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Grace Soung
golfer, tennis player



Tennis is better; golf is just a walk through the woods ruined. It takes too much time.

Natalie Wheeler
graphic artist



I think they're the same. I used to play tennis but don't play any more. I can't see the fast ball well enough. I took up golf when I was around 50. I play all the time. I live at Rossmoor and we have an 18-hole course and a 9-hole. I love it if I'm having a good game. I'm an outdoor person.

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I prefer tennis. I've tried golf but I like something more active. If I want to get out in the country, I'll hike rather than golf.

Margarete Lyons
self-employed

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ We have to fight the Pottery Barns of the world from taking over. ”

—Jeanette Ugarte, owner of Leku Eder on Prospect Avenue, who is giving a co-op artist group a good deal on her upstairs space because she wants to bring more original art into the community. See story, page 5

Mexican Rotarians visit

Last week three past presidents of Rotary International presided over a dinner gathering of hundreds of Rotarians from California and Mexico, held at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel. The Mexican delegates are guests of the Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotary Club, which along with other East Bay Rotaries has been working on projects in Monterrey, Mexico, a city of 4 million people.

“Rotarians from our area have made three trips to Monterrey, to coordinate humanitarian projects and to renew friendships with our fellow Rotarians there,” said club president David Behring.

The Mexican delegates visited organizations supported by Rotary, including Del Amino High School, Shepherd's Gate and the All Wars Memorial. They also toured San Francisco and the Napa Valley.

Vets warn about snakes

Veterinarians at Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care are warning dog owners to be on the lookout for rattlesnakes, saying they have treated several dogs with serious snakebites in the past three weeks.

“The seriousness of a snake bite depends on the species of the snake, the size of the dog and the amount of venom injected,” said Frank Utchen, a veterinarian at Bishop Ranch. “Most dogs can be treated, but not without using a costly drug called Antivenin.” About four hours after the bite, antivenin is of minimal use, so quick action is important.

Symptoms of snake bites include one or two puncture wounds, acute swelling, bleeding and pain. Most bites occur on the face or legs. If a bite is in the leg, carry the pet to reduce blood flow and the spread of venom. For a bite on the head, remove restrictive collars. Do not apply ice to the area, use a tourniquet, or try to suck or cut the wound.

Town sets meeting schedule

The Town Council has adopted its public meetings dates for 2007. It will continue to conduct regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Exceptions will occur during the months of January and August. The only meeting in January will be held on the third Tuesday; the only meeting in August will be held on the second Tuesday in order to promote the National Night Out event on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

There are 11 legal holidays observed by the town each year. In addition, four holiday furlough dates are scheduled, so town offices will be closed Dec. 24-31. Offices will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, following the New Year's holiday on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

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Corrections The Aug. 11 story about plans to build a home on a major ridgeline should have stated that developer Jeff Britton wants approval of an application for a lot to build a home; he has not stated yet if he will build a home or sell the property; the Danville Planning Commission reviewed the developer's application at four study sessions but did not reject the application four times; not all the Design Review board members have the same opinion; the major ridgeline is the best site to build a house for safety reasons according to his hired engineers, the developer said; the Planning Commission wanted the developer to scale down the house. The developer said he has followed the Planning Commission's request.

Andronico's sells Danville store to another upscale grocer

Few changes expected when supermarket opens in Railroad Avenue site next week as Lunardi's

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Andronico's representatives announced this week that the Danville store on Railroad Avenue has been sold to Lunardi's, another upscale family-owned market.

Store directors confirmed Andronico's will close tomorrow, Sept. 16, and reopen Tuesday to allow time for the new market to set up. Some changes in products

and store layout will occur, but nearly all 80 union employees will remain the same.

The markets are both Bay Area franchises committed to high quality food. Like Andronico's, Lunardi's offers free range, hormone-free meat and a large collection of cheeses from around the world. It will also have specialty sections including a bakery, wine, deli, seafood and produce.

One patron shopping at Andronico's

this week boiled the stores' similarities down to a few words.

"They're both yuppie marts," said Jeff McMaster, who visits the Danville Andronico's for tamales on his lunch break.

Another patron said she looked forward to Lunardi's coming in next week because the food is less expensive. She added that the personnel are warm and helpful in the Walnut Creek store.

"Lunardi's is just a better store.

It will definitely bring in more revenue to Danville," said Wendy Shmitz of Alamo. Although she frequents the Alamo Safeway, she said she will switch to Lunardi's now that it's in Danville.

Other Patrons said they go to Andronico's for specialty meats and wines and will miss the market being in Danville. Many, however, admitted to rarely using the store for all of their grocery shopping.

This will be the eighth Bay Area location for Lunardi's, which was founded in the 1950s by Italian immigrant Alfredo Lunardi. The store's mission is to maintain the best quality of food and the friendliest service. Other locations include San Jose and the Peninsula.

Owners Bill Andronico and Paul Lunardi could not be reached by press time for comment on the store's sale. ■

Remembering together

Brownies from Troop 1301 carry the American flag and march during the remembrance service of Sept. 11, 2001, last Monday at the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park. The Town of Danville and the San Ramon Valley Exchange Club organized the event, and Danville Mayor Karen Stepper and Brig. Gen. Eldron Regua spoke at the service. There were hundreds of Scouts in attendance to present flags and about 700 people altogether to honor the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks. Now high school and middle school students are writing essays entitled, "How the Sept. 11th Ceremony at Oak Hill Park Impacted Me," for a contest by the San Ramon Valley Exchange Club.



JORDAN M. DORONILA

Artist co-op finds downtown space

Shop on East Prospect offers upstairs for gallery

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Starting this winter, art lovers need not look farther than downtown Danville. The New Renaissance Gallery, an adaptation of the Blackhawk Art Gallery, announced this week that it will open in Danville on Dec. 1.

The new location will be in the space above Leku Eder at 178 E. Prospect St., adjacent to Father Nature's Shed. The gallery will exhibit many of the same painters and sculptures shown at the Blackhawk Plaza location.

"We've got an amazing pool of artists and our hope is to run this as more of a business," said Tracy Bauer, volunteer spokeswoman for the gallery.

The Blackhawk Art Gallery, an artist run co-op, will close this October as a result of challenging rent and infrequent sales. A major difference between the new and the old galleries is that these artists are now motivated to make art into their career, Bauer said.

Jeanette Ugarte, owner of Leku Eder, offered the co-op the venue this summer as part of a "very gen-

erous agreement," Bauer said.

"This spot is too good to be true," she added.

Acknowledging high rent prices in Danville's downtown, Ugarte said she felt compelled to help bring art into the community by offering the gallery an affordable space.

"There's a reason they call them 'starving artists,'" she said.

Putting in a space for original art will help educate and inspire residents, she said.

"We have to fight the Pottery Barns of the world from taking over," Ugarte said.

The artists involved said they are looking forward to the number of shoppers that frequent Danville and synchronicity with other galleries downtown. Many of the contributors spent years in Blackhawk Plaza, a location that never took off.

"Danville gets a lot of traffic from people who are inspired. We weren't getting that as much in Blackhawk," Bauer said.

The new showing space is smaller than the old one and

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Veterans building committee searches for a home

Danville proclaims support in addition to budgeted \$750,000

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Danville is committed to a new veterans building in the San Ramon Valley. Last week, the Town Council approved a motion supporting the fundraising efforts of the Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee of San Ramon Valley as long as the group comes up with approximately \$3 million to \$5 million to fund the project.

The town committed \$750,000 toward the construction in the spring while determining the 2007-08 five-year capital improvement budget.

Mayor Karen Stepper urged council members to support the proclamation to help rally public support for the project.

"We are trying to find a better site with more space," Stepper said last week in a phone interview. "The mission is to assimilate veterans and help them become a working part of our community."

The Veterans Building Development Committee was formed this past year to explore

the possibility of building a new facility. It concluded that the current hall suffers major deficiencies related to age and cannot accommodate a broad range of uses and activities. It also determined that renovating the building is impractical.

The committee is proposing a new, larger building in another location in the San Ramon Valley. It hopes for a center of veteran related and other activities.

"We would like to see it go forward in Danville," said Councilwoman Candace Anderson. "We would like to see the veterans' success."

The present Veterans Memorial Hall on the corner of Hartz and Prospect avenues was opened in 1925, said Beverly Lane, curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. In addition to being a meeting place for veterans, it has served as a venue for dances, senior activities and classes.

"It's a special pocket of memories for so many people," said Stepper. "But it is not meeting the needs of older veterans for activities."

Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said it is his assumption that if committee members find a suitable site and raise money, they would present this information

to Contra Costa County, which owns the Veterans Memorial Building. Then the county would agree to sell the old Veterans Hall and pledge the proceeds to the new building. The owner of the old site would have the authority to keep the building or demolish it.

Calabrigo said the Veterans Hall is old enough to qualify as a historic site. "It hasn't been designated as such at this point," he said.

"The fact of the matter is that Danville prides itself in valuing history," said Lane. "It's definitely an old building. What I want to convey is that it's an old treasure." ■

Artists

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New Renaissance will adjust accordingly. Fewer artists will be shown, and limited pieces will be chosen specifically for a Danville audience. All art that comes in will be juried by the gallery board.

"We hope to get the cream of the crop of new artists," said realist painter Sandra Speights.

And Ugarte said she hopes the gallery will also inspire the younger generations. Youths aren't learning about the arts as much in public schools and they have to learn about it somewhere, she said.

"If we don't have the art in our hands and in our homes how will our children learn to appreciate it?" she said.

She noticed that Danville's art scene was lacking when artisans from Asia stayed at her home. It wasn't until recently that she decided to do something about it.

Downstairs, the building will be filled with art from other parts of the world and patrons must walk through Leku Eder to find the upstairs gallery. The contrast between the world art downstairs and local pieces upstairs is aimed at pleasing a variety of tastes. "Leku Eder" is Basque for "a beautiful place."

Paintings and sculptures will be hung throughout the stairwell and in most of the second floor. A small room will also be designated as a creative space, so that artists may paint and sculpt as they take turns manning the gallery. The space will have excellent natural lighting to highlight pieces, and walls will be painted shades of green.

"It has a great feeling," said Alamo artist Stephen Sanfilippo on a recent visit to the new gallery.

Much like Blackhawk Art Gallery, the New Renaissance Gallery will host receptions with



Jeanette Ugarte, owner of Leku Eder, and painter Stephen Sanfilippo discuss ideas for art placement at the soon-to-be gallery location above Leku Eder in downtown Danville.

art, wine and mingling. The cop's goal is to open by December, but the gallery may host casual viewings before that date.

A reception will be held at 5

p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, at the old Blackhawk Plaza location and will show art from painters Sandra Speights and Bill Paskewitz and abstract sculptor Bill Carmel. ■

Flagging concerns

Town says promotional signs meant to be temporary

by Natalie O'Neill

A Danville merchant clashed with town planning officials last week over a flag that hangs outside her shop on Hartz Avenue.

Officials said Lisa Gunn, owner of the Eclectic Home antiques, is in violation of the town sign ordinance and must take down a flag that hangs at 391 Hartz Ave.

But Gunn said she is not taking the notice lightly. Her store is set back 15 feet from the sidewalk and the flag helps bring in about one-fourth of her customers, she said. She fears taking it down will be damaging to her business.

"This is about survival," she said.



Town officials say this flag, which was taken down from the front of the Eclectic Home last week, is in violation of Danville sign ordinance.

"They are choosing to crack down on nebulous, ridiculous things."

—Lisa Gunn, owner of the Eclectic Home antiques

The town ordinance states that promotional signs can only be up for 15 consecutive days and 45 days of the year, in order to draw attention to events and sales.

"If every shop downtown had a flag up, it would change the character of downtown," said Principal Planner David Crompton.

Gunn, however, said it shouldn't qualify as a promotional sign. The flag is the size of a typical American flag and has been up for five years. It is red and blue with text in the center that reads "Antiques."

Chief of Planning Kevin Gailey

said three to five letters of notification about promotional signage are sent out a week to businesses in Danville.

The flag doesn't pose any threat to people or the town, Gunn said.

"They are choosing to crack down on nebulous, ridiculous things," she said. "It's so unreasonable."

Prohibited signs include those that move, flash or blink, roof signs, dilapidated signs and those visible to the freeway. Crompton said some cities have less strict sign codes, but their downtowns are much less attractive than Danville's business district.

"In these cities you have blinking signs and banners competing for attention," Crompton said.

The Planning Department's mission states that Danville's goal

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The beauty of old Napoli

Nancy Beckus and Frank Puglisi catch up on hometown news while stopping at the Bay of Naples on their three-week excursion to Italy. Mount Vesuvius can be seen in the background.



Spouting off

Jill Larson and Francie Roberts timed their photo with the Weekly just right to coincide with the water flying from the Spouting Horn Blowhole in Kauai, Hawaii, where they traveled with their husbands Jim and Dave in May.



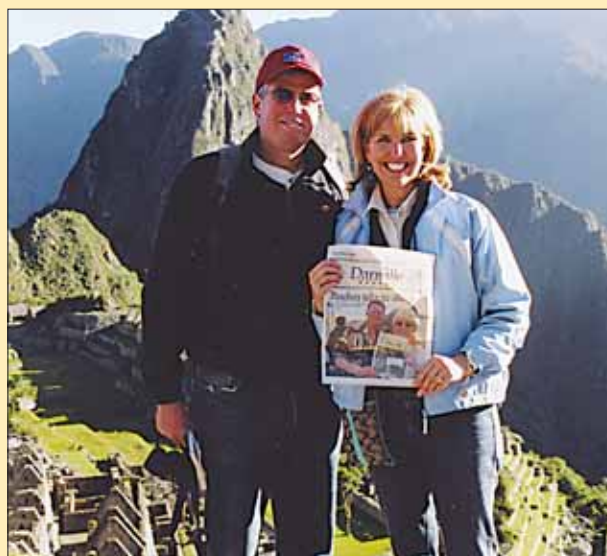
From Russia with love

Students from the Monte Vista High School choir visit Moscow's Red Square on their journey through Russia, Germany, Sweden and Finland, performing at schools and churches.



Happy Birthday

Pat and Ken Burger of Blackhawk included their Weekly in Ken's 70th birthday celebration in April, held onboard a Caribbean Princess cruise with family and friends..



Visiting the ruins

Martha and Bob Foss brought along their Weekly to visit Machu Picchu, Peru, the lost Incan city at 13,000 feet in the Andes.



Greetings from Santorini

Marijeanne Rende enjoys reading about other travelers while overlooking the Thira Caldera on her visit to Santorini, Greece.

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'Seniors' turn 35

Danville Seniors' Club president Fran Britt strums a lively ukulele tune at the 35th anniversary party for the Danville Seniors' Club at the Veterans Hall on Monday. The celebration included a catered luau with Dancers of the Pacific as well as country western singers. The master of ceremonies was Bob Rantz, and dignitaries in attendance were Mayor Karen Stepper, Vice Mayor Mike Shimansky and Council Mike Doyle.



MARGOT PARENTI

Flag

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is to have signs that compliment the business and the community. Colors and materials along with appropriate placement are considered when granting sign permits.

"We have limited, high quality signs and we think it works for us," Crompton added.

But Danville should be more flexible with granting necessary exceptions to minor code violations, Gunn insists. Rent is high downtown and there are some businesses that rely on signs like these to draw in foot traffic, she pointed out.

"The code needs to be rewritten and addressed," she said.

She added that there are several other flags hanging in Danville that have not been targeted.

Gailey, however, said town officials contact all shops with promotional signs to inform them of the limits. He said in the last month a shop around the corner was contacted about a similar flag. This owner took the flag down quickly and agreeably, he said.

"In (Gunn's) case, she has had the sign up for an extended period of time," he said.

In comparison to other towns and cities, Danville has a moderate policy, Gailey said. Many city and

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—Principal Planner
David Crompton

town officials either "look the other way" or allow none at all, he said.

"We are not overly restrictive or overly liberal," he said.

The effectiveness of signs that have been up long periods of time is limited anyway, he added. He cited the example of a sign in San Ramon stating the business is "Now Accepting New Clients." The sign has been hanging for years, and no one notices it anymore, he said.

No one has confronted Gunn about the flag in the past, although it has been repeatedly vandalized. On two occasions it was ripped down and damaged, her plants were snapped, and boxes were kicked out. When she put a camera on the premises, the vandalism stopped. It's unclear whether there is a connection between the vandal and the notification letter, she said.

To date, no one has filed a complaint with the town about the flag. ■

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Ridgeline home decision delayed due to lack of quorum

Planning commissioners will discuss downsized home plans at next meeting

by Jordan M. Doronila

The Danville Planning Commission did not have a quorum at its meeting Tuesday night so no decision was made about reconsidering an application by SkyVilla to build a home on a major ridgeline.

The commission had rejected the application of SkyVilla in August

because the company's design for a home on a major ridgeline was still too large, said Planning Commissioner Rene Morgan.

The developer made changes to the design for a smaller home and submitted the application for another review by the Planning Commission at its meeting Tuesday. However, some of the members who were present at the August meeting were not there this week so there was no quorum to reconsider the application.

The matter has been rescheduled for the next Planning Commission

meeting, on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

"If the majority of the commissioners who were present at the Aug. 15 meeting vote to bring it back for reconsideration, we will look at it freshly," said Planning Commissioner Steve Condie on Wednesday morning.

Jeff Britton, manager of SkyVilla, has already gone through four lengthy study sessions, seeking the Planning Commission's guidance to get his application approved. SkyVilla owns a parcel of 10 acres, which contains a major ridgeline, on Lawrence Road in east Danville off Camino Tassajara.

A Danville ordinance urges developers not to build homes on major ridgelines for aesthetic reasons. However, the ordinance has an exception that enables people to build a home on a major ridgeline if it is the only feasible location, said Danville Principal Planner David Crompton.

The commissioners spent long hours deliberating the application in

past study sessions looking for the best possible area on the site that least violates the local ordinance, Condie said. The issues were where the house would be built and how it was designed, he said.

"Our concern was the size. We suggested to them that they downsize the home."

—Rene Morgan,
Planning Commissioner

The commissioners' specific views have changed over time, he added.

SkyVilla's engineers found that the only possible site on the 10 acres to build is on the major ridgeline because it is the safest and most practical site for building. Moreover, Crompton said town staff recommended that building on the major ridgeline was best in

this case.

The commissioners had suggested several months ago that SkyVilla scale back its design. At that time, before the August meeting, Britton removed one of six garages and a wing from the design.

Nonetheless, the home was still enormous, said Planning Commissioner Rene Morgan.

"Our concern was the size. We suggested to them that they downsize the home," said Morgan about the August meeting. She added that the developer did make the design smaller, but it was not downsized enough.

After last month's meeting, Morgan said SkyVilla's attorney contacted members of the commission and told some of them the applicant would make the design smaller and would resubmit his plans at the meeting Tuesday.

Britton said he respects and wants to work with the Planning Commission to move his application forward. ■

Bidding on education

Online auction important part of Primo's run

by Natalie O'Neill

Going once, going twice! It may be a charity auction, but you won't hear anyone shouting that phrase. In fact, you won't hear much more than the click of your computer mouse.

The Primo's sixth annual online auction to raise money for the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation began Sept. 13 and will close the evening of Sept. 27. And like a small-scale eBay for a cause, there is something for every taste and style.

"Online auctions save time and it hits a wider audience," said Vanessa Chan, executive director of the 2006 Primo's Run for Education.

Local businesses donated prizes like jewelry, baseball tickets, and weekend get-aways to raise money for schools in the area. Items are listed in 13 categories, including dining, entertainment, sports, wine and apparel.

"Businesses in the San Ramon Valley have really been generous,"

said Primo's Run consultant Carol Mascali.

An estimated value is posted next to a photo of the item, along with a minimum starting bid. Participants make anonymous bids according to the most current high bid, so participants know what it takes to win.

Last year's auction alone raised \$11,000 for education in the San Ramon Valley and this year volunteers hope to exceed that figure, Mascali said.

"Last year it was a great success. Our goal is to bring in even more this year," she added.

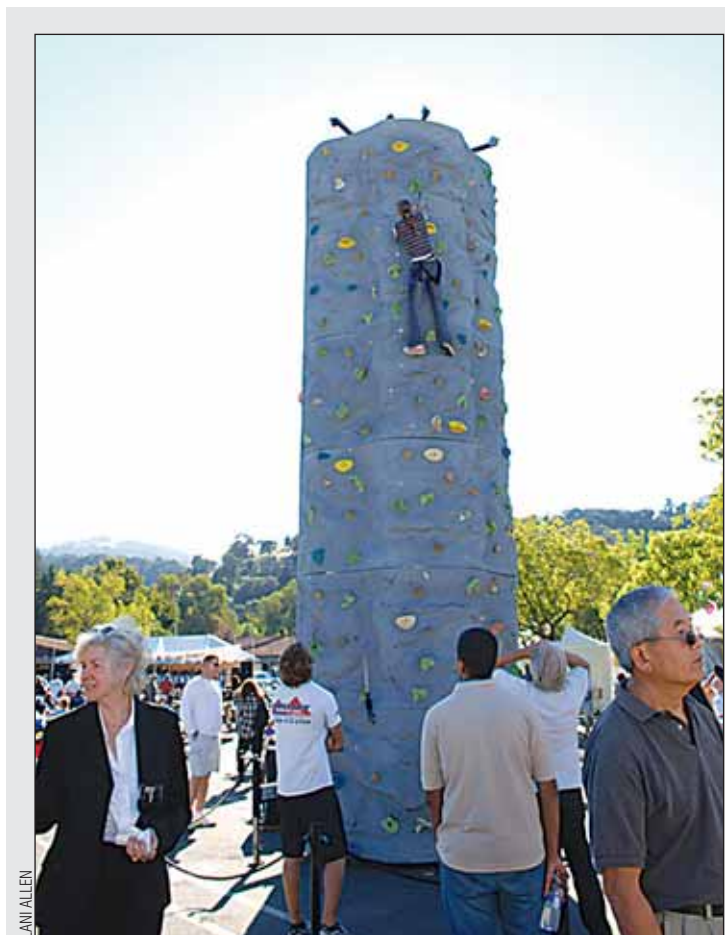
To help reach the goal, coordinators decided to start the auction

earlier and keep it open for longer in 2006. Most of the highest bids in previous years have gone for kids items, which include dolls, tutoring and indoor rock climbing passes.

Some of the most attractive items this year, however, are date nights for parents and trips for the whole family, Mascali said.

"We'd love to see more participation from parents in the San Ramon Valley," she said.

The 23rd annual Primo's Run has already raised over \$2 million and will take place Sunday, Oct. 8, this year. To take part in the auction or sign up for the run, visit www.primosrun.com. ■



LANI ALLEN

Climb every mountain

This youth paid \$5 for the privilege of testing his abilities on the Mobile Rock Climb at the 24th annual Alamo Music and Wine Festival last Saturday, which this year included many activities for children. At the celebration, the Alamo Rotary named Don Morton as Alamo Citizen of the Year, chosen from many nominees who are active in the community. The event raises funds for the music programs at the Alamo schools, and many student music groups provided entertainment.

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An Eagle soars to India

Thanks to a Danville teen, some children in India are happily scribbling—and erasing—in their new notebooks. Tuhin Roy, 15, personally handed out pencils, erasers and notebooks to the children at the Good News Children's Education Mission School in a suburb of Kolkata after collecting the contributions as part of his Eagle Scout project. He said he wanted to connect with each child.

Most Eagle candidates look around local communities for a project: a shabby campus corner to overhaul; a trail to clean up. Ray Riordan, Scout master of Tuhin's Troop 834, said others have done collection projects, some for the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. "This is the first one I'm aware of that affects children in another country," he said. He also explained that fewer than 2 percent of Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle.

But Tuhin, a junior at Monte Vista High, sees much need when he visits his grandparents for four to six weeks each summer in Kolkata, formerly known as Calcutta. "I always knew I wanted to do something for India," he told me last week.

An Eagle Scout Leadership Project has certain restrictions. The Scout has to come up with a specific need, plan a project to address the need, then direct the undertaking and follow it through to completion. Fundraising itself cannot be a project but it can be done to buy materials.

Tuhin said it was hard to settle on just one need but he finally decided to help by setting up a school library. If he bought the books in India he would save shipping costs and have more money for books. He contacted schools in Kolkata and received a positive response from the Rev. Subir Roy, who runs the Good News Mission School. The school serves "road kids," a translation from Bengali, Tuhin said. "They are kids who grow up on the streets of Kolkata." Their parents are servants, rickshaw pullers, vegetable and fish sellers, who live day to day with little money left over for education. A real attraction of school for the children is the free lunch meal. The school's mission is to break the cycle of poverty with education.

Originally, Tuhin said, he was planning to buy only fiction and reference books for a basic library. But he ended up collecting five times the \$250 he was hoping for, as friends and families heard about his project and donated. He ended up supplying 200 books—plus the shelving—for the Good News



Tuhin Roy, a Monte Vista High School junior working toward his Eagle Scout ranking, hands out school supplies at the Good News Children's Education Mission School in Kolkata, India.

library, plus another 100 books for a public school.

Once in Kolkata, Tuhin, who speaks Bengali, met with the students to ask what kinds of books they wanted. Many answered comic books, so he bought the entire Adventures of Tintin series in Bengali and in English. One student wanted English mysteries. Then he visited College Street, a mile of book stalls. "As you can imagine, the prices are quite competitive," he said. He centered on two areas, and began to buy the books and pile them into the car. He bought books in every category, he said.

Monte Vista librarian Dolores Fabel had helped Tuhin learn the Dewey Decimal System, and he catalogued the books accordingly. She also gave him the name of a library supply company, Demco. He called to ask the price of laminate and they donated five rolls, enough for 300 books. He carried the laminate on the plane in June, along with school supplies donated by members of the Monte Vista California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society. In India he organized another crew of volunteers to help him catalog and laminate the books.

"The school children helped me bring in the cabinet," he said, as well as the books in plastic bags. He recalled being joined by about 20 students as they all sloshed down the path, made muddy by the monsoons, about a quarter mile to the school. It is in a poor part of the city in a field-like area, he explained.

Now Tuhin said he is hoping to start a nonprofit organization to continue to help since he returns to India each year with his family—parents Millie and Shyamal Roy and his sister Bidisha, 11, a sixth-grader at Diablo Vista. "The students were so thankful," he recalled. "They were smiling from ear to ear." ■

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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Our hall of history

The venerable old Veterans Hall in Danville has been the subject of much discussion since a Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee of San Ramon Valley was formed last year. We are hearing more and more about the hall's bad acoustics, its lack of compliance with the American Disabilities Act, and its problems with heating and air conditioning. But let's not forget its place in history.

The building was part of a national movement instituted by Congress in 1921 to honor veterans of the Great War with buildings designed to meet their needs. As the halls sprouted up, they became the centers of their communities, used for dances, weddings, classes and theatrical productions as well as meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

The Danville hall, as most others, was built in the center of what was then a very small town. The Danville Hotel was turned around in 1927 to face Hartz Avenue rather than Railroad, acknowledging the new town center. Across the street from the Veterans Hall, where Starbucks is now, was San Ramon Valley Bank, bought by the Bank of America in 1931.

The prohibitive cost of upkeep is an issue with all of the halls from this era, and each community deals with the problem in its own way. The cities of Walnut Creek and Lafayette tore down their old downtown halls and replaced them with a modern 9,100-square-foot facility at \$7.8 million located just west of downtown Lafayette to serve veterans of both communities. In Pleasanton, a \$4.5 million renovation is under way to restore its Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street to its former glory plus bring it into the 21st century functionally.

The San Ramon Valley committee concluded that renovations to the old Danville building are not feasible and proposed a new, larger building in another location. It would also be a place to provide services for veterans and auxiliary groups. The Town of Danville has committed \$750,000 to the project and a fundraising kickoff event was scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 13. The veterans in this area receive a lot of support from groups such as the Sentinels of Freedom and the Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley so the fundraising will undoubtedly be successful. What then happens to the classic structure on the corner of Hartz and Prospect?

Danville has built its reputation on its charming historic buildings. The Shuey-Podva house on School Street at Hartz is being moved several feet toward the street in order to make it feasible as an office building. The old train depot was moved a block and renovated to house the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. We hope the old Legion Hall gets the same respect and consideration as its fate is debated.

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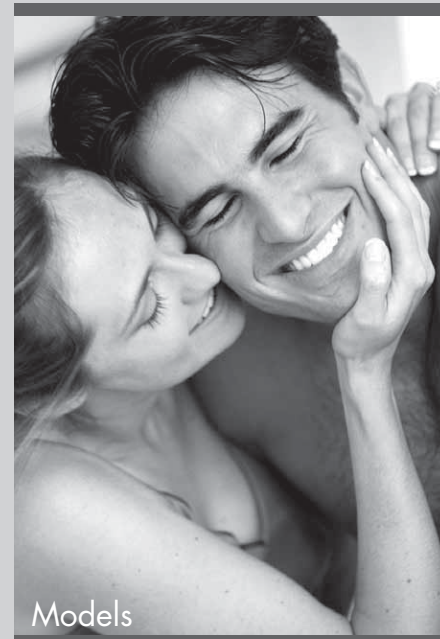
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POLICE BULLETIN

Resident caught with \$15,000 worth of stolen items

Police stopped a 20-year-old Danville resident for a traffic violation and found he had a load of stolen items in his pickup truck, Danville police Sgt. Troy Craig said.

Officer Mike Ireland arrested Jeffrey Esposito at 11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2, on suspicion of being under the influence of a dangerous drug after he pulled over his 1998 Ford pickup truck for a traffic and equipment violation, according to police reports. After he made contact with the suspect, Ireland saw that Esposito showed symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance, Craig said.

Shortly after the arrest, Ireland reportedly found brass knuckles, knives and computers in the truck, said Craig. Danville police also found ski boots, cell phones, bicycles and other recreational equipment.

Esposito told police he had broken into a storage facility in Walnut Creek, Craig said, and was planning to sell the items. Craig said the total amount of the stolen items is in excess of \$15,000.

Craig said Danville and Walnut Creek police departments worked together to resolve the case.

"Anyone can be a victim of this type of crime," Craig said. He suggested checking storage facilities frequently.

—Jordan M. Doronila

POLICE LOG

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

Monday, Sept. 4

- Suspicious circumstances on Adobe Dr. at 7:53 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Liverpool St. at 9:10 a.m.
- Vandalism on Marigold St. at 11:03 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and W. El Pintado Rd. at 1:04 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 5

- Auto burglary on Laurel Dr. at 8:47 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 6

- Residential burglary on Hidden Hills Pl. at 7:03 a.m.
- Injury accident on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 10:52 a.m.
- Warrant arrest on Crow Canyon Rd. and Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 2:55 p.m.
- Grand theft, shoplift, on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 4:01 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Remington Loop at 6:11 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Westfield Cir. at 11:32 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 7

- Accident, property damage, on Stone Valley Rd. at 7:40 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:55 a.m.

- Misdemeanor, other, arrest, on Love Ln. at 1:26 p.m.
- Commercial burglary on Crow Canyon Rd. at 3:07 p.m.
- Drunk in public, arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:17 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 8

- Suspicious circumstances on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:54 a.m.
- Sale of drugs, marijuana, arrest, on Stone Valley Rd. at 2:22 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Ramon and San Thomas Way at 2:29 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. at 10:49 p.m.
- Warrant arrest on Camino Tassajara and Diablo Rd. at 11:53 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9

- Suspicious circumstances on Diablo Rd. at 2:46 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and W. El Pintado Rd. at 9:08 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 10

- Drunk in public, arrest, on Hartz Ave. at 2:01 a.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Crow Canyon Rd. and El Capitan Dr. at 3:00 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Diablo Rd. at 11:59 a.m.
- Drunk in public, arrest, on Iron Horse Trail and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 7:34 p.m.

The Following items were found and returned by the Pleasanton Police Department as of April 26.

ALAMO

Monday, Sept. 4

- Possession of dangerous drugs on

Miranda Ave.

- Suspicious circumstances on South Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 5

- Possession of destructive device, weapon, on Lunada Ln. and Ridgewood Rd.
- Residential burglary on Dorchester Ln.

Wednesday, Sept. 6

- Residential burglary on Muir Ln.

Saturday, Sept. 9

- Warrant arrest on northbound I-680 offramp and Livorna Rd.

BLACKHAWK

Monday, Sept. 4

- Warrant arrest on Blackhawk Club Ct.

Wednesday, Sept. 6

- Fraud on Blackhawk Plaza Cir.

DIABLO

Monday, Sept. 4

- Grand theft on Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd.

ROUNDHILL

Tuesday, Sept. 5

- Suspicious circumstances on Roundhill Dr.

TASSAJARA

Monday, Sept. 4

- Misdemeanor battery on Finley Rd.

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OBITUARIES

John O'Hara Campbell

John "Rusty" Campbell, 83, died at his Alamo home Sept. 3. He was born March 3, 1923, in Minnesota. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota with distinction in 1946, and was employed by Westinghouse for 35 years, retiring as an executive vice president in 1981. He loved to read, hunt, golf and play dominos.

He was married to his late wife Helen Patricia Campbell for 37 years. He is survived by his children Larry, Pat, Tom, Peggy, John and Steve; 13 grandchildren; and his sister, Betty Kaudy.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Sept. 8 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church. Memorial contributions are preferred to the American Cancer Society, East Bay Region, 1700 Webster St., Oakland 94612.

Mary P. Williams

Danville resident Mary P. Williams passed away peacefully with her family at her side Sept. 6.

She was born Oct. 14, 1917, in Bainbridge Island, Wash., to Gustav and Alice Pederson, raised in Seattle, and lived for more than 40 years in Salt Lake City, Utah. She spent her last four years in Danville.

She was married to Philip Williams Jr. on Valentine's Day in 1943, and for more than 60 years was a devoted homemaker, serving in the PTA; St. Joseph's Villa; the soup kitchen; Girl Scouts, including being Utah state cookie chairman; St. Ann's Catholic Church Altar Society; and the Legion of Mary. She loved walking, hiking, gardening and golf, and was Athlete of the Year at Queen Anne High School in Seattle.

She was predeceased by her husband, two sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her five daughters, Susan (Bobby) Scannapieco, Sharon Wehan, Mary Lou (Marty) Greenwald, Melanie (Mike) Fake, and Joanne (Bart) Mills; and 10 grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Sept. 8 at St. Isidore Catholic Church. She will be laid to rest beside her husband at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Salt Lake City. The family requests memorial contributions to St. Joseph's Villa, 451 Bishop Federal Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115.

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Sofia Mariah Farias

On Aug. 28, Shannea and Sergio Farias of Danville became

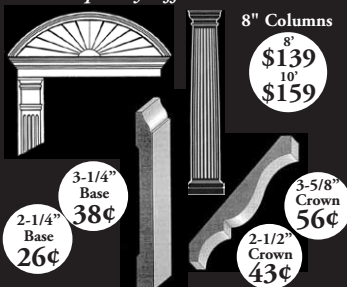
the parents of Sofia Mariah Farias, a 6-pound, 6-ounce, 19-inch girl, born at Kaiser Medical Center in

Walnut Creek. She has a 16-year-old brother, Sergio, and a 6-year-old sister, Isabella. Her grandparents Evangelina and Enrique Contreras live in San Jose; great-grandparents Jim and Barbara Archie are residents of Reno, Nev.



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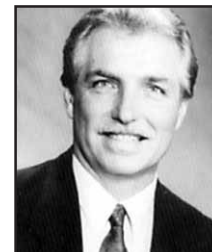
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In case you haven't heard, the ladies of the LPGA Tour are coming to town, and they are ready to play some golf. The Ladies Professional Golf Association tours all year at courses throughout the United States and internationally, including South Africa, France, England, Canada, Mexico, Thailand, South Korea, Japan and Singapore.

Now Danville is ready for them. For nearly a year, Blackhawk Country Club's general manager, Larry Marx, and director of golf Mark Caufield have been primping and priming all 18 holes of the private club's Lakeside Course, ensuring that the always-pristine fairways and greens stay pro-tour pure for the 140 or so players of the Longs Drugs Challenge.

"We were given the LPGA guidelines a year in advance," explained Marx. "We've been moving that way for many months. We maintain our course pretty close to those standards year round, anyway."

Caufield concurred, adding that the biggest concerns came during the July heat wave.

"Like all the area courses, we had a hard time keeping the course in shape when it was so hot," he said. "But we stayed on top of it, and now we could be ready to go tomorrow."

That's good news because although there are only a few more days until the tournament begins its four-day run on Thursday, Sept. 21, there will be plenty of action around the country club starting Sept. 18 when the first of two pro-ams will tee off at 7:30 in the morning. Later that afternoon, 20 to 30 local LPGA members

will play an 18-hole qualifying round, hoping to grab one of the spots left open to local golf professionals.

"Each Monday before a tour event, the tour holds a qualifying tournament for professional players who don't have a permanent spot on the tour," explained Dana Dormann, a former LPGA Tour player who spent 10 years playing—and winning—for a living.

Though Dormann retired from the tour to raise a family in Pleasanton, her love of the game keeps her involved both personally and professionally.

"I'll be there on Monday, trying for one of those spots," she said with a smile. "Of course, I would love to play in the event."

Local fans would love to see Dormann paired with another Pleasanton favorite, Paula Creamer. While many of the more well-known names on tour delay committing to play until the week-prior deadline, Creamer confirmed in advance that she would be making a hometown appearance.

"We were especially excited when Paula offered to meet with the girls of local USGA-LPGA Girls Golf chapters," said Dormann, who serves as a site director for the organization that introduces the benefits of golf to girls between the ages of 7 and 17.

"She's planning a demonstration and some hands-on work with the girls from the Concord, Walnut Creek and Pleasanton chapters."

Outside of special events like Creamer's, just how likely are spectators to meet their favorite famous face while watching the tournament rounds?

"That's one of the great things about the LPGA Tour," said Marx. "The ladies are pretty friendly out there. Around the clubhouse area and walking from tee to green, the players are often very happy to stop and sign golf balls, hats, programs ... people should definitely bring sharpies and golf balls, they're pretty sure to get

an autograph or two."

Caufield added that the practice area is another great place to view the pros up close, perhaps taking home more from the range than just a souvenir.

"As a golfer and a teaching professional, I will tell you there is a lot to learn from watching the LPGA players," Caufield said. "The ladies' technique and form is better applied to the average golfer's than the power-hitting men you see on television. These ladies hit it 270 yards, and they do it using skill and finesse; they have great, efficient swings."

"People will get a lot out of replicating the lady athletes' moves. A LPGA Tour event is a wonderful way for an average player to see a great swing."

There is plenty to see out on the course, too. But what is the best way to go from tee to green without missing much of the action?

Due to the challenging layout of the Lakeside Course, Marx said a spectator's best bet is to decide on a couple of places to visit and "park yourself in a fan zone."

"There are a lot of elevation changes at the Lakeside course," he explained. "Deciding to follow one favorite player around all 18 holes won't work here."

To help accommodate the crowds, grandstands have been set up at prime viewing spots.

"Visitors are welcome to bring their folding chairs and make themselves comfortable," Marx added.

While chairs are permitted, cameras and cell phones are forbidden, as are coolers. Marx said that Blackhawk's food and beverage staff are well prepared to ease any hunger pangs worked up by the watching and waiting crowds.

"We'll have plenty of on-course concessions," he assured. "From the corporate hospitality tents to the Michelob Ultra Nineteenth Hole, everything is taken

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Nicole Perrot, 22, from Santiago, will defend her title at the Longs Drugs Challenge LGPA Tour in Blackhawk.

The Lakeside Course of Blackhawk Country Club, in its usual pristine condition, awaits the pros.



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Guttman, economic development coordinator of Danville, hopes more than a few of the 50,000 visitors will take advantage of the city's effort to extend the golf experience well past the last scorecard is signed.

...have a Discover Danville booth set up just past the gates of the entrance," Guttman said. "Our stores will have menus for many of our downtown stores, and we'll be able to make reservations for many of our stores will keep longer hours to accommodate late night shoppers, and on Friday and Saturday night there will be live music at two or three locations throughout the downtown."

Guttman said it is estimated that 80 percent of the visitors will drive from the extended Bay Area.

...is an incredible opportunity to show off what Danville has to offer. We expect that visitors will like what they find, and will want to come back."

...use they'll want to come back; and so does the city. In fact, organizers are happy to report that the Longs Drugs Challenge is contracted to return at Blackhawk more times—through 2008.

Guttman said, "We'll have to see what happens, but we'd love to have them keep coming."

Enjoying the LPGA

What: Longs Drugs Challenge LPGA Tour

When: Sept. 21-24

Where: Blackhawk Country Club

Defending Champion: Nicole Perrot

Purse: \$1 million

Cost: Tickets range in price from \$20 (\$15 at Longs) to \$100; children 16 and under are free

Tickets: Single day passes can be purchased at all Longs Drugs; weekly passes available at the tournament office located at Blackhawk Country Club

Parking: All tournament parking is located at Bishop Ranch 3, off Camino Ramon, with shuttles running between the lot and the course.

For more information: Visit www.longsdrugschallenge.com; or call the tournament office at Blackhawk: 725-0148

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S W A P F A D

by Natalie O'Neill

The stylish women arrived at a posh night club, dragging laundry hampers and duffel bags. Inside, across from the bar, volunteers dumped the contents onto tables.

Piles of blouses, faded Levis and sophisticated suit coats were hung and folded. Before long, bargain hunters and fashionistas began flocking to the clothes like kids to an ice cream truck.

"Those are perfect," one college girl gushed as her friend squealed over size 8 boots. A middle-aged woman's face lit up as she tried on a tweed jacket in the pink light of the club. And while not a cent was spent on fashion, everyone left with something new—or at least something new to them.

Clothing swaps, a growing phenomenon at which women meet to trade unwanted pieces of their wardrobe, are sprouting up all over the East Bay. With swaps serving as anything from hip nights out in San Francisco to fundraisers in Danville, the word is spreading.

And Suzanne Agasi, who has hosted more than 100 swaps, says it's not just about the clothes anymore.

"It's about feeling good about ourselves as women," said Agasi, who donates all left over swap clothes directly to Bay Area battered women's shelters.

The swaps work like this: Women bring garments they no longer like, need or just want to give away, and then pay a cover charge of about \$20. In exchange, they get a chance to bring home goodies from other women's closets. Here, the old saying is fitting—one person's trash is another one's treasure.

As the mix of swap-goers evolves, the events are especially catching on in upscale areas like Danville.

"This all started out small in my apartment with me just inviting women I know. Now it's huge," says Agasi, who is making a go of hosting swaps as a full-time job.

Longtime Danville Ballet owner Rebecca Crowell hosted a swap last month to raise money for the Diablo Ballet, her new endeavor. Food and wine were donated, clothes were traded, and \$1,000 was raised in just a couple hours.

"I heard it was the latest trend and a great way to raise money," Crowell said.

Mothers and daughters cleaned out their closets together and paid the \$25 cover charge at the Danville Ballet studio in Alamo Plaza. As teens riffled through cargo pants, print T-shirts and capris, moms grazed through summer sandals, casual skirts and jewelry.

**Clothing
swaps—the
latest way to
find style and
help others**

"It was like a big party," said Susan Astbury, who attended the swap to support the ballet company. "I found a darling purse I just love."

The reasons for throwing and attending swaps are as varied as the swap-goers themselves. Free thinkers come as an alternative to supporting big clothing companies. Socialites come to make friends and network. And thrifty women go just to get a deal.

No shopping experience beats the "high" of finding a free piece of fashion gold, these women say.

"I am so much more proud when I get a compliment on clothes I get from a swap," Agasi said.

But with all the fun and seemingly superficial air of a gals night out based around clothes, it's really about the giving spirit. Along with supporting battered women's shelters, the donated clothes also go to Dress for Success, a nonprofit group that provides low-income women with clothes and teaches them etiquette for job interviews.

Heather Paulson, outreach associate for La Casa De Las Madres, says that high

quality donated clothes can give women at shelters confidence for job interviews and meetings with apartment Realtors.

A new outfit can help a battered woman feel beautiful and competent, she said.

"Women come here with nothing. It's usually not safe for them to go home and get their things," she said.

When coupled with the light subject of fashion and the female bonding that inevitably follows, the swaps are also a valuable way to get the word out about their cause, Paulson said.

"Domestic violence is an uncomfortable subject," she said. "But these events get people talking."

Just the act of cleaning out your closet in the name of something good can be therapeutic, Agasi pointed out.

"We all have things we buy and never wear," Astbury said.

Swaps don't just help women look good, they help them feel good. The group of smiling ladies exiting that posh club on a recent swap night would tell you the same. As they left the pink lights behind, their hearts were fuller than their hampers. ■



Clothes traders gather jeans and blouses as part of a "divas only night" to benefit a battered woman's shelter.

Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE



MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY

Alamo students of yesteryear

In 1900 the Alamo Grammar School students are: (front seated) ? Mueller, Archie Penfield, George Samuels, Jack Reis, unidentified, Joe Bispo; (second row seated) Maggie Olivier, Mary Bispo, Martha Bunce, Mary Nunes, Nina Bell, Grace Samuels, ? Mueller, Mary Bell, Harriett Bell; (first standing row) Albert Stone, Belle Nunes, Lilas Stone, ? Mueller, Bertha Stone, ? Mueller, unidentified, Fred Shoen; (back standing row) Miss Gruenig, Stewart Kennedy, unidentified, Addie Smith, Sadie Smith, Elvira Smith, Olivette Bunce, Gustave Reis, Ray Grenell.

Source: Picture from museum files; information from "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, San Ramon" by Beverly Lane and Ralph Cozine

OF NOTE

Share your light

Project Second Chance, the Adult Literacy Program of the county library, is looking for volunteers to become literacy tutors, which are badly needed in East and Central Counties.

"A candle which lights another candle does not lose its light" is the program's motto.

A training program is being held 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. All 14 hours of training are required.

Call 927-3250 or e-mail psc@ccclib.org for registration information. Training will be held at the PSC office, 75 Santa Barbara Road in Pleasant Hill.

Tool trailer off to Biloxi

The San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo has purchased a 14-foot tool trailer and pickup truck that will be driven down to Biloxi, Miss., on Sept. 10 to be used by volunteers in rebuilding homes damaged by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The tool trailer was equipped to support 20 workers and will enable groups of skilled and un-skilled volunteers with their residential repair and rebuilding efforts throughout Mississippi. The United Methodist Church has been sending thousands of volunteer workers from across the country to the Gulf Coast in an ongoing rebuilding effort.

The Alamo church volunteers who went to the Gulf Coast said they found the supply of tools to be disorganized or non-existent.

Upon their return, they designed the tool trailer solution, and received donations of tools and funds to purchase and build the trailer. They also purchased a used pickup truck to deliver the tool trailer to Mississippi, which also will be used to deliver the tool trailer to the jobsites.

The church is planning to send two adult groups and one youth group of volunteer workers to Mississippi this year and at least four groups in 2007. They are looking for skilled and un-skilled workers to join them in their Gulf Coast rebuilding effort. Sign up at www.srvumc.org. The church is located at 902 Danville, Blvd. Telephone 837-5243.

Report from Monte Vista

Monte Vista High School Principal Becky Smith reports that the student body enrollment is currently 2,715 students: 719 freshmen, 718 sophomores, 680 juniors, and 563 seniors.

She also said the Academic Boosters are again funding additional classes in science, math, fine arts, computers, social studies and language arts.

Five Monte Vista students are national Merit Semi-Finalists in the 2007 Merit Scholarship Competition: Bi Xiao, Lucy Liu, Humzah Qureshi, Abigail Wolf and Jonathan Wu. They achieved this honor by scoring high on the PSAT and National Merit Scholarship qualifying test; these students make up less than 2 percent of the state's high school graduating class.

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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL



My favorite color is eggplant

There's purple and then there's eggplant. This week's column is dedicated to the commanding deep purple and white, lavender-streaked eggplants that are adding fantastic color and new dimensions to our backyard garden. We planted two eggplant plants this year and we could almost supply the entire block with the prolific harvest of the vegetables that keep growing to plump, luscious proportions despite the cramped space.

The hotter-than-hot days, unseasonal rains and morning/evening coolness of Danville seem to be the perfect habitat for eggplant. Both plants are ripe with blooms, and the baby eggplants grow so effortlessly and so fast, I first suspected my husband of feeding them super-sized quantities of Miracle Grow but he swears he has not. Before we build new homes on every inch of farmland around, someone ought to tell local farmers that, with little effort, Danville could become the

eggplant capital of the world ... or at least of the Bay Area.

I've always loved eggplant, even as a little girl. While many kids dislike the unique flavors of vegetables like eggplant, I found them to be mysterious in their color, taste and texture. Now, as a cook, I appreciate their ability to take on the flavors of their fellow ingredients while still maintaining their own personality. As an apprentice cook in my mother's kitchen, my job was to pat the eggplants slices dry with paper towels after she had soaked them in water to remove their bitterness and keep them from becoming soggy. I felt more like a surgical nurse than a chef, tending to them carefully yet moving quickly before the flesh could turn dark. The procedure was rewarded with my mother's piping hot and well-seasoned Eggplant Parmigiana, served with a spaghetti side. I had no idea it was an Italian dish, I just knew it tasted good and warm going down.

Eggplant, native to Asia, was introduced into the American cuisine by Thomas Jefferson. While eggplant is not a source of any one vitamin in large quantities, it contains a good healthy blend of many different antioxidants. While eggplant is available year round, the peak season is October. When selecting eggplant, choose ones that are heavy but no more than 6 inches in diameter, with smooth unwrinkled skin. Cook them soon after picking or purchasing.

With so many eggplants at hand this summer, I got to make lots of my two favorite eggplant recipes and try a new one—Capanata—which was served to us over fish at Sea Salt, a new seafood restaurant in Berkeley. Hope you enjoy them as much as we did!

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

Eggplant Parmigiana (serves 2-4, depending on whether it is the entrée or side dish)

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for oiling the baking sheet
2 large eggplants, about 2 pounds
Salt and pepper
2 cups tomato sauce (canned or see recipe below)
1 bunch fresh basil leaves, chiffonade
1 pound fresh mozzarella, sliced 1/8-inch thick
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan-Reggiano
1/4 cup fresh bread crumbs, lightly toasted under broiler

Tomato Sauce:

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 Spanish onion, diced into 1/4-inch pieces
4 garlic cloves, peeled and thinly sliced
3 Tbsp. chopped fresh thyme leaves (or 1 Tbsp., dried)
1/2 medium carrot, finely grated
2 (28-ounce) cans peeled whole tomatoes, crushed by hand and juices reserved
Salt

In a 3-qt. saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook until soft and lightly brown, about 8-10 minutes. Add the thyme and carrot and cook 5 minutes more, until the carrot is soft. Add the tomatoes and juice and bring to a boil, stirring often. Lower heat and simmer 30 minutes, until as thick as hot cereal. Season with salt and serve. The sauce lasts 1 week in the refrigerator or up to 6 months frozen.

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Oil a baking sheet.
2. Slice each eggplant into 6 pieces 1-1/2 inches thick. Lightly season each slice with salt and pepper and place on the oiled sheet. Bake the eggplant at 450 degrees until the slices begin turning deep brown on top, about 12-15 minutes. Remove the eggplant from oven and transfer slices to a plate to cool.
3. Lower oven temperatures to 350. In an 8 by 12-inch brownie pan, place the 4 largest eggplant slices evenly spaced apart. Over each, spread 1/4 cup of the tomato sauce and sprinkle with a tsp. of basil.
4. Place one slice of mozzarella over each eggplant slice and sprinkle with 1 tsp. Parmesan-Reggiano. Place the smaller slices of eggplant over the other slices and repeat with sauce, basil and cheeses. Repeat layering until all ingredients are used.
5. Sprinkle the toasted bread crumbs over the top and bake

uncovered until the cheese melts and the top is browned, about 20 minutes. Serve immediately.

An Eggplant Burger???

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1. Cut an eggplant into 3/4-inch crosswise slices. Brush slices with olive oil and seasonings, or marinate in low-fat Italian dressing. (Note: Depending on the size of the eggplant, one can generate 2-4 "burgers.")
2. Grill or broil slices, about 5 min. each side, until tender and brown.
3. Serve eggplant slices on a no-trans-fat bun. Add more low-fat Italian dressing as a condiment if desired.

Eggplant Szechuan Style

(serves 4-6 as a side dish)

1 pound eggplant
4 oz. ground pork
1 tsp. minced garlic
2 Tbsp. chopped scallion
1/2 cup water chestnuts, sliced and halved
1/2 tsp. sesame oil
1 cup oil

Sauce:

1 Tbsp. hot bean sauce
1 tsp. soy sauce
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. sugar

1. Peel eggplant and cut into irregular pieces. If using long, thin Chinese eggplant, there is no need to peel them. Soak eggplant in water at least half an hour to get rid of the bitterness.
2. Heat wok with oil, drain off water from eggplant, pat dry and cook in oil until tender. Remove eggplant and place on paper towels to drain off oil.
3. Heat wok with 2 Tbsp. of oil, sauté garlic and ginger to release flavor; add pork and stir until meat is white. Pour in sauce, add 2 Tbsp. water and bring to boil.
4. Add eggplant and water chestnuts in, mix well and cook a while to infuse flavors into eggplant. Add chopped scallion and sesame oil just before serving.
5. Serve with an entrée and rice.

Find more eggplant recipes at www.DanvilleWeekly.com.

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Last Kiss (R)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue. 11:30 a.m. 2, 4:35, 7:05, 9:40 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tue 11:30 a.m. 2, 4:25, 6:50, 9:15 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8, 10:30 p.m.
Little Miss Sunshine (R)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue. 11:50 a.m. 2:25, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55 p.m. CinéArts: Fri-Tue. 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40 p.m.; No show Sun-Tue 9:40 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50 p.m.
Monster House (PG)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 12:35, 3:05, 5:35 p.m.
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 12:10, 3:30, 6:45, 9:55 p.m.
Protector (R)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:25 a.m., 1:45, 4, 6:15, 8:35, 10:45 p.m.
Scoop (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue. 12:10, 2:30 p.m.
Step Up (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue. 12:05, 2:35 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 7:35, 10:10 p.m.
Superman Returns (PG-13)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 7:20, 10:20 p.m.
Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue. 11:40 a.m. 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:25 p.m.
The Covenant (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue. 12:30, 3, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.; No show Sun-Tue 9:45 p.m. Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 12:05, 12:40, 2:35, 3:10, 5:05, 5:40, 7:40, 8:10, 10:05, 10:25 p.m.
Wicker Man (PG-13)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:20 p.m.

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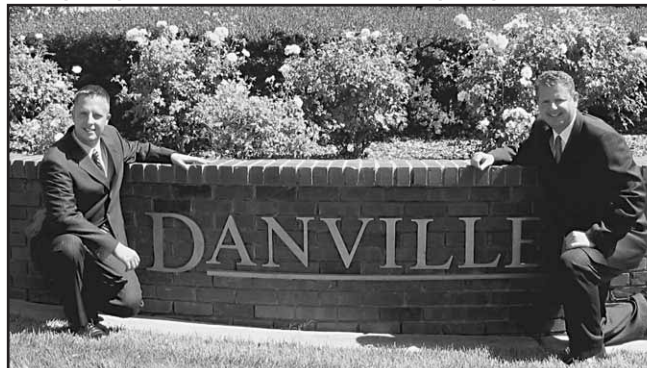
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Art

Alamo-Danville Artists' Society
Alamo-Danville Artists' Society presents paintings of Marjorie Rolandelli, Susan Dennis, Angela Cheng and Hebert H. Estes from mid-September to mid-November, at Danville Town Offices, 510 La Gonda Way.

Auditions

Diablo Ballet Nutcracker Auditions
Diablo Ballet will be holding auditions for "The Nutcracker" from noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, at Shadelands Campus, 111 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 943-5842 or 943-1775, ext. 2.

Author Visits

Dr. Richard Kurin
Blackhawk Museum will host Dr. Richard Kurin, author of "Hope

Diamond: The Legendary History of a Cursed Gem," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Cost is \$5; free to members and students with I.D. Call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Gloria Lenhart
Rakestraw Books will host Gloria Lenhart, author of "Planet Widow," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. This event is free; call 837-7337.

Lewis Buzbee
Rakestraw Books will host Lewis Buzbee, author of "The Yellow Lighted Bookshop," at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. This event is free; call 837-7337.

Shawn Decker
Rakestraw Books will host Shawn Decker, author of "My Pet Virus: The Story of a Rebel Without a Cure," Thursday, Sept. 28, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. The day will include a number of events. For more information, call 837-7337.

Susan Sokol Blosser
Rakestraw Books will host Susan Sokol Blosser, author of "A Home in the Vineyard," at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Cost is \$25, including a special Harvest Dinner. Call 837-7337.

Classes

Alamo's Fall Recreation Programs
Alamo Parks and Recreation is offering new recreation programs for the fall season including 30 classes for all ages at a 50% discount to all Alamo residents. For information, call 451-9176, e-mail alamorec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.alamore.org.

Clubs

Blackhawk Republican Women
This club will host a meeting with guest speakers Assemblyman Guy Houston and U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. The public is welcome. Cost is \$31 due by noon Oct. 10 to Ms. Simens; call 736-8251.

Blue Star Moms
This group will be hosting "Drop Zones" events to accept items for care packages to send to the troops for the holidays, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23 and Oct. 14, at Danville Veteran's Memorial Building, 400 Hartz Ave. For information, visit www.bluestarmoms.org.

Contra Costa Rose Society
This club will meet to discuss "Landscaping with Miniature Roses" with Rose Gilardi at 7:15 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25, at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call 681-1551 or visit www.ccrose.org.

Danville Women's Club
This club will host a luncheon with guest speaker Linda Hughes, R.N., M.P.A. from Rehabilitation Services of Northern California at noon, Thursday, Sept. 21, at the clubhouse, 242 Linda Mesa, Danville. Call 837-7528.

Diablo Bonsai Club
This club will host a lecture and workshop on planting and raising Bonsai Trees, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Heather Farm Garden Center, Camellia Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 736-9157 or visit www.angelfire.com/ca2/diablobonsai.

Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild
The Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild meets at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Guests are welcome (\$2 donation). Annual membership fee is \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65+). For information, call Dianne at 837-1863.

Julie's Book Clubs
Julie's Book Club is now offered in the morning and at night. Julie's Morning Book Club will meet and discuss Siddharth Shangvi's "Last Song of Dusk" at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 22. The club will meet and discuss Amy Scheibe's "What Do You Do All Day?" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-7337.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club
This social group is open to both "new" and "not so new" Tri-Valley residents and prospective members are invited to attend a luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Call 735-3508.

WEEKEND PREVIEW



'Sight Unseen' opens tonight

Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Sight Unseen," its first black box production, with showings at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 15-16, and Sept. 22-23, at the Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for subscribers and donors. Call 820-1278 or visit www.danvilletheatre.com.

Events

Art in the Park
Town of Danville will host the 8th annual Art in the Park from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, at Town Green, near the Community Center and Library on Front Street. Call 314-3466.

Bicycle Rodeo
Danville Police Department Youth Services and Community Service Units will host a Bicycle Rodeo from 2:15-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Vista Grande Elementary, 667 Diablo Road, Danville. Everyone is welcome; bring your bicycle and helmets. Call 314-3410.

Blue Oval Performance Day
Blackhawk Museum and Bay Area Cobra Club will host "Blue Oval Performance Day" with Cobras, Shelbys, Daytonas, Ford Muscle Cars, GT40s and GTs on the Plaza from 10:15 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 736-2280.

Danville Fall Crafts Festival
Join the fun at the Danville Fall Crafts Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 21-22, at Hartz and Prospect Avenues. Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillechamber.com.

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

Exhibits

Full Moon Salon
Woodcraft of Dublin is hosting the "Full Moon Salon" traveling carving exhibit during the month of September, at the store, 6044 Dougherty Road, Dublin. The "work of art" is a collaboration of 21 woodcarvers from throughout the U.S. Store hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Wednesdays, Fridays; 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursdays; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturdays; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays. Call 875-9988.

Industrial Art
The Blackhawk Museum will host "Doodles, Drafts and Designs" until Nov. 5, which has been organized by SITES (Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition Services) and is sponsored by the Blackhawk Museum Guild. This exhibit will appeal to audiences interested in art, design, history, technology and popular culture. For information, call 736-2280 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Legends of Jazz
This exhibit of Rudolph J. Omania's work will be displayed from Oct. 1-31, at the Lindsay Dirkx Brown Art Gallery, San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Gallery hours are from 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday. Call 594-1625.

One Room School House
The Museum of the San Ramon Valley is hosting the "One Room School House" exhibit until Sept. 27. It will take you back to when blackboards, ink wells and feather quills were a sign of the time. Museum hours in August are 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday-Saturdays; in September they are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays. Call 837-3750.

Fundraisers

Annual Summer Clearance
Assistance League of Diablo Valley's primary fundraiser at the Way Side Inn Thrift Shop and Costume Rental is just around the corner. Check out the different sales including: Sept. 15, everything is \$1; Sept. 16, fill a bag for \$5; and Sept. 19, the new fall product will arrive. The shop is located at 3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette.

East Bay Heart Walk
This walk presented by Subway will benefit the American Heart Association to emphasize the importance of walking. This event is from 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 17, meeting at the Danville Livery and Mercantile, 100 Sycamore Valley Road. There are no fees, but walkers should raise a minimum of \$100 to receive the Heart Walk t-shirt. For information, call Jill DeGiacomo at (510) 904-4000 or email jill.digiacomo@heart.org.

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Friends of Camp Concord Golf Tournament

ABC Channel 7 News' Dan Ashley will host the Friends of Camp Concord Golf Tournament starting with registration and breakfast at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Blackhawk Country Club, Falls Course, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. Shotgun start for golf is at 11 a.m. The day will also include live and silent auctions, lunch, dinner, drawings and tee prizes. Cost is \$350; \$30 dinner only. Call 389-1984 or visit www.friendsofcamp.com.

German Shepherd Classic Golf Tournament

The 16th annual German Shepherd Classic Golf Tournament will include lunch, green fee, driving range, on-course beverages, gift bag and dinner starting at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 16, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. Cost is \$250 per player or \$900 for foursome. Dinner only is \$70. Proceeds will benefit the German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California. Visit www.germanshepherdclassic.org.

Giant Book Sale

Friends of the Danville Library are hosting a Giant Book Sale to benefit the Danville Library from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 22-23, and from noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 24, 400 Front Street. Call 837-4889.

Janelle Conert

Danville Girl Scout Troop 1240 will host a Janelle Concert as part of its Bronze Award at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday, Oct. 4, at St. Isidore Church Rettig Activity Center, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Tickets are \$12 in advance (by Oct. 2); \$15 at the door and are available by visiting www.janelleoct4.com or at St. Isidore Church Office. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Girl Scouts.

Mount Diablo Challenge

Jamba Juice and Terry McDaniel Team will sponsor the 25th annual Mount Diablo Challenge to benefit Save Mount Diablo, starting at 7 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Athenian School, 2100 Mount Diablo Scenic Blvd., Danville. Early registration is \$50 (before Sept. 17); late registration is \$60. Visit www.active.com.

Primo's Run for Education

Primo's Run for Education that benefits the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation will take place from 6-9 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, beginning on Diablo Road at Hartz Avenue. The day will include a 5K, 1/2 marathon, refreshments, goodies and an awards ceremony. Call 866-4127.

Saturday Night ALIVE

Join Greg Murai and Friends for "Saturday Night ALIVE" at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. This event will benefit the Ahli Arab Hospital that provides free medical and surgical care for the citizens of Gaza. Advanced tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors/students; tickets at the door are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students; children 8 and under are free. Call 283-8722 or visit www.lopc.org.

Semi-Annual Sale

Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club will host a semi-annual sale of children's clothing, furniture, books and toys from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. The sale will help support the club's philanthropic efforts. Entry fee is \$1.

Health

African Drumming Circle

Join Patricia Frame and experience this fun way to get "good vibrations" from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free and is limited to cancer patients and their friends and family, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer Workshop

The Wellness Community presents a 12-week workshop for women who have been just diagnosed or are in

treatment or starting treatment for breast cancer, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through Oct. 25, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends; reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Stronger Than Ever

Cancer patients can learn how to return to former levels of strength and vitality and how to increase strength without struggling from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 23, at Sugi Studios, 1924B Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. This event is free to cancer patients and their friends and family, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Holidays

Rosh Hashanah

Join the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews to celebrate Rosh Hashanah at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 22, at Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. The event will include music, readings, and traditional apples and honey. Cost is \$15 for non-members and is open to the public. Call 485-1049.

Kids & Teens

Day on the Glen

Dublin will present "Day on the Glen" with a day of family focused, fun-filled activities from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, at Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Parkway, Dublin. This event is free. Call 556-4500 or visit www.dayontheglen.com/info.

Fall Story Times

Danville Library will host Fall Story Times for children beginning Monday, Sept. 18. Mother Goose Time for children ages 2 and under meets 10:15 a.m. Mondays-Wednesdays, and Preschool Story Time for children ages 3-5 meets at 11:15 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. Registration is required, call 837-4889.

Teen S.A.T. Strategy Sessions

College bound teenagers are welcome to a free S.A.T. strategy session presented by the professionals from the Princeton Review. There will be two sessions from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursdays, Sept. 28 and Nov. 2, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Call 837-4889 to reserve your spot.

Lectures/ Workshops

Bay Area Training and Development Expo

American Society for Training and Development will present "Bay Area Training and Development Expo" from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Cost is \$25. Call (510) 668-1617 or visit www.mtdiablo-astd.org/meetings.

Breakfast with Brett Johnson

Have you wondered how your business can be used by God? Join founder of the Institute for Innovation, Brett Johnson, for breakfast from 7-8:15 a.m., Friday, Sept. 29, at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Advance tickets are \$20; register at www.acteva.com/go/valleystraighttalk.

Financial Management

Technology Ventures Corp. presents Financial Management from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 960-1600 or visit www.techventures.org.

Historic Lecture Series

San Ramon Historic Foundation and San Ramon Valley Library Foundation will host a Historic Lecture Series of six programs. Each program will start at 7 p.m., Thursdays, at various different locations. The first program will be on Sept. 21 on the "Overview of History of Agriculture in the SRV" by Beverly Lane at Forest Home Farms

Barn. All programs are free, but donations will gratefully be accepted. For information, call 973-3281.

Internet Essentials Workshop

Danville Library will present a workshop on how to navigate the Internet or search the library catalog like a pro from 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4. Call 837-4889.

Leads Group for B2B Business Developers

B2B Power Exchange presents this workshop from 7:45-10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin. Cost is free to members; \$40 for non-members. Call 201-3410 or visit www.b2b-powerexchange.com/dublin.

Reflections of Femininity

Friends of the Danville Library will host First Wednesday at the Library with the theme of "Reflections of Femininity" at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4, Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. This event is free. Call 837-4889.

Literary Events

First Wednesday Programs

The Friends of the Danville Library and Tri-Valley Community Foundation sponsor First Wednesday programs in the Mt. Diablo Room of the Danville Library, 400 Front St., at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, October through May, with the exception of January. Subjects include art lectures and slide shows, music programs, and book and author programs. The program is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For information, call 938-7323.

Two Cities, One Tale

Danville and San Ramon Libraries are teaming up for CityRead 2006 for a six-week, book-sharing event to read "The Samurai's Garden" by Gail Tsukiyama together. The group will conclude with a special presentation from Tsukiyama herself at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Danville Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Call 837-4889.

Live Music

28th Annual Community Concert Series

Creative Musical Alternatives presents the 28th annual Community Concert Series with offerings in Alamo to include Saturday night performances:

Will Ackerman & Alex DeGrassi on Nov. 18; Golden Bough Holiday Concert on Dec. 16; John McCutcheon on Jan. 20; Laurence Juber on Feb. 24; Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir on March 24; Jesse Winchester on April 21. All shows start at 8 p.m., at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. For prices and information, visit www.communityconcerts.com.

Gardens Sought for Garden Tour
Bringing Back the Natives is looking for gardens that are bird-and-butterfly friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving and contain 30% or more California native plants. The gardens should be located in Contra Costa or Alameda county. For an application visit www.bringingbackthenatives.com; applications are due by Sept. 15. For information, call (510) 236-9558.

Miscellaneous

Free Computer Instruction

Would you like to learn more about computers or the Internet? The Danville Library is offering free computer instruction on Word, Excel, Powerpoint or the Internet by appointment only. To make an appointment, visit the Danville Library Information Desk or call 837-4889.

On Stage

Don Lewis and Young Expressions

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts presents Don Lewis and Young Expressions to perform from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets range in price due to reserve seating.

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'Last of the Red Hot Lovers'

Role Players Ensemble Theatre will offer "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" by Neil Simon and directed by Scott Fryer from Oct. 13-Nov. 4. Tickets for individual shows will go on sale Friday, Sept. 1, at the Community Center, 420 Front St., Danville or by visiting www.danvilletheatre.com.

'Long Day's Journey into Night'

The 2006 Eugene O'Neill Festival will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first U.S. production of O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night" by presenting the Pulitzer-Prize winning play at 7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 6-7 and at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Old Barn at Tao House, Danville. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Dean Leshar Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, call

943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.gov. For information, visit www.eugeneoneill.org.

Prisoners of Love and Actor's Nightmare

Act Now! presents "Prisoners of Love" and "Actor's Nightmare" with showtimes at 8:15 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; 2:15 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 8-30, at Dean Leshar Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$23 for seniors and \$12.50 for children under 17. Call 943-7469.

San Francisco Comedy Competition Semifinals

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host the S.F. Comedy Competition Semifinals at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Advance tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25; call 931-3444 or visit www.civcartickets.org. For information, call 931-5361.

'Sight Unseen'

Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Sight Unseen" at its first "black box" production with showings at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 15-16 and 22-23, at Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for subscribers and donors. Call 820-1278 or visit www.danvilletheatre.com.

Spoken Word Poets Readings

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts and Century House Poetry Reading will host Amanda Moryhan and Laureate Cynthia Bryant from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Cost is \$5. Call 931-5350.

St. Mary's College Performing Arts Series

This series opens Sept. 16 with Byron Motley's one-man show Hits and Homeruns; the Quartet San Francisco will bring their infectious enthusiasm on Oct. 6; one-woman show, Caterpillar Soup, performs Nov. 15; and a Musical Celebration for Christmas is Dec. 9. For information, call 631-4670 or visit www.stmarysca.edu.

'The Sound of Music'

St. Timothy's Concert Series presents "The Sound of Music" at 7 p.m., Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 21-24, at St. Timothy's Church Parish Hall, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Tickets are \$18; \$12 for students and seniors. Call 837-4993, ext. 15, or visit www.saint-timothysdanville.org.

Political Notes

Honoring Women Candidates

Join the East-Bay Chapter of California Elected Women's Association, Liz Figueroa and Lynne Leach in honoring women candidates of the East Bay from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Pleasanton Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive. Cost is \$25. To reserve your spot, call (916) 551-1920.

Seniors

AARP Driver Safety Program

How would you like to reduce your insurance premium? AARP is offering classes for seniors ages 55 and over from 1-5 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 18 and 20, at 9199 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Cost is \$10. Call Shirley McElhattan at 803-9100, ext. 108.

Bridge

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

Buzz Sessions

Town of Danville presents Buzz Sessions for seniors from 1-2:30 p.m., each fourth Tuesday of the month, at Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. These events are free, but register to reserve your place by calling 314-3400. The next session will be on Disaster Preparedness on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Danville Senior Citizens Club

The club meets from 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., every Monday at the Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., for line dancing exercise, bingo, mah jong and more. Membership is just \$10 a year. Call Fran Britt at 743-4026.

HICAP Appointments

The Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) offers its services free to anyone on Medicare or at least 60 years old with questions about health insurance coverage. Appointments are available the second Wednesday and the fourth Tuesday of every month by appointment; call 314-3400.

Laugh Club

Research has shown increased levels of endorphins, neurotransmitters, immune system cells, and decreased levels of stress hormones. This club meets at 10:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. This event is free and open to the public. Call Fred Turner at 216-4590.

Prime Time

Join this club for a nondenominational gathering of "seasoned citizens" from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. On their Sept. 19 meeting they will host Mark Cutis, KTVU Channel 2 Morning News co-anchor man. A home-cooked lunch is served at noon for \$3. Call Ruth Ann at 820-6387.

Senior Bocce Ball League

Join Danville seniors in the Bocce Ball League from 10-11:30 a.m., every Thursday until Oct. 19, at Sycamore Valley Park, Bocce Courts, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville. Cost is \$20 for residents; \$24 for non-residents. Call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Senior Sneaker Trips

Town of Danville will host Senior Sneaker Trips to different attractions throughout the area. For a list of dates, go to the Danville Community Center at 420 Front St., call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

St. Isidore's 'Young at Heart'

Join this group for a meeting from 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., the third Tuesday of every month at St. Isidore's Ministries Center, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Optional Mass starts at 11:15 a.m.; lunch starts at 11:45 a.m. Nonprofit bingo follows. This event is free, but reservations are appreciated by calling 820-4447.

Spiritual

45th Anniversary Celebration

San Damiano Retreat Center is celebrating its 45th anniversary from 2-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, at the center, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. There will be a silent auction, food, wine and music. Call 837-9141.

Blessing of the Animals

San Damiano Retreat is hosting "Blessing of the Animals, Feast of St. Francis" at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, meeting at the St. Francis statue, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Call 837-9141.

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer Workshop

This 12-week workshop is for women

who have just been diagnosed, in treatment or just starting treatment. The workshop is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 19-Jan. 9, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Avenue, Walnut Creek. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Overeaters Anonymous

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

Volunteering

Bedford Gallery Guild

The Bedford Gallery Guild will host a Volunteer Recruitment Day at 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the gallery, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Call 295-1417 or visit www.bedfordgallery.org.

Blackhawk Museum Docent Training

If you are interested in becoming a much appreciated part of the Blackhawk Museum family while contributing to your community, making new friends, learning new things, and having fun, become a docent! Call 736-2280, ext. 238.

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DVLC Needs You

Diablo Valley Literacy Council (DVLC) is looking for volunteers to help non-English speaking adults learn to read, write and speak English. They will host three tutor-training workshops on Sept. 23, 26 and 30 at 4000 Clayton Road, Concord. There is a \$15 non-refundable registration fee. Call 938-0139.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa

This organization is looking for volunteers to help serve in East Contra Costa County. Positions open are: men and women to provide companionship and practical support for terminally ill patients and families, licensed hair stylists and certified massage therapists. Call 887-5678 or email volunteers@hospicecc.org.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and others about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. No experience needed. Six week training will begin on Sept. 25. Call 627-2444 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

Search and Rescue

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

Sheriff Seeks Senior Volunteers

The Sheriff's Valley Station Office in Alamo is seeking people interested in assisting law enforcement in the community. Citizens should have a clean criminal history and would be responsible for one shift a week for four-and-a-half hours. Interested applicants should call James Hogan or Elmer Glasser at 837-2902.

Valley Children's Museum Needs Volunteers

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Monte Vista hosts annual Cross Country opener

Wolves look to repeat 2005 title; Mustangs look promising

by Rachel McMurdie

High school runners hailed the opening of the cross-country season last week as they dashed through the two-mile course at Oak Hill Park for the Monte Vista Invitational on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The non-scoring meet served as a valuable practice and an early season barometer for the 10 area teams that competed, said host school coach Mike Davis.

"It's really a practice invitational," Davis said. "There are no team scores or anything, but we do get an idea of which teams are strong."

Once again, San Ramon Valley runners proved tough to beat, setting an average 11:50.05 two-mile pace and the fastest overall boy's times. The Wolves, coached by Tim Hunter, who also teaches health, are looking to repeat the previous season's records, including the East Bay Athletic League Championship (EBAL) title three of the past four years.

They have a senior filled squad, and runners like team captain Brett Gunari, who finished No. 25 at last year's North Coast Sections, plus co-captains Mike Dvorak, Gian Severo and Alex DeLuna, who all finished in the Top 10 in the Monte Vista Invitational boys seniors race.

On the girls side, San Ramon Valley dominated the scoreboard as well, with an overall finish time averaging 14:43.08, just behind first-place Carondelet High School. Allie Colaco, Daniella Ribera, Alexis Nordine and Hillary Struthers will captain the girls' squad for the Wolves. They hope to keep a grip on their EBAL Championship title, which the team has claimed for the past two consecutive years.

Host school Monte Vista made tracks as well. Its boys squad finished the race with an average 12:39.59 for a promising fifth place. Monte Vista girls claimed sixth with an average 15:14.94.

After last year's disappointing season, Coach Davis says their team is ready for redemption.

"No one expects Monte Vista to win (EBAL), but we think we can do pretty well," he said.

However the team graduated nearly 30 seniors last year, including its two fastest runners—Chris Simpson and Danielle Gergley—both of whom made state finals during their years at Monte Vista.

But the team does have a few things going for it. Head Coach Mike Huntsman will be back for his ninth coaching season with Monte Vista (his 28th coaching season overall) and joining him are a strong squad of up-and-coming runners.



Monte Vista's Renee Lau and Brittany Randall compete in Junior Girls Race.

Juniors Bhavik Kanzaria and Clinton McAdams, who finished third and eighth respectively at the invitational, will look to lead the boy's varsity squad this season. Juniors Renee Lau and Brittany Randall, a newcomer to the team, will lead the girls. Also adding strength to Monte Vista's girl's team are sophomore Kaitlin Kelly, last year's No. 2 runner, and senior Claire Hoppens, who coaches hope will be able to bounce back from a track season injury.

Unlike typical cross country meets, the Monte Vista Invitational is broken into grade level races. This works well, said Coach Davis, because many teams don't have varsity and junior varsity squads finalized this early in the season.

Monte Vista High also competed Saturday in the Ed Sias Invitational at Hidden Valley Park in Martinez. Kanzaria took 11th place with 11:25.8 on the two-mile course. Randall placed 46th for the girls, with a 14:23.02. ■

E-mail results and photos to sports@DanvilleWeekly.com.



Monte Vista sophomore Mike Roderick chases down St Mary's and San Ramon Valley runners during the Monte Vista Invitational at Oak Park on Tuesday of last week.



COURTESY OF THE MUSTANGS

What a Blast

The girls U12 Mustang Blast won the Mustang Stampede tournament held in Danville for their age group. Their competition was fierce and included teams from both Northern and Southern California as well as Colorado. In the semifinal and championship games, the Blast defeated the teams are have been rated No. 1 and No. 2 nationally at GotSoccer.com. Celebrating their victory are (front row, l-r) Reilly Parker, Kerianne Hunt, Hannah Clark, Beth Ritter, Alyssa Alarab, Katie Tao, Rachel Feldman, Serena Lee; (back row) Coach Doug Norvelle, Amy Harioka, Alexa Vandevanter, Melissa Clore, Coach Rob Vandevanter, Hannah Koski, Kim Low, Lynsey Hromatko, Coach Lance Feldman, Rachel Hamilton



LEONARD NELSON

Blazing start to season

Madison Magnola scores the first goal of the season for the U-10 Blaze as the team faces the Hot Shots at Montair Elementary and prevails 2-1. Saturday, Sept. 9, was the opening day of Mustang Soccer.

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 15

Football: San Ramon Valley at Liberty, 7:30 p.m., Monte Vista at Merrill West, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Cross Country: Adidas Invite at Newhall Park

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Girls Tennis: Monte Vista at Cal High, 3:45 p.m.
Water Polo: San Ramon Valley vs. Livermore, 3:45 p.m., Monte Vista vs. Amador, 3:45 p.m.
Girls Golf: Monte Vista at Livermore, 3:30 p.m., San Ramon Valley vs. Cal High, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 21

Girls Tennis: San Ramon Valley vs. Livermore, 3:45 p.m., Monte Vista vs. Amador, 3:45 p.m.

Water Polo: Monte Vista vs. Granada, 3:45 p.m., San Ramon Valley at Amador, 3:45 p.m.

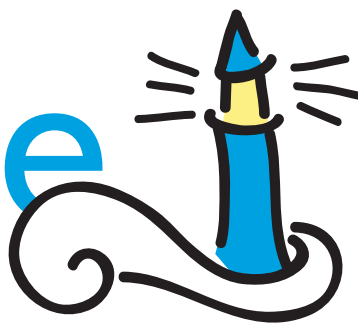
Girls Golf: San Ramon Valley at Foothill, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22

Football: San Ramon Valley vs. Washington, 7 p.m., Monte Vista at Berkeley, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Cross Country: Stanford Invite at Stanford G.C.



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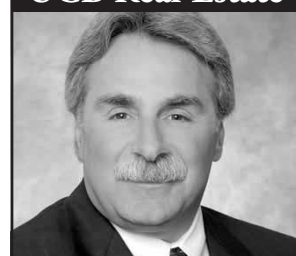
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303 Windchime Cir. Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	\$965,000 984-3060
50 Rockport Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$979,000 949-3059
139 St. James Ct. Sun 1-4	Pacific Union	\$988,000 200-0078
55 Sierra Ridge Ct. Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30	Keller Williams	\$990,000 260-8883

5 Bedrooms

129 Parkhaven Dr. Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30	Keller Williams	\$1,045,000 260-8883
400 Coventry Pl. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,162,000 984-3992
117 Merano Sun 1:30-4:30	Empire	\$1,197,000 217-5048
340 Durham Ct. Sun 1-4	Pacific Union	\$1,325,000 314-4888
26 Bormio Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,499,000 648-5338
5078 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$1,749,000 876-6935
11 Jillian Wy. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,789,000 818-4078
246 Stetson Drive Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	\$919,900 876-5554
152 Blackstone Dr. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$955,000 984-1945

6 Bedrooms

265 Montego Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$4,480,000 209-3451
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Alamo

3 Bedrooms

134 Canyon Vista Pl. Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk Real Estate	\$1,175,000 556-1613
3157 Miranda Ave. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,399,950 855-4059

4 Bedrooms

2694 Roundhill Dr. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$1,469,000 683-7084
135 Wilson Rd. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,495,000 838-4300
71 Jennifer Ln. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,495,000 838-4300
1606 Litina Ln. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$1,639,000 323-6735
109 Lark Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,699,000 838-4300

5 Bedrooms

101 Daniel Dr. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,499,000 838-4300
44 Stonecastle Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,575,000 855-4078
61 Vista Ln. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$1,795,000 876-6935
129 Linhares Ln. Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	\$2,890,000 858-1797
430 Via Del Rey Sun 1-4	Intero	\$3,395,000 838-4300

Blackhawk

3 Bedrooms

11 Deer Meadow Ct. Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	\$1,259,000 736-4155
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4 Bedrooms

525 Kingswood Pl. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$1,698,000 209-3451
2386 Saddleback Dr. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,749,000 855-4152
2945 Deer Meadow Dr. Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	\$1,799,000 736-4155

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

9085 Alcosta Blvd., #413 Sun 1-4	Intero	\$339,000 878-6603
3633 Crow Canyon Rd. Sat 1:30-4	Intero	\$437,000 831-2929
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