tiny made-in-China set to my dolls and stuffed animals. My mom provided the requisite animal crackers. Someone taught me that a cup of tea was more pleasurable if you held that little pinky finger high in the air. I tried to teach my dog Stinky to sit at my tea table and share a cup but, alas, he never mastered the art, especially the pinky part.

Memorable conversations with close friends have been shared over cups of fragrant tea, and some of the best chats with my daughter were during teatimes after our annual "Nutcracker" ballet outings. Tea has become my preferred drink of choice when I'm communing with girlfriends, recovering from the flu, sad over the passing of a loved one, in a life-transition funk, curled up with a good book or pon-

dering the great mysteries of life. I think of tea as the drink that will bring me comfort in my old age, long after I've lost my passion for mocha lattes. (Maybe dirty martinis, too!)

While historians are not sure if tea originated in India or China, its roots are undoubtedly Eastern and those roots are as rich with restorative qualities as they are with flavor and fragrance. Some teas have proven health benefits while others have an almost mystically calming nature. There are thousands of teas, with as many variations as there are individual tastes. There are five tea families—white, green, black, oolong and pu'erh, a medicinal tea, all derivatives of the same tea plant; and there are the herbal teas. While herbal teas are not true teas, they have become increasingly popular due to their flavors, fragrances and soothing effects. "Tasting different teas is similar to tasting different wines. You must experience the different flavor, scent, color of each brew," says Roseann Lin, owner of Tea au Lait, a shop opening next month in San Ramon. "When you begin to explore teas from different

regions you will begin to understand the passion and appreciation so many people have for tea."

We think of tea as the signature drink of the English but what's the history of teatime? "Prior to the introduction of tea into Britain, the English had two main meals, breakfast and dinner. Dinner was a long, massive meal at the end of the day. The Duchess of Bedford is credited as the creator of teatime," says culinary historian Linda Stradley. It seems the duchess found herself languid in the afternoons so her servants brought tea and light foods to stave off her hunger until dinner. Then she began inviting friends to join her at the afternoon meals, which included bread and butter sandwiches, assorted sweets ... and tea. The practice took hold although inviting friends to afternoon tea has changed from pure practicality to social élan.

So, what's the difference between low and high tea? "High tea is often a misnomer," says Stradley. "Most people refer to afternoon tea as high tea because they think it sounds regal and lofty,

when in all actuality, high tea, or 'meat tea' is dinner." Low tea often focuses on elegant presentation and discreet conversation, not satisfying the appetite. "Afternoon tea (as it was usually taken in the late afternoon) is called low tea because it was taken at low tables (like a coffee table) placed near sofas or chairs generally in a large withdrawing room," Stradley explains.

When I worked the high-stress life of a corporate executive, my favorite diversion from a 15-hour workday was afternoon tea, which is served at most large hotels. One year, I set a goal to experience the afternoon tea seating at every hotel surrounding my Washington, D.C., office. The weekly outing was therapeutic—it forced me to be still long enough to reflect and re-focus my energies. Moreover, the light meal energized me enough to generate better results in the remaining work time. (Thanks, Duchess Anna!)

Tea parties can be wonderful bonding experiences for ladies of all ages. Consider a tea party for your next special celebration—a bridal shower, graduation or to get reacquainted with a lifelong chum. Three or so years ago, I knew I would become close friends with someone when she invited me to

Jacqui's perfect pot of 'Tea for Tu'

- Fill a pot with enough cold filtered water to fill two teapots. Bring water to boil and maintain a rolling boil.
- Fill the teapot with enough hot water to warm the pot as you prep.
- From your favorite blend, remove one teabag (or two tablespoons loose tea leaves) for every two cups of tea. Position your cup, condiments, utensils and tea treats on a tray.
- Pour the remaining hot water onto the tea or teabag(s) in teapot. Cover and steep 3-5 minutes.
- Remove teabags, pour tea, add condiments as desired. Enjoy while hot!

her birthday tea party. She had baked scones, set up intimate tables of six for her guests and had young hostesses serve us tea from her favorite china teacups and teapots. Caroll's remarks that day are imprinted in my heart: "It really isn't the tea; it's the spirit of the tea party. It's what happens when we bother with the little extras that feed the soul and nurture the senses and make space for unhurried conversation. It's sharing a cup of kindness with treasured friends." (Not only did Caroll become my "soul" sister but we're blessed to be in-laws since her son married my daughter in July!)

OK, you're now contemplating a spot of tea, right? Like sipping good wine, making a good pot takes mostly time and intention to savor the experience. Determine the location, time and mood of your teatime. Add music, lighting, etc., to enhance the ambiance and reserve leisure time on both ends, then follow the above recipe. Re-discover the wonderful world of tea. Feed the soul, nurture the senses, and share a cup of kindness—even if it's only with yourself.

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

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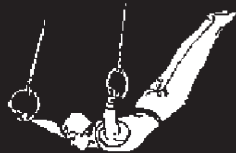
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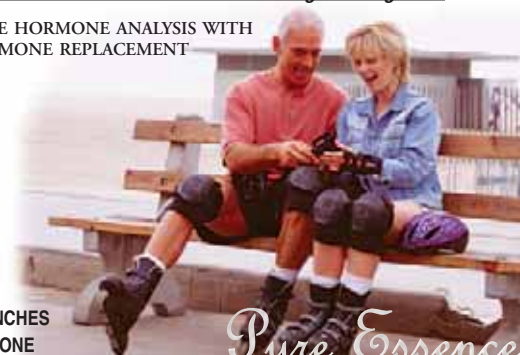
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Allegra Aiuto (left), 11, and Erin Smith, 17, dress a "Miss America" contestant scarecrow. The scarecrows will be available in exchange for a donation to the Pony Club, a nonprofit Danville youth equestrian group.

Fall festival

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photo puzzles, which give a glimpse into past decades. The festival is very important to him "because the pictures are local."

Other Danville artists include craftswoman Sarah Lindsay, who makes unique cheese platters from recycled wine bottles, and Barbara Davies, who does oil paintings in the style of the old European masters.

Other artists from the immediate area include painters Juan Archuleta of Walnut Creek and Alan Fong of Dublin, plus mixed media artist Dean Shapiro of San Ramon.

The Fall Crafts Festival kicks off with a Halloween parade at 10 a.m. Saturday. Children's activities also will include treat-or-treating.

Throughout the two days there will be entertainment and food available. The Prospect Stage will feature local dancers from Next Step Dance, strutting their stuff from 1:15-2:15 p.m. Saturday.

Musician Keith Varon, who grew up locally, will perform original songs inspired by John Lennon, Paul McCartney and Jimi Hendrix. Catch his act between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

For a special treat, visit Scarecrow Alley. Twenty hand-crafted scarecrows, created by local young people, will be on display. Scarecrows will be for sale, to be taken home after the fair closes. The sales will benefit the local Bay Hills Pony Club's educational programs and assist riders invited to national competitions.

"The Pony Club promotes teamwork, a sense of responsibility, safety, good moral judgment and self-confidence," explained District Commissioner Bobi White.

A free shuttle service will be available at the Park and Ride at I-680 and Sycamore Valley Road.

Join your neighbors and bring the kids. They'll have the opportunity to talk with the artists about their work and may be inspired to try their own projects after visiting the Danville Fall Crafts Festival. ■

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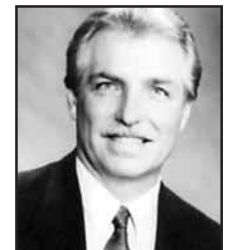
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It's Team Tribez after its marathon efforts Sept. 27 to raise funds for their adopted family of 17 who fled New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Friends and clients of Tribez helped them raise \$4,500, reported owner Donna Bruner, and all proceeds will go directly to the family and the American Red Cross.

Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Art

Impressionist and Expressionist Art

Artist Sandra L. Mortimore will display her oil paintings from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, mid-September to mid-November, at the Danville Town offices, 510 La Gonda Way.

Oil Painting Demonstration

The Alamo-Danville Artists' Society will host an artist's demonstration and lecture by nationally known artist Charles White, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. The session is free to artists and art lovers. For information, call Ginger at 837-6414 or visit www.adas4art.org.

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

Using Computers for Genealogy

Diablo Valley College's San Ramon Valley Center is offering course CIS 55N-9087, Using Computers for Genealogy, from 9 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 24-Nov. 2, at the San Ramon Valley Center, 3150 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon. The fee is less than \$20 for California residents. Call 866-1822, ext. 5128, or e-mail Dr. Harry Baggett at hbaggett@srcv.net.

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.alamodanvilnewcomers.com.

California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo Branch

Join the California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo Branch, for a special roundtable conference, the Facts about Fiction, from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Wade Center, Christ the King Church, 199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill. The cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members. Call (510) 881-8929 or e-mail camille@minichino.com for required reservations, no later than Wednesday, Nov. 9.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

The society meets at 10 a.m., every third Tuesday of the month, except August and December, at the LDS Church, 2449 Stone Valley Road. Guest speaker at every meeting. All welcome. For information, call Ed at 299-0881.

San Ramon Valley National Exchange Club

The San Ramon Valley National Exchange Club invites you to join them at noon, every Wednesday, at Faz, 600 Hartz Ave., (sign in at 11:45 a.m.). Lunch is \$15. RSVP 475-2412.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club Trips

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites members and guests to join its Gad Abouts, leaving San Ramon at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, and traveling to Santa Rosa to the Charles Schultz Museum with lunch at the Warm Puppy. For information, contact Marian at 828-8195.

Concerts

An evening of Hot Acoustic Blues

Teaming up for a rare appearance, harp-master Norton Buffalo and Mississippi Delta-style guitarist Roy Rogers will create an evening of blues that will rock you to your roots, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Cost is \$25 advance, \$30 at the door, \$35 Gold Circle (Sr./children 10 percent discount). Call 229-2710 or visit www.communitconcerts.com.

ML Parr - Other Voices

Russell Allen Salon of Walnut Creek presents ML Parr - Other Voices, featuring Shellie Award-Winning musical director Joe Barnett, at 8:15 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5, at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the

Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. General admission \$25, seniors and students, \$22. Tickets and information, call 943-7469. A portion of all ticket sales to be donated to The American Red Cross, Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Events

Adoption Seminar

The American World Adoption Association is sponsoring a free adoption seminar from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Valley Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 2252 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Register at www.awaa.org or at the door.

Annual Rummage Sale

The Alamo Women's Club is hosting its annual rummage sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. If you have items you'd like to donate, you can drop them off at the Women's Club between 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 20. For information, call 935-0328.

'Autobubbling' family program

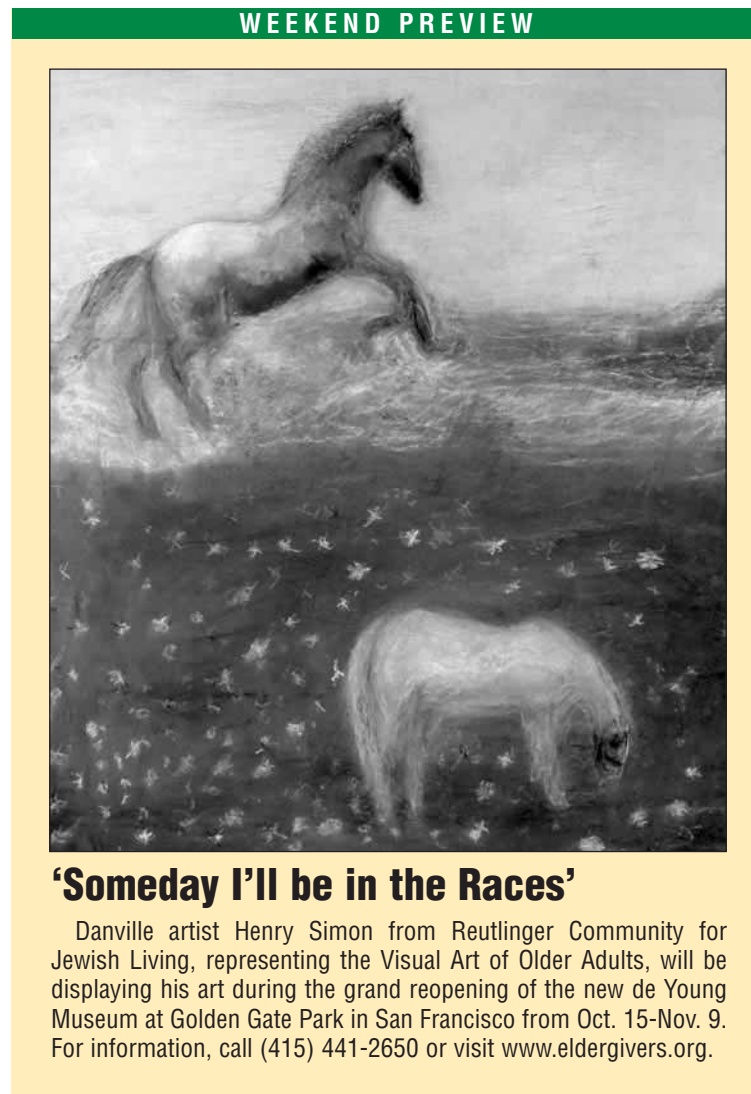
"Autobubbling You and I: What Automobiles Tell Us About America" is a family program with music clips, lecture and a sing-a-long. It showcases composers and performers' contributions to popular music with the automobile as the theme, at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Blackhawk Museum. Event is free with paid admission (museum members free). For information and confirmation, visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org or call 736-2280.

Crate and Barrel Shopping Night

The Junior League of Oakland-East Bay wants to help you make the most of your holiday shopping and make an impact for Children at Risk via "The Crate and Barrel Shopping Night." All proceeds will benefit Junior League community programs. The event is from 7-9 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at Crate & Barrel, 1115 Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek. Complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$25 per person pre-sale, and \$30 at the door. For information and tickets, call 284-3740 or visit www.jloeb.org.

East Bay Region, World Affairs Council

The Contra Costa Chapter of the World Affairs Council is hosting a dinner and lecture at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Scotts Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Guest speaker Fred H. Lawson, International Relations and Middle East Politics at Mills College will talk on "Syria Besieged." The cost for dinner and program are \$30 for members and \$32 for non-members. Dinner reservations must be made by Tuesday,



'Someday I'll be in the Races'

Danville artist Henry Simon from Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living, representing the Visual Art of Older Adults, will be displaying his art during the grand reopening of the new de Young Museum at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco from Oct. 15-Nov. 9. For information, call (415) 441-2650 or visit www.eldergivers.org.

Nov. 1, by calling (415) 293-9600 or visit registration@wacsf.org.

Fall Orchid Festival Show and Sale

The Diablo View Orchid Society is hosting a Fall Orchid Festival Show and Sale, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23, at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. Cost is \$2 for adults and free for children. For information visit www.dvos.org.

Guest Speaker Nicholas Boer

The Alamo Women's Club is having Nicholas Boer, the food editor from the Contra Costa Times, as the guest speaker for its luncheon at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. The cost is \$15. Call Barbara at 837-2171 for reservations.

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

The Northern California Chapter of HIMSS presents the Emerging Clinical Technologies and Tech Fair from noon-5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Round Hill Road, Alamo. Lunch will be served and all net proceeds will be donated to Hurricane Katrina and Rita charitable organizations. Register at www.nocalhimss.org.

Networking for Technology Professionals

Jay's Networking Events presents Networking Events for Technology Professionals, from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Pavlo's, 2408 Twin Lakes Drive, San Ramon. Cost is \$10 (does not include food or beverage). For information, call (408) 506-3262.

Exhibits

Museum of the San Ramon Valley - Indian Life

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley will be a hub of activity involving our valley's Indian life, both past and present. There will be an excellent exhibit, Indian Life, which features the achievements and successes of our local Indians. For detailed information on class field trips and video showings, call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsvr.org. There is no charge for admission to the Museum but donations are encouraged.

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Fashion Show at Flobell's
Flobell's is sponsoring an evening of networking, fashion and shopping to benefit Techbridge, an after school program for middle school-aged girls with an interest in engineering, science and technology, from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, at Flobell's, 402 Railroad Ave. Cost is \$40. For tickets, call 465-1002 or e-mail dwwibfoundation@yahoo.com.

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.

Habitat for Humanity Auction
Five playhouses for Habitat are on display at the Blackhawk Plaza until Saturday, Dec. 3, at which time they'll be auctioned off to benefit Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity. The Habitat Fundraising Auction is at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, and the cost is \$50. For ticket information, call 288-0112, ext. 10.

Let the Holidays Begin!
Bay Area Crisis Nursery of Walnut Creek, announces its upcoming fundraiser, from 6-10 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Boundary Oak Country Club in Walnut Creek. The Crisis Nursery provides a temporary home for infants, toddlers and preschoolers of parents having extreme difficulty coping during times of stress or crisis. Tickets are \$75 per person and available online at www.bacn.jkmas.com/start.html, or send a check to BACN, 1506 Mendocino Drive, Concord 94521.

Scholarship Fundraiser
The Danville Women's Club will host a luncheon and bridge game at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Clubhouse, 242 Linda Mesa. Each year the club offers three scholarships for valley high school seniors. The cost is \$15 per player or \$60 if you wish to host a foursome. For information or reservations, call 855-1595.

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.mlproductions.com.

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.

No Ghosts, Just Great Stories
The Museum of the San Ramon Valley is hosting an Autumn Tour of the Alamo Cemetery at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, at the front gate of the Cemetery located at the end of El Portal near La Gonda Way. The tour is free but donations are welcome. Experienced docents will guide visitors through this rustic, park-like cemetery while sharing stories of many of San Ramon Valley's earliest pioneers. For more information, contact the Museum at 837-3750.

Live Music

Band Bonanza in Danville
Don't miss "Band Bonanza," a joint concert with the Danville Community Band, Dr. Lawrence E. Anderson, conductor, and Danville's Monte Vista High School, Wind Ensemble, Christopher Pearson, conductor, at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road. Admission is free. \$5 donation to go to Hurricane victims.

Studio 6 Big Band of San Francisco
Presented by the San Ramon Library as part of its jazz series, all-star Bay Area musicians will perform contemporary big band jazz for listening and dancing at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle. For information and confirmation, call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

The Fabulous Limeliter
Folk legend from the early 1960s, the Limeliter will be appearing at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, at the El Campanil Theatre, 602 W. Second St., Antioch. Cost is \$30, \$28, \$25, \$22 (seniors/children 10 percent discount). For tickets and information, call 757-9500 or visit www.elcampaniltheatre.com.

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 Hikes
Save Mount 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 information, contact Julie Seelen at 947-3535, e-mail jseelen@savemountdiablo.org, or visit www.savemountdiablo.org.

California Natives: Plants and People Tour
Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with the UC Botanical Garden and the Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology's Cultural Arts and Activities Series for families, from noon-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. For information and registration, call (510) 643-2755 or visit <http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu>.

Iron Horse Trail Closure
The Iron Horse Trail at Rudgear and South Broadway in Walnut Creek will be closed to through traffic during pipeline construction, from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday, Oct. 25-28 and Oct. 31-Nov. 4. The trail will be open in the early mornings, evenings and weekends. Both of the pedestrian bridges on South Broadway and the Creekside access will remain open and accessible from the north.

On Stage

'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 (\$13-\$22), call 314-3463 or visit www.villagetheatreshows.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.

'The Wizard of Oz'
Los Cerros Middle School Drama Club presents "The Wizard of Oz," at 7



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Seniors

Prime Time

Prime Time, a non-denominational gathering of "seasoned citizens," meets from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado. Various activities are offered in addition to educational speakers and day trips. A home-cooked meal is served at noon for \$3. Feel free to drop in or call Ruth Ann at 820-6387 for information or to be added to the mailing list. Need transportation? Call Gloria at 837-5229. "There are no strangers, just friends you've yet to meet."

Spiritual

Acquire the Fire - Leadership Summit

East Bay Fellowship will be hosting the Battle Cry Leadership Summit from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22, at East Bay Fellowship, 2615

Camino Tassajara Road. The cost of the event is \$99 per person. For information, visit www.acquirethefire.com.

Biblical View of Worship

Integrity Music is holding a two-day worship leadership event on Developing a Biblical View of Worship, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 24-25, at East Bay Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara Road. This is an intensely practical, two-day seminar for pastors, worship musicians, children's leaders and multimedia teams. The cost is \$240 per person. For more information, visit www.seminars4worship.com.

Free Concerts at East Bay Fellowship

The East Bay Fellowship is offering free evenings of worship at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23 (Ross Parsley and the Desperation Band); Monday, Oct. 24 (Don Moen and band); and Tuesday, Oct. 25 (Tommy Walker and band), at 2615 Camino Tassajara Road.

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Association

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

Bipolar Support Group

The Tri-Valley Support Group provides free peer support for people with

mood disorders. It meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m., every Wednesday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Call 560-0842.

Breast Cancer Support Group

This is a staff-facilitated support group for women with breast cancer. It meets at 6:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of each month at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, in the West Day Room of the South Building. Call Lisa Peguese at 275-8414.

Cancer Support Groups

Free support, education and stress management for cancer patients and their loved ones, including general support groups for all types of cancer patients as well as cancer specific groups for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, brain tumor, support groups for caregivers and life after cancer. Groups meet at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. For times and days, call 933-0107.

ClutterLess (CL) Self Help Group

Is clutter stressing you out? Cluttering is a psychological issue, not just an organizing issue. Meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays (except holidays), at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. For information, call 426-5311.

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

Alzheimer's Association

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

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>.

Child Abuse Prevention Council

The Contra Costa County Child Abuse Prevention Council needs volunteer speakers for the community education program. Volunteers must complete a mandatory 24-hour speaker's training course. For information, call 946-9961.

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art

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Monte Vista won 63-14 over Freedom in a non-conference victory, and its record is now a perfect 6-0. Peter Geurts led the Mustangs with 165 rushing on 13 carries. Sophomore quarterback Drew McAllister threw for three touchdowns and was 17-21 for 177 yards. Monte Vista will play at Granada tonight in an East Bay Athletic League contest.

San Ramon Valley High rebounded from a tough 17-14 loss to Granada last week for a 42-7 victory over Livermore to go 4-2 overall. The Wolves ran up a total of 439 yards of offense with Roy Helu rushing for 133 yards and two touchdowns. The Wolves will play at home tonight against Amador Valley.

Golf

The Lady Wolves lost to Amador Valley at Ruby Hill Country Club 234-275 on Oct. 11. The Wolves were led by Jen Cohen with a 41.

Tennis

The San Ramon Lady Wolves lost a tight match Oct. 11 to Foothill 5-4 to run their record to

3-3. Michelle Pitchford and Courtney Collins won both of their single matches. On Oct. 13, San Ramon won two matches against Granada, 9-0 and 8-0. One match was a makeup. The Wolves are now 5-3 in the EBAL.

Monte Vista ran its record to 8-0 in the EBAL, beating Livermore 9-0.

Volleyball

Monte Vista Lady Mustangs handed Foothill High its first loss of the year Oct. 11 to go 14-7 overall and 3-1 in the EBAL. Then, Oct. 13, Amador Valley beat the Lady Mustangs in three straight games. Amador Valley went to 4-1 in the EBAL and 19-7 overall. Monte Vista is 14-8 overall and 3-2 in the EBAL. The Lady Wolves lost to California and went to 1-4 in the EBAL.

Water Polo

On Oct. 11, the San Ramon Lady Wolves ran their record to 12-1 overall and 7-0 in the EBAL with a win over Granada. Two days later, they beat Livermore 13-2 to go 13-1 and 8-0 in the EBAL.

E-mail or fax your results to lmccol3525@aol.com or 837-8454.

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 21

Football: Monte Vista at Granada, 7 p.m.
San Ramon vs. Amador Valley, 7 p.m.
Girls Water Polo: Monte Vista at Campo, 5 p.m.
San Ramon at Carondelet, TBA
Boys Water Polo: San Ramon at Marin Catholic, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

Girls Volleyball: Monte Vista at Livermore, 6 p.m.
San Ramon vs. Granada, 6 p.m.
Girls Water Polo: San Ramon vs. Cal High, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27

Girls Volleyball: Monte Vista at Piedmont, 5 p.m.
San Ramon vs. Livermore, 6 p.m.
Girls Water Polo: San Ramon at Monte Vista, 3:45 p.m.
Boys Water Polo: San Ramon at Monte Vista, 5:45 p.m.
Girls Tennis: San Ramon vs. Cal High

Friday, Oct. 28

Football: San Ramon at San Leandro, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29

Boys Water Polo: San Ramon vs. Northgate, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Boys and Girls Cross Country: EBAL Championships at Oak Hill Park



KEITH PETERS

It runs in the family

Julia Schnugg (No. 29) is a starting forward on the No. 13-ranked Cal women's soccer team. Schnugg is a graduate of Monte Vista High where she was a 2003 Parade All-American. She was a member of the Pleasanton Rage team that won the national title in 2002. Schnugg's father, Peter, was a water polo All-American at Cal from 1969-73 and is now an assistant water polo coach for the Cal men's team. Julia's sister, Stephanie, is a freshman on the Cal women's water polo team. The Schnugg family lives in Alamo.

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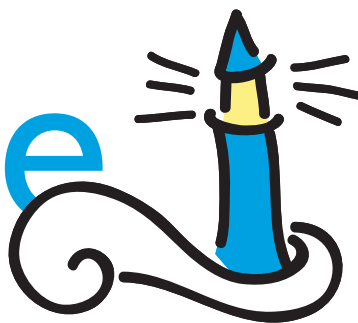
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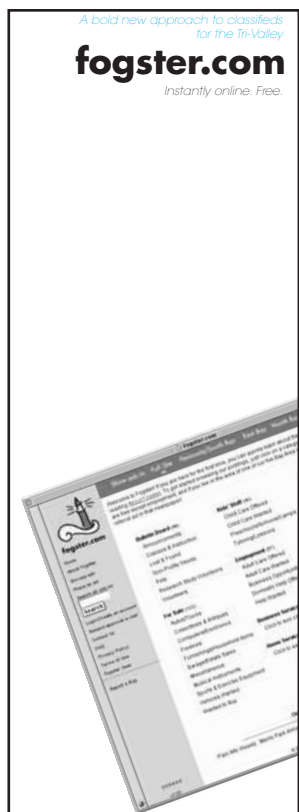
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Total sales reported: 20	Total sales reported: 9	Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$517,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,190,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,785,000	Lowest sale reported: \$260,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,150,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,295,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,785,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,449,000
Average sales reported: \$1,197,475	Average sales reported: \$1,534,444	Average sales reported: \$1,785,000	Average sales reported: \$656,863

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3 Bedrooms	4 Bedrooms
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1638 N. Clear Creek Pl. Sat 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker \$749,950 984.3060	5 Bedrooms
701 Senca Ct. Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Interio \$799,000 855.4036	12 Roxbury Ct. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$1,599,000 838.4300
1344 Fountain Springs Cir. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Re/Max Accord \$834,999 895-2804	101 Daniel Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Empire \$1,795,000 217.5038
114 Blackstone Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams \$879,000 786.8731	1537 Serafix Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams \$2,350,000 683.7696
4 Bedrooms	31 Shandelin Ln. Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel \$2,995,000 366.9093
550 Mikado Pl. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$1,015,000 855.4123	950 Forest Ln. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$2,995,000 838.4300
4276 Knollview Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential \$1,084,000 216.0832	6 Bedrooms
1739 St. Helena Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$1,094,000 648.5331	147 Alamo Springs Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio Real Estate \$3,250,000 997.1123
1739 St. Helena Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$1,094,000 648.5331	Blackhawk
976 Richard Ln. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$1,125,000 838.4300	4 Bedrooms
32 Wakefield Ct. Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential \$1,274,000 216.0832	3661 Country Club Terrace Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate \$2,195,000 736-6000
106 Windover Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$1,699,000 736.1666	142 Pepperwood Ct. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$2,250,000 989.8920
110 Sunhaven Rd. Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty \$1,765,000 217-5048	5 Bedrooms
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1643 Harlan Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$989,000 855.4060	61 Blackhills Pl. Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio \$1,995,000 858.5233
5 Bedrooms	96 Red Pine Ct. Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate \$2,499,000 683.5689
8 Stirling Dr. Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel \$1,475,000 895.3755	Diablo
1130 Lawrence Rd. Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker \$1,549,000 984.3060	5 Bedrooms
6 Bedrooms	1515 Avenida Nueva Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel \$2,875,000 383-1001
10 Creeklodge Ct. Sun 1-5 p.m. Interio \$2,190,000 683.9799	6 Bedrooms
	2315 Caballo Ranchero Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty \$2,295,000 217-5048

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HOME SALES

Source: California REsource
This weeks data represents homes sold during September 2005

Danville	Alamo	Diablo	Walnut Creek
24 Bormio Court P. & G. Smrzlic to J. & J. Reget for \$1,295,000	219 Shadewell Drive S. McCulloch to D. Pineda for \$1,575,000	2579 Chinook Court King Trust to M. & M. Devincenzi for \$1,449,000	
126 Briar Place E. Sargent to J. Lieb for \$1,250,000	2221 Shoshone Circle J. Lowry to Sutton Trust for \$709,000	2811 Creston Road B. Byers to F. & K. Canova for \$669,000	
3542 Canfield Drive B. Quan to D. & P. Michaelis for \$1,050,500	215 South Ridge Court Crowell Trust to R. Koh for \$2,062,500	6 Iron Horse Lane J. Lohead to E. Miller for \$715,000	
413 Cliffside Drive S. Cordova to T. & J. Miner for \$3,150,000		1024 Mt. View Boulevard D. Fleming to H. Reed for \$825,000	
2228 Creekview Place Shapell Industries to R. Sonne for \$1,147,000		3158 Naranja Drive Locke Trust to Brennan Classic Homes for \$972,000	
2233 Creekview Place Shapell Industries to D. Owyang for \$1,195,000		340 North Civic Drive #203 J. Crique to R. Kazlauskas for \$260,000	
2234 Creekview Place Shapell Industries to S. Chao for \$1,300,000		300 North Civic Drive #309 B. & C. Doss to J. Balch for \$305,000	
18 Danville Oak Place L. & D. Smith to Morris Trust for \$540,000		310 North Civic Drive #310 C. Henry to M. Usunov for \$280,000	
221 Daylight Place D. & L. Giorgetti to Radanovich Trust for \$856,000		370 North Civic Drive #404 D. & M. Walker to T. Canedo for \$340,000	
615 Logan Lane J. Horton to J. Mitchell for \$1,480,000		518 North Villa Way K. Mitchell to C. Biscevic for \$370,000	
292 Love Lane R. & L. Dainer to S. & K. Dijkstra for \$1,500,000		31 Picardy Court S. & C. Clark to M. & F. Vicondona for \$819,000	
1858 North Forest Hill Place J. Rivera to M. & T. Sembrat for \$700,000		2320 Ptarmigan Drive #1 C. Cottell to Poteet Trust for \$560,000	
7103 Pelican Street K. Sanders to A. & E. Arrieta for \$602,500		2616 Ptarmigan Drive #4 E. Westhoff to C. & C. Clare for \$575,000	
828 Podva Road D. Cook to C. Santiago for \$517,000		60 Royal View Drive Ames Trust to D. & R. Perry for \$1,005,000	
90 Princeton Court Belland Trust to T. & J. Stewart for \$980,000		2616 Saklan Indian Drive #3 Herb Trust to M. & C. Glantz for \$460,000	
14 Rainbow Circle L. French to P. & N. Lobato for \$640,000		22 San Marino Court H. Cannon to A. Haskett for \$805,000	
2007 Scarlet Oak Place R. & R. Rankin to J. & J. Watkin for \$1,400,000		401 Seville Lane Citrus Walk Limited to A. Veis for \$650,000	

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