

Beacon to shine

Pearl Harbor survivors to gather on Mount Diablo to remember fateful morning > **page 5**

Vol. 1, Number 31 • December 2, 2005

www.DanvilleWeekly.com

Feeling blessed

Photographer captures last moments in little girl's life

> **page 16**

Danville

WEEKLY

Mail Delivery Only • Danville, Blackhawk, Diablo and Alamo

Tree lightings

Community celebrations bring holiday cheer

> **page 6**



Ready,
set,
SKI

Get the most out of family time on the slopes

page 14

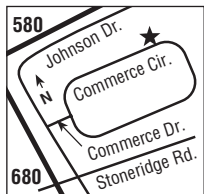


We're opening our doors to the public
for a **SUPER SATURDAY SALE**
Saturday December 3rd

Upon Request We Will Be Opened Thursday Evening 3:00 - 9:00 pm

SHOP EARLY
10am-5pm

- Holiday Gift Items
- Sofas as low as \$99
- Dining sets as low as \$199
- Chairs
- New Arrivals
- Lamps and accent pieces
- Re-conditions and like new
- Lots of accessories too



Casa Bella

7063 Commerce Circle #G, Pleasanton
(Behind Black Tie Limo Service)

Look for our **Special Saturday Public Openings** throughout the rest of the year

Lose Weight with Hypnosis



As seen on NBC DATELINE, Hypnosis proved to be the most effective and easiest way to lose weight among all major weight loss programs.

Use the unlimited power of your sub-conscious mind to over-come bad habits and stop the cycle of self-sabotage and defeat. With Hypnosis and Neurofeedback you will enjoy eating the right foods and exercising without diets, dangerous drugs or surgery.

- Eliminate food cravings
- Eliminate compulsive/emotional eating
- Increase desire to exercise

Hypnosis is also effective in treating depression, anxiety, fears and phobias.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HYPNOSIS
Walnut Creek location. (Not a Healing Arts Practitioner)

telephone: 925-280-9100 • web site: www.idealuo.com/hypnosis

• CARPET • HARDWOOD • LAMINATE • AREA RUGS • VINYL • FLOOR TILE •



Evon Biondi

Where
Quality
is Affordable!

Hurry in. Our Sale ends December 31, 2005.

color style texture Anso nylon choices Savings

**SALE! CARPET UP TO 20% OFF • HARDWOOD UP TO 20% OFF • LAMINATE UP TO 30% OFF
AREA RUGS UP TO 50% OFF • CERAMIC FLOOR TILE UP TO 10% OFF • VINYL FLOORING UP TO 30% OFF**

- BAY AREA —
- SAN JOSE
 - CUPERTINO
 - SANTA CLARA
 - PLEASANTON
 - ALMADEN

S & G CARPET
and more

Since 1948

www.sgcarpets.com

Where Quality is Affordable.™

- SACRAMENTO —
- RANCHO CORDOVA
 - ROCKLIN
 - ELK GROVE

OPEN • M-W-F 8-6
• T-TH 8-8 • SAT 9-5
IN PLEASANTON ONLY
OPEN SUNDAY 12-5

CALL 1-TON-OF-CARPET • 1-866-632-2773

*Looking for Seasonal Events
in your Community?*

See calendar on page 23

Q: What was your favorite book when you were a child?



I received "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott for my eighth birthday. It was the first book I read that made me really feel a part of the story. I loved all the girls. I felt their happiness and sorrow. I truly felt close to them. I knew then that reading would always be one of the joys in my life.

Bev Zimmer
homemaker



Dr. Seuss. I didn't read much so I liked the pictures. I read it with my folks. I was basically a listener. I'd rather be on the tennis court.

Jeff Teshima
pharmacist



"Black Beauty" is special to me because my fifth-grade teacher recommended that I read it. At the time, I only read "fluff" books and he wanted me to try something more challenging. I loved it! And have loved reading every since.

Janet Busta
homemaker



Probably "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." It was the first book I read that had whole chapters, real chapters, so I remember it.

Ted Chun
systems engineer



My favorite book from childhood would have to be "To Kill a Mockingbird." I saw the movie first and then later read the book. I loved both and still do. This book has been the standard by which I judge other books. Very few have come close.

Donna Clarke
homemaker

COMPILED BY JUDY STEINER

ABOUT THE COVER

Emma Gillette, now 8, snowplows down an intermediate run at Copper Mountain Resort in Colorado last winter where she worked on improving her skiing with sister Maddy, 9, and brother Harry, 5. Her dad Geoff Gillette writes this week about how to enjoy family trips to the snow.

Vol. 1, Number 31

The Danville Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville, CA 94526; (925) 837-8300. Mailed at Standard Postage Rate. The Danville Weekly is mailed free to homes and apartments in Danville, Blackhawk, Diablo and Alamo. Voluntary subscriptions at \$25 per year (\$40 for two years) are welcome from local residents. Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$40 per year. © 2005 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

How To Buy A New \$2545 Furnace for \$899

Let Me Explain

Fall is upon us and that means mild weather. Being in the heating and air conditioning business this time of year is a challenge, and I have to do everything in my power to attract homeowners and get the phone to ring.

For the next couple of months only you can get a 93% efficient furnace for \$899. By combining the purchase of a furnace with a new air conditioner I am willing to take no profit on the furnace, which in turn allows homeowners to get a great deal and solves my challenge by making the phone ring.

Call today and I will send a comfort advisor to your home to see what makes sense for you.

Sincerely,



Kevin Comerford
Local Business Owner

TESTIMONIAL

"Your technicians knew we had a baby and were without heat and they volunteered to give up their Saturday to install our furnace"



Laura & Grace (baby) P
of Pleasant Hill

SERVICE CHAMPIONS
Heating & Air Conditioning



(925) 444-4444

www.servicechampions.net

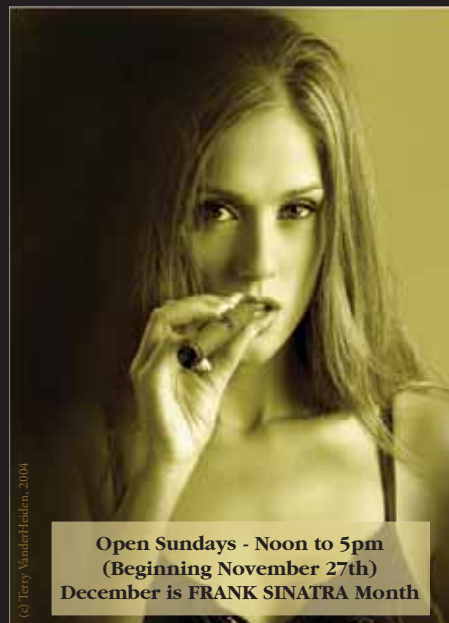


CL#817040

SAN FRANCISCO
CIGAR
& Gifts



Shop Early for Holiday Specials!!!
15% OFF All Non-Tobacco Inventory
November 25 thru December 24



Open Sundays - Noon to 5pm
(Beginning November 27th)
December is FRANK SINATRA Month

4469 Railroad Avenue
Pleasanton, CA 94566

(Next to Meadowlark Dairy at Neal Avenue)

Super Premium Cigars - Humidors
Holiday Gift Baskets
Men's Accessories - Poker Games
Tommy Bahama Shirts
Memorabilia - Lady Gifts

"A Special Store for that Special Man"
Expanded Holiday Store Hours Beginning November 25

(925) 461-3565

www.cigarandgifts.com

NEWS DIGEST

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ They get their entertainment by damaging other people’s property. ”

—Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel about vandals who strike in the area. See story, page 5.

Discover ‘belly basics’

Bellies n’ Babies, the new maternity and baby boutique at 166 E. Prospect Ave., is holding a holiday open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8. The one-stop shop for moms, babies and kids is the enterprise of four local women—Michelle Murphy, Nicole Herrero, Dana Schramm and Nicole Hawkins—who all went to San Ramon Valley and Monte Vista high schools.

The boutique features trendy fashions and the open house is a chance to see the new holiday collection of classy maternity wear or to check out baby and toddler clothing and gifts.

Bellies n’ Babies is participating in the Contra Costa Food Drive, and patrons who contribute four cans of food get 10 percent off purchases through Dec. 31.

Supervisor holding open house

Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, District 3, is hosting holiday open houses in both her Danville and her Brentwood offices. The Danville event, which will include refreshments, will be from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13. It will be an opportunity for constituents to meet with Piepho as well as hear updates on county projects. For more information, contact Piepho’s Danville office at 820-8683.

Leading the Pledge

The Town of Danville is looking for Scout Troops to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of Town Council meetings on the first and third Tuesdays each month. The meetings are held at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St., and usually begin at 7:30 p.m.

To schedule a troop for this patriotic exercise, call City Clerk Marie Sunseri at 314-3401.

Corrections The story in the Nov. 25 issue on the Basket Brigade at Los Cerros Middle School should have stated that the effort to provide baskets for those in need is a project of the entire school, grades 6-8.

No tickets are needed for the “Christmas Classics” holiday concert being presented by the Danville Community Band at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at the East Bay Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara, next to the post office. Admission and parking are free.

Downtown Pleasanton Creating Holiday Memories



- ★ Unique Giftware
- ★ Handmade Chocolates & Candies
- ★ Specialty Foods
- ★ Sugar-free Chocolates & Candies
- ★ Gift Baskets

GourmetWorks

420 MAIN ST., DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON — (925) 461-1110 Fax (925) 461-1047

Join Studio 7 Fine Arts
For The

Lori Bonn Trunk Show

Thursday
December 8th

Entire jewelry line 15% off
New, one-of-a-kind pieces



77 West Angela Street
Downtown Pleasanton
925.846.4322
www.studio7finearts.com

Hours:
Tuesday – Saturday • 10AM - 7PM
Sunday • Noon - 5PM

Look your Best for the Holidays!

Our Medical Spa Offers

- Physician Directed
- Botox®
- Restylane® and Radiesse®
- Laser Hair & Vein Removal
- IPL Photofacial
- Massage/Facials
- Cosmetic Surgery



Recapture the confident, inspired look of youth,
Call Dr. Robert F. Gray today!

531 Main Street
Downtown Pleasanton
925.846.2772

www.mdlaserspa.com

*Lunchtime, Evening & Weekend Appointments
*Financing and Gift Certificates Available

\$100 Off
BOTOX®, Restylane®
or Laser Hair Removal.
Expires 1/31/06 PLW

\$25 Off
Microdermabrasion
Expires 1/31/06 PLW



Danville’s Best Holiday Bargains Save 40% - 80% Off

Brand Name Closeouts, Samples, Overstocks & Other Great Deals

“Mark Roberts” Limited Edition Santa’s & Fairies
NOW up to 50% OFF MSRP. (Qty’s limited, no rain checks)



10% OFF
Any Single Item
Coupon Required
Exp 1/31/06
May not be used with other promotions.

Rick's Picks
great deals everyday!

375 Hartz Ave. • Downtown Danville
(across from Starbucks)

837-DEAL

Home Decor • Housewares • Furniture • Toys • Gifts

Beacon to shine in memory of Pearl Harbor victims

64 years after attack killed thousands, survivors will gather on Mount Diablo to honor their lost compatriots

by Jordan M. Doronila

The perfect Pacific water mirrored the clear blue sky while military men slept on their bunks in big battleships on that beautiful morning in 1941, recalled Pearl Harbor attack survivor Charles Engel.

But no one knew what was coming.

As Engel raised the American and Union Jack flags on a bridge at Pearl Harbor, he heard explosions nearby and a loud intercom yelling: "Man your battle stations! Japan is

attacking!"

Over 300 Japanese planes with large red circles on their wings bombed Pearl Harbor that Dec. 7, killing more than 2,000 military personnel. And after the attack subsided, Engel—now a Walnut Creek resident—saw dead bodies floating in the ocean.

"It was horrible," he said. "We couldn't believe it."

Now, 64 years later, Engel and other local Pearl Harbor survivors continue to hold a ceremony on the anniversary each year.

Pearl Harbor survivors, war veterans and residents will come together at the top of Mount Diablo for the 42nd annual beacon lighting to honor the 2,000 military personnel who died during Japan's aerial raid in 1941.

"The event is important," said Wayne Korsinen, chairman of the beacon lighting ceremony and a Pearl Harbor historian. "The Pearl Harbor bombing sparked World War II. It's a tremendous historical day."

"It's so people don't forget what

can happen," added Engel. "These things can happen."

The event—sponsored by the Mt. Diablo Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association—is Wednesday, Dec. 7, and will begin at 3:30 p.m. About 50 to 100 people are expected to attend the event, said Korsinen.

Vietnam War veteran Pete Laurence will pay homage to those who died in Pearl Harbor and will discuss the importance of American patriotism. Pearl Harbor survivors will share their remem-

brances, and then they will light the beacon.

The annual remembrance was under discussion because of a new \$1 million park insurance requirement for protection against liability during events. There were concerns that people up the mountain may get hurt in the dark, said Craig Mattson, the new superintendent of Mt. Diablo State Park.

"We want to make sure that they don't hurt themselves," said Mattson, adding that they want the

► Continued on page 9

Police going undercover to stop vandals

Museum caboose is latest victim of felony vandalism

by Jordan M. Doronila

The Danville police are working undercover to stop vandals in the community, with the intent of preventing incidents such as last week's break-in at the museum, officials said.

As result of a break-in at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and past felony vandalisms in Danville, the police are prowling the town intensely to curb the crime. Last year, there were 40 cases of felony vandalism. And this year so far, there have been 44.

"Vandalism is not uncommon; it happens all year," said Sgt. Ron Bradley. "Hopefully, the (undercover work) stems the tide on this issue."

Last week, police caught a 15-year-old Danville teenager who ravaged the Southern Pacific railcar behind the San Ramon Valley Museum on the corner of Prospect and Railroad avenues early in the morning. The damage exceeded \$5,000, said Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel.

Town maintenance workers saw broken glass at the caboose and called the police, said Bradley. Inside the train car, there was broken glass, paint stains, two destroyed mannequins, and drops of blood that belonged to the boy, Wenzel said.

The boy told police that he was intoxicated and was looking for a place to sleep inside the caboose, police reported. He was living with a relative and did not want to go home, Bradley said.

The boy was taken to Juvenile Hall, police said. Also, the case has been sent to the District Attorney's Office in Martinez, said Wenzel.

Museum officials have cleaned

up the caboose and met earlier this week to deal with other issues created by damages in the train car. The museum may request donations from community members to repair the caboose, Wenzel said.

"It's very distressing to those of us who are active in the museum," said curator Beverly Lane.

She said museum and town officials are working together to repair the two disfigured mannequins and replace the broken glass in the caboose. She said wooden boards are covering some of the windows broken by the Danville boy.

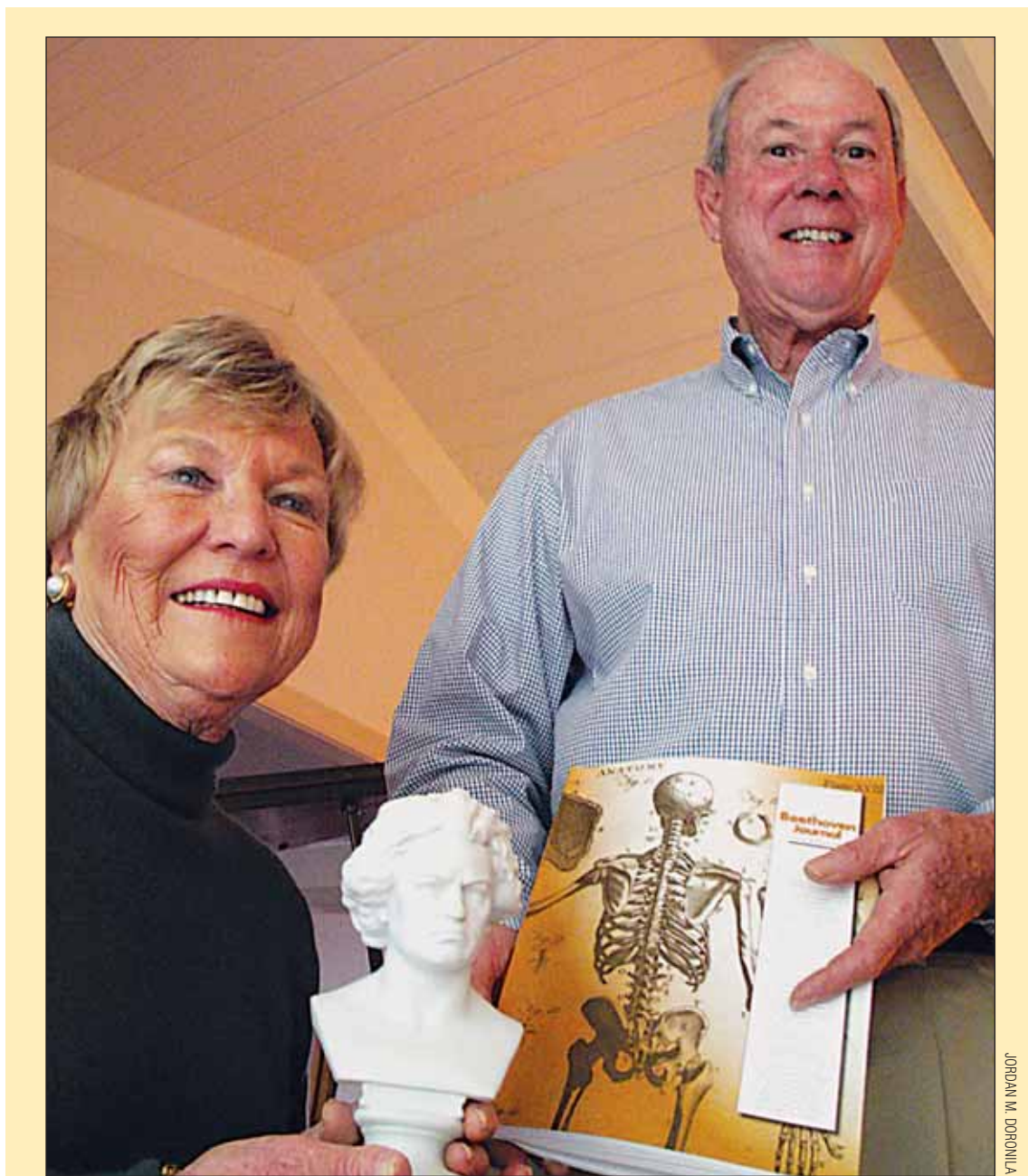
"Vandalism is not uncommon; it happens all year. Hopefully, the (undercover work) stems the tide on this issue."

—Sgt. Ron Bradley, Danville Police Department

There are an average of 20 reported acts of vandalism a month, police said. Culprits have damaged benches in parks and burned items and broken lockers on campuses including San Ramon Valley High School and Montair Elementary, said Wenzel.

They also have cut down trees at a park near the railroad museum, made deep scratches in the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park as

► Continued on page 7



JORDAN M. DORONILA

Ode to Beethoven

Danville residents Joan and Paul Kaufmann display the journal that tracks the history of Ludwig van Beethoven's bones, some of which wound up in the hands of Paul Kaufmann's family. The couple had two skull fragments in Danville and recently made a long-term loan of them to San Jose State University's Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies. Kaufmann's Viennese great-great-uncle Dr. Romeo Seligmann had the bones of Beethoven, who was born in Bonn in 1770 and died in Vienna in 1827. They were passed along to family members and eventually wound up with the Kaufmanns. DNA tests have matched them with a lock of the composer's hair.

Gifts to Last, Gifts to Remember

Hot Fall Styles • International Designers



FLO & BELL

Downtown Danville
(across from Andronico's)

402 Railroad Ave. Mon - Sat 10-6
362-0813 www.flobell.com

online edition
Danville
WEEKLY.COM

In the holiday spirit

The San Ramon Valley High School choir under the direction of Ken Abrams sings holiday songs at the lighting of the Old Oak Tree last Friday evening. The rains cleared in time for a beautiful evening and hundreds of families attended the event to launch the season in Danville. Several businesses gave out drinks and cookies, and after the tree lighting, the crowd headed toward Hartz Avenue to enjoy the decorations and get a jump on holiday shopping. The Alamo Merchant and Professional Association is hosting its tree lighting at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at Andrew H. Young Park on Danville Boulevard at Jackson Way. It will include music by local school choirs, crafts by the YMCA, refreshments, Santa and other surprises. The Sheriff's Department will also be collecting for its toy drive. Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation is also holding Tree of Lights ceremonies at Blackhawk Road at Blackhawk Drive at 5 p.m. today; and at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd., at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4.



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

High school students tagged for state offices

Youth and Government program gives hands-on experience

by **Dolores Fox Ciardelli**

Danville and Alamo students must be learning their leadership lessons well. Two of them were selected from among 2,000 youths to serve in statewide leadership positions when they converge on Sacramento for their Model Legislature and Court in February.

For six months, students across the state in the YMCA Youth and Government program have been writing bills, preparing briefs, selecting governmental positions to role-play and attending training sessions. Last month they met at

Camp Roberts Army National Guard Base in Paso Robles to train further.

"Camp Roberts was in preparation for February when they take over the state capitol," explained Kathy Chiverton, executive director of the San Ramon Valley YMCA.

High school students in the Youth and Government program from more than 80 YMCA delegations statewide will converge on Sacramento for five days over the long Presidents Day weekend in February. Chiverton noted that the YMCA group is the only one given access to the legislative and court chambers in the capitol.

The San Ramon Valley YMCA Youth and Government program has six delegations, representing

Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley high schools as well as California, Campolindo, Miramonte and Las Lomas.

Two San Ramon Valley High delegates were elected at Camp Roberts to serve in state leadership positions. Senior Chris Crowe was elected state legislative analyst, and Andy Rice, also a senior, was elected to serve as a national issues commissioner.

Other seniors from San Ramon Valley High were also top contenders for positions. Lauren Itow is one of two candidates out of six to make it to a runoff election for the office of chief justice. Kyle Scott also made it to a runoff election for the office of speaker of the

➤ Continued on page 8



P A S T A S
T r a t t o r i a

Pastas Pleasanton is Pleased to Announce the Debut of Our All New Menu!

Great New Additions to the Lunch and Dinner Menus, Plus an Updated Wine List & All New Martini and Specialty Drink Menu!

Make Your Holiday Party or Meeting Arrangements with Pastas Now!

405 Main Street
Pleasanton, Ca
925-417-2222
PastasTrattoria.com

Finish Your Holiday Shopping Early! Stop In & Buy Your Pastas Gift Certificates Today!

Make Your Reservations With OpenTable.com



JORDAN M. DORONILA

A sign posted by museum and police officials on the damaged caboose at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley calls all residents to stop vandalism—with a juicy reward.

Vandals

► Continued from page 5

well as damaged the small access door for the flag-pole, hit mailboxes, and thrown rocks into cars. They have also driven their cars on park lawns.

Many of the culprits who damage property are teenagers who live in Danville and the surrounding communities, said police. They speculate that a lack of respect and boredom are two motives for teenagers to vandalize property.

“They get their entertainment by damaging other people’s property,” said Wenzel.

“They are not taught to respect other people’s property,” said Bradley.

Lane said many teens who are going through family crises—such as a divorce—may not know how to handle them and may misbehave as a result of the conflict, especially during the holidays.

Whatever the reasons why kids vandalize property, police officials are moving forward to deter vandals. The police want more lighting during the evening and more policemen securing the area. They also advise the public to call the police if they see anyone vandalizing property.

“We can’t be everywhere,” said Wenzel. ■



JORDAN M. DORONILA

Workers have cleaned up and repaired some of the damages inside the caboose. They placed wooden boards over the train car's broken windows.

12% Interest

- Secured by Real Estate
- Interest Paid Monthly
- IRA, 401K Approved
- Local Real Estate
- Licensed Broker for 25 years



INVESTMENT & LOAN
925-838-8313

Licensed by the California Department of Real Estate
License Number 01485821

05-026

You've Earned It, Now Protect It!

Review Your Coverage
Calculate Your Exposure
Measure the Difference

Call Tim Huether
925-820-8432

319 Diablo Road, Suite 100 Danville, CA



Huether Insurance
AGENCY



Downtown Pleasanton's Most Exciting Dining Destination

Introducing 1/2 Priced Tuesdays!

Visit us Tuesday for Lunch or Dinner and Enjoy Wine and Cocktails for Half of the Regular Price!

Have Mahalo Grille Cater Your Holiday Party at Your Home or Office! Call Us Today to Find Out How Our Professional Catering Staff Can Fulfill All Your Needs!

425 Main Street, Pleasanton 94566
(925) 462 - 2800
www.MahaloGrille.com

or



*not valid with any other promotions





Santa to enjoy band concert

Dr. Lawrence Anderson, conductor of the Danville Community Band, meets with Santa Claus (aka Duane Watson) to invite him to the fifth annual free "Christmas Classics" concert planned Sunday for the entire family. The 85-member band will celebrate the season with joyous music, and vocalist Linda Thorp will regale the audience with her rendition of "White Christmas." The free concert also will include a sing-along with favorite Christmas tunes. The fun begins at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at the East Bay Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara, next to the post office.

State offices

► Continued from page 6

Assembly; the election will take place at the second Training and Elections Conference, being held in January. Megan Lierley and Katy Wynn were selected to head committees. And Seana Horrobin was one of four chosen to serve as statewide chaplains.

"The program has room for different talents," noted Chiverton. It includes a model court, featuring trial, appellate and supreme courts, and programs for pages, journalists, lobbyists, legislative analysts, state board members, commissioners, and a forum program for sophomore delegates.

Youth and Government was started in the mid-1930s by a YMCA director from New York as a meaningful way for young people to learn about government. He had the idea of a hands-on experience by forming a model legislature. California began the program in 1949 under Gov. Earl Warren, who had two sons who participated.

For more information, visit www.calymca.org or telephone the San Ramon Valley YMCA at 831-1100. ■

Escapades
A FASHION ADVENTURE

Holiday Open House
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
December 8, 9, 10
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Tasty bites and bubbly served!

IN THE LIVERY . DANVILLE
925.820.9639

Pick an ornament off our holiday tree and discover our gift to you!

Tired of those Reading Glasses?



Exciting new non-laser procedure to rid yourself of reading glasses!

- **First and only CK provider in the East Bay**
- **Three-minute, non-invasive, radio wave, in-office treatment**
- **No interest financing now available**
- **Call for a free screening today!**



HILARY JON LERNER, M.D.
Eye Physician & Surgeon
"The doctor that physicians choose for their own eye care"

introducing
NearVision™ CK



Lerner Eye Center
www.lernereyecenter.com

Modern technology with old-fashioned care

Concord	Pittsburg	San Ramon
925-685-1130	925-432-9300	925-820-9600

online edition
Danville
WEEKLY.COM



'Seven Brides' raise \$5,000

Danville youths put on a benefit performance of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" last month, with the price of admission being a donation to the American Red Cross for its Disaster Relief Fund. About one thousand people attended the four performances at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Red Cross representatives were on hand to accept the donations. The play was produced and directed by adult volunteers with theater experience. The effort was helped by theater groups in the community, such as the Diablo Light Opera, which made some of its costumes and stage extensions available.

Beacon

► Continued from page 5

event to run as smoothly as possible.

Since event coordinators moved the ceremony to an earlier time, park administrators were willing to work with them and eliminated the insurance requirement at least for this year.

Now there will be portable and

temporary lighting at the event and extra park staff available to help and guide people from the mountain to their cars, said Mattson.

Also park administrators hope to keep the event short so there will be enough sunlight for everyone to get to their homes safely, he said.

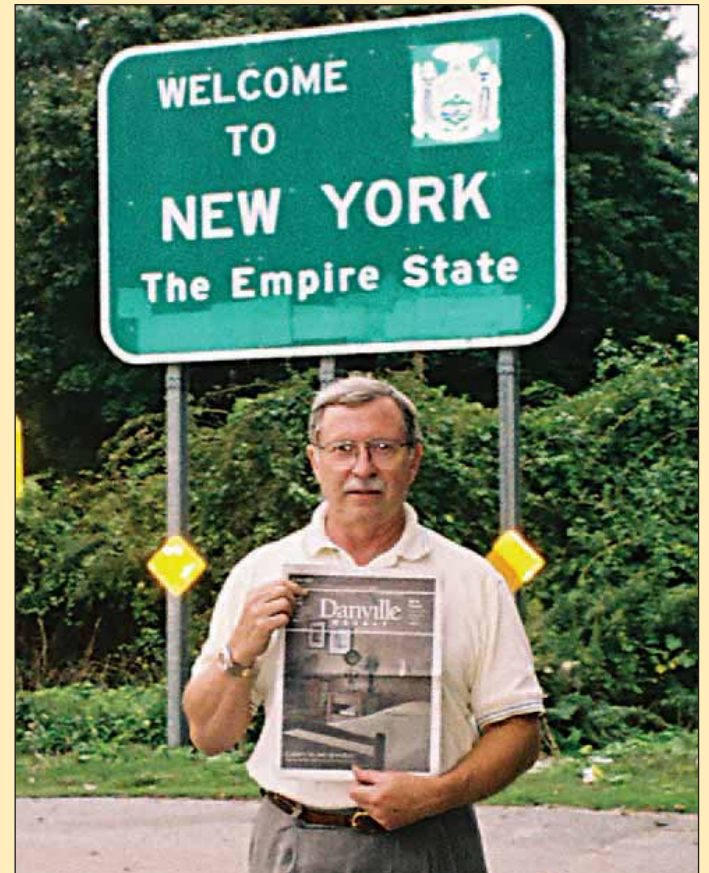
Contra Costa County Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier donated \$500 to the Pearl Harbor group to help them secure the \$1 million insurance requirement but since there is

no requirement this year, the money is still in the organization's treasury vault, said Korsinen.

The beacon was installed in 1928 by the Standard Oil Co. to guide ships into the San Francisco Bay, Korsinen said. In 1964, Pearl Harbor Survivors repaired damages to the beacon and started a yearly lighting to honor the lives lost in 1941, he said.

The beacon will continue to shine all night in memory of the deceased. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Annual trek

Gary K. Garren of Danville took along the Weekly when he made his annual visit to New York to see friends and family. He was one of the lucky kids to be raised on Plum Island, taking the ferry across Plum Gut to and from school each day. Here he is at the northern tip of the North Fork of Long Island. Take Us Along on your travels and send photos to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com or 315 Diablo Road, Danville 94596.

community presbyterian church
presents
a concert for voices, organ and instruments

faces of Christmas

December 9 7:00 pm
December 10 3:30 & 7 pm
December 11 3:30 & 7 pm

tickets \$7 and \$10
www.cpcdanville.org

for information & directions
(925) 837-5525

222 W. El Pintado Road
Danville, CA 94526

45492 Made in England

Lower Your Payment On House Payment with our "One Month ARM" (with Great New Pricing!)

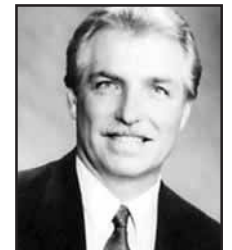
- Minimum Payment at 1.375% (APR 5.58%)
- Vacation Homes also at 1.375%
- 40 Year Term Available for Really Low Payment
- "Lowest Margins"
- "Stated Income" at no extra cost
- Loan Amounts up to 7 Million
- Life Cap of 9.95%

Example	30 year	40 years
Loan Amount	\$500,000	
1st Year Monthly Payment	\$1,695	\$1,379
2nd Year Max Monthly Payment	\$1,822	\$1,483
3rd Year Max Monthly Payment	\$1,959	\$1,594
4th Year Max Monthly Payment	\$2,106	\$1,713
5th Year Max Monthly Payment	\$2,264	\$1,842

Perfect for consolidating your 1st and 2nd mortgages, remove PMI, Cash-out to pay off debts, college funds, or the purchase of a second home.



Laura Ryan
925.225.7644
laura.ryan@wamu.net



Harry Osmus
925.225.7647
harry.osmus@wamu.net



Washington Mutual

5800 Stoneridge Mall Road • Pleasanton, CA 94588

Offer applies only to the One Month Option ARM. The interest rate/APR may increase after the first month. The interest rate may change more frequently than the minimum payment amount. The minimum payment is always the lowest payment that can be made each month. Making the minimum payment each month can result in negative amortization. All payment options are not available every month. In addition, on 15 year loans, only up to three payment based on the higher of the start rate or the fully indexed rate. APR is effective as of 6/03/05. The APR and 1.25% start rate are available only to borrowers meeting certain qualifications and only on purchase money and non-cash refinance loans secured by 1-2 unit owner-occupied properties with terms of 15 and 30 years, loan to value ratios of up to 80% (purchase money and non cash out refinance) and loan amounts of up to \$1.5 million. Additional limitations and restrictions may apply. Higher ratios may apply to One Month Option ARMs with different parameters. Rates and terms are subject to change without notice. Alternative pricing options may be available. Ask a Washington Mutual loan consultant for details. Typical financing examples of a \$200,000 loan with an LTV of 80% and prepaid finance charges of \$3,498.36, a starting interest rate of 1.25%, Index of 2.633%, a Margin of 7.80% and a fully Indexed Rate of 4.433%. On a 30 year loan, the APR would be 4.537% and the 360 minimum monthly payments would vary from \$666.50 to \$1,089.15. On a 15 year loan, the APR would be 4.621% and the 180 minimum monthly payments would vary from \$1,219.11 to \$1,600.17 Washington Mutual has loan offices and accepts applications and deposits in: Washington Mutual Bank - many states; Washington Mutual Bank fsb - ID, MT, UT.



fogster.com

A bold new approach to classifieds
for the Tri-Valley



Shelley Minor
925.640.2100
hair stylist



Sandee Miller
925.998.4464
hair stylist



Chelsie Park
925.838.8385
hair stylist

Tom Hardy
925.980.7502
hair stylist

Halina Cwikla
925.838.8385
expert esthetician

15% off

Savings on All
Hair Services*

**Roger Louis
Salon**

2435 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Suite 2
925.838.8385

*new customers only
Offer expires 11-03-06

Rental Stations Available, please contact Roger

Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Wild kingdom

Is it my imagination or do the wild turkeys around here seem more at ease now that Thanksgiving is over? When I play tennis at Hidden Valley off Diablo Road on Saturdays, flocks of turkeys are foraging on the hillside. Sometimes when my partner or I yell in response to a particularly dazzling shot, the turkeys join in with a ripple of gobble, gobble, gobble, gobbles. Now that is charming.

This week, not only were there turkeys but several deer nibbling on the vegetation. Often we see bunnies and once we thought we saw a bobcat. That stopped the tennis game cold. The cat came closer and we saw it was an ordinary—if rather large—housecat. My partner went outside the fence to check its collar and used her cell phone to call its owners who hurried to the courts to claim their “bad kitty” that had escaped from their yard.

Actually, if the turkeys read the papers, they would know that they are indeed in trouble and their fate has nothing to do with the traditional Thanksgiving feast. They are in danger because of their success. Turkeys around here were once a charming rarity. Now that their numbers are growing, they are becoming a nuisance. I know what the sparrows do to my backyard fountain, I don't want to imagine the droppings of even one big ol' turkey. The state Department of Fish and Game early last month began issuing permits to property owners to kill wild turkeys on their land, which puts the turkeys into the same category as coyotes. One early morning a few years ago I was in my back yard with my little dog when a coyote went lopping by down the slope, headed toward Sugar Loaf Open Space. I didn't want to kill the coyote—I just wanted him to keep on going.

At least the raccoons are leaving my back yard alone. An Alamo resident named Michael Stevenson called hoping that some readers might have a solution for his gopher problem. Since he moved to Stonegate three-and-a-half years ago, his yard intermittently has been plagued by gophers. They burrow through his front yard destroying the grass and leave their telltale mounds of fresh dirt. He's tried calling a professional exterminator, who came out with pellets that did the trick—for a while.

“Once the warranty runs out, the gophers come out,” Stevenson joked. Although he wasn't laughing. The exterminator route is an expensive proposition, he noted. He tried my raccoon remedy of cayenne, and agreed that Trader Joe's has the best prices, but apparently gophers are OK with red pepper. Maybe they are the Mexican

variety. But Stevenson is convinced that someone, somewhere has a remedy that will keep the gophers out of his yard, despite its proximity to the open space.

“It's a tradeoff,” he said—the wonder of living next to the protected natural habitat and the problems of sharing his property with all its critters. He said the gophers seem to be especially busy in his yard right now. Hmmm. Look at the brown of the open space. Look at the green of the planted yards in Stonegate. I think I'm beginning to understand the problem. Nonetheless, I agree with Michael: There must be a remedy out there, even if—hard to believe!—it hasn't made its way onto the Internet yet. Please call me at 837-8300, ext. 29, or e-mail editor@DanvilleWeekly.com to share such a remedy.

He is convinced that someone, somewhere has a remedy that will keep the gophers out of his yard, despite its proximity to the open space.

We had a gopher problem 25 years ago when we lived in San Jose, adjacent to Mirassou Vineyards. One by one our flowers fell over as the gophers feasted on their roots. We stuck a garden hose down their burrows and as they poked their little heads out, we tried to bop them with a baseball bat, which was not particularly efficient. Finally all the plants were gone. Then we moved here. Moving is a rather drastic solution unless you're planning to move anyway, which we were.

Back to the turkeys. Turkey trapping is another indignity for the big birds as they are relocated to wild areas. The story is often told of Benjamin Franklin lobbying to make the turkey the symbol of our nation instead of the Bald Eagle. “For in truth, the turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America,” he wrote to his daughter. “He is, besides, (though a little vain and silly, it is true, but not the worse emblem for that) a bird of courage, and would not hesitate to attack a grenadier of the British guards, who should presume to invade his farmyard with a red coat on.” I believe Mr. Franklin had his tongue firmly in his cheek. So much for respecting the turkey. But they do look lovely foraging on the hillside. ■

New Internal Medicine Practice in Danville!

Specializing in:

- Women's Health & Weight Management
- Comprehensive Preventive Care & Cardiovascular Screening
- Evidence Based Disease Prevention & Health Promotion
- Private and Personalized Medical Care



**Ajanta Swarnakar, M.D.
& Denise M. Hilliard, M.D.**

Dedicated to keeping
you healthy

Accepting most HMO & PPO plans.

Same day appointments available
907 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Suite #104 • Danville • In the Victorians!

925.837.8320 • 925.837.1044



Why wait to make a resolution?



Join Now
Rest Of Year
FREE



The power to amaze yourself.®

**2-Month Gift
Certificates
Available for
Only \$99**
(\$250 Value)

Curves
curves.com

ALAMO
743-4022
3000 Danville Blvd.

DANVILLE
820-6080
100 C Railroad Ave.

WALNUT CREEK
935-3475
1551 Palos Verdes Mall

Over 9,000 locations worldwide.

Offer based on first visit enrollment, minimum 12 mo. c.d. program. Service fee paid at time of enrollment. Not valid with any other offer. Valid only at participating locations through 12/23/05.

PUBLISHER
Deborah Acosta McKeenan

**EDITORIAL
Editor**
Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Staff Reporter
Jordan M. Doronila

Editorial Intern
Kevin Zhou

Sports Writer
Mike L. Mc Colgan

Contributors
Lani Allen

Kathy Cordova

Geoff Gillette

B. Lynn Goodwin

Cathy Jetter

Jacqui Love Marshall

Julie Nostrand

Doug Regalia

ART & PRODUCTION

Art Director/

Operations Manager

Shannon Corey

Assistant Design Director

Ben Ho

Designer

Steve Bruzenak

Trina Cannon

James Greenfield

Jason Lind

ADVERTISING

Advertising Manager

Laure Reynolds

Advertising

Account Executive

Amy McKelligan

Susan Sterling

Real Estate

Account Executive

Owen McAleer

Classified Advertising

Susan Thomas

BUSINESS

Office Manager

Carroll Sandifor

Ad Services

Veneta Roberts, Manager

Alicia Broadway

Business Associate

Lisa Oefelein

Circulation Manager

Bob Lampkin, ext. 32

How to reach the Weekly

315 Diablo Road, Suite 100

Danville, CA 94526

Phone: (925) 837-8300

Fax: (925) 837-2278

Editorial e-mail:

Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com

Calendar@DanvilleWeekly.com

Display Sales e-mail:

sales@PleasantonWeekly.com

Classifieds Sales e-mail:

Ads@DanvilleWeekly.com

Circulation e-mail:

circulation@DanvilleWeekly.com

The Danville Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville, CA 94526; (925) 837-8300.

Mailed at Standard Postage Rate. The Danville Weekly is mailed free to homes and apartments in Danville, Blackhawk, Diablo and Alamo. Voluntary subscriptions at \$25 per year (\$40 for two years) are welcome from local residents.

Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$40/year.

© 2005 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Cheap thrills are costly

Once again the Museum of the San Ramon Valley was struck by vandals. This time damage was done to the old train station's caboose, which houses restrooms for the public's convenience. Also vandals struck at the permanent display of a railcar compartment with mannequin dressed in period costume.

Vandalism is a continuing crime in our community. There also has been vandalism at several schools, and last spring the new Veterans Memorial Monument was vandalized even before it was dedicated. There were 40 cases of felony vandalism in Danville in 2004, and this year so far 44 cases have been reported, according to the Danville Police Department.

Vandals may be looking for cheap thrills but the cost of their destruction is dear, as money is spent on repairs and replacing destroyed items instead of new museum displays. Schools pay to paint graffiti with funds that should go toward new books, computers, sports equipment and student activities. For vandalism on public property, the money for repairs comes out of our taxes. If it's a business, the cost is passed on to consumers through higher prices.

When vandals strike, it makes us angry and sad, but also a bit fearful that someone would want to hurt us for no cause. Many reasons are given why vandals act out: anger, revenge, defiance, boredom. The only thing conclusive seems to be that it is usually young people. The Danville police say it's done by kids who were not taught to respect other people's property.

Regardless of who are the perpetrators, vandalism is a community problem, and it is our responsibility to work together with law enforcement to help prevent it. We cannot hire guards for every park and school and museum, but we can all keep our eyes open and immediately report anything out of the ordinary or that looks even slightly suspicious.

This community cleans up vandalism in a timely manner, showing that its residents take pride in it. No matter the age or the intention of the vandal, remember, it is a crime and it hurts us all. Just a few minutes of destructive "thrills" can be costly to a town. A few moments of vigilance may make all the difference. It's our community. Help protect it.

There were 40 cases of felony vandalism in Danville in 2004, and this year so far 44 cases have been reported, according to the Danville Police Department.

YOUR TURN

The Danville Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or on issues of local interest. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday for that week's edition; please limit letters to 250 words, and provide your name, street address and daytime telephone number. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length and style and for factual errors known to us.

LETTERS: Mail or hand deliver to Danville Weekly,
315 Diablo Road, Suite 100,
Danville, CA 94526

Fax: (925) 837-2278

E-mail: Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dog laws should be sensible

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your article on dangerous dogs (Nov. 18). I'd like to comment on the natural offshoot of that: Breed Specific Legislation (BSL). The term "dangerous" is very subjective and, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. I'd like to cite three examples:

1. A 15-pound terrier puppy jumps on a toddler - is that a dangerous dog?

2. A male or female dog that doesn't like canines of the same sex - is that a dangerous dog?

3. A dog is attacked by a human and retaliates - is that a dangerous dog?

All of these examples point out behavior that is not considered dangerous unless it's your toddler, your dog being attacked or you being attacked. Canines are a product of their upbringing but they are the ones that take the brunt of the punishment, not the owner who trained the dog. The ordinance is aimed, in my opinion, at the wrong end of the leash.

BSL laws accomplish nothing because anyone who trains dogs to attack flies under the radar. They don't get them vaccinated, certainly don't get them micro-chipped and surely don't socialize them, which would be counterproductive to their aim. We only find out about these unfortunates after the fact and then what happens? The DOGS are put down. Again, the wrong end of the leash.

While I certainly empathize with those whose loved ones have been permanently maimed or worse, we need to calm down. Knee-jerk ordinances are written by well meaning politicians responding to their constituents. May I suggest another way? Sit down with activists, breeders, animal behaviorists, dog train-

ers, veterinarians and dog owners and use their expertise to write sensible rules regarding our dogs.

Lucretia Marcus, Alamo

Defining patriotism

Dear Editor:

Men and women members of a branch of the Defense Department who have defended our country against another country that has declared war on us, or repelled a country that has attacked us, are patriots. We have set aside Veteran's Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day to honor them.

To donate blood, "The Gift of Life," is patriotic. There are minimum age, health, weight and frequency limits. There is no upper age limit nor monetary compensation.

To serve on a jury is patriotic. Compensation is less than minimum wage.

To speak out when elected officials lie is patriotic, because whistle-blowers incur retribution.

To fly the flag, put the flag on car bumpers or windows or lapels is exhibitionism, not patriotism, as it involves no self-sacrifice.

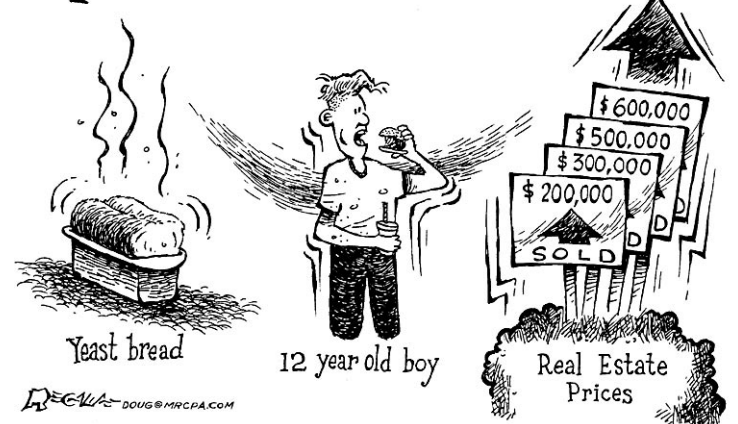
To vote is patriotic. Working as a polling place worker is even more patriotic. Pay is below minimum wage and may involve working a 15-hour day. This coming June 6 is the most complicated election of all in California. Many more polling place workers will be needed for that Primary Election. One can register in any of the seven approved political parties, register as decline-to-state a party, or even write in a party of your choice.

As president of the Libertarian Party Club of the San Ramon Valley, I invite you to join us, the Party of Principle and Party to the Politically Homeless, and to change your registration to the Libertarian Party.

Ralph Hoffmann

THE POINT OF THE PEN

A partial LISTING OF FAST RISING ITEMS...



Code of ethics The Danville Weekly seeks to adhere to the highest level of ethical standards in journalism, including the Code of Ethics adopted Sept. 21, 1996, by the Society of Professional Journalists. To review the text of the Code, please visit our web site at www.DanvilleWeekly.com

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS



flaut
boutique


Theory
Vince
Lacoste
Ella Moss
James Perse
Splendid
Michael Stars
Blue Cult
Serfontaine
James Jeans
Botkier bags
Citizens of Humanity

♥ 925.831.9923 ♥

169 E. Prospect Ave. in Downtown Danville

Ad Designed By BisouDesign.com

JOHNNY WAS



Forget Me Not
contemporary clothing & gifts

3462 Camino Tassajara (Near Strizzi's) • 925.736.1262

POLICE LOG

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

Nov. 21

- Under the influence of drugs: Arrest on Danville Bl. and El Cerro Bl., at 1:44 a.m.
- Disturbing the peace-domestic: on Ilo Ln., at 1:47 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Camino Tassajara and Lawrence Rd., at 7:19 p.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Crow Canyon Rd. and El Capitan Dr., at 8:06 p.m.
- Vandalism-felony: on Tunbridge Rd., at 8:16 p.m.
- Driving under the influence(DUI)-misdemeanor: Arrest on Lawrence Rd. and Marigold St., at 9:53 p.m.

Nov. 22

- Burglary-commercial: Arrest on Linda Mesa Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 7:11 a.m.
- Vandalism-felony: on Belleterre Dr. and Old Blackhawk Rd., at 10:57 a.m.
- Drugs-possession of narcotics: Arrest on Fostoria Cr., at 1:29 p.m.
- Petty theft-shoplifting: Arrest on Fostoria Wy., at 4:42 p.m.
- Petty theft-from vehicle: on Contada Cr., at 5:19 p.m.
- Stolen vehicle: Arrest on Railroad Ave., at 8:15 p.m.

Nov. 23

- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Hartz Ave. and Linda Mesa Ave., at 2:22 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: Citation issued on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd., at 9:32 a.m.

- Accident-property damage: Accident investigation on Center Wy. and Crow Canyon Rd., at 11:52 a.m.

- Receiving stolen property: Arrest on Zagora Dr., at 9:44 a.m.

- Warrant arrest: Arrest on El Cerro Bl. and El Pintado Rd., at 6:52 p.m.

- Drunk in public: Arrest on Diablo Rd., at 11:26 p.m.

Nov. 24

- Warrant arrest: Arrest on Center Wy. and Crow Canyon Rd., at 12:50 a.m.

- Drunk in public: Arrest on El Capitan Dr. and Greenbrook Dr., at 1:20 a.m.

- Burglary-auto: on Royal Palm Pl., at 5:22 a.m.

- Vandalism-felony: on Tunbridge Rd., at 8:13 p.m.

Nov. 25

- Disturbing the peace-domestic: on Hope Ln., at 8:40 a.m.

- Accident-property damage: Accident investigation on Camino Tassajara and Tassajara Ln., at 10:38 a.m.

- Identity theft: on Camaritas Wy., at 12:16 p.m.

- Suspicious circumstances: on Princeton Ln., at 3:21 p.m.

- Suspicious circumstances: on Esther Ln., at 3:56 p.m.

- Drunk in public: Arrest on Greenbrook Dr. and San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 7:38 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Ynez Cr., at 8:27 p.m.
- Possession of dangerous drugs: Arrest on San Ramon Valley and Sycamore Valley Rd., at 11:14 p.m.

Nov. 26

- DUI-misdemeanor: Arrest on Camino Tassajara and Sherburne Hills Rd., at 2:25 a.m.

- Receiving stolen property: on Rassani Dr., at 9:07 a.m.
- Possession of dangerous drugs: Arrest on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd., at 4:32 p.m.

Nov. 27

- Warrant arrest: Arrest on Iron Horse Trail and San Ramon Valley Bl., at 12:37 a.m.

- Battery-misdemeanor: Arrest on Hartz Ave., at 1:06 a.m.

- Stolen Vehicle: on Squirrel Ridge Wy., at 11:08 a.m.

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

ALAMO

Nov. 22

- Burglary-auto: on Hidden Valley Pl.
- Burglary-auto: on Livorna Rd. and Miranda Ave.

- Vandalism-felony: on Danville Bl. and Las Trampas Rd.

Nov. 24

- Disturbance-domestic: on Linden Ct.

Nov. 25

- Battery-misdemeanor: on Davey Crockett Ct. and Livorna Rd.



Foot SOLUTIONS
Health, Wellness, Comfort, Fit & Style
Comfort Shoes & Custom Inserts

Give the Gift of Comfort this Holiday Season

Gift Certificates available in any denomination

180-D Alamo Plaza in Alamo (to the right of BLOCKBUSTER)
Mon - Fri 10 - 6; Sat 10 - 5
(925) 831-3600

Take Stone Valley Rd. West off 1680, turn right at Danville Blvd, then left into Alamo Plaza

tis the season...

MBT

Seasons wrap up for fall high school sports

Football teams lose in championship games

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

Monte Vista and San Ramon both lost in exciting, close games in the semifinals of the North Coast Section Championship 4A and 3A football playoffs.

Monte Vista lost its first game of the year against San Leandro, 60 to 42. After Monte Vista took the lead 10-0 in the first quarter, San Leandro fought back to take the lead at halftime. San Leandro came out strong in the third quarter scoring three touchdowns and building up a 46-20 lead. Backup quarterback Chip Tengler made the game interesting, throwing for three touchdowns. San Leandro will now face De La Salle tomorrow at McAfee Coliseum in Oakland for the 4A Championship.

Monte Vista finished its successful year 11-1 and won first place in the East Bay Athletic League.

Defending 3A Champions San Ramon lost a tight game against Las Lomas, 35-28, in the NCS playoffs. After knocking off top-seeded Hayward the week before, the Wolves came out against Las

Lomas firing on all cylinders and led 21-14 late into the third quarter. Las Lomas answered with three touchdowns to go ahead 35-21 late in the fourth quarter. Las Lomas will now play Irvington in the finals tomorrow at the Coliseum.

The following athletes were selected for the all-EBAL teams: **Cross Country** - Chris Simpson of Monte Vista and Brett Gunari, Alexis Nordine and Allie Colaco of San Ramon Valley **Golf** - Jane Lee, Michelle Hatsushi, Jordan Ontiveros and Sunny Zhang of Monte Vista and Jennifer Cohen of San Ramon Valley

Tennis - Singles players Mia Giovanetti and Vanessa Lunardi of Monte Vista and Katie Mulloy of San Ramon. Monte Vista doubles players Allison Moulthrop and Krissy Luecht, and Sheena Chaudhuri and Eleana Cadet.

Volleyball - Stephanie Browne from Monte Vista and Sara Mulligan of San Ramon Valley

E-mail or fax your results to sports@DanvilleWeekly.com or 837-8454.



Classic winners

The Monte Vista High School Boys Junior Varsity Soccer team won the JV Classic Tournament at James Logan High School over the Thanksgiving weekend without having any goals scored against them. The championship game score was 6-0. Team members are Wes Anderson, Nolan Batalha, Michael Berringer, Raymond Berry, Vinnie Butera, Gary Croshal, Jordan Esposito, Jack Gedney, Jeff Hallock, Brenden Hawke, Michael Lederer, Ryan Lennox, Chris Lim, Andrew Lin, Jonathan Londynsky, Filip Lopes, Donald Morgenson, Bryun Mun and Cole White.



VICKI MALONE

When butterflies are champs

Butterfly Kisses are the Dick King Tournament Season Champions for Mustang Soccer under 10 girls, coached by Elliott Smith and Mike Peterson (not shown).



Winning the Revolution

The Mustang Revolution U-10 team won the Dick King Tournament for their age group Division A and C, beating the Invaders 5-3 to clinch the title. The Revolution then went on to play the other winner but came up short to the Destroyers (1-3), who went on to the crossroads tournament. They ended up with a 10-4 record overall and the trophy. Celebrating are team members (front row, l-r) Garrett Pugh, William Koart, Drake Crenshaw, Nathan Ramos, Joshua Hanna, Austin Tobian; (back row) Riley Moore, Andrew Brennan, Harrison Power, Cooper Berg, Daniel Dodd and Cameron Power; (adults, l-r) Steve Pugh, Bill Brennan, Patrick Crenshaw and coach Andy Berg.

PREP SCHEDULE

Today

Boys Soccer
Monte Vista vs. Freedom, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Boys Soccer
San Ramon vs. Mission San Jose, 7 p.m.

Monday

Boys Soccer
Monte Vista at Washington, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Boys Basketball
Monte Vista at Serra, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
San Ramon vs. Mission San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Soccer
San Ramon vs. Pinole, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Boys Basketball
San Ramon at the Northgate Tournament (Dec. 7-10)

Thursday

Girls Basketball
Monte Vista at the Fortuna Tournament (Dec. 8-10)
Girls Soccer
San Ramon at Cal High, 11 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9

Boys Soccer
San Ramon vs. Cal High, 5:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
San Ramon vs. Aragon, 7:30 p.m.



Sarah Cares

has an experienced & compassionate staff that offers in-home care to best suit your needs

- ♥ Companionship
- ♥ Hourly & Live-in
- ♥ Personal Care
- ♥ Medication Monitoring
- ♥ Meal Preparation
- ♥ Errands & Transportation
- ♥ Light Housekeeping
- ♥ Dementia Care
- ♥ Hospice Care

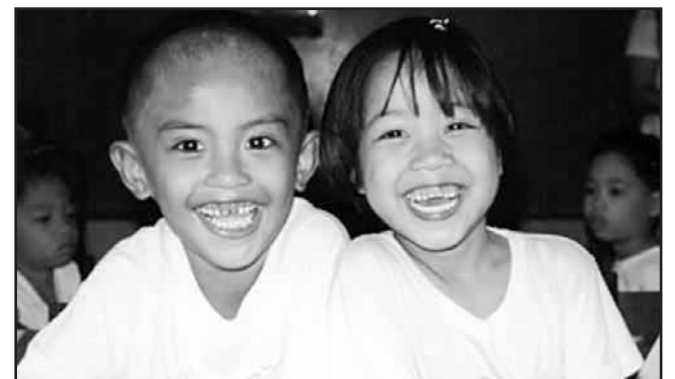
Individual personal service and pricing plans available.

Sarah Cares
In home care services

1785 Barcelona Street
Livermore, CA 94550
(925) 371-8100

Licensed, Insured and Bonded

There just seems to be so many people who need help in the world...



These street children don't eat everyday. Neither do they have toys, toothbrushes, combs, pencils, or shoes to wear. It's sad that this has happened to them but maybe we can do something! Why not give them stuff we don't need anymore like:

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Toys
- Toiletries
- Canned food
- Any other items

Your donations will be their most cherished possession. Can you imagine?

I can come and pick it up at your house or work or you could drop it off too.

925-285-5333 • Marylou Edwards
MarylouEdwards@comcast.net



Starting young to enjoy the snow are (l-r) Grant Mills, 6; Oliver Spirgi, 6; and Harry Gillette, 5.

Ready, Set, SKI!

I love the autumn. The nights are colder, leaves don their colorful best before drifting down to rest among the grass and the smell of wood smoke wafts through the air. Snow is falling ... well, somewhere. Not here in Danville, but it is falling. And that can only mean one thing ... SKI SEASON is here.

Growing up in the Midwest, winter usually meant about six months of cloudy skies, driveways that never completely lost their coating of ice, and a really bad case of cabin fever. It wasn't until moving to Colorado that I grew to appreciate the winter and what it means. Packing up the kids and heading up into the mountains to swoosh downhill. The first season we were there we fell in love with it and have been season pass holders ever since.

When it was decided we were moving to California, I was concerned about losing that. What a pleasant surprise it was to find that there are over a dozen resorts, big and small, all within a few hours from here. So talk about best of both worlds ... 60-degree days in Danville and weekends schussing through the snow.

Since the season is here, it's time to start getting ready for those trips to the mountains. For those who are relatively new to skiing or have kids who are just now getting ready, there are some tips to follow in order to make your lives easier.

First is to get your "kit bags" ready. The kit bag usually contains most of your outer ski apparel. We always kept our ski jackets, pants, gloves and goggles in the bag. Side pockets would be stuffed with spare socks, sweaters, sunscreen and lip balm. Pretty much the basic things you'd need to just pick up and go. Some people use bins for these items, others go with the cloth duffel bag.

We're a helmet family so we would have a second container, a hard plastic bin, to hold our helmets and boots. Once both were packed, they'd be set in the back of our suburban to await the siren call of the slopes.

Next tip: Maintain your equipment. It's always a good idea at the start of the year to take your skis or snowboards to a shop and get them a tune-up. For one thing, they'll buff out all of the nicks and dings from the previous season's activity. Then they'll sharpen up the edges and put a fresh coat of wax on them, which will make slipping down the hill and carving up the snow a lot easier.

More importantly though, they'll check your bindings and releases to make sure that in the event of a sudden and catastrophic deceleration (i.e., a wipeout or face plant), you won't find your legs pointing in directions they shouldn't be because your boots didn't come free. All kidding aside, the difference between snow down your shorts and a trip on the ski patrol's ambulance sled can be as simple as keeping your equipment in good shape.

If you don't own your equipment, check around to find a shop that does rentals. Depending on how often you are planning to hit the slopes will determine what kind of rental to do. Some shops do a season rental, where you pay one price and keep the skis until the spring. I recommend this with children, as they grow so fast that you would be buying new skis and boots every few years. This way, you have a good fit and well-maintained equipment for your young ones.

Adults can go the rental route as well but if you intend to be an ongoing skier you may be better served by going to one of the ski/snowboard swaps held throughout the area and try to get a decent deal on your own gear.

Since we're new to the area, the big question was "Where to go?" Most people on first meeting us were quick to point us in the direction of Lake Tahoe. "That's the place you want to be" was the common refrain. Still others suggested smaller places away from the traffic nightmare that occurs every Friday afternoon on I-680 and I-80.

Fortunately, I live in a neighborhood filled with young active families so I had no shortage of knowledge to draw on as far as which resorts were more family friendly and where the best places were to go. I started with my friend and neighbor Thomas Spirgi. Thomas, a native of Switzerland has been skiing almost his entire life and has experienced ski runs around the world. With his wife Heidi and two sons Jamie, 4, and Oliver, 6, he's tried many of the resorts in Northern California.

Thomas and his family spend a lot of time on the slopes at Kirkwood, due to its proximity, but said he most enjoys skiing at Alpine Meadows. "I like Alpine a lot because it's very similar to Switzerland."

Thomas said if it is just himself and Heidi skiing that is where they prefer to go. However, for family friendly skiing he suggested Northstar in Lake Tahoe, saying, "Northstar is more comfortable with the kids because they have a very good family program." Another resort he suggested is Homewood: "That is a good place to go because it is smaller and less expensive."

I got a different take on resorts from Michelle Mills. Michelle and her husband Glenn have a mixed marriage. In other words, she's a skier and he's a snowboarder. So that sets up an entirely different set of needs. Michelle said, "Not a lot of places were set up for snowboarding, so we needed to find someplace where Glenn can board and we can ski."

For the Mills, the answer was simple. "We're Sugar Bowl people," she said. "It's not as big as Northstar or Heavenly, but Sugar Bowl has a great selection of runs for everybody." Once their son, 6-year-old Grant, joined them on the slopes, they discovered another facet about Sugar Bowl to enjoy. "I have to say, the one thing Sugar Bowl has over all the others is they size the boots and the skis for you. Most other places, you have to bring the child with their skis and boots already rented. At Sugar Bowl you bring him and they do the rest."

Michelle said that while Sugar Bowl is their preferred resort, they have found others that are very definitely kid oriented. "My favorite places to take Grant are Boreal and Tahoe Donner. It's

Get the most out of family time

really for kids. You won't find a lot of challenges for the grownups, but you're really there to ski with your kids."

Lifelong skier Lea McSweeney grew up near Yosemite so has spent a lot of her life around the mountains and the various ski hideaways. "I used to go to Dodge Ridge in high school," she said, "Wednesday was ski day and if you had good grades, you could go up there and ski for about \$3.50. It was everything, skis, boots, poles."

To this day, she and husband Dennis return to Dodge Ridge with their children Matty, 6, and Catherine, 9. "It's a very family friendly place. It's one of the closest ski resorts and one of the cheapest too." She added, "They have a super kids program, with school or private lessons." Other than Dodge Ridge, McSweeneys also spend time at Heavenly. "It's a good resort all of us."

Depending on how long you're planning to ski, some other factors to be taken into consideration when choosing a resort include:

- Lift ticket price
 - Availability of lodging and cost
 - Proximity of lodging to lifts
 - Availability and cost of restaurants near the resort
- If you are planning to stay a few days, one way to mini-

Compare resorts for family ski

One of the best ways to go to best meet your needs as ticket price, partial list of area resorts

Alpine Meadows

Alpine provides 2,000 acres. It has a nice mix of runs, 40 percent intermediate, 40 percent advanced.

Ticket prices - adults: \$39; teens: \$39; children 7-12: \$25; under: free.

Bear Valley

A mid-size resort with 1,000 acres are broken up pretty evenly, 40 percent intermediate, 40 percent advanced.

Ticket prices - adults: \$39; 6-12: \$16; children 6-12: \$16.

Boreal

One of the smaller resorts, Boreal has 1,000 acres. The breakdown is 29 percent beginner, 42 percent intermediate, and 42 percent advanced.

Ticket Prices - adults: \$39; children 4 and under: \$16; reduced rate for night skiers: \$9 p.m.

Diamond Peak

G geared more toward advanced skiers, Diamond Peak has 1,000 acres. Runs are broken up evenly, 46 percent intermediate, 46 percent advanced.

Ticket Prices - adults: \$39; children 5 and under: \$17.

Dodge Ridge

Primarily an intermediate resort, Dodge Ridge offers 550 skiable acres. The breakdown is 20 percent beginner, 60 percent intermediate, 20 percent advanced.

Ticket Prices - adults: \$39; 6-12: \$15; children 5 and under: \$15.

Donner Ski Ranch

Also well suited to intermediate skiers, Donner offers 460 acres. The breakdown is 46 percent beginner, 47 percent intermediate, 7 percent advanced.

Ticket Prices - (weekend): \$32; teen: \$25; children: \$15.

Resorts Ski fun

ways to decide which resort is best for your needs is to compare such things as ski runs and size. Here's a list of resorts:

1,000 acres of skiable terrain. Runs include 25 percent beginner, 35 percent intermediate, and 35 percent advanced.

Ticket prices: \$41 (\$49 holiday rate); adults 17-12: \$15; children 6 and under: free.

with 1,280 skiable acres. Runs include 30 percent beginner, 30 percent intermediate, and 30 percent advanced.

Ticket prices: \$46; teens: \$38; children 6-12: \$10; children 5 and under: free.

resorts with only 380 skiable acres. Runs favor advanced skiers. Breakdown: 29 percent beginner, 29 percent intermediate, and 42 percent advanced.

Ticket prices: \$38; children 5-12: \$10; children 5 and under: free. Boreal also offers a ski school from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

and the intermediate and advanced runs. Grand Peak has 655 skiable acres. Breakdown: 18 percent beginner, 30 percent intermediate, and 52 percent advanced.

Ticket prices: \$46; teen: \$36; children 6-12: \$10; children 5 and under: free.

intermediate resort, Dodge Ridge has 1,200 skiable acres. Runs are broken down by 30 percent beginner, 30 percent intermediate, and 40 percent advanced.

Ticket prices: \$48; teens: \$36; children 6-12: \$10; children 5 and under: free.

for the beginner and intermediate skiers. Runs are 26 percent beginner, 30 percent intermediate, and 44 percent advanced.

Weekends and holidays) adult: \$40; children 6-12: \$10; children 5 and under: free.

under: free. Discounted prices are available for mid-week skiing.

Heavenly Valley

One of the largest resorts, Heavenly provides 4,800 acres of skiable terrain. This resort leans more toward the intermediate and advanced skiers with a breakdown of 20 percent beginner, 45 percent intermediate and 35 percent advanced.

Ticket Prices - vary depending on time of the year. Consult the Heavenly Web site www.skiheavenly.com for further details.

Kirkwood

One of the larger mid-size resorts, Kirkwood sports 2,300 skiable acres. Runs are geared more toward intermediate and advanced with 15 percent beginner, 50 percent intermediate, and 35 percent advanced.

Ticket prices - adults: \$49; teens: \$39; children 6-12: \$10; children 5 and under: free.

Northstar at Tahoe

Also among the larger mid-size resorts, Northstar has 2,000 acres of terrain. Runs are broken down by 25 percent beginner, 50 percent intermediate, and 25 percent advanced.

Ticket prices - adults: \$63; teens: \$53; children 6-12: \$22; children 5 and under: free. Ticket prices will increase during the peak season at the end of the year.

Ski Homewood

Somewhere between the small and mid-size resorts is Homewood with 1,260 skiable acres. The breakdown of runs is 15 percent beginner, 50 percent intermediate, and 35 percent advanced.

Ticket prices - adults: \$35; teens: \$30; children 10 and under: free.

Sugar Bowl

Geared toward the intermediate and advanced skier, Sugar Bowl features 1,500 acres. There are 20 percent beginner runs, 30 percent intermediate, and 50 percent advanced.

Ticket prices - adults and teens: \$46; children 6-12: \$15; children 5 and under: free.

Tahoe Donner

A resort almost entirely geared toward beginners, Donner has 120 acres of terrain. Those runs are broken down into 40 percent beginner and 60 percent intermediate. There are no advanced runs.

Ticket prices - adults: \$20; teens: \$20; children: \$5

Many discounts can be found for these and other resorts. Check online and at your neighborhood ski shops and grocery stores to see what types of discounts can be found on lift tickets.

—Geoff Gillette

On the slopes

That's why we bring our friend-apest, h ski, the rt for r fac- lude:

your costs is to bring your meals with you. The restaurants at the resorts are pricey so even just bringing lunch fixings is sure to save you plenty. When we go with our three children on a multi-day trip we always bring the crock pot. Mmmm, there's nothing better than getting off the slopes and having a hot dinner ready to serve.

So, with gear packed, skis ready and plenty of resort suggestions, we're ready to hit the road and start searching for the perfect powder. Which resort will turn out to be the best for us? No idea, but it sure will be fun finding out. ■

by Geoff Gillette

This Holiday Season Discover Domus...

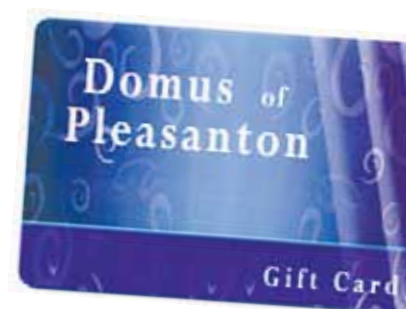
for Colorful Candles in All Shapes and Sizes



The soft, inviting glow of candles set the stage for successful, year-round entertaining and enhance your exquisite decorating style. Whether it's leading your guests in by lining your walkway with luminaries or stunning taper candles at your finest dining table, Domus will help you create a comfortable and alluring ambiance for family and friends.

- Tapers
- Pillars
- Votives
- Tealights
- Jar Candles
- Candle Accessories

*Our gift to you...FREE,
holiday gift wrapping*

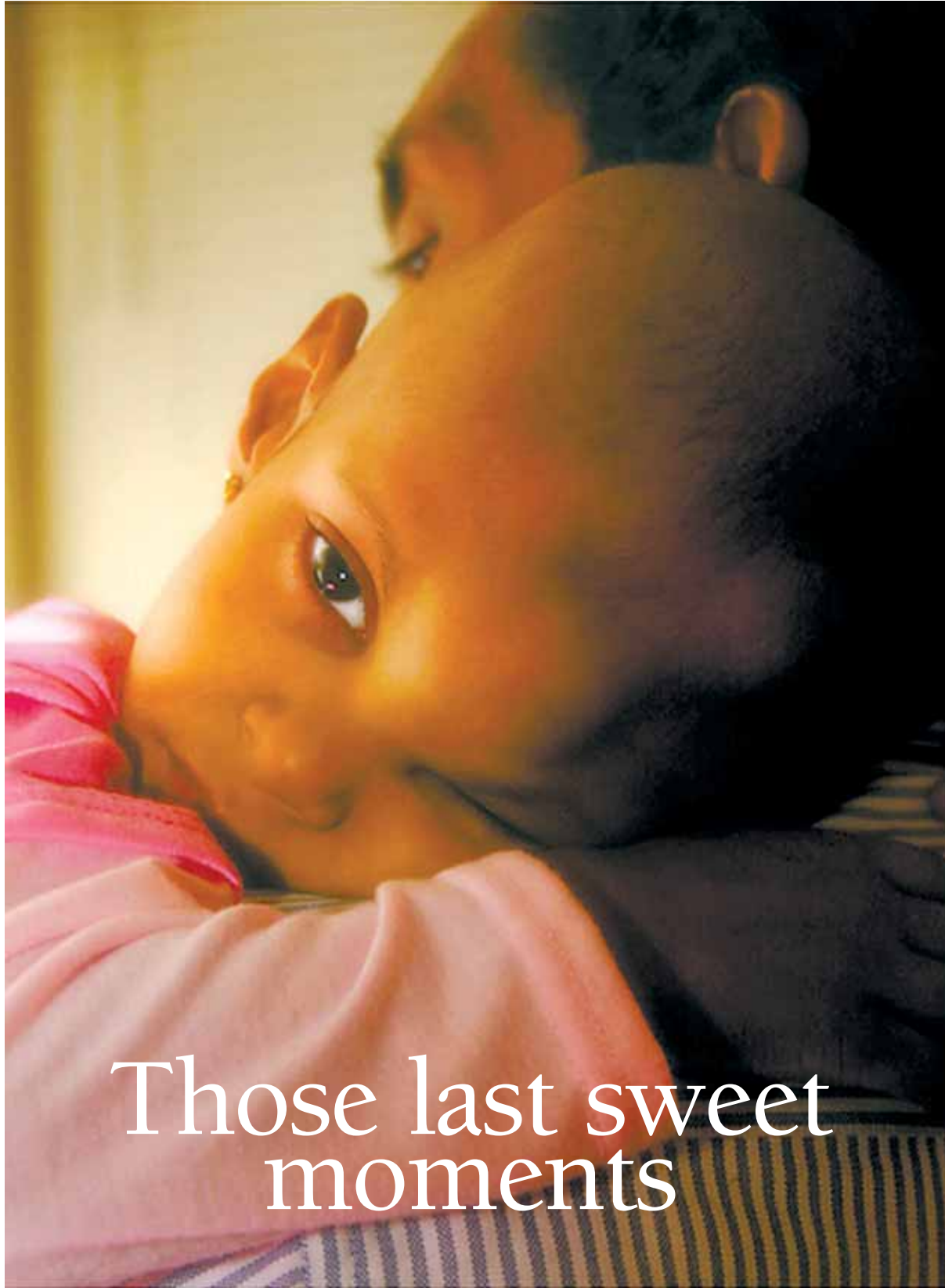


Look for our Holiday Gift of the Week
Ad in Today's Paper

The Ultimate Kitchen, Entertainment, Gift & Garden Store

Domus
of
Pleasanton

652 Main Street . Downtown Pleasanton . 925 485 3077
HOLIDAY HOURS: Mon-Wed 10am-7pm Thu-Sat 10am-9pm
& Sundays 10am-6pm



Those last sweet moments

“I always thought of Sriya as ‘One in a Million’ and, well, she came really close, in a different way though.”

—Vindy Durga



I cried in my car on the way back to Danville. When I reached home I hugged my precious children very tightly and thanked God for my many blessings.

I was invited to a Christmas party at a home in San Ramon in early November. When I arrived that evening I was greeted at the front porch by carolers softly singing tunes of hope and love. The threshold of the front door was donned with a basket overflowing with shoes of all colors and sizes. I peered inside the dimly lit home while removing my shoes to add to the pile.

The warmth of the room was inviting. An abundance of friends and loved ones shuffled around, speaking in hushed voices. A decked tree stood tall in the corner, shining with lights that resembled sparkling jewels. The flickering of candle flame shadows danced on the walls.

About the disease

Rhabdomyosarcoma is a rare, very aggressive childhood cancer. About 250-350 children in the United States are diagnosed with it each year, about 4 in 1 million.

Christmas. This vulnerable soul that clung so tightly around her father for comfort peered at me through her tender hands. I quickly captured a look that said it all.

I was told that Sriya was once a very strong outspoken, loving girl, and, indeed, her lively spirit shone through her eyes and into mine. I was worried that the flash from my camera might bother her eyes and I knew I needed to work quickly. Vindy, who sat on the other side of Raj and their daughter was motioned away by Sriya as today was daddy’s chosen day.

Christmas had to come early for this little girl

Story and photos by Lani Allen

Vindy approached me, wearing a colorful gown of India. Her sweet and honest smile told me that she was troubled. She took my hand and led me to the sofa, where I looked down and saw her daughter, Sriya. This frail and lovely girl of 3 years was wrapped tightly around her daddy Raj. When I saw Sriya, I knew I was meant to be here. Sriya’s beautiful body had protruding fluid-filled lumps on her hairless head. Tubes were wrapped around her tummy and her puffy feet looked as they were crying in pain.

The pain that touched me intensely was that of Vindy and Raj. Their high spirited and soulful child was dying of a rare form of childhood cancer. Only weeks ago, Sriya had been blissfully dancing on the playground, blowing bubbles in the breeze and giggling, and singing lullabies to her teddy bears at tea time. Now she would let out soft whimpers and cries of frustration as she laid her head on her daddy’s chest.

I glanced around at all the wonderful neighbors, family and co-workers in the room, giving gifts of love and support to this family striving for hope. This celebration for Sriya and her family touched my heart so much that it began to hurt. I swallowed hard and sat down next to Raj, Sriya and Vindy to take their portrait, to capture these last moments of them together as a family, as it was suspected that Sriya’s journey in life would be cut short and she would not make it until

Only a mother could understand that this was not a personal rejection, only a sign of discomfort and pain that Sriya felt in her own body. Every now and then Sriya would gasp and demand that her father get up and sway to comfort her with the rhythm and motion. As I continued to capture these moments of this tender reality, I discovered even more emotion through my lens: Love, agony and defeat of these last days were upon them all. Sriya soon had enough of my flash and swatted her hand my way. Respecting her wishes, I put my camera away for the evening.

I felt blessed that I was able to be a part of this unbelievable experience. A blessing of thankfulness for my children, a blessing of gratitude for my own life. A feeling that has overwhelmed my heart enough that I needed to share this special experience. Thank you Raj, Vindy and Sriya, for inviting me into your hearts. And I am thankful that I was chosen to be the one to capture these beautiful souls through my lens.

Epilogue: Sriya took her last breath at 2:45 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Our beautiful journey with our most precious daughter ended yesterday and she took with her all our hopes, dreams and our hearts.

—Vindy Durga

To follow Vindy’s journal of Sriya’s condition, visit www2.caringbridge.org/ca/sriya/index.htm.

AT THE MOVIES

CinéArts @ Pleasant Hill: 2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill (687-1100)
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.

Aeon Flux (PG-13)	Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:30 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10, 11:50 a.m., 12:20, 3:20, 5:10, 5:40, 7:45, 8:20, 10:15, 10:45 p.m.
Bee Season (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:55, 4:55, 8:55 p.m.
Capote (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:20, 3:15, 7, 9:45 p.m.
Chicken Little (G)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:05 p.m., Sat 10 a.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:05 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Sun 11:20 a.m., 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:10, 8:50 p.m., Fri no show 11:20 a.m., Mon-Tues 2, 5, 8 p.m.
Chicken Little in Disney Digital 3-D (G)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.
Derailed (R)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 7:55, 10:25 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:25 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:35 a.m., 1:15, 4:05, 6:40, 9:25 p.m.
First Decent (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 2, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05 p.m.
Good Night, and Good Luck (PG)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:30, 5:05, 7:20, 9:55 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri & Sun-Tues 12:30, 12:45, 3:50, 4:05, 7:15, 7:25, 10:35, 10:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:35, 10:45 p.m., Sat 10 a.m., 1:20, 1:50, 4:40, 5:15, 8, 8:40 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:05, 3:20, 6:40, 10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:05, 11:35 a.m., noon, 12:15, 1:15, 2:35, 3:05, 3:20, 4:15, 4:45, 6, 6:30, 6:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 10:45 p.m., Sat no show 11:05 a.m., 2:35 p.m. Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 3:45, 7, 10:15 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri-Sun 11 a.m., 2, 5:05, 8:15 p.m., Fri no show 11 a.m., Mon-Tues 2, 5, 8 p.m.
In the Mix (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 8:10, 10:40 p.m.
Jarhead (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri Open Captioned (11:30 a.m., Sat 2:20 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m., 10:50 p.m., Mon 11:30 a.m., 8:05 p.m.), Tues 2:20, 5:10, 8:05, 10:50 p.m.
Just Friends (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 8, 10:20 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:20 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25 p.m.
No Pain, No Gain (NR)	Crow Canyon 6: Sat 3 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Sat 3 p.m.
Pride & Prejudice (PG)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:35, 3:35, 6:45, 9:35 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:40, 3:40, 7, 9:50 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:05 a.m., 1:05, 4:05, 7:10, 10:20 p.m.
Rent (PG-13)	Crow Canyon 6: Fri 6:45 a.m., noon, 3:10, 9:45 p.m., Sat noon, 6:45, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues noon, 3:10, 6:45 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:35, 6:50, 7:50, 9:55, 10:50 p.m.
The Ice Harvest (R)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:40 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:50, 8:25, 10:40 p.m.
The Polar Express (G)	Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.
The Squid and the Whale (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 3:05, 7:05 p.m.
Ushpzin (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:10 p.m.
Walk the Line (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:30 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 12:45, 3:55, 7:20, 10:30 p.m.
Yours, Mine and Ours (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 1:05, 3:25, 5:40, 7:50, 10:05 p.m., Sat 10 a.m., Sun-Tues no show 10:05 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10 a.m., 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 10 p.m.
Zathura (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 12:40, 3:05, 5:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:55, 10:35 p.m.

Downtown Pleasanton Creating Holiday Memories

Domus *gift of the week*



*not all pieces shown

*The Ultimate Kitchen,
Entertainment, Gift
& Garden Store*

Anolon Advanced 10 Piece Set

2 & 3 qt. covered saucepans, 8 qt. covered stockpot, 8" & 10" open French skillets, 12"/5 qt. covered sauté w/helper handle

Oven Safe Handles, Tempered Glass, Dome Shape Lids, Nonstick Surface, Heavy Gauge Aluminum Construction

\$299.99 (\$440 open stock value)

Domus
of
Pleasanton

652 Main Street . Downtown Pleasanton
925 485 3077



Donkey Balls...just in time for the holidays.

Treat someone on your list to Hawaiian grown macadamia nuts covered in the finest chocolates. Made daily in Kona, Hawaii, so they're always fresh - guaranteed!

Nuts to you and chocolate, too! Try these today:

- Half-Ass Donkey Balls: Ghirardelli milk chocolate covered in dark chocolate.
- Flaky Balls: Ghirardelli milk chocolate with coconut.
- Mocha Balls: Ghirardelli dark & milk chocolate with pure Kona Coffee.
- Dark or Milk Chocolate Donkey Balls: Covered in the finest Ghirardelli chocolates.



410 Main Street • Downtown Pleasanton • 925.417.0560 • www.AlohaIslandTradingCompany.com

Carefree Gifts

READY FOR YOUR SPECIAL GIRL!

Pure
Girls

Hours: Closed Mondays
Tuesday-Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm

"Late Curfew" Open til 9:00pm
Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays

660 Main Street (at St. Mary's Street)
Downtown Pleasanton, CA 94566
Phone {925} 485 4380
www.puregirlsclub.com

FUN MAKEOVERS ✦ COOL CLOTHES ✦ THEME PARTIES

DISSOLVE FAT AWAY WITHOUT DIET OR SURGERY

LIPODISSOLVE

Special offer: \$50 off first treatment for the first 25 callers

COMMON PROBLEM AREAS TREATED

- THIGHS
- ABDOMEN
- "LOVE HANDLES"
- "DOUBLE CHIN"
- "SADDLE BAGS"
- ARMS
- FAT PADS UNDER THE EYES
- ALSO REMOVES CELLULITE

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, M.D.
MEMBER AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ANTI AGING MEDICINE

PURE ESSENCE
CENTER FOR MEDICAL REJUVENATION
9000 CROW CANYON ROAD, SUITE W
DANVILLE
WWW.PUREESSENCEONLINE.COM
(925)648-9915



Pure Essence



Tattered Treasures

Specializing In Unique Not So Perfect Mature Furniture & Home Embellishments

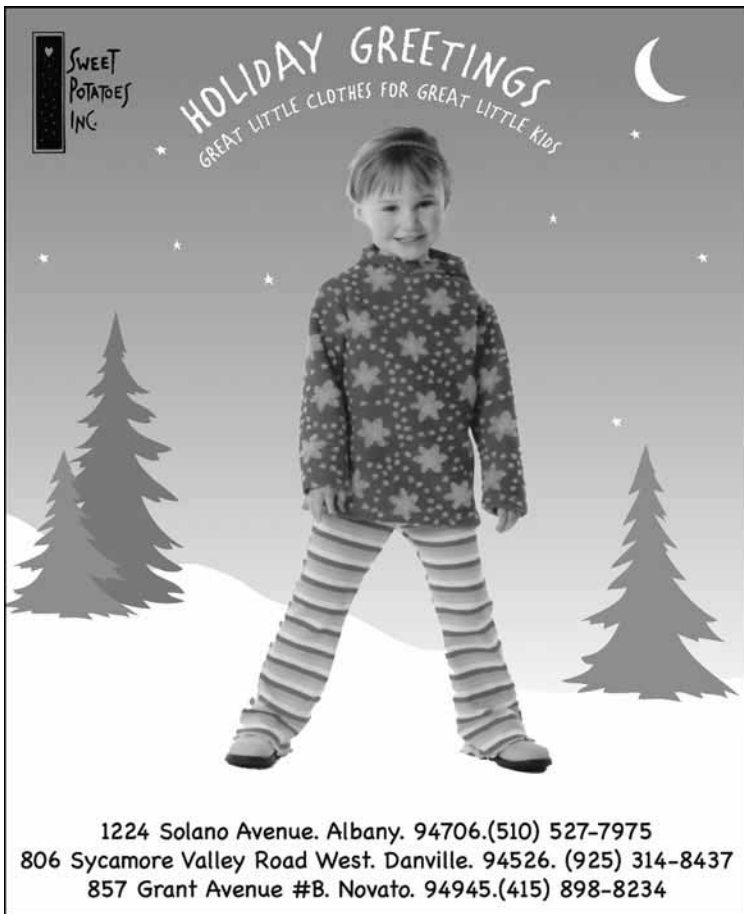
- "One Of A Kind" Pieces
- Rugs
- New Home Furnishings As Well
- Lamps
- Dishes
- And Much More

148G Ray Street, Downtown Pleasanton
off Main Street in The Adobe Plaza
925 426 8844
Tuesday-Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-5pm • Closed Sunday & Monday



SWEET POTATOES INC.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
GREAT LITTLE CLOTHES FOR GREAT LITTLE KIDS



1224 Solano Avenue. Albany. 94706. (510) 527-7975
806 Sycamore Valley Road West. Danville. 94526. (925) 314-8437
857 Grant Avenue #B. Novato. 94945. (415) 898-8234

All about homes

Playhouse auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity

A gala tomorrow afternoon will be fun for all plus it will determine the home ownership of the five imaginative little playhouses that have been delighting children of all ages since they arrived at Blackhawk Plaza three weeks ago.

The five playhouses measure 8 feet by 10 feet and include a fire-house and a gas station as well as three houses labeled Colonial, Victorian and candy house. They were designed and donated by local architects and builders, as Habitat for Humanity partnered with Centex Homes, Pulte Homes, Brookfield Homes, Standard Pacific Homes and the Olson Co.

The selling price for the professionally constructed little houses is estimated between \$30,000 and \$50,000, said Marge Perez, director of public relations at Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity.

Tickets for tomorrow's event, which begins at 4 p.m., are \$50 per person, which also benefits Habitat

for Humanity, and will include food by Blackhawk Country Club, California Vintage wines and entertainment by Becca and the Chaperones. The live auction begins at 6 p.m.

For more information, visit www.mt Diablo Habitat.org or call 288-0112, ext.12.

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for those who otherwise might not be able to own their own homes, and the owners contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity" into their own homes as they join volunteers in the actual construction. The Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity has sold such homes to 62 families. ■



Lori Smith

Loan Specialist, Investment Strategist

With 16 years experience in **Home Purchases • Refinances**
Debt Consolidation • Out-of-State Lending • Real Estate Investments
Lori can also help you fix or combine your home equity line



Arizona

Purchase Price: \$208,000 (August 2004)
Profile: 4 bd/2.5 bth, 2,030 sq ft,
Financing: 20% down, option arm
Expenses: \$1142 per month*
Cash Flow: \$119 per month
Current Value: \$300,000



Senior Loan Consultant
Senior Vice President

Call Lori at (925) 218-1937

*Expenses include mortgage payment, insurance, property taxes, association dues and property management. Cash flow analysis does not include vacancy, maintenance, and leasing fee. Mortgage payment is based on an option arm loan with minimum payment at an interest rate of 1.375%.





Gadgets for your giving list

Each year my Christmas shopping list—and probably yours—includes at least one person who loves to cook. And don't ask me why, but for some peculiar reason cooks are usually gadget lovers and culinary stores work hard to feed those gadget appetites. So to help your holiday shopping along, I've compiled a baker's dozen of gourmet tools any chef would love to find under the breadbox or tucked in a Christmas stocking. The selections are reasonably priced and, if you shop soon, many of the Web sites noted are offering holiday deals—like free shipping or Internet-only (lower) prices.

Treat your epicurean to one of these handy-dandy gizmos:

1. Silicone Basting Brush - A wonderful stocking stuffer! Color-coded in red, green and yellow to distinguish their uses, the silicone bristles detach for thorough cleaning. Dishwasher safe. (\$16) Williams-Sonoma, www.williams-sonoma.com (\$16)

2. Garlic Card - A Swedish chef "frustrated by chopping, razor-sharp graters and hard-to-clean presses" invented this small plastic card embossed (like a credit card) with a pattern that grates garlic to a flavor-releasing puree. (\$6) The Kitchen Table, 1373 Locust, Walnut Creek, 937-8888

3. Wine Master Deluxe - This compact device stores 10,000 wine and spirits reviews, including prices and ratings. Allows you to search by vintage, variety, winery, etc., and bookmark your favorites. (\$50) Sur La Table, www.surlatable.com

4. AeroLatte - A frother with its own stand that froths steamed milk in 10 seconds. Lattes, anyone?!? (\$32) Dean and Deluca, www.deananddeluca.com

5. Microplane Ribbon Grater - Made of stainless steel blade with clear polycarbonate frame, it is designed like a carpenter's rasp. Ideal for grating cheese, chocolate, potatoes and onions into ribbons. (\$15) Chef's Catalog, www.chefs-catalog.com

6. Voice Alert Thermometer - This digital thermometer "precisely monitors temperatures and counts down cooking times," and alerts you with a voice or beep.

Preset alerts range from rare to well-done or your own preferences. (\$30) Williams-Sonoma, www.williams-sonoma.com

7. Ice Cream Ball - With only five ingredients and 20 minutes of rolling or tossing the ball, you can create a pint of ice cream in your favorite flavor. The rolling works off calories in advance! Comes in three colors, recipes included. (\$30) Red Envelope, www.redenvelope.com

8. KitchenAid Large Silicone Grabber - Flexible non-slip silicone design for handling hot pots. Heat-resistant to 500 degrees. Ergonomic handle of durable ABS plastic. (\$8)

9. Wusthof Ceramic Knife Sharpener - The New York Times calls this sharpener "impressive... its two ceramic disks did give a sharp edge" to knives. (\$20) Chef's Catalog, www.chefscatalog.com

For some peculiar reason cooks are usually gadget lovers and culinary stores work hard to feed those gadget appetites.

10. Perfect Timers - Just place these timers right in the pot with your eggs or pasta and they'll let you know when food is ready. Tempered plastic. Egg or Pasta. (\$5) Sur La Table, www.surlatable.com

11. Batter Ladles - Set of four stainless steel ladles with flat bottoms, so you can fill them with sauce or batter, then set them on a counter between uses. (\$16) Chef's Catalog, www.chefscatalog.com

12. Folding Chopping Board - An ingeniously simple tool. Slice and dice, then squeeze the handle to fold the polypropylene board and funnel your ingredients into a pan. (\$12) MoMA, www.momastore.org

13. OXO Mandoline - Gourmet magazine selected this as the No. 1 mandoline in 2005. Stainless steel blades, flared legs for stability; folds flat for storing. (\$70 + free ship) Sur La Table, www.surlatable.com

able.com

If the gadgets don't strike your fancy, consider giving a great cookbook or gourmet basket.

Cookbooks. No cook can ever have too many. These are among my new favorites:

• "The Va de Vi Cookbook": Local chef Kelly Degala shares over 70 of its recipes from the menu. Includes wine discussion by Brendan Eliason. Available at the restaurant for purchase, phone or fax 979-0100 (\$29.95)

• "Molto Italiano: 327 Simple Italian Recipes to Cook at Home": In his fourth book, Mario Batali shares his passion for traditional Italian cuisine. Cooks will enjoy the 300-plus recipes and Mario's cultural insights and cooking tips. (\$35) Autographed copies at Sur La Table, www.surlatable.com

• "Julia & Julie": Powell spent a year cooking every recipe in Julia Child's "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" and chronicling the journey. Both home cooks and devotees of Bridget Jones' diary-style dishing will enjoy the smartly humored writing. (\$15.80 + free ship) www.amazon.com

• "Martha Stewart's Baking Cookbook": Released six years after Stewart's "Hors D'Oeuvres Handbook" reinvented canapés. With 300-plus recipes, it's a beautiful book as well as instructive. (\$26.40 + free ship) www.amazon.com

Food Baskets. When time and/or distance are issues, send something indulgent to out-of-town epicureans. Satisfy a culinary interest or help them entertain holiday guests. These sites offer the best of everything:

• Dean and Deluca, www.deananddeluca.com

• Wine Country Gift Baskets, www.winecountrygiftbaskets.com

• Cherry Moon Farms, www.cherry-moonfarms.com

• Secret Spoon, www.secretspoon.com

And, when shopping is done and you are nestled all snug in your bed, may visions of desserts, wines and appetizers dance in your head!

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

Dr. Sara Denman
Licensed
Psychologist



Compassionate
Therapy
for Change...
Helping you Move
from Merely
Surviving
to Thriving
Now In New
Downtown Danville
Location
171 Front St. #204
925.648.4941
License #PSY19808

PSYCHOTHERAPY and LIFE COACHING

- Relationship Counseling
- Depression / Anxiety
- Food and Weight Issues

Nicole Verwey
M.S., M.F.T.

(Two locations to serve you)
2 Crow Canyon Rd., Suite 200
San Ramon
2020 Forest Ave., Suite 7
San Jose



Please Call **408.398.9795**
to schedule an appointment

DRUG-FREE ADD/ADHD

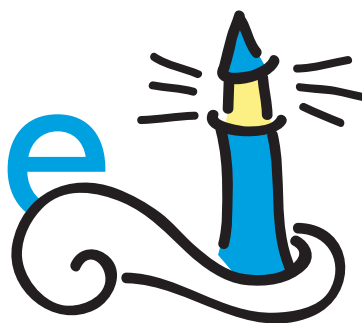
Based on scientific research and discoveries from NASA, UCLA, Harvard and UCSF, our combined techniques can improve your child's ability to learn, to listen, to pay attention, to have better memory and improve social functioning. This can all be accomplished without the use of any drugs, with long-term sustained results and without any negative side-effects by using:

- EEG Neurofeedback
- Computerized Cognitive Skills Training
- Auditory Integration Training
- Sensory Integration Training
- Reading Remediation
- Social Skills Training
- Counseling and Coaching
- Visual Integration Training/Vision Therapy

Walnut Creek, Berkeley and Pleasanton locations.
(Not a healing arts practitioner)

925-280-9100 • web site: www.idealuu.com





TO RESPOND TO ADS WITHOUT PHONE NUMBERS GO TO **FOGSTER.COM**

PLACE AN AD

- ONLINE fogster.com
- E-MAIL ads@fogster.com
- PHONE (925) 600-0840

Fogster.com is a unique Web site offering FREE postings from communities throughout the Bay Area and an opportunity for your ad to appear in the Danville/Pleasanton Weekly.

Now you can log on to fogster.com, day or night and get your ad started immediately online. Most listings are free print ad in our Peninsula newspapers with the option of photos and additional lines. Exempt are Business Services and Employment ads, which include a web listing charge. Home services and Mind & Body Services, require contact with a Customer Sales Representative.

So, the next time you have an item to sell, barter, give away or buy, get the perfect combination: print ads in your local newspapers, reaching more than 35,000 readers, and unlimited free Web postings reaching hundreds of thousands additional people!

INDEX

- BULLETIN BOARD 100-155
- FOR SALE 200-270
- KIDS STUFF 330-355
- JOBS 510-585
- BUSINESS SERVICES 600-690
- HOME SERVICES 700-799
- FOR RENT/ FOR SALE REAL ESTATE 801-860

The publisher waives any and all claims or consequential damages due to errors. Embarcadero Publishing Co. cannot assume responsibility for the claims or performance of its advertisers. Embarcadero Publishing Co. reserves the right to refuse, edit or reclassify any ad solely at its discretion without prior notice.

Bulletin Board

115 Announcements

* DEADLINE *

The Pleasanton/Danville Weekly Classified Advertising deadline is:

Tuesday 12 noon
through the Business Office
925-600-0840

Tuesday 11:59 PM
through Fogster.com

- Avoid the last-minute rush -
Place your ad early!

Happy Holidays Boutique

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR
seeks damsel in distress between ages 21-45 for dinners, movies, concerts, getaways, quiet conversation and so much more!
Call 925-963-3907

Pregnant?

THINKING ADOPTION? Talk with caring people specializing in matching birthmothers with loving families nationwide. Expenses Paid. Toll free 24/7 One True Gift Adoptions. 1-866-921-0565. (Cal-SCAN)

www.trivalleycomedy.com

130 Classes & Instruction

A Massage Therapy Career!

UEI, El Monte, Huntington Park, Los Angeles, Ontario, San Bernardino, Van Nuys. Not all programs available at all campuses. 1-877-354-2031; www.uei4you.com (Cal-SCAN)

Act now for a new career!

Receive career training in Medical, Business, Pharmacy Technician or Computers at UEI with 6 convenient locations. Call today 1-877-354-2031. (Cal-SCAN)

Discovering Your Passion: "The T

SAT PREP - 250

SIGNING SMART BABY SIGN LANGUAGE

133 Music Lessons

FLUTE & PIANO LESSONS
IN PLEASANTON
Credentialed Music Teacher
Tara Torres 925-640-4051

HARP LESSONS

for all ages
Try something new for Fall!
Call Benneta Heaton
(925) 820-1169
~ located in Danville ~

KINDERMUSIK CLASSES ENROLL NOW!

LEARN TO SING
and PERFORM!
Voice Studio of Cherie Michael
Call 925-462-4419
for further information and
to reserve your weekly lessons

Piano Lessons - \$25/half h

135 Group Activities

Vintage Hills Holiday Shopping

150 Volunteers

Senior Lunch Program

155 Pets

AKC Bichon 925-899-3846 - \$750 / BO
Cocker Spaniel Puppies - \$550

Pet Rats

Tame baby siamese rats. 925-838-8509
2/\$15

For Sale

201 Autos/Trucks/Parts

Harry's Muffler & Brake

183 Wyoming St
Pleasanton CA 94566

925-462-3237

Complete Exhaust Systems
Catalytic Converters,
Flowmaster Custom
Exhaust Systems

\$30 OFF LABOR
with coupon

1994 Jeep Wrangler
Check fogster.com for details

1999 BMW 740i

Grey, EXCELLENT CONDITION, 70,000 miles, \$20,500. Fully loaded, nonsmoker, black interior, driven by one of our executives, fully serviced. Call Dick 925-457-7766

BMW 1996 740iL

White, Tan Leather Interior, Mint Condition, Original Owner, Custom Wheels, Loaded with Options, Always garaged, Never been smoked in. Must see. 925-963-7453. \$13950



BMW 1999 540i

Black/tan, 6 speed manual, exc cond, M-pkg. Call 360-3701.

Cadillac 1993 Sedan DeVille

75,000 Mi., Very Good condition (925)820-5117. \$3,750 obo

Chevrolet 1999 Suburban - \$11,500 ob



Honda 2001 Prelude

This is a beautiful sporty 2001 Honda Prelude. One of a kind. Very clean all around. I look forward to hearing from you at: jswong03@yahoo.com

Jaguar 2002 X-Type 3.0

All options, Excellent condition, Low miles, 650-494-7973 \$19,500obo

Mercedes Benz alloy wheels 1999 CLK 320 - \$495 obo

Toyota 1997 Land Cruiser - \$15,800

OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK

BOSCH
ACDelco GM

Motorcraft Ford

SHOCK ABSORBERS

Truck & Auto Parts
Domestic & Import
(925)
846-1030

32 California Ave (1 Blk Off Stanley)
PLEASANTON

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 AM-6 PM
SATURDAY 8 AM-5PM
CLOSED SUNDAY

203 Bicycles

Bike trailer - \$90

210 Garage/Estate Sales

PLEASANTON, 3263 Vineyard
Mobile Villa #195, Dec 10 & 11,
12-4

Estate Sale - Dining room set, china cabinet, tables, TV, W/D, oak bar & stools, DW, clothing, boots & lots of misc!

PLEASANTON, 3413 Beecham Ct,
Sat 12/3, 8-12

215 Collectibles & Antiques

QUILT RACK/SEW. BOX 925/846-4299

220 Computers/Electronics

CANON AE-1, 35MM SLR PACKAGE - \$425

CDRW EXTERNAL COMBO - \$30

Sony Camcorder- TRV67 - \$250 OBO

230 Freebies

desk
Large office style desk, very heavy great work area w/4 large drawers Needs to be refinished, 650-390-0112

FREE Legal help?

Visit the FREE internet Legal Resource Center <http://www.free.national-legal-help.com> FREE

Used floppy disks (80+)

Free used floppy disks. About 80 IBM formatted (for PC) ones in mint condition. First come first serve. If interested, please write me to francis.nam@gmail.com. FREE

240 Furnishings/Household items

10pcs.QueenComforterSet&Accessory - \$99-10pcs.

2 Oak Bar Stools - \$50/set

2 Teak Endtables \$100 pair - 846-1047

50" HDTV rear projection - \$500

Antique Secretary Desk - \$200

Cherry Entertainment Center - \$3200

Chest of Draws - \$160

Children's bedroom set

Solid canadian maple. Includes twin over queen bunk bed with three drawers. Dresser/mirror, bookcase, desk with hutch. In excellenet condition. \$900/bo (925)426-9884

Delta Faucet - \$39

Drop Leaf Table - \$900

HANGING SHELVES 925/846-4299 - \$39

HARDWOOD COFFEE/END 925/846-4299 - \$195

large dryer - \$125

large electric dryer - \$125

Leather sectional - \$499.

Loft Bed Systems

Two Cargo/Pier 1 Kids loft beds complete with lighted desk, 6 drawer dresser and twin bed. Great condition. Sold new at \$1300 each. Some additional bed ends available. Sturdy oak construction. \$800 each

OFFICE DESK & CHAIR 925/846-4299 - \$95

Side-by-side refrigerator - \$320

Sleeper-sofa - large - \$50/set

Small Oak Roll Top Desk

Excellent \$200 426-9884

Southern Living At HOME

Twin trundle bed with mattress - \$200.

UNIQUE COFFEE TABLE 925/846-4299 - \$95

White Wardrobe unit - \$49

WOOL SOFA & CHAIR 925/846-4299 - \$195

245 Miscellaneous

'05 MasterCraft ProStar 197 - \$36000

3-week building sale!

"Last Chance!" 20x26 Now \$3995. 25x30 \$5700. 30x40 \$8300. 40x60 \$12,900. Others. Meets high snow and wind. One end included. Pioneer 1-800-668-5422. (Cal-SCAN)

Absolutely No Cost to you!

Brand New Power Wheelchairs, Scooters and Hospital Beds. Call 1-800-843-9199 to see if you qualify. (Cal-SCAN)

Artisan "One-of-a-kind" Jewelry

DIRTBIKE - 02 Honda XR400

Very good condition! Baja kit for on-road driving, current CA license plate, dealer maintained. \$3250 / OBO
925-766-5457

Free Home/Farm Power!

Canceled Order! Manufacturer Must Sell: 6 only, On-Off Grid Wind Turbine systems. Government programs. 5yr warranty. www.EMarkElectric.com 1-800-973-WATT, leave message. Sacrifice! (Cal-SCAN)

Gourmet Food Prod. & Gift Packs

MK-370 EXP Tile Saw - \$229.00

STAMPING & SCRAPBOOKING SUPPLIES

Steel Buildings. Factory Deals

Save \$\$\$ 40x60' to 100x200'. Example: 50x100x12' = \$3.60/sq ft. 1-800-658-2885 www.RigidBuilding.com (Cal-SCAN)

Stressed out? Buy and read

Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health. Order Today! Only \$8.67. Call 1-800-801-3944 www.dianetics.org (Cal-SCAN)

250 Musical Instruments

1924 Aldrich 5'4" grand - walnut - \$300

Console Piano
Cable Nelson console piano & bench \$400. Excel. condition.

GULBRANSEN PIANO - \$500

Holton T602 Student Trumpet - \$280
Cash

Kid's Stuff

330 Child Care Offered

Daycare Opening

P/T After School Care

Tanis Daycare 426-5025

345

Tutoring/Lessons

BABY SIGN LANGUAGE

MATH TEACHER / PRIVATE TUTORING

for middle and high school students in Tri Valley.

Ivy League-educated.

Extensive experience on Accelerated Math problems.
925-789-0079

SPANISH TUTORING

Violin Lessons

355 Items for Sale

Baby Jogger II, 925-249-1534 - \$75

BRAND NEW MEDELA BREAST PUMPS - \$265.00

Double Baby Jogger - \$150

Kids Mystery Book - \$7.95

Mind & Body

405 Beauty

Jenny's Skincare
4259 First St., Pleasanton

- Skincare
- Waxing
- Make-Up & More

925-846-3766 15% off Sothys Skincare products

Licensed Esthetician & Cosmetologist

Gift Certificates Available

SPECIAL OFFER!

50% OFF first professional haircut and head massage with Jessica Lopez at

Adora Bella Salon

in Danville any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in December.
Call 510-467-4448

488 Spas

RADIANCE DAY SPA

Medical skin care in a spa setting.
152 South K Street, Livermore

925-294-5600

www.radiancedayspa.com

*Your Best
Real Estate
Resource*

fogster.com

Danville
WEEKLY

Jobs

500 Help Wanted

DRIVERS: Start a New Career
Get your Commercial Drivers License ~
4 Weeks Training
Jobs Available Upon Completion!
1-866-887-4937

ENGINEER, Civil
BS in CE + 2 yrs exp. Send resume to:
Al Pascual & Associates Inc, 5506
Sunol Blvd, Suite 203, Pleasanton, CA
94566

Exchange Program Volunteer
- rewarding opportunity working with
high school exchange students.
Responsibilities include recruiting host,
supervising students and working with
schools. Call Elda, (661) 822-1073 or 1-
800-733-2773. (Cal-SCAN)

Firefighter & EMT.
Paid OJ Training. Physically fit and under
age 34. H.S. Grads min. Relocate.
Benefits. Call 1-800-345-6289. (Cal-
SCAN)

HAIR STYLIST and MANICURIST
Full service salon & spa in San Ramon
has stations available to rent for a Hair
Stylist and Manicurist. Great location!
925-890-4520

HOUSECLEANERS NEEDED
Good Wages ~ Weekly Pay
Ideal Hours ~ Paid Mileage
Car, CDL & insurance are necessary.
Call Merry Maids / Pleasanton
(925) 462-0991

Movie Extras, Actors & Models!
Make \$75-\$250/day. All ages and faces
wanted! No exp. required. FT/PT.
(800)714-7564. (Cal-SCAN)

P/T CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR
Construction inspectors needed on a
part time consultant basis for mostly
residential construction litigation or
insurance loss inspections. Send
resumes to: Richard Norman &
Associates, 1451 Danville Blvd., Suite
107, Alamo, CA 94507.

PART-TIME COOK
Open Heart Kitchen is looking for a
part-time cook. If you have food prepa-
ration experience, excellent organiza-
tional skills and a desire for rewarding
work helping the most
needy of the community, please send
your resume to: Nancy Wilson, Open
Heart Kitchen, c/o Ridge View
Commons, 5200 Case Avenue,
Pleasanton 94566 (925)580-6783,
nwilson@openheartkitchen.org

PT MED OFC CLERICAL
BUSY MEDICAL OFFICE NEEDS PART-
TIME PERSON FOR FILING AND VARIOUS
OFFICE DUTIES.
20-25 HRS PER WEEK. MUST BE FLEXI-
BLE. PLEASE FAX RESUME TO SHERRY
(925 831-9317) OR CALL
925 831-9200.



Furry Friends
Pet Sitting Services

Trained professional, daily visits,
basic home care, reliable & caring.
- Serving Pleasanton / Livermore Only -
Accommodating
Healthy and
Special Needs
Pets
Call Monika Harris 417-0424
Registered Veterinary Nurse

PRIVATE MONEY
(Since 1961)

Quick Close, Low Doc, Poor Credit,
Foreclosures, Commercial/Residential,
Condo Conversion

Edwin (415) 310-7499
Steven (650) 867-7307

Coast Capital Mortgage CA DRE #0293501

**VETERINARY ASSISTANT/
RECEPTIONIST**
25-30 hrs per week
Experience preferred but will train. Must
have interest working with animals.
Downtown Pleasanton
925-487-0601

**550 Business
Opportunities**
All cash candy route.
Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own
local candy route. Includes 30 machines
and candy. All for \$9,995. MultiVend,
LLC 880 Grand Blvd., Deer Park, NY
11729. 1-800-814-6047. (Cal-SCAN)

Are you making \$1,710
per week? All cash vending routes with
prime locations available now! Under
\$9,000 investment required. Call Toll
Free (24-7) 800-637-7444. (Cal-SCAN)

Free Publishing Guide.
Have you written a book? Publish your
book in weeks and have it available for
sale worldwide. 1-888-232-4444 ext
1692 or www.trafford.com/1692.(Cal-
SCAN)

Home Inspection.
CREIA approved and State Registered,
New Inspector training and IESO Mold
Testing. Building Specs. 800-217-7979
www.buildingspecs.com (Cal-SCAN)

Miss your family?
Work from Home. Absolutely the most
profitable home business on the planet!
Serious profits now in Financial
Education! Training provided. 1-800-587-
9046 x7411. (Cal-SCAN)

New Vacuum Gutter
Cleaning System. "Patented". Be first
operator in your area! Start up only
\$6995. High return, assistance and
training. Easy operation call (800) 557-
0229. (Cal-SCAN)

Still Punching a Clock?
Fire your Boss! Own your own Business.
Proven System, High Demand, High
Profits, Equipment, Training, Marketing
and Support. 1-866-459-4553
www.KwikKerb.com (Cal-SCAN)

**560 Employment
Information**
A fast track to a sales career
Travel the USA as you develop skills in
Outside Sales. Paid training, transporta-
tion, lodging furnished. Call Success
Express Sales, Inc. today. 1-877-646-
5050. (Cal-SCAN)

Driver - Covenant Transport.
Excellent Pay & Benefits for Experienced
Drivers, O/O, Solos, Teams & Graduate
Students. Bonuses Available.
Refrigerated Now Available. 1-888-
MORE PAY (1-888-667-3729) (Cal-SCAN)

Driver - Do you drive a car?
Ever thought about driving a TRUCK? Call
us, we'll upgrade your license and then
employ you! Call: 916-381-2285
Ref#182 EOE (Cal-SCAN)

Driver - Here's how we show
R-E-S-P-E-C-T - Over 2 Billion Miles Last
Year! Excellent compensation/retire-
ment. OTR, regional, dedicated. Comfort
zones available. Get your share call:
866-333-8801 Ref#182 (Cal-SCAN)

Driver: Great new pay
Package for Recent Driving School
Graduates. No Experience, No Problem:
An industry leader in miles and pay. Call
CRST Van Expedited. 1-800-781-2778.
(Cal-SCAN)

Drivers, Class A:
No matter what's important to you, find
it at www.HotDJ.com . Better pay,
home-time, benefits... Search our Hot
Dedicated Driving Jobs! Enter online to
win a 2005 Polaris 500 ATV or call 1-
888-423-8446. (Cal-SCAN)

Get a real paycheck & get
Home more often! Attention Class A
Truck Drivers.Dedicated Lanes: AZ-CA-
NV. Call McKelvey Trucking 1-800-410-
6255. (Cal-SCAN)

**Business
Services**

**604 Adult Care
Offered**

Sylvie (RN) and Rebecca
will find the professional caregiver
who matches your needs.
We will help **YOU** stay in
YOUR home with
maximum independence.
❖❖ R-S PROCARE ❖❖
HOME HEALTH SERVICES
Rebecca (925) 788-2503
Sylvie (925) 890-7424

**605 Antiques & Art
Restoration**

"A Labor of Love"
**Antique Furniture
Restoration &
Repair**
925-462-0383
Impeccable Quality &
Integrity of Workmanship

615 Computers

Computer Help
Tri-Valley PC MEDIC
Ken Cook
"I Make House Calls!"
M-F 8am-8pm / Wknds & Hols 9am-6pm
Tune-up/Repair/Upgrade/Training
More info/rates: http://come.to/pc-medic
Lic #011068
Member: PCC, PDA & BBB
Call 485-9040 or 989-7722

624 Financial

\$\$ SECURE INVESTMENT \$\$
Real Estate investor seeking 1 private
investor to finance local, high quality
property, at low loan to value. Please
contact Douglas @ 1-800-760-9184.
Also, visit
www.NorCallInvestments.com and
click on "Want to earn 15% on your
Money" link.

2nd Mortgage Loans
No Equity Required! Debt Consolidation
Cash Out! Bad Credit OK. Quick
Approvals! Call 1-800-242-6986 or apply
online at www.SecureHomeEquity.com
(Cal-SCAN)

Behind on house payments?
Can't Qualify for a regular Loan? You Can
with us! We don't use your credit scores.
Call Now! 1-877-777-7929. DRE
#01511169 (Cal-SCAN)

628 Graphics

Art Works for You
A full service
graphic art
and marketing studio.
Logo and brochure design,
print ads, direct mail,
corporate branding, & **SIGNS.**
artworksforyou1983@yahoo.com
Melissa **925-580-2810**
Pleasanton

659 Sewing/Tailoring

**Custom Designed
Sewing Work**
Alterations, Draperies, Bedding,
Pillows, Cushions, Embroidery
and More! References available.
Contact Lina, 925-249-1298

No phone
number in the ad?
GO TO
fogster.com
for contact
information

**Home
Services**

**715 Cleaning
Services**

ANA'S HOUSECLEANING
Hardworking * Reliable
Flexible * Experienced
~ Reasonable Rates ~
Call 510-351-3734

fogster.com
You Can Find It Here!

Andrea's Cleaning Service
Personalized Cleaning Home & Office
Quality Work, Dependable & Affordable
Weekly, Biweekly, Monthly ~ as you need!
* Ask for specials on apartments *
References Available / Free Estimates
Call 925-339-2461

E.C. House Cleaning Service
Honest / Dependable / Thorough
Move In/Out, Weekly/Bi-Weekly
Licensed ~ Insured ~ Exc. references
925-339-6411 or 640-3845

IMPECCABLE INTERIORS
Specializing in One Time
Cleanings, Move In, Move Outs
& Construction Clean Ups
~ 14 Years Experience ~
www.impeccableinteriors.com
925-736-9600

Isabel's Housecleaning
Local business since 1980
Residential is our specialty
925-846-9603

Merry Maids
"One Less Thing To Worry About"
We are insured, bonded &
tailored to meet your needs
925-462-0991

☆ **MAGICAL SERVICE** ☆
HOUSECLEANING
Family Owned since 1990
Specializing in Detail Residential &
Commercial Cleaning
Monthly * Weekly * Bi-Weekly
Emergency Move In / Out Special
Call Now! Free Estimates!
925-373-9625

Paula's Housecleaning Services
Providing all cleaning supplies
Dependable * Free Estimate
Call **Merlin or Paula**
510-908-0889 or 510-763-3001
Fax# 510-763-3002 Lic# 1983679

RESIDENTIAL or COMMERCIAL
Condos - Houses - Apts - Offices
Daily, Weekly, Biweekly, Monthly, 1 Time
Experienced & Reliable
Cleaning since 1985 ~ Free Estimates
Nancy (925) 462-9466

Sara's Housecleaning
Residential and Commercial
- Complete Service -
You Won't Be Disappointed!
Weekly ~ Biweekly ~ Monthly ~ Holidays
References Available / Free Estimates
* 50% Off First Cleaning *
Call 925-339-2193

Remodeling Contractor
Additions, bathrooms, windows,
doors, interior trim, whole house.
A+ References ~ Insured ~ Lic# 503716
Dan (925) 575-1892

**719 Remodeling/
Additions**

We Wish You A Merry Christmas
and A Prosperous New Year !
- Happy Holidays from -
* **NEW LOOK** *
Cultured Marble and Onyx
3510-G Old Santa Rita Rd
Pleasanton
newlookremodels@cs.com
925-463-2284

726 Decor/Drapes

Changing Spaces by Jill Denton
Decorating, One-Day Interior Redesign,
Home Staging, Furniture Rearrangement,
Design & Color Consultations
www.jilldenton.com (925)998-7747

**DO YOU RENOVATE OR
REDECORATE?**
Advertise your home services business
in the Pleasanton Weekly for as
little as \$7.25 per week.
For details call 925-600-0084

737 Fences & Gates

**Borg Redwood
Fences**
Fences • Decks • Retaining Walls
Arbors • Heritage Vinyl Fencing
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
"Unsurpassed Quality at Reasonable Prices"
Insurance Work
426-9620
www.borgfence.com
Fully insured P.L. & P.D. • State Lic. #771763
**FREE
Estimates**

fogster.com

Pet of the Week



Catherine Hansen Rush

'Tis the season
This 4-year-old, spayed female tabby named
"Ada" is trying to get into the spirit of the season.
If your pet needs a jumpstart to joy, take your furry
friends to Valley Humane Society's 14th annual
"Santa and Pet" photo event this weekend, Dec. 3
and 4, at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane in
Livermore. For \$20 you will receive two 4X6 high
quality photographs of your pet with Santa in a
holiday-framed card. Proceeds benefit Valley
Humane Society's programs to help homeless ani-
mals. The event is held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. both
days and all pets are welcome on-leash or in a
carrier. You can bring a smile to Ada's face by vis-
iting this loving housecat at Valley Humane
Society, 273 Spring St. in downtown Pleasanton.
Call 426-8656. Also visit www.valleyhumanesoci-
ety.org for more information about this weekend's
event and a list of adoptable animals.



MARKETPLACE the printed version of

fogster.com

THE TRI-VALLEY'S FREE CLASSIFIED WEBSITE
TO RESPOND TO ADS WITHOUT PHONE NUMBERS
GO TO WWW.FOGSTER.COM

**741
Flooring/Carpeting/
Tiling**

CB TILE

Quality Installation of:

- * Ceramic * Mosaics * Porcelain
- * Marble * Travertine * Slate

(925) 918-0630

Lic# 832842

**748 Gardening/
Landscaping**

"Tis the season to be jolly—
Why mess with high roofs
and all that folly?!"
**HOLIDAY DECORATING
& LIGHT HANGING**
For First Place Blackhawk Winner
please call
THOR LANDSCAPING
510-329-5091
www.thorlandscaping.com

DIRT CHEAP!

Reaching 71,000 potential customers
costs as little as \$7.25 per week. To
advertise call 925-600-0840 today!

Holiday Light Hanging

This year leave the hassle to us!
You provide lights / We do the rest
Call Jim at 510-537-4929

**MARTIN'S
GARDEN MAINTENANCE**
Yard Clean-Up & Maintenance
Good References Avail ~ 10 yrs Exp
Reasonable rates / Free estimates
\$70 mo-2x mo. \$95 mo-4x mo.
925-768-4528

**748 Gardening/
Landscaping**

THOR LANDSCAPING
Cement, Brickwork, Sod & Sprinkler
Installation, Fence & Deck Repair,
Waterfalls and Fountains
Call 510-329-5091
www.thorlandscaping.com

❖ **New Leaf** ❖

**Landscape
Maintenance**
Weekly / Biweekly
Call for a
prompt competitive bid
925-846-4485

**751 General
Contracting**

NOTICE TO READERS: California law
requires that contractors taking jobs that total
\$500 or more (labor or materials) be licensed
by the Contractors State License Board. State
law also requires that contractors include their
license number on all advertising. You can
check the status of your licensed contractor at
www.cslb.ca.gov or call 800-321-CSLB.

**757
Handyman/Repairs**

**PLEASANTON HOME REPAIR
and MAINTENANCE**
Full Service Residential / Commercial
Repairs and Maintenance
Dependable * 30 Yrs Experience
Call 925-577-0542
* Pleasanton area only *
Local References ~ City Lic# 040421
email: ss1177@comcast.net

759 Hauling

IMPACT HAULING SERVICE
Hauling and General Clean-ups
Demolitions - Dump Runs
- BOBCAT FOR GRADING -
Gabriel 925-963-3907
Excellent References upon request
~ Danville Resident ~

761 Masonry/Brick

BRICK MASON
Four Generations Handed Down
**Brick • Block • Tile
Stone • Concrete**
Small job expert Lic. B775495
Call John Pensanti 456-5751

**768 Moving
Assistance**

THE PACKAGING STORE
5524-C Springdale Avenue,
Pleasanton, Ca. 94588
925-460-8455
Move ~ Pack ~ Ship
We pack & ship anything anywhere!

**771 Painting/
Wallpapering**

**PERFECTION
Painting & Wallpapering**
Free Estimates and Low Rates!
(925) 485-3545 or 699-5800
CA Lic. #040142

**775 Paving/Asphalt/
Concrete**

*From Conception to Completion
The Expertise of Skilled
Craftsmanship*
A+ CONCRETE
510-798-8929
Professional Block & Concrete
Block & Retaining Walls * Driveways
Patio Slabs * Stamped Concrete
Brick * Flagstone * Pavers
*18 Years
Family Owned & Operated*

**Robert's
Concrete**
Professional Concrete & Masonry Work
925-339-2964
"An aggregate of possibilities"
Brick Retaining Walls
Pavers Block Walls
Flagstone Patio Slabs
Fences Driveways
Landscaping Planters
**Family Owned & Operated
for 18 Years**

790 Roofing

**Oakridge
Roofing**
*Family owned & operated
with over 30 years of experience*
**Bus & Fax
(925) 484-2639**
All Roof Types
New Roofs • Roof Repairs • Gutters
Emergency Leaks (24 hr availability)
**Roof Maintenance Programs
for Commercial Buildings**

**Real
Estate**

**801
Apartments/Condos/
Studios**

Danville, 3 BR/2.5 BA - \$1795
Palo Alto, 1 BR/1 BA
Downtown in vintage 4-plex. Prvt entry,
hdwd floor, eat-in kit, tub/shower.
N/S/P, some util, \$1250 1st+Sec.
APPT: 650-330-6201/6209 www.tour-
factory.com/226190

805 Homes for Rent

Danville, 3 BR/2 BA - \$2495/mo

815 Rentals Wanted

Cottage, In-law Suite - \$400-500

**825 Homes/Condos
for Sale**

WALNUT CREEK 1/1 CONDO
Near dntr. Gorgeous complex. All new
inside: Cpt, tile, AC, paint, kitchen,
bath. \$309,950. Zero down avail. Great
for 1st time buyers or investors.
Bkr (925) 323-2134

**830
Commercial/Income
Property**

PA: Downtown
Prime Suites of 486-1910 sf. On
University Avenue/High St. near
Stanford and train. Dramatic atriums,
extensive windows, high ceilings, quality
finishes. Call 650-776-5390 or view pho-
tos/floor plans at www.paoffices.com

**840 Vacation
Rentals/Time Shares**

A cozy condo
Timeshare Resales:
The Cheapest way to buy, sell and rent
Timeshares. No commissions or Broker
fees. Call 1-800-640-6886 or go to
www.BuyATimeshare.com (Cal-SCAN)

845 Out of Area

4-PLEX MODESTO AREA
Great income, will cash flow w/25%
down. Built in 93. Sharp! In path of
growth. \$625K. Bkr, 925-323-2134

MODESTO 3/2 HOUSE
Nice nbhd, good area. New cpt, FP,
nice yard. \$299,950. Zero down avail.
Great for 1st time buyers & investors.
Bkr, 925-323-2134

**850 Acreage/Lots/
Storage**

Beautiful Utah! Land Sale
- 54 Acres - \$44,900. Uinta Mountain
area. Outdoor lover's dream! Dramatic
mountain views, close to conven-
iences. Surrounded by wilderness.
Nearby lake and state parks. Excellent
financing. Call UTLR 1-877-350-5263.
(Cal-SCAN)

North Carolina
GATED Lakefront Community 1.5 acres
plus, 90 miles of shoreline. Never before
offered with 20% pre-development dis-
counts, 90% financing. Call 1-800-709-
5253. (Cal-SCAN)

Rare Find - 20AC- \$149,900
Southern Sierra near Tehachapi. Clean,
crisp mountain air with calendar cover
views. Majestic oaks, streams, ideal for
horses, country getaway, or to buy and
hold. Financing available. Call owner, 1-
888-821-5253. (Cal-SCAN)

RV PARKING
With full hook-ups available at The
Alameda County Fairgrounds
Call 925-426-7600

Southern Colorado Ranch Sale
35 acres \$49,900. Enjoy stunning sun-
sets, spectacular mountain views, all
from your own private ranch. Year round
access, elec/tel included. Excellent
Financing w/low down payment. Call for
appointment! Toll free 1-866-696-5263.
(Cal-SCAN)

STORAGE SPACE
for RV's, boats & cars available at The
Alameda County Fairgrounds
Call 925-426-7600

**855 Real Estate
Services**

*For every transaction
I am involved with, I will
donate a portion of my
commission to a school
or charity of your choice*

**HELPING LOCAL
SCHOOLS & CHARITIES
ONE PROPERTY AT A TIME**

Please call for your **FREE**
comprehensive guide to
buying & selling Real Estate
1-800-NEW-HOME (639-4663)



Ed Antenucci
Owner/Broker

**UCB
Real Estate**

Real Estate Advisor
for over 20 years

925-351-8686

ed@homeinsider.com

A+ Advertising Services.
To place a Statewide classified ad
(\$500/25 words) in 200 community
newspapers reaching over 6 million
Californians. Call for more information
(916) 288-6019 www.Cal-SCAN.com
(Cal-SCAN)

FREE Home Valuation

No phone
number in the ad?
GO TO
fogster.com
for contact
information

FREE list of available homes
Property Management
Real Estate Agent / Realtor

**890 Real Estate
Wanted**



\$\$ WE BUY HOUSES \$\$
Any area and any condition for a price
you choose. For a FREE 24hr record-
ed msg call (925) 864-CASH. Listen
to message or dial zero for a live
operator.

Dealine!! David & Karen
must buy an Apartment Building or Retail
Strip within 27 days! We'll pay full price
with the right terms. Save thousands in
Realtor commissions! Cash avail. 916-
652-8300. (Cal-SCAN)

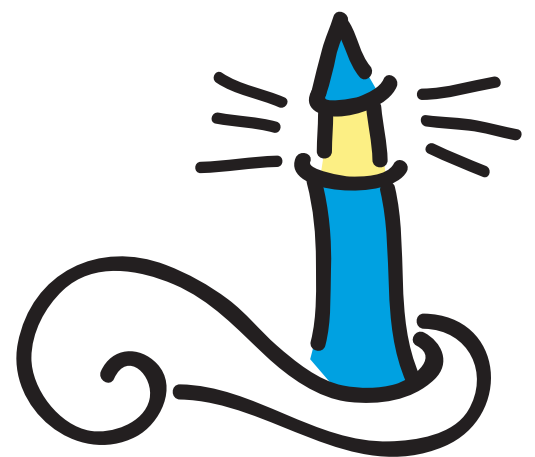
*Finding the right
people for the job is
fast and simple!*

Consult
HOME SERVICES
on

fogster.com
Advertisers call
600-0840

**About those ads
without phone
numbers....**

Ads in the paper without phone
numbers are free ads posted
through our fogster.com classified
website. Complete information
appears on the website. The
person placing the ad always
has the option of buying lines for
print in the newspaper. Many
do, some do not—it is their
choice. These free lines in print
are meant to share with you a
little of a lot that is available
online. We offer it as an
added bonus. Hopefully, you
will be encouraged to check it
out. Buy, sell, or trade at
fogster.com



fogster.com

Instantly online. Free

*A bold new approach
to classifieds
for the Tri-Valley*

Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

WEEKEND PREVIEW

A fun romp for children of all ages

The Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Thinderella" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday afternoons, Dec. 2-11, at the Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. In the English tradition, the pantomime "Thinderella" promises to offer special holiday entertainment for families. The show is a send-up of the classic Cinderella fairytale and includes music, dancing, jokes and slapstick humor. Tickets are \$16 general and \$6 for children. For tickets, call 413-3463 or visit www.villagetheatreshows.com.



Author Visits

Children's Author Day

The Polka Dot Attic is hosting a Children's Author Day from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at 411 Hartz Ave. (yellow house behind Papyrus). Come and meet over 12 authors of children's books and get autographs. For information, call 838-8004 or visit www.thepolkadotattic.com.

Careers

B2B Power Exchange

This leads group for true B2B business developers will be meeting from 7:45-10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin. The cost is \$35 for non-members (includes breakfast) and free for members. Space is limited so preregistration is required. Call 201-3410, visit <http://www.b2bpowerexchange.com/dublin.htm> or e-mail chris@b2bpowerexchange.com.

Classes

Beginning Internet & E-mail Services

Learn how to connect to Web sites, send and receive e-mail and how to attach and find downloaded files. This class is from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., Las Trampas Room. There is a \$20 lab fee payable to instructor at first class. The class fee is \$25 for Danville residents and \$30 for non-residents. To register, call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Entertainment Extravaganza

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

Hands-On Beginning PowerPoint

As you're sitting at a laptop computer with another student, you'll learn how to simplify your presentations using powerful slide masters and templates. This class is from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Dec. 14, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., Las Trampas Room. There is a \$20 lab fee payable to instructor at first class. The class fee is \$25 for Danville residents and \$30 for non-residents. To register, call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Mixed Media Fun for Kids

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

Oil and Acrylic Painting Class

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers an Oil and Acrylic Painting class from 10 a.m.-noon, Mondays, and from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays. Charles White is the instructor. Classes are ongoing and for all levels. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Pencil Sketching

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Pencil Sketching class from 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, for beginners-intermediates. Michael Yen is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

People, Pets and Wildlife Portraits Classes

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a People, Pets and Wildlife Portraits class on Thursdays for all levels. Beth Batchelor is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$30 per class or \$100 for four weeks. For information, call Beth at 837-5654.

The Art of Drawing

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers the Art of Drawing class from 6-8 p.m., Fridays, for all levels. Ron Norman is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$140 for eight weeks. For start dates, call 838-1959.

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 Merchants and Professional Association

AMPA meets the second Tuesday of each month for its business luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. for networking, and noon for lunch, including a guest speaker, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Round Hill Road, Alamo. AMPA also holds a mixer the fourth Wednesday of each month. For information regarding the luncheons and mixers, call Barbara Malan at 831-3329 or visit www.alamobusiness.com.

Blue Star Moms California

Blue Star Moms is a support group for families of members of the U.S.

Armed Forces. It meets at 7 p.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Call Peggy at 866-7035 or Patty at 838-9096 or visit www.bluestarmoms.org.

California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo Branch

Celebrate the holidays with a California Writers Club luncheon and authors panel with Lee Paulsen, Jill Hedgecock, Chastity Canfield and Tammy Maxon, at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Hungry Hunter, 3201 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette. The cost is \$17 for CWC members and \$20 for non-members. Call Camille for required reservations no later than Wednesday, Dec. 7, at (510) 881-8929.

Country Western Dance Club

When do the Country Hustlers dance in Danville? From 7-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Danville Grange Hall at 743 Diablo Blvd.; and Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Danville Veteran's Hall. Admission is \$9 for guests, \$7 for members, and \$5 for senior members. For information, visit the Web site at www.countryhustlers.com/whenwedance.htm

Diablo Singles Dance Club, Dinner Dance

The Diablo Singles Dance Club is hosting its membership dinner dance from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Arts Education Building, corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. The cost is \$14 for members and \$21 non-members. Reservations required. Call 837-2851 for information.

Diablo Valley Single Parents

This group meets at 6:30 p.m., on various days each month, and at different locations in the valley. Contact Rich at abersr@toast.net or 838-9487.

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

The society meets from 1:15-3 p.m., the third Thursday of every month except August, at the California Savings Building, Rossmoor Shopping Center, Tice Valley Blvd. and Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Creek. Guest speakers are at each meeting.

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.

Technology Ventures Corporation

Technology Ventures Corporation presents Attracting Equity Investors and Lessons Learned, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, at The Club, Pleasanton Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton. This "free" session discusses the developing relationships with investors, intellectual property, securities issues, term sheets and the art and techniques of negotiation. Register online at www.123signup.com/calendar?org=techventures. For information, call 960-1600.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

The organization will NOT meet in Dec. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740.

Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley meet the first Thursday of every month, at 6 p.m., at Luna Loca's Restaurant, 500 Sycamore Valley Road, West. The general business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., and is open to all members and visitors. For information, call Bob Franco at 736-5272 or visit the Web site at www.vnvdv.com.

Concerts

Christmas Classics

The Danville Community Band presents "Christmas Classics," a holiday tradition for the whole family, at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at the East Bay Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara. Admission and parking are free.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony

Conductor Duane Carroll leads the wind symphony in a free concert of winter seasonal favorites, familiar carols, a sing-along, and a performance by harpist Jennifer Ellis and vocalist Keith Barlow at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12, at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. For information, call 944-5392.

► Continued on page 24

THE HOPYARD
AMERICAN ALEHOUSE & GRILL

Neighborhood Brewpub

Book Your Holiday Party Now

Christmas Beers Now on Tap

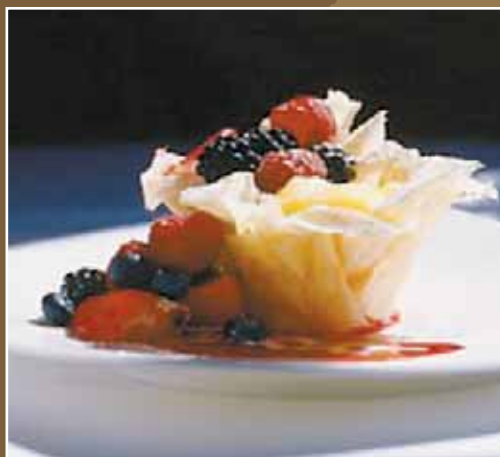
San Ramon
(925) 277-9600
470 Market Place

Pleasanton
(925) 426-9600
3015-H Hopyard Road

Come in for the beer, come back for the food

BEST OF PLEASANTON 2004 "Best Watering Hole"

www.hopyard.com



Cafe Esin

LUNCH . DINNER

Incredible Med-American meals, a staff that treats you like an old friend, and desserts made fresh daily!

Open Christmas Eve,
5:00-10:00

Featuring Holiday Specials & Desserts!

Make your reservations today!

Chosen as one of the top 100

restaurants in the Bay Area

by the San Francisco Chronicle

925.314.0974

2416 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

Guitarist Laurence Juber
Community Concerts at the Wesley Center presents Laurence Juber, a gifted finger-style guitarist, formerly of Paul McCartney and Wings, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$25 advance and \$30 at the door, and Gold Circle are \$35 (Senior/Child 10percent discount). For information call 229-2710 or visit www.communityconcerts.com.

Events

Adopt-A-Family Bike Drive
Baldwin Elementary and Charlotte Wood Middle School are hosting a bike drive to fill the wishes of families whose names are provided by Adopt-A-Family, from the Monument Crisis Center in Concord. The Baldwin Elementary School drive ends Friday, Nov. 18. The Charlotte Wood drive will

be Dec. 1-2. Drop-off your donated bike at the appropriate school.

Artful Living Home Tour
The Junior League of Oakland-East Bay Inc. will host its second annual Artful Living Home Tour benefiting Children at Risk. In partnership with Diablo Magazine, the JLOEB will offer a special tour of six beautiful residences built or remodeled by leading architects, contractors, and designers in Alamo, Diablo and Danville. The home tours are from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 on tour days. For information and tickets, call 284-3740 or visit <http://jloeb.org>.

Catholics at Work Breakfast
Michael McCabe will speak on Reconciling Conflicts with Victims of Violent Crimes, from 6:45-8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive. Mass is offered at 6:15 a.m. Buffet

breakfast will be served for \$20 for members and \$27 for non-members. To register, visit www.catholicswork.org/eventdesc.aspx.

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

Geishas Day Out for Breast Cancer
Benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, a Japanese-style lunch will be followed by a matinee of the new film based on the best-selling novel, "Memoirs of a Geisha," Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10. The cost is \$42 per person. For details, call Shirley at 964-0269 or e-mail shirhorn@hotmail.com.

Holiday Home Tour
Danville-Alamo Branch of the American Association of University Women is sponsoring a Holiday

Home Tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, in the Danville and Alamo area. Tour six exquisitely and professionally decorated homes for \$25. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your check payable to Danville-Alamo AAUW, to P.O. Box 996, Alamo 94507. Tickets also available at Design Concepts, 3235 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Proceeds go toward AAUW's Local Scholarships and Tech Trek science camp for middle school girls at Mills College. Call Cheryl at 820-6158 with questions.

New Year's Eve Casino Classic Celebration 2005
Blackhawk Museum and BHEI Inc. invite you to the New Year's Eve Casino Classic Celebration 2005, from 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Blackhawk Museum. Enjoy an evening of champagne, hors d'oeuvres, casino gaming and prizes, San Francisco quintet, gourmet dinner stations (Scott's catering), dancing, etc. Cost is \$135 per person inclusive, black tie optional. Reserve early - deadline Dec. 24. Must be 21 years old and no refunds after Dec. 24. Telephone reservations only at 736-2277, ext. 653.

Pantry on Park Hill Boutique
Bring a friend and enjoy hot cider, handmade crafts and goodies, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, at 654 Park Hill Road, Danville. For information, call Sara at 820-4106.

Pet Adoptions
Tri-Valley Animal Rescue offers cats and dogs for adoption noon-4 p.m., Sundays, at Petco, 2005 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon. Call TVAR at 803-7043 or visit www.tv-ar.org.

Super Bowl Crab Feed
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley is hosting its second annual Super Bowl Crab Feed at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 400 Hartz Ave. The cost is \$35 per person (crab feed), and \$15 for children 13 years and under (pasta, salads and garlic bread). There will be TVs set up for viewing the game, drawings, prizes, a silent auction and photo opportunities with the Oakland Raiders. To secure reservations, make check payable to Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and send to VNVDV, P.O. Box 2079, Danville 94526-2079. For information, call Mr. Estes at 288-0084 or (510) 985-2437 or visit www.vnvdv.com.

Tea's the Season
The Alamo Women's Club is hosting a fundraiser to benefit local charities, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, at the Alamo Women's Clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tea,

sweets and sandwiches will be served continuously while you peruse the many vendors selling jewelry, makeup, glassware, clothing, homebaked goodies and more. The cost is \$20 and reservations must be made by Dec. 9, by calling Barbara at 837-2171.

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

Valley Children's Museum Holiday Home Tour
Valley Children's Museum will be holding its second annual Holiday Home Tour from noon-3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11. The Holiday Home Tour will be the first-ever home tour of Ruby Hill in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased by mailing a check to Valley Children's Museum, P.O. Box 305, San Ramon 94583, or by calling 461-6574, #2.

Exhibits

All Aboard 2005!
The European Train Enthusiasts has returned to the Blackhawk Museum for the holiday season with its collection of model trains, exotic layout of track, and a wealth of knowledge on European railroading. All Aboard 2005! runs through Jan. 8.

Health

American Red Cross, Mobile Blood Drives
The Northern California Region of the American Red Cross is having a Mobile Blood Drive from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Ball Auditorium, John Muir Medical Center, 1601 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. For an appointment, call Health Management at 547-5355.

Teen Health and Addictive Behaviors
Pediatricians Cynthia Hann and Suresh Sachdeva as well as Kevin Charles, Juvenile Drug Coordinator for Contra Costa County, will discuss "Teen Health & Addictive Behaviors" on the Ask the Doctor television show airing live from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7. Ask the Doctor, is an award winning, phone-in educational program co-sponsored by San Ramon Regional Medical Center and Contra Costa Health Services. Viewers can fax (313-1185), e-mail (askthedoctor@contra-costatv.org), or phone-in (313-1190) their medical questions for the doctors.

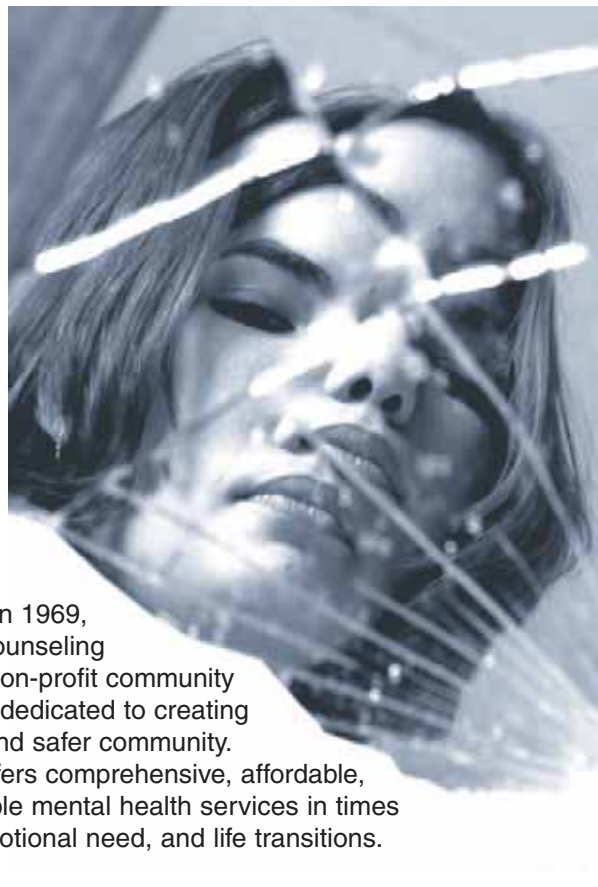
Vaccination Season
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has added a new group to those who need flu shots - people with respiratory problems, any condition that makes it hard to breathe or swallow, such as brain injury or disease, spinal cord injuries, seizure or muscle disorders. Flu shots are \$25 and pneumonia shots are \$35 at flu shot clinics, with no charge for those covered by Medicare Part B. To find a

Do you dread the holidays?

Does this time of year cause increased depression? Do you think that you are abnormal because you don't feel joy this time of year? You are not alone.

Depression and holiday anxiety are treatable and **counseling can offer you relief.**

Call Discovery Counseling Center **925 837-0505** your community resource for individual, couples and family counseling for over 30 years.



Established in 1969, Discovery Counseling Center is a non-profit community organization dedicated to creating a healthier and safer community. Discovery offers comprehensive, affordable, and accessible mental health services in times of crises, emotional need, and life transitions.

We've Raised Car Service to a Higher Level...

Scion • Honda • Lexus • Acura • Toyota



We'll Give You a Lift - Free Shuttle Service from 8am to 5pm

15k-90k
Service
15% OFF

Coupon good for Honda, Lexus, Toyota, Acura and Scion vehicles only. One coupon per visit. Expires 12-31-05

Oil & Filter
Change
\$27.99 +tax

Coupon good for Honda, Lexus, Toyota, Acura and Scion vehicles only. Up to 5 quarts of oil. Expires 12-31-05

Visit us online at www.sycamoreservicecenter.com

SYCAMORE SERVICE CENTER

743-1967

744 San Ramon Valley Blvd. at Sycamore Valley Rd.

We're the Red Brick Station in Danville



Full Service Repair Center
Factory Certified Technician on Duty
Mon-Sat 8am-5pm All Work Guaranteed!

Smog King

Every two years...
You just gotta' do it.

\$20 OFF
In & Out in 20 minutes

All Smogs Including:

- DMV Renewal
- Test Only
- RV's
- Gross Polluters



3440-D
Stanley Blvd.
Pleasanton
925-846-SMOG

19 Beta Ct.
San Ramon
925-820-5665

Hours: Mon-Sat 8-6

nearby clinic, call (800) 500-2400 or visit www.suttervna.org.

Yoga Classes

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

Holiday

Celebration of Christmas

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Monte Vista High and San Ramon Valley High School Chamber Choirs and a few congregational choirs in the valley will be performing Christmas carols from 7-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at 655 Old Orchard Road. The community is invited.

Christmas Carols Festival and Tea Reception

The Voices of Musica Sacra will perform its annual Festival of Christmas Carols at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 860 Oak Grove Road, Concord, and 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Ave., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior or students. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at www.voiceofmusicas-acra.org.

Christmas Memories at the Museum

Christmas Memories at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave., will continue through Jan. 7. The Museum is open from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays. The exhibit includes Christmas trees, toys and cards from eras past. Gingerbread houses replicating historic buildings from the area will also be on display. Admission is free but donations are encouraged. For information, call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsvr.org.

Christmas Tea

Daughters of the American Revolution will present Good Citizens awards at a special Christmas Tea at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Vista Room, Hillside Clubhouse in Rossmoor. The award-winning students are from local high schools are recipients of these awards because of academic standing and participation in school. For information, call Barbara at 837-8551.

Counties Care Community Food Drive

The office of Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, District 3, is participating in the Counties Care Community Food Drive benefiting the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties until Dec. 16. Food donation barrels are located at the office at 309 Diablo Road. Also, mini barrels are available for spare change and small bills. Checks for a larger amount can also be donated, payable to The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. For information, call 820-8683.

Holiday Family Event

Rolling Hills Community Church drama ministry presents "Doc's Holiday," a full-length Christmas comedy plus festive Christmas music by the adult and kids' choirs, at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Rolling Hills Community Church at 1565 Green Valley Road. Tickets are \$6, general admission and \$12 after Thanksgiving. For ticket information, call 838-7729.

Hospice's Annual Trees of Light

Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation invites the public to participate in its 19th annual Tree of Lights commemorative ceremonies being held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo; 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2, on Blackhawk Road at Blackhawk Drive; and 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 27, on Railroad Avenue at Hartz. Every light on each tree is symbolic of a life and will shine in honor or memory of a friend or family member. Call Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation at 887-5676 to reserve a symbolic light.

Santa Claus is Coming

Coldwell Banker is hosting its third annual picture-taking event for chil-

dren to stop by the office and get a free picture taken with Santa, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office, 600 San Ramon Valley Blvd. For information, call 837-4100.

Supervisor's Holiday Open House

Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary N. Piepho's District 3 Danville office will be hosting a holiday open house from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13. Join Supervisor Piepho and her staff for appetizers and refreshments. For more information, call 820-8683.

Toys for Tots

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is joining forces with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in its local Toys for Tots campaign. Residents who want to contribute may drop a new, unwrapped toy at the Danville Coldwell Banker, 600 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville, from now until Dec. 16. For information, call 837-4100. Alain Pinel is also collecting Toys for Tots and needs the toys in its collection boxes by Dec. 6 at 588 San Ramon Valley Boulevard and 4145 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 101.

Tree Lighting in Alamo

The Alamo Merchant and Professional Association is sponsoring the Alamo Tree Lighting at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Andrew H. Young Park on Danville Boulevard at Jackson Way in Alamo. Attendees are urged to bring a new toy to donate to the Sheriff's Toy Drive. For information, contact Connie at 838-1456, fax 820-1663 or e-mail alamoflowerco@aol.com.

Kids & Teens

Elf Workshop

The Town of Danville's Recreation Department is hosting its annual Elf Workshop from 9:30-11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served while children create hands-on-holiday crafts and get a chance to take a photo with Santa. Preregistration is required. The cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. To register, call 314-3400. For information, call 314-3477.

Street Smarts Skate Nights is back

San Ramon and the Golden Skate are co-sponsoring Street Smarts Skate Nights, from 6:30-9 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month starting Sept. 21 and ending May 17 at the Golden Skate, 2701 Hooper Drive,

San Ramon. Come and start a season of fun, prizes and learn about traffic safety. For information, call Darlene Amaral at 973-2655.

Teen Movie Night

The Danville Library Teen Advisory Board will host a Teen Movie Night for the close of the 2005 Teen Reading Program, "Like the Movie? Read the Book!" Teen Movie Night is from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9, at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Come and enjoy pizza, popcorn and prizes. The event is free and open to all teens.

Lectures/ Workshops

Restorative Yoga and Reiki Workshop

Danett Rose is teaching a workshop

on restorative Yoga and Reiki, from 4-6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Diablo Yoga Center, 125A Town & Country Drive. Experience the deep relaxation and stress relief that comes when restorative Yoga poses are combined with Reiki energy healing. The fee is \$20 in advance or \$30 at the door. For information, call 838-7878.

Literary Events

First Wednesday Programs

The Friends of the Danville Library and Tri-Valley Community Foundation sponsor First Wednesday programs in the Mt. Diablo Room of the Danville Library at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, October through May, with the exception of January. Subjects include art lectures and slide

shows, music programs, and book and author programs. The program is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For information, call 938-7323.

Library Book Discussions

The Book Discussion Group has chosen books for December and 2006. The discussion group meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of every month from September through May at the Mt. Diablo room of the library. Everyone is welcome.

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.

On Stage

British Pantomime 'Thinderella'
The Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Thinderella" at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings, and 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-11, at the Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. The show is a send-up of the classic Cinderella fairy tale and includes music, dancing, jokes and slapstick humor. Good for children of all ages. Tickets are \$16 general and \$6 for children. For tickets, call 413-3463 or visit www.villageatreshows.com.

'Dames at Sea'
Stars 2000 Teen Theatre, sponsored by Diablo Light Opera Company, presents "Dames at Sea," a musical gem full of comedy, tap dancing, and torch songs. This full-scale Broadway musical will open Thursday, Dec. 29, and close Saturday, Jan. 7. Evening performances are at 8 p.m. and matinee performances are at 2 p.m., at the Danville Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Tickets range from \$12-\$14 and can be purchased by calling 314-3463.

Grand Night for Singing
Esses Productions presents Diablo Light Opera Company's production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "A Grand Night for Singing," at 8:15 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, and 2:15 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees, Dec. 10 and 11, at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$25, general admission and \$23 seniors and youth. For tickets and information, call 943-7469.

Impressions of the Nutcracker
The San Ramon Valley Dance Academy presents its 21st annual production of "Impressions of the Nutcracker," at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9; 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10; and 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Tickets are available at the Village Theatre Box Office, online at villageatreshows.com, or by phone at 314-3463. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for children and seniors. For information, call 837-4656.

Vesta, a Contemporary Drama
Quality of Life Coalition Inc. presents Vesta, a contemporary drama that examines with humor and warmth an ordinary family's challenges as its members journey with their mother during her final years. Performances are 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1; 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2; and 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at CTA/Crossroads Theatre, 1277 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek. Admission is \$15 and \$10 for seniors 65+. For information, call Carol at 887-5676.

Seniors

Bridge
Seniors meet to play bridge from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Friday at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Cost is \$1. Reservations are required. Call Jerri Kaldem at 837-6283.

Danville Senior Citizens Club
The club meets from 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., every Monday at the Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., for line dancing exercise, bingo, mah jong and more. Membership is just \$9 a year. Call Fran Britt at 743-4026.

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."

Prime Time for 'Seasoned Citizens'
Prime Time for "seasonal citizens" meets from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado. Homecooked lunch is \$3. For transportation, call 837-5229. Call 820-6387 with questions.

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

St. Isidore's Young at Heart
The Young at Heart meet from 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., every third Tuesday at St. Isidore Church, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Mass at 11:15 a.m. is optional. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. at no charge. Nonprofit bingo follows. Reservations appreciated. Call Joan Singer at 820-4447.

Walking Buddies
Morning hiking walks geared toward seniors meet in the lobby of the Walnut Creek Senior's Club at Civic Park, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Meet at 8 a.m. Tuesdays for walks on paved trails lasting 1 to 1-1/2 hours or Thursdays (same time) for 2-3 hour walks usually on unpaved trails. Group carpool to area locations for the more challenging outings. Call Maureen at 256-0690.

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.

Hospice Offers Support
Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa offers a variety of support groups and classes for people experiencing grief and loss after the death of a loved one. Individual counseling for Hospice families is also available. Groups are offered from 7-9 p.m., Friday evenings at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo. All groups and classes are offered without fee and require preregistration. For a schedule of groups in the Pleasant Hill area or additional information, contact Lee Ann Morgan, Bereavement Program Manager at 855-9317.

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>.

Blackhawk Museum Docent Training
If you are interested in becoming a much appreciated part of the Blackhawk Museum family while contributing to your community, making new friends, learning new things, and having fun, become a docent! Training is from 10 a.m.-noon, Mondays, Nov. 7 - mid-June 2006, at the Blackhawk Museum. For information, contact Norma at 736-2277 ext. 238.

Care for Wildlife and the Earth
The Lindsay Wildlife Museum offers classes providing information on the work of the museum and how you can help wildlife. The orientation is free, but preregistration is suggested. You must be at least 18 years old. Classes are from 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, and Wednesday, Jan. 11, and from 3-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10. For more information, call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife-museum.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
The academy seeks new volunteers and members to help with tasks ranging from bookkeeping to recruiting instructors. The group meets noon-1 p.m., the second Friday of the month at Richard's Art & Craft Store, 225

Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call Beth Batchelor at 837-5654.

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

Lindsay Wildlife Museum
Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and others about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. Call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Red Cross Volunteer Orientations
American Red Cross Blood Services is holding a volunteer orientation from 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Dec. 7, and 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6230 Claremont Ave., Oakland. Volunteers are needed to support monthly blood drives in the East Bay. For information, call 510 594-5165.

Regional Medical Center
The Contra Costa Regional Medical Center needs volunteers to work in patient services, gift shop or at the information desk. For an application or information, call Julie Kelley, Volunteer Coordinator, at 370-5441.

Search and Rescue
The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team needs volunteer members to respond to missing person incidents, disasters and other critical incidents. Team members are on call 24/7 year round. The program provides required training including wilderness traveling, first aid, map and compass, tracking disaster response and search skills, and may additionally include special training for canine, equestrian, technical, mountain bike or other rescue skills. For information and applications, visit www.contracostasar.org or call 646-4461.

Prime Westside Location
30 Old Town Lane Open Sunday Dec. 4, 1:30-4:00 p.m.



Beautiful 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath plus bonus room home. Designer touches throughout, model condition. Walk to town, schools and shopping. 5 years young with granite kitchen, stainless steel appliances, upgraded flooring, must see...WON'T LAST!!

Nicole Courtemanche
Century 21 Heritage Real Estate
(925) 216-1259






Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

HOME SALE OF THE WEEK DANVILLE



965 Elwyn Place, Danville

4 bedrooms plus office, wonderful open floor plan. Lush one+/- acre setting and manicured yard, situated among other beautiful estate properties.

Sold for \$1,633,000
Joyce Papas and Glen Landrum of Intero Real Estate

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during November 2005

Danville	Alamo	Diablo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 26	Total sales reported: 5	Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$458,000	Lowest sale reported: \$900,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,600,000	Lowest sale reported: \$315,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,600,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,650,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,600,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,750,000
Average sales reported: \$948,096	Average sales reported: \$1,725,000	Average sales reported: \$1,600,000	Average sales reported: \$704,557

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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

Danville

2 Bedrooms

1081 San Ramon Valley Blvd. \$505,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4075

3 Bedrooms

1833 N. Forest Hill Pl. \$699,999
Sun 1-4 p.m. Century 21 Heritage 846-7997

2186 Shoshone Cir. \$710,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty Associates 736-7632

426 Woodbine Ln. \$949,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 838-4300

4 Bedrooms

302 Sun Stream Ct. \$1,000,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 285-9827

61 Willowview Ct. \$1,089,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 314-2414

314 Zagora Dr. \$1,125,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 785-6219

616 Bourne Ct. \$1,149,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 216-0832

4204 Knollview Dr. \$1,179,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4125

23 Shadow Tree Ct. \$1,289,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Intero 855-4179

106 Windover Dr. \$1,599,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 736-1666

2100 Hidden Oak Dr. \$1,725,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 831-3326

246 Abigail Cir. \$890,000
Sun 2-4 p.m. Empire Realty 837-5679

124 El Cerro Ct. \$929,000
Sun 12-4 p.m. Pacific Union Real Estate 314-4803

1313 Still Creek Pl. \$Upon Request
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 314-2488

5 Bedrooms

230 Lyon Court \$1,479,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 846-6500

10 Creeklodge Ct. \$1,999,999
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 683-9799

35 Hidden Hills Pl. \$2,750,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA Realty 314-2414

Danville

5 Bedrooms

1120 Finley Rd. \$3,197,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. UCB Real Estate 351-8686

30 Old Town Ln. \$Upon request
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Century 21 Heritage 216-1259

3 Bedrooms Condo

704 Garden Creek Pl. \$505,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 787-8205

Diablo

2 Bedrooms

2065 Diablo Rd. \$1,499,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 785-6219

Alamo

4 Bedrooms

522 Tara Jean Ln. \$889,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 648-5331

114 Samantha Ct. \$1,650,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 943-3333

522 Tera Jean Ln. \$879,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 648-5331

5 Bedrooms

950 Forest Ln. \$2,995,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 838-4300

Blackhawk

4 Bedrooms

3127 Deer Meadow Dr. \$1,249,000
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 787-0448

4444 Deer Ridge Rd. \$2,199,000
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate Co. 683-6058

5 Bedrooms

2742 Deer Meadow Dr. \$2,125,000
Sat 1-4 p.m. Intero 648-5319

DIABLO KEYS REALTY

"Your Key To Service AND Savings"

**"It Shouldn't Cost the Price
of a Mercedes to Sell Your Home!"**

Full Service & Reduced Fee Brokerage

Your Savings may be as much
as \$40,000-\$50,000 on a Million Dollar Home
when compared to a 5-6% commission

Ask About Our Buyer Bonus Program
to Save on the Purchase of a Home

100% Service Satisfaction Guarantee

*If you are not pleased with how we are marketing
your home you may cancel our service at any time.*

Ann Naviaux

Broker/Owner



(925) 820-3300

Ann@DiabloKeysRealty.com

www.DiabloKeysRealty.com

208 W. El Pintado Road,
Suite D, Danville



CAROLYN DEGNAN



Buying and selling real estate in today's economic environment is full of road blocks. . . stay the course and call Carolyn. . . she'll take you home.

Office 925.314.1111 | Direct 925.963.8938
carolyn@apr.com



INTEROREALESTATE.COM

*Intero is the Fastest Growing Real Estate Company in the Nation**

* As recognized by the National Association of Realtors



BLACKHAWK

Phenomenal Pepperwood Estate \$2,799,000
Private end of court, surrounded by open space. Large granite and stainless kitchen, downstairs master and office, pool, spa, outdoor kitchen and much more.
Bonnie King 925.855.4072



BLACKHAWK

One of the Best! \$2,125,000
8 years old and just completely renovated with new carpets, interior designer paint finishes, exterior paint, new granite kitchen, new baths, new wine room and bar.
Mike Conklin 925.648.5319



DANVILLE

Look At This Value! \$1,999,999
6000+/-sf estate on cul-de-sac on over one-half acre level, park-like setting. Gorgeous grand entrance, natural stone and hardwood flooring, 5bd, 5-car garage.
Julie Long 925.683.9799



DANVILLE

Model-Perfect Magee Ranch \$1,599,000
Backs to open space with sparkling pool. Gourmet granite kitchen, 4bd, 3.5ba plus library. Luxurious master suite and bath with fireplace.
Carol Erbert 925.736.1666



DIABLO

All New Everything! \$1,499,000
Completely rebuilt from the frame up. Open floorplan with 4bd, 2ba, large bonus room. Turn-key, Country Club lifestyle. The lowest priced home in Diablo.
Dale Schroeder 925.785.6219



BLACKHAWK

Wow! Don't Miss This One! \$1,474,950
Wow! Don't miss this one with updated kitchen/stainless steel appliances. Pool and spa. 4bd, 3ba, master suite porch overlooking the hills.
Mary Cleland 925.998.3808



SAN RAMON

Belrose at Windemere \$1,282,000
5bd, 3ba, 3-car garage, gourmet kitchen with granite counters and GE stainless appliances, spacious backyard with built-in BBQ and waterfall.
Julie Whitmer 925.855.4033



BLACKHAWK

Backs to Open Space \$1,249,000
New interior paint, flooring, light fixtures, updated baths and remodeled kitchen with stainless appliances, slab granite counters and stone floors. Dramatic entry.
Sharon Dare 925.855.4041



SAN RAMON

Check Out This Price!! \$1,245,000
Soaring ceilings in rotunda, entry, living and dining. Tile in entry and downstairs bath. Maple kitchen cabinets with granite center island.
Paula Knapp 925.648.5331

**Danville
Blackhawk**

**15 Railroad Avenue
4105 Blackhawk Plaza Circle**

**925.855.4000
925.648.5300**

2005 Intero Real Estate Services, Inc. All rights reserved. The logo is a service mark of Intero Real Estate Services, Inc. *Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed

