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Michael Hock

manager of software development



Mostly my focus has been on food storage but I'm not so prepared in other areas. That's why I'm here. I'm trying to get motivated.

Tammy Rowan

nursing student, Red Cross volunteer



Halfway. We have quite a bit of food although it's not in a central location, except for a first aid kit. We will get our 72-hour kits.

Elaine Lazo

retired teacher



We have enough food for everyone. We're getting prepared with a backpack with clothes and water. In school they tell us it's important to be prepared.

Lynne Lazo

fifth-grader at Vista Grande Elementary



We're about 70 percent prepared. We have flashlights, extra propane, some water. We have quite a bit of food. I have a 50-gallon drum for water in the back yard but haven't filled it yet. I've gotten ideas here and got my children fingerprinted.

Brad Edgren

manager

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ It was sort of hard to dive in. ”

—Forrest White, 9, talking about the cold water in the Bay when he swam from Tiburon to Angel Island.
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Fall festival this weekend in Danville

Celebrate the changing seasons with a costume parade, local art and musical performances at the Danville Fall Crafts Festival this weekend, Oct. 21-22. The 15th annual festival, hosted by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, has served as a gathering place for more than 50,000 people in past years. The kids costume parade will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday and will give youngsters a chance to trick or treat and get excited about the big night.

For adults, the town is offering a chance to stroll the streets of Danville and admire art and music in a quaint autumn setting. Artists will display vibrant paintings, intricate glass works, jewelry, woodcarvings and photographs. Some participants use it as a chance to get started on their holiday shopping. Chamber booths will sell alcoholic beverages, and stages have performances for the world music that will be showcased, including Latin, Italian and Native American bands.

Essay winners awarded

The Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley announced this month that Laura Ashton from Los Cerros Middle School and Richard Bogolub from Monte Vista High School won first prize for a 9/11 remembrance essay contest. The subject of the essays was “How the September 11th Ceremony at Oak Hill Park Impacted Me,” and winners from high schools and middle schools were chosen.

The students read their essays and collected their \$100 prize at a club luncheon at Faz in Danville, and awards were presented by Mayor Karen Stepper and Essay Contest Chairman Wayne Rice. The award presentations were followed by a speech from Mark Curtis, KTVU 2 News Anchor and Danville resident.

Peace Lutheran hosting celebration

An interfaith festival for families will be held at Peace Lutheran Church at 3201 Camino Tassajara Road in Danville on Sunday, Oct. 22. The second annual Holy Convergence will have more than 20 faith communities and local organizations coming and celebrating together from 2-5 p.m. The event will include multicultural food, ethnic musical performances, dialogue about different theologies and perspectives, and children's activities such as face painting and a blessing of pets.

The Holy Convergence started last year because several religious holidays such as Ramadan, Rosh Hashana and All Saints Day occurred during the same month, and organizers thought it would be fruitful if the different religions came together, said the Rev. Laura Barnes, chairwoman of this year's Holy Convergence. Organizers are expecting 400.

“The convergence symbolizes our desire to come together as a global village,” said Barnes, associate minister of the Danville Congregational Church. “We feel that inter-religious dialogue is the pathway to peace.”

Medical center to give free flu shots

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will provide free flu vaccination shots for those over 50 on Friday, Oct. 27. Seniors 65 and older will be given first priority, from 9-11 a.m.; from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. vaccinations will be available for any adult over 50. The vaccinations will be given at the south conference room at 7777 Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon and no reservations are needed. For special services or driving directions, call 275-8230.

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Hens, but not roosters, considered for lots in Danville

Town Planning Commission working on updated residential ordinance

by Jordan M. Doronila

Hens in Danville? The Town Planning Commission conducted a public hearing earlier this month to update Danville's single family residential ordinance, including allowing up to six hens on 15,000-square-foot properties.

The commissioners are in the process of updating the requirements for building a single-family home or make additions to an existing one in Danville.

"It's outdated," said Catarina Kidd, project planner of the Town Planning Division. "We received feedback from the community. It isn't clear."

Commissioners discussed new requirements for a home's design review for additions and extensive remodeling in established single-family residential neighborhoods.

The commissioners also plan to clarify how builders could add portable storage sheds and pool houses, fences and retaining walls, and on-site parking and garages.

In addition, the update would allow a limited number of hens at single-family homes on 15,000-square-foot lots. Previously, property owners could only have hens on larger lots. Now, they can have up to six hens, no roosters and the hens must be in coops.

The updated ordinance would make it easier to add second units in accordance with the state's second dwelling requirements. It would allow the Danville Planning Division to approve units that have 750 square feet

or less of living space with heating and air conditioning, which would help provide affordable housing.

In addition, the updates include new language saying that fences and retaining walls do not qualify as accessory structures.

The old ordinance for single-family residences originated before the town was incorporated in 1982 and the county supervised Danville, Kidd said. Since then, the town has adopted the county code pertaining to building or

making additions to single-family homes.

The new changes in the ordinance will go through a second hearing by the Planning Commission at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24. When their changes are finalized, the proposed updated ordinance will go to the Town Council for adoption.

For more information about the changes in the single-family ordinance, visit the town's Web site: www.ci.danville.ca.us/default.asp?serviceID=419&Frame=L1. ■

Bid awarded for new gym, classroom building

Measure A work continues at San Ramon Valley High School

by Jordan M. Doronila

Work is starting on a new gymnasium and a two-story classroom building at San Ramon Valley High School.

The School Board awarded the bid last month to West Coast Contractors to start building a new auxiliary gymnasium and a two-story classroom at the school. The facilities are Measure A projects, and they are scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2008.

The estimated cost of the project is \$16.9 million, said district spokesman Terry Koehne. The project is part of the first of a three-phase plan to renovate the school campus.

"We think facilities are tied closely to the learning environment—students learn better in a nicer environment," said Rich Lowell, the district's director of facilities development. "It's bringing the school up to date to the latest technology."

The gymnasium will have one full basketball court with two side courts, a girls' locker room, a girls'

team room for sports, a fitness/weight room, an aerobics/wrestling room, a dance room, restrooms and physical education offices.

The gym will be a one-story, 16,000-square-foot tilt-up concrete building. There will be pathways surrounding it, Lowell said.

The two-story classroom building will house standard classrooms and computer labs.

The gym and the classroom building are the second part of phase one, Lowell said. The first phase involved finishing the library and commons area. The plan will also include finishing the career technology building, which would have mechanics, wood and metal shop, and computer design classes.

Lowell said breaking up the school's renovation projects allows students to continue studying on campus while construction is taking place.

"You want to minimize the impact on the students and the operation of the school," he said.

District officials will also discuss modernizing the main gym, which is in the school's master plan.

All Measure A construction is scheduled to be finished by 2010. ■

Kiwanis turns 50

Club to host year of celebrations

The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley kicked off a year-long celebration of its 50th anniversary Oct. 5 at Round Hill Country Club, with the installation of its new officers for 2006-07.

The Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley was chartered in September 1956 and serves the communities of Alamo, Danville, San Ramon, Blackhawk, Diablo

and the Tassajara Valley. In the past year, members contributed more than 2,000 hours of service. Major service projects include:

- Sponsoring the annual Danville 4th of July Kiwanis Parade since 1975, which currently draws 30,000 to 40,000 people, making it the region's largest single day event.
- Establishing a Grant Program in

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Getting prepared

Thomas Rainsford, 22 months, and his mom Anna smile out of a fire engine at dad Nick while attending the Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday. The equipment from Station 31 in Danville was part of many displays in the parking lot at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Old Orchard Road, along with other emergency services and mobile pet licensing with shots and microchip implanting for \$20. Below, Ron Delucchi explains how to act after a disaster, at a PG&E booth. Others sold 72-hour food kits and told about emergency communication while volunteers from the Danville Police Department fingerprinted children. The fair was sponsored by the Danville Stake of the church and the Town of Danville. Organizer Jim Greenan said the church's philosophy is to take care of their neighbors, and they like to share their expertise in food and water storage. More than 2,000 people attended the fair, and Greenan hopes to hold another one next year in San Ramon.



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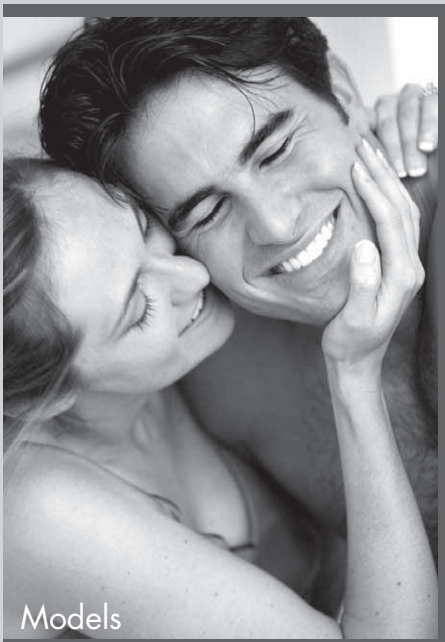
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Stepper urges No on Prop. 90

Tri-Valley mayors criticize Nov. 7 ballot measure

by Jeb Bing

Danville Mayor Karen Stepper has joined mayors in four neighboring cities to urge voters to reject Proposition 90, a measure on the Nov. 7 ballot that would affect eminent domain actions by state and local governments.

Speaking at the recent Tri-Valley Mayors Summit at Wente Bros. Winery, Stepper warned that Prop. 90 would amend the state constitution to limit government authority to take ownership of private property. Cities such as Danville already are required to compensate property owners at a fair market value set by independent appraisers for any land acquired for community improvements.

Prop. 90, however, would increase those requirements, adding to those eligible for compensation any nearby property owners who believe they have occurred economic losses as a result of the acquisition.

"We don't take anyone's land without paying the fair market value," Stepper said. "But Prop. 90 would add a new requirement that we have to also pay those outside of the land acquisition area. Right now, if we needed land to extend a freeway or Highway 4, we have a pretty good idea of what it would cost. Under the rules imposed by Prop. 90, we would have no way of projecting costs or paying for those additional claims."

Stepper agreed with Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, who warned that "if Prop. 90 passes, virtually all development will stop."



The Tri-Valley Mayors Summit at Wente Vineyards included (l-r) Danville Mayor Karen Stepper, San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson, Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman.

"That's because cities would have to pay outlandish sums to adjacent property owners who could claim that their property values would be reduced," he said. "No matter what your perception is of this proposition, it would be a bad law."

"We know there are issues with eminent domain and its use, and sometimes its mis-use, but this proposition goes far beyond those concerns," added Mayor Jennifer Hosterman of Pleasanton. "It would essentially allow a developer to make a claim to the city that if developable properties that the city would not rezone or want to see developed, that city would then have to pay for any losses incurred by those decisions."

The mayors forum drew a luncheon crowd of more than 200 and was sponsored by the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and the Chambers of Commerce from Danville, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon.

Other mayors at the summit were Janet Lockhart of Dublin and H. Abram Wilson of San Ramon.

Stepper praised the work of the CVB, announcing that not only has Danville become an active member of the organization but that the city will work increasingly in partnership with the other four cities on

mutual concerns, including traffic, housing and business retention and recruitment.

"Transportation funding and improvements in this Valley require a partnership," Stepper said.

Kamena quipped that perhaps the area should be renamed "quint-Valley."

Traffic woes, both within cities and on the I-680 and 580 freeways, were viewed as the major problems facing the five municipalities. The five recently joined hands with officials from Alameda and Contra Costa counties to seek state and federal funds that are often doled out to combined districts.

Stepper and Wilson said Danville and San Ramon are currently working with Caltrans to add auxiliary carpool lanes on I-680 and on increasing bus transportation between their two cities and new housing developments.

The mayors also joined in their support of efforts by the convention bureau to promote the Livermore Wine Country. Stepper said her daughter was married at Wente Bros. a year ago in a wedding ceremony and reception that involved restaurants and hotels in all five cities.

"The successful wine country is as important to Danville residents and businesses as to those in all the other cities," Stepper said. ■

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Blackhawk residents Madison White, 11, and her brother Forrest, 9, relax—and warm up—after competing in the seventh annual RCP Tiburon Mile Open Water Swim on Oct. 1.

Making a splash

Two young athletes swim from Tiburon to Angel Island

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Swimming 1.2 miles from Tiburon to Angel Island wasn't difficult, said two young swimmers who competed in the seventh annual RCP Tiburon Mile Open Water Swim on Oct. 1. But the water sure was cold.

"It was sort of hard to dive in. I splashed myself first," said Forrest White, 9, who does fall swimming with the Sharks at Crow Canyon Country Club and swims with the Blackhawk HOX during the summer. "My dad and my mom and grandma were waiting for me with a towel and blanket."

Forrest and his sister Madison, 11, competed along with fellow Sharks in the event, which benefits Special Olympics Northern California. Participants pay \$100 to enter, which goes directly to the cause. About 800 swimmers participated, and the Sharks dove in at 9:02 a.m.

"My coach asked me if I wanted to swim and I said sure," recalled Forrest.

He said a lot of the swimmers wore wetsuits to protect against the cold but none of the nine Sharks did. The average temperature of the water in October in the Bay is 63 degrees. Forrest and Madison spread Vaseline on their skin to help keep warm.

"I don't think it really helped," said Madison. "But I got so numb I didn't really feel the cold."

The annual event draws Elite Division swimmers to race a nautical mile, which is approximately 2,000 yards. They have included Olympic and World Champion swimmers from across the United States, Russia, Australia, South Africa, Brazil, Mexico and Germany. The event has raised more than \$350,000 for Special Olympics.

This year a Russian finished in 21 minutes 32 seconds to beat a German by 3 seconds and an American by 6 seconds to claim the men's title and the \$10,000 prize money. Fourteen-year-old Chloe Sutton of Sacramento led the women at 21 minutes 49 seconds; she also won \$10,000, but it will go back to Special Olympics since she would not be eligible for the National Collegiate Athletic Association if she accepted the money.

Swimmers under 13 need letters from parents requesting permission to swim, stating their experience. Any swimmers still in the water after 55 minutes are pulled from the water.

Forrest, who has already broken 39 swim records, said his only regret is that he didn't swim faster and make a better time. He was clocked at 34 minutes, 11 seconds.

Forrest and Madison, students at St. Isidore School in Danville, practice with the Sharks every day after school.

Forrest said although the swim to Angel Island was tiring he would do it again. He has also set his sights on swimming to Alcatraz. This ambition is not shared by his sister. ■

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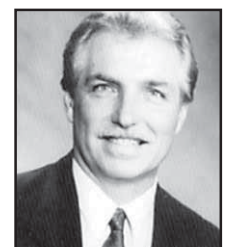
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*Group gives \$28,000
to Danville Library*

by Jordan M. Doronila

A group of friends donated \$28,000 to the Danville Library recently, which will be used to provide more books and children's programs for the community.

Friends of the Danville Library presented the check to the library Wednesday, Oct. 4. The funds were earned from its quarterly three-day book sales, its used bookstore in the library, membership fees and donations from the public during the last year.

Friends is a growing organization with more than 450 volunteers that help bring books and resources to the Danville Library.

"The 'Friends' donations provide the library books and children's programs that would not otherwise be available," said Carole Stevenson-Byers, treasurer for the Friends of the Danville Library.

The volunteers received more than \$2,000 from its used bookstore, located inside the library, she said, and the amount varies during the season.

"That's where most of the money or the funds come from," she said.

Stevenson-Byers also recalled getting a couple of thousand dollars from the three-day book sales that are held four times a year.



JORDAN M. DORONILA

Carole Stevenson-Byers arranges books for sale at the Friends of Danville Library Bookstore, which helped raise the \$28,000 the volunteer group recently donated to the Danville Library. She said donated books are always needed.

However, she said money made from the sales was only a rough estimate.

"We try to do it every three months," she said, adding that external conditions such as the weather may affect the number of customers buying books at the sales.

Additionally, Friends encourages more members and the public to

donate money.

"Any memberships or donations by people are tax-deductible," said Stevenson-Byers.

But most important, she noted, is getting donations of books to resell to the public. Without books, Friends wouldn't make much money, she said.

"Anybody can bring books to us," she said. ■

Kiwanis

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1996 that has distributed nearly \$250,000 to more than 100 non-profit organizations; in 2006, funded grants are totaling more than \$41,000.

• Sponsoring annual holiday toy drives for needy children, donating and delivering 400 turkeys and 350

bags of food to families in the area, and donating cash, time and talent to support the school district.

• Providing support for 19 years to The Danny Foundation, a national charity dedicated to crib and child product safety.

"This is an exciting time to be a Kiwanian," said new President Rob Goldstein. "We are honoring our past by planning an exciting, challenging future." ■

Other new officers are President Elect Alan Davis; First Vice President Harry Bonn; Second Vice President Nancy Bray; Recording Secretary Franklin Kistner; and Treasurer Diane Slater. Past President is William Shryer. Serving as directors are Chris Joy, Cindy Gin, Amy Harris, Ilene Furguson-Mullery, John Lineweaver, Marge Jensen, Mike Nelson and Paul Byer. ■



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When Alyse Cronin and Daniel Stern visited Zimbabwe on vacation with their families last summer, they befriended Isaac, a porter at the Victoria Falls Hotel, who invited them to play soccer with a team he coaches to encourage the town orphans to stay in school and not wander the streets. Alyse and Daniel were surprised to see the team members playing on the dirt field in bare feet, not to mention without shin guards, cleats and uniforms. Isaac explained that their lack of uniforms sometimes kept them out of tournaments, plus they only had one soccer ball.

Alyse and Daniel immediately purchased a couple more soccer balls for them and, upon their return, they started a uniform drive at St. Isidore School, which they attend. As word got out, other families and groups became involved and recently they were able to send more than 50 used and 18 new full uniforms—including cleats—to Zimbabwe.

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Birthday fun

Louise Fraser chose to celebrate her birthday in Ashland, Ore.—with the Weekly.



Now that's a house

Guy Greco, Danville Area Chamber of Commerce chairman, and his wife Mary and friends take us along to visit the Peterhof Castle in St. Peterburg, Russia, while on a 10-day Scandinavian cruise. The friends are Dick and Mary Jo Gelhaus, Jeff and Julie Disch, and Bob and Marie Kroha.

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



We all have two-ton weapons

How often do you get behind the wheel and think about your full potential to kill, maim and otherwise destroy people's lives? I think about it all the time, and I hope the drivers of the big ol' SUVs, especially those on cell phones, are aware of it also.

This is what Street Smarts is about, making each of us continually aware of being safe in our driving habits, as well as when we bicycle, skateboard or even walk on our streets and sidewalks. It's all about being aware and staying safe—having "Street Smarts."

Street Smarts kicked off its Phase 3 last week with a presentation on the lawn in front of the school district offices. I met Bob Pack, president of the Troy and Alana Pack Foundation, named in honor of his two children who were killed three years ago. Troy, 10, and Alana, 7, were walking with their mother Carmen and other friends down Camino Tassajara to buy slushies on a warm October evening when a Mercedes, driven by a woman under the influence of drugs and alcohol, jumped the curb and hit the children.

As the Packs grieved, they decided to do something positive for the community that had rallied behind them; they used donations to start the nonprofit foundation named after their children to promote traffic safety. It targets legislation at state and national levels, and has succeeded in tightening laws regarding driving under the influence, driver's licenses and narcotic prescriptions. It also began Street Smarts with Danville and San Ramon and the school district.

Last week I asked Bob Pack if the twinkle in his eye was due to their baby Noelle, now 4-1/2 months old. He said with a laugh that perhaps it was really due to lack of sleep but he glowed when talking about what joy she has brought them. The Packs have always been welcoming to the media, talking about their struggles after the tragedy and to have more children. Soon after Noelle was born, KTVU filmed a section for Mornings on 2 in their home that can be viewed at www.troyandalana.org.

In its first year, Street Smarts targeted the San Ramon Valley Unified School District's 10,000 elementary school children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The program included traffic safety activity games and a traffic safety poster contest, which will be held again in January. In the second year, the program continued its work at the elementary schools but also moved into the middle schools with a Street Smarts Video Contest. This year's deadline to

enter a video into "Street Smarts—Be Reel" is Oct. 27. Now, in Phase 3, the program is tackling the teens and holding a Street Smarts Ad Campaign Contest for high school students. The grand prize is \$500; there is also a first prize of \$350, second prize of \$250 and a third prize of \$150.

"I like the interactive nature of it," Pack said. "It gets the kids involved." All the organizers are especially keen to reach the high school students, since this is when students begin to drive plus are dealing with the temptations of drugs and alcohol.

Pack also announced that the USC Film School of Cinematic Arts has agreed its graduate students will write, produce and edit a film on the dangers of drinking and driving. "I contacted them directly through our foundation and asked if they would help our efforts," said Pack. "I wanted to put together a film that we could distribute free to high schools or organizations that would find it valuable."

It seems like we've been driving home these messages to our students forever: Don't drink and drive; obey traffic rules; be safe. But just a few months ago, a teenage Danville boy fatally smashed into a tree while driving under the influence; in April 2004, a 14-year-old lost control of his bicycle riding down Bollinger Canyon Road, crashed and died of head injuries.



CCTV cameras film Bob Pack of the Troy and Alana Pack Foundation last week as he announces the launching of Phase 3 of Street Smarts.

So the message bears repeating, in any form that might catch people's attention.

And each of us needs to think about the potential for disaster when we get behind the wheel. Focus on your driving and being safe. It's only smart.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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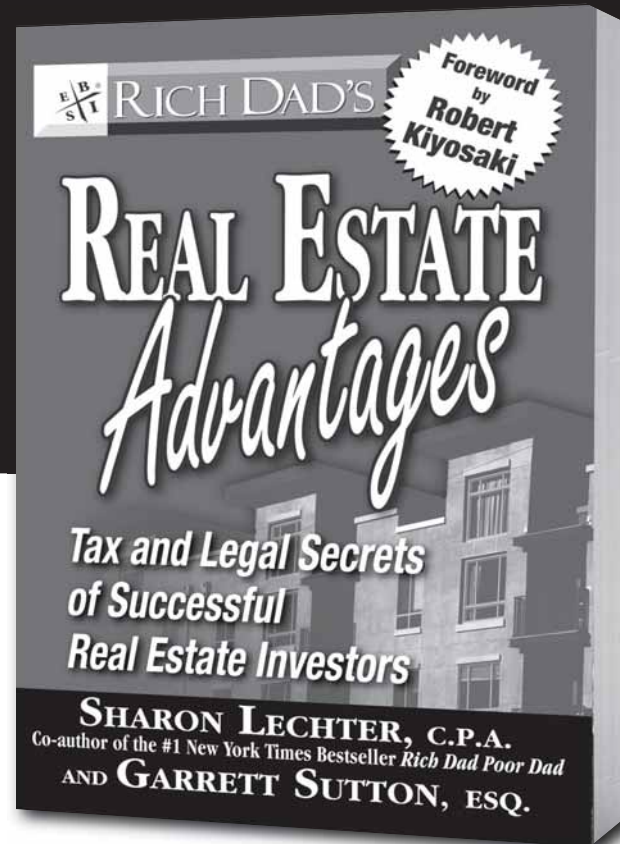
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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Stepper, Storer for council

Danville is fortunate to have three qualified candidates running for Town Council: incumbents Mike Shimansky and Karen Stepper and Planning Commissioner Robert Storer. They all share a love of Danville and have devoted much time and energy to making it a better place to live. Of the three candidates, the Danville Weekly is endorsing Stepper and Storer.

Stepper has proven her ability to work with others on the council since she was elected in 2002. During the last year, when she has served in the rotating mayor's position, she has reached out to other communities to partner with Danville for disaster preparedness, to become known as a tourist destination, and on transportation issues. For future work, she has targeted transportation and, indeed, she worked on the passage of Measure J to get funding for

county projects to help the highways and tunnels that we all use.

She has teamed up with other Tri-Valley mayors, some of whom do not share her political views, to be a stronger voice for the Tri-Valley. Besides her list of the Republican regulars, she is also endorsed by state Sen. Tom Torlakson (D., Antioch), which shows she can rise above her personal feelings on national issues to deal with local issues.

She is seen at every event from ribbon-cuttings to ground breakings to downtown events, and prides herself on being accessible. As she becomes more experienced, she becomes more valuable, and her year as mayor has only increased her enthusiasm, if this is possible.

Storer's endorsements also speak well for him, ranging from current council members to former members Beverly Lane and

Millie Greenberg, cutting across political lines. He has made a name for himself with his work developing Willow Commons, a 22-unit apartment complex downtown for low and moderate income seniors and developmentally disabled adults. He was recognized for this endeavor at the Town of Danville Awards Ceremony last December, and he was also named 2005 Business Person of the Year by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce.

He has an excellent working relationship with the business community, and his ability to partner, along with his planning expertise and his respect for preserving Danville's history should help downtown to develop along the lines that residents want.

Storer feels that now is the time for him to make the change from the Planning Commission to the Town Council and we agree. With

land use and traffic concerns, he will bring added expertise. He would also bring a fresh perspective to some issues and his professional style will be an asset.

Mike Shimansky has served on the Town Council since 1989; if re-elected he would end up serving more than 20 years. During his time on the council, the town has accomplished many things, becoming financially solvent, building the new library and community center on Front Street, and adding parks and artificial turf fields. Shimansky has not only served as councilman for many years but is also active in other community activities, such as the All Wars Memorial board and the Boy Scouts. But we feel now is the time for a change and to allow other capable people in the community with fresh voices to serve on the council.

Buchanan, Hurd, McVay for school board

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District is also lucky to have four qualified candidates running for its board in the Nov. 7 election. All of the candidates are aware that customer service needs to improve within the district, especially with parents of special education students.

We heartily endorse incumbent Joan Buchanan. She brings intelligence, knowledge and experience to the table, along with the leadership qualities needed to work with others. She has been on the board since 1990 and says she wants to serve one more term to improve the curriculum for all students and to see more Measure A projects through to completion. We say, give her the chance.

Buchanan came under attack from neighbors of Monte Vista High School and others in Alamo for supporting the new 400-car parking lot across the street. But this lot took student cars off Stone Valley Road, remedying a dangerous situation. It also increased the size of the back yards of the immediate neighbors. Buchanan said she would do the same at each high school if the opportunity were there, and we laud her for this stance.

Rachel Hurd is running on a ticket with Buchanan and we also endorse her. She is passionate about literacy and has strong ideas about how special education children can be helped, gleaned from her experiences as a mother. She

has worked her way up through the ranks of PTA, including heading the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs and is familiar with all the schools in the districts and their needs.

We also would like to see Jim McVay on the school board. He has done his homework and brings a new voice regarding test scores and curriculum. He voiced the importance of keeping gifted students working at full capacity, quoting studies that show they slow down as they get older. His experience as a manager for Tesoro Corp. has taught him the importance of working with others, and his engineering background gives him the impetus to improve the technology cur-

riculum in the district.

Bill Clarkson, who was elected to the school board in 1998, is well integrated into the community as a past president of San Ramon Rotary Club, a broker and owner of ERA Golden Hills Brokers, and in the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce. He feels a huge effort will be needed to pass a new parcel tax, and we hope he will again put his energies toward passing it as he did the Measure D School Facilities Bond of 1998. We like his dedication to civic activism and applaud what he has done toward making the district financially solvent and its new facilities. But we feel the other three candidates would be best on the board at this time.

McNerney for Congress

What do Danville, Tracy and Morgan Hill have in common? One of the nation's worst and most arrogant members of Congress, Richard Pombo.

When redistricting and gerrymandering brought the Tri-Valley into the same congressional district with the Tracy-Stockton-Lodi and Morgan Hill areas, we inherited a Republican congressman who is vastly out of sync with the moderate political values of our region.

Richard Pombo, 45, a rancher who is completing his seventh term in Congress, is a protégé of former Majority Leader and now-indicted Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, who rewarded Pombo's support by appointing him chairman of the House Resources Committee in 2003. DeLay promoted Pombo over nine more senior Republicans.

Pombo has used his position to raise money from Indian gaming interests, from convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff, and from mining and savings and loan interests. The Washington, D.C.-based Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics listed Pombo on its list of the 13 most corrupt members of Congress for his connections to the industries his committee is supposed to regulate.

Pombo unapologetically defends having his brother and his wife on his campaign payroll for years, as well as taking junkets paid for by industries that lobby his committee. He advocates selling off portions of our national parklands to private interests, drilling for oil off the Pacific coast and gutting the Endangered Species Act, all consistent with the positions advocated by lobby-

ists that give money to his campaign committee.

Republicans and Democrats in the Tri-Valley should be embarrassed to be represented in Washington by a congressman with Pombo's ethics and political positions.

The better choice is Jerry McNerney, 55, a Pleasanton resident who has attracted bipartisan support in his effort to unseat Pombo. An engineer, McNerney has devoted the last 20 years of his career to the development of viable wind energy technology and is currently CEO of a start-up company that will manufacture wind turbines.

Far from being a political ideologue, McNerney represents the kind of citizen activist who wants to work on solving important problems, not use those problems to curry favor with special inter-

ests and as a way to raise campaign contributions. Not surprisingly, with the fundraising help of special interests and campaign visits by both President Bush and Vice President Cheney, Pombo will far outspend McNerney in this campaign.

But Tri-Valley residents and their tradition of supporting moderate candidates can make a real difference in this election if they vote in sufficient numbers for Jerry McNerney. With a strong victory here, Pombo's San Joaquin County support can be overcome, and one of the nation's worst members of Congress can be replaced with a person committed to ethical representation and to developing a sustainable national energy policy.

We recommend Jerry McNerney for Congress.

Community Pulse

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POLICE BULLETIN

Teen runs with jar of money

A 17-year-old boy stole a jar full of money from Domenico's Delicatessen on Hartz Avenue last week, said Danville police Sgt. Troy Craig.

The youth went in the deli at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, and took a jar containing about \$30 worth of tips from customers. After stealing it, he ran out the door, Craig said.

One of the deli employees recognized the teen-

ager, who attends Del Amigo Continuation High School, and gave information about him to the police, said Craig. An officer contacted the juvenile's mother, who made arrangements to return the money to Domenico's.

Danville police sent the case to the Juvenile Probation Department.

"Anyone who breaks the law should be prepared to accept the consequences when they are caught," Craig said.

—Jordan M. Doronila

POLICE LOG

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

Monday, Oct. 9

- Suspicious circumstances on Stiling Dr. at 11:34 a.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:20 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Cerro Blvd. and El Pintado Rd. at 7:22 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

- Grand theft on Squirrel Ridge Way at 9:17 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Danville Blvd. and Del Amigo Rd. at 3:34 p.m.
- Neighbor disturbance on El Cerro Blvd. at 5:09 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Blemer Rd. and Green Valley Rd. at 6:06 p.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Mission Pl. at 6:32 p.m.
- Intoxicated subject, alcohol, on Railroad Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 6:48 p.m.
- Battery on Camino Tassajara and Rassini Dr. at 7:51 p.m.
- Drunk in public on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 8:10 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

- Reckless driving on northbound I-680 onramp at 7:48 a.m.
- Reckless driving on Hartz Ave. at 8:31 a.m.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 2:05 p.m.
- Petty theft, all other, on Love Ln. at 2:08 p.m.

- Littering on Diablo Rd. at 5:37 p.m.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 6:10 p.m.
- Petty theft on Hartz Ave. at 7:17 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Glen Alpine at 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12

- Repossession of vehicle on Adagio Dr. at 4:40 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:06 a.m.
- Identity theft on Hunters Terrace at 9:29 a.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on Brookside Dr. at 12:24 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 1:25 p.m.
- Petty theft on Hartz Ave. at 1:33 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Goldstone Ct. at 1:54 p.m.
- Battery on Stone Valley Rd. at 3:22 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, at the Livery at 5:13 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Sycamore Cir. at 8:30 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Alta Vista Way at 10:36 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13

- Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. at 4:31 a.m.
- Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. and W. Prospect Ave. at 5:15 a.m.
- Petty theft on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 7:01 a.m.
- Drunk in public on W. El Pintado at 7:31 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. at 8:18 a.m.

- Suspicious circumstances on N. Paradise Valley Ct. at 11:32 a.m.
- Petty theft on Stone Valley Rd. at 12:55 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Esther Ln. and Quintera Ln. at 2:11 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Camino Tassajara at 5:16 p.m.
- Accident on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 6:23 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on Hartz Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 8:22 p.m.
- Promiscuous shooting on Adagio Dr. and Heather Pl. at 10:01 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14

- Grand theft on Tivoli Ln. at 9:10 a.m.
- Vandalism on Barrenger Dr. at 9:30 a.m.
- Grand theft on Tivoli Ln. at 9:36 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on El Cerro Blvd. and northbound I-680 at 10:01 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Garden Creek Pl. at 11:11 a.m.
- Vandalism on Brookside Dr. at 1:40 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Las Barrancas Dr. at 2:12 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Danville Oak Pl. at 2:35 p.m.
- Grand theft on Silver Lake Dr. at 6:50 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Diablo Rd. at 9:56 p.m.
- Vandalism on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 10:56 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Roberta Edith Seabury

Roberta Edith Seabury, 64, died peacefully in her home in Diablo on Oct. 10.

She was born in Boise, Idaho, on Aug. 18, 1942. She and her husband Tom were married in 1962 and moved to Alamo in 1964. While she was raising three children, she attended Cal State Hayward majoring in communications. She had a column for the Valley Pioneer, in which she wrote touching stories about the horses, goats, chicken, dogs, cats and others on her "farm" in Diablo. She had joined the Girl Scouts when she was young and was active in her children's troops also. She was also involved with the Danville Junior Horsemen

Association, serving as adult adviser in the 1980s.

She played the viola and was a charter member and on the Board of Directors for Diablo Symphony. She served on the Danville Arts Commission during the 1990s and was appointed to the Arts and Culture Commission (AC5) in June 1999. She worked on the development of the county's first cultural plan, and was the music and arts critic for the San Ramon Valley Times. She was a director of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation through August 2006.

She served on the Contra Costa County Historic Preservation Committee and helped form the Diablo Preservation Society. Through its efforts, Diablo became

a Historic District. Her Diablo home since 1973 is a preservation trust home with a protected grove of Heritage Oaks.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas William Seabury; children Thomas David Seabury of Walnut Creek, Elizabeth Seabury-Utic of San Jose and Annette Seabury-Day of Brentwood; and four grandchildren, Thomas Quinn and Kaya Day, and Robert Thomas and Maria Seabury.

Services are being held at 1 p.m. today, Friday, Oct. 20, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara in Danville. The family suggested donations in her memory to Hope Hospice, or AC5 Arts Trust, 1236 Escobar St., Martinez 94553).

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Homecoming football highlights

Mustangs, Wolves beat out opponents

by Rachel McMurdie

If there's one thing that can be said for both Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley football teams, it's that they know how to please a home crowd. Last Friday's homecoming games proved it.

The Wolves and the Mustangs charged onto their fields Oct. 13 to take crushing first-half leads while holding their opponents scoreless. Both went on to homecoming victories.

Handing the Amador Dons their first season loss, the Mustangs made

what many predicted would be a close game, look like an easy win.

Drew McAllister, the arm behind the Mustangs' 28-7 victory, completed 13 of 15 passes for 173 yards and three scores. The first score, a 10-yard pass to Dustin Coldren, was the start of the Mustang scoring blitz and the first of three McAllister-Coldren connections that included a 40-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter. By the end of the third, the Mustangs led 28-0.

The Mustangs (5-1, 2-1 EBAL) continued to hold the Dons (5-1, 1-1 EBAL) scoreless until the final minutes of the game, when the Don's Casey Guillory broke free from the Mustang second-string defense for a 49-yard touchdown run.

Monte Vista improved its record, and after the win, held third place in EBAL standings.

On the other side of town, another home crowd was cheering as San Ramon Valley crowned its homecoming night with a 44-7 win over Livermore High. The still-undefeated Wolves took early possession on the opening kick and in five plays pushed the ball 55 yards for the first touchdown.

It wasn't long until the Wolves, on a fumble recovery, were in scoring range again. Roy Helu Jr. scored on a 13-yard touchdown run. A two-point conversion pass from quarterback Corbin Louks to Geoff Michalczyk gave San Ramon a 14-0 lead. The Wolves closed the first quarter up



San Ramon Valley High coach Dave Kravitz congratulates his team on its win against Livermore but notes it faces a tough game Oct. 20 against Amador Valley.

RACHEL MCMURDIE

28-0 after two more scores, by Clark Petersen and Helu.

When the second quarter opened, Livermore made another costly fumble at the Livermore 45, which San Ramon's Ryan Lucas ran 43-yards back. Mike Tamaki finished the two-yard push into the end zone to score.

By the end of the first half, San Ramon Valley (6-0, 2-0 EBAL)

had 44 points and 210 yards while Livermore (1-5, 0-3) had just 26 yards and remained scoreless.

Wolves quarterback Louks completed 9 of 12 for the night to total 133 yards and four touchdown passes.

Tonight both Danville teams will play on the road, with varsity beginning at 7 p.m. The Wolves will challenge the Amador Dons, a team that needs a win to stay in the running for the EBAL title, while the Mustangs will venture to Livermore to face Granada High School (2-4, 0-2 EBAL).

Girls tennis

San Ramon Valley girls tennis team hung on to a first-place tie with Foothill for the league's top spot, while Monte Vista slipped out of the running, after last week's matches.

The Mustangs won 9-0 over Granada, but Monte Vista was unable to hold off Foothill and fell 6-3, out of what was a three-way tie. The Mustangs No. 2 singles player, Elena Cadet, recorded a (6-3, 6-2) win over Falcon Melissa Arthur, but the Mustangs' other singles ran into more trouble. In the end, the Falcon's Teagan Benson beat out Mustang Courtney Mohneit (6-7, 6-1, 6-2) and Falcon Lauren Guerdat recorded a win over Mustang Joelle Luedeke (6-7, 6-4, 6-2) in the final two matches of the Falcon's win.

Girls volleyball

San Ramon Valley girls volleyball fell to league rivals at Foothill last week in a hard-fought rout. The Wolves opened the first game making a 12-3 run for a two-point, 17-10 lead. But the Falcons, led by the dual towers Betsy Sedlak and Felicia Willoughby who combined for 28 kills, made a run of their own and captured the win. Final scores were 25-23, 25-11, 25-20. Wolves outside hitter Lauren Claybaugh put in eight kills for San Ramon, while teammate Amy Mulligan contributed five. ■

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PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 20

Football: Monte Vista vs. Granada, 7 p.m., San Ramon Valley at Amador, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

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

Water Polo: San Ramon Valley vs. Foothill, 3:45 p.m.



MORGAN SHERVE

This team is Dy-na-mite

Carina Bender of the U10 Bronze Mustang Dynamites puts practice drills into play in a recent game against the Mustang Mavericks. Lead by coaches Susanne Bender, Kari Doolittle and Mark Westgate, the Dynamite players have hit their stride as this game showed, ending with a 4-0 victory, with the girls playing well together offensively and defensively and showing that hard work and focus truly bring great results.



Outlaws are champs

The girls U9 Mustang Outlaws recently won the 2006 Harvest Cup Tournament held at Sonoma State for their age group. During the preliminary round, the Outlaws scored 13 goals and only allowed 2 goals. In the championship game, the Outlaws defeated Santa Rosa United Gold in penalty kicks (2-0), after a 0-0 tie during game play and two overtime periods with no score. Team members are (front, l-r) Felicia Johnson, Sammy Levy, Lexie Silva, Lauren Clore, Nicole Emerson, Annie Kunsman; (back) Maddy Duncan, Alyssa Ruzich, Danielle Land, Amanda Outcalt, Natalie Knowles, McKenzie Reiland, Brielle Sharpe, and Coach Pat Uriz.

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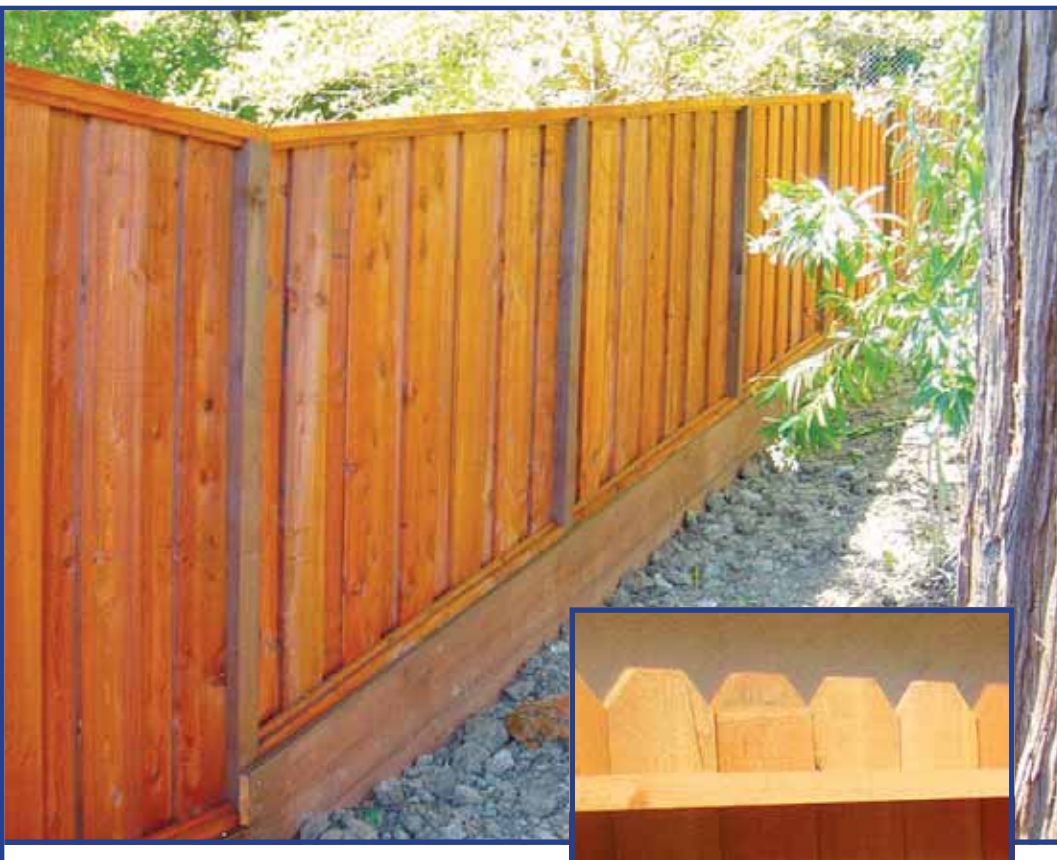
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2006

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Danville Town Council



Mike Shimansky

Age: 62

Education: San Jose State, 1964-66

Experience: Retired manager at Pacific Bell; Danville Parks Commissioner, 1985-89; Town Council member since 1989

Mike Shimansky, who has been in office since 1989, is proud of his role as a "maverick," someone not afraid to be the lone opposing vote. But, he noted, he isn't being negative, he is expressing his opinion.

He said he brings history to the position, recalling that his year as mayor in 1993 was hectic as he dealt with scandals, such as a stripper attending a party with town officials.

"Now I have taken a giant step to be on regional committees," he said, including the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the County Hazardous Materials Commission and the Central County Solid Waste Authority.

"I'm just getting rejuvenated," he said.

He is also on the All Wars Memorial board and the Boy Scouts executive board as well as officiating for lacrosse, track and soccer. He worked for the Red Cross in the Gulf immediately following Hurricane Katrina and said he also is interested in the homeless.

He is proud of the physical things the council has accomplished during his 17 years: parks and artificial turf fields, the library and the community center on Front Street. And he is proud of the town now being in great financial shape. He is also proud that he has never missed a Town Council meeting.

"I enjoy my time on council," he said. "I take the job seriously but I don't take myself seriously."

He said he is running a low budget campaign and is learning a lot from walking the precincts.

Vision for downtown

He'd like to keep it the way it is, as "small town" as possible. He does not want it to be like San Ramon or Dublin "with neon lights all over the place."

Danville territories

He'd be receptive to a project that includes parking, retail and condos, saying living where one works is a good concept. Offhand, he would say no to a small chain and is definitely against McDonalds or another Starbucks.

Main points

Keep Danville a safe community and a "small town"; enhance parks; fiscal common sense



Karen Stepper

Age: 59

Education: Bachelor's degree in education, University of Illinois; MBA Cal State Hayward

Experience: CPA; Town Council 2002-present; school board 1979-88

Karen Stepper, who currently serves in the rotating position of mayor, is completing her first four-year term on the Town Council.

As mayor, she has worked toward regional relationships and attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors as a unit with the four other Tri-Valley mayors. She also promoted Danville's inclusion in the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau. She was instrumental in starting the Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley, which has set up Freedom Shrines in some of the schools.

Stepper made it a priority to join the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, where she was a commissioner in 2004 and is currently an alternate. "We have to show that we have a need," she said, and people must realize how transporting goods affects the 680 corridor. Stepper was active two years ago in the passage of Measure J, continuing a half-cent sales tax to improve the county Transportation Expenditure Plan. Her background as director of the Mustang Soccer League and nine years on the school board have been invaluable, she said, in helping the school district and town partner to develop fields. She lost her re-election bid for the school board in 1990.

Stepper also brings to the council her experiences of living in Danville for 32 years. "I believe I can feel the pulse of the community," she said. Her CPA experience, she said, has helped the town produce balanced budgets during the last four years.

She noted that other progress during her four years included incentives to help preserve historical buildings and downtown zoning to encourage redevelopment. She also prides herself on being accessible.

Vision for downtown

Town Council needs to work to keep Danville like it is, which is what people like. "I want a walking downtown."

Danville territories

It would be good to have stores that will bring people in.

Main points

Traffic/transportation issues; parks for youths and seniors; economy and heritage resources



Robert Storer

Age: 49

Education: Bachelor's in construction management, Cal State Hayward

Experience: Builder/contractor; Danville Planning Commission 2000-present

Candidate Robert Storer's passions include seniors, youth, special populations and planning. As a co-owner of Pelligrini Construction, he put his actions where his heart is a few years back and developed Willow Common Apartments, 22 units to house low and moderate income seniors and developmentally disabled young adults in downtown Danville.

Now, after serving on the Planning Commission since 2000, he wants to bring his experience to the Town Council. "My strong land-use background would be invaluable," he said.

He said he feels relationships within the community are paramount, and the council should embrace the school board. "A friendly disposition goes a long way," he said.

He has relationships within the business community and Discover Danville, which could lead to partnering, he said. For example, he thought more could have been done when the LPGA was at Blackhawk recently. "LPGA brought people downtown but we should have had a caddy dinner," he suggested. He is also on the board of directors for Leadership San Ramon Valley.

He said he is interested in history; another priority is to improve traffic around schools. He also noted Danville spent \$70,000 to prop up the Oak Tree and said it needs to spend money on seniors and teens.

Storer is canvassing the neighborhoods, along with his wife and two teenage sons. He is also an avid cyclist, a recovery diver for the Sheriff's Department and is proud that his homemade wine under the Pellegrini Vineyards label won a silver medal at the Alameda County Fair.

He said his personal and professional life have always been about results, and this is why he wants to serve on the Town Council.

Vision for downtown

Need pedestrian friendly walkways and reasons for people to come downtown. Wants to improve North Hartz Avenue.

Danville territories

Supports underground parking and commercial/retail mixed use. Downtown needs more boutiques to draw people to those already in place.

Main points

Traffic safety at schools; seniors, veterans needs; teen activities



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Alamo resident Joan Buchanan has a wealth of knowledge from her experience as a parent of five, and her ten years as a teacher.

"I still have a great passion for my children," she said, noting that she wants to graduate from the district public school system is the council's top priority.

Buchanan has served on the school board since 1990. During her 16 years on the board, she has seen the district move through a fiscal recall election, build new schools, and develop labor contracts with teachers. She has also developed budgets.

Though the district has many needs, she believes it can meet the needs of all students, deal with budget cuts, recruit new teachers, and finish all Measure J priorities if she is re-elected.

Buchanan is a San Francisco native who followed her boyfriend to Danville. She is an economist, not a methodologist, and recommended to her children to go to Delta as an underwriter for Delta to improve the ranks despite dealing with women in the workplace.

She retired from her position as a department director at Delta and devoted her energies to the school board when first elected. She is looking forward to the challenges and tasks in the district.

Special e

She wants to use Total Quality Management to improve the individual education of our children. I think we need to do a better job of catching children who have special needs.

Money for Meas

The Measure A Oversight Committee is working on a year facilities plan for the district. She supports the projects and evaluating the results of all schools. Supports a parcel tax increase in state funding.

San Ramon Valley H

Supports building a parking garage



This year's election does not include a presidential race but nonetheless voters have plenty of reasons to go to the polls besides the propositions.

Both the 11th and 10th Congressional District congressional seats are being contested, with U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R., Stockton) in a hot race against challenger Jerry McNerney, a Democrat from Pleasanton; and U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D., Alamo) defending her seat against challenger Darcy Linn. Republican State Assemblyman Guy

Houston is facing a challenge by Danville resident Terry Coleman to represent the 15th District. Another Danville man, Ralph Hoffman, is also running to be a board member of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

The Danville Weekly, however, is focusing on the races for Danville Town Council (three candidates, including two incumbents, running for two seats) and the school board of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (four, including two incumbents, running for three seats).

San Ramon Valley Unified School District Board

Joan Buchanan

Age: 53

Education: Bachelor's economics UC Santa Barbara

Experience: Former director of operations division for Delta Dental; school board 1990-present

Buchanan brings a wealth of experience in business, being a member on the school board.

Passion for education and knowing that she was the first in her family to graduate from high school. "The cornerstone of democracy." She has been on the school board since 1990. Over the years, she has helped the district deal with a financial crisis, deal with a school facilities, negotiate with vendors and employees, and

made substantial achievements. She can do better. Meeting the challenge of dealing with overcrowding in the district. Maintaining qualified employees. Measure A projects are her top priority to the board.

A San Francisco native and said she went to UC Santa Barbara to study business. After choosing colleges she attended. In her 20s, she worked for Delta Dental and moved quickly into a business with a glass ceiling for women. She eventually became a partner in Delta Dental.

In her business profession and as a PTA and then the school board member in 1990. Developing legislation for the district was one of her first

Education

Management principles to improve the process and help educators meet the needs at an early age. "I believe in the process."

Measure A projects:

The committee needs to develop a five-year plan that includes prioritizing projects, student capacities and needs, and a parcel tax if there is no significant

High School parking:

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Bill Clarkson

Age: 54

Education: Bachelor's political science, and MBA San Jose State

Experience: Realtor in San Ramon Valley for 29 years; school board 1998-present

Sound fiscal policy, finishing all Measure A projects, and creating better customer service are ideas Bill Clarkson brings to the table, he said.

"We need to train employees with people skills that are friendly and collaborative instead of being overly assertive and overly aggressive," Clarkson said, adding that he enjoys the board's process of decision-making.

Because of the district's overall success, he believes it allows the board to focus on securing a long-term parcel tax, which supports the growth of new schools and the reduction of overcrowding in the San Ramon Valley.

"Our district is doing so many things right that it allows us to focus on issues that many school districts only dream about handling," he said.

The district will fall \$10 million to \$20 million short of completing all Measure A projects or approximately 5 percent short of its construction goals, Clarkson said. Beginning to lay the groundwork to renew the parcel tax soon by vote will help provide money to finish the projects, he said.

"If the first vote fails, we continue to try again," he said.

Additionally, having more library services and counselors available to students is another goal the district could reach, he noted.

Clarkson, a San Ramon resident, originally hails from Oakland. He enjoys talking about numbers, business, management and history. As a school board member since 1998, he has helped complete many of the Measure A projects.

Additionally, he loves the challenge of making projects happen with limited spending and a tight budget.

He is a firm believer that having relationships in a community gets things done. He brings his real estate background to the board, and said he does not believe in micromanaging employees.

Special Education

Train employees to behave friendlier and maintain a cooperative demeanor. "We can be courteous and diplomatic."

Money for Measure A projects

Supports renewing the parcel tax to pay for school renovations

San Ramon Valley High School parking

Has been involved in talks with Danville Town Councilwoman Candace Anderson about coming up with ideas to make more parking spaces available for students.



Rachel Hurd

Age: 42

Education: Bachelor's mechanical engineering UC Davis

Experience: Former manager McDonnell Douglas Corp.; PTA Council president

Because her three children attend school in the district, Rachel Hurd sees herself as a breath of fresh air to the board, she said. None of the current members has children in the district.

Literacy is her passion, she said, because it is necessary to succeed in all subjects. She wants all children tested in kindergarten for dyslexia so those diagnosed with the condition could be tutored and be performing at grade level by the second grade. "That would make the biggest difference," she said, to address the problem upfront, preventing years of some students struggling.

If elected, Hurd, a San Ramon resident, would bring Total Quality Management to measure and improve academic success. Gathering and analyzing test scores to find weaknesses and trends would enhance education, she said.

She believes attracting and retaining quality teachers should be a district priority.

"The district needs to offer competitive wages and benefits to the extent that a 'low wealth' district can and continue to provide a work environment where employees feel valued, challenged, and find intrinsic satisfaction in their work," she said.

Hurd has been president of the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs and felt running for the school board was the next logical step.

"I'm a good listener," Hurd said, noting that she has a child in special education. "I'm a good team player."

She said her experience working at McDonnell Douglas as an engineer for seven years—where she was involved in research, managing, writing reports and budget development—would make her an asset to the board.

Special Education

Supports intervention programs. Include parents in the decision-making process in the child's individual educational program by having the district be open about service and placement options.

Money for Measure A projects

Requests doing a hierarchy list or a decision matrix to see what projects need funding. If a parcel tax is needed, she would support it.

San Ramon Valley High School Parking

She noted the high school is a landlocked property with limited options to increase parking.



James McVay

Age: 43

Education: Bachelor's engineering and master's metallurgical engineering University of Pittsburgh, master's in material science University of Michigan

Experience: Superintendent, chief metallurgist for Tesoro Corp. member since 1989

San Ramon's resident James McVay—a metallurgist—sees himself "outside the beltway." He wants to bring in new ideas to the board and make sure all students in the district receive opportunities.

McVay has three children in the district, including one in special education, another one who is gifted. "We need to give all kids the education," he said. "I care very much for my children, and the children in this district."

He said that if elected, he would strive to provide permanent funding for critical school programs currently funded by the 2004 Measure A parcel tax. The parcel tax would fund school counselors, libraries, instrumental music and remaining Measure A projects.

He wants to improve the technology curriculum and also supports maintaining reasonable consistency in education in classrooms throughout the district.

"I would also suggest looking at some other out-of-state programs to make sure our California standards oriented district programs are enough to keep our children 'first-in-line' wherever they go and whatever endeavor they pursue," he said.

"Where do we stand in the nation?" he wondered. "We need to go to the next level."

Concerning testing, he raised concerns that the district may focus on students in the middle who have a chance of doing better on the Academic Performance Index, neglecting those students who will pass with flying colors as well as those who would need much more help.

In addition, he wants a system to measure the district's performance. "We need to identify what the customer wants," he said. "The end game is what students have when they leave high school."

Special education

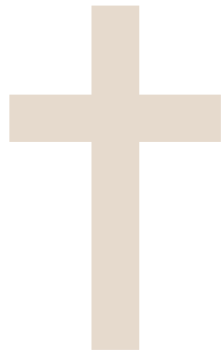
Better communication is needed. Parents and school officials need to develop trust and have an open dialogue. Services to special education students need to be delivered on time.

Money for Measure A projects

Supports a parcel tax to continue funding Measure A Projects

San Ramon Valley High School parking

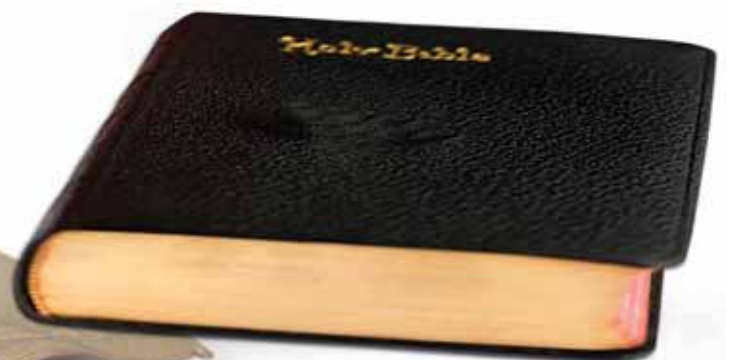
Supports building a two- or three-level garage to alleviate parking issues



church has changed

community presbyterian church at tassajara
celebrates one-year anniversary

by cheri eplin



As strains of Rob Apger's heavenly guitar resonated through the air, about a hundred Danville residents filed into the lunch room at Diablo Vista Middle School on Oct. 1. The room is converted to a place of worship on Sundays, and the folks were there to share in the offering and one-year anniversary celebration of Community Presbyterian Church at Tassajara—otherwise known as CPC@T.

CPC@T is the satellite church of Community Presbyterian Church on El Pintado Road near downtown Danville. With 150 years of service under its belt, CPC in Danville was committed to serving residents of the Tassajara Valley and worked for a year and a half prior to opening the second site in October 2005.

"It's my hope that people find CPC@T a loving, honest community where we can celebrate the power to live from day to day by seeking God," said Apger, associate minister of Worship and Arts.

He also shared that the primary goal of CPC@T is "to be real."

"Church has changed—let us show you how much" reads one of many signs posted along Camino Tassajara to attract residents to worship at the services held at the school. Clever outreach programs—such as a hot chocolate drive-through service, summer bash with barbecue, and Easter baskets made for children in the community—also invite everyone to feel welcome.

Campus Pastor Mark Wollan said the middle school site was chosen because they saw a need in that location.

"At the time, there was no local church for people to fulfill their worshipping needs," Wollan said. "We wanted to connect with the community through common experience with faith. And CPC@T was committed to providing that opportunity and the convenience of having a church to build positive relationships within the neighborhood."

Wollan said people from the core membership volunteered to help get CPC@T off to a strong start.

Danville residents Chris and Jan Ekle and their two children were willing to convert to the smaller church site.

"We like CPC a lot and we use the resources for our middle school son—but we like the more intimate experience of this church," said Chris.

"Not only is this church biblically accurate,

but it's friendly and we love that," Jan added.

Live messages from Senior Pastor Scott Farmer from the downtown campus are blended with Wollan's weekly messages. The occasional video sermons help the congregation stay connected with the main site with all the extended activities offered, such as family nights, classes and an upcoming trip to Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center near Santa Cruz.

"This body seeks to be relevant—seeking young families of the Valley to worship with the freedom of this venue—to start a little later and with great programs," said Bill Haslim, pastor of Children's Ministries.

This freedom includes a casual atmosphere with Starbucks coffee, pastries and bagels.

"This is a very warm congregation that embraces others as they walk through the doors," Haslim said.

"The biggest thing in my heart is to meet the needs of our community in any way we can," noted Wollan. "Our long-term goal is to find a more permanent campus but we aren't in any rush. We have such a good relationship with the school and, on the whole, it's a great opportunity to make connections in the community. So unless something fell into our lap and growth demands it, we are happy here."

Wollan, his wife Julie and three children are role models as they are involved in every aspect of the growing church.

"We've learned a lot by listening and meeting people where they are," he said.

Wollan brings church things into the modern day as he frequently wears jeans and casual shirts, embodying the comfort that transcends old thinking about church protocol and inspires the congregation to expand into its second year.

When planning the new site, church leaders addressed concerns they had heard: that church was "boring" or that people didn't understand it. They decided to make the new location ready to meet people "where they are," realizing everyone has his or her own set of problems.

The weekly messages are aimed at being relevant to real life, and they hope the parishioners are warm and welcoming.

"We truly want to create an oasis from the rush of life," Wollan said.

His words and actions show he talks the talk and walks the walk. Learn more at cpcdanville.org. ■



Pastor Mark Wollan makes the offering at the Community Presbyterian Church at Tassajara to celebrate its first anniversary; guitarist in the background is Rob Apger.



Peering at pears

Sensual, even seductive ... that's how I think of pears. Homer called them a gift from the gods, and that rings true to me. I admire their fit-in-your-hand shape, soft fragrance and beautifully varied skins. They evoke boldness in their plump, curvaceous forms and modesty in their mild, understated taste. They are most often soft and sweet but some can conceal a tart flavor and crunchy texture. Those ambiguities create a mystery of sorts, one that attracts most of us to try at least one pear every season.

Pears have been cultivated for thousands of years so they are considered to be an ancient fruit, like pomegranates and figs. They belong to the rose family, like their apple cousins. Pears appeared in the U.S. around the time of the colonists, probably brought here by Europeans. Pears eventually made it to the West Coast and found the optimal climate in Washington, Oregon and California. Today, those states produce 98 percent of U.S. pears. Domestic pear season runs July through January but pears from other climes (e.g., Australia) make them available practically year-round.

In selecting pears, choose firm ones absent of dark spots and with the stem intact. Non-Asian pears need to ripen after picking to avoid becoming mealy so they are picked from the tree hard. Let them sit for three to five days to reach perfection—until the flesh is soft when pressed—or place them in a brown paper bag to hasten the ripening.

My favorite pear is the d'Anjou but I enjoy most types—Bartlett, Red Bartlett, Seckel, Bosc, Comice—and apple-like Asian pears such as Ya-Li.

Those of us who grew up in or around the Caribbean Islands or Latin America remember eating cherimoya, sugar apples or sweet-sop—second-cousins of the pear with similar textures and tastes. I remember the tree in our back yard with its luscious sugar apples. It didn't bear a lot of the fruit but, when it did, the sugar apple was so juicy that it ran down your mouth as you bit into it.

The understated flavor of pears mixes well with most foods but is especially tasty as a dessert, whether served as the lone ingredient, inside a pastry or as a complement to other things. I like to add them to salads, use them as garnishments with meats (especially pork), or poach them as desserts but their culinary uses are limitless. In fact, they can be substituted in almost any recipe using apples. I think they are under-utilized by many home chefs—perhaps because they are somewhat fragile: easily bruised and quick to ripen. The recipes here are easy to make and, to side-step the worries, just buy the pears you'll need a few days before you make the dish. If you're not already, try becoming a pear person!

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

RECIPES

Poached Pears

4 medium-size firm pears, such as Anjou, Bartlett, or Bosc (see note)
1/2 cup sugar
1 whole cinnamon stick
1 vanilla bean, cut in half lengthwise
2 whole cloves
Peel from 1 orange and 1 lemon
1 star anise
1 whole bay leaf
1 bottle strong red wine (e.g. Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot)

1. Peel the pears gently, leaving the stems intact. Cut a level piece off the bottom of each pear so they will stand upright. (When you're peeling several pears at once, immerse them in a large bowl of cold water with lemon juice. The acidulated water will keep the pears from discoloring until they are ready to be poached.)

2. Place the pears in a medium saucepan. Add sugar, vanilla bean, cinnamon stick, orange peel, lemon peel, cloves, star anise, bay leaf, wine and just enough water to cover pears.

3. Set the pan over high heat and bring the liquid to a boil. Reduce to a

simmer and cook gently, stirring occasionally. Over medium-low heat, about 15 minutes or until a knife easily pierces pears. Set aside and let pears cool in the liquid.

4. With a slotted spoon, transfer the pears to a plate. Pour poaching liquid through a sieve set over a bowl. Discard solids, and return liquid to saucepan. Place over medium-high heat, and cook until liquid has been reduced to a syrup that coats the back of a wooden spoon, about 45 minutes. Let cool; store pears in an airtight container until ready to serve.

5. When ready to serve, arrange pears on a platter or on individual plates, and drizzle the poaching syrup over them. Poached pears may be served as a dessert or as a side dish to roasts, turkey or lamb.

Note: Select just-ripe pears—if they're too ripe, they'll be too soggy; if they're not ripe, they won't poach well. Bosc pears will maintain their shape well when baked or poached but Anjou's or Bartlett's will work also.

Find other pear recipes at www.DanvilleWeekly.com

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Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

DD Days in 1966 fetes the new freeway

The long-awaited Interstate 680 freeway completed its Walnut Creek-Danville section in 1964, following a route through the middle of the San Ramon Valley. In the meantime debates over the precise freeway alignment through the small village of San Ramon were heating up.

In the early 1960s, county planners were working with the Greater San Ramon Improvement Association to generate a Master Plan. The planners made it clear they thought the old buildings in San Ramon were real eyesores.

In that era, saving historic buildings wasn't something that usually came up. In 1963, the San Ramon Fire Department even burned down the classic 19th century San Ramon General Store as a practice for its firefighters.

Russ Griffith, the principal planner for the County Planning Commission, suggested that the new freeway should demolish the buildings east of the Old Highway, including the Brass Door, San Ramon Motors, San Ramon Realty and the A&W Root Beer restaurant. He reasoned that San Ramon's downtown could have a new start. Up-to-date buildings such as the immensely popular Sun Valley Mall in Concord opened in 1967 and "modern" was definitely in vogue.

Loud meetings with 200 or more people focused on the freeway location, and the Valley Pioneer for Sept. 19, 1962, said the county proposals were "causing havoc in the area." These were large meetings for an area with such a small population. Congressman John Baldwin and Assemblyman Don Doyle heard from San Ramon leaders and helped guide the freeway away from the downtown, although the east side of one building south of the Brass Door was clipped off.

Because the area was still so rural and federal regulations opposed



SAN RAMON VALLEY: ALAMO, DANVILLE AND SAN RAMON

Photograph shows San Ramon Valley Boulevard, then called Highway 21, and the Valley east of San Ramon before the freeway was built. The multi-level-roofed building is the Brass Door.

ramps closer than three miles apart, only a Crow Canyon Road ramp was planned. Norris and Bollinger Canyon Roads had freeway overpasses. Built by Frederickson and Watson, the 5.9-mile section of freeway from Sycamore Valley Road to Dublin was under way by 1965.

On Sept. 24, 1966, "Double D Days" celebrated the freeway linkage between Danville and Dublin. Historian Wilson Close headed the DD Freeway Celebration, which included an antique car parade with pioneer descendants Matilda Hartz Elliott, Friederich Jackson and Leo Norris in the first car. Other dignitaries included Congressman Jerry Waldie, State Sen. George Miller and County Supervisor James Moriarity.

What changes the freeway brought! No more cars end-to-end throughout the valley, and people could get in and out of town easily. The relief from congestion gave local leaders hope that gas sta-

tions along the highway might be replaced by other businesses.

Peace and quiet in areas away from the freeway was the best surprise. John May walked out to get the newspaper one morning after the freeway opened and saw no cars at all on the Danville Highway. "Margaret," he said, when he came back to the house, "it is as if a bomb dropped somewhere and we are the only people on earth."

With the Danville-San Ramon-Dublin link completed, the DD 680 brochure bragged that motorists could completely circle the entire East Bay area in a 73-mile loop without having to stop for one traffic signal. There were congratulations all round.

Sources: Valley Pioneers from the 1960s, interviews with Margaret May and Tony Dehaesus.

Beverly Lane, a longtime Danville resident, is curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and co-author of "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon."

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OF NOTE

New pastor at Rolling Hills

Dave Price is the new senior pastor at Rolling Hills Community Church in Danville, effective Oct. 1. He was born in Sacramento in 1957 and graduated from CSU Sacramento in 1980 and Western Seminary in Portland, Ore., in 1986. He has been married to Debbie for 20 years, and they have four children, their oldest a freshman at Azusa Pacific University.



Price has been a youth and college pastor for 20 years, the last six at Bayside Church in Sacramento. He gave his first sermon at Rolling Hills Community Church on Oct. 8, on the topic "First Things First."

Boy Scouts dub Danville woman 'distinguished'

The Mt. Diablo Silverado Council of the Boy Scouts of America will recognize Mary Ann McCoy of Danville and Sister Ann of the Bay Area Crisis Nursery in Concord at

its second annual Distinguished Citizen Dinner on Nov. 1. McCoy started the Children of Grace organization that provides sponsorship opportunities to help provide daily necessities to children orphaned by AIDS in Uganda.

Individual seats for the dinner are \$100 and sponsorship opportunities begin at \$1,000 to support Scouting in the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council. If individuals or companies would like to participate in this event, please contact Chelsea McClain at 674-6172 or finance@bsa-mdsc.org for more information.

AT THE MOVIES

CinéArts @ Pleasant Hill: 2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill (687-1100)
Century 14 Walnut Creek: 1201 Locust St., Walnut Creek (937-7025)
Blackhawk Movie 7: 4175 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville (736-0368)
Crow Canyon 6: 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon (820-4831)
Hacienda Crossings 20/ Regal Imax Theater: 5000 Dublin Blvd., Dublin (560-9600)
Vine Cinema: Corner of First and South O streets, Livermore (447-2545)
Internet address: For show times, visit the Danville Weekly Online Edition at www.DanvilleWeekly.com/

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

Alex Rider: Operation Stormbreaker (PG)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:30 am
Driving Lessons (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tue Noon, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55 pm
Employee of the Month (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 11:45 am, 2:55, 5:10, 7:30 pm Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:05 am, 1:35, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35 pm
Flags of Our Fathers (R)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 12:35, 3:50, 7:10, 10:15 pm Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 1:10, 1:40, 4:10, 4:40, 7:10, 7:40, 10:10, 10:40 pm
Flicka (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 12:30, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40 pm; Sun-Tue no 9:40 show Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10 pm Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11 am, 1:20, 3:40, 6:05, 8:25, 10:45 pm Vine Cinema: Fri 2:20 4:40, 7, 9:15 pm; Sat-Sun noon, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:15 pm; Mon-Tue 3, 5:10, 7:30 pm
Infamous (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tue 11:40 am, 9:40 pm
Jackass: Number Two (R)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 9:55 pm Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:05 am, 1:15, 4, 6:10, 8:35, 10:55 pm
Keeping Mum (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tue 2:20, 4:50, 7:15 pm
Man of the Year (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50 pm; Sun-Tue no 9:50 pm show Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 11:35 am, 1, 2:15, 3:35, 4:55, 6:15, 7:35, 9:10, 10:05 pm Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 12:45, 3:45, 6:50, 9:30 pm; Sun-Tue no 9:30 pm show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 1:45, 2:15, 5:05, 7:25, 7:55, 10:35 pm
Marie Antoinette (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 pm; Sun-Tue no 9:55 show Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 1:10, 4:15, 7:25, 10:20 pm Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 pm; all open captioned
One Night with the King (PG)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:30 am, 2:20, 5:20, 8:05, 10:50 pm
Open Season (PG)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 12:35, 2:45, 4:50, 7:30, 9:35 pm; Sun-Tue no 9:35 pm show Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 11:55 am, 2:30, 4:40, 7, 9:15 pm Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20 pm; Sun-Tue no 9:20 show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:35, 9:55 pm Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tue 11:05 am, 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05 pm Vine Cinema: Fri-Tue 1:30, 3:25, 5:20, 7:15, 9:05 pm; Mon-Tue no 9:05 pm show
School For Scoundrels (PG-13)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 12:30 pm
The Departed (R)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 12:40, 3:50, 7, 10:10 pm; Sun-Tue no 10:10 pm show Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 11:30 am, noon, 2:45, 3:40, 5:55, 7:15, 9:25, 10:30 pm Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 12:20, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50 pm; Sun-Tue no 9:50 show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue Noon, 1:55, 3:30, 5:10, 6:55, 8:45, 10:15 pm; Tue no 5:10, 8:45 shows
The Grudge 2 (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10 pm; Sun-Tue no 10 pm show Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 12:55, 3:25, 5:45, 8, 10:35 pm Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10 pm; Sun-Tue no 10 pm show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:20 am, 2, 2:55, 4:25, 5:40, 6:40, 8:10, 9:20, 10:50 pm
The Guardian (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 12:45, 7:05 pm Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 12:15, 3:45, 6:35, 9:45 pm
The Illusionist (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 3:55, 10 pm CinéArts: Fri-Tue 11:50 am, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 pm Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11 am, 4:35, 10:05 pm
The Last King of Scotland (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tue 1, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50 pm
The Marine (PG-13)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 12:40, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 pm Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40 pm; Sun-Tue no 9:40 pm show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11:10 am, 1:30, 3:50, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 pm
The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11 am, 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 10:55 pm
The Prestige (PG-13)	Blackhawk Movies 7: Fri-Tue 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10 pm; Sun-Tue no 10 pm show Cent. 14: Fri-Tue 11:40 am, 12:50, 2:50, 4:10, 6, 7:20, 9:05, 10:25 pm Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tue 1, 4, 7, 10 pm; Sun-Tue no 10 pm show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tue 11 am, 1:20, 1:50, 4:25, 4:50, 7:20, 7:50, 10:20, 10:50 pm
The Queen (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tue 11:20 am, 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15 pm
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri, Sat, Tue 11:50 am, 2:10, 4:30, 6:45, 9:10 pm; Sun 2:10, 4:30, 6:45 pm; Mon 2:10, 4:30, 9:10 pm



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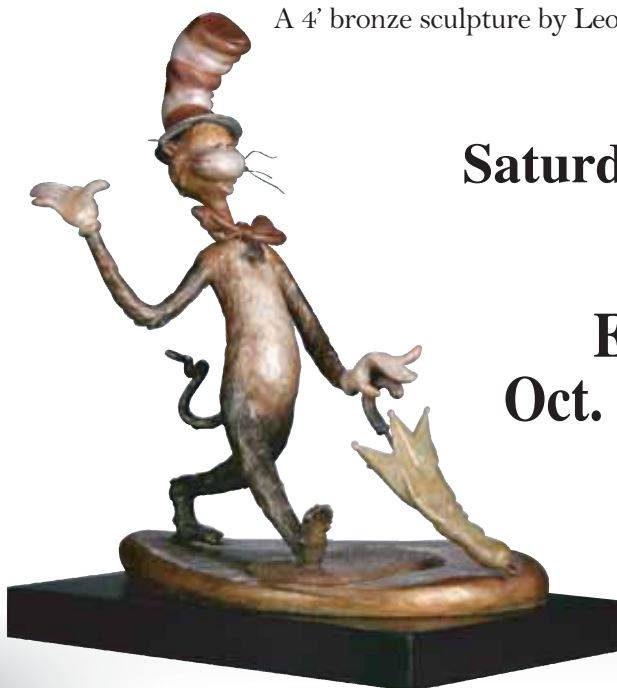
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Author Visits

Annie Barrows

Rakestraw Books will host Annie Barrows, author of "Ivy and Bean And the Ghost That Had to Go," at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Class reservations are essential. Call 837-7337.

Bay Books Hosts Mystery Authors

Bay Books will host a panel of mystery authors including Margaret Dumas, Camille Minichino and Ann Parker at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at the San Ramon Bay Books, 2415 San Ramon Valley Blvd. This event is free. Call 855-1524.

Caryn Yacowitz

Polka Dot Attic will host Caryn Yacowitz, author of "Pumpkin Fiesta," from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Attic, 411 Hartz Ave., Danville. Call 838-8004.

Frank Beddor

Rakestraw Books will host Frank Beddor, author of "The Looking Glass Wars," at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Reservations are essential. Call 837-7337.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

Rakestraw Books will host Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, author of "Kabbalah: A Love Story," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Reservations are essential. Call 837-7337.

Classes

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Livermore Adult Education is offering "Intermediate Acrylic Painting" is from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Oct. 23-Dec. 4, at Livermore Adult Education School, 1401 Almond Ave. Cost is \$35. Call 606-4722 or visit www.livermoreadult-ed.org.

Alamo's Fall Recreation Programs

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

Clay Character Modeling for Kids

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Clay Character Modeling for Kids class from 10-11:30 a.m., Saturdays, for ages 6-13. Michael Yen is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$86 for four weeks plus \$15 for materials. For information, call 838-1959.

Mixed Media Fun for Kids

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Mixed Media Fun for Kids class from 3-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, for ages 6-13. Marilyn MacDougall is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is

WEEKEND PREVIEW



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\$78 for five weeks, plus \$8 for materials. For information, call 838-1959.

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Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers an Oil and Acrylic Painting class from 10 a.m.-noon, Mondays, and from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays. Charles White is the instructor. Classes are ongoing and for all levels. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Pencil Sketching

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Pencil Sketching class from 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, for beginners-intermediates. Michael Yen is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

People, Pets and Wildlife Portraits Classes

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a People, Pets and Wildlife Portraits class on Thursdays for all levels. Beth Batchelor is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$30 per class or \$100 for four weeks. For information, call Beth at 837-5654.

The Art of Drawing

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers the Art of Drawing class from 6-8 p.m., Fridays, for all levels. Ron Norman is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$140 for eight weeks. For start dates, call 838-1959.

Watercolor

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Watercolor class from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, for all levels. Karen Mason is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$84 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Watercolor

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front Street, offers a Watercolor class from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, for all levels. Marilyn MacDougall is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$80 for four weeks. For information, call 838-1959.

Clubs

Alamo Cribbage Club

The club plays cribbage for fun. It meets at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday at the Safeway conference room, 200 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call 935-3325.

Alamo Rotary

The Alamo Rotary meets at noon every Wednesday at Roundhill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road. Call Mark Kahn at 837-3262.

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.

Alamo Women's Club Federated

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

Danville PM Toastmaster Club #1785

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

Danville Rotary

The Danville Rotary meets at noon every Monday at the Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. For information, visit www.danvillerotary.org.

Friends of the Danville Library

Friends of the Danville Library are renewing annual memberships and recruiting new members to help support, raise funds and sponsor programs for the Danville library. There are many benefits of being a Friend including merchant discounts, volunteer opportunities and preview of book sales. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Application forms are at the library, 400 Front St. Call 837-4455.

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.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

The society meets at 10 a.m., every third Tuesday of the month, except August and December, at the LDS Church, 2449 Stone Valley Road. Guest speaker at every meeting. All welcome. For information, call Ed at 299-0881.

San Ramon Valley Republican Women

This club will host a meeting for voters to meet candidates and hear about Ballot Propositions at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Crow Canyon Country Club,

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San Ramon Valley Rotary Club

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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 Girsolo 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.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

The organization meets every second Thursday of the month at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit www.vfw.org.

Wives of Retired Officers Club

This club will host its monthly luncheon with a performance from the Singing Blue Star Moms at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. The club will also give a special donation to the Blue Star Moms. Call Suzanne Paul at 934-0145.

Concerts

An Evening of Piano Music with Daniel Glover

This concert will feature Schumann's Fantasy in C, Opus 17, and Mozart-Liszt's fantasy on Themes from "Marriage of Figaro" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at First Presbyterian Church, Fifth Street, Livermore. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Deck The Hall For All

Danville Girls Chorus and San Ramon Valley High School Chamber Singers will perform "Deck the Hall for All" at 10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. General admission is \$10, children under 14 is \$7. Call 943-7469.

Gems from Brahms

Pianist Helene Wickett will join the Diablo Symphony in an all-Brahms concert at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21,

at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$10, \$18, and \$20. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org.

Impressions of Japan

Contra Costa Wind Symphony will perform "Impressions of Japan" at 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$15 for seniors, and \$12 for students. Call 943-7469 or visit www.ccwindsymphony.org.

Jupiter!

Pacific Chamber Symphony presents "Jupiter!" in honoring of the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birthday, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, \$15 for students, \$8 for children under 15 years old. Call 931-3444.

Events

Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month

Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center and Urgent Care will celebrate Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, at their center, 2000 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. Each dog that is adopted will receive coupons for a free health exam and free Frontline flea prevention. Call 866-8387.

Annual Harvest Festival

Creekside Community Church will host its annual Harvest Festival from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29, at the church, 1350 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Admission is free. The day will include blue grass music, line dancing, BBQ, face painting and more! Call 820-9031 or visit www.creeksidechurch.com.

Art of Living Series II

Leku Eder will host its fifth event in the Art of Living Series II, with "The Art of Home Organization" taught by Elaine Betts from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at the store, 178 E. Prospect, Danville. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling 820-8012.

California Independent International Film Festival

California Independent Film Festival Association will present this eighth annual festival in Livermore from Oct. 25-29. For information, visit www.caindiefest.com. Zephyr Grill & Bar will host the opening night reception on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1736 First St., Livermore. Call 552-7335 or visit www.caindiefest.com.

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.

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.danvillechamber.com.

Farmers Market

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

Lights of the Valley

Hope Hospice will host "Lights of the Valley," a unique way to memorialize a loved one, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Road. Your tax-deductible donation of \$20 lights a bulb on the tree of your choice. Call 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.

Lithorama 2006

Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem and Mineral Club presents its 33rd annual show and sale, Lithorama 2006, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19, at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Admission is \$3. Call 443-5769 or visit www.lithophiles.com.

Mount Diablo Trail Adventure

This year the Save Mount Diablo trail adventure will include many different runs starting at Castle Rock climbing up the slopes of Mount Diablo starting at 7 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 5. Lunch and T-shirts will be provided to all participants. To register, visit www.active.com or www.savemountdiablo.org. or call Julie, 947-3535.

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

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

Exhibits

Chinese Experience in the Valley
Museum on Main, Livermore Heritage Guild and the Chinese American Cooperation Council present "The Chinese Experience in the Valley" exhibit that will run until Dec. 3, at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Admission is \$2. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Embroidered Stories, Knitted Tales
This exhibit will include knitted and embroidered pieces as means of expression in fine art until Nov. 5, at Bedford Gallery, Dean Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Admission is \$3. Call 295-1417 or visit www.bedfordgallery.org.

Indian Life of the Valley
Come and experience "Indian Life-First People of the Valley" from now until Nov. 15, at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. The exhibit will feature artifacts and reproductions reflecting the lives of Indians in the San Ramon Valley. Call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsv.org.

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

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

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

Film

Videos for Peace and Justice
Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center will host a filming of "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24; "Stop the Abuse of Power: Civil Liberties Issues and the Elections" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25; and "Videos for Peace: 9/11: Press for Truth" at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

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.

Animal Lover's Boutique
Valley Humane Society will host the Seventh annual Animal Lover's Boutique from Nov. 9-11, at 4510 Entrada Court, Pleasanton. This hours are from 4-9 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday. This event will benefit the Valley Humane Society. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumanesociety.org.

Annual Holiday Home Tour
Danville-Alamo Branch of American Association of University Women presents its second annual Holiday Home Tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2. Tickets are \$25 by Nov. 25, \$30 thereafter. Proceeds will

benefit Local Scholarships and Tech Trek science camps. Call 820-6158.

Artful Living Home Tour
Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. presents the "Artful Living Home Tour" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Nov. 3-4, starting at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda. The tour will feature five distinctive homes in Orinda. Tickets are \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Call 962-1776 or visit www.jloeb.org.

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.

Charlotte Wood BASH!
Charlotte Wood Middle School will host "BASH!" (Building Academic Success Happily!) at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. The night will include a live auction and dinner. Cost is \$75. There will also be a silent auction from Oct. 18-27, at www.cwbash.com. Call Beth at 855-7454.

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.

Community Shopping Day
Junior League of Oakland-East Bay Inc. is working with Macy's in Pleasanton for a Community Shopping Day to raise money for non-profit organizations from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at the store, Stoneridge Mall, 1 Stoneridge Mall Road. The day will include fashion events, live music and crafts. Cost is \$10; call 284-3740.

Crab Fest and Sports Auction
Biletnikoff Foundation will host its seventh annual Crab Fest and Sports Auction from 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Nov. 10, at the Marriot at Bishop Ranch, 2600 Bishop Ranch Drive, San Ramon. Tickets are \$95, attire is casual. Proceeds will benefit the foundation. Call 556-2525 or visit www.biletnikoff.org.

Everything But The Moon Rummage Sale
Alamo Women's Club will host a Rummage Sale that will benefit scholarships and charitable organizations in the Contra Costa area from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, and from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, at the clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. They are also accepting tax deductible donations from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at the clubhouse. Call 820-6985.

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

Iron Horse Mothers Club (IHMC) will host its annual Holiday Boutique from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, at Iron Horse Middle School, 12601 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon. Proceeds will benefit IHMC's Caring Fund. For information, call Mary at 964-0585.

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.

Power of Change Fashion Event

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

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.

Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust

Warren W. Eukel Teach Trust will host its 15th annual Awards Dinner honoring outstanding teachers of Contra Costa County at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, at Diablo Country Club, 1700 Clubhouse Road, Diablo. Tickets are \$150. Proceeds will benefit the Trust. Call 945-0200.

Wine Tasting Benefit

AWM Financial Partners will host wine tastings from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10, at Bella Vino Wine Bar, 3450 Camino Tassajara Blvd., Danville. Cost is a \$10 donation. Proceeds will benefit Camp OKIZU, which conducts a summer camp for children who are challenged with cancer. Call 648-1300.

Health

African Drumming Circle

Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism. Join Patricia Frame for an African Drumming Circle from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, and Thursday, Nov. 9, 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.

Cancer for Two

The Wellness Community will host a workshop for couples affected by cancer from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 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.

Community Walk

Fit Studio is hosting free community walks starting at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the studio, 294 B Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 362-8001.

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 to cancer patients, their families and friends, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Frankly Speaking About Cancer Treatment

The Wellness Community will host a workshop on "Taking Control of Side Effects with Medicine, Mind and Body" from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 4, 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.

Frankly Speaking About Lung Cancer

The Wellness Community will host Michaela Strisnicka, MD and Lynn Rodegard, RN, BSN from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7, 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.

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.

Mindful Chi Kung

Come and experience this ancient practice to be aware of your body from 3:30-5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, 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.

Nutrition and Cancer Treatment

The Wellness Community will host Tinrin Chew, Oncology Dietician from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, 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.

Inventing Halloween: A Monster Factory

Blackhawk Museum presents "Inventing Halloween: A Monster Factory" from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Make your own paper mask, paper bag costume and create edible monsters. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 736-2280.

Monster Bash on USS Hornet

The USS Hornet Museum will hold its annual Monster Bash from 7:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 28, onboard the ship, 707 W. Hornet Avenue, Pier 3, Alameda. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for kids. Call (510) 521-8448, ext. 282, or visit www.hornet-events.com.

Pumpkin Jubilee

This harvest festival provides fun and entertainment for the entire family on Saturday, Oct. 28, in the Livery, off of interstate 680 at Sycamore Valley Road West and San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 838-7070.

That Old Blackhawk Magic X

Blackhawk Museum hosts "That Old Blackhawk Magic X" from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 736-2280.

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,

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‘The Tale of Cinderella’
Diablo Ballet presents “The Tale of Cinderella” by Nikolai Kabaniaev at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 943-7469.

‘Tuesdays with Morrie’
Center Repertory Company presents “Tuesdays with Morrie” from now until Oct. 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.

Wigged Out!
Victoria’s Hair on Stage opens its doors for “Wigged Out!” at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at Victoria’s Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. They will host a champagne reception at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16. Cost for the champagne reception is \$40; all seats for regular shows are \$38. Call 855-SHOW (855-7469).

Seniors

Free Flu Shots
San Ramon Regional Medical Center will provide free flu shots to adults 65 years and older from 9-11 a.m. and to adults 50 years and older from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at the hospital, South Conference Room, South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call 275-8230.

Spiritual

Family Sabbath Pizza Night
Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will host a family Sabbath Pizza Night at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at a private home; call for directions. Cost is \$6 for adults, no charge for children. Intermarried and non-traditional families are welcome. Reservations are required by calling (510) 888-1404 or e-mail culturaljews@aol.com.

Jewish Culture School
Tri-Valley Cultural Jews and Jewish Culture School will mark its first meeting for its family and adult education program at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, at 1817 Sinclair Drive, Pleasanton. Call 485-1049.

Support Groups

San Ramon Valley Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue and Chronic Pain Support
A new and proactive group for FIBRO, CFS, CFIDS and Chronic Pain meets from 7-9 p.m. every other Monday in Danville. This group is positive, informative that meets to help each other to be better advocates. Call for location and information at 234-5621.

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East Bay Trail Dogs is an all-volunteer group that has built, repaired and helped maintain single-track trails in the East Bay Regional Park District, the Mt. Diablo State Park, and Walnut Creek open space. Volunteers meet the fourth Saturday and one weekday each month. To participate, call Harry at 443-3925.

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.

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.

Pure Girls Halloween Costume Extravaganza
Pure Girls will host a Halloween Costume Extravaganza from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29, at the store, 660 Main Street, Pleasanton. Girls should show up in costume. A Costume Runway Show will start at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$35, \$30 with BFF discount. Call 485-4380.

Teen S.A.T. Strategy Sessions
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Lectures/ Workshops

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Join the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center when it hosts U.S. Rep. George Miller who will talk about “Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers” at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Diablo Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

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.

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First Resort along with community sponsors present “Talk” from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at Foothill Middle School, 2775 Cedro Lane, Walnut Creek. There will be several experts covering: “Empowering My Teen,” “The Silent Epidemic” and “Why Fathers Matter.” Advance tickets are \$15 for singles, \$20 for couples; tickets at the door are \$20 for singles, \$30 for couples. Call (510) 569-1200.

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Danville WEEKLY **PLEASANTON WEEKLY**

Pet of the Week

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This sweet, young adult housecat is a spayed female who is current on her vaccinations, including rabies and leukemia. Hermione is not fond of other cats or dogs so she needs to be an "only pet." She is well behaved in the house and loves to be petted. Hermoine (pet #65008) has beautiful gray and cream-colored fur. Currently, the East County Animal Shelter has a variety of friendly house-cats in need of homes. Visit the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin, open daily 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 803-7040. Visit www.tvr.org for a list of adoptable animals currently in foster homes.

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during September 2006

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 20	Total sales reported: 2	Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$750,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,676,500	Lowest sale reported: \$228,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,184,500	Highest sale reported: \$2,600,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,010,000
Average sales reported: \$1,117,975	Average sales reported: \$2,138,250	Average sales reported: \$670,712

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Alamo	Alamo	Walnut Creek
172 East Lane D. Holmgren to A. & N. Alijanian for \$2,600,000	4484 Deer Ridge Road Payne Trust to Rindner Trust for \$1,475,000	208 Nanterre Street KB Homes to Y. Zhao for \$835,000
749 Fair Oaks Drive Fatehi Trust to F. & C. Smith for \$1,676,500	176 Diablo Ranch Court Prudential Relocation to F. Cohen for \$1,980,000	1908 St. George Road J. & J. Vietri to Sullivan Trust for \$810,000
3 Ashland Way J. & C. Mini to M. & J. Jamieson for \$1,058,000	650 El Capitan Drive Schmitt Trust to M. Koeppen for \$950,000	661 St. George Road Haven Trust to R. Leek for \$830,000
2013 Camino Ramon Kewell Trust to I. & J. Alyousfi for \$960,000	355 Glen Arms Drive Schroeffer Trust to K. Treat for \$988,000	1919 St. Norbert Drive R. Wihlidal to J. Nystrom for \$1,030,000
302 Cliffside Drive Chance Trust to R. & L. Faber for \$1,253,000	785 Highbridge Lane World Savings Bank to B. & D. Davis for \$988,000	1265 Avenida Sevilla #2B Melrose Trust to Macdonald Trust for \$800,000
1614 Colchester Street Lennar Homes to S. & M. Fesai for \$1,206,500	20 Laurel Court S. Barnert to C. & A. Koenig for \$750,000	123 Bria Court F. & L. Haegeland to T. & K. Williams for \$1,265,000
1626 Colchester Street Lennar Homes to S. Chon for \$1,172,500	8 Mrack Court C. & R. Campanella to J. Neeley for \$2,184,500	2420 Brighton Way R. & S. Miles to Cisson Trust for \$1,300,000
1632 Colchester Street Lennar Homes to P. Hyare for \$1,213,000	190 Nanterre Street KB Homes to A. Ahuja for \$930,000	2270 Bromfield Court C. Stewart to K. & M. Kinstley for \$820,000
	196 Nanterre Street KB Homes to K. Park for \$911,500	1246 Crimison Court D. & A. Miller to J. Calvachi for \$900,000
	202 Nanterre Street KB Homes to J. Mujica for \$834,500	

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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Alamo	Alamo	Danville
4 Bedrooms	34 Magnolia Pl. Sun 1-4 Intero \$1,995,000 683-9799	2 Bedrooms
155 Wilson Rd. Sun 1-4 Intero \$1,249,000 368-8667	25 Chestnut Pl. Sun 1-4 Intero \$2,398,000 855-4072	441 Sycamore Cir. Sat 12-3 Re/Max \$519,000 858-9365
1484 Emmons Canyon Dr. Sun 1-4 Intero \$1,299,000 330-1350	132 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE \$2,595,000 736-6000	4032 Skylark Ln. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$534,500 968-1452
1484 Emmons Canyon Dr. Sun 1-4 Intero \$1,299,000 963-0093	5 Bedrooms	136 Westfield Cir. Sat 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE \$569,000 683-5689
1606 Litina Ln. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$1,595,000 323-6735	5078 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$1,749,000 876-6935	2198 Shoshone Cir. Sun 1-4 Empire \$649,500 984-1787
46 Vista Ln. Sun 1:30-4 Intero \$1,659,000 672-2499		2200 Oneida Cir. Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$660,000 577-5510
75 Candleston Pl. Sun 12-5 Pacific Union \$1,899,000 997-3966		3 Bedrooms
61 Vista Ln. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$1,698,000 876-6935		663 Sheri Ln. Sun 1-4 Prudential CA \$1,180,000 734-5076
3 Bedrooms		
11 Deer Meadow Ct. Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE \$1,259,000 736-4155		
4 Bedrooms		
3155 Deer Meadow Dr. Sat/Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker \$1,199,000 640-8283		

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3 Bedrooms

- 4 Danville Oak Pl.** \$599,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5331
- 154 Lawnview Cir.** \$599,550
Sun 1-4 Better Homes 389-0618
- 35 Copperfield Ln.** \$715,000
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 734-5000
- 42 Casablanca St.** \$759,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4072
- 24 Sage Hill Ct.** \$760,000
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union GMAC 314-4805
- 1148 River Rock Ln.** \$777,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075
- 1354 Fountain Springs Cir.** \$799,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 858-9365
- 4 Hardy Ct.** \$928,750
Sat 12-3 Pacific Union 997-3966

4 Bedrooms

- 389 Squirrel Ridge Rd.** \$1,024,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822
- 1024 Ocho Rios Dr.** \$1,099,000
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 314-2428
- 384 Borica Dr.** \$1,129,000
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 216-6817
- 868 Dolphin Dr.** \$1,154,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4041
- 1116 Blue Spur Cir.** \$1,169,000
Sun 2-5 Intero 855-4110
- 1144 Trowbridge Wy.** \$1,189,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 876-6935
- 705 Mistral Ct.** \$1,199,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 943-3333
- 112 Quinterra Ln.** \$1,249,950
Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker 362-2019
- 250 Tim Ct.** \$1,599,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Better Homes 389-0618
- 260 Tim Ct.** \$1,695,000
Sun By Appt. Intero 977-8965
- 11 Jillian Wy.** \$1,789,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 818-4078

- 112 Lawnview Cir.** \$619,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075
- 1763 St. Helena Dr.** \$869,000
Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker 785-9373
- 315 Gil Blas Rd.** \$875,000
Sun 2-5 Intero 855-4108
- 1102 River Rock Ln.** \$899,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4049
- 303 Windchime Dr.** \$959,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 984-3060
- 577 La Gonda Wy.** \$979,900
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4125
- 900 El Capitan** \$997,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 683-7709
- 21 Ocho Rios Pl.** \$999,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 791-2513

5 Bedrooms

- 1390 Brookside Dr.** \$1,099,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 736-1666
- 400 Coventry Pl.** \$1,162,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 984-3992
- 151 Golden Hills Ct.** \$1,479,000
Fri/Sat/Sun 1-4 Empire 217-3108
- 18 Discovery Ct.** \$1,595,000
Sun 1:30-4 Re/Max 943-3333
- 112 Laurelwood Dr.** \$2,199,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 977-8965
- 246 Stetson Dr.** \$919,900
Sun 1-4:30 Prudential RE 314-2470
- 54 St. Luke Ct.** \$990,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4060
- 729 Sweetwater Dr.** \$999,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 323-6735

6 Bedrooms

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

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

- 9085 Alcosta Blvd. #415** \$349,500
Sun 1-4 Empire 984-1787
- 2653 Fountainhead Dr.** \$465,000
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 819-7653

- 246A Canyon Woods Wy.** \$549,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 292-SOLD
- 950 Springview Cir.** \$635,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Empire 217-3112

3 Bedrooms

- 2504 Fountainhead Dr.** \$468,888
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 785-9373
- 2145 Watermill Rd.** \$714,950
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 216-2283
- 775 Winterside Cir.** \$719,000
Sun 2-5 Intero 855-4110
- 209 Westvale Cir.** \$724,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4022
- 2450 Milford Dr.** \$759,900
Sat 1:30-4:30/ Sun 1-4 Intero 336-6377
- 6885 Aberdale Cir.** \$769,800
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 209-7644
- 3237 Montevideo Dr.** \$845,000
Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3373
- 429 Donner Wy.** \$875,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4128
- 3111 Marble Canyon Pl.** \$949,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

4 Bedrooms

- 604 Vine Hill Ln.** \$1,155,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822
- 718 Bowen Ct.** \$1,168,850
Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5082
- 2932 Silva Wy.** \$1,370,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 699-9099
- 11 Henry Ranch Dr.** \$1,459,000
Sun 1-5 All CA Brokerage 699-7955
- 2794 Marsh Dr.** \$675,000
Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker 362-2058
- 411 Ventura Pl.** \$724,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 785-9373
- 9948 Broadmoor Dr.** \$745,000
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 683-5689
- 448 Santander Dr.** \$779,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 785-9373
- 2201 S. Donovan Wy.** \$795,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5346
- 3407 Java Dr.** \$849,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

- 2977 Morgan Dr.** \$849,999
Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5072
- 121 Wycliffe Ct.** \$898,000
Sat 1:30-4:30 UCB 200-8856
- 228 Veritas Ct.** \$899,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 989-4123
- 2016 Maidenhair Wy.** \$905,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3373
- 2517 Aranda Dr.** \$969,500
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 997-1585
- 2433 Wildhorse** \$997,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 963-6300

5 Bedrooms

- 100 Allanmere Ct.** \$1,048,000
Sun 1-4 Blackhawk RE 736-4155
- 301 Adelaide Hills Ct.** \$1,199,998
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 785-1386
- 3059 Hastings Wy.** \$1,215,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4179
- 117 Mediar Ct.** \$1,399,900
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 998-5334
- 16 Pine Valley Pl.** \$1,459,000
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 487-6211
- 22 Diamond Ranch Ct.** \$1,549,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 577-4165
- 1400 Allanmere Dr.** \$969,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 785-1386

Walnut Creek

3 Bedrooms

- 14 Sierra Ln.** \$499,950
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653
- 639 Banyan Ln.** \$850,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 984-3992

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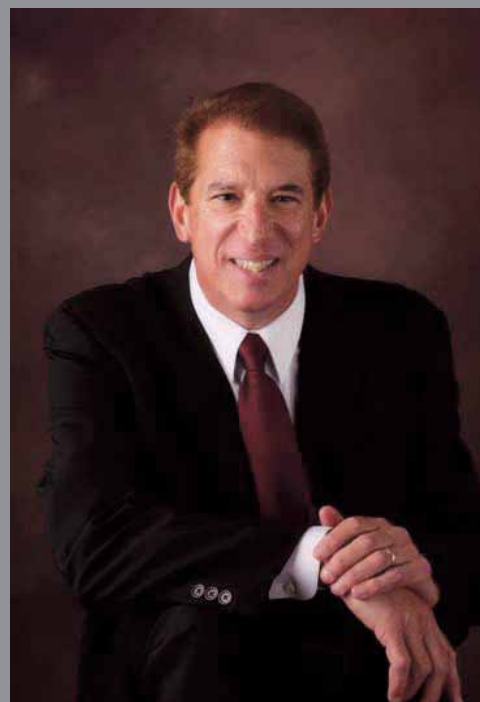
4 Bedrooms

- 2105 Cascara Ct.** \$2,340,000
Sun 1-4 Windermere 922-0822
- 7865 Knollbrook Dr.** \$798,000
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