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## Q: What do you think of the no-hands cell phones law starting in 2008?



I think the distraction is still there, whether it's a handheld device or not. I still see drivers distracted. I think it will improve conditions, but it's not going to be a perfect solution.

**Ken Denhard**  
*pharmacist*



I'm all for it. We think people's minds are distracted anyway but it's better than holding a phone. I think it's distracting. If I have an important call, I pull over and park and talk.

**Elaine Oliver**  
*retired paralegal*



I think it's a good idea because you get to keep better control of your vehicle. I think they will be better drivers.

**Irv Berg**  
*retired from the retail business*



It's a very good idea because the cost is very low. The perception is that there are a lot of bad drivers as a result of holding cell phones and getting distracted. It may stop frustration with each other. They won't have an excuse of using a cell phone for their bad driving. Maybe cell phones are causing bad driving. Perhaps. But I really don't know.

**Jonathan Gant**  
*Columbia University law student  
who is taking a break for a bit*



I agree with it. It'll make the road safer—sort of. People will be less distracted when they are driving. People shouldn't be talking on the phone while they are driving. Anything can happen in a second. The handsfree are better than holding a phone.

**Audrey Molina**  
*Recent graduate in art and theology  
from Regents College in Canada*

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“You'll want to walk  
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rest of your life.”

—Alamo artist Beth Batchelor about her  
flattering profile sketches. See story, page 18.

## D'elegance to parade down Hartz on Sunday

The owners of Christe James Jewelers on Hartz Avenue are organizing the second annual Danville d'Elegance Fine & Specialty Auto Show to raise money for the Parkinson's Institute, from noon-5 p.m. this Sunday, Oct. 1.

Approximately 150 exotic cars, such as Ferraris, will be on display and all the proceeds will go to the institute. The event will have live music, auctions, drawings and celebrities. Hartz Avenue will be closed from Prospect Avenue to School Street from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jim and Chris Edlund, a husband and wife owners of Christe James Jewelers, are heading the auto show. For more information, call Jim Edlund at 552-0310.

## Weekend Art in the Park in Danville

Fine art, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics and photography from local artists will be featured Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the eighth annual Art in the Park. The free event takes place at the Town Green next to the library on Front Street.

The festival will run 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. There will be a judged art show inside the community center, as well as fine art for sale by artists and paintings in oil, watercolor, pastel and acrylics. There will also be live music, food and wine. Art students from Iron Horse Middle School will provide face-painting.

## Alamo welcomes arts and crafts

The Alamo Fine Art & Craft Show is being held today through Sunday at Alamo Plaza. This year's show features 50 artists exhibiting original works of art including paintings, pottery, jewelry, fiber art, fine glass, woodwork, mixed media, photography and more. The show will include the fine jewelry of artisan Sue Espy, who designs and constructs one-of-a-kind pieces; and David Yager, whose pottery is collected throughout The United States and Europe.

## Iron Horse Corridor needs help

Volunteers are needed for the LifeGarden's Iron Horse Corridor Restoration Event taking place on two Saturdays, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4, to beautify and enhance the section of the corridor between Love Lane and Del Amigo in Danville. Scouts, students and other community volunteers are encouraged to take part.

LifeGarden's Watershed Education and Sustainable Trails (WEST) program began with a mulching program on this section of trail behind San Ramon Valley High School in 2004 to test the idea that mulching and encouraging the growth of native plants would provide healthier and less costly maintenance than conventional methods. In response to this initiative, Contra Costa County has introduced an Adopt-a-Corridor-Section program, and LifeGarden will be the first sponsor.

On these two Saturdays, volunteers will spread mulch on both sides of the trail, remove invasive plants, identify California natives for protection, remove downed branches, calculate mulch needs, and gather site specific seeds for later planting. The workers will meet, rain or shine, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., but advance signup is required. Call LifeGarden at 937-3044 or e-mail [judy@lifegarden.org](mailto:judy@lifegarden.org).

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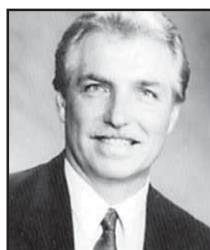
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## Eugene O'Neill Festival takes the stage next week

Three days of events will celebrate prize-winning playwright

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Last year a splendid piece of art was unveiled at Front Street Park to honor Eugene O'Neill and his years spent writing at Tao House in the west Danville hills. This year, his Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Long Day's Journey Into Night" will be performed.

The annual Eugene O'Neill Festival presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation gets better every year, commemorating the playwright, honoring his works, and giving enthusiasts a chance to learn more.

"Several members of the Eugene O'Neill Society are leading the seminars," said Claudia Nemir, president of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation.

The Society is based in Connecticut, where O'Neill's boyhood home is open for tours. "They are the scholars who study O'Neill's works," Nemir said.

In Danville, O'Neill and his wife Carlotta Monterey built Tao House and lived there from 1937 to 1944. In his isolated study, built to resemble a ship captain's quarters, O'Neill wrote "Long Day's Journey Into Night," as well as other masterpieces.

Nemir is excited about "Long Day's Journey" being performed as part of the festival, being held Oct.

6-8. Due to interest, a performance was added for Thursday night, Oct. 5.

"It has never been produced here in Danville," she said. "This is the 50th anniversary of the play. It was first produced on Broadway on Nov. 7, 1956."

When festival planners found out "Long Day's Journey Into Night" was being performed this fall by the Pear Avenue Theatre on the Peninsula, they asked to be added to the performance schedule.

The festival includes seminars on O'Neill, his life and his works; tours of Tao House and the O'Neill Commemorative; an art exhibit; and a screening of "The Burns/Gelb Documentary" along with a moderated discussion. At noon Sunday there will be a Parade of Dalmatians and Blemie Look-Alike Contest, in honor of the O'Neill's cherished pet, who has an impressive tombstone on the Tao House property.

"It's my dream that we'll come up with a dog that could live at the park," said Nemir.

A complete schedule of the 2006 Eugene O'Neill Festival events is available at the Danville Public Library or [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org). Tickets for performances must be purchased at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek; telephone 943-7469. ■

## The pursuit of excellence

County names Danville instructor as Teacher of the Year

by Jordan M. Doronila

Public school districts from the Contra Costa County named Patti Carothers, a science instructor from Monte Vista High School, Teacher of the Year.

County Superintendent Joe Ovick made the announcement at the annual Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Celebration in Concord last Thursday, Sept. 21. Carothers has taught in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District for more than 30 years.

Last May, the district named her Teacher of the Year, and she became one of the five finalists for Best Teacher of the Year in Contra Costa County afterward. Her biology students raved about her enthusiasm, spirit, energy and



"Teacher of the Year" Patti Carothers.

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### SCENES FROM THE GREEN • WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL GOLF



LPGA Tour star and hometown favorite Paula Creamer offers Courtney Maxoutopoulos a few tips at the USGA-LPGA Girls Golf Clinic at the Pleasanton Golf Center.



LPGA golf pro, Dana Dormann, putts out for par on the 13th green.



Local ladies offered walking maps and dinner reservations to the guests attending the LPGA Longs Drugs Challenge.

## Fore!

The LPGA in Danville brings golf balls, fans and money

by Cathy Jetter

Though the tents have yet to be dismantled and the clean-up is not quite complete, the first of three annual LPGA tours during the Longs Drugs Challenge in Danville has been declared a definite success by local viewers.

The Challenge started on Sept. 21 and ended last Sunday, Sept. 24 at Blackhawk Country Club. The opportunity to meet the faces found on television each Sunday afternoon



Local favorite Dana Dormann joins her fans after the first round at the LPGA Longs Drugs Challenge. Shari Lucas, with sign in hand, was excited to note that the Golf Channel's cameras focused on her "love note" at the 17th green.

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Young boy at the rehabilitation burn center in Santiago, Chile, shows off his artwork.

CHARLOTTE SEVERIN

## Help the burned children

*Fundraiser at Blackhawk Museum to help rehabilitation centers in Latin America*

**by Dolores Fox Ciardelli**

When Dr. Jorge Rojas Zegers strums the classical Spanish guitar in a few weeks at the Blackhawk Museum, he will be doing so out of his love of music and his devotion for the burned children being treated at his rehabilitation centers in Chile.

The gala event, Fiesta of the Americas, is being held to raise money for treatment of burned children in South and Central America who could not otherwise afford it.

"We anticipate an attendance of about 200 people at this event, representing many of the Latin Countries benefiting from the burn rehabilitation program, as well as supporting members of Rotary International Clubs in the Bay Area," said event committee member Charlotte Severin.

Severin visited the rehabilitation center in Santiago, Chile, in April with her husband Jerry and a group of other members of the North American Clinical Dermatologic Society. As an artist, Charlotte Severin was interested in how the hospital used art as therapy for the children, both to cheer them up and to encourage them to use their limbs.

"It's a happy place," said Severin.

"It's decorated with children's artwork, and toys. The children do not look scared."

The fiesta will feature Latin food, live music for dancing and cultural entertainment, including Rojas Zegers, a noted guitarist. It's a chance to enjoy the stunning auto display at the museum, the food and entertainment, a silent auction, and to benefit the Coaniquem Burned Children Foundation.

Rojas Zegers established Coaniquem in 1979 to help some of the 7 million children in Latin America who suffer burn accidents each year due to the use of open fires for cooking, household accidents and fireworks used carelessly, according to Coaniquem. Its centers offer physical, psychological and spiritual treatment to the burned children, free of charge, and reach more than 9,000 each year.

"Each table will be named for a child, who can be sponsored for \$600," said Severin. "Someone, or a whole table, can sponsor a child."

The gala will take place from 6:30-11:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 13. Tickets are \$75. For reservations or more information, contact Foundation Director Carolyn Schuetz at (510) 769-9661; e-mail [CSandLB@cs.com](mailto:CSandLB@cs.com). ■

## Diablo not receptive to county request

*Board of Supervisors still hoping for MAC applicants*

**by Natalie O'Neill**

The county Board of Supervisors announced this week it is seeking applicants for a county-appointed Municipal Advisory Council in Diablo. Current council members and much of the community, however, say they won't apply—out of principle.

"People in Diablo are quite capable of deciding who advises here," said Peggy Mandley, who was elected to serve on the Diablo MAC.

The Board of Supervisors recent-

ly passed a resolution requiring that MACs in unincorporated areas of the county be appointed by them, as opposed to elected by the community. Now, active residents in Diablo say this method of choosing advisory council members will not best reflect the beliefs and desires of their community.

And members of the Diablo advisory council say they will find another way to make sure their

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# Plans for Danville Hotel on the horizon

Design board will begin primary review of remodeling

by Natalie O'Neill

The Danville Design Review Board will begin meeting next month to discuss the remodeling of the old Danville Hotel territories.

The board has not yet seen architectural plans for the site, but members said they plan to keep the character of downtown in tact when advising on the historic area.

"I think Danville has a unique identity in the Valley and has been good at keeping big (buildings) out," said Board Member Jim Wood.

The meetings will be held the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and are open to the public. Suggestions and comments from residents are taken into consideration, said Board Member Sandy Varco.

Property owner Tom Baldacci and Town Planning Commission members confirmed the property will include a mix of offices and condos, but said they were not yet ready to make rendering options available to the public.

Baldacci said he hopes the remodeling will draw big name tenants and said underground parking will be added as needed. While the remodeling may draw in more shoppers, the buildings will remain consistent with the surrounding architecture of the town, he said.

"It's a challenge to work with existing buildings and balance the needs of the property owner with what's best for the town," Wood said of past projects.

Parking and uniform signage are also typical challenges members said they will hold a high priority for with the upcoming project.

"Mixed signage can get really ugly," Varco said.

Maintaining a style that compliments the surrounding area, along with body color and masonry will also be points of importance.

The Design Review Board does not make final decisions on projects, but offers critiques, ideas and suggestions to the Town Planning Commission. In recent meetings, color suggestions and practical parking ideas have been discussed with architects for future projects.

One member may suggest a color be toned down and another may suggest higher quality of materials be used. Members review renderings and packets of information individually before meeting to review projects.

"We are an arm of the Planning Commission," Varco said.

One project the board has been pleased with is Prospector Square, which was designed by local architectural firm Barry and Volkmann.

"It turned out gorgeous," Varco said.

Architects for the Danville Hotel remodeling have not yet been confirmed. Design Review members contribute separate concerns and have individual tastes for the architecture they like seen in the town, Varco said. But one thing they unanimously agree on is that the ambiance of downtown Danville must be maintained. ■

## Fore

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brought out the "kid" in almost everyone with a ticket to the event.

Crowds gathered each afternoon as the golf players finished their rounds and stayed afterward to sign more than just a few balls, hats and pairing programs.

For those whose appetites were whetted by the wait, the ladies in the Discover Downtown Danville tent were ready, cell phones in hand, to make restaurant reservations at the downtown Danville eateries.

"We handed out lots of walking maps and the new 'In Danville' catalogues," said Bonnie Guttman, Danville's Economic Development Coordinator. "We think it went very well; visitors and residents all seemed very positive about the event and the city."

"We think it is wonderful for Danville, and we are looking forward to next year," she said. The exact statistics on business revenue from the tournament, however, weren't available.

Local fans who were hoping to see some hometown names at the top of the leader board will be eagerly anticipating the

tour's return next year, when their favorites will have another shot at winning in front of the home crowd.

While Pleasanton's Paula Creamer, tied for 16th, and San Leandro's Pat Hurst, tied for 13th, gave their followers a great show, it was 10-year tour vet Karrie Webb of Boynton Beach, Florida who drove away from Danville late Sunday with the win and a check for \$165,000.

Though Pleasanton golf professional Dana Dormann left life on the LPGA Tour several years ago, her gallery was easy to spot as they followed their preferred pro around the hilly Lakeside course.

Dormann, who was granted a sponsor's exemption to play in the event, seemed quite at ease. She smiled at the homemade sign Shari Lucas and her crowd of friends took turns displaying to the crowds and the television cameras.

"We were standing near the green and the Golf Channel cameras turned right on us," Lucas said. "We waved the 'We love Dana' sign right at them."

Unfortunately, all that love could not help Dormann sink the putts she needed to make the cut after Friday's second round. With a two round total of 153, she missed the weekend's play by five strokes. ■

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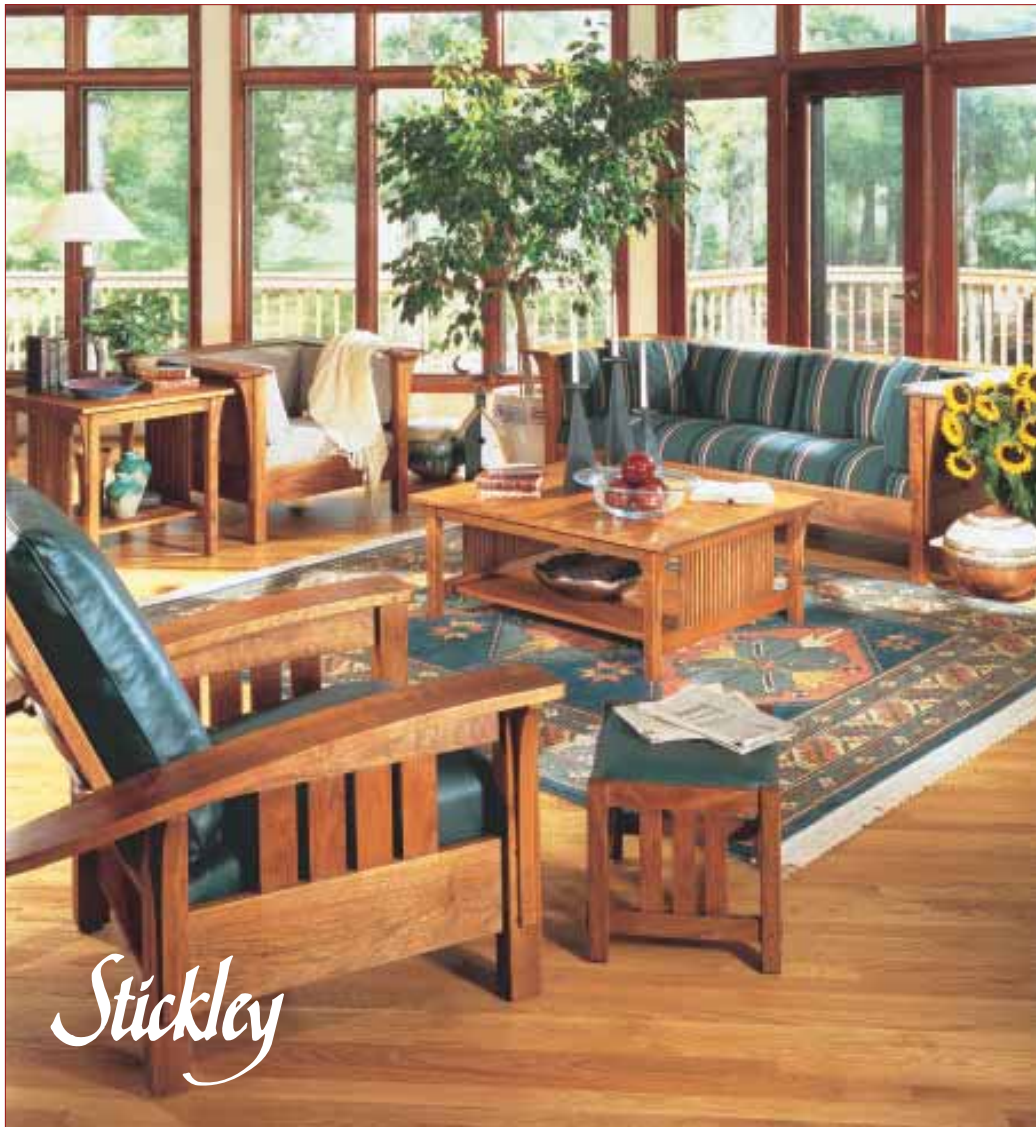
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## Diablo

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voices are heard.

"We're working on having the Diablo Community Service District basically take over the MAC's responsibility," said James Stone, a 12-year elected member of the council.

The Diablo Community Service District is elected by residents of Diablo and Stone said he feels their role as advisors would be better suited than an appointed MAC.

South county field representatives could not be reached for comment as of press time, but several have made statements about the importance of making these advisory committees appointed. Standardizing advisory councils throughout the county will make for a more structured and efficient government, members of Supervisor Mary N. Piepho's staff have stated.

But this decision-making may be alienating small communities who are used to running and organiz-

ing things themselves. Mandley, for example, has been dedicated to the Diablo MAC for more than 10 years and now says she is no longer interested in serving on the committee.

"I have backed away from it," she said, adding that she's frustrated with the forced changes.

Similar sentiments have echoed throughout Diablo as well, Stone said. A survey that was conducted by MAC members and presented to south county staff this month showed that an overwhelming majority of Diablo residents preferred the MACs be elected.

MAC member MaryAnn Cella added that she planned to resign before it was announced that the councils would be appointed.

Traditionally, Municipal Advisory Councils have made recommendations to the county as the voice of areas that have not yet become cities or towns. Because these areas are generally seen as too small to run their own government, many of the decisions made for these areas are dictated by the county. ■

## Carothers

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dedication when the school board honored her.

"Our community is blessed to have so many dedicated and gifted teachers like Patti," said Board Trustee Bill Clarkson. "She is truly a reflection of the quality of our teachers, who come to school every day, and by example and passion, help to mold our future."

Carothers grew up in Orinda and received her bachelor's degree in health sciences from San Jose State University in 1971. She attained her teaching credentials with a specialization in secondary teaching a

year later from the same school.

She has also participated in the Advanced Placement Biology Summer Institute at Stanford University and studied at San Jose State University and UC Berkeley.

Each year, all of the public school districts in the county select Teachers of the Year, said district spokesman Terry Koehne. An expert committee, with representatives from education and the community, chooses one of these candidates to represent Contra Costa County in the State Teacher of the Year Program.

Carothers has taught anatomy, biology, health and physiology at Monte Vista High School for 34 years. ■

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**EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY**

**On to another chapter...**

by Deborah Acosta McKeehan

When I retired as city manager of Pleasanton in 2006, I was looking forward to spending time at home with my family at night (helping with homework, learning the latest school gossip and having actual conversations with my husband) and for the first time in forty years having time for myself. Of course even that was going to be squeezed in between the three community non-profit boards I had joined. As it turns out I got my wish but only for about three months.

I had no intention of working and certainly no intention of taking another full time job. I thought there was no job that could have attracted me away from my new found freedom.

All of that was true until the president of Embarcadero Publishing called me for lunch one day. I was being offered a position as president of the East Bay Division of Embarcadero Publishing heading up the Pleasanton Weekly and I had the chance to start a new paper in Danville. It was all so intriguing and new challenges are so hard to resist in life, particularly for me. It was also compelling because it was such a natural way to stay involved in the life and the betterment of communities, the work I had loved so much. So in spite of my reservations and my promises to myself I accepted the new job.

I was drawn to the Weekly because I have always loved the product that has been produced in other communities. I have always thought that the Weekly was a tremendous asset because there was there is so little coverage of local news in the daily papers. It was obvious that Danville, Blackhawk, Alamo and Diablo almost never get covered. So to have the opportunity to be part of starting a newspaper in this area was unbelievably exciting. To be part of producing a product dedicated only to this area was too good of an opportunity to pass up. I am very proud that after a year and one half the Danville Weekly has grown in popularity and has become the best source of news and features on local personalities. As it turns out with the merger of the Contra Costa Times and the Tri-Valley Herald it will become even more significant in the future as the only consistent local news source.

While I have loved my "backstage pass" to the Danville Weekly and to the newspaper industry, I am still missing the personal time with my family and the time for myself that I had planned. I am thrilled that I was able to add newspaper president and publisher to the experiences I have had in life and I am very pleased that I was able to contribute to the start, growth and success of the Danville Weekly. I will no longer be in a full-time position with Embarcadero Publishing but I look forward to the consulting role I will have to continue to help in any way I can. More importantly, now just like all of you; I will anxiously await my Danville Weekly in my mail box every Friday.

Deborah McKeehan is the president of the Pleasanton Weekly and the publisher of the Danville Weekly



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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Approximately 60 scooters stolen from Danville Bike

More than 55 gold colored scooters were stolen from a storage facility owned by Danville Bike last weekend, Danville Sgt. Troy Craig said.

Police said 60 Schwinn scooters were burglarized from Danville Bike shop on Hartz Avenue between 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 to 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24. The shop owner reported the incident to the police Sunday afternoon.

Craig said the suspect or suspects went around the back of Danville Bike to a storage facility, which housed the scooters. The storage's padlock was broken and the scooters were taken to a vehicle, police surmised.

"It's pretty hard to carry 60 scooters on your shoulders," Craig said.

He noted that keeping property secure and visible discourages people who want to steal.

"The more secure you keep things, the less they (thieves) are tempted to take things that don't belong to them."

He said the police would continue to be looking for possible leads.

"We will continue to follow-up any leads that may be produced," he said. "If they have any information regarding this incident, contact the police department."

*For any details regarding this incident, call the Danville Police Department at 314-3410.  
—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. 18

- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and El Rincon Rd. at 7:58 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. at 8:29 a.m.
- Vandalism on Hartz Ave. at 10:05 a.m.
- Vandalism on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 9:57 a.m.
- Petty theft, all other, on Blemer Rd. at 5:46 p.m.

### Tuesday, Sept. 19

- Accident, property damage, on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 9:07 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Thornhill Rd. at 9:18 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 10:57 a.m.

- Warrant arrest on Culet Dr. at 12:36 p.m.

### Wednesday, Sept. 20

- Petty theft on Hartz Ave. at 10:12 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on E. Linda Mesa Ave. and Rose Ave. at 11:42 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and E. Prospect Ave. at 1:09 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 3:55 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Diablo Rd. and northbound highway 680 at 9:50 p.m.

### Thursday, Sept. 21

- Auto burglary on Richard Ln. at 8:33 a.m.
- Possession of narcotic drugs on Rassani Dr. at 12:24 p.m.
- Injury accident on Diablo Rd. and Matadera Way at 3:18 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on

Railroad Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:33 p.m.

- DUI, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and W. El Pintado Rd. at 11:02 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 22

- DUI, arrest, on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 2:27 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Glasgow Dr. at 6:39 a.m.
- Petty theft from building on Love Ln. at 6:59 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Cerro Blvd. and W. El Pintado Rd. at 3:46 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 23

- DUI, arrest, on Estates Dr. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:52 a.m.

### Sunday, Sept. 24

- DUI, arrest, on Betten Ct. at 1:54 a.m.
- Commercial burglary on Hartz Ave. at 10:20 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Hartz Ave. at 5:22 p.m.

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**James Goodwin Halverson**

Danville resident James Goodwin Halverson, 77, passed away at John Muir Medical Center as a result of an accident.

He was born March 7, 1929, in Honolulu. His father was an Army officer, and he spent his early years in California. Later he served in the Korean War as a photographer on the front line.

He graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in theater arts, and earned a master's in fine arts from San Francisco State. He had a career in Government Industrial Documentary Film Making and worked for several companies before settling at Berkeley and Lawrence Livermore Labs in the 1960s. He won numerous awards for his documentary subject matter and art style in photography.

After retirement, he became active in the Sierra Club and led trips to the high Sierra, Mount Whitney and Norway. His black and white photographs of the mountains were exhibited at various art galleries. He also enjoyed tennis, playing bridge, running 10Ks and skiing. He made many friends along the way and will be missed for his energy, smile and constant quest for adventure.

He is survived by his wife Sue; nephews Andy and Grant Almquist; sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Glenn Almquist; brother-in-law Bill Wagers; in-laws Virginia and Barney Wagers; aunts Mary Honings and Margaret Argo; and numerous cousins.

A memorial service was held Sept. 16 at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley in Danville. Donations may be sent to Redwood Regional Park Foundation, P.O. Box 21074, Crestmont Station, Oakland, 94620, or Paralyzed Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Lawrence Edward O'Brien**

Lawrence Edward O'Brien, 64, passed away at his home in Danville on Sept. 9 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Oakland on Oct. 29, 1941, to John and Veronica Sheerin O'Brien. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in Berkeley and was a Danville resident for the past 30 years.

He was a salesman for Widmer Beverage Co. for 35 years and enjoyed golf and other sports.

He is survived by his son Michael O'Brien of Walnut Creek, daughter Catherine Ross of Orinda; grandchildren Connor and Maureen O'Brien, and Samuel and Emilia Ross; brother James O'Brien of San Jose; and his longtime companion Corina Kalivoda.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Sept. 16 at St. Isidore Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Kenneth Robert Nelson**

Danville resident Kenneth Robert Nelson passed away at home Sept. 18 at the age of 91. He was born Feb. 20, 1915, and was a native Californian and a Danville resident for 33 years.

He worked as a meat cutter for 43 years, retiring in 1980. In his retirement years, he enjoyed being active in the Danville Senior Bowling League plus was an avid golfer, and devoted to family and friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 71 years, Helen; son Jim Nelson and daughter-in-law Barbara of Walnut Creek; son Craig Nelson and daughter-in-law Judy of San Ramon; grandsons Mike and Ken Nelson of Martinez; granddaughter Tracy Dean of Mission Viejo; and four great-grandsons.

A memorial service was held Sept. 22. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, or John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek.



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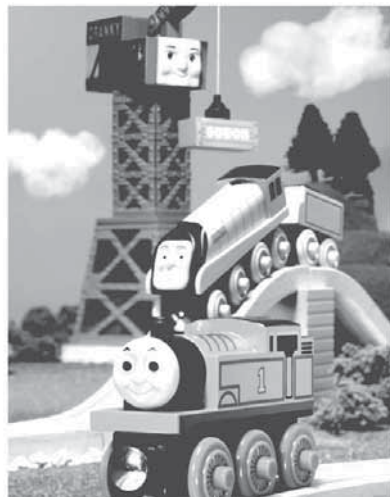
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## Still winning in the water

Monte Vista water polo teams splash  
out solid wins over Granada

by Rachel McMurdie

When you ask Monte Vista's Kiki Golden about her seven goals against Granada High School she giggles and dances around the pool deck shrugging her shoulders. But her teammates aren't shy about telling you the sophomore newcomer is making waves on a squad of more than a few good players. "She finds a way to get open before anyone else," said freshman varsity player Brittany Davidson. "She just sees things happen before they happen, like she's psychic or something."

Golden wasn't the only one to shine during their 17-9 win over Granada last Thursday, Sept. 21. Senior captains Georgi Cappelletti and Katherine Stanton each added two goals for Monte Vista and six others added a single goal.

"We're finally on the same page," Head Coach Todd Halvorson said of his team. "Now, we just have to finetune and add up the big picture."

The big picture, according to the girls, is taking another run at the East Bay Athletic League title. After winning in 2004, the girls took second last year. But this year, with an even spread of returning varsity players, up and coming players from last year's JV squad and new recruits, the team is feeling ready to go for it again, says Cappelletti.

"We're all from different club teams," she said. "But we're all coming together on this team, and it's been a lot of fun."

Coach Halvorson said despite the

team's strong offense their focus is defense.

"Everything we do has to start from there," he said.

Their defense held off 20 shots by Granada. Twins Mary Rosa, who connected six goals, and Ana Rosa, who netted the other three, led the Matadors in scoring. Granada goal-keeper Taisa Eresman had eight saves. After the game the Matadors record stood (3-4, 1-2).

"Monte Vista is one of the best teams in the league," said Granada Coach Anne Harter. "We tried to give them the best we could give them, and I think we did a pretty good job of doing that."

With the win, the Mustangs (8-1, 4-0) remained undefeated in EBAL.

### Boys swamp Granada

Monte Vista boys remained undefeated after a 19-6 bout with Granada High last Thursday.

After taking an early lead, the Mustangs (4-0) ended the third period with the kind of bravado they'd been using all evening. As the clock wound down, Goalie Kevin Bradley lobbed a shot toward Granada's goal, and the ball bounced off the top bar, just high of a goal. Seconds later, senior Charlie Steffans, a Youth National Team member and the Mustang's leading scorer, smashed a no-look shot into the cage, as if their team's 11-5 lead wasn't enough.

Though Granada's defense managed a few steals in the final period, the Mustangs swam away with

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U13, Division 1, Mustang Rampage Girls celebrate their victory at the SoCal Blues Cup: (rear, l-r) Head Coach Joe Owen, Briana Gaines, Amanda Elertson, Jill Anderson, Lucy O'Leary, Madi Bickel, Cassidy Nicks, Katie Strazza, Mandy Davis; (front) Stephanie Amack, Sami Schrakamp, Quinn McLaughlin, Dorsa Ansari, Darlene Dang, Brynne Terry, Allie Torru and Shannon Hennessy.

## Rampage caps off summer with Labor Day championship

Victory pushes Girls U13 team into No. 1 spot in nation

The U13, Division 1, Mustang Rampage Girls began the soccer league season following a very impressive summer on the field. The team is currently No. 1 in the nation, according to [gotsoccer.com](http://gotsoccer.com).

After their successful performance in June at the Boise, Idaho Far West Regional Tournament

where the team was a finalist, the Rampage summer competition included two local events and several trips down to Southern California tournaments.

The team advanced to the semi-finals at the prestigious San Diego Surf Cup in July, losing after overtime in penalty kicks. In August, the

Rampage rallied to win Danville's Mustang Stampede Tournament.

The team capped-off the summer with a SoCal Blues Cup Championship over the Labor Day weekend. This victory pushed the Rampage team National Ranking into the No. 1 spot.

—Dana Strazza

## Water polo

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another win, finishing 19-6 in their fourth straight win of the 2006 season.

"It's the way we play as a team, and our coaching that sets us above the others," said sophomore Mike Millstien.

The boys are coached once again by Jim Purcell and former Olympian Maureen Toole, who have high expectations for their team. The Mustangs won EBAL titles the past two years and a shared title with San Ramon Valley in 2003. The Mustangs and Wolves face off Oct. 30. ■

E-mail results and photos to [sports@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:sports@DanvilleWeekly.com).



Senior Georgi Cappelletti, takes aim at Granada's goal in last week's water polo contest at Monte Vista High.

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### Friday, Sept. 29

##### Football

San Ramon vs. Granada, 7 p.m.  
Monte Vista at Foothill, 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 3

##### Girls Tennis

San Ramon Valley at Foothill, 3:45 p.m.

##### Water Polo

Monte Vista vs. San Ramon Valley, 3:45 p.m.

##### Girls Volleyball

San Ramon Valley vs. Livermore, 6 p.m.

Monte Vista vs. Amador, 6 p.m.

##### Girls Golf

Monte Vista vs. Cal High, 3:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 4

##### Cross Country

EBAL Center Meet #1 at Shadow Cliffs Park

#### Thursday, Oct. 5

##### Girls Tennis

Monte Vista vs. San Ramon Valley, 3:45 p.m.

##### Water Polo

San Ramon Valley at Granada, 3:45 p.m.

Monte Vista vs. Foothill, 3:45 p.m.

##### Girls Volleyball

Monte Vista vs. Granada, 6 p.m.  
San Ramon Valley at Amador, 6 p.m.

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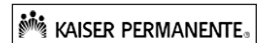
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Top: Builder Fred Hull was in charge of Project Katrina onsite in Mississippi as well as back home; he is accompanied here by Terry Cartwright from Folsom.

Above: Volunteers who constructed walls locally added messages of hope and prayer for the folks in Mississippi.



# A SINGULAR SYMPHONY

Saws and hammers ring true as faith community builds homes for Katrina victims

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Quiet moments were rare last April on the construction site in McComb, Miss. Volunteers from the Danville area were working in the humid 90-degree weather to build 16 homes for a development called Victory Park, using monetary and in-kind donations.

But construction supervisor Fred Hull would try to find a secluded spot to stand quietly and listen to the sounds of the volunteers plying their newly learned skills.

"It sounded like a symphony," recalled Hull, a Diablo resident. "Hammers and saws. Everyone working together."

As a contractor, this was music to his ears. As a man on a mission with God, this was a step beyond his career of building expensive houses for people in California; this project was for those left without a roof over their heads after Hurricane Katrina destroyed 28,000 homes in August 2005.

## Laying the foundation

Operation Katrina was conceived shortly after the hurricane struck the Gulf Coast, displacing half a million people. At Community Presbyterian Church of Danville, as well as at other places, people were asking: What can we do to help?

Kellye French of St. Isidore's Catholic Church immediately sprang into action, organizing volunteers to accept donations, sort them, and send them off in trucks to the affected areas. CPC members began to think in terms of housing.

Then Megan Voos, a 1987 graduate of Monte Vista High School and a former CPC youth minister, contacted Hull. She had left Danville to work for the Voice of Calvary Ministries, a nonprofit organization based in Jackson, Miss., which has been helping with health care, youth services and housing for 30 years. Now Voos made a plea to her former California community to help Voice of Calvary with the new scores of homeless.

"We didn't know what we could do," said Hull. "The devastation was so complete."

Some church leaders traveled to Mississippi in October to meet with Voice of Calvary and the Ecumenical Association for Disaster Relief in Pike County and assess the situation.

"We met with local black churches," said Hull, "and we began to get interest from local churches."

When others joined the CPC efforts, they formed an Umbrella of Churches, to provide shelter in the storm. Altogether 20 congregations from Northern California ended up contributing money or volunteers.

"My job back then was to be the token developer," said Hull.

Hull had worked for Ponderosa Homes for many years, then he and his wife Jan ran Homestead Development. Hull, now 63, retired in 1996 but soon was working fulltime at CPC as business manager. He and Jan are also involved in the church's program to run Miracle Ranch, an orphanage in Ensenada, Mexico.

"Retirement is a myth," Hull said with a laugh. "God tapped me on the shoulder."

He felt his life as an aggressive developer had prepared him for managing the church budget at that time. And his career in building had prepared him to run a construction project, even one that

included the challenges of raising funds, training volunteers in the building trades, and working in another state with different building codes, not to mention local customs.

"There was a strong feeling in October or November that there needed to be one person in charge of the whole thing," said Hull. Although he accepted the leadership role, he emphasized that he was not alone. "I talked to God on a daily basis."

At first they planned to build one house.

"Then it became two, then three. Soon it was up to eight," recalled Hull. The first phase ended up with 16 homes. "Eight on one side of the street and eight on the other."

They purchased four acres in McComb in January using \$250,000 seed money from NeighborWorks America. The Umbrella of Churches raised another \$500,000. The 1,200-square-foot homes have three bedrooms and two baths. The lots are generous, Hull, noted, about 70 feet by 150 feet.

## Building the walls

The Hulls' driveway was a lumber yard for three months as supplies were purchased. From January to March, while Voice of Calvary Ministries prepared the foundations in Victory Park, local volunteers worked each Saturday morning to frame the houses in their church parking lots.

"We got the interest of the churches," said Hull, explaining people were glad to help here who might not be comfortable helping with projects in Oakland or perhaps couldn't afford to go to their missions in Mexico, Rumania or Bulgaria.

U-Haul trucks driven by volunteers delivered the supplies to the five churches. Hull and other contractors were on site to lend their expertise as the bottom and top plates, studs, headers, cripples and sills were joined to become the walls for the homes in Victory Park.

"Most contractors are happiest sitting alone in the front seat of their trucks," mused Hull. "But I called friends in the contracting business and every one said yes and showed up."

They were dubbed the "smart guys" and gave instruction as well



Roni Witbeck clears lumber from the building site to keep it safe.

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...n (in the green hat) works with students from the Community Presbyterian Church to raise one of the last of 400 walls in McComb, Miss. Some 300 volunteers from the San Ramon Valley worked in McComb in two one-week shifts to build 16 houses in a development called Victory Park. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina destroyed 28,000 homes last year, and the local Umbrella of Churches was formed to help with housing needs.

...things moving along.

...worked in the parking lots for three-and-a-half to four-and-a-half hours," Hull said. "It was 27-30 walls per home." Hull added that during the 35 days of construction from January to February, it did not rain once. "One Saturday the forecast was snow," Hull said. "We finished at 11:45—and then it started to hail." The volunteers also sent their goodwill to McComb by writing letters and messages such as "May God bless you and keep you safe." They numbered the walls for assembly and off went they in a box," transported by truck and train to Mississippi.

### On to Mississippi

The Umbrella of Churches sent 300 volunteers in two weeklong shifts to McComb, a city of 13,000, located in the southwest corner of Mississippi, 108 miles northeast of New Orleans. "We sent three key people," said Hull. "They really knew what they were doing, and they were good with people." Eight to 10 other volunteers also went with the local volunteers. The volunteers gathered at St. Isidore's in Danville for a dinner in the evening with old friends, including some from Mississippi, to view a DVD on Operation Katrina, and to hail the effort that had brought 17 churches from half a dozen denominations. They talked about clearing the land, putting up the walls, installing windows, painting, and all the work that went into feeding and housing the volunteers. Many of them stayed at Percy Quinn's home, a lovely spot but also home to alligators. Hull recalled eating a deep-fried meal at the Golden Corral downtown. A volunteer from Mississippi shared that some McComb residents thought the volunteers from California were "nuts." At the end of the day, it went from "It can't be done," to "Look at what you're doing," he recalled. "The walls went up, and the walls went down," said Dick Sanner, a mission pastor in the DVD, referring to the walls between different cultures. "New relationships were built." Hull said the enthusiastic volunteers learned their new skills

"The biggest problem was telling people they had to stop working and get to the airport," he said.

Earlier this year, Voice of Calvary Ministries held workshops to explain how to apply for home ownership in Victory Park and in April began qualifying families. The houses cost from \$65,000-\$75,000 and are financed with a "pay it forward" plan, using proceeds from house sales to finance future loans. By May, 170 families had applied to purchase the homes, according to the Enterprise-Journal, a newspaper in McComb.

Hull said volunteers from Lakeside Church in Folsom traveled to Mississippi this month to finish up with the painting and help the families move in.

### Now for Phase Two

Hull was expecting a contingent from Mississippi this week to put together a conceptual development program for Phase Two. A 20-acre parcel has been identified, directly south of the existing project, for building another 25-50 homes, depending on how much funding is received.

"We will come up with three new house designs for Phase Two," said Hull. "We had two in the first phase, so we'll have four or five in Phase Two." He said he originally designed the houses "California-style" but his partners in Mississippi told him the houses needed porches in front where people could sit and wave to all their neighbors.

Another 25 churches have expressed interest in helping with Phase II. The Umbrella of Churches DVD tells about Operation Katrina and outlines how others can help. Hull also organized his thousands of e-mails and hundreds of documents and the result is a 190-page handbook, which is available for others to follow in the footsteps of the Umbrella of Churches.

"The response did not come from the government," said C.J. Jones of Voice of Calvary Ministries in the DVD. "The response did not come from your social service organizations. The response came from churches."

"The government money was going to streets and railroads,"



Volunteer plies one of his new skills learned on the jobsite for Project Katrina.

explained Hull. But rebuilding homes was—and still is—falling to individuals and to groups.

Hull gives God full credit for the coincidences that added up to the successful venture, noting that every day something unexpected happened: He was worried about \$15,000 he needed, and a church that said it had raised \$40,000 instead gave \$55,000; more than 500 volunteers came together to build the houses, including 300 who went to Mississippi; a young man at the church put together the DVD being used to inspire similar projects.

"If you truly feel God has called you to do something, do it," Hull said he has learned from the experience. "It will be the sleigh ride of a lifetime. More friends and help will drop in your lap than you ever thought existed." ■

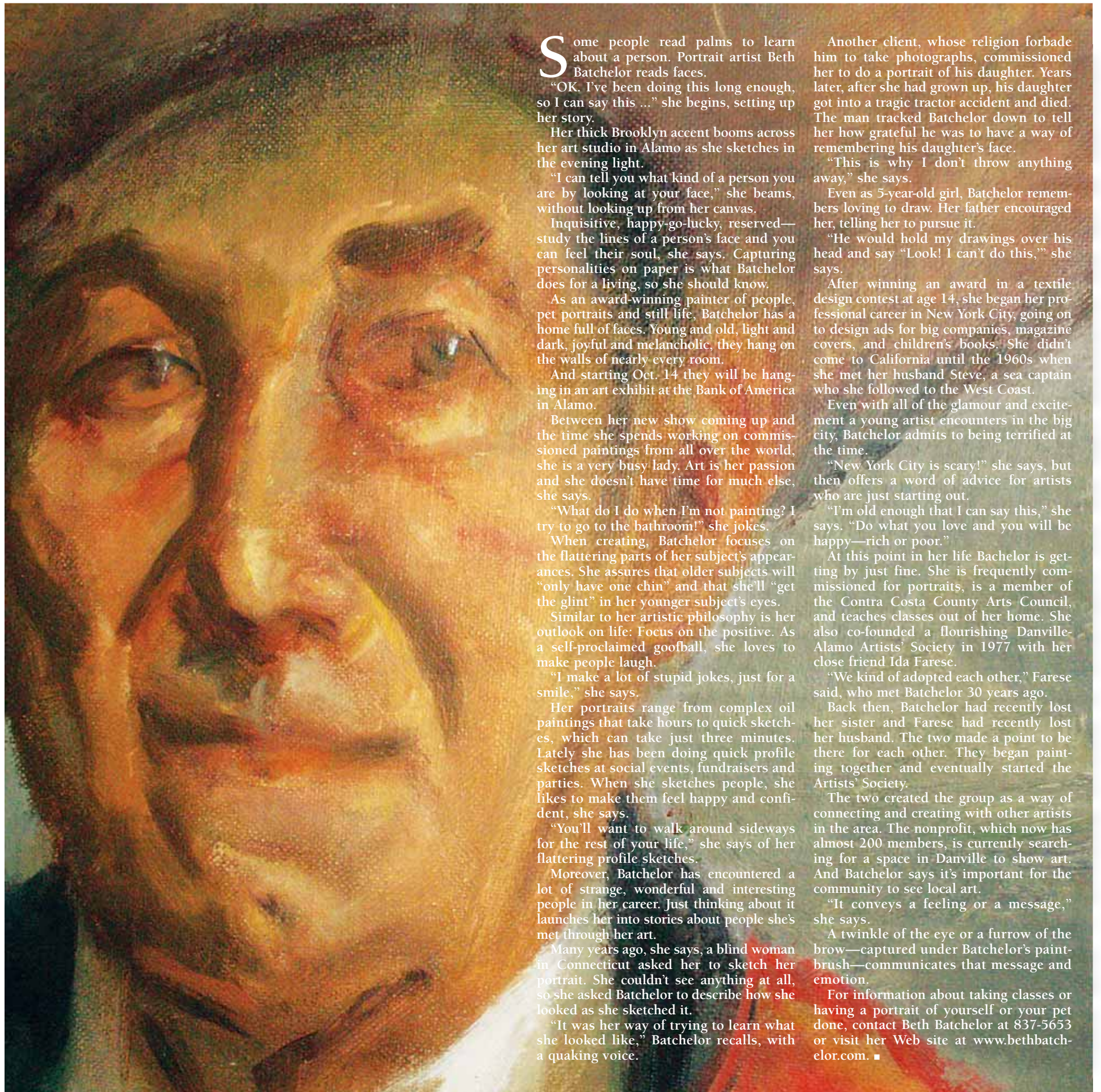
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## Home full of faces

Artist Beth Batchelor studies the face and feels the soul

by Natalie O'Neill



Some people read palms to learn about a person. Portrait artist Beth Batchelor reads faces.

"OK. I've been doing this long enough, so I can say this ..." she begins, setting up her story.

Her thick Brooklyn accent booms across her art studio in Alamo as she sketches in the evening light.

"I can tell you what kind of a person you are by looking at your face," she beams, without looking up from her canvas.

Inquisitive, happy-go-lucky, reserved—study the lines of a person's face and you can feel their soul, she says. Capturing personalities on paper is what Batchelor does for a living, so she should know.

As an award-winning painter of people, pet portraits and still life, Batchelor has a home full of faces. Young and old, light and dark, joyful and melancholic, they hang on the walls of nearly every room.

And starting Oct. 14 they will be hanging in an art exhibit at the Bank of America in Alamo.

Between her new show coming up and the time she spends working on commissioned paintings from all over the world, she is a very busy lady. Art is her passion and she doesn't have time for much else, she says.

"What do I do when I'm not painting? I try to go to the bathroom!" she jokes.

When creating, Batchelor focuses on the flattering parts of her subject's appearances. She assures that older subjects will "only have one chin" and that she'll "get the glint" in her younger subject's eyes.

Similar to her artistic philosophy is her outlook on life: Focus on the positive. As a self-proclaimed goofball, she loves to make people laugh.

"I make a lot of stupid jokes, just for a smile," she says.

Her portraits range from complex oil paintings that take hours to quick sketches, which can take just three minutes. Lately she has been doing quick profile sketches at social events, fundraisers and parties. When she sketches people, she likes to make them feel happy and confident, she says.

"You'll want to walk around sideways for the rest of your life," she says of her flattering profile sketches.

Moreover, Batchelor has encountered a lot of strange, wonderful and interesting people in her career. Just thinking about it launches her into stories about people she's met through her art.

Many years ago, she says, a blind woman in Connecticut asked her to sketch her portrait. She couldn't see anything at all, so she asked Batchelor to describe how she looked as she sketched it.

"It was her way of trying to learn what she looked like," Batchelor recalls, with a quaking voice.

Another client, whose religion forbade him to take photographs, commissioned her to do a portrait of his daughter. Years later, after she had grown up, his daughter got into a tragic tractor accident and died. The man tracked Batchelor down to tell her how grateful he was to have a way of remembering his daughter's face.

"This is why I don't throw anything away," she says.

Even as 5-year-old girl, Batchelor remembers loving to draw. Her father encouraged her, telling her to pursue it.

"He would hold my drawings over his head and say "Look! I can't do this," she says.

After winning an award in a textile design contest at age 14, she began her professional career in New York City, going on to design ads for big companies, magazine covers, and children's books. She didn't come to California until the 1960s when she met her husband Steve, a sea captain who she followed to the West Coast.

Even with all of the glamour and excitement a young artist encounters in the big city, Batchelor admits to being terrified at the time.

"New York City is scary!" she says, but then offers a word of advice for artists who are just starting out.

"I'm old enough that I can say this," she says. "Do what you love and you will be happy—rich or poor."

At this point in her life Batchelor is getting by just fine. She is frequently commissioned for portraits, is a member of the Contra Costa County Arts Council, and teaches classes out of her home. She also co-founded a flourishing Danville-Alamo Artists' Society in 1977 with her close friend Ida Farese.

"We kind of adopted each other," Farese said, who met Batchelor 30 years ago.

Back then, Batchelor had recently lost her sister and Farese had recently lost her husband. The two made a point to be there for each other. They began painting together and eventually started the Artists' Society.

The two created the group as a way of connecting and creating with other artists in the area. The nonprofit, which now has almost 200 members, is currently searching for a space in Danville to show art. And Batchelor says it's important for the community to see local art.

"It conveys a feeling or a message," she says.

A twinkle of the eye or a furrow of the brow—captured under Batchelor's paintbrush—communicates that message and emotion.

For information about taking classes or having a portrait of yourself or your pet done, contact Beth Batchelor at 837-5653 or visit her Web site at [www.bethbatchelor.com](http://www.bethbatchelor.com). ■

# Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE



MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY

## Green Valley students, c. 1913

Teacher Mrs. Mills is shown with her Green Valley students (front row, l-r) Lois Johnson, Emma Cuneo, Tillie Peterson, Andrew Anderson, Ralph Short, Will Donahue, Joe Cuneo; (back row) Matilda Jorgensen, Grace Donahue, Louis Noia, Maude Donahue, Isabel Noia, Fred Noia, Paul Noia, Elmer Short. The 11 Noia children lived about two miles east of the school. The original school bell, engraved "1867," is now at the "new" Green Valley Elementary School, which was built in 1952.

Source: "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, San Ramon" by Beverly Lane and Ralph Cozine

## OF NOTE

### Off to New Orleans

Fifteen members of the Danville Congregational Church will travel to New Orleans on Oct. 1 to stay until Oct. 8 and help in rebuilding efforts. Its national church, United Church of Christ, has had a presence in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina hit. Danville volunteers will sleep on the floor of a church for a week while they help clean up, build or tear down homes or facilities in the area.

Danville Congregational Church adopted Albert Einstein Charter School in the eastern section of the city after the disaster. The school was boarded up for 10 months, and when staff members were allowed back in, they discovered the books were mold damaged. The mission team will deliver \$2,000 to help the school, and members are also raising money for gift cards for people in need. This also boosts the economy of the stricken region.

Katrina mission team members are (rear, l-r) Chris Sonnemann, Nan Karns, Nancy Dowell, Alan Kelchner, Syd Bowcott, Tim Booher, Nancy Wander, May Anne Jorde; (front) Gary Dowell, Tom Sonnemann, Carol Gilliland, Christi, Gomoljak, Bill Armstrong, Susan Kelchner and Jeremy Gomoljak.



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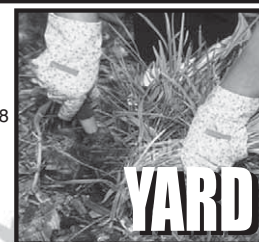
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# Epicure



BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

## Say chee-e-e-se!

When autumn rolls in each year, the season inspires me to rekindle my love of cheeses. Perhaps it's the wine harvest cycle that has me seeking best pairings with the new crop of wines ... or perhaps it's because many of the dishes I make in cooler weather—chili, lasagna, soups, casseroles—rely heavily on cheese. No matter the reason, fall is the ideal time to treat yourself to a wine and cheese tasting.

Cheeses fall into many categories. The Web site [www.igourmet.com](http://www.igourmet.com), the largest U.S. retailer of specialty cheeses, sells over 700 cheeses from 30 countries and separates their cheeses into these descriptive categories:

• **Fresh Cheeses:** Fresh cheeses are just that—un-aged and not ripened. They are usually spoon-able, with a shelf life of up to three weeks. Freshness (versus aging) and the quality of the milk used to create fresh cheeses are essential. Examples: cream cheese, Ricotta, Mascarpone

• **Soft Cheeses:** Typically, these cheeses are aged for 60 days or less, and have a shelf life of up to eight weeks once opened. They are smoother and creamier than aged cheeses, melt well, and are easy to cut. Examples: Feta, Havarti

• **Semi-Soft Cheeses:** Cheeses with a lower fat content will become semi-soft when aged for three months or less. As these cheeses age, they get harder and harder. Semi-soft cheeses can be cut with a dull knife and have water content enough to melt fairly well. Examples: young Cheddars and Goudas

• **Hard, Aged Cheeses:** These cheeses are hard to cut and are often grated or shredded instead. Often, they are added to dishes (i.e., chili, soup) instead of eaten alone. Most hard cheeses are high in protein. Examples: Aged Gouda, Parmigiano, Romano

• **Double and Triple Creme Cheeses:** These cheeses are made with extra cream in addition to milk. The butterfat content of a double crème cheese is greater than 60 percent; of a triple crème, greater than 72 percent. Example: St. Andre

• **Blue Cheeses:** Blue cheeses are created by the penicillium bacteria during the aging process, either by injection (as in Stilton) or natural mold spores (as in Roquefort). The result of the bacteria and a long aging process is blue or green edible streaks within the cheese. Examples: Stilton, Gorgonzola

• **Washed Rind Cheeses:** These cheeses are usually known as “stinky” cheeses. The cheese rind is washed with an alcohol solution or brine during aging. The washing prevents mold and creates a sticky, soft, runny crust. The bacteria that grows on the rind produces a pungent odor. Beneath the tangy rind, the cheese is soft and mild. Example: Limburger

• **Bloomy Rind Cheeses:** Also known as “soft-ripened,” these cheeses are similar to washed rind except techniques are used to eliminate unwanted mold. Early in the aging process, a white penicillium mold is sprayed on the outside of the cheese and this mold forms a white crust that retards the formation of other, less desirable mold. Examples: Brie, Cambozola

• **Processed Cheeses:** Processed cheeses are produced by extremely high temperatures, killing all bacteria, thereby yielding a very long shelf life and no refrigeration requirements. Unfortunately, this cooking

process produces a gummy texture and kills most of the personality, health benefits and flavor of the cheese. Examples: Velveeta, Laughing Cow

• **Goat's and Sheep's Milk Cheeses:** Although most cheeses are made from cow's milk, increasing varieties of cheeses are being made from goat's and sheep's milk these days. Goat's and sheep's milk cheeses are generally more expensive due to the relative scarcity of their milk. Cheeses from sheep's milk are usually smooth and semi-soft with a slightly oily character. Goat's milk cheeses range from soft to hard textures and are drier and tangier. Examples: Chevre, Drunken Goat, Manchego

• **Unpasteurized Cheeses:** Since pasteurization is a process that involves high temperatures that remove flavor-producing ingredients, unpasteurized cheeses tend to have more flavor. Many cheeses made in Italy, England and the Alps are made from unpasteurized milk. However, USDA standards dictate that soft cheeses can be imported only if they are made from pasteurized milk. Examples: Gruyere, Parmigiano Reggiano

If you are hosting a wine and cheese party, plan to serve at least three but no more than eight cheeses from different categories and purchase a total of 1/4 pound per guest

(or less if you will serve other foods). A varied mix of five or six cheeses is ideal for 10-12 people. Seek out a specialty shop with a cheese section where you can sample each of the cheeses you select before you buy. Then ask the resident cheese specialist for recommendations on wine pairings and complementary foods.

Since formal pairing parameters have relaxed in recent years, the best wines to pair with your cheeses are the ones you really like. This simple rule is helpful: light cheese with light wine, heavier cheese with heavier wine.

To provide a range of tastes, offer a selection of crackers and breads (that can handle both hard and soft cheeses), a few accompaniments (e.g. fruit, capers, olives, pickles, peppers, nuts), meats (e.g. patè, salami, caviar, salmon, shrimp) and condiments (e.g. honey, mustards, jams, veggie spreads, chutney). My personal favorites are Marcona almonds, cornichons, Peppadew peppers, mixed olives, honey comb, Dijon mustard, fig spread and fruit. Consider serving strawberries, chocolates or light cookies as a dessert—along with strong coffee or herbal teas—to balance the flavors of the wines and cheeses.

Attention to presentation is a prerequisite for a wine-and-cheese event so don't forget:

• **Utensils and name cards:** Cheese knives, slicers and spoons to fit individual cheeses will make the fare more inviting and easier to self-serve. Identify the different cheeses with placards; add interesting tidbits of information.

• **Wine Glasses:** If you already own wine glasses with different “bowls” for different wines, here's the time to put out the ones that match your offered wines. If you don't have different size “bowls,” be sure to put out extra glasses and a pitcher of water to rinse glasses.

• **Toothpicks, wine charms, etc.:** With people moving around and “grazing” over an extended period of time, help your guests keep their germs to themselves and cut down on recurring mix-ups by providing toothpicks and wine charms. Or use cake decorating tubes to write your guest's names on the edge of their plates and wine stems.

• **Decorations:** For added elegance, place the cheeses on parchment leaves or paper doilies. Add colorful garnishes like lemon or cucumber slices, berries, shredded carrot, chives, fresh basil or rosemary leaves, etc.

Lastly, create the ambiance you desire via music, a background movie (sans sound) or quiet-corner activities like playing cards, dominoes, a community Scrabble board or a camera-on-tripod for spontaneous group photos. Then, eat, drink ... and, yeah, be merry!

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**Century 14 Walnut Creek:** 1201 Locust St., Walnut Creek (937-7025)  
**Blackhawk Movie 7:** 4175 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville (736-0368)  
**Crow Canyon 6:** 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon (820-4831)  
**Hacienda Crossings 20/ Regal Imax Theater:** 5000 Dublin Blvd., Dublin (560-9600)  
**Internet address:** For show times, visit the Danville Weekly Online Edition at [www.DanvilleWeekly.com/](http://www.DanvilleWeekly.com/)  
**Note:** Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

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| <b>Accepted (PG-13)</b>                                   | <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tue 11:05 a.m., 1:20, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:55 p.m.   |
| <b>All The King's Men (PG-13)</b>                         | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 1:30, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30 p.m.<br><b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tue 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:50 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Sat 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45 p.m.; No 9:45 p.m. show Sun-Tue<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Sun 9:10 a.m., 12:45, 3:50, 6:45, 9:45 p.m.; No 9:10 a.m. show Mon-Tue  |
| <b>Black Dahlia (R)</b>                                   | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 12:15, 3:05, 5:50, 8:40 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri 12:35, 3:35, 6:35, 9:35 p.m.; Sat 9:15, 3:35, 6:35, 9:35 pm; Sun 12:35, 3:35, 6:35 pm; Mon 3:35, 9:35 p.m.; Tu 12:35, 3:35, 6:35, 9:35 pm  |
| <b>Everyone's Hero (G)</b>                                | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Sat 1:05, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:30 p.m.; No 9:30 p.m. show Sun-Tue<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 12:30, 2:45, 5 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Sun 10:55 a.m., 1:05, 3:30, 6, 8:20, 10:40 p.m.; No 10:55 a.m. show Mon-Tue  |
| <b>Flyboys (PG-13)</b>                                    | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Sun 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55 p.m.; No 9:55 p.m. show Mon-Tue<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 1:05, 4, 7:20, 10:20 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Sun 9:35 a.m., 12:50 4, 7:10, 10:20 p.m.; No 9:35 a.m. show Mon-Tue  |
| <b>The Guardian (PG-13)</b>                               | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Sat 1, 4, 7, 10 p.m.; Sun-Tue 1, 4, 7, p.m.<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m, 1:10, 2:50, 4:05, 6:00, 7:05, 9:00, 10:05 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri 1, 4, 7, 10 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Sun 9:45, 10:15 a.m., 12:55, 1:25, 4:05, 4:35, 7:15, 7:45, 10:25, 10:50 p.m.; Mon-Tue 12:55, 1:25, 4:05, 4:35, 7:15, 7:45, 10:25, 10:50 p.m.  |
| <b>Gridiron Gang (PG-13)</b>                              | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tue 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50 p.m.; No 9:50 p.m. show Mon-Tue<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Sun 9:30 a.m., 12:40, 3:45, 6:40, 9:40 p.m.; No 9:30 a.m. show Mon; Tue 6:40, 9:40 p.m.   |
| <b>Hollywoodland (R)</b>                                  | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 7:15, 10:15 p.m.   |
| <b>Illusionist (PG-13)</b>                                | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 12, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tu 11:15 am, 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30 pm   |
| <b>Invincible (PG)</b>                                    | <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tue 11:05 a.m., 1:35, 4:10, 6:55, 9:25 p.m.  |
| <b>Jackass: Number Two (R)</b>                            | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Sat 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.; No 9:45 p.m. show Sun-Tue<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Sat 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10 p.m.; No 10:10 p.m. show Sun-Tue<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Sun 9:55, 11 a.m., 12:20 1:15, 2:45, 3:55, 5:10, 6:10, 7:35, 8:35, 10:05, 10:55 p.m.; No 9:55 a.m. show Mon-Tue   |
| <b>Jesus Camp (PG-13)</b>                                 | <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tu 11:30 a.m., 2:20, 4:30, 7:35, 9:55 p.m.   |
| <b>Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13)</b>                          | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 11:35 a.m., 2, 4:25, 7, 9:35 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Sun 9:25, 11:55 a.m., 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30 p.m.; No 9:25 a.m. show Mon-Tue   |
| <b>Last Kiss (R)</b>                                      | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 11:30 a.m., 1:55, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri 9:20 a.m., 12:05, 2:55, 5:25, 8:05, 10:35 p.m.; No 9:20 a.m. show Mon-Tue   |
| <b>Little Miss Sunshine (R)</b>                           | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tue 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55 p.m.<br><b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tue 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Sat 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 p.m.; No 9:40 p.m. show Sun-Tue<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tue 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:55, 7:20, 10 p.m.  |
| <b>Open Season (PG)</b>                                   | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tue 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:20 p.m.; No 9:20 show Sun-Tue<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:20 a.m., 1:20, 2:30, 3:30, 4:40, 5:40, 6:50, 7:55, 9:05, 10:10 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Sun 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20, 9:30 p.m.; No 9:30 show Sun-Tue<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Sun 9:40, 10:10 a.m., 12, 12:30, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8, 9:50, 10:15 p.m.; No 9:40, 10:10 a.m. show Mon-Tue<br><b>Regal Imax Theaters:</b> Fri-Tue 9, 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10:55 p.m.; No 9 a.m. show Mon-Tue |
| <b>Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)</b> | <b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tue 11:35 a.m., 2:50, 6:05, 9:20 p.m.   |
| <b>School For Scoundrels (PG-13)</b>                      | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Sat 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10 p.m.; No 10:10 show Sun-Tue<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Sat 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50 p.m.; No 9:50 show Sun-Tue<br><b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tue 9:50 a.m., 12:25, 3:05, 5:35, 8:15, 10:45 p.m.; No 9:50 a.m. show Mon-Tue   |
| <b>Science of Sleep (R)</b>                               | <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tu 11:20 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tue 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:55 p.m.  |
| <b>The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13)</b>                   | <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tue 11:40 a.m., 2, 4:20, 7:25, 9:45 p.m.   |

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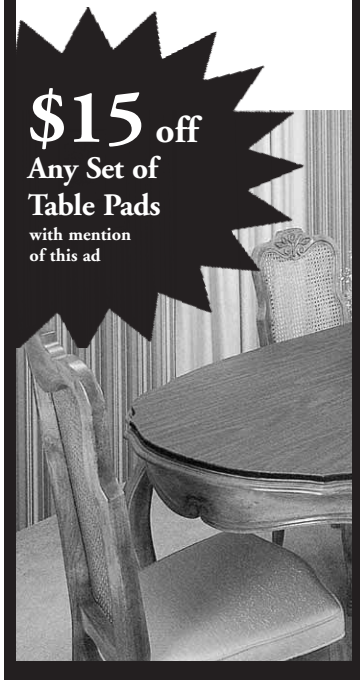
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Author Visits

### Amy and David Goodman

Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center will host brother and sister Amy and David Goodman, authors of "Static: Government Liars, Media Cheerleaders, and the People Who Fight Back" at noon, Saturday, Oct. 7, at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Advance tickets are \$15; \$20 at the door. Call 933-7850.

## Clubs

### Alamo Women's Club Federated

The club meets on most Wednesdays at its clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd. It holds a business meeting and tea the second Wednesday at noon; meets for Mah Jong at 10:30 a.m. the third Wednesday; and holds a luncheon with program at noon the fourth Wednesday. For information, call Jean Stringfellow at 552-9733.

### Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club

If you are a new or long time resident of Alamo or Danville, this club invites you for a Welcome Coffee at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 26, at a member's home; call 775-3233 for directions.

### Bay Area Single Christians

BASC club is a free, large, online group with event listings for Christian single adults around the S.F. Bay Area. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bascingles/>.

### Business Network International

The Danville Chapter of Business Network International, a world-wide networking organization that focuses on helping local businesses grow through building strong networking relationships, meets at 7 a.m. every

Friday at Denny's Restaurant on Camino Ramon. For information, call Glenn Polanco at 831-3372.

### Danville Lions Club

The Danville Lions Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Join us as our guest to learn the contribution you can make as a Lion. For information, call President Ted Fichter at 227-6617.

### Danville Mid-day Referral Group, BNI

Danville Mid-day Referral Group, a chapter of Business Network International, meets from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., every Wednesday, at Louka's, 267 Hartz Avenue, Danville. Call Fran Bates at 363-4327 or e-mail [franbates@marykay.com](mailto:franbates@marykay.com).

### Danville PM Toastmaster Club #1785

The club meets from 7:30-9 p.m., every Wednesday, at DVC, San Ramon Campus, Room 217, 3150 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon. Guests are welcome. For information call Debra Elmore at 934-3113 or visit [www.danvilletoastmasters1785.com](http://www.danvilletoastmasters1785.com)

### Diablo Singles Dance Club

Diablo Singles Dance Club dances regularly the last Wednesday of the month from 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Arts Education Building, corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. The cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. All are welcome. Call 837-2851.

### 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.

## WEEKEND PREVIEW



COURTESY DANVILLE DELEGANCE

## Auto elegance on display

The second annual Danville d'Elegance will feature more than 60 Ferraris, exotic automobiles, live music, auctions, drawings and celebrities. The event will take place from noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at Hartz Avenue between Prospect Avenue and Church Street. Call 552-0310.

### Diablo Valley Single Parents

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

### Diablo View Toastmasters

This chapter meets from 7:55-9 a.m., every Tuesday, at the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Novice and veteran speakers meet to develop speaking skills. Guests are welcome. Call Josh Taves at 791-2233.

### eWomen Network Accelerated Networking Luncheon

The eWomen Network holds its monthly accelerated networking luncheon from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., the second Thursday of each month, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Contact Claire at 648-3105 or [clairesheperdson@ewomennetwork.com](mailto:clairesheperdson@ewomennetwork.com).

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**Model RC Boaters Association**

The Danville Model RC Boaters Association seeks new members. To learn more, call president Rich Mahan at 785-0421.

**Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society**

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

**Mt. Diablo Macintosh Users Group**

Get questions answered, solutions for problems, share experiences and explore new Mac developments. Club meets at 7:30 p.m., the third Monday of every month, at the Alamo Safeway Community Room. For information, call 837-1111 or 829-5501.

**Porsche Club of America, Diablo Region**

This club is for owners and enthusiasts of all Porsches. It meets at 8 a.m., every Saturday for breakfast at Denny's, 803 Camino Ramon, Danville. For information, visit [www.pca.org/dia](http://www.pca.org/dia).

**San Ramon Valley Rotary Club**

This club meets for dinner at 7 p.m., each Wednesday, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Guests are welcome. The club offers a great way to make new friends while making a difference in your community. Call Bill at 838-9110.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75**

The organization will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12, at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

**Concerts**

**A Tribute to the Life and Music of Tony Bennett**

This tribute will be performed by Benedetto/Blessed with Russ Lorenson and The Kelly Park Trio at 8:15 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 6-7 and at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, at Knight Stage 3 Theatre, Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$22 for general admission, \$20 for seniors and youth. Call 943-7469 or visit [www.dlrca.org](http://www.dlrca.org).

**CAE's Faculty Concert**

Civic Arts Education's (CAE) presents their Faculty Concert at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, at Shadelands Auditorium, 111 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Advance tickets are \$10; \$12 at the door. Call 943-5842.

**Gems from Brahms**

Pianist Helene Wickett will join the Diablo Symphony in an all-Brahms concert at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$10, \$18, and \$20. Call 943-7469 or visit [www.dlrca.org](http://www.dlrca.org).

**Jazz at Peace Series**

Anton Schwartz and Inga Swearingen will kick off the Jazz at Peace Series at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. The Jazz at Peace Series will continue at 5 p.m., the second Sunday of each month. This event is free. Call 648-7000 or visit [www.peacejourney.org](http://www.peacejourney.org).

**Jefferson Starship**

CAB Concerts presents Jefferson Starship, Jefferson Family Galactic Reunion at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at Creative Arts Building, 250 School Street, Pittsburg. Reserved seating is \$65, \$40, \$30, \$20 or \$10. Call 642-7321 or visit [www.tix.com](http://www.tix.com).

**Events**

**Alamo Fine Art and Craft Show**

This year's show will feature 50 artists exhibiting original works from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday-Sunday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, at Alamo Plaza Shopping Center. Visit [www.jhfestivals.com](http://www.jhfestivals.com).

**An Evening of Togetherness**

Christ Kids Ministry will host former Oakland Raider, Steve Wisniewski in support of this organization with dinner, music, wine tasting and a raffle at 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo. Cost is \$85. Call Peter Zaloumis at 719-7950.

**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.

**California Independent International Film Festival**

California Independent Film Festival Association will present this eighth annual festival in Livermore from Oct. 25-29. For information, visit [www.caindefest.com](http://www.caindefest.com). Zephyr Grill & Bar will host the opening night reception on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1736 First St., Livermore. Tickets go on sale Sept. 1; call 552-7335.

**Ceremony Honoring Art Leaders**

Arts and Cultural Commission of Contra Costa County will host a ceremony honoring art leaders throughout the county, including an Alamo resident, at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, at El Campanil Theatre, 602 W. 2nd Street, Antioch. To reserve your spot, call 646-2278; admission is a \$10 donation.

**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. The day will include a Halloween parade, street and stage entertainment, great food

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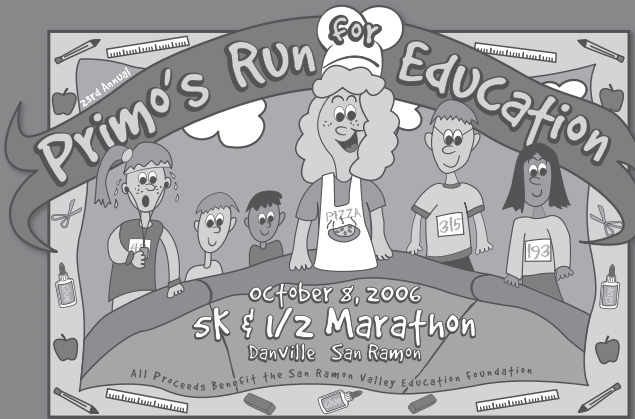
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**Halloween GhostWalk**

Tickets for Pleasanton's Halloween GhostWalk, held every half hour starting at 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 13, and Saturday, Oct. 14, are on sale! Tickets are \$10 per person and are sold at the museum from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, and 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Call 462-2766.

**Parade of Dalmatians**

A parade of Dalmatians will be apart of the annual Eugene O'Neill Festival with festivities at noon, Sunday, Oct. 8, at Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Cost is \$5; each participant will receive a copy of the last will and testament for "Blemie," O'Neill's late Dalmatian. Call 820-1818.

**Pleasant Hill's Art, Jazz and Wine Fest**

Pleasant Hill's Chamber of Commerce is planning its fourth annual Art, Jazz and Wine Fest from Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 7-8, in downtown Pleasant Hill. For more information, call 687-0700.

**Taste of Danville**

KB Home along with five Danville restaurants are teaming up for Taste of

Danville from noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at KB Home Community Monterosso, 300 Cottswald Court, Danville. This event is free. For information, call Craig at 580-1583.

**Tour of the Blackhawk Museum**

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

**Trip to COPIA**

Pleasant Hill Recreation will host a bus trip to Copia, in Napa Valley, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, meeting in the Community Center Parking Lot, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. Cost is \$25, including transportation, admission to galleries and gardens, food and wine tastings, plus short docent tour. Deadline to register is Sept. 22. Call 682-0896.

**Walking Tour of Historic Danville**

Learn more about the roots of the Danville community lead by a knowledgeable docent at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, meeting at the front of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville. Call 837-3750 or visit [www.museumsvr.org](http://www.museumsvr.org).

**Exhibits**

**Indian Life**

Come and experience "Indian Life-First People of the Valley" from Oct. 5-Nov. 15, at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville. The exhibit will feature artifacts and reproductions reflecting the lives of Indians in the San Ramon Valley. Call 837-3750 or visit [www.museumsvr.org](http://www.museumsvr.org).

**Lindsay Wildlife Museum**

The museum will feature two new special exhibits: "Broken Wings: Portraits of Non-Releasable Raptors" and "One Man's Window" from now until Dec. 31, at the museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 935-1978 or visit [www.wildlife-museum.org](http://www.wildlife-museum.org).

**Film**

**'An Inconvenient Truth'**

Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" will have a free showing at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

**Fundraisers**

**Danville d'Elegance Fine and Specialty Auto Show**

This show will include more than 60 Ferraris and exotic automobiles, live music, auctions, drawings and celebrities. The event will take place from noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at Hartz Avenue between Prospect Avenue and Church Street. Call 552-0310.

**Donations Needed for Wardrobe for Opportunity**

Cottage Jewel will accept donations for Wardrobe for Opportunity all week, at the shop, 125-D Railroad Avenue, Danville. Donators will receive 10% off their purchases at the Cottage Jewel. Call 837-2664.

**Gallery Garage Sale**

Danville Area Cultural Alliance (DACA) will host a Gallery Garage Sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, at the gallery, 233 Front Street, Danville. Donations of artwork will also be accepted from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30. This sale will benefit the DACA. Call 838-1959.

**Hats Off American Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk**

Come and run with Sparky George to raise awareness and money for Hats Off America at the Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville. Entry fee is \$35, including a T-shirt and BBQ. Call 855-1950 or visit [www.hatsoffamerica.us](http://www.hatsoffamerica.us).

**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](http://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](http://www.active.com).

**Power of Change Fashion Event**

Help support the second annual Wardrobe for Opportunity Power of Change Fashion Event from 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at Rotunda Building, 300 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. Advance tickets are \$40, \$50 at the door. The night will include a fashion show, hors d'Oeuvres and wine. Call (510) 463-4100 or visit [www.wardrobe.org](http://www.wardrobe.org).

**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](http://www.lopc.org).

**Thrift Shop Promotions**

The Way Side Inn Thrift Shop and Costume Rental is having a promotion sale to benefit Assistance League of Diablo Valley with Halloween merchandise on sale Oct. 3 and 10; Halloween costume rentals will be available Oct. 7; and vintage hats, gloves and purses will go on sale Oct. 17. The shop is located at 3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette. Call 284-4781.

**Vista Grande Carnival**

Vista Grande Elementary's Fun in the Sun Carnival will take place at the school, 677 Diablo Road, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. The carnival will feature game and food booths, a silent auction and fun for the whole family. Call 314-1000.

**Health**

**African Drumming Circle**

Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism. Join Patricia Frame for an African Drumming Circle from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Avenue, Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

**Complementary Medicine and Cancer**

The Wellness Community will host Tara Levy, ND, from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 28, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Avenue, Walnut Creek. The workshop will teach you about remedies that can minimize side effects from treatments. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

**Get Lean at Lunch**

Dan Taylor of TriValleyTrainer.com will host "Get Lean at Lunch" with free tips and healthy eating ideas from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, and from noon-1 p.m., Thursdays during the month of October, at San Ramon Whole Foods, 100 Sunset Drive, San Ramon. This event is free. Call 413-2268 or email [dan@trivalleytrainer.com](mailto:dan@trivalleytrainer.com).

**Laughter Playshop**

The Wellness Community will host Shelly Gordon for a laugh session from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Avenue, Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.



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**Treatment Options for Female Incontinence**

Dr. Bevan-Thomas will discuss a number of surgical and non-surgical treatments for female incontinence from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Conference Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling (800) 284-2878 or visit [www.sanramonmedctr.com](http://www.sanramonmedctr.com).

**Holidays**

**Kol Nidre**

Join Tri-Valley Cultural Jews to celebrate Kol Nidre, the eve of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Cost is \$10 for non-members. This event is open to the public. Call 485-1049.

**The Witching Hour**

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts presents their annual haunted house, "The Witching Hour" from 5:30-8 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Oct. 19-20, at Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Advance tickets are \$5; \$10 at the door. Call 931-5353.

**Kids & Teens**

**Free Online Tutoring Available**

Contra Costa County Library is offering free homework help from expert online tutors to students grade 4-12 and beginning college from 1-10 p.m., Monday-Friday, at <http://ccclib.org>.

**Kids Club Kickoff**

Whole Foods Market in San Ramon will host Kids Club Kickoff from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, at the store, 100 Sunset Drive. Call 355-9000.

**Working on the Railroad**

Blackhawk Museum will host "Working on the Railroad" from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 26, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Activities will include blasting a tunnel, laying Thomas Tracks and more! This event is free with admission to the museum. Call 736-2277.

**Lectures/ Workshops**

**Art of Living Series II**

Leku Eder launches the Art of Living Series II with Joy Balma who will talk about "Beauty and Anti-Aging Secrets of the Orient" from 11 a.m.-noon, and renowned Feng Shui consultant, Alexis Summerfield, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, at Leku Eder, 178 E. Prospect, Danville. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 820-8012.

**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](http://www.acteva.com/go/valleystraighttalk).

**How to Sell Even if You Don't Like Sales**

Randall Shores from Contra Costa Small Business Development Center will present "How to Sell Even if You Don't Like Sales" from 7-9 p.m., Monday, Oct. 2, at Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 646-5377 or email [cjensen@contracostabdc.com](mailto:cjensen@contracostabdc.com).

**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.

**Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers**

Join the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center when they host Congressman George Miller who will talk about "Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Diablo Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

**'Picturing Invention' Lecture**

Blackhawk Museum hosts Dr. Steven Lubar with an audiovisual presentation of "Picturing Invention" at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The night will include an audiovisual presentation on "Picturing Invention" followed by a gallery walk and light refreshments. Admission is \$5; members are free. Call 736-2280.

**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.

**Stop the Abuse of Power**

Join the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center when they host Jeffrey Mittman, author of "Stop the Abuse of Power: Civil Liberties Issues and the Elections" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Mt. Diablo Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

**Ten Secrets to an Effective Website**

East Bay I.T. Group (eBig) presents "Ten Secrets to an Effective Website," from 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4, at San Ramon Dublin Water Services District Board Room, 7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$20 for members; \$25 for guests; add \$10 at the door. Call 736-5808 or visit [www.ebig.org/events](http://www.ebig.org/events).

**Wage and Hour Laws**

Greater Tri-Valley Chapter of NCHRA

will host "Wage and Hour Laws" for Human Resource Professionals from 7:30-9 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional Street, Dublin. Cost is \$30 for members; \$50 for non-members. Register by visiting [www.nchra.org](http://www.nchra.org).

**Miscellaneous**

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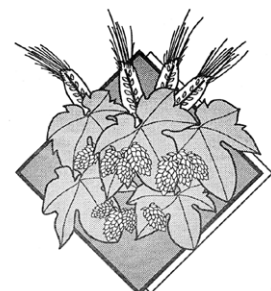
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**WHEN:** Saturday, September 30 from 11am-3pm, and Thursdays in October from noon to 1pm  
**WHO:** Dan is certified by the American Council on Exercise (ACE), an ACE faculty member, author and co-developer of a nutrition-based continuing education workshop for fitness professionals  
**CONTACT:** Dan@TriValleyTrainer.com, (925) 413-2268

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\$2600 per mo.  
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\$1500 dep. NS. 650-823-2935.

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Dublin, 4 BR/3 BA - \$2995

Dublin, 4 BR/3 BA - \$2995

**Dublin, 5+ BR/3.5 BA**  
5 BDRM, 3 car garage Hansen Hill.  
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Livermore, 3BR/2.5BA - \$1895

Livermore, 3BR/2BA

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\$2200 mo. Call  
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Pleasanton Homes, 3BR/2BA

Pleasanton, 3 BR/2 BA - \$2,100/mo

Pleasanton, 3BR/2.5BA - \$2495

Pleasanton, 4BR/2.5BA

Pleasanton, 4BR/3BA - \$2800

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BR/2.5 BA - \$488,800

Dublin, 3BR/2BA

Dublin, 3BR/2BA

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-\$890,000

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-\$890,000

Livermore Real Estate Bradywalsh.com,  
4 BR/2 BA

Livermore, 3 BR/1 BA - \$485,000

Livermore, 3 BR/2 BA - \$528,000

Livermore, 3 BR/2 BA - \$610,000

Livermore, 3 BR/2 BA - \$599,950

Livermore, 3 BR/2.5 BA - \$699,900

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Livermore, 5+ BR/4+ BA - \$1,035,000

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**Truckee - New Custom Home, 4  
BR/3.5 BA**  
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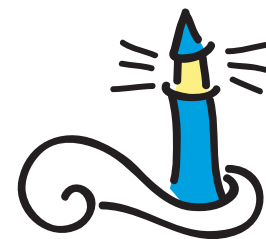
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Office Manager/Administrative Assistant**

**Summary of the Position**

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**Job Duties**

The Office Manager/Administrative Assistant is the face and voice of the paper serving as the initial contact with our customers both in person and over the phone. The Office Manager assists in referring customers for assistance and scheduling appointments as needed. As the Office Manager, you will ensure that all supplies and equipment for the office are available and in working order. The Office Manager is also responsible for data entry for some of the newspaper's recurring content. He/she also assists others in the office to complete their tasks.

**Requirements:**

The following is required to obtain the position of Office Manager.

- Previous clerical experience including interaction with customers.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Word and data entry.
- Pleasant disposition
- Strong command of the English language both orally and in writing.
- Ability to work calmly under weekly deadlines and changing priorities.
- Ability to multi-task completing assignments simultaneously.
- High energy with a desire to do a great job as part of a team.
- Understanding and love of the product – the Pleasanton Weekly.

Contact Deborah McKeehan by e-mail at:  
[dmckeeahan@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:dmckeeahan@pleasantonweekly.com)  
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**PLEASANTON  
WEEKLY**

| Danville                            | Diablo                              | Walnut Creek                       |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Total sales reported: 14            | Total sales reported: 1             | Total sales reported: 24           |
| Lowest sale reported: \$440,000     | Lowest sale reported: \$1,850,000   | Lowest sale reported: \$273,000    |
| Highest sale reported: \$1,925,000  | Highest sale reported: \$1,850,000  | Highest sale reported: \$1,395,000 |
| Average sales reported: \$1,067,535 | Average sales reported: \$1,850,000 | Average sales reported: \$650,645  |

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

This week's data represents homes sold during September 2006

### Danville

**1596 Colchester Street**  
Lennar Homes to T. Hom for \$1,276,500

**59 Deer Meadow Lane C.**  
Corey to R. & L. Bruce for \$1,298,000

**1952 East Rancho Verde Circle**  
K. Hale to Stocker Trust for \$785,000

**2089 Fostoria Circle L.**  
Blanco to K. Atkinson for \$515,000

**124 Freesia Court M. & C.**  
McDaniel to R. Fagnoli for \$915,000

**2465 Holly Oak Drive**  
Johnson Trust to J. & C. Brear for \$1,525,000

**394 Ilo Lane #405 P.**  
McNally to S. Davitz for \$440,000

### Diablo

**61 Joya Lane D.**  
Siegel to N. Kitajima for \$620,000

**211 Milwaukee Place A.**  
Qi to B. Deng for \$999,000

**4304 Nottingham Drive**  
Cartus Financial to Shaghghi Trust for \$1,110,000

**130 Rassani Drive J. & C.**  
Titterington to X. Ma for \$1,310,000

**828 Richard Lane D. & J.**  
Robinson to P. & K. Vargus for \$1,387,000

**63 St. Ramon Court J.**  
Northington to V. & L. Gotingco for \$840,000

**12 Woodside Drive M. & W.**  
Rupprecht to R. & N. Bradford for \$1,925,000

### Diablo

**2298 Alameda Diablo**  
Chamberlin Trust to Birdsong Trust for \$1,850,000

### Walnut Creek

**1315 Alma Avenue #421**  
Alpine Development to M. Trautman for \$392,000

**1315 Alma Avenue #435**  
Alpine Development to B. & C. Shames for \$545,000

**21 Amberwood Lane**  
Langford Trust to S. Sri-Pathmanathan for \$1,395,000

**2105 Cactus Court #1**  
Odom Trust to F. & R. Marvan for \$970,000

**1438 Candelero Drive**  
Kopping Trust to D. Evans for \$539,000

**1812 Cole Avenue #2A M.**  
Gruhn to K. & C. Echols for \$273,000

**6 Dale Court J.**  
Monk to McCormick Trust for \$900,000

**2545 Dapplegray Lane**  
Sirva Relocation to J. Brady for \$890,000

# OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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

## Alamo

### 3 Bedrooms

**266 Stone Valley Wy.** \$1,299,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

**41 S. Via Lucia Ln.** \$1,595,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

### 4 Bedrooms

**151 Pebble Ln.** \$1,348,000  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3329

**1484 Emmons Canyon Dr.** \$1,399,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 202-7424

**2694 Roundhill Dr.** \$1,469,000  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 683-7084

**135 Wilson Rd.** \$1,595,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

**1606 Litina Ln.** \$1,595,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 323-6735

### 5 Bedrooms

**61 Vista Ln.** \$1,795,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 876-6935

**430 Via Del Rey** \$3,395,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

## Blackhawk

### 3 Bedrooms

**147 Birchbark Pl.** \$1,248,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-3451

### 4 Bedrooms

**3155 Deer Meadow Dr.** \$1,299,000  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 640-8283

**525 Kingswood Pl.** \$1,698,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-3451

**5098 Blackhawk Dr.** \$1,898,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 323-6735

### 5 Bedrooms

**5078 Blackhawk Dr.** \$1,749,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 876-6935

## Danville

### 2 Bedrooms

**1171 San Ramon Valley Blvd.** \$489,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Re/Max 323-8200

**136 Westfield Cir.** \$569,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 683-5689

**2198 Shoshone Cir.** \$674,950  
Sat/Sun 1:30-4 Empire 984-1787

### 3 Bedrooms

**70 Linda Ct.** \$1,674,950  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4022

**440 Sycamore Cir.** \$537,500  
Sun 1-4 Intero 413-1068

**186 Tivoli Ln.** \$759,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 413-1068

**42 Casablanca St.** \$759,950  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4072

**1148 River Rock Ln.** \$787,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075

**717 Glasgow Cir.** \$799,900  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4046

**1354 Fountain Springs Cir.** \$819,000  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 858-9365

**159 Cameo Dr.** \$829,900  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4046

**63 Haskins Ranch Cir.** \$839,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Empire 217-5090

**40 Casablanca** \$879,000  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 209-7498

**180 San Thomas Wy.** \$989,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4102

### 4 Bedrooms

**307 Valle Vista** \$1,059,000  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3390

**389 Squirrel Ridge Wy.** \$1,075,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822

**1024 Ocho Rios Dr.** \$1,099,000  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 314-2428

**1390 Brookside Dr.** \$1,129,990  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4046

**471 St. Francis Dr.** \$1,155,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 855-4060

**839 Buckingham Pl.** \$1,180,000  
Sun 2-4 Better Homes 785-4320

**1116 Blue Spur Cir.** \$1,195,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4110

**112 Quinterra Ln.** \$1,249,950  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3383

**1001 Horizon Ct.** \$1,333,950  
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5314

**718 Saint George Rd.** \$1,350,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 By Owner 858-8379

**20 Glenhill Ct.** \$1,375,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 323-6735

**119 Glen Ct.** \$1,465,000  
Sun 1-4 Empire 623-6234

**20 Mauri Ct.** \$1,499,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4110

**11 Jillian Wy.** \$1,789,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 818-4078

**2707 Deer Meadow Dr.** \$1,799,000  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653

**7990 Camino Tassajara** \$2,498,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-3451

**112 Lawnview Cir.** \$629,950  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075

**315 Gil Blas** \$875,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 855-4108

**610 Reading Pl.** \$939,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4123

**577 La Gonda Wy.** \$979,900  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4125

### 5 Bedrooms

**54 St. Luke Ct.** \$1,040,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 855-4060

**400 Coventry Pl.** \$1,162,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 984-3992

**26 Bormio Ct.** \$1,355,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5338

**205 Morris Ranch Rd.** \$1,498,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-3451

**151 Golden Hills Ct.** \$1,550,000  
Fri 1-4 Empire 217-3108

**18 Discovery Ct.** \$1,595,000  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 943-3333

**6 Hilferd Wy.** \$1,698,000  
Sun 1-4 Empire 963-2588

**112 Laurelwood Dr.** \$2,199,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 977-8965

**152 Blackstone Dr.** \$955,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 984-1945

**133 Conway Ct.** \$960,000  
Sun 1-4 Empire 351-5859

### 6 Bedrooms

**586 Zephyr Cir.** \$1,099,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 855-4123

**265 Montego Dr.** \$4,200,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-3451

## San Ramon

### 2 Bedrooms

**2030-F Canyon Wood Dr.** \$519,000  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3390

**246A Canyon Woods Wy.** \$579,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 292-sold

**950 Spring View Cir.** \$635,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Empire 217-3112



### 3 Bedrooms

**18869 Bollinger Canyon Rd.** \$2,195,000  
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union GMAC 487-1194

**5032 Lakeview Dr.** \$559,000  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 209-7498

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### DIABLO

**Escape From The Ordinary! \$2,175,000**  
4bd, 2.5ba G. L. Lewis designed and built property. Great location, curb appeal and price make this a super opportunity to own a home in Diablo.  
**John Lopes 925.998.8262**



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**Desirable Westside! \$1,695,000**  
4bd, 3ba single level gorgeous home with Sunset Magazine backyard on a cul-de-sac location.  
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### ALAMO

**Prestigious Bryan Ranch \$1,399,000**  
4bd, 3ba Harold Smith home with wonderful canyon views and great schools. Location is great, condition is great! What are you waiting for?  
**Carolyn H. Young 925.963.0093**



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**Stunning Inside and Out! \$1,129,990**  
5bd, 3ba, beautifully remodeled gourmet kitchen with everything you could ever want, refinished hardwood floors and the list goes on.  
**Lisa and Greg Doyle 925.855.4046**



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**Room To Room \$1,099,000**  
6bd with huge loft, 3ba, steps to Danville Station pool and greenbelts. Stunning cherry/granite/ss kitchen. So much more. Must see!  
**Lorraine Ward 925.855.4123**



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**Paradise Found! \$1,075,000**  
Gorgeous 4bd, 3ba home in model home condition. 9 years "new". 3-car garage. Fabulous backyard with pool and beautiful gardens.  
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