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**Carol Valdez**  
*Realtor*



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**Paul Troyer**  
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**Kim Sarros**  
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At one time, yes. There was a mother and no father. The kids were wild. There were drugs involved. They came out with a knife. This was back in the '70s. I had to call the police. We talked to the mother. They moved away. The kids were OK but they destroyed their home inside.

**Paul Kefer**  
*retired stockbroker*



The neighbors we have now are really nice. They are pretty private and quiet. What makes neighbor relationships work is, I think, when people don't really impose themselves.

**John Rogers**  
*Peet's patron*

compiled by Jordan M. Doronila

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ You guys look after your old trees, you look out for your old buildings—when, when, when are you going to look after your old people? ”

—Christopher Panton taking Danville Town Council to task for the change of personnel in the Senior Sneakers Program. See story, page 5.

### Prepare for emergency

Be prepared! More than 1,000 people are expected at the largest Emergency Preparedness Fair ever to be conducted in Contra Costa County, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 14. This family day will also feature clowns, face painting, and fire truck and ambulance tours.

The fair is sponsored by the Danville Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in cooperation with the Town of Danville. Three hundred 72-hour emergency kits will be given away free of charge and another 700 will be sold for \$10 each. The event will also feature pet licensing, shots and microchip implanting for \$20; child fingerprinting by the Danville Police Department; and free tri-tip steak sandwiches for 1,000 people.

### AAUW endorses for school board

The Danville-Alamo Branch of the American Association of University Women is endorsing school board candidates Bill Clarkson, Joan Buchanan and Rachel Hurd after its Candidates Night held Oct. 5 in conjunction with the San Ramon branch. At the event, candidates Clarkson, Buchanan, Hurd and James McVay briefly outlined their qualifications and then answered questions from the audience.

### Stone Valley earns blue ribbon

The U.S. Department of Education recently named Stone Valley Middle School as a 2006 No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon School, along with California High School and Iron Horse Middle School in the district. Schools apply for the program and must be nominated by their respective state; choice is based on being academically superior or demonstrated dramatic gains in student achievement. Only 31 public schools in California earned the recognition and only four in Contra Costa County. Representatives from each school will travel to Washington, D.C., in November to receive the award.

### Help Father Frank's Kids

Father Frank's Kids Inc., a Danville-based nonprofit organization, is collecting supplies to send to orphanages in Central America, called Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, or Our Little Brothers and Sisters. The items are needed by Sunday, Oct. 15, for a container leaving soon for Guatemala. Drop off donations at the former convent at St. Isidore's Church, 445 La Gonda Way, Danville. The wish list includes school, sports and medical supplies, as well as clothing, toiletries and household items. For more information, call 743-1935. The group is also collecting funds to purchase an industrial washer and dryer for the orphanage in Guatemala. Mail contributions to Father Frank's Kids; P.O. Box 478; Alamo 94507.

### Historic dedication

The San Ramon Valley Historical Society will dedicate its 19th plaque at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, at 279 Front St. to mark the location of Danville Grammar School in the mid-1800s. Historian Beverly Lane will speak, and town dignitaries will also be present. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served.

**Corrections** In our Home and Garden edition, the nursery highlighted in the story "When in drought" was Sloat Garden Center; the advice on watering should have said to give lawns an inch of water once a week, not plants.

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## Seniors protest firing of coordinator, ask for more programs

*Town Manager promises to examine senior offerings*

by Geoff Gillette

More than two dozen members of Danville's senior community attended the Oct. 3 meeting of the Town Council, demanding answers about the firing of a part-time senior coordinator.

Several seniors requested to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting and then deferred to Christopher Panton to act as their spokesman. Panton took the Town Council to task for the ouster of

Jane Lee, who had organized the Senior Sneakers Program.

Lee was the driving force behind the Senior Sneakers, a senior group that goes on day trips around the Bay Area, said Panton, and her firing in September came as a shock to many members of the senior community.

"To say there was an uproar over the loss of our coordinator is the understatement of the year," Panton said.

He also took exception to comments made by town officials that the firing of Lee was in the seniors' best interest and was an attempt at consolidating the senior programs under one full-time person.

"If you were going to put the programs all under one person, why didn't you consolidate with the one person with a proven track record?" asked Panton.

He said the town has given control of the programs to young people who won't stay in the job, viewing it as a stepping stone to other positions. He said in the four years that Senior Sneakers has been active, Lee had had three different supervisors.

Census data provided by Panton showed the median age in Danville is 39.9 years, an average of three to five years greater than surrounding towns in the Tri-Valley. At the same time, he claimed the town only provides seven classes or activities for

seniors out of 98 classes offered by the town. He added that the "under 5" category alone has 17 classes.

"You guys look after your old trees, you look out for your old buildings—when, when, when are you going to look after your old people?" Panton asked.

Senior Betty Joyce also spoke to call for an increase in activities for seniors and suggested the council make the Town Meeting Hall on Front Street available to seniors during the day when it is not being used.

"This building could provide movies, dances, crafts, ceramics, card games, board games, speakers, tax services, manicures, pedicures and numerous other events with

little to no effort," she said.

Joyce said published figures show the senior population of Danville accounts for around 25 percent of the total populace.

"That means 25 percent of the residents in this town have no adequate activity programs," she noted.

Town officials listened to the concerns but were unable to enter into a discussion on the issues during the meeting because the senior program were not on the agenda. Mayor Karen Stepper told the crowd that council members appreciated their presence and their concerns but they

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## Indian life comes back to Valley

*Museum offering new exhibit through Nov. 15*

by Natalie O'Neill

Don Kurtz holds a basket of acorns in one hand and gesticulates with the other.

"If I were looking for a wife 300 years ago, what would I want in a woman?" he asks his students.

The class of fourth-graders attending the Indian life program at the Museum of San Ramon Valley sit cross-legged on the floor, their eyes glued to him intently.

"I would look at her arms to see if they were strong—for mashing acorns," he says.

These are the kinds of facts students who attend the museum program will be learning about in upcoming weeks. The exhibit, which will be featured Oct. 5-Nov. 15, will inform participants about the Native American way of life in the Valley. The museum shows scaled-down Native American houses, clothing, food and tools.

"When the kids come in, I could stay all day ... its so much fun," said June Hannon, chairwoman of the museum.

The hands-on approach helps participants learn about what the Valley was like hundreds of years ago by experiencing some of it for themselves. While the classes are set up for elementary students, the exhibit offers facts and information for people of all ages. Playing games Native Americans played seems to be the biggest hit with the kids so far, Hannon said.

"We were trying to have a steering meeting the other day and everyone only wanted to go outside and play games with the kids," Hannon said, laughing.

Trading, food preparation and methods of hunting are also on display, along with real stuffed animals that existed when many Native Americans occupied the Valley. ■



At the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, Joan Kurtz teaches a group of fourth-graders from Hidden Hills Elementary School about the tools that local Native Americans used for hunting and gathering.

## Alamo Chevron to undergo remodeling

*Gas company consulting with AIA on renovations*

by Natalie O'Neill

The gas pumps and convenience store at the Alamo Chevron will be remodeled in spring 2007, but only after taking Alamo residents' concerns into consideration, Chevron representatives said this week.

Larry Jones, Chevron's San Ramon Manager of Property and Facilities, submitted a second set of plans for the gas station to the Alamo Improvement Association on Wednesday after members opposed parts of the original draft at a meeting last month.

"We listened to AIA and we've

gone to their preferred layout," Jones said.

The plans previously placed the gas station diagonal to Danville Boulevard, which upset some AIA members who said it exposed the unattractive side of surrounding buildings.

"The neighboring buildings have an untidy backside," said Mike Gibson, AIA transportation official and longtime Alamo resident.

"We had some issues fundamental to the way it was designed. We want to keep the geometry of the station perpendicular to the street," he added.

Other residents who viewed the plans said the diagonal remodeling plan wouldn't fit in well with the look of surrounding shops and restaurants. And they requested that the convenience store rest parallel

to the other buildings on the street.

"Buildings here are part of an ensemble," Gibson said.

AIA acts as an advisory committee to county community development and is made up of members of 600 Alamo households who frequently attend meetings on issues affecting property values.

"We talked about some ways to mediate the problem," Gibson said, referring to the diagonal layout.

After taking AIA suggestions into account, Jones said new plans for the store now show the canopy for the gas pumps and the convenience store in the south end, perpendicular to the street.

"There will be up-front parking to allow customers to get out of the store without blocking the pumps," he said.

This will keep the customers flowing more steadily, he said.

Jones, who is an Alamo resident working out of San Ramon, said he understands the project from the angle of both an Alamo resident and a Chevron employee.

To date, the plans are to expand the convenience store from approximately 300 square feet to 2,000 square feet and to add new restrooms. In addition, new storage pumps for gasoline will be put in underground.

The pumps, which are now nearly 30 years old, will be improved for efficiency, safety and environmental impact, Chevron representatives said.

"There will be quicker service, fueling will take a shorter period of time and will be much faster,"

Jones said.

Chevron representatives also met onsite with AIA members to take a look at the concept design and discuss problems and possible alternatives earlier this month. Members of AIA requested that Chevron representatives make studies available to them and that they consider other options.

Details of color and style have not been planned or discussed but will also eventually go under review of AIA. Other issues to be discussed at upcoming meetings include topics surrounding the Home Depot Yardbirds, which will open around the same time the Chevron will be remodeled. To find out more information about upcoming meetings, visit the AIA Web site at [www.alamoca.org](http://www.alamoca.org). ■

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## District sells last Measure A bonds

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

The school district sold the last of its \$260 million Measure A bonds in July, said Mike Bush, assistant superintendent for businesses services.

The last sale of the bonds is part of three series, which were each sold in a four-year period. Bush gave an update on the Measure A bonds at the district's school board meeting last month.

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District sold its most recent series of bonds for \$88 million to underwriter Altura, Nelson & Co. The debt service schedule is to be repaid over 25 years, which includes an interest rate of 4.68 percent and the principal amount, Bush said.

Residents in the San Ramon Valley voted Nov. 5, 2002, to pass Measure A, a facilities bond, to fund new buildings and renovations. It authorized the district to renovate, upgrade and expand specific sites.

District residents pay approximately \$40 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of their home property, Bush said. Voters approved estimated tax rates up to \$60.

Half of the amount scheduled for the repayment of the third bond

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## Seniors

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could not comment on the firing of the coordinator.

"That is an administrative matter and those matters are kept private," said Councilman Newell Arnerich, adding that the consolidation of the programs was intended to improve the services offered.

While the council was unable to discuss the issues at the meeting, they did direct staff to open talks with the seniors in hopes of getting more feedback on what is needed. Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said part of what may need to happen is more communication.

"We have many programs offered by the town that are not specifically for seniors, but have many seniors in them," he noted.

Arnerich agreed, saying, "The painting classes aren't labeled as senior classes but they do have seniors who take them."

Calabrigo said he intends to examine what the town offers to its senior residents and work with Pantan, Joyce and others to help increase the flow of communication and improve the quality of those services.

Pantan said he hopes the town will take a greater interest in that portion of its populace and give it the importance it has given other issues. ■



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## Vally Medlyn's is sold

New owners plan to keep same format

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Hamburger and milkshake lovers, don't worry.

Vally Medlyn's fountain and Coffee shop on Hartz Ave has been temporarily closed for the last two weeks but will reopen again under new ownership shortly, land broker Pat Daily said this week.

The restaurant has served home cooking to patrons under the ownership of Debra Tamscea for the last five years and has been a coffee shop in downtown Danville since 1935.

"Everybody wants to know what's going on with it because it's a big historical landmark," said Tom Tamscea, who spoke for his wife Debra this week.

Debra Tamscea, who has been in an on-going battle with cancer, made the decision to sell the restaurant and retire because running it became a stress on her health, he said. She struggled with sickness throughout the period she owned the restaurant and even went to work while going through chemotherapy.

"Now she's gonna retire and let me work," Tamscea said.

Just a week after putting the location on the market, it sold to a new owner who has extensive experience in the restaurant business.

"It sold in no time," Daily said.

Though sources didn't want to reveal the name of the new owner until the deal had been officially closed, they did say he played a key role at Prings, an old hotspot in Hayward. A "walk through," which will be the final stage of the sale, is scheduled for Wednesday and then a reopening will occur shortly after, Tamscea said.

As of now, the new owner has implied that very few changes will be made to the restaurant and has stated the name Vally Medlyn's

will be kept, Daily said. Local patrons, some of whom have been coming for over 50 years, may be pleased to know the restaurant will likely keep its same general menu and ambiance.

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### Bond

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## O'Neill Festival remembers Blemie

Dalmatians line up at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley after judges decided which of 20 dogs most resembled Blemie, the beloved pet of playwright Eugene O'Neill and his wife Carlotta, in a Blemie Look-Alike Contest. The winner was Toby, far right, a retired champion owned by Bill and Patt Mayer. The contest was part of the seventh annual Eugene O'Neill Festival.

## School board candidates share their ideas

*Special ed, curriculum concerns surface at AAUW forum*

**by Jordan M. Doronila**

With cordiality and coherence, local school board candidates shared their ideas about improving special education, enhancing curriculum, and finishing school building projects, at a forum in Danville last week.

Incumbents Joan Buchanan and Bill Clarkson and newcomers Rachel Hurd and Jim McVay told voters their plans to continue upgrading the San Ramon Valley Unified School District if they are elected to the school board Nov. 7.

Approximately 11 people showed up at the event at Shadow Hills Cabana on El Capitan Drive, which was organized by the American Association of University Women.

"I consider it an honor and privilege serving on the district," said Buchanan, who has been on the school board for more than 15 years. "Despite all our accomplishments, I believe we could be better."

Buchanan, Clarkson and Hurd are running on the same ticket.

Issues raised included concerns about providing excellent coursework in new schools such as Dougherty Valley High School, keeping qualified teachers, and improving standardized test scores. They also talked about finding funding for all Measure A projects and providing quality service for special education students.

Parents have complained vociferously about the lack of quality treatment for their children in special education. There has been a cluster of legal battles between the parents and the district.

"It's a system based on failure," said Buchanan, noting the district should be doing a better job in helping children with special needs. "It sets you in an adversarial position. We have committed teachers."

Clarkson said parents of special education students and district officials need to interact with one another in a friendly, non-threatening manner to resolve their issues. He talked about bringing customer service to the district operations, such as having phone calls returned promptly.

"We need to communicate without being threatening," Clarkson said. "Never be a bully."

Hurd and McVay said their having children in the district would bring freshness and perspective to the school board. Clarkson and Buchanan's children have already graduated.

"I'm a parent of three children enrolled in the schools," Hurd said. "It's important."

Hurd, a former manager for McDonnell Douglass, said she would improve the process of how the curriculum is taught to students and use data as goals.

McVay, a metallurgy engineer, added that having a report card documenting whether the district is meeting its goals would help monitor student performance.

"I offer a different perspective," he said. ■

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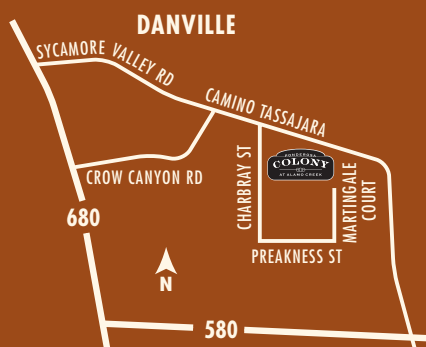
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**The golden ears**

Jan and Arni Habiger catch up on local news while celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Disneyland, which was also celebrating its 50th anniversary. Joining in the celebration were the Habiger's two sons, their wives and five grandchildren.

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## When in Germany, just say 'Bier'



Being alone in Berlin when you don't speak German can be tricky, especially when you're trying to buy a hairdryer and purchase ingredients for a home-cooked dinner. Luckily some words are close enough—like Milchkafee and Bier.

When I visited my son Pepe last week, I managed to muddle through while he went to work the first three days. Pepe has lived in Berlin for five years and Germany for seven, so things were a breeze when he was with me to translate and lead me around on the U-Bahn, S-Bahn, buses and taxis. Berlin is not really a beautiful city as there are too many vacant patches and jarring modern works of art. Architectural styles contrast wildly—east and west, pre-war and post-war—but many areas are extremely handsome in that olde worlde way, which makes it a great walking city. Although I was challenged by the variety of cobblestone sidewalks—no wonder European baby carriages are so sturdy.

My son lives in Kreuzberg, which has been called the largest Turkish city outside of Turkey; each afternoon the streets swarmed with students, many adolescent girls wearing the Muslim scarves along with their backpacks and otherwise acting like their counterparts in the Western world. Kreuzberg also meant Turkish food, including "Döner," the lamb turning temptingly on spits, to be sliced and wrapped in pita bread with vegetables and sauce.

Pepe works at the Berlin Botanical Museum on an IT team creating databases and programs to classify biological data. When I met him there, we walked around the adjacent 126-acre Botanical Garden and its majestic greenhouse. On other days we went to a Rembrandt exhibit at the Kulturforum, and to the palace in Charlottenburg. I



Enjoying Milchkafee in Berlin.

didn't repeat excursions from my last two trips to Berlin—such as Checkpoint Charlie or the Jewish History Museum, emotionally designed by David Libeskind—although our meanderings brought us again to the Brandenburg Gate and that wonderful walking avenue, Unter den Linden. Nearby was the Holocaust Memorial, built since my last trip, its undulating field of 2,700 multi-leveled stone pillars designed to disorient people as did the Nazi crimes.

Berlin's history is part of its fascination—from the Hohenzollern dynasty through the Kaiser, World War II and the postwar split of the city into East and West Berlin, then reunification in 1989. World and political news are covered thoroughly by BBC broadcasts, and Germans were aghast when President Bush gave their Chancellor Angela Merkel an unsolicited shoulder rub at the G-8 meeting in July. European soccer

is also a TV constant and I was charmed when a goal was celebrated with "Ode to Joy."

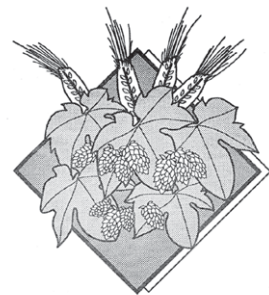
I asked Pepe what generalization about Americans he finds most annoying. He said that many think we all carry guns. But he had asked folks of all sorts what they thought of Arnold Schwarzenegger becoming the governor of California and to a person they responded positively: Even those who are anti-American politically admire the fact that only in the United States can anyone become whatever they want. They also find it enviable that we can change our careers and pursue higher education at any time in our lives. Pepe said what he misses about Americans is that each one is genuinely convinced he or she is the only person of their kind to have ever existed; he said Europeans admire this but cannot begin to emulate it because they basically like to fit in, whereas we like to stick out.

Now I'm back after eight days of walking, walking, walking and talking, talking, talking. And I must

mention eating: From the giant pretzel at the beer garden on the shores of the Schlachtensee to the humongous Weiner schnitzel at Austria restaurant to the thin-crust pizza at the Trattoria on a lovely canal down the street from Pepe's flat, I enjoyed every bite. Smoking in restaurants is alive and well, but for one week I could accept it as part of the scene, like the subtle difference in the air and lighting at the 52nd latitude.

Those three days alone were special, too. The spray starch I bought in an attempt to be motherly and iron Pepe's shirts, alas, turned out to be a product called "flatten out the wrinkles." But once I figured out that Back shops were bakeries, my plight improved considerably. This trip was a birthday present from Pepe since he didn't join me on my "big one" in June because it conflicted with World Cup. All is forgiven. ■

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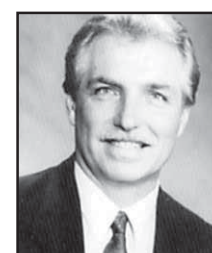
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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

**The 'Journey' lives on**

What a credit the Eugene O'Neill Festival is to Danville. Last week, hundreds of lucky enthusiasts were able to see "Long Day's Journey Into Night" performed at the Old Barn theater just a few hundred yards from the Tao House where it was written in the early 1940s. Theater does not get any better than that.

Eugene O'Neill and his wife Carlotta Monterey moved into their Tao House in the western hills of Danville in 1937. Carlotta made sure that O'Neill, who had just won the Nobel Prize in Literature, had the seclusion necessary to concentrate on his work. His private study on the second floor was decorated like a ship captain's quarters, reminiscent of his days at sea, and was isolated from the rest of the house, which itself was removed from the small town of Danville.

O'Neill's seven-year period at Tao House proved highly productive as he wrote not just "Long Day's Journey Into Night," but also "And Give Me Death," "The Greed of the Meek," "The Calms of Capricorn," "The Iceman Cometh," "Hughie" and "A Moon for the Misbegotten."

The O'Neills vacated Tao House in 1944, and it was sold to Arthur and Charlotte Carlson. In 1966 a local newspaper headline, "Development for O'Neill Property," caught the eye of Charlotte Morrison, a member of the Las Trampas Wilderness Association, who teamed up with Ann Cavanaugh to educate the community about the significance of Tao House. The East Bay Regional Parks District purchased the property and in time it became a National Historic Site. This, of course, is the short version of years of exhaustive effort that went into publicizing and raising funds for the purchase and restoration of Tao House.

The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House was formed in 1974 to acquire the house and turn the site into a center for performing arts and study. The site is open year-round for tours by the park service, and Foundation activities include student days and artists on site as well as programs to celebrate and study O'Neill and his works. The annual festival gives everyone a chance to benefit even more from this literary treasure in our back yard.

The play was performed at the Old Barn theater just a few hundred yards from the Tao House where it was written in the early 1940s.

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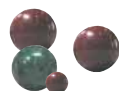
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**Buchanan deserves support**

Dear Editor:

Recently, many in the San Ramon Valley have become concerned about who should lead the San Ramon Valley Unified School District to the next level of educational excellence. Issues outside of educational performance have created doubt by voters for the direction and commitment of the SRVUSD trustees. Carpooling at Cal High, reduction of parking spaces at San Ramon Valley High and a new parking lot and traffic problems at Monte Vista High have become the inappropriate focus of voters in judging current trustees.

Joan Buchanan is running for re-election to the Board of Trustees and deserves our district voters' support. Joan has succeeded as part of many boards, among many board members, and against detractors, in creating education performance and fiscal control that makes SRVUSD a top school district in our nation.

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*Hal Bailey, Alamo*

**Vote for Storer**

Dear Editor:

I encourage all Danville residents to vote for Robert Storer in the upcoming Danville Town Council election. Robert has shown great leadership on our Planning Commission and in our business community. He was voted Businessperson of the Year by the Danville Chamber of Commerce this year. He is endorsed by my fellow council members Newell Arnerich and Candace Andersen and the entire Danville Planning Commission. He has the support of former Mayors Millie Greenberg, Dick Waldo, Don Ritchie and Beverly Lane. Most importantly, Robert shares my belief that Danville is truly "Camelot"—a wonderful place we need to preserve. When elected, Robert will make sure Danville keeps its rural character and small-town charm.

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**POLICE BULLETIN**

**Blame the tarantula**

A tarantula helped trigger a collision between two cyclists who rode their bikes on Northgate Road in Mt. Diablo State Park on Sunday, the California Highway Patrol said.

Daniel Maurin and his wife Norma Plowman, both 55, were cycling close together downhill on Northgate Road late Sunday morning, said Officer Scott Yox,

CHP spokesman. Maurin, who was slightly ahead, slowed down after seeing a man crouching off the side of the road, watching a tarantula. Plowman did not stop and crashed into him.

Both fell to the ground and sustained injuries, said Yox. Maurin broke his left arm, and Plowman had minor scrapes.

They were taken to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek.

Yox recommended that bicycle riders and drivers keep their eye on the road at all times.

"Anytime when you're riding a bicycle or a car you should remain focused on the road," he said. "You shouldn't be staring at the ground passing below you."

"Cyclists should not be riding close," he added. "They should be giving themselves cushion space."

**OBITUARIES**

**Yvonne Elizabeth (Anderson) Cooper**

Alamo resident Yvonne Elizabeth (Anderson) Cooper passed away peacefully Oct. 2 at San Ramon Valley Regional Medical Center at the age of 70.

She was born Feb. 19, 1936, and graduated from Ogden High School in Ogden, Utah. She moved to California in 1965 and during the past 41 years has resided in the Bay Area.

She married Jack Cooper in 1973 and they traveled the world. She was a businesswoman all of her life, managing Cooper Street Postal and Business Center on North Main Street in Walnut Creek in 1985. Recently, having semi-retired, she again traveled extensively, this time with her companion of nine years, Frank Goodman of Palm Desert.

She was an active woman all her life and enjoyed skiing, golfing and other outdoor sports. One of her biggest attributes was meeting people and making them her life-long friends. She loved to cook and entertain guests in both Alamo and Palm Desert.

She is survived by her daughter Sherry Wann (Jack); brothers Jay Anderson (Diane) and Steven Anderson (Sharen); sisters Lojean Hess (Marion) and Jeril (Martell); her companion Frank Goodman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Oct. 5 at Wilson & Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley and a graveside service was held Oct. 7 in South Ogden.

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 3**

- Petty theft from vehicle on Hartford Rd. at 6:23 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Fostoria Cir. at 8:10 a.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop on Camino Tassajara and Lawrence Rd. at 8:17 a.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop on Lawrence Rd. and Provence Rd. at 10:57 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Fostoria Way at 12:49 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on La Gonda Way at 3:33 p.m.
- Reckless driving on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 6:53 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 4**

- Prowler heard on Remington Loop at 12:29 a.m.
- Petty theft, drive out, on Crow Canyon Rd. at 8:48 a.m.
- Vandalism on Stone Valley Rd. at 9:07 a.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Contada Cir. at 10:22 a.m.
- Identity theft on Ramona Rd. at 11:34 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Conway Dr. at 12:26 p.m.
- Petty theft on Conway Dr. at 12:58 p.m.
- Civil disturbance on Camino Tassajara and Diablo Rd. at 4:11 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 5:23 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Crow Canyon Rd. at 7:24 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Ramon and Greenbrook Dr. at 10:05 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 5**

- Disturbance, unwanted guest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:19 a.m.
- Vehicle repossession on Mission Dr. at 1:50 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Railroad Ave. at 2:08 p.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Betten Ct. at 2:19 p.m.
- Battery on Diablo Rd. at 3:10 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 3:51 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Green Valley Rd. and Verde Mesa Dr. at 3:58 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 6:43 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Shadewell Dr. at 7:08 p.m.

**POLICE LOG**

- Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. at 11:10 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 6**
- DUI, arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Creekside Ave. at 6:54 a.m.
  - Threats disturbance on Love Ln. at 8:36 a.m.
  - Accident, property damage, on Brookside Dr. and Topeka Pl. at 10:02 a.m.
  - Petty theft, shoplift, on Fostoria Way at 11:31 a.m.
  - Drugs violation on Front St. at 1:22 p.m.
  - Computer data access fraud on Joaquin Dr. at 1:59 p.m.
  - Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Richard Ln. at 3:02 p.m.
  - Defrauding innkeeper on Crow Canyon Rd. at 3:14 p.m.
  - Residential burglary on Stirling Dr. at 5:14 p.m.
  - Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Camino Tassajara at 5:43 p.m.
  - Stolen vehicle on La Gonda way at 6:09 p.m.
  - Party disturbance on Calle Arroyo and Diablo Rd. at 9:57 p.m.
  - Party disturbance on Brookside Dr. at 10:20 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 7**
- Party disturbance on Devonshire Ct. and Westwch St. at 12:17 a.m.
  - Vandalism on St. Helena Dr. at 9:12 a.m.
  - Weapon brandishing on Everett Dr. at 10:27 a.m.
  - Petty theft on Entrada Mesa at 11:33 a.m.
  - Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:36 p.m.
  - Suspicious vehicle stop on Diablo Rd. at 2:18 p.m.
  - Vandalism on Bobbie Ct. at 4:49 p.m.
  - Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 5:38 p.m.
  - Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 5:45 p.m.
  - Accident, property damage, on Hartz Way and Hartz Ave. at 7:48 p.m.
  - Accident, property damage, on Hartz Way and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 7:50 p.m.
  - Suspicious circumstances on Barcelona Ct. at 8:07 p.m.
  - Music disturbance on Old Farm Rd. at 9:54 p.m.
  - Music disturbance on Park Hill Rd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 10:07 p.m.
  - Public assembly check on Hartz Ave. at 10:28 p.m.
  - Suspicious circumstances on Diablo Rd. at 10:44 p.m.
  - Trespassing on Fountain Springs Cir. at 11:22 p.m.

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## High school homecoming tonight

Danville football teams looking to defend home turf

by Rachel McMurdie

Homecoming week comes to a climax on the local fields tonight as the Mustangs face undefeated Amador Valley High School and the cross-town Wolves take on Livermore High, both starting at 7 p.m.

San Ramon Valley is looking strong after opening the season with five straight wins. Last week the Wolves (5-0, 1-0 EBAL) were again on top of their game running a 37-12 non-league win over last year's state champion contender, Irvington High. While the team still hasn't found a consistent running game, it is a team that knows how to move the ball. Quarterback Corbin Loukes, a second-year varsity player, fuels the down field movement. Last week the senior was 18 of 22 for 250 yards and three touchdowns.

If all goes according to plan, the Livermore High Cowboys (1-4, 0-2 EBAL) will have their work cut out for them. Livermore comes into the game, down after last week's 48-7 loss to Amador. Brandon Williams was the leading rusher for the Cowboys with 81 yards.

The Mustangs will meet the Dons (5-0, 1-0 EBAL), whose solid lineup includes junior running back Casey Guillory who led in last week's offense with 108 yards rushing and two touchdowns. They'll also find strength in J.R. Souza, a junior who rounded out scoring last week with a 77-yard run in the fourth quarter to finish with 83 total yards.

But the Mustangs have their own weapons on the field. Senior Brandon Sweeney came into his own last week with his first two touchdowns of the season. Junior Richie Storelee will again take the field tonight after his debut last week on the starting varsity lineup. He had a combined 184 yards rushing and receiving, including a 41-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter that gave his team the final margin of victory. The Mustangs made a solid statement with their 33-0 shutout over California, a comeback after the Foothill upset of two weeks ago: They're in this for the long run, and they don't plan to give up easily.

### Water polo

Monte Vista Girls water polo team squelched San Ramon Valley's reign in the pool last Thursday. The cross-town rivalry that has gone to the Wolves for the past three straight years, this time went to the Mustangs (10-1, 6-1 EBAL) in a 6-3 win. The Wolves (10-2, 5-1) had a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period but were unable to hold on for the win. Mustang goalkeeper Kerry Beeman recorded 11 saves. With the win, the Mustangs move into first place, nearly halfway through the season.

The boy's game, with its own history of rivalry, ended in a similar story of upset. But this time, it was San Ramon doing the upsetting. The Wolves, coming out of a five-game losing streak to the Mustangs,

dominated last Thursday with a 17-6 win after an early 4-0 run in the first period. The Mustangs' Charlie Steffens cut the Wolves' lead to within 2 at the start of the second but the Wolves continued to outscore. Leading the way was the Wolves' Taylor Herman, who scored seven goals.

### Girls tennis

San Ramon Valley Girls Tennis team moves into first place in EBAL after Tuesday's 6-3 win over Foothill. Foothill, undefeated until now, is bumped back down into the standings tied with Monte Vista, which lost earlier in the season to the Falcons. Foothill took the top three singles matches. However, San Ramon took the No. 4, No. 5 and No 6 singles spots and then swept the doubles play on Tuesday. The Wolves and Mustangs were scheduled to play each other earlier this week.

### Volleyball

Lauren Claybough had 20 kills for San Ramon Valley, while setter Carly Kenyon had 45 assists when they faced Amador Valley on the volleyball court last Thursday. Amy Mulligan had 11 kills and two blocks, while Amador had nine kills and four blocks, to give SRV another EBAL win to add to their undefeated record. The match went to five games. The Wolves dropped the first game, 26-28, but came back to win 25-15, 25-22, 23-15, 16-14.

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## Hotspurs champs again

The Danville Mustang Hotspurs Boys U-11 Soccer team won its second tournament in a row at the Hayward Classic, going 3-1 to capture the title. In their first game Saturday, Sept. 23, the boys came up against a tough Lamorinda squad and lost 1-0 but the squad rallied strong in the afternoon match and beat Napa United 4-0. A big offensive effort from Jeffrey Greenberg and Matthew Winaker (one goal and two assists each) coupled with strong play from Matt Peter (goal), John Wayland (goal) and Doug Strazza (assist) led the team to the win.



Mustang Hotspurs Boys U-11 Jordan Corral faces the Almaden Storm in the championship game at the Hayward Classic.

On Sunday morning, the boys faced a tough challenge. They had to shutout the Mill Valley Fusion by a score of 3-0 or greater to move to the championship game. The kids played one of the most inspired games of the year, shutting Mill Valley out 4-0. Camillo Von Haugwitz led the way on offense with two goals and an assist, and Jerry Karczewski and Cameron Lyall caused turmoil in front of the opponent's net all game, each netting a goal. The defense completely shut down some very talented Mill Valley players. Jordan Corral, George Waidelich and David

Griffith dominated the back line. Andrew Evans not only locked down a very fast winger, but added an assist on Lyall's goal as well.

With the momentum clearly on the Hotspurs' side, the team rolled to a 5-0 win in the championship match against the Almaden Storm. Goals and assists by five different players and another great defensive effort by Peter Tagliaferri and the back line totally neutralized any offensive attack by the Storm.

Goalie Andrew Ferber notched his third consecutive shutout (and his eighth out of the last 12 games) in securing the win and the championship trophy for the Hotspurs. ■

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### Friday, Oct. 13

**Football:** San Ramon Valley vs. Livermore, 7 p.m., Monte Vista vs. Amador, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Oct. 14

**Cross Country:** Valley Invite at Shadow Cliffs Park

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

**Girl Tennis:** San Ramon Valley at Livermore, 3:45 p.m., Monte Vista at Amador, 3:45 p.m.

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

**Girls Volleyball:** Monte Vista vs. San Ramon Valley, 6 p.m.

**Girls Golf:** San Ramon Valley vs. Foothill

#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

**Cross Country:** EBAL Center Meet #2 at Oak Hill Park

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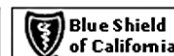
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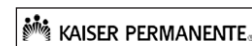
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# Finding friendship

*Dog leads newcomers to the Canine Corral—and camaraderie*

story and photos by Christina Straw

**W**e had no idea what we were getting into when we got Bodie. As a couple who were newly married and new residents of Danville, we were excited to add a four-legged addition to our household but got more than we bargained for.

Little did we know how much this yellow Lab would change our lives. Before she had turned a year old, Bodie had successfully eaten all of our sprinkler heads, which, of course, killed our lawn.

She cried throughout the night until one of us eventually broke down and put her at the bottom of our bed. She ate shoes, dug holes, devoured chocolate and, just when we thought we were incident-free, she ran through our sliding glass door at full speed.

We didn't think she would make it to her first birthday. Luckily she did, with a puppy smile and a trail of expensive vet bills and a re-landscaped back yard. Now she is 3.

When Bodie was about 5 months old, I started taking her to Danville's Hap Magee Ranch Park Canine Corral, an expanse of green grass and hillside where dogs can roam free to play, chase Frisbees and enjoy the sunshine. In other words, "dog heaven."

At Hap Magee I've gotten to know a close-knit crowd of people I never would have met were it not for my dog. What started as casual greetings turned into full blown conversations about anything and everything—from good restaurants in town to sports to real estate, our families and, of course, our dogs. I had just moved from San Francisco and my husband Matt from Sacramento, so we didn't know a soul in Danville. What turned



Dave Sweeney, owner of two spirited golden retrievers, greets Sadie at the Canine Corral.

into a sporadic activity for my dog became a standing date—every Friday at 4:30 p.m.

My dog became known as "Bad Bodie" and I was "Bad Bodie's owner." Like any embarrassed parent, I wanted my dog to have proper dog park manners but that proved difficult. She would bounce all over the place, run around with reckless abandon, lie in the water trough as if it were a hot tub, and, of course, beg for treats, which she still does to this day. Nothing like trying to smile and ignore your dog as she's kicking up mud and knocking over small children.

Before I knew it, Bodie and I were spending hours at the park in the evenings, enjoying the warm summer nights and great conversation. Vicki and Dennis Hughes were the first people I remember meeting. They have two chocolate labs, Rocky and Ruger. Their well behaved dogs entertain themselves by seeing who can catch the Frisbee first. Matt tells me that Bodie's "retriever" is broken, as she expresses no interest in returning balls or sticks while at the park (or anywhere else, for that matter). Vicki, a fiery redhead, has a contagious laugh, a great sense of humor and knows everyone at the park as well as their dogs. Dennis, aka "the dog whisperer," has a constant pack of four-legged fans following him around the park and he occasionally slips them treats. My dog is always first in line. We've become friends, and while at their house Vicki and Dennis' dogs have shared the family swimming pool with Bodie, improving her swim-

ming skills considerably even though we can't get her to jump off their diving board. Yet.

Cheryl Birnie, another dog park regular, is proud owner of Spike and Sadie—two Labradors who are always sporting the latest dog collar fashions. Sadie "the big fat lady"

loves to laze around on the grass (she's not much of a runner), while Spike chases tennis balls for hours, returning them to everyone BUT Cheryl. We talk about the latest movies we've seen, the best mystery books out, strange behaviors of dogs and their owners, and any other topic of the day.

"Over the last year and a half, we have experienced puppy births and dog and owner deaths. We've dog-sat for each other, attended one another's barbeques, and discussed treating different dog ailments."

On Friday afternoons, I rush home from work, drop my stuff, pack some snacks, grab the leash and dog, and head for the door. When I drive up to the dog park gate, Bodie gets jumpy with excitement as she sees other dogs and their owners approaching the park. These afternoons with friends are a perfect ending to a stressful week.

Dave and Lesley Sweeney always arrive at the park on Fridays with Jack and Bailey, two spirited golden retrievers. Lesley and Dave share stories about their two grown children and the joys and pains of a home remodel. Like the others, they love the sense of community at the park.

Bob West, who just turned 70, is as much of a character as his dogs, Mellie Kay and Koa. If Chewbacca were a dog (IS Chewbacca a dog?), he would be Koa, a Leonberger whose bark is much worse than his bite. Bob always looks forward to Friday nights at the park, when Hap Magee is bustling with



Leslie and regulars.

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Dave Sweeney and Cheryl Birnie are Hap Magee dog park

every breed imaginable and friends join him in a joke as the crowd of regulars grows bigger. Bob is our "Norm" from the television show "Cheers"—always see a friend as well as make a new one. and Chris Slye laugh and chat with the crowd and Chris Slye, their big, white Hungarian guard dog called a sits and enjoys the scenery. the last year and a half, we have experienced puppy and dog and owner deaths. We've dog-sat for each other's barbecues, and discussed treatment dog ailments. We've shared stories about our celebrated birthdays, recommended house painters and doctors to each other. The same kind of people do with children, except our "kids" happen to

row is the first Friday of October, and I'm hoping rain. I don't want to miss watching Bodie dash the lawn of Hap Magee toward a group of people and smile and greet us as we approach them. The same people and dogs who make us proud and happy to Danville. ■



Dennis Hughes, aka the "dog whisperer," indulges the dogs with treats. At top, Bodie and friends await their turn.

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## DOUBLETALK



Workshops help parents of twins survive the first overwhelming year

by Natalie O'Neill

Goodbye, social life. See you later, professional world.

Hello, dirty diapers. Nice to meet you, sleep deprivation.

For new mothers, the baby's first year can be taxing. For new mothers of twins, it's taxing—times two.

Fortunately for burnt out parents, one Alamo woman has put together Doubletalk, a workshop and discussion group for mothers of twins. In her workshops Karen Pollak, a mother of 10-year-old twins, tackles both the joy and exhaustion of having two new babies.

And, men, don't feel left out. Daddy Doubletalk workshops deal with problems specific to new fathers, too.

"New parents of twins can be like a deer in headlights ... Doubletalk helps them see there's a light at the end of the tunnel," Pollak said.

Without support and education, the first year of raising twins can be emotionally overwhelming and physically draining, she noted. In the weeks right after birth, twins require 22 feedings a day and usually aren't on the same sleeping schedule, which sets parents up for a lot of sleepless nights.

"You get a lot of support from other moms who are going through what you are. It reminds you that you're not crazy," said Danville participant Julie Corbett.

Corbett, who now has 4-year-old twins, said she learned to

accept help when it is offered and to set aside time for herself—for her own sanity.

The workshops offer tips and suggestions from people who have gone through twin troubles. For one, learning how to get twins on the same sleeping schedule, along with how to split the night shift between partners, helps parents get a good five hours of sleep every night.

The classes are for parents with babies under 1 year old, but Pollak also offers suggestions on what parents can do today to help twins be healthy and happy in the future. She cites small ways to enforce each twin's unique and separate

When Pollak's twins were young, she said finding a balance between enjoying her mommyhood and maintaining her professional and intellectual side was her biggest struggle.

"Having been a professional, it was like all of a sudden I was changing dirty diapers all day," she said, adding that being a parent is rewarding in a different way.

Female working professionals from Danville and Alamo often encounter the same challenge. It's a double-edged sword: Mothers might feel guilty for going back to work and leaving their kids, but they also might feel they've wasted their education and professional experience if they don't. Letting go of societal pressures and doing what feels best for the mother is most important, Pollak said.

Along with major life decisions, comes the stress on the husband-wife relationship, she said. This is another issue that Pollak can speak on from personal experience.

"My husband and I would go out to a nice dinner and realize we were talking about the color of our babies' poops!" she said, noting how twin-obsessed they both were during the first year.

Doubletalk may cater to mothers, but that doesn't mean it has forgotten about the fathers. Husbands need to address an entirely different set of issues, which is why Pollak began Daddy Doubletalk, workshops where fathers meet to spend time with their twins

and learn about twin-related issues.

The meetings happen Saturday mornings and are also aimed at giving moms some time to do something nice for themselves, "like sleep in, get a pedicure, or meet friends for coffee," Pollak said.

While the meetings tend to be much less about emotional bonding than the women's are, they serve a different purpose.

"The men don't sit and talk about their feelings, but they hear me speak and they feel validated," she said.

According to Pollak, men can often be nervous at first to go out alone with the twins. Attending the meetings with their twins gets them accustomed to doing so and is often the fathers' first solo outing with their babies.

Dads often talk about effects of "the second shift." This refers to the point in the evening when the husband returns from work and takes the twin "hand off" from the mother. Instead of relaxing after a day of work like he used to, it is now time for more work. And around 6 p.m., when he returns from work, is often the toughest time of the day.

*"You get a lot of support from other moms who are going through what you are. It reminds you that you're not crazy."*

Julie Corbett, Danville mother of 4-year-old twins

identity, starting from a young age.

"If you want to foster the twin relationship, you can't force the twin relationship," Pollak said. "The world lumps these kids together."

Women bring their babies to the workshops for eight weeks, where they sit around on quilts and talk about their experiences in a casual way. They cover issues like postpartum depression, when and if to go back to work, and difficulty with spousal relationships.



KAREN HENRICH, CUSTOM MOMENTS IN ALAMO

Karen Pollak, mother of 10-year-old twins, organized a recent picnic at Hap Magee Ranch Park for all the families of twins who have attended her Doubletalk workshops.

"We call it the 'witching hour,'" Corbett said, joking.

"(The babies) are tired but not tired enough to take a nap and they're hungry, but not hungry enough for dinner," she said.

Both fathers and mothers attended a Doubletalk reunion last month at Hap Magee Ranch Park to celebrate its five-year anniversary. More than 200 people showed up, most of them families of twins who had been through the program. The reunion gave seasoned parents a chance to reflect and gave new parents hope for the future, Pollak said.

The workshops are eight-week sessions and cost \$275 for parents with twins under six months and \$225 for parents with twins 6 months to 1 year old. For more information, visit [www.doubletalk-fortwins.com](http://www.doubletalk-fortwins.com). ■

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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

## Can you Julienne? Do you Amandine?

A reader recently suggested a column focused on cooking terms and I was eager to oblige. After all, most of us know our way around a kitchen but sometimes we don't even know what to call what we do. Given my years of organized cooking, I was surprised to learn the term "mise en place" earlier this year (Epicure, March 3, 2006). And throwing around a few French or Italian cooking terms will bring extra flair (and some added credibility) to your gourmet cooking efforts.

I'll cover cooking shortcuts and spices in future columns. For now, here's a little refresher on many commonly-used terms and tasks,

with a few foods in for good luck. I'm sure many will be very familiar to you while some you may have heard of and wondered about. Still others may be a downright mystery in your culinary database. Perhaps an unknown term will inspire you to try it in a recipe. Hopefully, the list will be worth a clip and a save. Voila!

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

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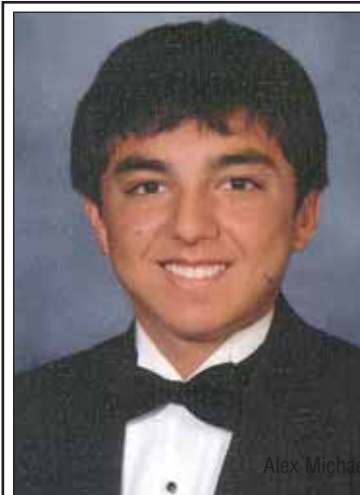
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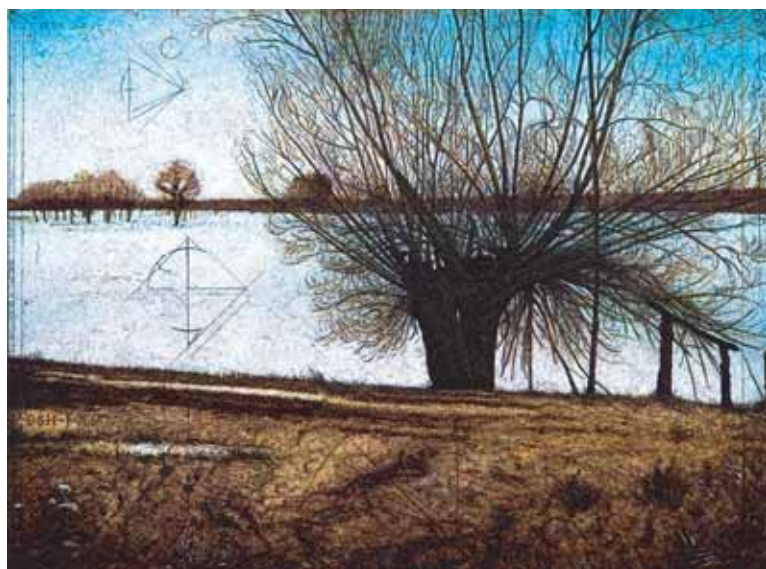
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# Epicure's Glossary of Culinary Terms

**Al dente** (al-den-tay) – Italian for “to the tooth;” describes the optimal texture of pasta (and risotto rice) of being soft on the outside but with resistance when bitten into

**Amandine** (a-mahn-deen) – Describes dishes served with whole or split blanched almonds

**Au jus** (oh-zhoo) – A French term meaning to serve a meat in its natural juices

**Baste** – To spoon stock or fat over meat at intervals to prevent it from drying out while cooking

**Beurre blanc** (brrr-blahnk) – French for “white butter;” a thick sauce of wine, vinegar and shallot reduction with butter whisked in, creating a thick smooth texture

**Blanch** – To plunge food in and out of boiling water briefly; used to par-cook, release peels, get rid of strong flavors, or preserve food colors and textures

**Bouquet garni** (bow-kay gar-nee) – A small bunch of herbs (usually parsley, bay leaf, celery or a leek tied with a string; used for flavoring soups, stews and stocks but removed before serving

**Braise** – To brown in fat, then cook, covered, in a small amount of liquid for a lengthy period over low heat to tenderize food and enhance flavor

**Brochette** (broa-shet) – A French term for skewering cubes of meat or fish and vegetables pushed onto a skewer, then grilled

**Canapes** (can-ah-pay) – The French word for sofa or settee; originally, canapés were made of little pastries or toasted bread for tasty morsels to sit on. Today, canapés are any bite-sized foods eaten with the fingers.

**Caramelize** (cara-mahl-eyes) – To heat sugar until it melts and resets as a hard glaze; cooking pieces of fruit or vegetables until they become brown and glazed

**Charcuterie** (char-cou-tear-ee) – A term for products traditionally sold by pork butchers or the store at which they are sold; includes pork meat, sausages, salami, and pates

**Clarify** – To cook butter until the water, milk solids and salt are removed, leaving pure butter fat. Ghee is a form of clarified butter used in Indian cookery.

**Coulis** (coo-lee) – A smooth, thick fruit or vegetable sauce made by puréeing or sieving the foods

**(en) Crôte** (ahn-kroot) – French for “crust;” en crôte refers to a food that is wrapped in pastry and baked

**Deglaze** – To add wine, stock or other liquid to a hot pan or roasting tin in which food has been roasted or sautéed. Use a wooden spatula to scrape all the tasty bits sticking to the bottom and sides of the pan and stir them into the juices. Reduce the liquid slightly and serve it with the food as a sauce or gravy.

**Demi-glace** (demi-glans) – Demi-glace sauce is a rich brown sauce often used by chefs. It's made from a reduction of clear stock and sauce espagnole—stock that has been thickened with a roux, diced vegetables and tomato purée—and is the basis for classic sauces

**Emulsify** – To combine fat (e.g., butter) with a liquid (e.g., stock) into a smooth blend using an emulsifier (e.g., egg yolk) to bind all ingredients and prevent them from separating. Hollandaise sauce is a classic emulsion.

**Fillet** (fee-lay) – A boneless, lean cut of meat, fish or poultry; the process of removing the bones

**Filo** (fee-low) – A Greek word meaning “leaf.” Multiple, thin layers of pastry dough used in sweet and savory preparations.

**Fines herbes** (feen-erb) – A blend of finely chopped herbs, usually including chives, parsley, tarragon, chervil and, at times, also marjoram, savory, watercress or burnet. They are not removed from the dish before serving.

**Fricassée** (freak-ah-say) – A creamy dish of chicken and vegetables, often served with rice

**Garam marsala** (gar-am-ah-sa-la) – A blend of up to 12 ground spices from the cooler climates of India; used to add “warmth” to dishes

**Herbes de Provence** (erb-de-pro-vavns) – A mixture of herbs that reflect the cuisine of southern France; used to flavor meats, poultry and vegetables

**Infuse** – To extract flavor from herbs, spices, tea or coffee by pouring in boiling water and allowing the water to adopt the flavor

**Julienne** (joo-lee-in) – Vegetables or other ingredients that are cut into thin matchsticks or very fine slices

**Knead** (need) – To work and stretch dough either by hand or using an appliance. Kneading softens and smoothes the dough, develops the gluten's elasticity, adds air and other ingredients evenly.

**A la Lyonnaise** (lee-ohn-aze) – Dishes featuring chopped onions cooked in butter and usually by adding vinegar and sprinkling with parsley

**Marinate** – To tenderize and add flavor to fish, meat or vegetables by soaking or steeping in a seasoned liquid (the marinade)

**Mince** – To cut food into very small pieces. Minced food is smaller than chopped food.

**Mise en place** (mees-un-plaus) – A French term meaning to prepare and organize all parts of a dish up to the cooking process

**Miso** (mee-so) – A fermented paste made from soy beans and rice, barley or rye, used in Japanese cooking

**Mousse** (moose) – A French word for “foam.” A light fluffy mixture, sweet or savory; served hot or cold. The airiness is created by whipped cream or egg-whites

**Muddle** (mud-dahl) – To crush or mash with a spoon or muddler

**Nouvelle cuisine** (nu-vel-qui-zeen) – Refers to the culinary style (post-1970s) of lighter, fresher foods in smaller portions compared to traditional French cooking

**(en) Papillote** (ahn-pap-ee-yoh) – A dish cooked in a parcel (e.g., parchment) that protects the food from the heat and holds in the aroma and flavor

**Parboil** – To partially cook by boiling first. Long-cooking foods (e.g., dry beans, rice) are parboiled, later finished as part of a larger dish or meal.

**Pareve** (pahr-uh-vuh) – Following Kosher rules, foods made without animal or dairy ingredients

**Paté brisée** (pat-tay-bree-zay) – A rich flaky dough used for pies, tarts, quiches, etc.

**Purée** (pure-ray) – To make a smooth sauce or paste of various ingredients by mashing, grinding or blending; a dish ren-

dered into a smooth consistency

**Quenelle** (qui-nell) – A finely minced fish or meat mixture formed into small portions, poached in stock. Also refers to a portion shape: a three-sided oval made by smoothing the mixture between two dessert spoons.

**Reduce** – To thicken or intensify the flavor of a liquid by boiling it so that it partially evaporates

**Roux** – A mixture of flour and melted butter cooked and browned in a pan and used as a thickener for sauces

**Sauté** (saw-tay) – To cook foods quickly in a pan over direct heat with a small portion of butter, oil or fat

**Score** – To make shallow diagonal or diamond-shaped cuts in meats in order to tenderize, release fats, enhance flavor or decorate

**Simmer** – To cook foods in liquid to slight bubbling (versus hard boiling)

**Soufflé** (soo-fly) – An airy mixture of egg-yolk sauce and stiffly beaten egg whites. Souffles can be hot or cold, sweet or savory and are usually complimented with a sauce.

**Slurry** – A thin water/flour paste added to soups stirred into hot stews, soups, sauces, etc., for thickening

**Tamari** (tah-mah-ree) – A soy sauce without wheat; dark in color with a deep flavor

**Tart tatin** (tar-ta-tan) – A classic French apple tart in which the fruit is cooked under the pastry but served with the fruit on top

**Torte** (tort) – A rich cake made with little flour but with eggs, sugar, nuts, bread, etc.

**Truffle** – A rare and highly-sought fungus, found in certain regions of France and Italy; used to add flavor to foods. Truffles are sniffed out by trained pigs and dogs. Also refers to a chocolate delight, usually filled with a flavored cream, shaped like a fresh black truffle.

**Vinaigrette** (vin-ah-gret) – French for “little vinegar.” A salad dressing of olive oil and wine vinegar, usually in a 3-parts oil—1-part vinegar ratio. Salt, pepper and other ingredients (e.g., honey, mustard, herbs) may be added.

**Whisk** – A utensil made of looped wires forming an open teardrop shape with a handle; used for whipping ingredients and blending in air.

**Wok** (wock) – A round-bottomed cooking utensil, used in Asian cooking, i.e., for stir-frying, deep-frying, steaming, stewing and braising.

**XOXO!** – Just checking to see if you read this far!

**Yeast** – A living fungus that regenerates in suitable conditions; a key ingredient for bread-making and brewing

**Zabaglione** (za-bag-loaney) – Similar to the French sabayon, a rich Italian dessert created by whisking egg yolks, sugar and Marsala wine over a gentle heat

**Zest** – The outermost layer of a citrus fruit excluding the white pith; the perfumy aroma adds flavor to many dishes

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# The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

## Teens fear being labeled 'lazy'

College application season is upon us. This stressful time begs us to consider the balancing act we students must perform as we are advised to make our course selection as carefully and as competitively as possible.

Back in the spring, many of us scribbled an extensive list of Advanced Placement classes to balance with the rest of our busy lives. In talking to local high school students, it seems that trying to meet the approval of a college admissions committee is becoming increasingly problematic.

"It seems like each year the pressure increases to take more and more weighted classes," said Cati Wuest, a San Ramon Valley High School junior. She is currently enrolled in four AP and one honors class. A lot of students don't even choose the AP class over general ed out of a genuine interest in the subject matter but because they have the mentality that "more is better." Often, the AP course is not even appropriate for the student pursuing it, but students think junior year means difficult classes, homework and standardized tests. While this is true, there is still a line between taking a rigorous but appropriate load and enrolling in classes out of reach.

San Ramon Valley High counselor Vivian Srouji said, "I have seen a student breeze through six AP classes before, but it's definitely not something we advise our students to do." This year, 472 out of 1,068 juniors and seniors (44 percent) at SRVHS are enrolled in at

least one AP class; 247 of those are enrolled in multiple AP classes.

Srouji went on to talk about the accumulating pressure on today's high school students. "A lot of the time, pressure comes from everywhere, not just one source; from parents, colleges and sometimes peers," she said. The need for students to feel accepted by their peers drives them to sign up for the "smart classes." Even parents often overlook the social and personal development of their child and view their student's class schedule as a "source of competition."

However, for some students, AP classes are the way to go. Many take AP classes for a healthy challenge and to avoid boredom in regular courses. Although, it does seem unlikely that almost half the upper-class population is ready for a college level course.

Colleges also stress the importance of getting involved in extracurricular activities and that good grades in hard classes alone don't translate to an acceptance letter. But adding activities students actually enjoy just increases stress, as there are not enough hours in a day for homework, playing a sport, practicing an instrument, volunteering and having a job—not to mention a social life. Realistically speaking, just how possible is it for today's teenagers to balance their class schedule, complete homework, partake in extracurricular activities, socialize (parents: this is, after all, important to teens), relax without accusations of laziness, and get into an ideal college

not completely burned out?

Where do personal time and self-discovery come into play? High school is a time when teenagers have gained an arguably fair share of independence and responsibility yet still have the comfort of living at home. It is also the time for getting to know yourself, your passions, likes and dislikes, building relationships, and for thinking about the future and making the choices that will shape it. But where is the time (or brain capacity for that matter) to focus on such important emotional factors with college admission to worry about? And what about simple relaxation?

SRVHS senior David Robinson says he "tries to reserve a little time every day to relax and avoid being bogged down with school stress, but fears being labeled lazy." Finding a happy medium seems to be the dilemma for a lot of students.

Today's students and parents should consider the whole person when making choices about their high school lifestyle so as not to miss out on the structuring of their personal character and the life learning important to their future. For one can only be educated by a book so far. Many life lessons must be learned outside the classroom.

*The 411 offers information and insight on the teen scene by Katharine O'Hara, a junior at San Ramon Valley High School who spends her free time going to concerts, enjoying her friends, and playing the piano.*

## Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE



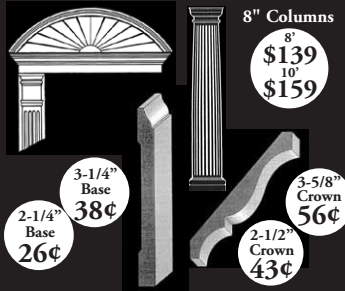
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# Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Art

### Third Annual Fine Art Show

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art presents its Third Annual Fine Art Show from Oct. 14-28, at Bank of America, 110 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. An opening reception will take place 12:30-1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14. Bring a dish to share. Artists may submit their two best paintings from 2:30-5:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 13, at the side entrance of the bank. Call 837-5654.

## Author Visits

### Lissa Rovetch

Rakestraw Books will host Lissa Rovetch, author of "Hot Dog And Bob And the Seriously Scary Attack of the Evil Alien Pizza Person," at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Class reservations are essential, call 837-7337.

### Mimi Luebberman

Rakestraw Books will host an Heirloom Tomato Luncheon with Mimi Luebberman by celebrating her publication of "The Heirloom Tomato Cookbook" at noon, Friday, Oct. 13, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Cost is \$15, reservations are required by calling 837-7337.

### Paul Zelinsky

Rakestraw Books will host Caldecott Medal-winning illustrator Paul Zelinsky at 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Class reservations are essential. Call 837-7337.

### Todd Parr

Rakestraw Books will host Todd Parr, author of "The Giant Book of Friendship Fun!" at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Class reservations are essential. Call 837-7337.

## Clubs

### Alamo Women's Club

This club will host a special speaker, Denise Jardine, N.E. at noon,

Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Cost is \$15 and reservations must be made by Monday, Oct. 23. Call Helen at 820-2621.

### Blue Star Moms

This group will be hosting a "Drop Zones" event to accept items for care packages to send to the troops for the holidays, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at Danville Veteran's Memorial Building, 400 Hartz Ave. For information, visit [www.bluestarmoms.org](http://www.bluestarmoms.org).

### Danville Women's Club

This club will host Olga Jones, Foreman of the Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury, for a luncheon at noon, Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Clubhouse, 242 Linda Mesa. Guests are welcome. Call 837-7528.

### Diablo Bonsai Club

This club will host a lecture and workshop on planting and raising Bonsai Trees from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Heather Farm Garden Center, Large Upper Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 736-9157.

### San Ramon Valley Democratic Club

Looking for great conversation or interesting political speakers? This club hosts a variety of events and will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at Mudd's Restaurant, 10 Boardwalk Place, San Ramon. Guest speaker will be Margie Ensign. For information, call Peggy at 838-7238.

### Tri-Valley Writers

This club will host a writing workshop, Lesson in Punctuation, by Robyn Orsini of Editcetera followed by a luncheon from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at Girsole Grille, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Cost for the workshop is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members; cost for the luncheon is \$18 for members, \$25 for non-members. For information, e-mail [fnorman300@aol.com](mailto:fnorman300@aol.com).

## Concerts

### 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.dlra.org](http://www.dlra.org).

## Events

### Brass Era Cars

Blackhawk Museum in collaboration with The Horseless Carriage Club of America will host "Brass Era Cars" from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 14, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 736-2280.

### Ceremony Honoring Art Leaders

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

### Children's Fall Fest

Town of Danville will host the Children's Fall Fest from 4-6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Preregistration is \$5 for residents, \$6 for non-residents. The day will include arts, crafts, face painting and more! Danville Police Department will also host an hour of free Halloween activities from 3-4 p.m. Call 314-3477.

### Contra Costa Coin Show

Diablo Numismatic Society and Concord Boy Scout Troop #465 will host this coin show from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, at Concord Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue. Cost is \$2. Call 351-7605 or email [greenwj@aol.com](mailto:greenwj@aol.com).

### 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 and beverages! Call 837-4400 or visit [www.danvillecchamber.com](http://www.danvillecchamber.com).

### Emergency Preparedness Fair

Town of Danville and the Church of

## WEEKEND PREVIEW



NATALIE O'NEILL

## Fine Art Show in Alamo

Beth Batchelor (left) and Ida Farese show a poster from the Danville Alamo Artists' Society they formed in 1977, in anticipation of the Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art's third annual Fine Art Show from Oct. 14-28 at Bank of America in Alamo Plaza. An opening reception will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, with Danville Mayor Karen Stepper presenting awards to the artists. Ten percent of the proceeds from the sale of paintings will benefit the fine art classes and scholarship program. Call Beth Batchelor at 837-5654.

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host an Emergency Preparedness Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at 655 Old Orchard Road, Danville. This event is free and will include booths demonstrating water and food storage, 72-hour kits and more. For information, call David at 743-3300.

### Plaque Dedication

San Ramon Valley Historical Society will be celebrating its 19th Plaque Dedication at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, at 279 Front St., near where the Danville Grammar School stood in

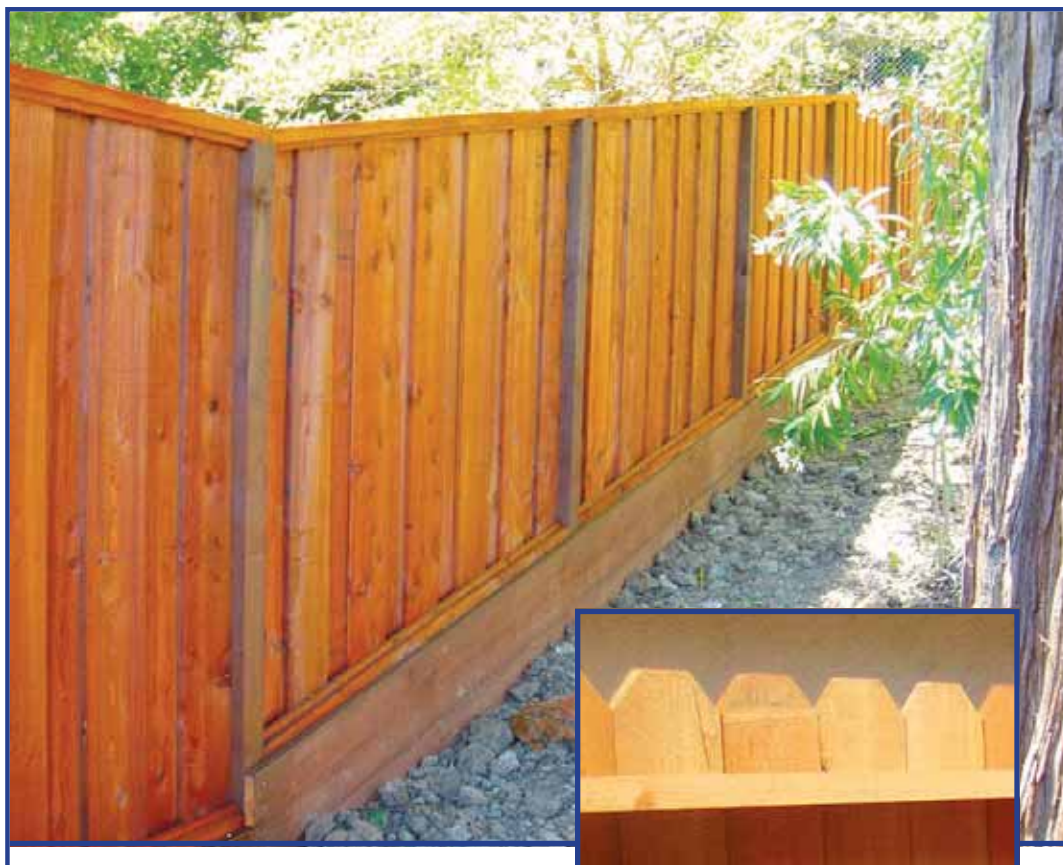
the mid 1800s. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served. Call 837-4458.

### Walking Tour of Historic Danville

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

### WineTasting Party

WineSocials.com presents a WineTasting Party from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20, at Joe's of



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Lafayette, 3707 Mount Diablo Blvd. Cost is \$20 in advance; \$30 at the door. The night will include music, wine and appetizers. Call 945-8340 or visit [www.winesocials.com](http://www.winesocials.com).

## Fundraisers

### A Woman's a-Fair

This is the perfect opportunity to explore, discover and shop at "A Woman's a-Fair" from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd. Cost is \$35 for general admission, \$75 for general admission and fashion show luncheon. Proceeds will benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity. Bring an accessory, jewelry, scarf or handbag to benefit the organization. Call 946-1013.

### Breast Cancer Benefit

Living Proof Prevention presents Breast Cancer Benefit concert from 1-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Road, Livermore. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults, \$8 for children; tickets at the door are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children. Call (888) 408-4384.

### Cinderella Soiree

Ever dreamt of being Cinderella for an evening? Diablo Ballet will host "Cinderella Soiree" at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20, at Clarissa's Bridal Salon, 1424 Main St., Walnut Creek. Proceeds will benefit Diablo Ballet's Dance Development Educational Outreach Program. Tickets are \$50. Call 943-1775.

### Fall Orchid Festival Show and Sale

The Diablo View Orchid Society is presenting its show and sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, and 10 a.m.-4

p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive. There will be displays, sales, drawings and a plant doctor, plus potting and culture demonstrations each day at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

### Let's Make Magic Gala

Magic will be in the room when Doug McConnell of Bay Area Backroads will emcee "Let's Make Magic" gala at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. The night will include cocktails, silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation. Cost is \$175. Call 887-5676.

### One Warm Coat

Celebrate the 11th anniversary of "Protection from the Cold" with San Ramon Valley Rotary Club and donate a coat, sweater or blanket from Oct. 16-Dec. 16. There are various drop off

locations in Danville including: Heritage Bank, 310 Hartz Ave.; Pascal's Cafe, 155 Railroad Ave.; or ReMax Accord, 313 Sycamore Valley Drive West. For information, call Larry at 200-7640 or Dany at 838-9110.

### Rummage Sale

Valley Parent Preschool will host a Rummage Sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at the preschool, 935 Camino Ramon, Danville. Items will be priced to move and all proceeds will benefit the preschool. Call Dorothy at 867-0741.

### 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 costume rentals available 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.

### USS Hornet Golf Tournament

The museum will host a golf tournament and dinner with a live auction from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 6, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. Cost is \$250 for golf and dinner, \$75 for dinner only. Visit [www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org).

## Health

### 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 Ave., Walnut Creek. The workshop will teach you about remedies that can minimize side effects from treatments. This event is free




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**Get Lean at Lunch**

Dan Taylor of TriValleyTrainer.com will host "Get Lean at Lunch" with free tips and healthy eating ideas from noon-1 p.m., Thursdays during the month of October, at San Ramon Whole Foods, 100 Sunset Drive, San Ramon. These events are free. Call 413-2268 or email dan@trivalley-trainer.com.

**Health and Wellness Day**

Danville-Alamo Branch of American Association of University Women will host Health and Wellness Day at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, at Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a healthy salad to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Call Marcia at 944-5173.

**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 Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

**Holidays**

**Fright Night**

Bring your family to Fright Night including haunted house tours, outside crafts and activities for all ages from 5-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at Greenbrook Elementary School, 1531 St. Helena Drive, Danville. Advance tickets are 12 for \$10; \$1 each at the door. Call 831-8591.

**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**

**Art of Henna Teen Workshop**

Friends of the Danville Library will host Darcy Van Gelder of the Henna Lounge who will talk about the history, culture and art of henna at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Danville Library, 400 Front St. Registration is required for this event by calling 837-4889.

**Bicycle Rodeo**

Danville Police Department will host another Bicycle Rodeo from 2:45-3:45 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Charlotte Wood Elementary, 300 Greenbrook Drive, Danville. Call 314-3410.

**Video Contest**

Street Smarts is looking for middle school students in the San Ramon Valley area to create a 60-second (or less) commercial for the traffic theme "Driving Distractions." The deadline is at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27. For information, call 314-3382 or visit www.streetSMARTS-srv.com.

**When Mom or Dad Has Cancer**

The Wellness Community presents Kids Circle and Teen Talk, "When Mom or Dad Has Cancer" from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

**Lectures/ Workshops**

**Love 'Em or Lose 'Em**

Mt. Diablo Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development presents "Love 'Em or Lose 'Em: The Leader's Role in Retention and Engagement" from 5:30-8:15 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Cost is \$25 for members;

\$35 for non-members. Call (510) 668-1617.

**'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.

**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.

**Literary Events**

**Author of 'Shattered Air'**

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

**Miscellaneous**

**Container for Guatemala**

Father Frank's Kids Inc., an organization that supports "Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos" (Our Little Brothers and Sisters), is seeking donations of clothing, household items, toiletries, and school, sport, and medical supplies, by Sunday, Oct. 15, at the old convent at St. Isidore's, 445 La Gonda Way, Danville. Call Ann at 743-1935.

**On Stage**

**'Cyrano de Bergerac'**

San Ramon Valley High School presents "Cyrano de Bergerac" at 7 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Oct. 19-20; 2:30 and 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, in their Performing Arts Center, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Advance tickets are \$8; \$10 at the door. Call 989-4402.

**'Last of the Red Hot Lovers'**

Role Players Ensemble Theatre will offer "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" by Neil Simon and directed by Scott Fryer until Nov. 4. Tickets are \$18-24 and can be purchased at the Community Center, 420 Front St., Danville or by visiting www.danville-theatre.com.

**'Tuesdays with Morrie'**

Center Repertory Company presents "Tuesdays with Morrie" from Oct. 19-24, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14-28. For performance times, call 295-1400 or visit www.dlrca.org.

**'Ume: Ties to the Past'**

Na Hula 'O Moku'aina, a Danville-based Polynesian performance arts company, will perform "Ume: Ties to the Past" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, at Chabot College Performing Arts Center, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward. Cost is \$20 for adults; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for children 12 years and younger. Visit www.motuaina.com.

**Political Notes**

**School Board Forum**

San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs is hosting a forum for candidates running for the School Board of the San

Ramon Valley Unified School District, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Monte Vista High School, 3131 Stone Valley Road, Danville. All are welcome; bring your questions.

**Spiritual**

**Holy Covergence Interfaith Festival**

Come and celebrate the convergence of holy days that brings interfaith communities together, from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara Road, Danville. Call 648-7000.

**Support Groups**

**ClutterLess Self Help Group**

Is clutter stressing you out? This

group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every Monday (except on a holiday) at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Call 297-9246 or 426-5311.

**Volunteering**

**Lindsay Wildlife Museum**

The museum will host two volunteer classes that will provide information about the ways people can get involved in the work of the museum and how you can help wildlife. Classes are from 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25 and from 3-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4. Call 935-1978, ext. 413.

**Make a Difference**

Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living (RCJL) in Danville provides assisted living, Alzheimer's and skilled nursing care in a community our resi-

dents call home. Volunteers play a key role at RCJL and opportunities are available for students and adults. For information, call Volunteer Coordinator Irma at 964-2098.

**Rides for Seniors in Lafayette**

Rides for Seniors, based in Lafayette, is looking for volunteers (25 years and older) to allow seniors "to age in place" in their homes and be safe when transported to a doctor appointment or grocery shopping. If you are available for a couple of hours periodically, call 284-6699. Fingerprinting and DMV background check required.

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue**

The Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will host two new volunteer orientations from 1-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, and Sunday, Oct. 22, at the shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin. call 426-2472 or e-mail Cathy at calicocathy@yahoo.com.

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**PLEASANTON, 2140 Tanager Ct (near Santa Rita/Mohr), 10/14, 8-4**  
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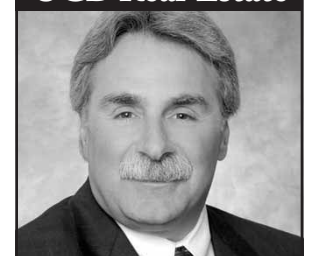
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### Alamo

#### 3 Bedrooms

<b>134 Canyon Vista</b> Sun 1-4	Blackhawk RE	<b>\$1,175,000</b> 217-7051
<b>266 Stone Valley Wy.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,249,000</b> 838-4300
<b>3157 Miranda Ave.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,349,950</b> 855-4159
<b>41 S. Via Lucia Ln.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,599,000</b> 838-4300

#### 4 Bedrooms

<b>155 Wilson Rd.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,249,000</b> 368-8667
<b>1484 Emmons Canyon Dr.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,299,000</b> 330-1350
<b>1606 Litina Ln.</b> Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,595,000</b> 323-6735
<b>2051 Pebble Dr.</b> Sun 1-4	Empire	<b>\$1,595,000</b> 217-5030
<b>46 Vista Ln.</b> Sun 1:30-4	Intero	<b>\$1,659,000</b> 672-2499

#### 5 Bedrooms

<b>61 Vista Ln.</b> Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,698,000</b> 876-6935
<b>1427 Vine Ln.</b> Sun 1-4	Empire	<b>\$2,995,000</b> 217-5030
<b>430 Via Del Rey</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$3,395,000</b> 838-4300

### Blackhawk

#### 3 Bedrooms

<b>174 Oakridge Dr.</b> Sun 1-4	MVP RE	<b>\$1,035,000</b> 415-505-3330
<b>3195 Blackhawk Meadow Dr.</b> Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	<b>\$1,189,000</b> 683-6058
<b>11 Deer Meadow Ct.</b> Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	<b>\$1,259,000</b> 736-4155

#### 4 Bedrooms

<b>3551 Deer Crest Dr.</b> Sun 1:30-4	Intero	<b>\$1,399,000</b> 510-612-8008
<b>5216 Blackhawk Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4	Re/Max	<b>\$1,595,000</b> 699-9099
<b>5098 Blackhawk Dr.</b> Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,898,000</b> 323-6735
<b>34 Magnolia Pl.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,995,000</b> 683-9799
<b>5400 Blackhawk Dr.</b> Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	<b>\$2,350,000</b> 683-6058

#### 5 Bedrooms

<b>26 Bormio Ct.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,355,000</b> 648-5338
<b>5078 Blackhawk Dr.</b> Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,749,000</b> 876-6935

### Danville

#### 2 Bedrooms

<b>472 Sycamore Cir.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$494,500</b> 413-1068
<b>441 Sycamore Cir.</b> Sun 1-4	Re/Max	<b>\$529,000</b> 858-9365
<b>2198 Shoshone Cir.</b> Sun 1-4	Empire	<b>\$649,500</b> 984-1787
<b>2200 Oneida Cir.</b> Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	<b>\$660,000</b> 577-5510
<b>472 Sycamore Cir.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$794,500</b> 413-1068

#### 3 Bedrooms

<b>5032 Lakeview Dr. #201</b> Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	<b>\$529,900</b> 209-7498
<b>440 Sycamore Cir.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$537,500</b> 413-1068
<b>4 Danville Oak Pl.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$599,000</b> 413-1068
<b>154 Lawnview Cir.</b> Sun 1-4	Better Homes	<b>\$599,550</b> 389-0618
<b>677 Doral Dr.</b> Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	<b>\$699,000</b> 791-2558
<b>56 Summer Hill Ct.</b> Sun 1-4	Pacific Union GMAC	<b>\$750,000</b> 314-4805
<b>812 Luz Ct.</b> Sun 2-4	Pacific Union	<b>\$755,000</b> 314-4803
<b>186 Tivoli Ln.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$759,000</b> 413-1068
<b>1148 River Rock Ln.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$787,000</b> 855-4075
<b>1354 Fountain Springs Cir.</b> Sat 1-4	Re/Max	<b>\$819,000</b> 858-9365
<b>111 Lomitas Dr.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$869,000</b> 838-5700
<b>40 Casablanca</b> Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	<b>\$879,000</b> 209-7498

#### 4 Bedrooms

<b>389 Squirrel Ridge Wy.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,024,000</b> 833-1822
<b>55 Paraiso Ct.</b> Sat 1-4	Coldwell Banker	<b>\$1,095,000</b> 362-2097
<b>65 Crestridge Ct.</b> Sun 1-4	Empire	<b>\$1,185,000</b> 623-6234
<b>1144 Trowbridge Wy.</b> Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	<b>\$1,189,000</b> 876-6935
<b>1116 Blue Spur Cir.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,195,000</b> 855-4110
<b>705 Mistral Ct.</b> Sun 1-4	Re/Max	<b>\$1,199,000</b> 943-3333
<b>1001 Horizon Ct.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,299,000</b> 963-6300
<b>250 Tim Ct.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4	Better Homes	<b>\$1,629,000</b> 389-0618
<b>11 Jillian Wy.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$1,789,000</b> 818-4078
<b>3354 Deer Hollow Dr.</b> Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	<b>\$2,100,000</b> 389-0425
<b>132 Blackhawk Club Ct.</b> Sun 1:30-4	Blackhawk RE	<b>\$2,595,000</b> 683-0488
<b>114 Center Ct.</b> Sun 2-4	Re/Max	<b>\$849,000</b> 323-1063
<b>1763 St. Helena Dr.</b> Sat/Sun 2-5	Coldwell Banker	<b>\$889,000</b> 362-2061
<b>900 El Capitan</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$997,000</b> 788-6155
<b>50 Normandy Ct.</b> Sun 1-4	Empire	<b>\$TBD</b> 785-2900

#### 5 Bedrooms

<b>16 Pine Valley Pl.</b> Sun 1:30-4	Intero	<b>\$1,459,000</b> 487-6211
<b>60 MacKenzie Pl.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4	Empire Realty	<b>\$1,475,000</b> 389-0489
<b>151 Golden Hills Ct.</b> Sun 1-4	Empire	<b>\$1,550,000</b> 217-3108
<b>18 Discovery Ct.</b> Sun 1-4	Re/Max	<b>\$1,595,000</b> 943-3333
<b>112 Laurelwood Dr.</b> Sun 2-6	Intero	<b>\$2,199,000</b> 977-8965
<b>152 Blackstone Dr.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$955,000</b> 253-7051
<b>54 St. Luke Ct.</b> Sun 1-4	Intero	<b>\$990,000</b> 855-4060

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**729 Sweetwater Dr.** **\$999,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 323-6735

### 6 Bedrooms

**1357 Lawrence Rd.** **\$2,749,000**  
Sun 2-5 Intero 855-4159

### Dublin

### 2 Bedrooms

**7829 Tuscany Dr.** **\$475,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

### Livermore

### 3 Bedrooms

**359 Kensington Cmn.** **\$599,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3834

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**5709 Edelweiss** **\$799,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3834

### Pleasanton

### 2 Bedrooms

**1650 Calle Santa Anna** **\$525,000**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA Realty 734-5094

### 3 Bedrooms

**7246 Valley View Ct.** **\$619,000**  
Sun 1-4 Intero 413-1068

**5551 Sonoma Dr.** **\$638,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3800

**4597 Carver Ct.** **\$679,950**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

**4719 Golden Rd.** **\$759,950**  
Sun 1-4 Allied Brokers 846-3755

### 4 Bedrooms

**4676 Jefferson Ct.** **\$657,000**  
Sat 1-4 Re/Max 730-1668

**5553 Black Ave.** **\$780,000**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA Realty 734-5094

**5287 Crestline Wy.** **\$829,900**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA Realty 734-5094

### San Ramon

### 2 Bedrooms

**136 Canyon Lakes Wy.** **\$1,149,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 621-4090

**1171 San Ramon Valley Blvd.** **\$469,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Remax 323-2800

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

### 3 Bedrooms

**117 Enchanted Wy.** **\$683,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3366

**2145 Watermill Rd.** **\$714,950**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 216-2283

**775 Winterside Cir.** **\$719,000**  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4110

**209 Westvale Ct.** **\$724,950**  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4022

**2450 Milford Dr.** **\$759,900**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 336-6377

### 4 Bedrooms

**2906 Morgan Dr.** **\$1,035,000**  
Sat 1-4 Intero 855-4159

**604 Vine Hill Ln.** **\$1,155,000**  
Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822

**718 Bowen Ct.** **\$1,168,850**  
Sun 1-5 Empire 217-3112

**11 Henry Ranch Dr.** **\$1,459,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-5 All CA Brokerage 699-7955

**22 Diamond Ranch Ct.** **\$1,579,950**  
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 577-4165

**773 Winterside Cir.** **\$699,000**  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4110

**411 Ventura Pl.** **\$724,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 362-2061

**448 Santander Dr.** **\$779,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 362-2061

**2815 Moorilla Ln.** **\$799,500**  
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