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Weber property plan would add 3.7 acres to park

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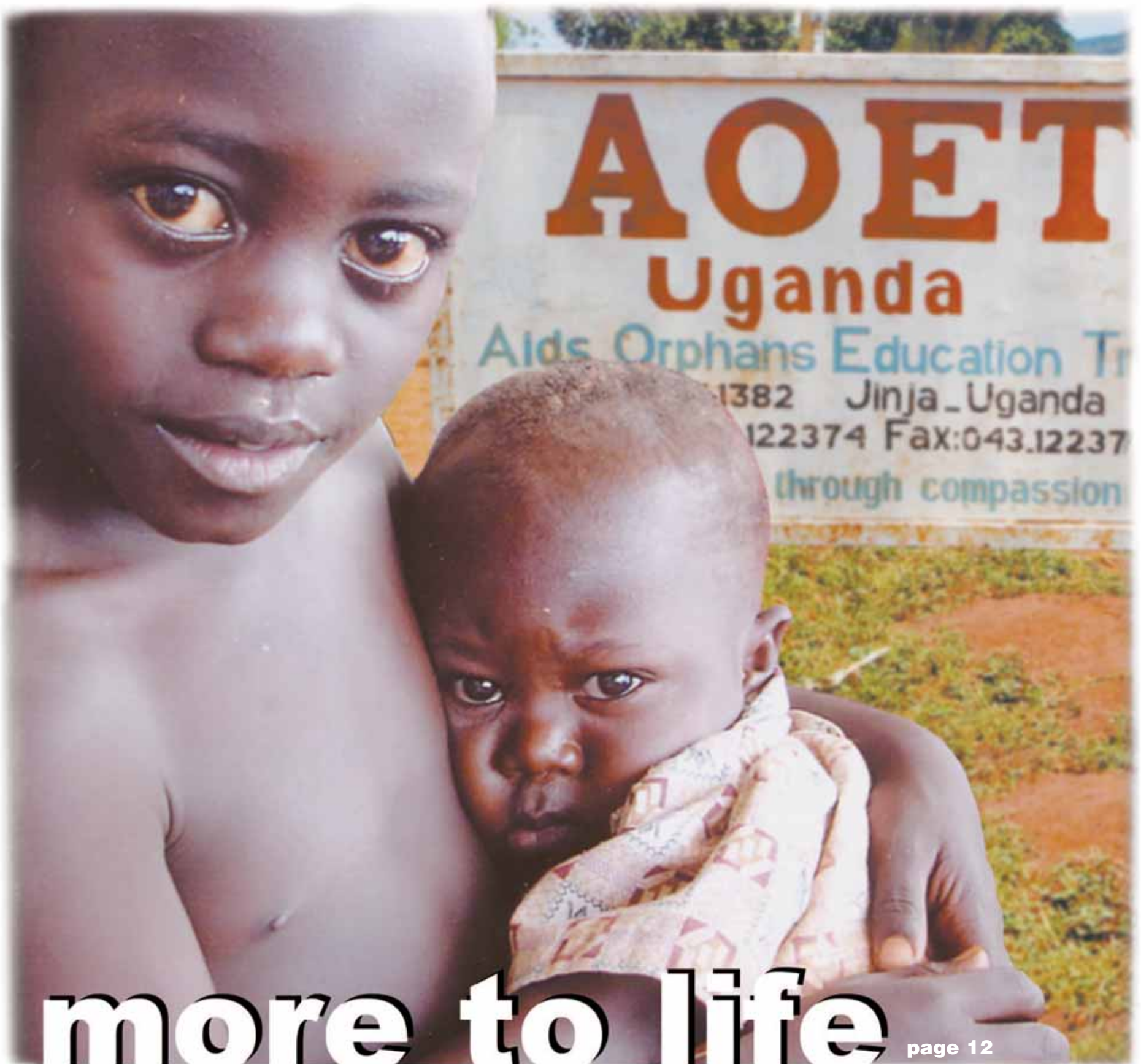
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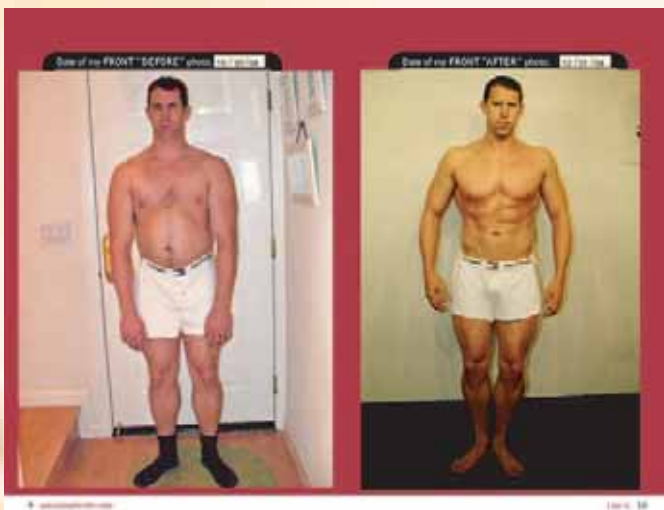
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**Darah Power**  
nurse



I would not leave my kids alone. My parents left me alone when I was 16 and that was a huge mistake. A lot of it depends on your child. I know my children and they are very responsible. To be left alone by yourself overnight is scary.

**Liane Swenson**  
Para-educator



I have a 13-year-old daughter and I leave her alone for four hours. And I have an 8-year-old son and a 4-year-old son, and I would not leave them alone. It depends on their maturity.

**Sheryl Sherrod**  
homemaker



I absolutely would leave my children alone during the evening but not overnight. They are 14 and 16 years old. We've been leaving them alone for a few years.

**Steve Beck**  
venture capitalist



I think it would probably depend on their maturity level. It would depend on their maturity and readiness. My kids are not at that level yet. I think they would be ready at 12.

**Nicole Gilmore**  
homemaker

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### ABOUT THE COVER

These children were at a dinner in their village last summer with a team from Danville-based Children of Grace, which provides resources to orphans and widows of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Uganda, partnering with AIDS Orphans Education Trust. This loving care by siblings is typical of what team members found; the light hair is a sign of malnutrition. Photo by David Boersma.

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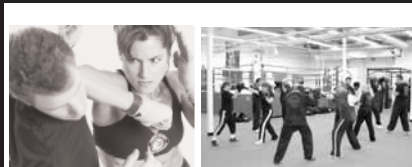


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—Mary Ann McCoy, explaining how she founded Children of Grace to help orphans and widows of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Uganda. See story, page 14.

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**‘Moms’ take to the stage**

The Singing Blue Star Moms will perform during the champagne reception at the second annual Hats Off America Casino Night from 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Jan. 21. The event will help provide financial support to the families of military personnel killed while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Tickets are \$65 per person and include hors d’oeuvres, dancing, gaming, live and silent auctions, and drawings for prizes. It is being hosted by Club Sport of San Ramon with catering by Yang’s Chinese restaurant. Bay Area DJ Steve Fox will provide dance music, and Sound Explosion is hosting the gaming with blackjack, Texas Hold ‘Em, roulette and craps.

Hats Off America was founded by Sparky George, owner of Classic Car Auto Restoration and Repair. In honor of service personnel deployed in Iraq, he has been running six miles a night, five days a week with a 5-pound weight since Sept. 15, 2002.

**Supervisor plans meeting to discuss Avian Flu and other disasters**

Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary N. Peipho, District 3, will be holding two Town Hall meetings in the upcoming month addressing Avian Flu and Disaster Preparedness.

The first meeting will be held at San Ramon Valley High School from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 4. The second will be held at Brentwood Community Center a week later.

Constituents will have a chance to learn about Avian Flu and how to prepare in case of emergency. Supervisor Piepho, and staff from the Sheriff’s Department and the Health Department will also be on hand to discuss these topics.

For more information, contact Piepho’s office at 820-8683.

**Learn about housing opportunities**

The Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center has three orientation meetings scheduled to inform residents about its services. The center was formed in 1992 to promote joint regional efforts to promote affordable homeownership and rental opportunities in the Tri-Valley. Participants include elected officials and staff from the Town of Danville and the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon, and Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

The orientations will take place Jan. 25 in Pleasanton; Feb. 16 in Danville; and March 7 in Dublin. The Danville meeting will run 6:30-8 p.m. at the Swain House at Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda Way. It will inform people about one-on-one housing counseling; homebuyer education classes; city programs; and credit and debt counseling. For more information, call 373-3930.

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**Corrections** The woman’s name who adopted the children in the story on adoption in the Jan. 6 issue is Diane Naprawa and her adopted daughter’s name is Sofia. She paid \$30,000 to the attorney who helped with the adoption.

## Planners to consider Weber property

*Development could result in Oak Hill Park expansion*

by Jordan M. Doronila

A California developer proposes to turn a muddy and curvy farmland adjacent to the back of Oak Hill Park into 22 family homes and dedicate 3.7 acres of the property to Danville, local officials said.

Davidon Homes, a California homebuilder for 20 years, submitted a proposal last month to turn the 15-acre Weber property into a residential area. The developer also is proposing to give Danville 3.7 acres of the property, which abuts 43-acre Oak Hill Park.

The Danville Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider the proposal at its Feb. 14 meeting at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. If the board approves the measure, the proposal will be reviewed by the Town Council three weeks later, said David Crompton, Danville Principal Planner.

"I think it'll be beneficial to the community," Crompton said. He said the 3.7 acres would allow the town to build another road that will give greater access to Oak Hill

Park. The new road will connect Blemer Road and Matadera Way, and another roadway will be built to connect to Oak Hill Park. The park's only entrances now are on Stone Valley Road.

**"I think it'll be beneficial to the community."**

—David Crompton, Danville Principal Planner, referring to plans for the 15-acre Weber property, which donates 3.7 acres to the town.

Town officials also want to create access to Hill Road and to alleviate traffic congestion at the Green Valley/Diablo Road intersection.

"It's a pretty attractive plan," said Jim Thayer, vice president of land acquisitions at Davidon.

The Weber property, which is located near Blemer and Diablo

roads and Matadera Way, is home to the last remaining Weber sister, Lucille Weber. The property was owned by the Salvation Army, with a "life estate" provision written into the deed ensuring the elderly Weber may stay on a 3.7-acre piece of the property as long as she chooses.

Davidon bought the Weber property from the Salvation Army in September 2004, with the provision of dedicating the 3.7 acres of the land to Danville after Lucille Weber has moved away.

The Town Council discussed the proposal in closed session last month, said Crompton.

Danville has been planning to have the Weber property developed for several years, he also noted.

The land provides an opportuni-

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**Right:** Davidon Homes plans to develop the 15-acre Weber property adjacent to the back side of Oak Hill Park with 22 homes, giving 3.7 acres to the town.



## No decision yet on new Duffield plans

*Homeowners Architectural Review Committee reviewing scaled-down project*

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

David and Cheryl Duffield still await word about their scaled down plans to build a home in Bryan Ranch nestling against Mount Diablo in east Alamo. Their new plans call for a 16,661-square foot, two-story home, which is much smaller than their original proposal for 72,000 square feet but still more than allowed by the recently amended CC&Rs for Bryan Ranch.

The Architectural Review Committee of the Bryan Ranch Homeowners Association is considering the Duffields' new plans but has yet to make a decision, said Tim Alman, president of the association, on Tuesday. "They have 30 days," Alman said. "It was submitted a week ago last Friday."

Neighbors in the environmentally respectful Bryan Ranch community became alarmed when the Duffields, the founder of PeopleSoft, submitted plans to tear down the existing home on 22

acres at the end of Country Oak Lane and build a mega-mansion. Besides the two-story house, plans called for a stable, pool and under-

**"We have downsized the home to approximately 17,000 square feet."**

—Jim Dugdale, project manager for David Duffield

ground garage for 20 cars, for an additional 25,000 square feet. The Duffields met with Bryan Ranch residents in October and, while everyone agreed they would be

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## Hockey time

Kaeden Ng, 7, a second-grader at Baldwin Elementary, is ready to roll as she learns the finer points of roller hockey from Mike Davis, coach and owner of East Bay Hockey, at Charlotte Wood Middle School. Davis teaches roller and sneaker hockey to children from 3 years to teens and supplies equipment for those who want to give it a try. The look on Kaeden's face shows she is enjoying learning the sport from Davis, a man who reportedly has endless patience with the young ones. Kaeden was taking a lesson along with her brother Joshua, 4.



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The Weber property, 15 acres of farmland near Blemer Road off Green Valley, is planned for 22 family homes with 3.7 acres adjacent to Oak Hill Park going to the Town of Danville.

**Weber**

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ty for a quality residential development as well as a circulation link between Matadera and Blemer Roads, according to Danville's 2010 General Plan, which contains goals and policies that regulate development, resource management and public safety.

If a new road is built, officials said, it should be designed to balance the needs of drivers, schools in the area, pedestrians, bicyclists and future residents of the development.

Crompton said there is a condition that some portion of the life estate parcel must be preserved as a monument or a memorial to the Weber family legacy after Lucille Weber moves or passes away. ■

**Duffield**

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nice neighbors, they continued to object to the size of the project.

In late November, 79 percent of the membership of the Bryan Ranch Homeowners Association voted to amend its covenants, conditions and restrictions to limit home sizes to 10,000 square feet. Seventy-five percent is needed to pass an amendment to the CC&Rs. The amendment was recorded with Contra Costa County on Nov. 28.

"We have downsized the home to approximately 17,000 square feet (exclusive of the garage and basement)," said the Duffield's

project manager Jim Dugdale in mid-December, noting this was a 75 percent reduction from the original plans. New plans call for a 1,200-square-foot attached garage; a 1,000-square-foot guesthouse; and a 600-square foot utility and equipment storage building.

The Architectural Review Committee is reviewing the Duffields' latest plans and will decide whether they comply with the CC&Rs, including the new 10,000-square-foot rule.

"John Warnloff, our counsel, is reviewing the recorded amendment to the CC&Rs now," said Alman. "He's advising the Architectural Review Committee regarding their potential decision." ■



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# Monte Vista senior wins oratorical contest

*Speech on Constitution is a winner*

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Monte Vista senior Adam Lathram defeated two students from San Ramon Valley High School in the local round of the National High School Oratorical Contest at Veteran's Hall in Danville last week.

The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is a competition that encourages students to develop a deeper appreciation of

understand the responsibilities and rights they have as citizens.

At the contest, Lathram beat senior Laila Fahamuddin and sophomore Angela Meng. His speech stressed the importance of how Article 5 of the American Constitution adapts and deals with change.

He will now move on to the regional competition. All contestants received cash prizes under \$60 and wooden plaques.

"The contest forces them to think about things that they don't normally think about," said Liz Paz-Rumore, a contest judge and an educator at Quarry Lane School in Dublin. "It makes an impression on their lives."

The contest is in its 69th year. Scholarship awards are presented to the three finalists in the national contest, with first place receiving \$18,000; second place, \$16,000; and third place, \$14,000.

Each state winner who participates in the first round of the National Contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Each first-round winner who advances to the second round, but does not advance to the final round, will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship to pursue education beyond high school.

Last year, Miramonte High School senior Daniel F. Berring of Orinda won the national contest and received a \$20,000 scholarship. ■



Adam Lathram (right) won the local American Legion's High School Oratorical Contest in competition with Laila Fahamuddin (left) and Angela Meng.

the U.S. Constitution as well as improving their social and analytical skills, Legion members said. The topic this year was the importance of Article 5 of the Constitution, which provides for making amendments to the Constitution.

"The whole point of the program is to encourage high school students to know more about the Constitution," said Ronald Roe, chief organizer of the contest in Danville. "The Constitution basically determines how our system works."

He added that knowing how the document works helps the students

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## More interesting than wild animals

Enjoying the Danville Weekly are (l-r) Connor Slee, Trevor Vazquez, Eric Burstedt, John Murphy, Omid Azzizi and Kyle Hicks, members of Cub Scout Den 9 from Sycamore Valley Elementary School, on a trip to the Oakland Zoo.

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# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## A long winter's sleep

In this cold weather it's great to snuggle in a warm bed at night. And never do I appreciate a long winter's night sleep without thinking of my good friend Herkimer. He is a guy who really knows how to sleep. As a matter of fact he sleeps all winter long. He's a desert tortoise.

When I was a child growing up in San Jose, my father was in love with the Nevada desert. He tried to go a couple of weeks each year and made friends with old-timers and historians. He was never so happy as when enjoying a morning cup of coffee in front of some ramshackle structure in one of Nevada's ghost towns, contemplating the sagebrush. He even published a Nevada Treasure Hunters Ghost Town Guide, which is still for sale out of Las Vegas. On one of his trips, he returned with two desert tortoises. This was the 1950s and no one worried about removing them from their native environment. He bought these two at a roadside stand, thinking they'd be nice pets for my sister and me. We loved them! They were fascinating in their prehistoric way, with their hind legs like those of a miniature elephant. They weren't as sluggish at one might think, and occasionally would chase each other across the yard at a pretty good clip. Some acquaintance of my father's donated another tortoise to our hard-shelled menagerie—it was Herkimer. He was larger than the others, at least a foot in length at that time, and became king of the

yard. The two smaller tortoises somehow escaped, with the result that our family inspected each inch of the yard's perimeter to make sure Herkimer was safe and secure.

Herkimer was a favorite with our friends, who all wanted to see him whenever they came over. Occasionally we would bring him in a big box to show and tell. Each winter he would go into the workshop my father had in the backyard and burrow behind the boxes. It was so exciting each year to know that spring was coming—Herkimer had emerged! My sister and I grew up and moved away, and soon Herkimer was being visited by the grandchildren. We have photos of each of the six of them cautiously feeding lettuce into his strong little jaws. Occasionally a child's finger would be bitten as Herkimer clamped down on the lettuce, resulting in cries and tears that didn't seem to affect him at all.

Then a funny thing happened after 42 years. My mother decided it was time for Herkimer to find a new home. All those years she had watched with dismay as he ate her prize flower buds, as well as the apricots that fell from the trees, but we had not taken her complaints seriously. We were all shocked that he was being evicted! I brought Herkimer to my house off Livorna Road. My two cats were fascinated, following him on his first trek across our yard, being careful not to get too close. It didn't take long for Herkimer to tear the watering

system from among our bushes and destroy our flowerbeds. Then he escaped. We checked with Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek and, to our relief, someone had turned him in. They said he was a fine specimen and asked if we would donate him to be their desert tortoise on exhibit. But that isn't what I wanted for my old friend. We next confined him to our side yard, all rocks and solid fencing and totally lacking in aesthetics.

Soon my friend Maria told me something wonderful: Her boss, Mike Howard, who runs a financial consulting company in Alamo, had had a desert tortoise when his kids were young and would like to have another one. He came that very afternoon to pick up Herkimer and take him home where his wife Mimi welcomed him. Apparently Herkimer made himself right at home, first of all kicking their dog out of his doghouse and claiming it for his own. It's been a few years now and the Howards report they are still enjoying him very much. If they leave their sliding door open, he marches right into the family room and hides behind the TV. They buy him apricots and fix a spot in their garage for him to hibernate each winter. Now their grandchildren feed him lettuce in the summertime. Meanwhile my mother has flowers in her garden. And I fall asleep thinking of Herkimer hunkering down for his long winter's nap in his happy new home. ■

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## POLICE LOG

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### Jan. 2

- Suspicious circumstances: on Silver Lake Dr., at 7:41 a.m.
- Substance thrown at vehicle-misdemeanor: on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd., at 10:41 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: at Blackhawk Plaza, at 11:07 p.m.

### Jan. 3

- Burglary, residential: arrest on El Capitan Dr., at 2:09 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Camaritas Wy., at 10:33 a.m.
- Warrant arrest: on Brookside Dr. and Pinecone Dr., at 12:17 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Rima Ct., at 4:27 p.m.

### Jan. 4

- Driving under the influence (DUI), misdemeanor: arrest on Crow Canyon Rd. and Tassajara Ranch Rd., at 12:25 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Plumeria Ct., at 10:30 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Diablo Creek Pl., at 1:40 p.m.
- Accident-property damage: on I-680 southbound and Sycamore Valley Rd., at 6:02 p.m.
- Warrant arrest: on Starview Pl., at 7:08 p.m.

### Jan. 5

- Warrant arrest: on Hartz Ave., at 12:23 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: accident investigation on Podva Rd. and San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 11:14 am
- Accident-property damage: accident investigation on Holbrook Dr., at 12:43 p.m.
- Hit & run-misdemeanor: accident investigation on Hartz Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 1:12 pm
- Malicious mischief: on Lehigh Valley Cir., at 1:47 p.m.
- Vandalism-felony: on Gingerwood Ln., at 6 p.m.
- Hit & run-misdemeanor: on Montair Dr., at 6:34 p.m.

### Jan. 6

- Burglary, commercial: arrest on San Ramon Valley Blvd., at 4:28 p.m.
- Burglary, commercial: arrest on Fostoria Wy., at 6:40 p.m.

### Jan. 7

- Possession of dangerous drugs: arrest on Hartz Ave., at 1:06 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Gil Blas Rd., at 1:35 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Ramona Rd., at 11:12 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Junewood Ct., at 12:43 p.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Century Wy., at 5:57 p.m.

### Jan. 8

- Malicious mischief: on Fostoria Cir., at 11:11 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Christine Dr., at 2:59 p.m.
- Embezzlement-felony: arrest on Front St. and Hartz Wy., at 4:13 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on Sunhaven Rd., at 4:23 p.m.

- Malicious mischief: on Camino Tassajara, at 10:16 p.m.

- Stolen vehicle: on Creeklodge Ct., at 10:13 p.m.

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

### ALAMO

#### Jan. 3

- Grand theft-from building: on Crest Estates Dr.

#### Jan. 4

- Burglary-residential: on Oak Rd.

#### Jan. 7

- Battery-misdemeanor: on Granite Dr. and Sandstone Rd.

#### Jan. 8

- Burglary-residential: on Alamo Wy.

### BLACKHAWK

#### Jan. 5

- Malicious mischief: on Blackhawk Meadow Dr.

#### Jan. 7

- Burglary-auto: on Saddleback Dr.

#### Jan. 8

- Malicious mischief: on Deer Ridge Rd.

### ROUNDHILL

#### Jan. 3

- Petty theft: on Cherry Hills Ct.



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**The privilege of driving**

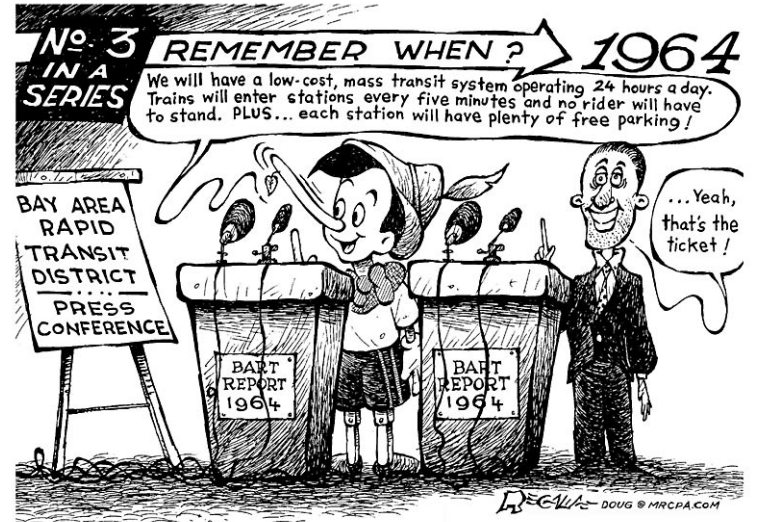
The new driving laws that went into effect in California on Jan. 1 are a reminder to all of us that driving is a privilege, not a right. While they are aimed at new young drivers with provisional licenses, they should make each of us more aware, as we climb behind the wheels of our two-ton vehicles, of their potential to cause damage—to property but especially to life and limb.

If you have a teenage driver in your house, the impact and “fairness” of these laws have been all the buzz. The new laws prohibit drivers under the age of 18 from driving between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.; formerly the prohibition began at midnight. They also make young drivers wait a year from the date their license was issued before driving with passengers under 20, and this law is retroactive, which is unusual. Previously the waiting period was six months so in some cases, teenage drivers who had already passed the six-month period and had begun to drive their friends must now stop until they have had their license a year. Of course, some teenagers believe this is patently unfair.

The laws are aimed at problems that have been developing over the last century as driving becomes difficult with the increasing traffic and the size of the vehicles we choose. Add cell phones to that and busy lives, and the distractions are innumerable. Experienced drivers have a fighting chance because of their years of defensive driving but insurance statistics prove that younger drivers have accidents. According to a local insurance broker, 107 percent of the young people between 18 and 21 have accidents.

The new teenage driving laws are intended to reduce distractions, and to get youths off the road earlier when danger increases from those who drink and drive. While our children may not believe they are “fair,” and some adults will be inconvenienced because teenage carpooling will be more difficult, they will help reduce accidents and keep our kids safer. And they are a reminder to all of us to respect the potential for a catastrophe when we are behind the wheel.

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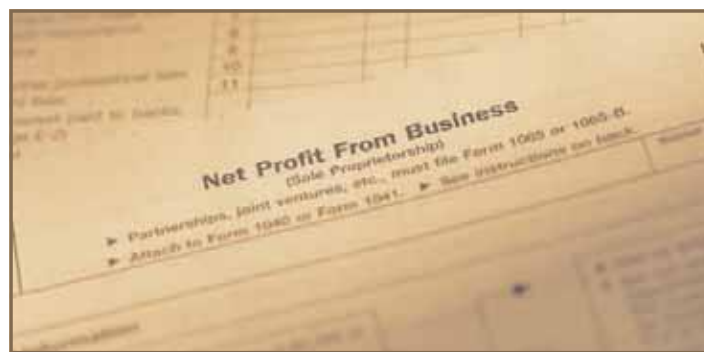
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## Diablo water polo girls win national championship

*Hard work pays off at Speedo Cup in St. Louis*

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The Diablo 14-and-Under Water Polo team became the first team from Northern California to win a Gold medal in the prestigious Speedo Cup National Championship recently held in St. Louis. The team won all six games and beat powerhouse Tustin from Southern California 7-6 in the championship finals. The team is coached by Maureen O'Toole-Purcell, who won the silver medal playing on the 2000 U.S. Olympic Water Polo Team.

"The reason the girls had such great success was because we worked very hard in practice, were strong in all positions and just a great 'team,'" said O'Toole-Purcell.

To prepare for the championship, the Diablo girls practiced every morning at 5:30 a.m. and returned in the afternoon to work out against the Diablo 14-and-under boys team. This intense practice paid off as they only lost two games out of 30 games in 2005. The two losses came against the Stanford 14 and under boys team.

Kelly Mendoza, who is Purcell's daughter, led the team in the National Championship games with 26 goals and 20 assists. Maggie Steffans had 21 goals and nine assists; and Emilie Anderson had 32 saves.

In the championship game, Steffans scored three goals and one



Diablo 14 and Under Water Polo team champs include (front row, l-r) Tori Bidwell, Emily Malin, Brittany Davison, Sammie Trenkwalder, Maddy Smith, Kelly Mendoza; (back row) Melissa Souza, Sarah Clakley, Kylie Fahey, Kayla Wagner, Molly Hafferkamp, Emilie Anderson, Maggie Steffans and Maddy Rosenthal.

assist and received the Maggie O'Toole Award for most outstanding player of the tournament.

The girls had high hopes for next year because all but two players will return. ■

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### PREP SCHEDULE

#### Friday

**Girls Basketball:** San Ramon at Granada, 7 p.m., Monte Vista vs. Livermore, 7 p.m.

**Boys Basketball:** San Ramon vs. Granada, 7 p.m., Monte Vista at Livermore, 7 p.m.

**Boys Soccer:** San Ramon at Amador Valley, 5:30 p.m., Monte Vista vs. Granada, 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday

**Girls Soccer:** San Ramon vs. Monte Vista, 5:30 p.m.

**Girls Basketball:** San Ramon at Livermore, 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday

**Boys Basketball:** San Ramon vs. Livermore, 7 p.m.

**Boys Soccer:** San Ramon at Monte Vista, 5:30 p.m.

#### Thursday

**Girls Soccer:** San Ramon at Foothill, 5:30 p.m., Monte Vista at Cal High, 5:30 p.m.

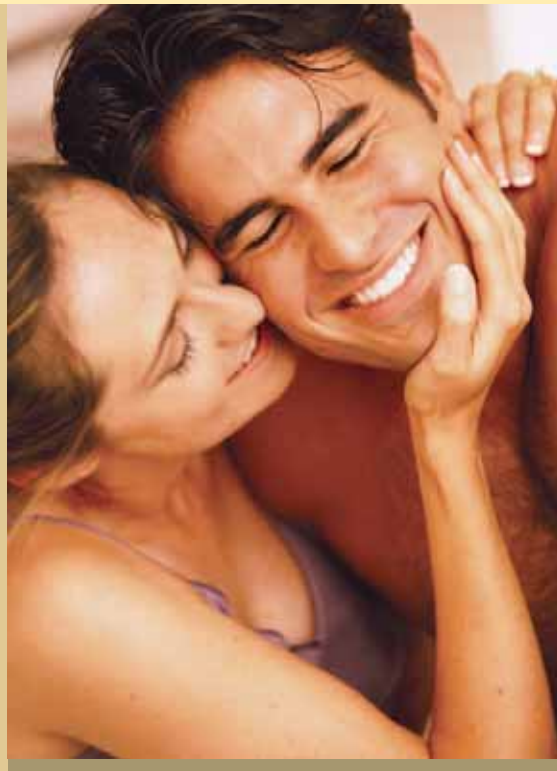
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# more to life

## Children of Grace helps Ugandan children orphaned by AIDS

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Mary Ann McCoy found retirement a bit too leisurely. She played golf, traveled with her husband Michael, then said, "There must be more to life than this."

In November 2000, Michael handed her a copy of Fortune magazine, saying, "You want something to do? How about this?" It featured a story called "Death of a Continent: Africa will never be the same. AIDS is killing its best and brightest, leaving a generation of orphans behind."

The writer, Brian O'Reilly, noted that AIDS is "killing off the most productive people in Africa: the well educated, the prosperous, the powerful, the parents of young children." Toward the end of the article, he said what "ordinary" people can do, and one suggestion was, "Persuade your church to bankroll a village orphanage."

Mary Ann McCoy took it a step further. She searched on the Web for an organization to work with and found the AIDS Orphans Education Trust (AOET), and asked what she could do to help.

"They said they had a little girl whose mother had just died of AIDS, her father had previously died of AIDS, and they would appreciate the finances to keep her in school," recalled McCoy. "I sponsored more and more, and then thought I'd have to get others involved."

She also traveled to Uganda, where there are approximately 2 million children orphaned by AIDS. On her first trip she met Grace, an AIDS sufferer who was the arts and crafts coordinator at AOET, teaching women how to make items out of banana fibers. Grace also educated other Ugandan women about AIDS, said McCoy, and this was five years ago when people didn't talk about it and families affected by it were ostracized.

"I got to know Grace really well," she said. "She was probably 31, had two children of her own and two she was caring for whose parents had died of AIDS. We talked about her hopes and dreams and the children's futures."

"When I was getting ready to leave, she came up to me and told me she'd never see me again in this life," recalled McCoy. "She turned to me and said, 'Mary Ann, who's going to take care of my children?' I promised her I'd do everything I could."

"That's my commitment," McCoy continued. "Because of her children, and her, I'm doing what I'm doing."

Her organization, called Children of Grace, is a nonprofit volunteer program affiliated with the Community Presbyterian Church in Danville. It provides money and other resources to the orphans and widows of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Uganda, working with AOET.

"We're mission partners," McCoy said. "I raise support for their organization and sponsor children for their organization."

AOET's New Victory Primary School in Mbiko, a village that has been ravaged by HIV/AIDS, for a long time did not have enough funding to give every child lunch, although it was often their only meal of the day. Fifty students sponsored through Children of Grace were fed from a big pot of corn meal each lunch time but the rest of the 300 students went hungry.

"Danville volunteers that work for Children of Grace took on the project and went out and raised \$8,000," said McCoy. "They will use that over the next couple of years (to feed the non-sponsored students), then we plan to start a farming project at the school." That project will enable the school to be self-sustaining with its lunch program.

Another big event in McCoy's life is her newly adopted daughter Zahara, who became an American citizen when their plane touched down in Seattle on Christmas Eve. They brought her into their home two years ago on a student visa, and she attends the Athenian School.

"We fell in love with her and thought we'd better make her our daughter," said McCoy. She said they completed the final adoption process in Uganda in a record two weeks, thanks largely to her husband's efficiency in having every paper the government possibly could have requested.

"It was such a dream," recalled McCoy. "My husband and I sat in the U.S. Embassies in Nairobi and Kampala and as I sat there I heard person after person denied. Some women left in tears because they hadn't done all the paperwork."

The night before they left Uganda, they held a celebration. "About 175 people from her village came," said McCoy. "We had Father Christmas and a band."

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place in June for the new Rehaboth Primary School in the village of Bugembe, being built by Children of Grace to accommodate 320 children affected by HIV/AIDS. People can still help out by purchasing desks, blackboards and school supplies as well as sponsoring children, said McCoy. The school will have eight classrooms with electrical outlets and overhead lighting, as well as a library and computer room, administrative offices, kitchen and restrooms with running water.

Children of Grace held a major fundraiser in 2004 at the Blackhawk Country Club for the construction of the school, which raised over \$75,000. The Community Presbyterian Church donated \$32,000 and other contributions total \$25,000. The group sends teams over each year to volunteer at the HIV/AIDS clinics and schools.

Children of Grace is also working with AOET to build a better New Victory Primary School in Mbiko. "This is an extremely poor school with classrooms that are virtually crumbling," said McCoy. "We have purchased 20 acres of land so that they can eventually build a new school on the property." She said a donor here gave money for a permanent latrine, which should be started sometime this month, and they plan to put up temporary classrooms so they can stop paying rent at the old school.

Anyone who wants to help can donate money to help the farming project, she noted. "You can buy a pig for our piggery for \$10. Chickens are five for \$20," she said. "It's really nothing and it really makes a huge difference." Sponsoring a child costs \$30 a month, which provides school fees, uniforms, scholastic materials, lunch and health care. Contact Mary Ann McCoy at 736-7533 or e-mail maryann@childrenofgrace.com.

As director of Children of Grace and as the newly adopted mother of Zahara, she has learned there indeed can be more to life than a leisurely retirement. ■



Zahara Christine McCoy visits with a giraffe at a Nairobi wildlife preserve in December, while finalizing her adoption by Michael and Mary Ann McCoy, founder of Children of Grace.

# on a mission

Danville couple energized by experiences in Uganda



Top: Tony (right) is sponsored by Velda Wardley-Boersma and David Boersma, and Dorcus (left) by their neighbors, the Charbonnet family. They are both in the fifth grade at New Victory School in the town of Mbiko.

Center: Velda Wardley-Boersma feels the energy of the children as they surround her, chanting, when she visits their village in Uganda on a medical outreach program with Children of Grace.

Bottom: Folks in a village in Uganda wait to be seen by the medical team from the AIDS Orphans Education Trust, many to be tested for HIV.

When Velda Wardley-Boersma and David Boersma traveled from their home in Danville to Uganda last summer, they worked at schools and clinics to help the families affected by AIDS. She also left behind for the African women the light cotton skirts and blouses her mother made her especially for the trip.

David, a police lieutenant in Alameda, gave every child a badge that said "Junior Police," which they proudly attached to their clothing. Velda, a nutritionist, counseled Ugandan women about the importance of eating well when they are HIV-positive.

Nonetheless Velda summed up the experience: "They gave us more than we gave them."

"The Ugandan people are very friendly," she said. "I can't tell you how many people invited us into their homes to just talk to us, and find out where we're from."

They were part of a mission of 11 people sponsored by Children of Grace to help Ugandan orphans and widows of the AIDS epidemic. Family and friends helped them pay for the trip as well as a mission scholarship. They prepared beforehand with classes at Community Presbyterian Church on what to expect, plus had cultural training in Berkeley.

After a 10-hour plane ride to England and a seven-hour layover in London, the team still had a nine-and-a-half hour plane ride to Entebbe, then a three-hour ride to the village. They traveled in three vans along the red dirt roads, weighted down with medical and school supplies as well as food snacks. They bunked in special quarters that house missionaries when they visit.

"We started work at 9 in the morning," recalled Velda. "From 8:30 to 9, we had spiritual devotions; we would pray and sing hymns, and a staff member would give a mini-sermon." She said AIDS Orphans Education Trust has a doctor, pharmacist, counselor and medical technician who go out into the bush to the villages several hours away to examine the people, test them for HIV and dispense medicine.

"Our first day, we went out on this medical outreach," she said. "There were all these children, about 50 to 60 children, greeting us. They were in awe of us and we were in awe of them."

They were staring, giving greetings and high-fives to each other, when Velda found herself surrounded alone in a circle of children in what she called an "incredible" experience.

**"They put up their hands and started chanting," she remembered. "I chanted with them. I could feel their energy—mine to them and theirs to me."**

She said the team examined many adults for HIV. David helped with the testing, putting the solution on the litmus paper, while Velda sat in on the examination with the doctor. They tested only one child. "Unfortunately she came out positive," Velda said quietly.

They also worked at the school in the village of Bugembe, teaching arts and crafts with the supplies they had brought.

"Every single class stood up and greeted us with a song," said Velda. "There was this one little girl named Ruthie we became very attached to. Both of her parents died of AIDS, she's 10 and now being raised by her grandmother. The kids in her class wrote this song about AIDS, saying we shouldn't stigmatize children because they have parents who died of AIDS, that it affects the old, the young, the Asian, the American. It was very touching."

She said a lot of the children at the school were orphaned and being raised by neighbors. One of the directors at AOET is raising 14 children—his own five, another five of his brother who died of AIDS, and four of another family member who also died of AIDS.

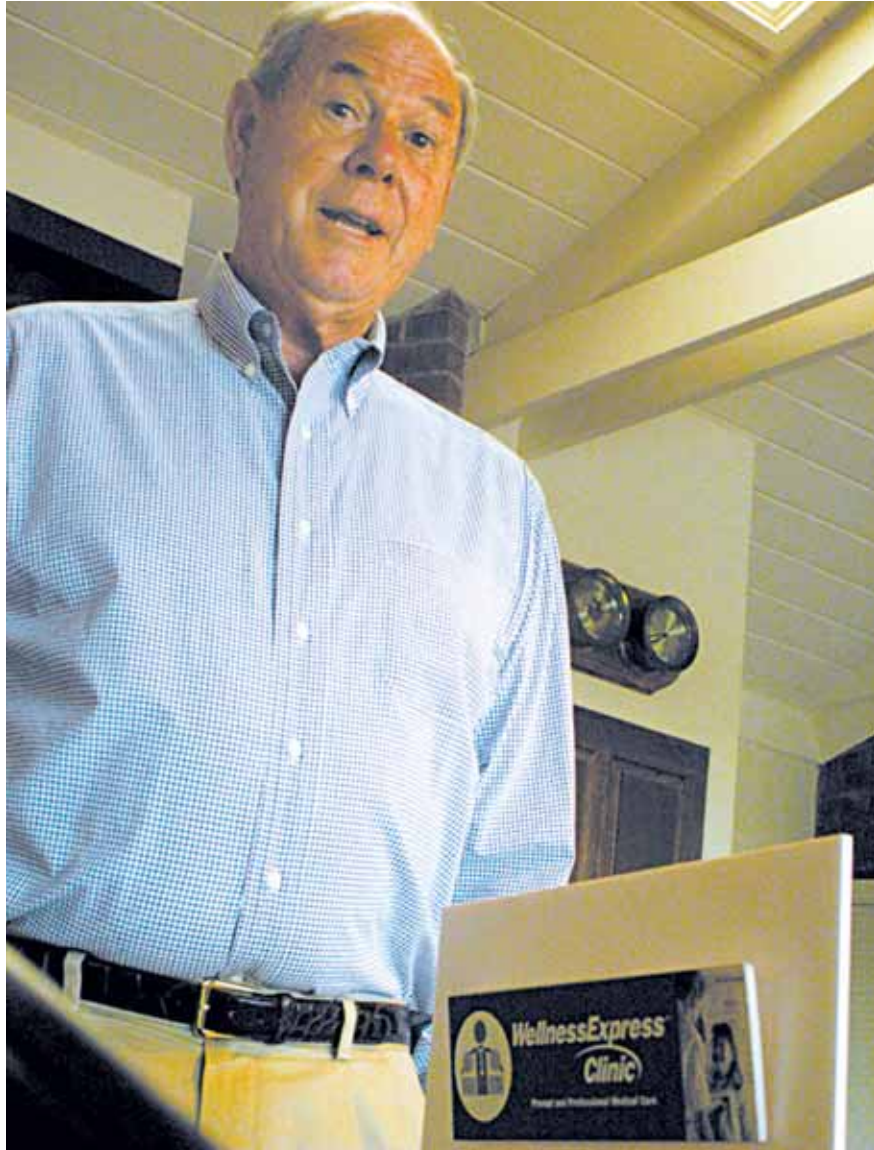
They left with so many impressions—the eight-foot anthills; the pride of the people, who dressed nicely every day in colorful clothing; the children chewing on the sugar cane; the mud huts in the villages; the small shops in the towns where the people lived in back; the quiet and lushness of the villages with their palm and mango trees, and the corn fields; the red dirt roads that turned quickly to mud in the equatorial downpours.

David recalled that when they arrived in Entebbe it seemed destitute, but they were to visit much poorer places in the next two weeks. "On the way back, I thought, 'This is really a nice place,'" he said with a laugh.

"These people have nothing," said Velda. "They are lucky if they have a roof over their heads. They have to go to a well for water and if the well is on someone else's property, they have to pay for the water."

"What was amazing to me was how happy, how giving they were, of their love and their culture. And how happy the children are. How accepting they were of us and how grateful they were that we were there, even though we just gave them arts and crafts and played with them."

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



Danville resident Paul Kaufmann displays his WellnessExpress Clinic model at his home, illustrating how his business idea works in several locations in Northern California.

## Entrepreneur finds opportunity in the medical field

*Clinics in drug stores cater to those who want fast service*

story and photo by **Jordan M. Doronila**

The magic of dreaming the unthinkable and earning oodles of money continue to flow through Paul Kaufmann's veins—even at 69.

"I am an entrepreneur," said the Danville resident.

Kaufmann—who recently became famous for being in possession of Ludwig van Beethoven's bones—has started a chain of convenient and affordable health clinics located inside drug stores. He joined with a group of doctors less than a year ago to open the WellnessExpress Clinics in Northern California, he said.

Each clinic is a medical office that offers basic health care for ailments such as ear infections, sore throats, acne, shingles, minor back pain and tendonitis. It also offers vaccinations for influenza, tetanus, hepatitis A and B, pneumonia, polio and meningococcal.

research on his concept.

The firm discovered that building an in-drug store health clinic was a "blue ocean idea," meaning that it had the potential of making billions of dollars, Kaufmann said. It also said the prime target market would be insured moms with children who are willing to co-pay.

To make health services affordable, he said he keeps costs down by leasing space by the square foot, hiring one health professional to manage a clinic, and eliminating clerks and paperwork.

The WellnessExpress Clinics is divided into two companies: clinical and management services. Kaufmann takes care of administrative and management duties such as billing, funding, licensing and supplies, which allows health professionals to devote more time to their work.

He added that his health professionals have

**"We're the only one doing this in California. We're breaking new ground."**

—Paul Kaufmann, founder of WellnessExpress Clinics

"WellnessExpress Clinic services are an extension—not a replacement—for health care services provided at primary care facilities," said WellnessExpress Clinic co-owner Dr. Wesley Chan, also a Danville resident.

All clinics are staffed by a nurse practitioner or a physician's assistant, and patient sessions take around 20 minutes each, located in Longs Drugs. There are no appointments necessary to see a health professional at WellnessExpress, Kaufmann said.

"Patients don't have to wait," he said.

Health professionals working can also provide prescriptions for medications, and supervising physicians are just a call away, he said.

The clinics are located in Campbell, Davis, Salinas, Sonoma, San Jose and Sunnyvale. Each session for treating basic ailments costs \$59.

"Paul gives us a lot of autonomy," said Sharron Daggett, a nurse practitioner at the San Jose WellnessExpress, which opened in late November. "It feels like my own clinic."

"I get employees from Longs asking medical questions all the time," she said. "Patients ask, 'Are you for real?'"

"We're the only one doing this in California," said Kaufmann. "We're breaking new ground."

"It's cheap and affordable," he added.

Kaufmann and his associates are considering expanding in Daly City, Fruitvale-Oakland, San Leandro and Santa Clara. Kaufmann said the clinics would expand regionally and then nationally.

"Our objective is to go nationally," he said. "Right now, we have enough opportunity working with Longs Drugs."

"We want our services to be better than anyone else," he added.

The idea of creating the WellnessExpress Clinic came as a result of a golfing accident suffered by Kaufmann, he said. His leg bled and he needed 40 stitches, and when he went to the hospital, he had to wait in a long line. Plus, he realized that medical doctors were occupied with administrative duties, which made it difficult for them to spend quality time with their patients.

As result of his hospital experience, WellnessExpress was born.

"A light just went on," he said.

Kaufmann and his business partners came together and hired a marketing firm to do

access to databases of treatments for different ailments and if they have questions, they can call doctors. Patients requiring emergency or specialized or acute care beyond the scope of WellnessExpress will be referred to other local medical care providers.

WellnessExpress takes no Medicare coverage because healthcare professionals are unable to provide adequate services for elderly people 65 and over because the clinics don't have their medical history, said Kaufmann. There are also reimbursement issues between healthcare professionals and Medicare.

Kaufmann said he partnered with Longs to open the clinics at the drugstore chain because it is the largest in the area. Over \$2 million was raised in capital to start up the new venture, he added.

Similarly, Rick Kreiger started MinuteClinic, a chain of low-cost health facilities in the Midwest and East Coast, after waiting two hours for his son to get a strep throat test in Minneapolis. Since its inception in 2000, MinuteClinic has opened health care centers in CVS pharmacy stores and has now provided nearly 300,000 patient visits.

Paul Kaufmann was born in Honolulu in 1936. He attended the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., and received a bachelor's degree in general engineering. He earned a masters of business administration at Stanford University.

Joan Kaufmann, his wife, said she met him in 1958 when her brother introduced them at their family home in Long Island. She said her mother fell in love with him immediately.

"He loves to surprise me," Joan said. "He's a very emotional person."

She said there are moments when her husband cries after watching a moving drama on television. To cover up his tears, he hides behind the newspaper, pretending to read it.

She said she likes being married to a man who's not afraid to cry. "If a man can't cry, I then wonder why not," she said.

The couple has a daughter named Lynn.

Paul Kaufmann also owns GolfSpan, a golf instruction company, and has also been involved with environmental cleanup services. He said he likes his life as an entrepreneur.

"It's exciting for a kid born in Hawaii, coming from a middle class family," he said. ■

## AT THE MOVIES

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

<b>Brokeback Mountain (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:15, 4, 7, 10 p.m. <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:20, 3:30, 6:45, 9:40 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:30, 7, 10 p.m., Mon-Tues no show 10 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 1, 4:05, 7:15, 10:40 p.m.
<b>Capote (R)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:05, 4:55, 9:45 p.m.
<b>Casanova (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:25 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:40 a.m., 1:35, 4:15, 7:30, 10:20 p.m.
<b>Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tu noon, 2:35, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:40 a.m., 1:30, 4:20, 7, 9:50 p.m., Tues no show 10:40 a.m., Open Captioned Fri 10:40 a.m., Sat 1:30 p.m., Sun 10:40 a.m., 9:50 p.m., Mon 10:40 a.m.
<b>Fun With Dick and Jane (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:55 a.m., 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:05 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50 p.m.
<b>Glory Road (PG)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 p.m.
<b>Grandma's Boy (R)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:20, 2:50, 5:25, 8, 10:45 p.m.
<b>Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13)</b>	<b>Regal Imax Theaters:</b> Fri-Tues 12:45, 4, 7:15, 10:30 p.m.
<b>Hoodwinked (PG)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:45 a.m., 1, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:25 p.m.
<b>Hostel (R)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 8:05, 10:35 p.m.
<b>King Kong (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 3:35, 8 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 3:40, 7:30 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 2:30, 6:30, 10:15 p.m.
<b>Last Holiday (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:40 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.
<b>Match Point (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:30 p.m. <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:35, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 1, 4:05, 7:15, 10:10 p.m.
<b>Memoirs of a Geisha (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:50, 7:05, 10:25 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues noon, 3, 6:50, 9:50 p.m., Mon-Tues no show 9:50 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:55, 7:20, 10:40 p.m.
<b>Munich (R)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:05, 3:30, 6:55, 10:20 p.m. <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:45, 4:15, 7:45 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 3:10, 6:45, 10:10 p.m., Mon-Tues no show 10:10 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 3:20, 7:10, 10:50 p.m., Tues Open Captioned 11:20 a.m., 7:10 p.m.
<b>Pride &amp; Prejudice (PG)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 2:25, 7:15 p.m.
<b>Rumor Has It (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 1:35, 4:15, 6:55, 9:40 p.m.
<b>Syriana (R)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:35 a.m., 4:40, 10:50 p.m.
<b>The Chronicles of Narnia (PG)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:20, 3:20, 6:45, 9:35 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 12:10, 3:15, 6:40, 9:40 p.m., Mon-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:35, 3:50, 7:05, 10:20 p.m.
<b>The Family Stone (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 p.m. <b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 12:40, 4, 7:15, 9:45 p.m., Mon-Tues no show 9:45 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:45 a.m., 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40 p.m.
<b>The Polar Express (G)</b>	<b>Regal Imax Theaters:</b> Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m.
<b>The Producers (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 1:40, 7:55 p.m.
<b>The Ringer (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 8:05, 10:35 p.m.
<b>The White Countess (PG-13)</b>	<b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:50 p.m.
<b>Tristan &amp; Isolde (PG-13)</b>	<b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:50, 10:50 p.m.
<b>Walk the Line (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:10, 3:40, 6:50, 9:45 p.m. <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 9:55 p.m.



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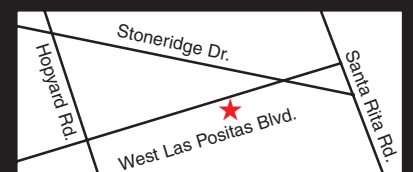
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## The annual kitchen tune-up

No doubt you spent some time in your kitchen every day in 2005, even if you didn't cook daily. It's one of the most frequented rooms in any house. So, before you foray into 365 new days of cooking, January is an ideal time to give your primary food station an overview and overhaul. It's likely that—after 12 months of meals, snacks, school lunches, holidays and get-togethers—the space is in need of a little attention and care. Give your kitchen a well-deserved tune-up and get your epicurean efforts off to a fresh start with these easy steps:

### • **Fridge Purge, Brain Freeze!**

First and foremost, it's time to clear out a year's worth of food that never got cooked or eaten. Start with the freezer and purge any foods that show signs of freezer burn or have expired "best used by" dates. Next, play the "Brain Freeze" game: If your brain can't remember how long it's been frozen or what it was before it froze, it's got to go. Now, move on to the refrigerator. Immediately discard anything that resembles a Petri dish of penicillin or science project. Then, discard any leftovers you thought you'd eat later and all partially consumed bottles of salad dressing, sauces, olives, etc., unless you just opened them. You'll be surprised how much you will discard. Don't fret the waste ... starving children in Africa shouldn't be eating any of it either!

erence, consult this Food Storage Guide: [www.ext.nodak.edu/extpubs/yf/foods/fn579-1.htm#Cupboard](http://www.ext.nodak.edu/extpubs/yf/foods/fn579-1.htm#Cupboard)

### • **Time for an Oil Change!**

Can you remember how long you've had the cooking oils on your kitchen shelf? Unless you've bought them recently, toss them all and start the year with a fresh supply. Olive oil and vegetable oils can go bad without you knowing. An off-color or a rancid smell is a good clue but oils can begin going bad long before that. Many chefs purchase their oils in dark tins to reduce exposure to light and prolong the oil's freshness; others refrigerate their oils. Consider one or the other method with your new supply.

### • **Re-tool the Tools!**

Everyone's kitchen has at least one cracked wooden spoon, one mostly melted spatula and an appliance that just doesn't do the job any more. Give them a new home: Use them to outfit your child's college apartment or donate them to the Salvation Army. If you must hold onto an item for sentimental purposes, pack it away out of sight and buy a new one. For less than \$50, you can replace many of your broken utensils at a place like "Rick's Picks" in downtown Danville. Place all the keep-able utensils in the dishwasher and give them a hot bath for all the times you just rinsed and threw them back in the drawer. Clean the utensil drawer and return the utensils in some organized fashion. (Ignore the squeals of delight you hear as you close the drawer.)

### • **Sanitize, Decalcify and Deodorize!**

When the purging and checking is done, it's time for some refreshing. Focus on these special areas:

1. Sinks: Fill sink to the top with hot water, adding one cup chlorine bleach to water. Soak one hour; scrub and rinse.
2. Cutting Boards: Sanitize with a mixture of one teaspoon chlorine bleach to one quart of water. Let stand for a few minutes, rinse with fresh water and air dry well before storing. Consider dedicating two separate boards—one for meats and seafood, another for vegetables and fruit. Or, keep a portion of the bleach mixture in a small spray bottle for sanitizing boards after use.
3. Refrigerator/Freezer: After a good cleaning of shelves and bins, place boxes of baking soda in both units. Mark the date for each box and replace every few months.
4. Coffemakers & Tea Kettles: Combine one part white vinegar and one part water. Run the coffemaker with that mixture, then again with clear water. Boil similar mixture in tea kettle and repeat with clear water.

### • **Don't Forget Safety!**

You should keep at least two things close at hand in your kitchen—a fire extinguisher and a tube of Neosporin. If you already have a fire extinguisher, check it for active status; it may need to be recharged or replaced. If you don't have one in the kitchen, get one now. Purchase and keep a tube of Neosporin in a kitchen drawer for minor cuts and burns. Immediate attention to kitchen "boo-boos" will maximize healing and minimize scarring.

Now your kitchen is close to tip-top shape. Before you consider yourself finished, make a list of the food items you discarded that you'd like to have on hand this year. Purchase them on your next grocery shopping trip and use a permanent marker to label them with an "'06" before shelving. At least you'll know what to do if you still find them on the shelf when 2007 rolls around.

Finally, make a New Year's promise to your kitchen. Put two dates on your 2006 calendar right now—a mid-year kitchen checkup in June and another tune-up next January. Your kitchen—and your cooking—will be the better for it.

*Jacqui Love Marshall lives in Danville with her vintage-car-loving husband, two pugs and binders of recipes. E-mail her at [Epicure@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:Epicure@DanvilleWeekly.com).*

Can you remember how long you've had the cooking oils on your kitchen shelf? Unless you've bought them recently, toss them all and start the year with a fresh supply.

### • **Spice up the Spice Cabinet!**

Fresh, piquant spices and ground herbs are essential to good cooking. Yet most spices and herbs remain potent for only a few months. Exposure to light, air and heat reduce their freshness and flavor. If it's too ambitious to discard every spice and herb in your spice rack, as some chefs do, consider tossing the ones that have lost their color or smell. Slowly replenish them throughout the year. Consider purchasing a small coffee grinder and buying whole herbs and spices only as you need them.

### • **Sharpen the Blades!**

Knives are only as useful as they are sharp. In fact, dull knives require greater effort and are dangerous to the user. Treat them to a professional knife sharpening service. Most professionals will go an extra step and tell you when certain knives are no longer worth sharpening. (Andronico's, 855-8920, has a monthly sharpening service—call for details or check the Yellow pages for other places.) You'll be pleasantly surprised when you get them back—but adapt carefully to the renewed sharpness.

### • **Clock the Cupboards!**

Luckily, most canned goods will last indefinitely, unless you note signs of damage or leakage. By association, we tend to keep other goods (e.g. sauces, pickles, jams, syrups, etc.) without giving a second thought to their shelf life. If you can't remember when you purchased an item, look for a "best used" date. If no date is present, either discard and replace it or mark the container "'05" with a permanent marker and use the mark to determine when you will discard. As a ref-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Author Visits

### History Book Signing

Beverly Lane, curator of the Museum of San Ramon Valley, and Ralph Cozine, docent, will discuss and sign their book, "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville and San Ramon," from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14, at Bay Books in San Ramon.

### How to Live to Be 100

The Commonwealth Club of California presents Dr. Walter Bortz, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Stanford University, discussing and signing his book, "How to Live to Be 100 and Truly Live Each Year," at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the new Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Tickets are \$15 members, \$25 non-members. This fee does not include the book. Book sales provided by Lafayette Bookstore.

## Civic Meetings

### Town Council Meeting

The Danville Town Council normally meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. Its one January meeting will take place Tuesday, Jan. 17.

## Clubs

### Blackhawk Republican Women

The Blackhawk Republican Women will host speaker Lynn Leach, former State Legislator, at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Blackhawk Country Club. The cost is \$12 and reservations are required for this no host bar event. Make your reservations by Jan. 13 by calling Barbara at 837-7679 or e-mail baduffy@juno.com.

### Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild

The Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild meets at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Guests are wel-

come. Annual membership fee is \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65+). For information, call Dianne at 837-1863.

## Concerts

### Local Artists Debut at Wine Bar

Local musicians Colleen Jordan and Dan Taylor will debut their show, "Dan and Colleen, Acoustic and Eclectic," at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 13, at Bella Vino, 3450 Camino Tassajara, Danville. There is a \$7 cover charge. Call 648-1300 for more information.

### Pacific Sticks Percussion Ensemble

Pacific Sticks will perform at 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 15, at St. Timothy's Church, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Experience music made only by percussion instruments; many of the instruments and rhythms are not typically heard in band or orchestra concerts. General admission is \$18; students and seniors, \$12. For information call 837-4993, ext. 15, or visit [www.sainttimothysdanville.org/Header.htm](http://www.sainttimothysdanville.org/Header.htm)

### Traditional Hymns & Classical Music

Rolling Hills Community Church presents a Traditional Hymns & Classical Music Concert, featuring Tom Lucia, Covenant Four Quartet, Salvation Army Band, and other performers, at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 13, at Rolling Hills Community Church, 1565 Green Valley Road. The cost is \$10-\$15, and proceeds support the Outdoor Adventure Faire, a children's fishing and sporting expo. For information, call 820-3874.

## Events

### Alamo Women's Club Luncheon

The Alamo Women's Club presents inspiration speaker Susan Taylor, feng shui consultant, at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. The cost is \$15. Call Barbara Stevens for reservations at 837-2171.

### O'Neill Foundation Awards Dinner

The Eugene O'Neill Foundation is accepting reservations for its annual awards dinner at 6 p.m., Wednesday,

Jan. 18, at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Tickets are \$65 per person and may be obtained from the foundation at 820-1818 or by mailing the foundation at P.O. Box 402, Danville 94526.

## Exhibits

### Hot Wheels at Blackhawk Museum

Nathan Proch, director of Design for Hot Wheels Basic Cars, Collector Products, Monster Jam, all Entertainment lines and Graphics will showcase the latest Hot Wheels and what he is working on for the future at 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Blackhawk Museum. Students are admitted free. Admission is charged for non-museum members. For more information, contact Jon Hart at 736-2277, ext. 248, or [www.BlackhawkMuseum.org](http://www.BlackhawkMuseum.org).

## Kids & Teens

### Magic by Alex

Award winning magician Alex Gonzalez will delight children of all ages with his magic skills, at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Children's Reading Room at the Danville Library, 400 Front Street.

### Preschool Storytime

Bring your 3-6-year-olds to Preschool Storytime at 11:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 30-March 15, at the Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. Caregivers must attend with child. Registration is required, call 837-4889 or visit [www.cclib.org](http://www.cclib.org).

### Young Writers Workshop

The Mt. Diablo Branch of the California Writers Club is hosting an interactive writing workshop led by two published children's authors, Sarah Wilson and Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff, from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 28, at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill. This workshop is for sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students. The cost is \$20. Bring a pen and paper and get ready to write. All proceeds will benefit 2006 Young Writers contest. To sign up visit [http://CWC\\_Mt\\_Diablo\\_Branch.tripod.com/](http://CWC_Mt_Diablo_Branch.tripod.com/)

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**Concerto Competition**

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**Literacy Tutor Training**

Project Second Chance (PSC), the Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program will train volunteers to become literacy tutors. Training is from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18, and continues from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21 and 28, at the PSC office, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill. Volunteers needed in East and Central Contra Costa County. For more information, call 927-3250 or e-mail [pccs@cclib.org](mailto:pccs@cclib.org).



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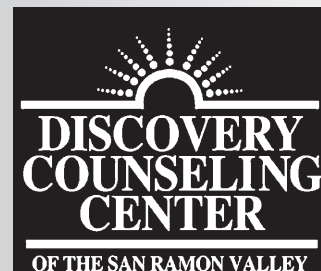
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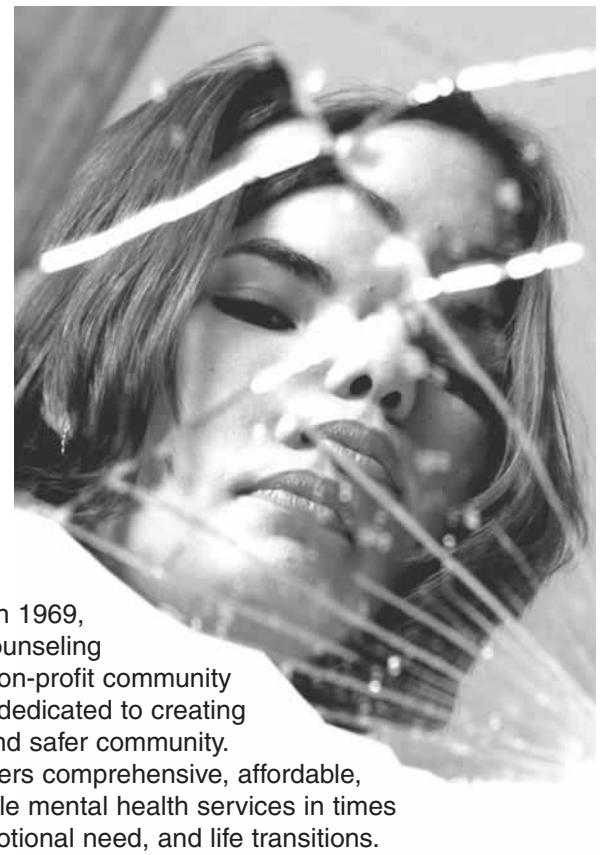
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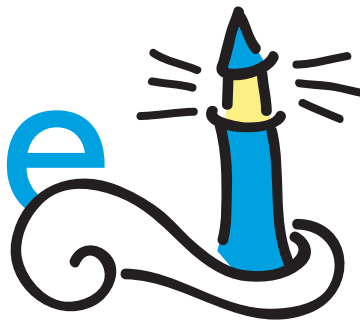
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This week's data represents homes sold during December 2005

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 11	Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$435,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,449,000	Lowest sale reported: \$287,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,750,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,449,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,135,000
Average sales reported: \$977,000	Average sales reported: \$1,449,000	Average sales reported: \$569,307

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
<b>719 Bourne Court</b> K. & C. Hubbard to G. & C. Bernd for \$1,230,000	<b>99 Serene Court</b> Schrakamp Trust to L. Stlaurent for \$685,000	<b>1075 Camino Verde Circle M.</b> Schiffman to D. & B. Johnson for \$800,000
<b>631 Condor Court</b> Wilson Trust to B. Shahpanah for \$605,000	<b>620 St. George Road</b> Nienaber Trust to R. & D. Springer for \$850,000	<b>1411 Creekside Drive #32 S.</b> & D. Decker to S. Brix for \$290,000
<b>152 Diablo Ranch Court</b> Cendant Mobility Financial to M. Garakani for \$1,750,000	<b>1318 Strawberry Court</b> G. & C. Bernd to L. Trimble for \$789,000	<b>102 Hamlin Loop</b> Citrus Walk Limited to J. Nehira for \$535,000
<b>220 El Pinto</b> Affinity Land to M. & A. Bonanno for \$435,000	<b>15 Oak Crest Lane</b> Olinger Trust to P. & J. Ho for \$1,449,000	<b>67 Kuhl Court</b> W. & S. Wyman to G. & T. Perry for \$755,000
<b>703 Glen Eagle Court</b> Salentine Trust to T. & G. Chandler for \$672,500	<b>1315 Alma Avenue #252</b> Alma Development to M. & J. Branagh for \$503,000	<b>416 Muller Road</b> Moreton Trust to J. Sturtz for \$704,000
<b>722 Graham Court</b> P. & C. Bakarich to S. & L. Estes for \$970,000	<b>1315 Alma Avenue #452</b> Alma Development to B. Diritto for \$570,000	<b>430 North Civic Drive #308</b> K. Lemke to R. Schapiro for \$287,000
<b>217 Madeline Lane</b> Shapell Industries to I. Chan for \$1,209,500	<b>756 Beale Court</b> L. & P. Hart to S. & J. Wilson for \$1,135,000	<b>2608 Saklan Indian Drive #2</b> Archibald Trust to Horning Trust for \$520,000
<b>225 Madeline Lane</b> Shapell Industries to T. & G. Evangelisti for \$1,551,000	<b>1318 Boulevard Way #A T.</b> Hogan to R. & I. Deitrick for \$392,000	<b>5565 Terra Granada Drive #3B</b> Stroyan Trust to Riepling Trust for \$560,000
		<b>1860 Tice Creek Drive #1121</b> Ambrose Trust to Huntington Trust for \$350,000

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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Danville		
<b>2 Bedrooms</b>		
<b>433 Sycamore Cir.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel	<b>\$529,000</b> 791-2580	<b>1344 Fountain Springs Cir.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord
<b>407 Oneida Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty	<b>\$665,000</b> 984-1787	<b>80 Bordeaux Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel
		<b>40 Casablanca St.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel
<b>3 Bedrooms</b>		<b>4 Bedrooms</b>
<b>63 Woodvalley Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	<b>\$792,900</b> 251-2556	<b>47 Stoddard Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. King Brothers Real Estate
		<b>4396 Mansfield Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 p.m. Pacific Union Real Estate
		<b>\$825,000</b> 895-2804
		<b>\$849,000</b> 683-8400
		<b>\$925,000</b> 642-0365
		<b>\$1,010,000</b> 736-7007
		<b>\$1,349,000</b> 314-4803

**Danville**

**1082 Allegheny Dr. \$839,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 6689-326

**124 El Cerro Ct. \$929,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Pacific Union Real Estate 314-4803

**5 Bedrooms**

**826 Casita Ct. \$1,289,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. King Brothers Real Estate 736-7007

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

**742 Danville Blvd. \$1,495,999**  
Sat/Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Alain Pinel Realtors 998-9747

**2 Maplewood Ct. \$1,499,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 360-2524

**205 Morris Ranch Rd. \$1,538,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 683-4900

**9 Creeklodge Ct. \$1,995,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 998-1818

**6 Bedrooms**

**5401 Johnston Rd. \$3,500,000**

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**522 Tara Jean Ln. \$879,000**  
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**5 Bedrooms**

**1537 Serafix Rd. \$2,250,000**  
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**4 Bedrooms**

**4039 Eagle Nest Ln. \$1,349,000**  
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 683-5689

**5 Bedrooms**

**664 Blue Spruce Dr. \$1,399,000**  
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 858-1797

**10 Pepperwood Ln. \$2,139,000**  
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155

Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-2218

**Dublin**

**3 Bedrooms**

**11693 Regio Dr. \$738,500**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 577-2600

**4 Bedrooms**

**10818 Inspiration Cir. \$1,449,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 417-8636

**8372 Locus Pl. North \$638,900**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Pleasanton Valley 510-305-1228

**8202 Holanda Ln. \$660,000**  
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**Livermore**

**2 Bedrooms**

**1093 Ventura Ave. \$489,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Realty 292-7653

**6609 Forget Me Not Common \$575,000**  
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**1042 Padua Wy. \$1,034,000**  
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**5202 Sundance Dr. \$145,000**  
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**5556 Mines Rd. \$1,450,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Realty World Estates 321-0468

**379 Garden Common \$514,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 330-1122

**544 Huntington Wy. \$560,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 371-2100

**104 Tamalpais Ave. \$565,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams Realty 292-7653

**4117 Bristlecone Wy. \$565,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 998-0605

**371 Lincoln Ave. \$624,950**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5020

**49 Meritage Common #203 \$631,500**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 855-6410

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**3805 Princeton Wy. \$639,000**  
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**1390 Calle De Las Granvas \$639,500**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 846-6500

**1226 Asti Ct. \$719,000**  
Sat 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 371-2100

**5 Bedrooms**

**5561 Maybeck Ln. \$1,155,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel Realtors 519-9099

**Pleasanton**

**1 Bedrooms**

**3847 Vineyard Ave. #B \$355,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-2300

**2 Bedrooms**

**829B Division St. \$419,900**  
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**650 Concord Pl. \$484,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 577-4663

**5375 Black Ave. #4 \$537,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Pleasanton Valley Help-U-Sell 462-5950

**2228 Goldcrest Cir. \$630,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-7355

**3 Bedrooms**

**355 E. Angela St. \$689,999**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Windermere RE 984-1512

**4719 Golden Rd. \$890,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Tri-Valley 200-2602

**4 Bedrooms**

**3329 Prairie Dr. \$1,269,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 846-6500

**4973 Dolores Dr. \$1,275,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Hometown GMAC 417-8636

**3025 Yuma Wy. \$549,950**  
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**3232 Verde Ct. \$714,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Help-U-Sell Tri-Valley 200-2602

**344 Trenton Cir. \$739,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Investment Real Estate 963-0569

**5 Bedrooms**

**4353 W. Ruby Hill Dr. \$1,950,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 989-4123

**5711 Ohana Pl. \$2,565,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 847-7355

**6 Bedrooms**

**2820 Victoria Ridge Ct. \$1,549,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. ERA Premier Realty 323-7438

**7338 Shady Mill Ln. \$1,849,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Pleasanton Valley Help-U-Sell 462-5950

**5745 Hanifen Wy. \$2,099,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 621-4085

**4574 Gatetree Cir. \$980,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 397-4300

**San Ramon**

**3 Bedrooms**

**301 Caraway Ct. \$1,019,950**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 876-4459

**81-200 Tahoe Ct. \$618,000**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

**10006 Foxboro Cir. \$709,900**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 989-1748

**516 Treyburn Cir. \$789,950**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes Realty 791-2749

**3019 Sombrero Cir. \$795,000**  
Sun 1:30-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155

**2440 Millstream Ln. \$804,900**  
Sun 1-4 p.m. Interio 784-0576

**1443 Asterbell Dr. \$995,000**  
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**4 Bedrooms**

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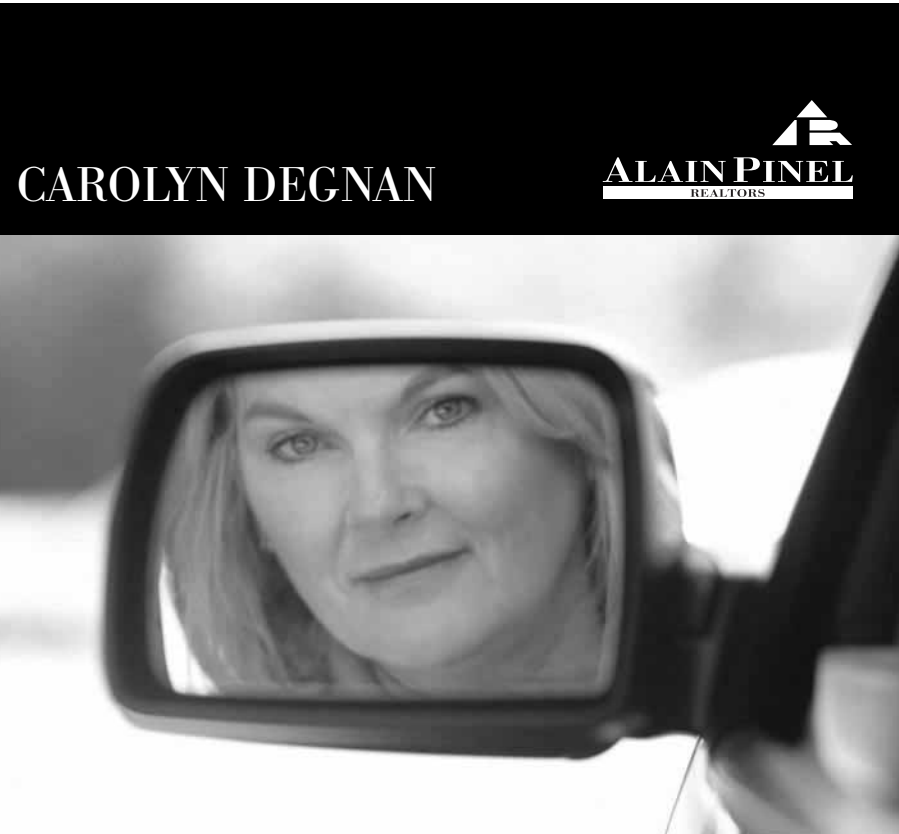
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