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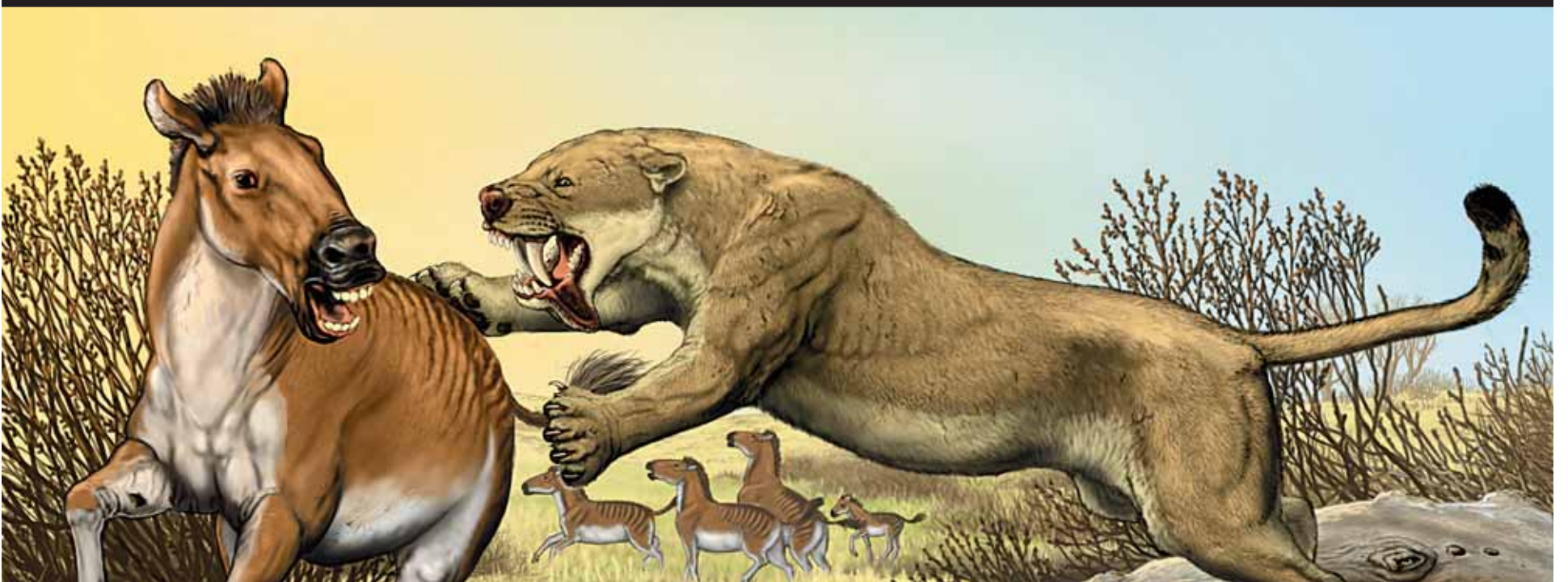
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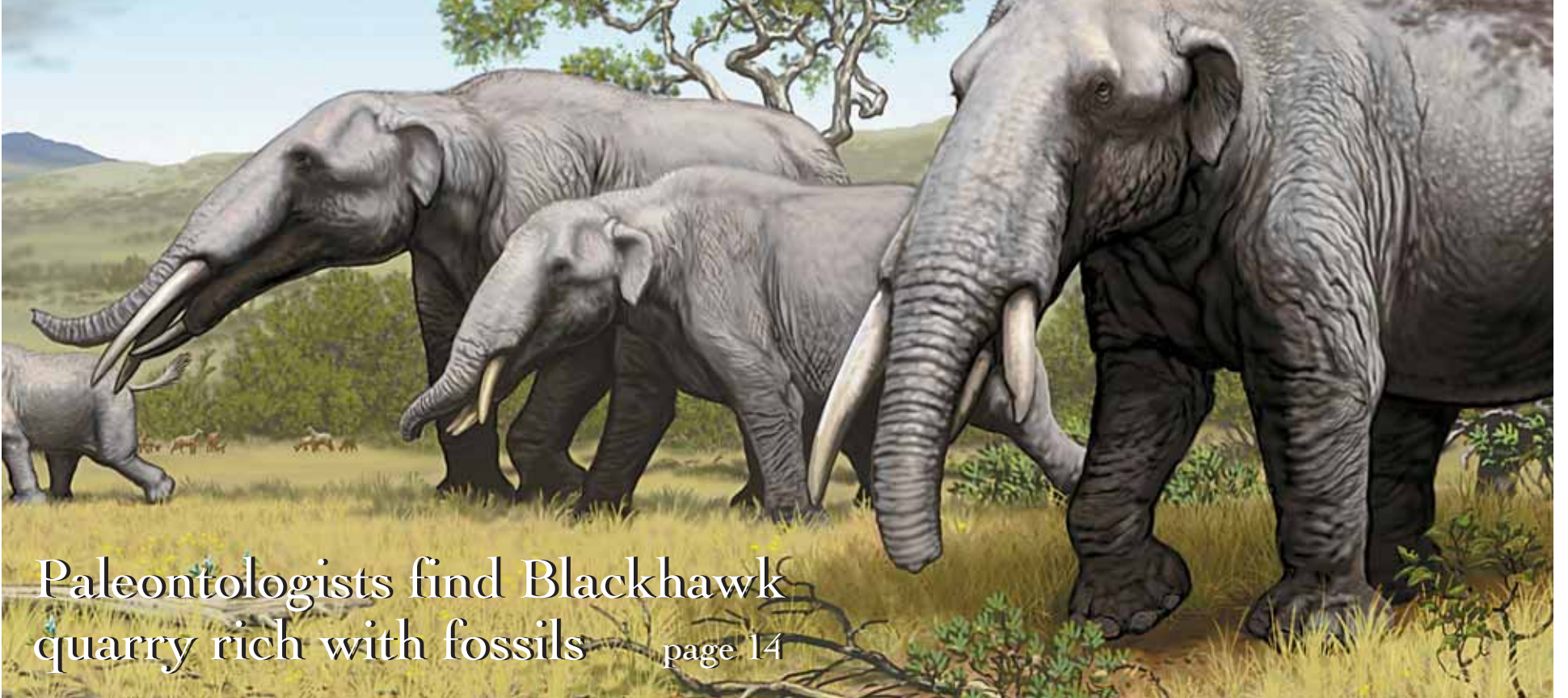
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Diane Swift
credit repair



I think cell phones are wonderful. Right now, I'm wandering around, I'm waiting for my car to be repaired, and I'm waiting to be called by the mechanic.

Lillian Holleman
retired clergy



I'm going on 79 years old and I'm an engineer so I've gone through all these things. It's way different now than it used to be. You really can't live without a cell phone. I've drawn a line for the iPod. There really are other things you need to do than to walk around listening to music.

Dick Shoner
retired engineer



I don't have an iPod so I can't say that it's changed me that much. Cell phones make it a lot easier to call people. I like to listen to rock on my CD player; my favorite band is Led Zeppelin.

Grant Bordalampe
student



In a good way for cell phones. I feel like I'm safer on the road in case of emergency. I use the computer for checking accounts for work, but sometimes the e-mail can be a pain. Too many people send too many jokes, and sometimes it's hard to tell them not to.

Barbara Tocchini
retired credential analyst

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ABOUT THE COVER

The Blackhawk Ranch quarry has been the site of archeological digs where paleontologists have unearthed fossils, portrayed in these photos as they might have been by artist Carl Buell. Cover design by Jason Lind.

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“ We all know divorce is no fun. But it's definitely manageable. ”

—Jann Blackstone-Ford, author of “Ex-Etiquette for Parents,” when addressing parents at Monte Vista High School about turning “blended” families into “bonus” families. See story, page 6.

Town Hall meeting tomorrow

County Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, District 3, is holding a Town Hall meeting from 10 a.m.-noon tomorrow morning to address avian flu and disaster preparedness throughout Contra Costa County. The Sheriff's Department and other safety-related agencies will present information. The meeting will be at San Ramon Valley High School, 140 Love Lane in Danville. For more information, call 820-8683.

Don't drink, drive Super Bowl Sunday

The California Highway Patrol will be out in full force on Super Bowl Sunday. Partygoers are advised to limit the amount of drinks they have before they hit the road.

“The legal limit is .08, and for some people that's two beers,” said Capt. Jim Cahoon, commander of the Contra Costa Area Office. “It's best to play it safe.”

Last year, police arrested 462 people for driving under the influence in California. There were more than 200 collisions, three of which were fatal. In 2004, CHP made 508 DUI arrests. First time DUI offenders usually face costs of \$10,000 or more, when considering increased insurance premiums, court fees, lost wages and legal fees.

“If you're hosting a Super Bowl party, be sure all of your guests designate drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers,” said Cahoon.

Speech contest continues

The American Legion hosted the regional competition of its 2006 National High School Oratorical Contest last Sunday at the Danville Veterans Hall. The winner was Angelika Mary Lintner, a senior at Miramonte High School in Orinda. Last year's national winner was also from Miramonte, earning a \$20,000 scholarship. Lintner will next proceed to the District 9 competition on Feb. 11, which covers six counties.

Angela Meng, a sophomore at San Ramon Valley High School, placed second in the competition. “She's getting some valuable experience,” said Ron Roe, oratorical committee chairman. “She's already very impressive.” She placed third at the first round held in early January, but the first and second place winners were not available last weekend because they were both competing in another competition.

The American Legion contest required an eight- to 10-minute speech on any phase of the U.S. Constitution with an emphasis on the responsibility of citizens to the Constitution and the government. Then they were assigned a topic on a particular aspect of the Constitution, with five minutes to prepare a three- to five-minute speech.

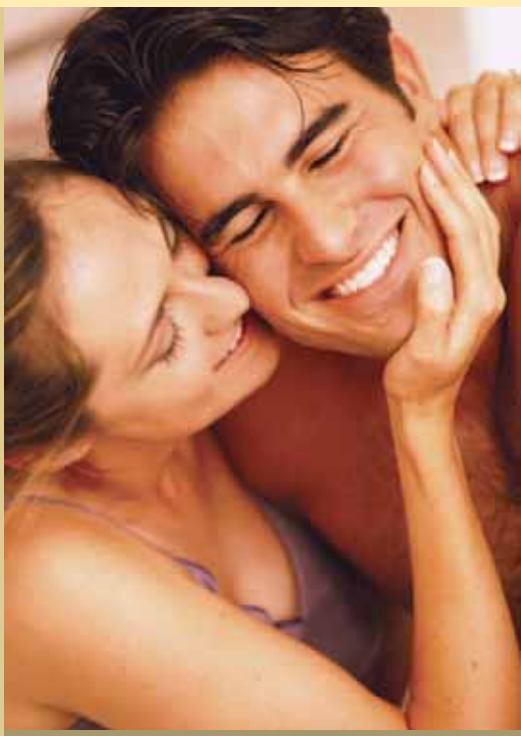
Danville nurseryman on HGTV

The “Landscape Smart” show filmed by HGTV on Danville landscape designer Matt Akabane will air at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Feb. 4, on Comcast Channel 67. It was filmed in August as Akabane designed a garden for a home in Lafayette. Each episode of “Landscape Smart” focuses on a single project completed by homeowners with the help of professionals. Akabane, whose family runs the Tassajara Nursery, also filmed episodes on a garden in Orinda in November and, recently, on a yard in Alameda.

Akabane said his family will gather to watch the show tomorrow morning. Also it has prompted him to put a screen at the Tassajara Nursery for the staff to watch the shows. It will show infomercials for products at the nursery and other gardening shows.

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On the scene

Capt. Bruno Spani of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District fights a two-alarm fire in the 100 block of Joaquin Drive in Danville in the wee hours of Jan. 26. Firefighters were called at 12:53 a.m. and 24 personnel responded, including four engines and two ladder trucks. The initial report was of a tree on fire but when firefighters arrived they found a fully involved fire on one side of a duplex and sounded a second alarm. Damages are estimated at \$500,000. "There was fairly substantial damage in the kitchen area," said Inspector Darrell Jones. The cause is still under investigation.

Fire district buys Alamo land for new station

House at Danville Boulevard and Hemme will first be used for training

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District has purchased the southwest lot at the corner of Danville Boulevard and Hemme Avenue, with plans to build a fire station to serve the southern part of Alamo. The fire station on Stone Valley Road currently covers the entire community.

"A computer model tells us where fire stations should be located," said Deputy Fire Chief Chris Suter. "When (the Stone Valley station) was built in the '50s, it was in the middle of

Alamo. Now it's peripherally grown and we can't get to the edges."

The property, which sold for \$925,000, is bound by Hemme Avenue on the north with Creative Learning Center preschool across the street, Danville Boulevard on the east, and the Iron Horse Trail on the west.

"On the fourth side is one neighbor," Suter said. "We've made the case that we can be a good neighbor."

"A computer model tells us where fire stations should be located."

—Deputy Fire Chief Chris Suter

The fire station's rear will face the residence. Also the station's driveway will be large enough for engines to drive around rather than backing up and activating their backup beepers.

"We spent months looking at various properties and everybody was

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Commission sends hillside home plans back to drawing board

Planners want to explore every alternative for 10-acre parcel on Lawrence Road

by Jordan M. Doronila

Let's keep our rolling hills looking pretty and explore every alternative before deciding to develop on a major ridgeline, the Danville Planning Commissioners last week told a developer who wants to build a home on a hilltop.

"We love what the hills look like," said Robert Storer, planning commissioner and owner of Pellegrini Construction. He added that the town's hillside gives Danville its unique look.

This was the third time the commission has told SkyVilla to look at all possible options before deciding to develop a 7,124-square-foot home on a major ridgeline at the end of Lawrence Road off Camino Tassajara. Last August, SkyVilla, formerly known as Cazadero, submitted the proposal. It owns a 10-acre parcel, which includes a middle and lower ridgeline.

The developer's proposal stalled because of a Danville ordinance

Development guides for ridgelines

- It is recommended that grading plans for development in designated areas be prepared by licensed civil engineers, and architectural design plans be prepared by licensed architects.
- A portion of hillside developments should be set aside for open space. These open space areas should be useable spaces, not narrow strips of leftover land.
- Adequate fire safety should be ensured by providing fire protection measures, such as sufficient water supply and fire truck access.
- The architectural style of buildings should be adapted to hillside slopes rather than adapting land forms to buildings designed for flat land development.
- New roads and driveways should be developed in such a way as to be minimally visible, environmentally sound, and compatible with the existing contours of the hillside.

preserving hillsides and major ridgeline areas with significant natural features. Hilltops and ridgelines also comprise a large part of natural open space and scenic resources in the community, officials said.

SkyVilla needs approval from the town to move forward with its project, and it has presented its plans with engineering and architectural studies three times.

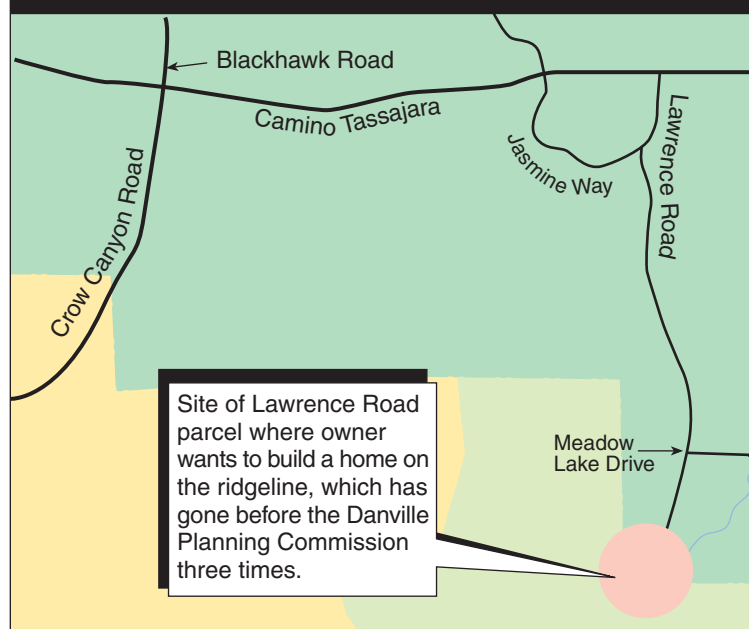
Jeff Britton, manager of SkyVilla, said building on the major ridgeline is the best possible option.

"It makes sense," he said. He added that his proposed house would be nestled in the knoll on the major ridgeline, making it hidden enough that it would not ruin the landscape's aesthetic beauty.

Nonetheless, the commissioners said SkyVilla has failed to exhaust other alternatives, such as building on the lower ridgeline. The proposal has gone through lengthy study sessions since August, leaving members of the commission and the developer frustrated.

"Would you spend \$1 million to build one house?" asked Britton,

Home proposed on major ridgeline



adding that the million-dollar price tag was the accumulated cost for investing money for geological studies and architectural plans to please the commission for every study session.

"It's distressing," he said. "I'm doing the best I can."

Commission members mentioned some concerns about building on the major ridgeline, such as landslides on the property and screening issues to make the home

less visible. They said they want the developer to put forth the same effort in exploring development possibilities on the lower ridgeline as it did for the major ridgeline.

"It's frustrating," Storer said about the process. "We want to work with them."

Britton, a Concord resident, said he wound up with the 10 acres of Danville property from his former

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Making blended families into 'bonus families'

Speaker tells parents to get past their anger and focus on kids

by Jordan M. Dornila

She applied dark mascara on her eyelashes. Then she garnished her lips with lipstick, and afterward she dabbled powder on her cheeks. As Jann Blackstone-Ford continued to apply makeup on her face, she found herself getting angrier and angrier at her husband's ex-wife. When she emerged with too much makeup, her husband Larry knew to tiptoe around her, she said.

Seven years later, Black had changed her thought patterns from concentrating on herself and focused on how much she loves her family. Now, she has formed a close bond with her husband's ex-wife Charyl and has become a prominent speaker about blending stepfamilies together.

Last Thursday evening, she talked to more than two dozen parents at the Monte Vista High School theater who were suffering from divorce or separation. Members of the San Ramon Valley Council of Parent Teacher Associations organized the event, hoping to provide support to separated families.

"I felt our community needed some support," said Tresenia Griffin-Gallagher, San Ramon Valley Council PTA vice-president and a divorce survivor from Danville. "We're very fortunate to have her speak in our community."

Blackstone-Ford is co-author of Ex-Etiquette, a nationally syndicated weekly newspaper column, and is an author of the book, "Ex-Etiquette for Parents." She has been featured on national television, including the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Many adults who had gone through separations spoke about their pain, frustration and anger. One husband said that his ex-wife refuses to communicate with him.

Blackstone-Ford discussed the difficult feelings a person may experience after divorce, such as anger and loneliness. She said many parents who divorce and have children run into problems when they remarry partners who



Jann Blackstone-Ford, author of "Ex-Etiquette for Parents: Good Behavior After a Divorce or Separation," talks to parents at Monte Vista High School about dealing with anger after a divorce.

also have kids.

"You have to lay the groundwork," Blackstone-Ford said.

She said many divorcees fail to have a clear vision of what type of relationship they want with children of potential suitors.

She also talked about steps that divorced families can take to release their anger and to focus on their kids. She said if family members move toward the direction of creating a peaceful existence for a blended family, then a "bonus family" may be formed.

"We all know divorce is no fun," said Blackstone-Ford. "But it's definitely manageable."

"We gotta have a new mindset, instead of our anger completely controlling us," she said.

She gave the following tips for stepfamilies:

- Before marrying someone with children, lay the groundwork by creating a clear goal of what types of relationships you want to have.
- Get organized and develop some house rules with your new family, such as children cleaning their rooms and who washes the dishes.
- Respect everyone's differences and personal space. Children will blend in with your family when they are ready to do so.
- Establish some rapport with your husband's ex-wife or your wife's ex-husband. Focus on creating a

supportive and nurturing environment for your family.

• Create a forum of conflict resolution where all family members can sit down and air their differences on one specific problem. Do not use one session to discuss every issue. Instead, discuss one problem, have some sort of solution, and make sure everyone is content with the decision.

After Blackstone-Ford finished her presentation, she opened up the topic to the audience. Many adults who had gone through separations spoke about their pain, frustration and anger. One husband said that his ex-wife refuses to communicate with him. A stepmother said her husband's adult children do not talk to her—no matter how hard she tries to be nice to them. And one father who remarried said that his son got into serious trouble and he plans to place more structure in his life.

Griffin-Gallagher, a Danville resident, who said she also went through a hard divorce, said the struggle is not easy. But she said adults need to get over their differences and think of their children first.

"We need to treat each other as human beings and look at ourselves as co-parents," she said. "It's the best shot we can give them for a happy life." ■

Danville mayor attends U.S. conference

Stepper joins other Tri-Valley leaders for greater impact

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Danville Mayor Karen Stepper attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C., last week as part of the team of Tri-Valley mayors, which includes San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore.

"I feel it's critical for Danville to be involved outside its borders and to bring other people inside our borders," said Stepper. This has been her message since she was installed as mayor in December, as the position continued its rotation among the five Town Council members.

Stepper met in advance with San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson; Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart;

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman; and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena to plan their presentations. Livermore's paid lobbyist was able to set up meetings with the staffs of their representatives and senators, although Congress was not in session, Stepper said. The message of the mayors was that together they represent 250,000 people.

Stepper said two big issues at the conference were transportation and disaster preparedness. She also met with Homeland Security staff and pointed out to them that although only San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose are considered critical because of their populations of more than 100,000, that the Tri-Valley with 250,000 population is extremely vulnerable due to the Livermore National Laboratory, Camp Parks in Dublin, and SBC headquarters at Bishop Ranch.

She said she tried to get informa-

tion on applying for a grant from the Homeland Security staff members but they were not able to give any guidance. But she said at least others heard her plea.

"San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzalez said, 'You need to work with us,'" she recalled. "I talked to him afterward." She said "inter-operability" plans are being put into place that allow cities, counties and districts to coordinate disaster plans.

Danville is not a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors but all mayors are invited to its annual conference. Stepper said she feels it is important for Danville's mayor to attend, and she paid her own travel and hotel expenses. At workshops and other meetings, the mayors exchanged ideas and what they are doing in their cities.

"Some were elected to be mayor and then also became town manager," said Stepper. "It was interesting to see how they operated differently." ■



While at the U.S. Conference of Mayors last week, the Tri-Valley mayors tell staff members at U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein's office that together they represent 250,000 constituents. From left: the hired Livermore lobbyist; Danville Mayor Karen Stepper; Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart; Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman; San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson; Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena; and Feinstein staff members.

How's your Arabic?

Barbara and Harry Hubinger pause with their Danville Weeklies while in Ras al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates in November. This was the 111th country visited by the inveterate travelers, and Barbara commented on the country's extreme wealth. Abu Dhabi, the capital, has the only 7-star hotel in the world, she said, and they walked through the lobby. "It's literally gold-plated," she reported. She was glad to visit during the cold season when it was only 95 degrees as opposed to the summer when the temperature rises to 130. Harry is the author of the book, "Stamps In My Passport."

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Fire station

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worrying about the traffic," said Suter. He noted that Rancho Romero Elementary School on Hemme generates traffic before and after school but it is a problem now with firefighters driving into the traffic jam so the situation should improve with the new location.

"The ultimate plan is to buy a second lot on the north end of the district," said Suter. "The target location is Livorna." He said the fire district has canvassed homeowners of desirable lots, as they did in the Hemme area, but has received no positive response.

Construction will not begin for

several years, he estimated, while the project goes through the approval process. "We are hoping to buy the second piece of land and do them together," he added.

Eventually the personnel and equipment at the station on Stone Valley Road will be divided between the two new stations. Station 32 at 1101 Stone Valley Road currently has two fire engines, one ambulance and one four-wheel drive wildland fire engine.

"That is a small fire station," said Suter. "It was originally built as a residential fire station for the volunteer fire department."

He said the new stations have to meet the "essential services standards," meaning they could withstand an 8.2 earthquake. He esti-

mates it will cost approximately \$1 million to build.

In the early 1980s, the house at the corner of Danville Boulevard and Hemme was the scene of a tragedy, when a father murdered his wife and small children, before driving to the Berkeley Hills to take his own life. Neighbors still remember the ominous yellow tape surrounding the crime scene.

Now the house will be used for Fire District training. It is in very bad condition, Suter noted, with half its walls missing.

"We'll be using it for cutting holes, and shoring, and practice urban search and rescue techniques," Suter said. "When we've exhausted our ability to do that, we will knock it down." ■

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JORDAN M. DORONILA

Beginning ballerinas

Little Annie Edmondson, 4, of Alamo flutters about on the hardwood floor in her pre-ballet class at the Danville Community Center. The center offers two pre-ballet classes for children ages 3-1/2 to 5 every Tuesday, from 11-11:45 a.m., and from 3:30-4:30 p.m. For more information about town classes, contact the Danville Community Center at 314-3400.



JORDAN M. DORONILA

The top of the major ridge line at the end of Lawrence Road being discussed for a home has wonderful views of the hills.

Hillside home

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boss who died in a car accident. He said his boss' wife gave him the property because he owed him money. Britton and a business partner hired engineers and architects to make sure building on the ridge line was safe.

Britton said he is not a big developer. He just wants to build a quality house and make a profit out of his investment.

"I'm not a big builder," he said. "We're not trying to make our retirement" with this development.

He also said the commissioners have been fair and judicious in

making sure his proposal fits in well with the ridge line ordinance.

"They should be applauded," Britton said. "They have been diligent in every aspect of the process."

Since most of the valley has been developed, pressure is increasing to build on the surrounding hillsides, according to the Historic/Ridge line Danville Guidelines. The hillsides form an important visual backdrop for the urbanized areas and contribute substantially to the unique visual character of Danville, the guidelines said, and it is Danville's intent to preserve these hills in a natural and visually pleasing manner. ■

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A summer place

Does your family have a special summer place? My book group recently read "The Big House," a memoir by George Howe Colt, which started us talking about summer homes and vacations with extended families. The book may not have been as stimulating as our usual fare but it generated a great deal of discussion, which made it a good book-club book.

Colt's extended family returned each year over the last century to a house built by his wealthy Boston-Brahmin great-grandfather in Cape Cod. In the early part of the 1900s, family members automatically blocked out a month in the summertime to enjoy the rambling home on Wings Neck. (Although then it probably wasn't called "blocking out a month.") As times changed, family members no longer had the leisure to enjoy the house, or the time and money to maintain it, plus many had moved far away from Boston. But what wonderful memories the author had of his boyhood there, when the house was in its prime of welcoming several generations to fill its rambling four stories and 11 bedrooms. They had their special Wings Neck customs that would not follow them back into Boston and their winter lives.

Several of my book group friends remembered summer homes from their own youths. One recalled taking the 15-minute airplane ride to Vancouver Island each summer to stay at her aunt's place and the freedom to run loose and play in the tides, much like Colt had done with his cousins. The Colt family seemed to enjoy hacking the poison ivy and honeysuckle to keep them from overtaking the big house. Some of us remembered summer homes where the adults worked the entire "vacation" but didn't find it as therapeutic as the Colts apparently did. That family really, really loved washing the dishes together as a sort of bonding, shucking corn on the porch, and coaxing their two dysfunctional toasters into performing.

After reminiscing and sharing childhood stories, we talked about whether we would want a big house of our own that could be a destination for our children and their families to congregate. We all agreed the best thing about the Christmas holidays is that our grown children come home for a stay. We cherish these reunions and discussed how to also vaca-

tion together in the summer and make it equally enjoyable for our offspring. We liked the idea of getting away from our own houses—and kitchens—so everyone would be "on vacation" but thought we could accomplish the same goal with rented homes rather than buying a "big house."

I asked Laurie McIntosh of Tassajara Travel Inc. if she rents many houses for people to go with their extended families. She said she does a lot of business with rentals in Lake Tahoe and in Hawaii, with people often returning to the same destination if not the actual house. People with a few kids often take along a nanny to a rental house, preferring the privacy of a home to staying in a resort. "And they like the amenities of a kitchen and a laundry room," she added.

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Many houses in this area were built as summer homes for people from San Francisco and Oakland. Friends of my family, Hazel and Louis "Doc" Silva, eventually moved to their Alamo summer home at the end of Silva Dale Road off Danville Boulevard after he retired from his dentist practice in Oakland.

The collective wisdom of my book group is that a big family summer house might be nice but childhood memories also could be made at reunions in rented places. Then no one in 100 years will ever have to angst—as Colt did for 319 pages—over the trauma of trying to keep the Big House in the family. ■

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Perspective

EDITORIALS • LETTERS • OPINIONS ABOUT
LOCAL ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITY

EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

The mayors bloc

When Danville Mayor Karen Stepper traveled to Washington, D.C., last week to attend the U.S. Conference of Mayors and meet with others in the nation's Capitol, she did not just represent the 45,000 people of Danville. She and the four other mayors of the Tri-Valley went as a team, representing their combined constituency of 250,000. Joining this local mayors group is part of Mayor Stepper's new pledge to be inclusive of surrounding communities, both reaching out to them and drawing them in to Danville.

The Tri-Valley mayors also included San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson; Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart; Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman; and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena. Since the city of Livermore has a paid lobbyist in Washington, D.C., she was able to help set

up interviews for the mayors with our representatives' staffs in Washington. Together the five Tri-Valley mayors communicated their common problems, with the clout of a quarter of a million constituents.

As the five mayors attended workshops and meetings at the conference, they carried more weight together as they gathered information and made contacts that can help their cities deal with their common problems, notably transportation on the clogged highways during commute hours. They also presented themselves as a unit for disaster preparedness since any preparations include the question: Can neighbors join together to help each other? They also noted that the entire area has special vulnerabilities due to the Livermore National Laboratory with its mission of developing and safeguarding nuclear weapons; Camp Parks in Dublin, with its military training; and SBC communications headquarters in Bishop Ranch in San Ramon.

We applaud Mayor Stepper for reaching beyond Danville's borders, not just in attending the conference but in joining with the other Tri-Valley mayors for greater recognition. It is important for economic reasons to bring others to town, but it is also important to join with our neighbors to make our needs known in Washington.

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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.

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National Guard discussion appropriate for county leaders

Dear Editor:

The local California National Guard deserves to be part of our county, cities and community agendas. Our concerns as residents and voters should be how our Guard is being supported and how our communities, county, state and national interests are being served. Does deployment of our Guard in Iraq and elsewhere serve us? As voters, we should expect our governments to consider how the Guard is being used or misused.

As a Vietnam veteran, I consider the efforts by Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier to be heroic. We, the people, must ultimately be responsible for usage of our Guard and support its personnel in appropriate service to our state, county and communities in times of crisis. The vast majority of U.S. Americans believe the Bush Administration does not have a rational plan for Iraq or a realistic exit strategy that will allow self-determination for the Iraqi people. We, the people, need that disappointment to be a local issue and not have its expression suppressed by a small conservative minority.

The recent demonstration by a willful minority to suppress discussion and approval of DeSaulnier's proposal also misused a small number of my fellow veterans as a political centerpiece at a county Board of Supervisors meeting to invoke the interests of a minority within our local Republican party. These veterans were misled in the intent of DeSaulnier's proposal and were embarrassed in the media by the results of the event.

No matter our viewpoint, let us care about our National Guard, respect their appropriate service, and respect our veterans. Our Guard is an appropriate issue for our

regional and local consideration.

Hal Bailey, Alamo

'See you at the races'

Dear Editor:

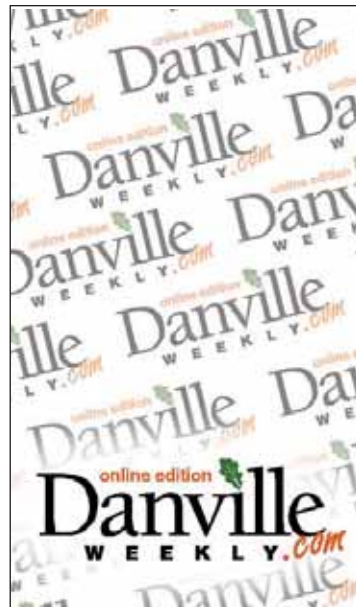
I was pleased to see the article on Jessica Walker and her racing accomplishments in last week's issue. She indeed has had a super racing year! Jessica and her family are wonderful to know and race with. Her dad, Doug, is so devoted to his daughters and works hard with both Jessica and her younger sister Taylor on their racing cars and techniques. As fellow parents of young quarter midget drivers, we are privileged to race with such a family. Our two young sons, ages 8 and (almost) 11, race as well and we all have a great time.

This sport is special because it requires the family to work together and we do so with other families from throughout the Bay Area and the rest of Northern California. A few times a year, we have the opportunity to race with those from other states plus Canada at events such as the Western and Eastern Grands. Quarter Midget Racing is for ages 5 to 16 and teaches sportsmanship, responsibility and strategy, to name a few things. Our sons have made wonderful relationships with children from beyond Danville, and as parents we have met exceptional people as well.

In past years, a handful of Quarter Midget drivers and their cars have been in Danville's Fourth of July Parade. Our family is the only one in Danville involved in this sport and we would love to see more from the area. Visit our Web site at www.TVQMA.org. Tri-Valley Quarter Midgets track is located in Livermore, and spectators are welcome to come to any races free of charge.

See you at the races!

Pamela and Mark Unterbach, Danville



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Eating for Two
 Eating right during pregnancy. Learn to prepare easy meals to boost your intake of iron, calcium, vitamins and other important nutrients. Chef Rosemary Mark; Ages 18+; Tue., Feb. 7, 6-8pm; Dougherty Station Kitchen; Fee \$30 for San Ramon Residents \$38 for all others and a \$10 food fee!

Hawaiian Luau
 Join Chef Suzanne Antone for a culinary voyage to the Hawaiian Islands. Ages 18+; Wed., Feb. 22, 6-8:30pm; Dougherty Station Kitchen; Fee \$20 for San Ramon Residents; \$25 for all others and a \$10 food fee!

Vegetarian Cooking for Non-Vegetarians
 You can make delicious and nutritious vegetarian treats that are fun and not labor intensive. Chef Lisa Williams; Ages 21+; Mon., Feb. 27 - 7-9pm; Dougherty Station Kitchen; Fee \$25 for San Ramon Residents \$31 for all others and a \$7 food fee!

Chicken Simple
 Tired of making the same chicken recipes every week? Satisfy your worldliest of tastes in this demonstration and hands-on class. Chef Rosemary Mark; Ages 18+; Tue., Feb. 28 - 6-8pm; Dougherty Station Kitchen; Fee \$30 for San Ramon Residents \$38 for all others and a \$10 food fee!

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OBITUARIES

Ramona A. Garcia

Danville resident Ramona A. Garcia, 56, passed away in Alamo on Jan. 28. She was born May 4, 1949, in San Leandro and lived there until moving to Danville eight years ago.

She had a bachelor's degree and worked as an administrative secretary at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She was also active in her gardening club.

She is survived by her mother Marcy Garcia; brothers Ron Garcia of San Jose and Bob Garcia of Pleasanton; and nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her father Joseph Garcia.

A Mass will be celebrated for her at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 3, at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Dublin, with burial afterward at the Santa Clara Mission Cemetery. Donations may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa or to wherever the donor prefers.

George Richard Stockberger

George Stockberger, 91, of Danville passed away Jan. 20. Born in Johnstown, Pa., on Aug. 5, 1914, he was a longtime resident of Danville. He was a veteran of World War II in the U.S. Army, and was retired from Pacific Telephone.

He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Helen Stockberger, in 2003. He is survived by his children, George Stockberger Jr., Sarah (Richard) Sams, Jean (Ken) Kolb and Rob (Susan) Stockberger. He also leaves four grandchildren, Katelyn, Katie, Kevin and Stephen.

A memorial service was held last week at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville. Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette.

POLICE LOG

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

Jan. 23

- Burglary-miscellaneous: on Camino Tassajara at 11:59 a.m.
- False ID to police: cited on Del Amigo Rd. at 2:40 p.m.
- Vandalism to Schools: on Blemer Rd. at 2:48 p.m.

Jan. 24

- Petty theft from building: on Stone Valley Rd. at 10:04 a.m.
- Petty theft from building: on Stone Valley Rd. at 10:05 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Diablo Rd. at 12:25 p.m.
- Petty theft: on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 6:06 p.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Blemer Rd. at 8:04 p.m.

Jan. 25

- Petty theft: on Ramona Rd. at 9:05 a.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Love Ln. at 7:57 p.m.

Jan. 26

- Malicious mischief: on Front St. at 8:36 a.m.
- Forgery-fraudulent documents: on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:25 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: accident investigation on Railroad Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 12:24 p.m.
- Unlicensed driver: cited on Camino Tassajara and Messian Pl. at 3:14 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances: on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 4:40 p.m.
- Burglary-auto: on Princeton Ln. at 5:57 p.m.

Jan. 27

- Drunk in public: arrest on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:33 p.m.
- Strong-arm robbery: arrest on Love Ln. at 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 28

- Malicious mischief: on Matadera Ct. at 9:46 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Stone Valley Rd. at 10:05 a.m.
- Vehicle stolen: on Hartz Ave. and Prospect Ave. at 5:16 p.m.
- Malicious telephone calls: on Ambleside Ct. at 5:55 p.m.

Jan. 29

- Malicious mischief: on Country Hills Ct. at 1:21 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Woodranch Cir. at 2:20 a.m.
- Felony vandalism: on Summerfield St. at 8:12 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Northview Ct. at 9:22 a.m.
- Accident-property damage: on Hartz Ave. at 9:27 a.m.
- Felony vandalism: on Jennifers Meadows Ct. at 9:53 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: on Julie Ct. at 11:33 a.m.
- Malicious mischief: Barrenger Dr. at 12:05 p.m.
- Disturbing the peace: on Hartz Ave. at 10:32 p.m.

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

ALAMO

Jan. 24

- Disturbance: at Alamo Plaza
- Petty theft: on Vernal Ct.
- Malicious mischief: on Miranda Ave.

Jan. 26

- Malicious mischief: on Emmons Canyon Ln.

Jan. 27

- Malicious mischief: on Justin Morgan Dr.

Jan. 28

- Malicious mischief: on Ina Dr.
- Felony vandalism: on Ina Dr.
- Felony vandalism: on Royal Oaks Dr.

BLACKHAWK

Jan. 25

- Residential burglary: on Deer Ridge Rd.

DANVILLE

Jan. 26

- Felony vandalism: on Bluespur Cir. and Casablanca St.

DIABLO

Jan. 25

- Grand theft from vehicle: on Alameda Diablo and Caballo Ranchero

ROUNDHILL

Jan. 25

- Disturbance: on Roundhill Dr.

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Field advantage

Midfielder Mikey Friedler of the Mustang Flash Division 1 under-11 boys soccer team shows the stuff that resulted in two wins and a tie last weekend in the first round of the State Cup competition against the San Ramon Blast, 1-1; the Davis Legacy, 2-0; and the Diablo Valley Black 94, 3-0. They next face the Livermore Roadrunners in Morgan Hill on Feb. 11. The Mustang Xplosion under-11 boys also advanced, with three wins.



Champs know how to celebrate

The Mustang Mavericks U9 Division I Gold Team enjoy the Danville Weekly after winning a game at the Celtic Cup on Jan. 21 in Redlands. The team competed against the top teams from Southern California and made it all the way to the semifinal match. This was the final contest for the Mavericks, who finished first in the Al Caffodio League.

Wolves still ahead of the pack

San Ramon basketball teams undefeated in the EBAL

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

The Wolves boys basketball team ran its record to 15-4 and 5-0 in the East Bay Athletic League with a win over California 72-55. Brandon Adams led the Wolves with 23 points.

The Lady Wolves also remained perfect in the EBAL with a 66-48 win over California. Their record is now 14-5 overall and 5-0 in the EBAL. Both teams are in first place in the league standings.

The Monte Vista boys basketball team beat Amador Valley 66-56 to go 13-6 overall and 4-1 in the EBAL and are one game behind San Ramon in the league standings. Corey Higgins led the Mustangs with 26 points. The Mustangs and Wolves were scheduled to do battle against each other Feb. 1 at Monte Vista.

The Lady Mustangs lost to Amador Valley 56-46 to go 14-5 overall and 3-1 in the EBAL. They rebounded with a victory over Amador Valley 38-34 and remain one game behind San Ramon in the league standings.

Boys soccer

The Wolves boys soccer team tied Livermore 1-1 to 17-1-2 overall and 8-1-2 in the league. Cameron Walters scored for the Wolves to secure the tie. The tie allowed the Wolves to remain in first place over Monte Vista. The Wolves and Mustangs will battle each other in the final game of league Feb. 10.

Girls soccer

The Lady Mustangs soccer team remained in first place in the league with a 15-3-2 overall record and 7-0-1 in the EBAL with a win over Livermore 5-0. Courtney Jones led the Mustangs with two goals. The Mustangs remained slightly ahead

over San Ramon, who kept pace with a win over Granada 7-0. The Wolves are now 16-2-1 overall and 7-1 in the league. ■

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

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday

Girls Basketball: San Ramon at Foothill, 7 p.m.
 Monte Vista at Cal High, 7 p.m.
Boys Basketball: San Ramon vs. Foothill, 7 p.m.
 Monte Vista vs. Cal High, 7 p.m.
Boys Soccer: Monte Vista vs. Foothill, 5:30 p.m.

Monte Vista vs. Livermore, 7 p.m.
Boys Soccer: San Ramon vs. Amador Valley, 5:30 p.m.
 Monte Vista at Granada, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

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

Friday, Feb. 10

Girls Basketball: San Ramon vs. Livermore, 7 p.m.
Boys Basketball: San Ramon at Livermore, 7 p.m.
Boys Soccer: San Ramon vs. Monte Vista, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

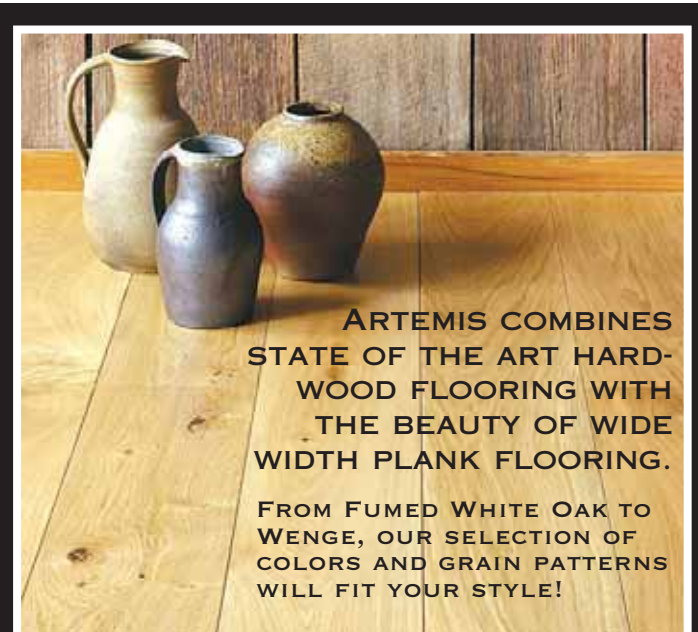
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 Monte Vista vs. Granada, 5:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball: San Ramon vs. Granada, 7 p.m.
 Monte Vista at Livermore, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Boys Basketball: San Ramon at Granada, 7 p.m.

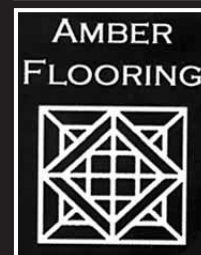
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Girls Basketball: Monte Vista vs. Amador Valley, TBA



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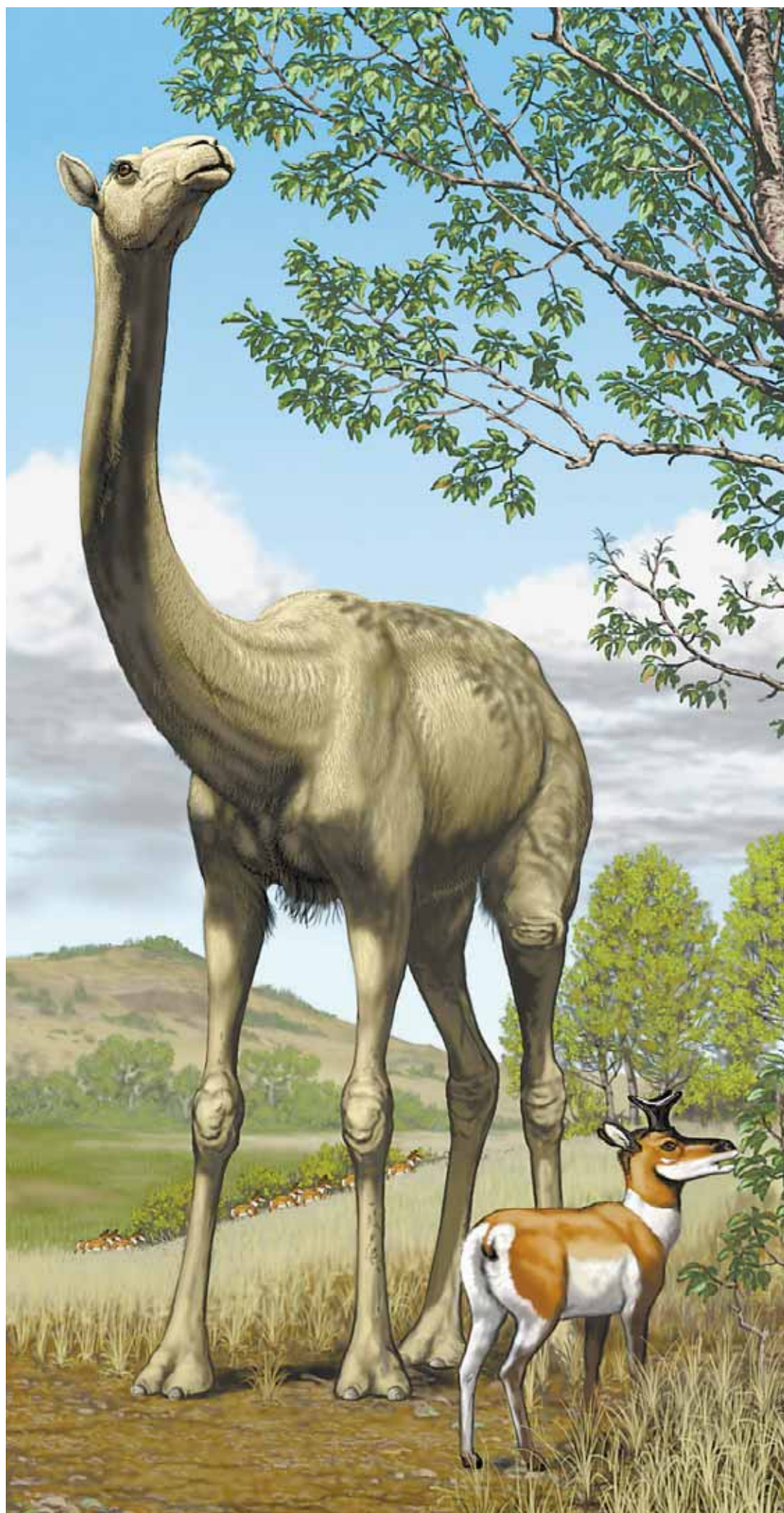


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PR PR Paleontologists

Local history books tell about the early settlers in the San Ramon Valley and, before that, the Native Americans living along the creeks. But go back another 10 million years—to prehistory. At the time, long-necked camels, rhinos, wild horses, saber-toothed cats and mastodons existed in an ecosystem that more closely resembled the Africa savanna than our wooded suburbs would suggest.

The remains of these creatures, discovered in Danville, are now part of the latest exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, “Beasts in Your Back Yard.” The centerpiece of the exhibit is a full-scale replica of an ancestral mastodon “Gomphotherium simpsoni” skeleton. The exhibit also includes the skull of a saber-toothed cat and other bones and fossils found in the Blackhawk Ranch quarry, which has a reputation as the richest archeological site of vertebrate fossils in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Blackhawk Ranch treasury of fossils was discovered in 1926 by Bruce Clark, a geologist for the University of California, while he was creating a soil map of the Mount Diablo region. While Clark was in the area, ranch hands told him there were “dinosaur bones” in the area. Clark investigated, realized that the soil samples were 10 million years old, and determined it was a fossil locale.

An extensive dig led by UC paleontologist K.A. Richey was done of the site in the 1930s, as a part of the Public Works Administration program. Richey and his team discovered fossils dating back to the Miocene period, 5.3 million to 23.8 million years ago. Those fossils are now located at the UC Museum of Paleontology (UCMP) in Berkeley, which houses the largest collection of fossils of any teaching university in the world, including microfossils, fossil plants, vertebrates and invertebrates.

The story the fossils tell is a fascinating peek into our prehistoric past. In the Miocene period, Danville and surrounding areas could have been mistaken for Africa, in regards to both the animals that lived here and the environment. The climate was mild, without seasons, and the terrain was grassy plains. However, many of the trees were similar to those that grow here now—elms, poplars, oaks and sycamores.

Twelve-foot-tall camels, with necks like giraffes, and three-toed horses fed on the grasses and abundant foliage. Other, more familiar animals also existed, including rabbits, beavers, squirrels, foxes and relatives of modern-day raccoons and turtles. The most prevalent predator was a hyena-like dog (Borophagus) with sharp, powerful teeth and a jaw like a coyote.

The largest of the fossils was the Gomphotherium, or mastodon, which is related to mammoths and modern elephants. Unlike the mammoths, the mastodons were not covered with long hair, but with short fur. Mastodons were about 10 feet tall and ate plants. They had two sets of tusks, and used their smaller, lower tusks like a shovel to scoop up plants from streambeds where they fed. Mastodon trunks were not as long as those of mammoths or elephants but muscular and flexible, which they used as we use arms and fingers.

After Richey’s team finished its dig in the 1930s, UC undergraduates, paleontology graduate students and museum staff

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by Kathy Cordova

find Blackhawk quarry rich with fossils

take fairly regular trips to the quarry, although never an active excavation site. In 1987, Ken Goodwin, developer of Blackhawk, officially donated the quarry to the UCMP.

Blackhawk Museum, in conjunction with UCMP, invites the public to visit the quarry. Dan Dunn, director of the museum, had had archeology training in college and worked on a dig site. He launched a community dig super-UCMP, with support from UC Berkeley students and other museum members.

"I have an interest in going back through Richey's work and finding some of the smaller animals," said Dunn. "We have an entire ecosystem there. The public was interested in finding mastodons, but we were interested in finding fish and small mammals."

Goodwin, assistant director for Research and Collections at UCMP, explained why the Blackhawk quarry is so rich in fossils.

"The rocks at the quarry represent an ancient stream system that flowed across a broad alluvial plain toward the ancestral bay," he said. "Ten million years ago, this ancient streambed was near sea level. Natural sorting occurs as the rivers and streams deposit the sediment and the bones they carry along the stream banks during flooding, and in the streambed as the bones settle out."

"One of the interesting things about the quarry is that you end up with stuff just piled on top of one another," Dunn added. "Animals that wouldn't be anywhere near one another are found within inches of each other there."

Because of the nature of the site, the fossils that were used to create the ancestral mastodon replica that is currently on exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley came from several different animals found at the site and collected in the 1930s.

"We didn't find the whole fossil on the quarry," said Dunn. "I succeeded in finding many smaller fossils in addition to the mastodon fossils that Richey's team and other paleontologists had uncovered. Goodwin supervised the construction of the composite mastodon model by making casts of the original fossils found at the quarry, then casting the casts in plastic resin. The mastodon was on display for the Blackhawk Museum."

Mastodons became extinct about 11,000 years ago, although there is evidence from our local area millions of years before, most likely due to extreme climate change. Nobody knows exactly why they died out, but educated guesses include overhunting, environmental causes related to climate change, and highly infectious diseases.

Goodwin knows that the story told by the fossils found in the quarry gives us a glimpse into what it was like in our own area millions of years ago.

"The great functions of the quarry," said Dunn, "is that it allows us to see to people what they are finding when they're digging through their flower beds. When they find sand dollars, they can understand why." ■

FUN FOSSIL FACTS

- Mastodons and the other fossils found locally are prehistoric animals, not dinosaurs. Dinosaurs became extinct at the end of the Cretaceous period, about 65 million years ago. The Mount Diablo region was never home to dinosaurs because it was under water during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. The closest dinosaur bones were found near Pacheco Pass in central California.

- Since Miocene times, there have been approximately 22 different types of elephants. Only two types—the Indian and African elephants—are living today.

- The official state fossil of California is the Saber Tooth cat, or Smilodon. Although there is no evidence that the Smilodon lived in this area, other smaller, saber-toothed cats did.

- Many people mistakenly think that Mount Diablo was once a volcano, because lava rock can be found on the mountain. However, the lava came from the sea, upwelling from deep in the earth through fissures in the ocean crust, and from neighboring volcanoes in the Berkeley Hills. Mount Diablo, at 3,849 feet, is relatively young, having risen as the result of seismic activity over the past 2 million years.

- In California, any fossils found on private land belong to the property owners, so remember to ask permission before you start looking for fossils. Fossils on government land, state and national parks, are protected by a variety of laws and a scientific permit is required. The fossils must be deposited in a proper scientific repository or museum, such as the UC Museum of Paleontology.

- The UCMP is not open to the public, but special tours for schools and youth groups can be arranged. Each April on Cal Day, the UC Berkeley campus opens its doors to visitors who enjoy hands-on activities, lectures and more. UCMP participates by offering a variety of activities for paleontology buffs of all ages. This year Cal Day is April 22. For more information, visit <http://www.berkeley.edu/calday/> or call (510) 642-5215.

LOCAL FOSSILS AND MORE

What: "Beasts in Your Back Yard"

When: Now through April 22

Where: Museum of the San Ramon Valley, corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues in Danville

Telephone: 837-3750

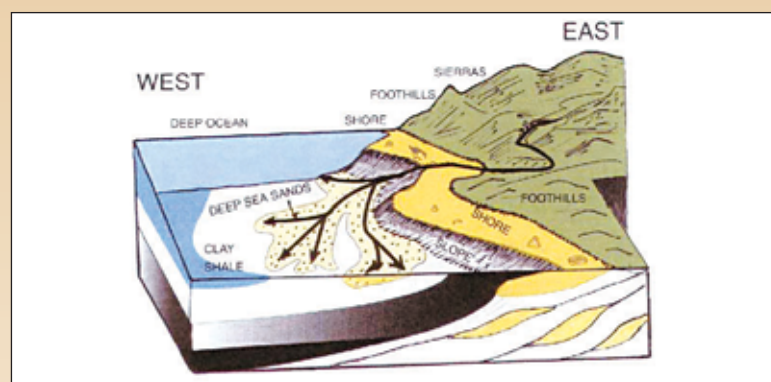
Admission: Free, but donations are appreciated

Museum hours: 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday

1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 16-April 22

LOCAL GEOLOGY TIME LINE 100 MILLION YEARS AGO (MYA)



100 mya

Pacific Ocean shoreline is at the Sierra foothills.

65 to 30 mya

Silt fills in ocean moving the shoreline westward.

30 to 20 mya

Land is elevated and erosion dominates.

20 to 12 mya

Shoreline moves to the East Bay hills.

12 to 1 mya

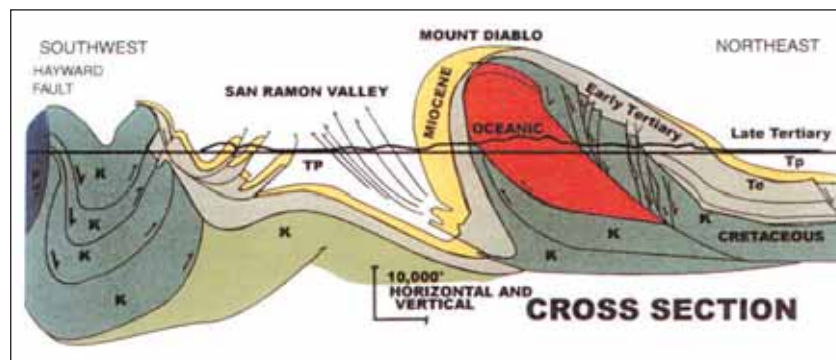
Uplift of the Diablo Range. At 4 mya Mount Diablo starts rising under the ocean (caused by a thrust fault at depth)

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Shoreline is near current location but there is no Coastal Range of mountains. Blackhawk quarry deposits are made.

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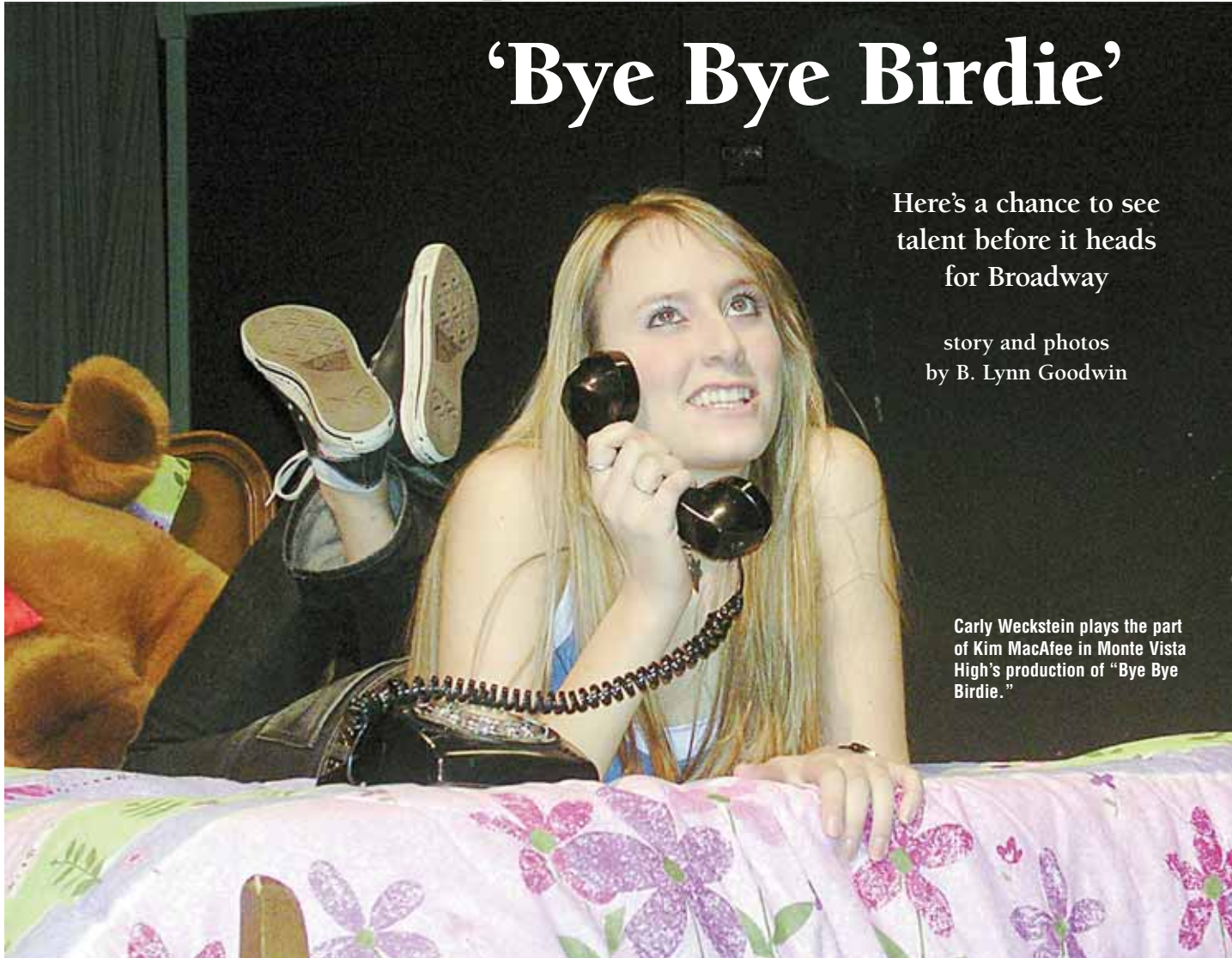
Mount Diablo rises slowly above sea level and erodes.



Recent to Future Mount Diablo is gradually moving west and the East Bay hills are moving east compressing the San Ramon Valley, causing it to narrow.

Geology of the San Ramon Valley
Ron Crane and Kevin Crane

Monte Vista presents ...



'Bye Bye Birdie'

Here's a chance to see talent before it heads for Broadway

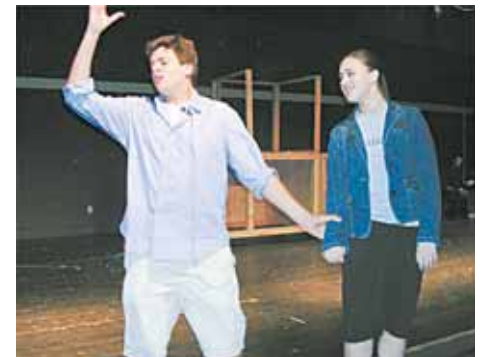
story and photos by B. Lynn Goodwin

Carly Weckstein plays the part of Kim MacAfee in Monte Vista High's production of "Bye Bye Birdie."



Above: Cast vocal warm-ups include (l-r) Stephanie Laursen, Kristyn McDaniel, Courtney O'Connor, Erin Pola and teacher Vicki Stadelhofer.

Below: Rosie Alvarez (Angelica Richie) argues with Albert Peterson (William Skrip) about teen heart throb Conrad Birdie.



'We love you, Conrad...'

What: "Bye Bye Birdie"
Who: Monte Vista High School Theatre Arts
When: 7 p.m., Feb. 8, 9 and 10
Where: Al Gentile Theatre, Monte Vista High School, 3131 Stone Valley Road, Danville
Cost: \$10

When Monte Vista Theatre Arts instructor Vicki Stadelhofer talks about her school's upcoming production of "Bye Bye Birdie," she practically glows.

"You know that song, 'Something Tells Me, I'm Into Something Good'? That's how I feel about this show," Stadelhofer said. "It's been amazing."

"Bye Bye Birdie" will be performed in the Al Gentile Theatre at the school, and the proceeds will help support Monte Vista Theatre Arts.

"Our only income is through ticket sales," said Stadelhofer. "The money buys supplies for scenery lumber, paint, costumes, lighting equipment, and publicity posters and programs, sound equipment and stage makeup."

This year she is working with an exceptionally talented group of performers, she said, including four strong singers, who do musical theater throughout the San Ramon Valley.

"Will Skrip, Angelica Richie, Carly Weckstein and Kristyn McDaniel have been in musicals all their lives, so because I had them, we could go ahead and do a musical," Stadelhofer said.

"Most of the cast are drama kids and hadn't even sung before," she added. "The leads all have private singing teachers and have gone to their singing teachers to learn the music."

"Bye Bye Birdie," a satirical Broadway hit by Michael Stewart, Charles Strouse and Lee

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Adams, tells a story inspired by Elvis Presley's induction into the Army.

Albert Peterson (Will Skrip) is a struggling songwriter for the rock 'n' roll idol Conrad Birdie (Chris Love). When Birdie is drafted into the Army, Peterson's secretary and sweetheart, Rosie (Angelica Richie), convinces him to write a farewell song for Birdie. He will sing it on the Ed Sullivan Show to a fan, who turns out to be Kim MacAfee (Carly Weckstein) of Sweet Apple, Ohio. When Birdie arrives, Peterson must deal with celebrity-fawning teenagers, his own domineering mother (Caila Litman) and excessive chaos. The musical pokes fun at popular culture and devotion to rock 'n' roll at the end of the '50s. The cast is having great fun bringing it to life.

Stadelhofer spent 12 years teaching drama at Livermore High before coming to Monte Vista 17 years ago. She got her start in theater as a singer and an actress, was in all the plays and musicals in high school and college, and majored in drama. Though she does not consider herself a musical director, she can help her actors find the right note and sometimes sings along as they warm up.

She began her work at Monte Vista by directing "The Nerd," which was rehearsed after school. It had a cast of nine. Then she put on "Happy Days." Because more and more students wanted to get involved, there was a demand for a class. As interest rose, so did her enrollment. She now teaches fulltime and "starts" all her plays in class, casting them and beginning rehearsals.

"I can do five plays a year because I repeat," she said. "I know the plays that are best for students."

Some students act, while others help behind the scenes. For "Bye Bye Birdie," Randy Ekbohm and Mike DaMonte are building the scenery designed by Holt Elliot, who was inspired by the old-town feel of the Danville Hotel. Cameron Tetzloff is in charge of both lights and sound.

A few students play a role plus do a technical job. Angelica Richie, who is cast as Rosie, is also the choreographer. Stephanie Laursen, cast as Gloria Rasputin, helps with publicity and created the program. Many of these people are seniors, and they will be sorely missed next year, said Stadelhofer.

Parents have become important contributors to Monte Vista Theatre Arts, she also noted. They bring food for rehearsals and refreshments to sell at intermission.

For "Bye Bye Birdie," parents Ali Peterson and Andrea Howes are making 17 poodle skirts, and Sue Beresh is coordinating the costumes.

"For this show, I'll have two parents backstage to help get them dressed, while I'm out in the booth," said Stadelhofer, the "booth" being where the lighting and sound are controlled. "I don't always have to stay in the booth, though. The kids run it."

Musical director Chris Pearson, the choir director at Monte Vista, and accompanist Erin Pola, who also plays for Diablo Light Opera Company and Contra Costa Musical Theatre, round out the production staff.

Monte Vista's Theatre Arts Program has joined the International Thespian Society, and new members are inducted into the organization every spring in a ceremony held at Round Hill Country Club. The group presents 18 awards at the ceremony in its version of the Academy Awards.

Behind Stadelhofer's desk is a wall of photos. In addition to shots of past casts, there are headshots of students who are working professionally. Soon Skrip, Richie, Weckstein and McDaniel will have their headshots on the wall, Stadelhofer predicts.

The community can go to "Bye Bye Birdie" next weekend and see Monte Vista's talented performers in action. ■

AT THE MOVIES

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

Annapolis (PG-13)	Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:10, 4, 7:15, 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. Hacienda 20: Fri-Tu 11:40 am, 2:20, 5, 7:40, 10:20 pm
Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:40 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tu 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:50, 3:45, 7, 9:20 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:20 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., noon, 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05 p.m.
Brokeback Mountain (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tu 11:55 a.m., 3:20, 6:45, 9:45 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:45, 3:55, 6:55, 9:50 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:40, 3:40, 6:50, 9:50 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:50 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tu 1, 4:05, 7:15, 10:40 p.m.
Cache (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:55, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45 p.m.
Capote (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 2:30, 7:35 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1, 3:50, 7:10, 10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tu 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:45 p.m.
Chronicles of Narnia (PG)	Hacienda 20: Fri-Tues 12:20, 3:35, 6:50, 10:05 p.m.
End of the Spear (PG-13)	Hacienda 20: Fri-Tues 10:50 a.m., 1:35, 4:20, 7:10 p.m.
Family Stone (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:25, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40 p.m.
Fun With Dick and Jane (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 6:55, 9:30 p.m.
Glory Road (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:55 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 p.m.
Good Night, and Good Luck (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 10 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:25, 3, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55 p.m. Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 10:15 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13)	Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 10:15 p.m.
Hoodwinked (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:10, 4:35 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:40, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:45 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:25 p.m.
King Kong (PG-13)	Hacienda 20: Fri-Tu 10:30 a.m., 2:30, 6:30, 10:15 p.m.
Last Holiday (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05 p.m. Hacienda 20: Fri-Tu 10:40 am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 pm
Match Point (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:30 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tues 1, 4:15, 7:15, 10 p.m. Hacienda 20: Fri-Tues 12:40, 3:45, 6:55, 9:50 p.m.
Memoirs of a Geisha (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:50, 7:20, 10:25 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m.
Mrs. Henderson Presents (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues noon, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20 p.m.
Munich (R)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:05, 3:30, 6:50, 10:10 p.m.
Nanny McPhee (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:45 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:15, 9:35 p.m. Hacienda 20: Fri-Tu 11:05 am, 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40 pm
New World (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 10:35 a.m., 1:35, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50 p.m.
Roving Mars (G)	Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30, 3, 4:30, 6, 7:30, 9 p.m.
Something New (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:35 p.m. Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5, 7:40, 10:20 p.m.
Syriana (R)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 7, 9:50 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:50 p.m.
The Matador (R)	Hacienda 20: Fri-Tu 12:05, 2:45, 5:20, 8, 10:35 p.m.
Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:30 p.m.
Tristan & Isolde (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 9:55 p.m.
Underworld: Evolution (R)	Hacienda 20: Fri-Tu 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10 p.m., Open Captioned Fri 11 a.m., Sat 1:45 p.m., Sun 11 a.m., 10 p.m., Mon 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m., Tu 1:45, 10 p.m.
Walk the Line (PG-13)	Century 14: Fri-Tues 12:20, 3:40, 6:55, 10 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m., 4:50, 9:55 p.m. Hacienda 20: Fri-Tues 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 9:55 p.m.
When a Stranger Calls (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tues 2:40, 5, 7:25, 9:35 p.m., Sun-Tues no show 9:35 p.m. Century 14: Fri-Tues 11:25 a.m., 1:35, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05, 10:15 p.m. Hacienda 20: Fri-Tues 10:30, 11:55 a.m., 12:50, 2:25, 3:15, 4:55, 5:45, 7:25, 8:15, 9:55, 10:45 p.m.

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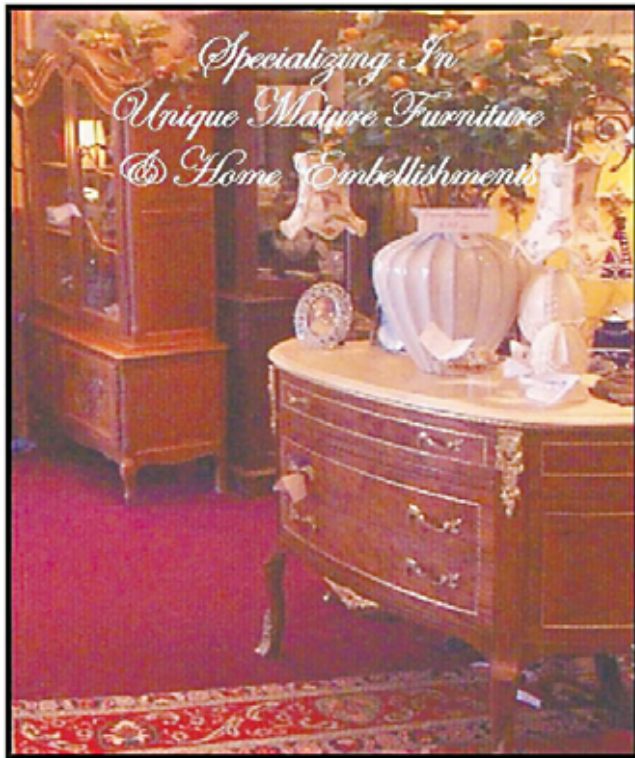
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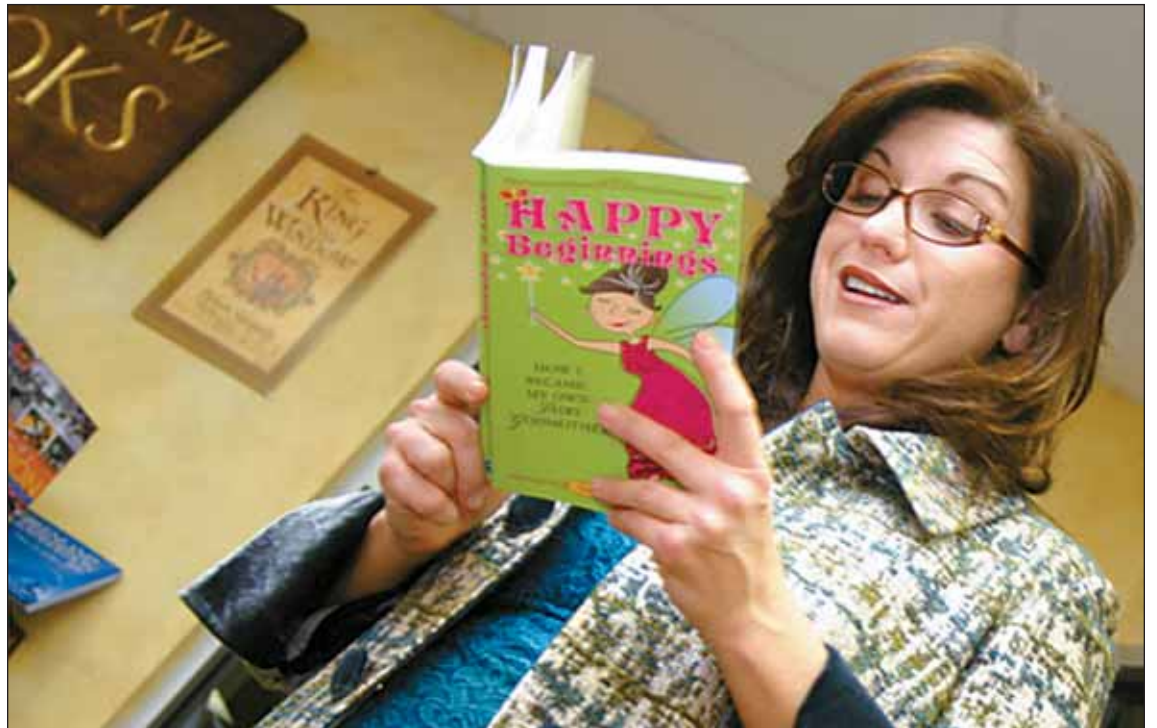
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Author Lorena Bathey reads to an enthusiastic audience from her book, "Happy Beginnings—How I Became My Own Fairy Godmother."

'Happy Beginnings'

Women identify with author's story of betrayal

story and photos by Lani Allen

Wife ... Mother ... What else? What happens after marriage and kids? You've heard it all before ... or maybe not. Those women wake up one day and smack!—they realize that married life is not the fairytale with a happy ending that was promised, oh, so long ago.

Women, perhaps searching for something their spirits needed, gathered recently at Rakestraw Books in Danville to hear from a new local author, Lorena Bathey, who wrote "Happy Beginnings—How I Became My Own Fairy Godmother." It's an honest look at a woman's life from the moment she was told her husband was leaving her to a tribute of self love, self discovery and everything in between. It's about a woman scorned.

Bathey takes her readers on a sorrowful, hilarious ride, drowning herself in pity, followed by a chaser of unwavering hope and undeniable strength. After the "gift" of divorce, she becomes connected for the first time to the woman she inadvertently put away in the attic during her marriage.

There are many emotional tunes played throughout her quest to heal. The vulnerable denial, heartache, embarrassment, the loneliness of being outcast from "the married friends," and the realization that she was now a statistic.

"I existed through the day to cry my nights away," she wrote.

Some woman asked the questions:

"How many other women out there, besides myself and Lorena, have truly lost their own identity in marriage?"

"Does a divorce need to happen in order to possess the key to the attic?"

"Does wearing the 'wife and mother' cloak automatically conceal those personal dreams? Are my



The Apala Publishing team with the author, (l-r) Jonquinette Maker, Donna Wood, Lorena Bathey and Victoria Henderson.

postponed dreams following me?"

Bathey has many answers to those questions. No, it's not a self-help book on how to date after divorce (although she had everyone chuckling as she described how she "dips her toe in the dating pool"). It's not a book about men bashing or even recovery therapy. It's a good little warning to those married, about to marry, or, if the "marriage thing" is all over, she holds out huge hope. It urges women to embrace their abandoned dreams and lets them know they do still have the key to the attic (they just need to find that darned key), saying you can reunite with your own spirit and fairy godmother ... you!

Lorena Bathey will host an evening of self-discovery and present a variety of techniques to help you appreciate the wonderful woman inside yourself. Bathey urges you to get your wand, wings and join in on the Fairy Godmother training Thursday, Feb. 16. Also, she will head up a local chapter of the Sassy Pink Peppers, a fun social group for divorced women. For more details go to: www.scepter-press.com. ■



Lorena Bathey signs her books for a long line of women at Rakestraw Books.

Quotes from "Happy Beginnings— How I Became My Own Fairy Godmother"

- "Being alone for me had always meant that no one wanted to be with me. I realized that being alone was a gift!"
- "I think they also started to worry that I would start asking their husbands to come over and unclog my drain."
- "I used to let him sleep in the bed by the door so that he could protect me from what went bump in the night. Now I slept on his side because I was going to be my own protector."
- "This was a new era in my life. I was in charge, and that feeling of not having to ask permission of anyone was a new feeling that I did not know what to do with."
- "I was the champion, I rescued myself, I did not need a prince as I was already the fairy godmother."



Super bowl menu touchdowns

Whether you're a football lover during football season or, like me, more of a couch potato, watching the games on TV and snacking go hand in hand. And Super Bowl Sunday is the ultimate—it's the culinary equivalent of pigging-out so I'll tag it the "Super Graze." From the first team kickoff to the last second of the fourth quarter, most of us will have a drink in one hand and something edible in the other. Last year, I tried to limit my grazing by bringing my knitting along to the party but I got boo-ed so badly by my sports-minded friends that the strategy was a complete failure. This year, I am determined to eat and drink heartily but with a more conscientious approach—avoiding the highest fat/calorie/carb items while savoring smaller portions of the healthier foods. I'm also going to root for the underdog team—hopefully, focusing on their on-field challenges will keep my eyes on the TV set and away from the buffet table.

If you're having friends over or simply cooking for your own set of football fans, you're probably in search of some new tasty-but-easy-to-make ideas for your Super Bowl fun. As with all party planning, a theme can help you focus and keep your dishes working together like a team of well-matched players. I've developed a few culinary "plays" to help you get off to a good start. These Super Bowl combos should generate a great lineup, create winning results in the kitchen, and allow for sufficient time-outs for

the cook. Now, that's worth a Super Bowl cheer!

These recipes can be found by searching for them by name at www.DanvilleWeekly.com:

Chili Pepper Play

Chicken Quesadillas
Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Team with: Guacamole, Beer, Virgin Margaritas

Seafood Play

Hot Crab Dip
Spicy Shrimp Platter
Team with: Cheese Plate, Sangria

Asian Play

Spicy Chicken Wings Platter
Chicken Lettuce Wraps
Team with: Wine Coolers, Fruit Platter

Panini Play

Chicken, Gruyere and Mushroom Sandwiches
Sweet Potato Fries
Easy Artichoke Dip
Team with: Red/White Wines, Antipasto

P.S. The "imperfect chef" in me says: For dessert with any of these "plays," bake an off-the-shelf-box of double-chocolate brownies with nuts and cut into mini-sized squares. It's fast, chocolate teams with anything, and you can indulge your sweet tooth in bite-sized ways. Everybody wins, regardless of which team you're cheering for!

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.

Recipes: Super Bowl Menu Touchdowns

Oven-Barbequed Pork Sandwiches (serves 12-20) An easier alternative to pulled pork, the pork can be slow-roasted for 10-12 hours overnight and turned into tasty sandwiches.

1 bone-in pork shoulder butt roast or picnic shoulder (8-9 pounds)
3 Tbsp. packed light or dark brown sugar
3 Tbsp. paprika
1-1/2 tsp. salt, plus some for sprinkling
1-1/2 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
1-1/2 Tbsp. garlic powder
2 Tbsp. ground cumin
1/2 cup Dijon mustard

- Put oven rack to lowest position and preheat oven to 250 degrees.
- Mix brown sugar, paprika, salt, pepper and garlic powder in a small bowl. Pat roast dry and place on a rack set over a foil-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle top and sides of roast lightly with salt, brush with half the mustard and sprinkle half the spice rub. Turn roast over carefully and repeat rubbing process.
- Roast pork until meat thermometer reads 170 degrees, approximately 9-10 hours depending on size. Transfer pork to a platter and let cool enough to handle, about an hour. In the meantime, pour off any fat and scrape pan drippings into a small saucepan; add 1 cup water and bring to a simmer. Remove from heat.

- Cut roast into 1-inch to 2-inch chunks and shred meat into a large bowl. Add pan sauce to moisten pork and stir to mix. Serve with sandwich buns, offer barbeque sauce and coleslaw on the side.

Chicken/Beef Quesadillas (serves 20)

10 burrito-size flour tortillas
3/4 pound chicken breasts, cut into thin strips
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
1 package Taco Spices and Seasonings
1 (2.25 oz.) can sliced black olives, drained
2 cups Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

- In a large skillet, cook chicken and onions in oil over medium heat. Stir in seasonings, olives and 1/2 cup water. Bring to boil and simmer for 2-3 minutes. Spread 1 cup of the mixture on each tortilla to the edges and sprinkle 1/2 cup Cheddar cheese over mixture. Top with a second tortilla; brush lightly with water.

- Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes. Cut into wedges; serve with salsa, sour cream and guacamole.

- **Variation:** Substitute 1 pound flank steak or sirloin in lieu of chicken and 1 chopped bell pepper in lieu of the olives. For extra spicy, use Pepper Jack cheese in lieu of Cheddar or Monterey Jack.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Clubs

Blackhawk Republican Women Luncheon

The Blackhawk Republican Women will host speaker Michael deLeon, a member of the Minuteman Project, at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 13, at the Blackhawk Country Club. The cost is \$16 and reservations are required by Feb. 10. Call Barbara Duffy at 837-7679 or e-mail baduffy@juno.com.

Danville PM Toastmasters Club #1785

The club meets from 7:30-9 p.m., every Wednesday, at DVC, San Ramon Campus, Room 215, 3150 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon. Guests are welcome. For information, call Debra Elmore at 934-3113 or visit www.danvilletoastmasters1785.com

Danville Women's Club

The Danville Women's Club meets for lunch and a program at noon the third Thursday of each month from September to June at the Clubhouse, 242 Linda Mesa. The club is holding an afternoon of bridge on Friday, Feb. 10. Lunch will be prepared and served by the "good cooks" of the club. The cost for lunch is \$15 per person. To reserve a place or table, call Helen at 820-2621. For information, call 837-7528.

Danville-Alamo Garden Club

The Garden Club monthly meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Alamo Women's Club. The speaker will be local landscape designer Kristin Yanker-Hansen presenting a program on winter blooming plants. For more information, call Maureen at 560-9574.

Diablo Valley Women in Business

Join the Diablo Valley Women in Business at their bi-monthly networking breakfast for a lively discussion of mistakes that women make and a new mindset for turning blunders into opportunities with the authors of "This is Not the Life I Ordered: 50 Ways to Keep Your Head Above Water When Life Keeps Dragging You Down!" from 7:30-9:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 10, at the Crow Canyon County Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville.

The cost is \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members. Register at www.dvwib.org

Friends Book Discussion Group

The Friends Book Discussion Group meets at 11 a.m., on the second Thursday of the month in the Mt. Diablo Room in the Danville Library. The book Feb 9 is "The Devil in the White City" by Eric Larson. For more information, call 837-4889.

San Ramon Valley Exchange Club

The San Ramon Valley Exchange Club invites you to join them at noon, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Faz, 600 Hartz Ave., (sign in at 11:45 a.m.). RSVP 275-2412. Join Chris Suter, Asst. Fire Chief and Al Martin, Communications Volunteer from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District at Noon, Wednesday, Feb. 8. An optional tour of the communications command vehicle will be at 1 p.m. The cost for lunch is \$16.

Tri-Valley Writers Association

The next monthly luncheon meeting will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb 4, at Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Writers of all levels are welcome. The cost for lunch is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. For more information, email Steve Workman at skworkman@aol.com.

Concerts

Benefit Concert for Vietnam Youth

Traditional Vietnamese music performed by Van Anh Vo, the Viet Spring Folk Ensemble, clarinetist Bill Wohlmacher and pianist Ellen Wassermann, along with the Canh Chim Bach Viet dance and Hung Vuong martial arts troupe will perform at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. All proceeds will be donated to Viet Nam Health Education and Literature Projects, a nonprofit organization helping children and communities in Vietnam. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call 275-9250 or visit www.vnyouthprojects.net.

Early Music Concert Series

Louise Carslake, baroque flute; John Dornenburg, viola da gamba; and Yuko Tanaka, harpsichord, will perform the works of Telemann, Handel, Couperin, Marais, and Leclair at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Las Positas College Library, building 2000, in Livermore. The suggested donation at the door is \$10 for LPC students, faculty and staff and \$15 for general admission. For additional information, call Marilyn Marquis at 424-1209 or e-mail mmarquis@laspositascollege.edu.

Jazz at Peace Series

The Anton Schwartz Quartet will perform at 5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. This event is free. For more information, call 648-7000 or visit www.peacejourney.org.

Events

Blankies for Grown-Ups

Community members are invited to attend a Quilting Bee from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Mt. Diablo Medical Center, 2540 East St. in Concord. Learn the art of "quilting" and help make comfort quilts and afghans for cancer patients, wounded veterans and other seriously ill adults. No experience is necessary. The event is free and all quilt-making supplies will be provided. If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it along. Reservations are not required. For more information, call 943-7290.

Child Abuse Prevention Luncheon

An awards luncheon, "It Shouldn't Hurt to Be a Child," hosted by the Auxiliary for the Child Abuse Prevention Council, will honor those who have made a difference in the lives of abused children, from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Enjoy champagne, appetizers, a sit-down lunch, silent auction, and fabulous drawing items. Cost is \$65. Call 939-7801 or visit www.capc-coco.org.

Claws for Paws Crab Feed

Enjoy all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad, bread, tea, coffee and dessert, plus dancing and drawings, from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb 11, at the

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Danville author to speak

Elm Battersby, 82, a Danville writer, poet, editor, English tutor and ghost writer, will read from her new book, "Even As It Stings," at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave. Proceeds from the book, which is the story of many abused women, go to a local women's shelter. For more information, call 837-7337.

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. in Pleasanton hosted by the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR). A cash bar will provide other drinks. Individual tickets are \$40, or purchase two for \$75, or a table of 10 for \$350. Tickets may be purchased by visiting www.clawsforpaws.com, www.tvar.org, a TVAR adoption event, or by sending a check to TVAR Crab Feed, P.O. Box 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588. For more information, email: events@tvvar.org.

Contra Costa Rose Society

Yuka Johnson of Hida Tools in Berkeley will demonstrate and talk about "Hand and Gardening Tools from Japan," at 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, in Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call 681-1551 or visit www.ccrose.org.

Danville Rotary Crab Feed

The Danville Rotary International is sponsoring a Crab Feed at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at St. Isidore Church, Small Gym, 440 LaGonda Way. Proceeds will benefit the proposed

SRVHS Aquatic Center and other community activities. The cost is \$40 which includes salad, crab, pasta and a prize drawing ticket. For tickets, call Mike at 837-2027 or Victor at 838-8721.

Father/Child Valentine Party

Celebrate Valentines Day through songs and dance and create a special "Daddy and Me" photo from 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Danville Community Center. Fees are \$45 for residents and \$54 for non-residents. For registration or information, call 314-3400.

Old Town Danville Walking Tour

Celebrate Valentine's Day early with a docent-led walking tour of Old Town Danville at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb 11, starting at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave. This event is free and no reservations are needed. For more information, call 837-3750.

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 VNVV, P.O. Box 2079, Danville 94526-2079. For information, call Mr. Estes at 288-0084 or (510) 985-2437 or visit www.vnvdv.com.

Kids & Teens

Cars, Cards at Blackhawk Museum

Cars and Cards is a Hands-On Program created for children and their families. The cars of the 1920s and 1930s display design elements such as streamlining, art nouveau and art deco motifs. Enjoy working on activities that relate to poster art of that period, make art deco style valentines and enjoy a related snack activity, from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville. For more information, call 736-2277 or visit www.BlackhawkMuseum.org.

How to Write a Book Report Workshop

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes will present its "Making the Grade: How to Write a Book Report" workshop at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, at its Danville Learning Center, 645 San Ramon Valley Blvd. For more information, call 837-4532 or visit www.lindamood-Bell.com.

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Musical Theatre Production Class
Curtain Up Productions in conjunction with the Mt. Diablo Regional YMCA is offering a Musical Theatre Production class of "Snow White and Friends." Children will rehearse once a week and then perform a 45-minute mini musical at the end of the session. Classes are from 2:30-4 p.m., Wednesdays, Feb. 8 through Mar. 29, at Rancho Romero Elementary School, 180 Hemme Way, Alamo. The cost is \$198. Class size is limited so register soon by calling 831-1100. For class information or questions, call 978-2300.

Lectures

B2B Power Exchange Workshop
B2B Power Exchange presents "Leads Group for True B2B Business Developers," at 7:45-10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 16, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive in Dublin. The cost for non-members is \$35, which includes the cost for breakfast. B2B focuses on helping entrepreneurs, consultants and business developers who sell to senior decision makers at companies with \$10M or more in annual revenues. To register, call 201-3410 or visit www.b2bpowerexchange.com/dublin.htm.

Creating an Income You Cannot Outlive

Kim Financial Advisors Inc. will host the first in a series of free seminars for those who are planning to retire within the decade to discuss new approaches to managing retirement income from 6:30-7:45 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silverlake Drive, Danville. Call 242-2274 or visit <http://kfainc.com>.

Decline of American Catholicism
Catholics@Work will host a breakfast at 6:45 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, which will feature Dr. Jerome P. Baggett, Associate Professor of Religion and Society at the Jesuit School of Theology, speaking on the Decline of American Catholicism. Cost is \$20 for members, \$27 for non-members. To register visit www.catholicsatwork.org/EventDesc.a.spx.

Home Ownership Vs. Renting
At this seminar, "Why it Still Makes Sense to Buy Versus Rent, the Housing Bubble...Media Myths and Industry Facts," learn the true cost of renting, the tax advantage of home ownership, how to overcome the fear of purchasing a home and more at a free seminar at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, hosted by Meridian Financial, 2694 Bishop Drive, Suite 202 in San Ramon. To register, call 328-4903.

How to Make Yourself Irresistible to a Publisher

The California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo Branch, is hosting David Cole, owner and principal of Bay Tree Publishing, to explain how to make yourself irresistible to a publisher, at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Hungry Hunter restaurant, 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd., in Lafayette. The cost is \$17 for CWC members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required by Wednesday, Feb. 8, and can be made by contacting Camille Minichino at (510) 881-8929 or camille@minichino.com.

Internet Essentials

Find out how to conduct effective Internet searches, learn about the different search engines, and how to perform searches on the library catalog, from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Danville Library. Registration is required. Call 837-4889.

Rose Pruning Workshop

Presented by the Town of Danville, a free rose-pruning workshop will cover seasonal pruning techniques, dead-head roses, and integrated pest management. Bring hand pruners or small hand loppers. The workshop will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Osage Station Park, 816 Brookside Drive, North parking lot.

Literary Events

Ayelet Waldman Book Signing

Join Ayelet Waldman at a reading and signing of her new book, "Love and Other Impossible Pursuits," a portrayal of a modern New York family lost in a fog of grief, anger, jealousy and, of course, the love that put them all together, at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16, at Rakestraw Books. For reservations, call 837-7337.

Cities in the Wilderness

The Commonwealth Club of California presents former Secretary of State and Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt discussing and signing his books, "Cities in the Wilderness: A New Version of Land Use in America" and "Building a Future We Can Live In: Planning for Smart Growth and Land Use," at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, 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.

David Clement-Davies

David Clement-Davies, will read and sign his book, "The Telling Pool," at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 3, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Reservations are necessary; call 837-7337.

Elm Battersby Book Signing

Join Elm Battersby, a Danville resident, for an evening of reading and signing of her new book, "Even As It Stings," at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Proceeds from the sale of this book go to a local women's shelter. For more information, call 837-7337.

Ross King

Ross King will read and sign his book, "The Judgement of Paris: The Revolutionary Decade that Gave the World Impressionism," at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. This event will be a potluck brunch and requires reservations. Call 837-7337.

Live Music

Holiday and the Adventure Pop Collective

The San Diego-based Holiday and the Adventure Pop Collective is bringing its unique sub-drenched countrified sound back to the Bay Area at 9 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3, at the Crown Pub, 331 Hartz Ave., Danville. This concert is free. For more information, visit www.adventurepop.com.

Miscellaneous

San Ramon Valley Youth and Government Program

This year's San Ramon Valley Youth and Government students will hold a mock hearing before local dignitaries for feedback on the strengths and

weaknesses of the legislation the students have prepared for a Sacramento meeting mid-February. The bill hearing nights are from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, for San Ramon Valley and California High Schools; and Thursday, Feb. 9, for Monte Vista, Los Lomas, Campolindo and Miramonte. Both events are held at Diablo Country Club. The public is invited. For more information, call 886-4720.

On Stage

'Bye, Bye, Birdie'

The Monte Vista High School Players are excited to present "Bye Bye Birdie," at 7 p.m., Feb. 8, 9, and 10, at Monte Vista High School, 3131 Stone Valley Road in Danville. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling 552-2878.

'My Fair Lady'

The Diablo Light Opera Company presents the music and magic of Broadway in "My Fair Lady," at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Feb. 17 through March 18, at the Hofmann Theatre, Dean Leshner Regional Center For The Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, in Walnut Creek. Call 943-7469 for tickets or order online, www.dlra.org.

'Wigged Out!'

Victoria's Hair on Stage in downtown Danville presents the outrageous musical comedy "Wigged Out!" most Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. through June at Victoria's Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Wigged Out, voted "Best of the Best" in the Tri-Valley for two years running, is produced by Shelly Award winner Jeff Seaberg. Tickets are \$38 and can be purchased at Victoria's Hair on Stage Box Office, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday or by calling 855-7469.

'Wrong Turn at Lungfish'

The Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents a production of "Wrong Turn at Lungfish," a story of a blind and bitter college professor and his encounter with a saucy, street-wise young woman. Performances are at 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 20 through Feb. 11, at the Danville Town Meeting Hall, 233 Front St., Danville. Ticket prices are \$13 - \$22 and can be purchased at www.villageatheatreshows.com or call 314-3463.

Seniors

Discover Elderhostel

Join local Elderhostel Ambassador and participant, Ann White, as she presents the learning opportunities and adventures offered through Elderhostel, the largest educational and travel organization for older adults ages 55 and over with nearly 10,000 programs in 90 countries at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. For more information, call 837-4889.

Laugh Club

Medical research has proven what people have known for ages. Laughter is good for you. Join us for a half-hour laugh session at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. This event is free. Call Fred Turner at 216-4590.

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 special presentation

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Sports

Adult 5 on 5 Basketball League
This 5 on 5 league will feature games at 7 p.m. on Thursday nights at the Los Cerros Community Gym. For more information call 314-3482 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Danville Sea Devils Swim Team
The Danville Sea Devils Swim Team will be holding new swimmer registration from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Danville Station clubhouse, located at the end of Zephyr Circle in the Danville Station. All abilities between 5 and 18 years are accepted. For more information, visit www.sea-devils.org or call Donna Grier at 831-8689.

Indoor Soccer for Boys and Girls
The Town of Danville is bringing soccer indoors this winter for youths ages 3-7. "Mix It Up" is an introduction to soccer, with footwork and proper skill development emphasized in a fun and supportive atmosphere. Classes are on Sundays from Feb. 5-March 26 at Los Cerros Community Gymnasium, 968 Blemer Road. There are several classes for ages 3-5 and 6-7. The cost is \$65 for Danville residents and \$73 for non-residents. For class times and to register, go online to www.ci.danville.ca.us, visit the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., or call 314-3400.

Mustang Soccer League
Online registration will be held for the Mustang Soccer League from Feb. 1 through March 31. Fees are \$175 per player, except for the U6 Mustang Pony Program which is \$100 per player. For more information, call 831-1323 or visit www.mustangsoccer.com.

Support Groups

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

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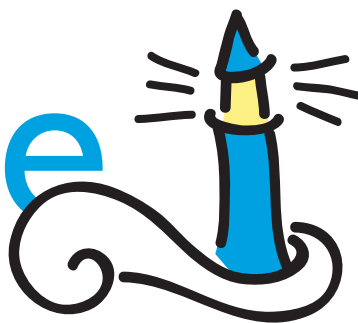
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2005

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 13	Total sales reported: 4	Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$462,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,229,000	Lowest sale reported: \$245,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,350,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,762,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,100,000
Average sales reported: \$1,065,538	Average sales reported: \$1,510,250	Average sales reported: \$567,690

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource
This weeks data represents homes sold during January 2006

Danville	1977 West Rancho Verde	563 Europa Court
101 Cimarron Court R. & A. Linden to T. & E. Barrett for \$1,575,000	Circle P. Lickert to Ruo Trust for \$750,000	Maubert Trust to C. Stamenson for \$640,000
214 El Pinto M. Affinito to L. Leyva for \$462,000	Alamo	2279 Gill Port Lane R. Smith to O. & A. Reynolds for \$829,000
308 Jacaranda Drive S. Kone to Klitten Trust for \$900,000	714 Anderson Ranch Court J. & S. McCourt to J. & D. Sapp for \$1,762,000	549 Hauth Lane M. Igualdo to D. Milano for \$730,000
4276 Knollview Drive P. & J. Ho to N. Naini for \$1,000,000	156 Camille Avenue A. Mahmood to R. Fairbanks for \$1,300,000	2604 Jones Road #B R. Paskevicius to C. Vieira for \$495,000
1091 Lehigh Valley Circle S. & R. Smart to T. Naprawa for \$854,000	1531 Ramona Way R. & L. Buck to A. Komeili for \$1,229,000	1863 Lamplight Court Cohan Trust to J. Marr for \$800,000
1638 North Clear Creek Place L. Crass to S. Perey for \$722,000	153 Virginia Lane R. & S. Knape to Prichard Trust for \$1,750,000	440 North Civic Drive #502 N. Ovanesian to A. Sheynkman for \$318,000
30 Old Town Lane W. Yates to Main Stone Corporation for \$1,040,000	Walnut Creek	490 North Civic Drive #507 A. Adame to M. Turienzo for \$335,000
96 Red Pine Court M. Nunez to J. & S. McCourt for \$2,350,000	644 Ahwahnee Court Hessler Trust to D. & P. Abu-Ghoben for \$593,000	2720 Oak Road #136 W. Armstrong to W. Wong for \$390,000
1131 River Rock Lane Sixkiller Trust to S. & A. Schell for \$779,000	1315 Alma Avenue #352 Alpine Development to S. Shen for \$605,000	1949 Olmo Way McGuire Trust to P. Lee for \$525,000
543 Rolling Hills Lane A. & S. Norman to J. & R. Levitt for \$650,000	1315 Alma Avenue #436 Alpine Development to C. Beler for \$491,500	1887 Pomar Way Tamelier Trust to C. Volkova for \$479,000
218 Still Creek Road R. & J. Epperson to D. & J. Wassell for \$1,500,000	416 Beacon Ridge Lane Lyons Trust to Woodson Trust for \$778,000	30 Rudgear Drive E. & D. Jelich to A. Hashimi for \$550,000
813 Tunbridge Road Trimble Trust to S. & R. Smart for \$1,270,000	1107 Corrie Lane J. Nugent to K. Brown for \$593,000	140 Sequoia Avenue M. Bauer to A. & D. Deferrari for \$655,000

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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

Danville	31 Saint Maurice Ct.	\$925,000
2 Bedrooms	Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero	855-4123
404 Camino Arroyo W. \$669,900	124 El Cerro Ct. \$929,000	
Sat 1-4 p.m. Prudential CA 876-5554	Sun 1-4 p.m. Pacific Union Real Estate 314-4803	
3 Bedrooms	14 Woodranch Cir. \$999,000	
212 Borel Ln. \$539,000	Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Empire Realty 217-3112	
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 413-1068		
1107 San Ramon Valley Blvd. \$549,999		
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Keller Williams 510-551-5195		
1525 Peters Ranch Rd. \$819,900		
Sat 1-4 p.m. Intero 216-7092		
1344 Fountain Springs Cir. \$825,000		
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 895-2804		
2745 Moet Lane \$849,990		
Sat/Sun 1-4 Joe Frazzano 890-0285		
157 Clydesdale Dr. \$949,999		
Sat 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4046		
4 Bedrooms		
4396 Mansfield Dr. \$1,349,000		
Sun 1-4 p.m. Pacific Union Real Estate 314-4803		
106 Windover Dr. \$1,575,000		
Sat 1-4 p.m. Intero 736-1666		
	Danville	
	5 Bedrooms	
	742 Danville Blvd. \$1,495,999	
	Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Alain Pinel 998-9747	
	2 Maplewood Ct. \$1,499,000	
	Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 791-2650	
	205 Morris Ranch Rd. \$1,538,000	
	Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 984-9613	
	9 Creeklodge Ct. \$1,995,000	
	Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 791-2650	
	Diablo	
	4 Bedrooms	
	21 Calle Del Casarillo \$1,950,000	
	Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Coldwell Banker 984-3060	

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Open homes

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Alamo

3 Bedrooms

291 Davey Crockett Ct. **\$1,395,000**
Sun 1-4:30 p.m. Intero 858-5233

1562 Ridgewood Rd. **\$1,485,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4075

4 Bedrooms

557 Oakshire Pl. **\$1,790,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5023

Blackhawk

3 Bedrooms

35 Sugar Pine Ln. **\$1,099,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 855-4072

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

7175 Briza Loop **\$688,000**
Sun 12:30-2:30 p.m. Intero 838-2239

3 Bedrooms

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

516 Treyburn Cir. **\$749,950**
Sat noon-3 p.m. Better Homes 791-2749

3019 Sombrero Cir. **\$795,000**
Sun 1-3:30 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-4155

2360 Canyon Lakes Dr. **\$889,900**
Sun noon-3 p.m. Better Homes 785-4320

4 Bedrooms

556 Burns Cir. **\$1,059,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m.; Noon-4 p.m. Blackhawk Real Estate 736-6080

57 Longwood Ct. **\$1,074,500**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452

2963 Cheyenne Ave. **\$715,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Better Homes Danville 791-4214

110 Mavis Pl. **\$729,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 785-1353

73 Elmwood Dr. **\$809,990**
Sat 1:30-4:30 p.m. Hometown GMAC 426-3815

219 Latera Ct. **\$935,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 p.m. Empire Realty 217-3112

3909 Veritas Wy. **\$968,000**
Sat 1-4 p.m. United CA Brokers 200-8856

164 Victory Cir. **\$992,000**
Sat 1-4 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5044

5 Bedrooms

361 Adelaide Hills Ct. **\$1,249,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. Intero 785-1386

Dublin

3 Bedrooms

6889 Maple Dr. **\$645,000**
Sat 1-5 p.m. Empire Realty 217-5017

11693 Regio Dr. **\$719,950**
Sun 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 577-2600

4592 Pheasant Ct. **\$799,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 484-5200

4 Bedrooms

4143 Cardena Ct. **\$874,500**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Alain Pinel 968-1452

Pleasanton

2 Bedrooms Townhouse

8062 Arroyo Dr. **\$385,000**
Sun 1-4 p.m. Remax Accord (888) 454-1010

2 Bedrooms

116 Mission Dr. **\$469,950**
Sun 11:30-2:30 p.m. Prudential CA 734-5057

3 Bedrooms

7305 Stonedale Dr. **\$589,900**
Sat 1-4 p.m. ReMax Accord 997-8405

1811 Harms Dr. **\$675,000**
Sat 1-4 p.m. Assist 2 Sell 998-0605

247 Tomas Wy. **\$769,950**
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ALAMO

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