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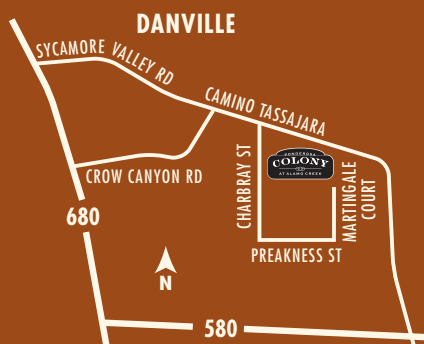
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Q: How do you feel about neighbors raising hens in their back yards?



I remember people in college at Berkeley, that some fraternity brothers raised three chicks into hens. It was entertaining. They got messier. It was a lot of crap where they would go. They just go wherever they wanted to go. And feathers as well.

Paul Moore
Mt. Diablo Region YMCA business manager



It would be annoying a little bit because they are loud and could have disease. I work at a barn and so I am used to chickens.

Amanda Davis
groomer



I think it would be cool. They're very dirty. They squat at every place. That's cool, man. As long as they clean the mess. They have the "cluck" of nature.

Bob Elliot
retired banker



As a kid, I had chickens in my back yard. I'd be OK. But back then we didn't have the bird flu epidemic. It depends on the neighborhood. They could be messy if you don't take care of them. This was a pretty rural environment until the last 10 years.

Paul Modrell
environmental scientist



Depends on how they keep the property. They should ask neighbors how they feel about it. They need to pay attention to the noise and the needs of the chickens. You're worried about disease and keeping them clean, with any animals. I've never had them. I don't know what the ramifications would be.

Judith Levine
Realtor

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ We knew they were
gunning for us but we were
gunning for them, too. ”

—San Ramon Valley High girls volleyball
coach Tom Bauhs about last week's
match-up against Monte Vista. See story, page 14.

Prospector Square open for business

Two stores in the new Prospector Square on Prospect Avenue in Danville had their grand openings Friday night: Flaunt and Christina's.

Flaunt moved from its location next door where it has been in business for three years. "It's more than twice the space," said Jean Stringfellow, who runs Flaunt with her daughter Ashley Stringfellow-Luengo.

Christina's Fine Women's Clothing is new in Danville although it has a store in Merced.

Both stores feature clothing for women. Flaunt carries the latest styles for younger women, while Christina's clothes are more classic, catering to ages 30 to 90.

'We, the People' inspires contest

Interested in the Constitution and like to give speeches? The American Legion Post 246 of Danville is gearing up for its high school oratorical contest Jan. 9. The purpose is to develop a deeper appreciation of the U.S. Constitution, as well as leadership qualities and the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently.

Participants need to prepare an eight- to 10-minute oration on some phase of the Constitution, followed by a three to five minute assigned topic on a specific article, section or amendment. Winners of the contest at the Danville Veterans Memorial Building in January will advance to the area finals Feb. 11, being held at the same place. That winner will advance to the state finals in March. National finals are held in Indianapolis. National scholarship awards are \$18,000 for first place; \$16,000 for second place; \$14,000 for third place. Smaller awards are given at the local competitions.

Interested students should contact the speech department at their high schools for rules and more information.

Fido is looking for love

As part of national Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month, Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center is hosting an adoption event for animal rescue groups from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 28. Participating groups will include Pug Rescue, German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, Golden Gate Lab Rescue, Bulldog Club of Northern California and the Tri-Valley SPCA. Each group will have information and most dogs can be taken home that day.

Adopted dogs will receive a coupon for a free health exam from the veterinary center and free month of Frontline flea prevention along with other dog necessities.

The center is located at 200 Bishop Drive at Norris Canyon Road in San Ramon.

Horse succumbs to West Nile Virus

Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District officials learned Tuesday that a horse from East Contra Costa County tested positive for West Nile virus. The horse began showing symptoms in late September and had to be euthanized.

"We strongly urge every horse owner to vaccinate their horses," said Deborah Bass, public affairs manager for the District. "Forty-four percent of the horses that are diagnosed with West Nile virus in California die or have to be euthanized."

Clinical signs of West Nile virus infection in horses include stumbling, staggering, wobbly gait, loss of coordination, weakness and paralysis. Humans and animals cannot get West Nile virus from an infected horse; it is only spread by the bite of an infected mosquito.

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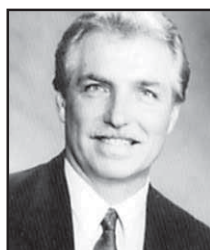
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Aquatic Center committee asks Alamo recreation for help

Second pool at San Ramon Valley High School would be shared by all

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Before Alamo Parks and Recreation Committee helps fund an aquatic center at San Ramon Valley High School, members said they will need to believe it will benefit the greater Alamo community—not just high school aquatic teams.

“There is no doubt the school needs a pool, it’s who should fund it that’s the question,” said member Tom Matthews.

Tom Dewar and Craig Bjorkman of the Danville Aquatic Center Steering Committee gave a persuasive presentation to the R-7A Parks and Recreation Committee last week, detailing why it should contribute \$300,000 to a new pool in Danville, a project targeted for 2008.

“The pool barely meets needs for the school, it can’t possibly

meet the needs of the community,” Dewar said, pointing out that the current pool is too small and shallow to efficiently accommodate aquatic sports teams.

The funds from R-7A, a committee that holds an annual income of about \$600,000 per year, would be acquired over five years.

“It would be the only year-round pool in the area,” Dewar said.

Forty-seven percent of students who attend SRVHS live in Alamo and are part of families who support R-7A through their taxes, Dewar

said. About 10 percent of students at the high school are involved in water sports and all students use the pool for physical education, he added.

Still, some members of R-7A were skeptical, stating that with little opportunity for community use, there is no way to be sure a new pool is in demand in the Alamo area.

“How can we deduce that a pool will even be used by the community?” said Marie-Jeanne Parsons of the Alamo Parks and Recreation

Committee.

Dewar said he and Bjorkman, planned to illustrate the need for the pool by showing how nearby communities with pools have benefited from aquatic centers in the past.

“We’ll have to show them that they roll back the top at 4:30 in the morning and that people are using it until 10 at night,” he said.

The project cost is estimated at \$2.4 million, and the Steering

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Growing donations

Hair stylist Denise Jennings measures the hair she cut from Wisti Quenneville of Tribez Salon in Danville while giving her a short style inspired by Priscilla Presley. Quenneville, also a stylist, has spent the last two years growing out her hair for a good cause. After reading about Alopecia, an auto immune disease that causes hair loss in children, she felt compelled to donate her hair to Locks of Love. The nonprofit group provides fine quality hairpieces to sick, disadvantaged children to help them feel strong and beautiful despite their health. Quenneville has managed to get six of her clients to participate with her and she hopes it will catch on with the rest of the town. “Through Christmas, if anyone wants to donate their hair, I will cut it for free,” she said. To donate hair, it must be over 10 inches long; it can be color treated but should be in good condition. Call 200-9863.



NATALIE O'NEILL

Traffic lights get further backup

Systems can take over during power outage

by **Jordan M. Dronila**

Backup batteries will help light the way next time a blackout hits Danville.

Town staff has purchased six additional battery backup systems to power traffic lights if they go out during outages. The batteries are part of a town-wide plan to provide signals at busy intersections with emergency energy, said Nazanin Shakerin, town traffic engineer.

“It makes things safer for us,” Shakerin said.

“It behooves us from a traffic and driver safety point of view,” added Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

The Town Council approved \$71,000 to purchase the backup batteries, which are part of Danville’s Capital Improvement Projects. Staff will spend approximately \$27,000 for the equipment and \$15,000 for the installation from the money allocated by the Council, Shakerin said. The rest of the money will return to the General Fund.

The batteries will be installed at major intersections such as Camino Tassajara and Old Blackhawk Road; Sycamore Valley and Morninghome

roads; and San Ramon Valley Boulevard and Danville Livery Sycamore Square.

The batteries will provide signals with power for two to four hours, Shakerin said. Staff members have surmised this would be enough time for overall power to be restored.

If traffic lights go out completely, drivers must follow state rules of a road with a four-way stop, she said.

Over the course of the last three years, 17 intersections in Danville have been equipped with battery backup systems over the course of the last three years.

“This has allowed the intersections to function fully during scheduled as well as unscheduled power outages such as construction repairs, traffic accidents, pole knockdowns and any unforeseen circumstances causing a power outage,” Shakerin wrote in a memo to the Town Finance Committee.

The Town has purchased the batteries from Livermore-based equipment company J A M Services.

Maintenance workers from Contra Costa County will install the battery equipment. ■

Don't just stand for something—run for it

Danville woman finishes half-marathon for Leukemia & Lymphoma

by **Cheri Eplin**

To honor a loved one. To support a survivor. To inspire others. Those are just a few reasons I joined the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Team in Training (TNT) program.

After my childhood friend Tommy Fitzmaurice died from leukemia, it was easy to support an organization whose mission was to raise funds to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life for

patients and their families. Tommy lived only long enough to plan his own memorial service, complete with cheerleaders, speeches and music provided by the middle school band. He had a lot in common with “Karen,” the designated honoree for our team; they were both athletic, vivacious and in middle school. The only difference is Karen lived to be a healthy young adult.

The survival rate for children with leukemia has tripled since the late 1970s, thanks to the miracu-

lous work of science professionals. Despite this good news, leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children under age 20. It also affects adults as does the other group of blood cancers the society supports, such as lymphoma, which is divided into two major categories: Hodgkins lymphoma and all other lymphomas, non-Hodgkins lymphoma, or cancers that originate in the lymphatic system.

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The sun is rising as Cheri Eplin heads out of the financial district Sunday morning at the Nike Women’s Marathon to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

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Deputy Fire Chief Suter to retire

Alamo resident leaving fire district after 32 years

by Jordan M. Doronila

Deputy Fire Chief Chris Suter will miss his family of firefighters when he retires this winter.

Suter, 52, an Alamo resident, will leave his post as a deputy fire chief with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District on Dec. 15. He has been with the district for 32 years, and he said it was time to leave.

"I'm retiring because I have 32 years in the fire department," he said. "It's kind of that time. I love the job. It's not feasible to stay much longer."

Assistant Chief of Operations Mike Sylvia and Battalion Chief Bert Byers are also retiring.

During Suter's tenure, he helped build the district's communication center and radio infrastructure, as well as ordering more data equipment. He also headed a squad that helped out in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina ruined the area. And Suter oversaw a team that retrieved several victims from the Cyprus structure collapse on I-880 in Oakland after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

Additionally, the fire station was built in Dougherty Valley and several other fire stations were remodeled during his time.

Suter said he really enjoyed his job as deputy fire chief.

"I'm going to miss it," he said. "It's hard to walk away from it. I'm going to continue being a volunteer for the district."

He said he was going to continue being a communications coordinator.

Suter was born in Kent County in Great Britain in 1954. His father worked for Bechtel Corp., an American company, and relocated the family to Connecticut.

Suter said when he moved to the U.S., students in Connecticut gave



Deputy Fire Chief
Chris Suter

him and his sister a hard time because of their British accents.

"They unmercifully made fun of us," he said. "They were pretty mean to my sister."

"It's a new country," he added. "It's hard to fit in."

In 1970, Suter's family relocated to the Bay Area and moved to Danville, Suter said.

"It was much easier in California," he said. "People were just nicer. It is a melting pot with people from all over the world. It's much more tolerant in California."

After graduating from high school, Suter became a volunteer firefighter around 1974 because he was good friends with Mike Sylvia, whose father was an elected director for the Fire District. Sylvia is also retiring at this time.

Suter became a fulltime fireman for the district in 1976.

Eventually, he worked his way up from being a firefighter to being a deputy fire chief in 1988.

Suter said he enjoys films that depict firemen at their jobs; however, many films are unrealistic, he noted.

He recalled a scene in the film "Ladder 49" where fire officials left a fellow fireman in a building because there was no way he could get out. Suter said in reality there was no way a fireman would leave a comrade to die.

"It's like a big family," Suter said. "There's no way that would happen." ■



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Festival is just ducky

Ali Williams, 2, enjoys a lollipop she received trick-or-treating in her duck costume with friend Jack Myers, 3-1/2, aka Power Ranger SPD, at the Danville Fall Crafts Festival on Sunday. There was something for everyone, with more than 200 artists, delicious food for sale, and stores and booths handing out candy to the children.



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Y projects quietly proceeding

Theater, Alamo facility are on track for construction

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Mt. Diablo Region YMCA plans for the performing arts center on El Cerro Boulevard at La Gonda are moving ahead as well as those for its new facility on a 12-acre site in Alamo.

Fundraising to complete the inside of the theater and to build the Alamo facility are two different entities, said Mike Erwin, Mt. Diablo Region YMCA chief executive officer.

"With the performing arts center we are currently working on obtaining a group to come in and conduct a feasibility study," he said.

The study should be completed at the beginning of the new year.

The outside of the theater is completed and shares a building with the Mt. Diablo Financial Center. The YMCA took over the theater project after its original developer William McCann faced criminal charges, and the office building and 299-seat theater shell were sold to the Tan Group in 2001.

The YMCA first did a market analysis to make sure the theater was something the community wanted.

"The answer to that was a resounding 'yes,'" Erwin said. "It's an attraction that is needed and wanted within the community."

Secondly, the Y looked at the design of the facility and determined it would meet the needs of the community. The cost estimation to complete the theater project is around \$5.5 million.

The 30-year-old Willows Theatre Company of Concord will be moving to the theater upon its completion. Bringing a theater group in from another community may help with raising funds, Erwin said.

"We are partnering with Willows, working jointly to select fundraisers," he said.

Fundraising for the new Alamo facility off Danville Boulevard is going full steam ahead, said Erwin.

"We've received our entitlements and right now are going through the permitting process on the property," he said. "All our work with the county is done.... The applications are submitted and pending."

He said the construction work may begin in the spring.

"The first thing will be road improvements and the bridge," he said.

The bridge will span San Ramon Creek to lead from Danville Boulevard to the site at Lewis Lane. The location backs up to Hap Magee Ranch Park but will have no vehicle access from there.

"What we have planned initially is the indoor-outdoor pool, the main building, the community room, and the main wellness facilities," Erwin said.

The Alamo YMCA project is estimated at \$9.1 million.

The fundraising campaign is currently targeting major donors, foundations and corporations. The public portion of the campaign will follow. ■

Pool

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Committee has received \$1.4 million so far. Independent contributors have donated \$630,000 including \$100,000 from Round Hill Swim Club; the Town of Danville has committed \$750,000; and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District has promised restroom facilities.

"It provides fun and exercise for people of all ages," Dewar said.

The project would not be a renovation of the old pool; it would be the construction of a second pool. The new pool would be open to people in the community for lap swimming, aquatic aerobics, swimming lessons, and other recreational activities. Located along the Iron Horse Trail, it would be in a safe, central location for Alamo and Danville residents, Dewar said.

Aquatic exercise is a recreational activity in which everyone from seniors to toddlers can participate, he said. Currently the pool at SRVHS is occupied by teams from morning until late evening. This allows no time for anyone but students to use it during the school year. An additional pool would provide more space and time for community use.

Other R-7A members pointed out that the YMCA in Alamo will have a pool when it is completed

and that the community can use that pool for recreation.

"But it won't be a competitive pool," Bjorkman said, stating that adult swim teams and water polo players won't be able to use it for their needs.

Taking into account the \$250,000 that was allocated to Monte Vista High School for an Aquatic Center by R-7A, and considering the new parking lot the school built this summer, many parents and students feel SRVHS has been under funded in comparison.

While school board members say parking is a challenge at SRVHS, considering it is land locked, the school has provided space for the new aquatic center.

"Monte Vista has received \$250,000 for their pool and SRVHS has received nothing," said Craig Bjorkman of the Steering Committee.

No motions were made on the subject and discussion was stopped short, due to time restraints. It will be continued at the next R-7A Parks and Recreation meeting on Nov. 25.

Steve Mick, chairman of R-7A said he is looking to hear from the community on the subject. Visit alamore.org for more information or contact Mick at stevemick.r7a@comcast.net.

"This needs some further molding, thinking about and reviewing," said Mick. ■

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"Tiffany men" at the finish line present Cheri Eplin with a medal of completion from the jeweler.

Marathon

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I joined TNT in August and completed the Nike Women's Marathon held in San Francisco last Sunday along with 15,000 others. Only this time, I had the option of completing a half-marathon or 13.1 miles, which was an excellent option being I wasn't in the same, er, state as when I first ran in 1997.

In August, it felt overwhelming as I began a new job at Greenbrook Elementary, school started again for my kids, and I moved yet again. But I had convinced my friend Susie Swartz to take the journey with me so I couldn't quit before I began. I also remembered Tommy and Karen and now had my new honorees, Diana Long and Dottie McHugh, to think of so I followed my weekly training schedule. This program provides an amazing opportunity for adventure in the beautiful parks and trails throughout the Bay Area and to create new friendships as you meet, sweat, talk, and sweat some more with each other.

TNT has come a long way from raising \$322,000 in its first year at the New York Marathon in 1988 to more than \$16 million just from the Nike Women's Marathon event. More than 75 percent goes to research.

To be a part of a much larger effort helps when you're hating life on mile six up a major hill through the Sea Cliff District in San Francisco, exercising your right to the freedom of speech as every syllable uttered is felt in every bone, muscle and fragment in your body. Then humility hits as you pass posters highlighting honorees, and the never-ending cheers from the sidelines push you the next step.

From the point when I left Union

Square (in the dark, I might add), and ran through the financial district, past the TransAmerica building, along Fisherman's Wharf, Aquatic Park, Ghiradelli Square, Fort Mason and Marina Green, I was awed by the views of Alcatraz and the breathtaking view of the Golden Gate Bridge in the fog. The rhythmic beats of breaths, feet and occasional DJs, bands, the San Francisco Symphony and cheerleaders encouraged me on my way through the Great Highway, up another big hill past the Cliff House, through Golden Gate Park and past the glorious sign that told me half marathoners to the right—which meant the finish line wasn't far. Oh, how I thanked God that I wasn't doing the whole enchilada. I said a prayer for my comrades who schlepped past me to the left.

The finish comes slowly, methodically, like a crescendo ... with crowds yelling, and snaps of cameras by crazy people, like me, who transported disposable cameras the whole darn way (creatively attached via a cell phone holder to my jog bra). I didn't want to miss the highlights, particularly the handsome men in tuxes that held out lovely sky blue boxes with our medal of completion inside—a Tiffany necklace with a special design. And then came our silver Mylar superwoman capes that were wrapped around our bodies to retain the heat so we wouldn't go into shock.

And then food, and more food, and goodies, and giveaways, and friends, and the satisfaction of knowing I had completed one heck of a physical journey. I'd also helped, if ever so little, to bring us one step closer to a cure. ■

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Grand reading

Jayne and Joey Bozik, who moved to Danville last summer, enjoy their Weekly while rafting on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon on an eight-day trip with a group of wounded soldiers.



Castle holiday

Gayle and Dave Christensen of Alamo catch up on hometown reading while visiting Peles Castle in Romania, considered by some to be one of the most beautiful castles in Europe.

Tahiti traveling

Friends on a 28-day cruise from Sydney, Australia, to San Francisco pause to enjoy their Weekly in Papeete, Tahiti; (l-r) O.J. Brubaker, Diana Revetria, Bev Walsh, Pat and Walt Petrini, and Kathleen McNulty.



Surfs up

Wesley Negus (second from left) shares his Danville Weekly as well as his surfboard with (l-r) Cyril Chan, Mako Leung and Ryan McCormick while visiting production facilities in Guangdong Province in China for his surfboard company 9:Fish.

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Fall festival musings

During my two-hour shift at the Danville Fall Crafts Festival on Sunday, I didn't sell one item although I met a lot of nice people. I almost bought a Danville mug myself, and a Danville hat. I've purchased them in the past—they're perfect gifts for people unfortunate enough to be moving away. I was helping out at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce booth.

While my half of the booth was selling the Danville goodies as well as handing out downtown Danville maps and other literature, the other half was selling beer, wine and water, staffed by Tim Argenti of Allied Waste and Carlo DiMarco of Farmers Insurance. They were doing a much better business at that end—must have been the warm weather.

It was one of those perfect autumn days that make me understand why people around here say this is their favorite season. Personally I could never fully enjoy a season that is the precursor to the time of year where I get up in the dark, leave work in the dark, and each night shiver as I ask my husband: Shouldn't we get double-paned windows? Although I am somewhat looking forward to this winter because we bought a comfy new chair that sits in front of the fireplace, woolen throw tastefully arranged over one arm, just waiting for the cold weather—and me.

Anyway, back to the festival. Although I missed the costume parade Saturday, even on Sunday cute kids in costumes got a jump on their trick-or-treating as many of the stores and booths handed out candy. We had candy as well as orange bags to collect it for those entering the festival down our street. A dachshund named Casey stopped by our booth to say hello—sporting a long bun on each of his sides and a curly line of mustard down his back. Made me hungry.

Sharing my duties was Sonya Seyler, a volunteer for the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. She "teaches" classes at the Tassajara One-Room School Program, which every third-grader in the district attends in the spring. Sonya really was a teacher for 10 years in New York before life brought her to Reno and to a different career and eventually here. We also worked with Virginia Duan from Smith Barney, and Charlotte Mills and Robin Sell from the Chamber.

I especially liked the music at the festival. At least while I was there, classical guitarist Tom Duarte added to the ambience, the exquisite strains gliding peacefully through the air but not interfering with conversation as rock music is



Hot dog! Casey enjoys the Fall Crafts Festival with owners Teresa and Steve Schacher.

went to do. Wine and beer could only be consumed in an area next to the Chamber booth. Otherwise it would have been pleasant to wander from booth to booth checking out the art, sipping wine and enjoying the music. I'm not sure why wine and beer were banned a few years back—maybe the town lumped the daytime event together with the more raucous car enthusiasts at Hot August Nights. On the other hand, I know some folks don't think alcohol belongs at the family gathering at all.

Classical guitar music added to the ambience, not interfering with conversation as rock music is wont to do.

After my duty at the Chamber booth was finished, I wandered down to School Street to see this year's scarecrows. I also checked out the many wonderful booths with their paintings, photographs, sculptures, ceramics, pottery, hats, hand-painted clothing, wooden toys, jewelry, handbags. There is always something new. This year it seemed to be mirrors in decorated frames. It was a nice event, with something for everyone, and even the weather was made to order. Cute kids and dogs were out in force—bulldogs, greyhounds, little boutique pooches and everything in between.

I've a bit of reverse buyer's remorse that I didn't buy Danville mugs for my kids for their Christmas stockings, something to remind them of home and perhaps subliminally plant the message: "Life is good in Danville. Move back." And one of the hats would be nice for me to wear for tennis. Luckily these items are for sale all year round at the Chamber offices at Town and Country Shopping Center. ■

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Nov. 7 election offers chance for change

Measure L: County growth

Measure L would extend the term of the Urban Limit Line from 2010 to 2026; require voter approval to expand the line by more than 30 acres; and adopt a new Urban Limit Line map. Measure L is an extension of Measure J, approved by voters in 2004, which required a boundary beyond which no large-scale development would be allowed in order for the county to receive a share of a half-cent sales tax.

Proposition 1A: Transportation funding protection

Protects transportation funding for traffic congestion relief projects, safety improvements, and local streets and roads. Requires the sales tax on gasoline be spent on transportation projects and services or repaid by the state within three years if used in any other way, which is only permissible in cases of dire emergency.

Proposition 1B: Transportation congestion bond

General obligation bond to provide \$19.9 billion for highway, public transit and transportation related projects to relieve congestion and improve safety and security of the transportation system.

Proposition 1C: Housing bond

General obligation bond will provide \$2.85 billion, about half of which would continue state funding for affordable housing programs, offer down-payment assistance and other housing-related grants.

Proposition 1D: School bond

Provides \$10.4 billion for capital improvements and new construction for all levels of California public education institutions with special allotments for vocational training.

Proposition 1E: Flood prevention

Provides \$4.1 billion to rebuild and maintain levees and protect homes and prevent loss of life from flood-related disasters, including levee failures.

Proposition 83: Sex offenders

Increases penalties for violent and habitual sex offenders and child molesters, prohibits registered sex offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of any school or park, and requires lifetime Global Positioning System monitoring of felony registered sex offenders. Also broadens the offenses that would fall under laws governing sexually violent predators and allow municipalities to further restrict the residency of registered offenders.

Proposition 84: Parks and water bonds

Provides \$5.4 billion to pay for projects throughout the state related to drinking water quality, flood protection, parks and other natural resources.

Proposition 85: Abortion waiting period

Amends California Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minors (under 18) until 48 hours after a physician notifies the minor's parent or legal guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Doctors will be required to report abortions on minors or they will be fined. Allows a court to intercede if the minor is being coerced into having the procedure.

Proposition 86: Cigarette tax

Imposes a \$2.60 tax per cigarette pack and indirectly increases taxes on other tobacco products to fund various health programs, children's health coverage, and tobacco-related programs.

Proposition 87: Alternative energy

Tax of 1.5 to 6 percent depending on oil price per barrel on producers of oil extracted in California, and prohibits producers from passing the tax to consumers, to establish a \$4 billion program to reduce petroleum consumption by 25 percent with research and production incentives.

Prop 88: Education Funding

A \$50 tax on each real property parcel to provide additional public school funding for kindergarten through grade 12 for lower class sizes, instructional material, school safety and facilities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Running for Fire District

Dear Editor:

I want to introduce myself to the voters of the San Ramon Valley. My name is Matt Stamey and I am a candidate for Director, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Danville has been my home for the past 19 years. I am an experienced executive, retired from a Fortune 1000 corporation. My bachelor's degree in business management was earned from Arizona State University. Currently I serve on the board of directors of a private corporation.

My goals for the Fire District are to meet and exceed the service levels expected by our community, a balanced budget, managed growth and a policy of fiscal responsibility.

By attending the Fire Board meetings for the last one-and-a-half years, I have gained a working knowledge of the District. Due to the fact that one of the incumbents has chosen to end his service, my knowledge will best fill the gap the departing director will leave.

My purpose is to serve responsibly and with integrity the residents of Danville, Alamo, San Ramon, Diablo, Blackhawk, Morgan Territory and Tassajara Valley.

Matt Stamey, Danville

Fire District election

Dear Editor:

The election of the four candidates for two positions for Director, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Board, has barely surfaced in any print medium, weekly or daily. The logic of whom to vote for is very obvious, when one thinks about it.

Any Board of Directors strives to have a varied pertinent skill set for most effectiveness.

To elect two firefighters to the Board, who would only have a minority vote, is simply redundant. With an MS in chemical engineering, post-graduate work in the management sciences, a career behind me in petroleum refining and petrochemicals encompassing all of the firefighting experience that goes with it, training in Conflict Dispute Resolution, Leadership Contra Costa, and volunteer experience in patient contact areas at John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek, and a volunteer of STAND! Against Domestic Violence, I bring those highly applicable, yet currently missing skill sets to the Board.

Jennifer Price, current Board of

Directors president, an experienced firefighter and paramedic with the city of Millbrae, is also a clear choice to be elected. Her incumbency plus her gender, maintaining that balance on the Board, likewise make her an obvious choice.

Neither other two candidates come remotely close to the qualifications of the two of us. Check the League of Women Voters Smart Voter sites, which all of us have completed, for further confirmation.

Ralph Hoffmann, Danville

College Board contest

Dear Editor:

Mark Twain might have been extreme when he said, "In the first place, God made idiots. That was for practice. Then he made school boards." One has to wonder.

Years ago, when I attended Diablo Valley College, I was fortunate to attend a vibrant, well-run college. The colleges had one mission: meeting the needs of students. Highly qualified faculty ran schools that reflected this commitment. Enrollment was high. The schools were well funded.

Contrast this with current conditions. Enrollment is sharply down. Approximately 50 percent of classes are taught by full time instructors (the state mandates 75 percent of classes be taught by full time faculty). The district has been in a fiscal crisis for years, was threatened with oversight by the State Chancellor, and morale is low.

Over the last dozen years the College Board shifted control of education from faculty on local campuses to administrators in Martinez. Departments such as English, mathematics and history, which had been run by faculty deans at little cost to the college, are now run by six-figure salaried bureaucrats who have no contact with students and little or no background in their curriculum.

Over-worked faculty no longer has resources to run programs that recruit and retain students. Each student enrolled returns \$4,700 in revenue from the state. As enrollment and thus income plummeted, administration costs soared. Yet the Board continued its disastrous policy of cutting classes and full-time faculty positions. Regardless of the outcome Nov. 7, I urge the community to become engaged and insist this stop. The colleges are too important for us, the taxpayers that fund them, and for the students our district serves.

*Frank Quattro, Danville
Candidate for College District*

Disappointed in endorsement

Dear Editor:

The recent endorsement of Robert Storer over Mike Shimansky by the Danville Weekly was very disappointing to me, and poorly evaluated by my favorite local paper. Shimansky's experience, integrity, dedication, loyalty to ones community, and personal and professional accomplishments cannot be replaced by Mr. Storer's youth and inexperience (sound familiar?).

I believe Mr. Storer would be a very formidable candidate some time in the future, but up against Vice Mayor Mike Shimansky or Mayor Karen Stepper at this time, he would be a very poor choice. Have we forgotten that it was Mike Shimansky who flew to New Orleans to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina as he represented Danville and America in a time of national crisis? Let us also not forget just how key Mike was to the creation and development of the All Wars Memorial that will stand for generations to come. Review the record, weigh the choices, then vote Shimansky and Stepper! I believe both Karen and Mike have earned the right to sit on the Town Council and not be defeated by some poorly weighed endorsement.

David Miller, Danville

Vote for Storer

Dear Editor:

As neighbors and friends of the Storer family, we will be voting for Robert Storer on Nov. 7. We believe that Robert will bring to the Town Council the energy, integrity, willingness and fresh perspective that is needed on the council to keep Danville moving forward. Robert's commitment to the needs of the teens, seniors and veterans of this town should be a first priority for everyone concerned. Robert's involvement in the community includes two terms on the Planning Commission, three terms as the advisor to the Transportation Authority, Heritage Resource Commissioner, member of the Tri Valley Housing Opportunity, 12-year member of the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, just to list a few, all while being a business owner for the last 23 years. This shows his commitment to Danville and the community he has called home for 21 years.

Yes, we will gladly vote for Robert Storer on Nov. 7, and we urge all of you to do the same for a better Danville.

*Mike and Christine Mahoney,
Danville*

Shimansky is committed

Dear Editor:

"Mike Shimansky has served on the Town Council since 1989; if re-elected he would end up serving more than 20 years." Mike Shimansky has indeed served the town of Danville for close to 20 years, however we find it puzzling that the Danville Weekly portrays it as a detriment.

Mr. Shimansky embodies all that our family loves about Danville. We have felt comfortable in approach-

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ing him to discuss our concerns with various town issues and he has been informative and impartial. As parents of young children, we appreciate that he has raised three children in district schools and continues to be actively involved in community activities. We are also impressed that his work includes regional committees such as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Solid Waste Authority and Transit Authority. Community involvement is his full time job and we are all the better for it.

During Mr. Shimansky's tenure, Danville has become financially solvent, built a new library and community center, added parks and artificial turf fields. With a track record like this, we don't see how we cannot have a man like Mike Shimansky continue as our council member.

We also find it impressive that this man continues to get re-elected on a low budget campaign. His belief in fiscal responsibility carries into his personal actions and shows us that obviously many of Danville's citizens believe that the success of his actions are much more significant and visible versus a flashy and expensive campaign.

Mike Shimansky is truly committed to the continued betterment of Danville; we hope that the citizens of Danville join us in voting to re-elect him.

*Michael & Bridgit Pelley,
Danville*

Storer well qualified

Dear Editor:

On Nov. 7 we will be exercising our right to vote by endorsing Robert Storer for the Danville Town Council. It is rare, indeed, to have the opportunity to support someone running for public office who is so well qualified and rightly motivated to serve his constituents and make a difference in the community where we live. Robert's qualifications are too numerous to mention, but let us point out just a few that make him the only great choice for Town Council.

Robert is the only candidate with children in the Danville school system and playing youth sports in our community. He is also the only candidate who is unanimously endorsed by the other three incumbent Town Council members while the other two candidates running for re-election have not been endorsed by their peers. Robert's experience as a two-term planning com-

missioner will prove invaluable in this important time of Danville's expansion and growing challenges. Finally, Robert is the only candidate who brings fresh passion and enthusiasm to the position of Town Council and is willing to work hard to make Danville an even better place to live. Please do yourself and your neighbor a favor and vote for Robert Storer for the Danville Town Council.

*Laura and Jim Rossiter,
Danville*

Save Mountain Diablo says No on 90

Dear Editor:

Save Mount Diablo and I are supporting Prop. 84, the State Resources bond that will allow more land preservation; and Contra Costa County's Measure L, which will extend the County Urban Limit Line to local cities. But the most important item on the November ballot is Prop. 90, which we oppose.

Proponents would have you believe that Prop. 90 is just about eminent domain reform but that's a deceptive phrase designed to pique the curiosity and interest of voters. Hidden in Prop. 90 are far-reaching provisions that would allow virtually anyone to sue over virtually any new law, simply by claiming a new law has caused "significant economic loss" to their property. For example: Under Prop. 90, a landowner could sue seeking compensation if a county restricts development to 500 homes for traffic or environmental concerns when the landowner is seeking approval for 750 homes. The city and its taxpayers could be forced to pay for the value of the land as though the remaining 250 homes were built.

A coalition of more than 200 diverse groups has come together to oppose this harmful measure, including Save Mount Diablo, the League of Woman Voters of California, California Small Business Association, The Nature Conservancy, California Teachers Association, California Professional Firefighters, the California NAACP, League of California Homeowners, the California Chamber of Commerce, and the California Labor Federation. Please take a few minutes to learn more about this measure at www.NoProp90.com.

Seth Adams, Director of Land Programs, Save Mount Diablo

Editorial

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Proposition 89:
Campaign finance

Mandates strict campaign contribution and expenditure limits, creates public financing of political campaigns that meet certain requirements, and contains tough disclosure and enforcement provisions. This "Clean Money" system of public financing of

elections is similar to that in use in Maine and Arizona, where it has lowered overall campaign spending, freed candidates from fundraising, and increased voter turnout.

Proposition 90:
Property rights

Bars state and local governments from condemning or damaging private property to promote other private projects or uses. Also voids unpublished eminent domain court decisions. ■

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Wolves ace hometown rivalry on volleyball court

After early Mustang lead,
Wolves finish with 3-0

by Rachel McMurdie

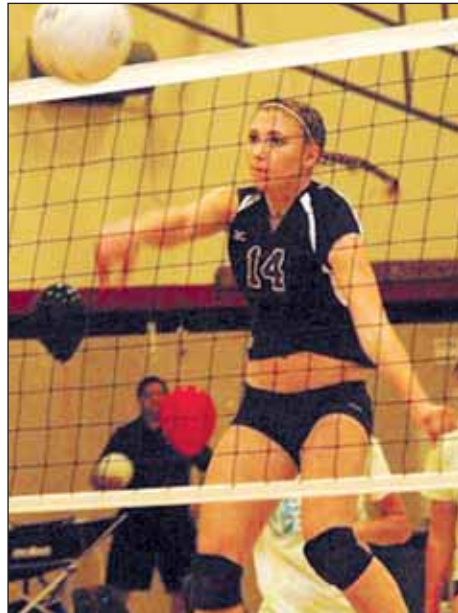
San Ramon Valley girls took last week's bragging rights to the hometown rival volleyball match-up held at Monte Vista. After a back-and-forth Game One ended 26-24, the Wolves used the winning momentum to finish out a 3-0 night.

The match-up win is the second for San Ramon Valley in as many years.

"We knew they were gunning for us," said SRV Coach Tom Bauhs, "but we were gunning for them, too."

Monte Vista broke into Game One with a 9-5 lead in the first few minutes of play as the Wolves were still feeling out their make-shift lineup. SRV's Lauren Claybaugh moved to right side hitter, in for an injured Amanda Alamar, and Annie Begin was in for Allison Cole, who is nursing a sprain. The Wolves tied the game at 13 and were ahead by as many as 3 points before Monte Vista surged again. Trading kill for kill, it wasn't until a final hit by SRV that they put the Mustangs away.

"We were really hoping for that last point," said Monte Vista's Gabby Cowden. "But when (San Ramon Valley got control of the



RACHEL MCMURDIE

San Ramon Valley's Brianna Vandersloot sends down a spike during the Wolves 3-0 win over the Mustangs.

ball) there was nothing more we could do but give our best."

Rallied by Game One, the Wolves got off an 8-2 start while the Mustangs struggled with passing. The Wolves hung to their 6-

point lead for the majority of Game Two for a 25-18 win. The final game went to the Wolves also, 25-20.

Amy Mulligan led the Wolves with 13 kills and an ace. Teammate Carly Kenyon added 30 assists, two kills and three aces. Begin, new to the starting line up, added 10 kills.

For Monte Vista, Gabby Cowden and Jacqueline Cowden had 10 kills each. Teammate Michelle Angell added 14 digs.

San Ramon Valley is 7-2, 5-2 EBAL after a 2-3 loss to Granada last week. Monte Vista is now 10-8, 3-4 EBAL after a 0-3 loss to Foothill.

San Ramon and Monte Vista cap their seasons with a rematch Nov. 9.

Girls golf

Mustangs (11-1) defeated San Ramon Valley 209-275 at Crow Canyon Country Club last week on Thursday, capping their regular season with a win and earning a first-place league tie with Amador Valley. Jordan Ontiveros and Jane Lee paced the Mustangs with a 4-over-par 39. Teammate Becky Miller shot a 43. The Wolves (4-8) were led by Cait Pickavance's 44.

The SRV-Amador tiebreaker was decided at Oct. 23 championships at Deer Ridge Country Club. (Scores unavailable by press time). Over the course of the season the two

teams have traded wins within strokes of one another. The Dons won the first round 202-205. Later in the season, the Mustangs took the win 232-234.

Football

Faulty lights put the Wolves' game on hold Friday, but when the match-up continued Saturday, San Ramon Valley's Steve Roberts got a taste of the spotlight. With the score tied at 28, the kicker placed a 28-yard field goal giving San Ramon Valley the final score in the 31-28 standoff against Amador Valley (5-2, 1-2 EBAL).

The Mustangs took a 38-7 East Bay Athletic League victory over Granada (2-5, 0-3 EBAL) on Friday night. Junior quarterback Drew McAllister completed 18 of 19 attempts and raised his season total to 1,659 passing yards. Ryan Whalen had eight catches for 192 yards and two touchdowns for the Mustangs (6-1, 3-1 EBAL) including a 73-yard touchdown that gave the Mustangs a 14-0 lead.

Girls tennis

Both Danville teams handed Amador crushing 9-0 defeats in last week's girls tennis matches. Tuesday, a re-organized Monte Vista lineup found victory against a team that

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Volleyball

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beat them earlier this season. Mia Giovenetti returned to the Monte Vista squad paired with Laura Guier in No. 1 doubles for a 7-5, 6-3 win over Kristina Krause and Eliza Lanson. Joelle Luedeke, normally Monte Vista's No. 2 singles, teamed up with No. 2 doubles with Krissy Luecht for a 6-3, 6-4 win against Carolyn Sykes and Lauren Barraza. With the win, Monte Vista improved its EBAL record to 6-2.

On Thursday, winning every match in straight sets, San Ramon Valley took a 9-0 win against Amador to improve its EBAL record to 8-1. Katie Mulloy earned the win at the No. 1 singles spot for San Ramon Valley, beating Alex Bliekast 6-2, 6-0, while Melissa Hirsch had a decisive 6-1, 6-1 win over Mariah Bryant at No. 2 singles.

Water polo

Monte Vista boys were 2-0 in the pool last week with wins over Granada and Livermore. Charlie Steffens, who ranks among the top scorers in EBAL, led the 16-10 charge against Granada on Tuesday with 11 goals. Mike Millstein, John Combs, Brian Snapp, Holden Malone and Andrew Ha added scores as well for the Mustangs (12-4, 9-1 EBAL). Later in the week the boys played Livermore (4-5 EBAL) in a 15-3 washout-win.

San Ramon Valley boys continued their undefeated reign over the pool with last week's 22-5 win over Amador Valley. Sam Finlayson and Porter Kalbus each made four goals for the Wolves. On the SRV defense, Elliot Arthur and Justin Gribble recorded seven saves each.

The SRV girls team also posted a win against Amador in a 11-2 bout. The Wolves (16-5, 8-1 EBAL) top scorers included Kelsey Comes with five and Mindy Bacharach with three. SRV keeper Katie Schratz recorded five saves. ■

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

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 27

Football

Monte Vista at Livermore, 7 p.m.
San Ramon Valley vs. Cal High, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Girls Tennis

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

Girls Volleyball

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

Thursday, Nov. 2

Girls Volleyball

Monte Vista vs. Livermore, 6 p.m.
San Ramon Valley at Cal High, 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3

Football

San Ramon Valley at Foothill, 7 p.m.

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Rummage through the garage and find a blood-sucking vampire of severed heads. Plastic cutouts of skeletons are everywhere.

It's in the neighborhood where neighbors might find tennis rackets, tools and other items. Motta began her small collection of decorations 20 years ago. She has spent hundreds of dollars but now covers the entire yard and lawn.

The eerie house draws talk of the town every year among kids in search of a thrill.

"I've talked to the neighbors before," a 10-year-old neighbor says as he and his friends plan to check out the house.

Older kids whiz over the driveway. 3-year-olds toddle up, and Motta's mom. By now, Motta is a constant flux of youngsters up and down her front porch. She spook, even weeks before Halloween.

"I can see it makes the neighborhood remembering how much fun it is to ward to Halloween when it's over."

When night falls at the house, a strobe light begins to flash. There are thunder booms, ghostly apparitions, a butler taking a mummy's eyes follow you. Screams and squeals can be heard throughout the quiet neighborhood that are more out of joy than actual fear.

It's a slightly strange party, Motta admits. The idea of watching a child seeking it out and taking a thrill is one she doesn't quite understand. All part of the Halloween tradition.

"People like it for the thrill," she says. "They go on scary rides," she says. "It plays more into a kid's imagination."

Neighbor Lisa Lang, who lives in the house with her three children, sometimes stop by four times a week. They come over in their cars, before and after school in the neighborhood. On her frequent trips to the house, she's noticed that cars slow down to get a good look at the house.

"I've met more neighbors who come to see the house than I can count."

Growing up in the Redwood City neighborhood in San Francisco, just blocks from Golden Gate Park, Motta remembers dressing up with her sisters. Families in her neighborhood would bring candy, but it was the neighbor living next door who made the house an idyllic childhood memory. Motta remembers sprinting up the stairs to her apartment every year in the neighborhood.

"They would always have a special, I mean really special, Halloween for us," she says.

These days, people are passing out homemade Halloween treats. New York Times printouts of the early 1970s detailing the tradition of which needles and razors were used in Halloween treats, even in the neighborhood.

While follow-ups in the neighborhood that virtually all of the scary pranks by the children, Motta says, "Blade in the Apple: the story of Urban Legends," she says, "the minds of apprehensive parents."

But it's people like Motta, suburban parents that, in the neighborhood, are "out to get" kids who are that most actually prefer

"Screams and squeals can be heard echoing throughout the quiet neighborhood."

The Halloween house

THERE'S NO TRICK—THIS HOUSE IS FULL OF SCARY TREATS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY NATALIE O'NEILL

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Before night falls and the house comes alive, curious neighborhood kids pause on their bikes to stare at some of Linda Motta's Halloween decorations. "This is the coolest house," Sam Nostrant tells his friends.

she notes the importance of safety and, of course, the importance of good treats.

"I only get the good stuff," she says with a grin. "Chocolate."

Since candy is, to most kids, the equivalent of gold, she makes sure to stock up with six Costco-sized bags every year.

"I let them take handfuls," she says.

Motta, who spends a total of about two weeks getting her decorations ready, has a tradition of setting them up Oct. 1 and taking them down the day after Halloween. She shops at Spirit Stores, Boswell's, and has even hand made some of her decorations from old costumes.

As Danville's unofficial "Halloween Lady," she is the local authority on how trick or treating has changed over the years. Aside from the safety issues that have penetrated the media, she said she sees a lot more fathers out trick or treating with their kids. Forty—or even 15—years ago, it was almost entirely mothers out with their young ones.

Even costumes have changed, growing exceedingly more intricate in the last 20 years. People spend much more time and money preparing their costumes than they did when she first began her creepy collection, she said. She recalls a day when only the affluent could afford packaged, full length costumes.

"I used to make my son's tin man costume out of aluminum foil," she says. "We'd put three boxes together. Now they are incredible."

On the big night, groups of kids, parents and teenagers gather outside to chatter about their outfits, while flash photography lights up the streets. The house is used as a meeting point on Meese Circle, off San Ramon Valley Boulevard, and some fascinated kids even spend hours at a time there. A parade of costumes floods through her driveway and she welcomes everyone onto her front steps.

Come the morning of Nov. 1, though, the Halloween House is back to being just another house on the block. The decorations come down and are stowed back in the garage for another 11 months, until leaves begin to fall and baskets of candy are put out again.

"I look forward to it every October and when I take it down it feels ... emptier," Motta says.

Like her kind older neighbors in San Francisco all those years ago, she is creating Halloween nostalgia. It's her turn now, she says. ■



Danville's unofficial "Halloween Lady," Linda Motta, watches neighbor boys play with the steaming caldrons set up at the entrance of her property. Mia Lang, who lives one door down, plays with a baby skeleton, her favorite decoration.



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Danville ladies go bonkers for Bunco!

by Christina Straw

It's a Tuesday night, and the ladies are ready for some action. They gather in the kitchen, pour themselves a glass of wine, and greet each other with hellos and hugs. Tonight's game of choice? Bunco.

Bunco, a progressive dice game that originated in England, was introduced to the United States in the 1880s during the Gold Rush. In recent years, it has become popular with suburban housewives. The object of the game is to roll certain combinations while amassing points. Bunco is a social game involving little skill, pure luck and an extensive set of rules.

"Bunco is fun from a social aspect," said Katy Fairman, a married mother of two and part-time communications manager who played hostess for the night's game. "It's a night away with women you have a lot in common with."

Bunco, or as some people might spell it, Bunko, is defined by the dictionary as "a swindle in which a person is cheated at gambling, persuaded to buy a nonexistent, unsalable, or worthless object, or otherwise victimized." For these women playing tonight,

there's more to savor than swindle.

The players are married women from Danville, Alamo and Blackhawk. Some of the

animated conversation. Before long, one can hardly hear over the rowdiness and laughter.

Topics of conversation are everything from their kids and updates on their husbands to home improvement and great deals on eBay. Kerri Gilbert, a tall brunette with a quick wit and one of the original players when the group formed six years ago, is soliciting references to be a Girl Scout leader for her daughter's

"Sometimes getting out the door to come is tough, but once you're here, you're glad you came."

Shannon Thompson

women work part time, others are stay-at-home moms. An hour before the game begins, the ladies enjoy wine, champagne, hors d'oeuvres and

troop.

Janice Alamillo, co-chair of the Rowan Branch of Children's Hospital Oakland and another of the group's original players, shares stories of recent vacations with her table.

"It's great visiting with girlfriends. When your kids all start going to different schools, it gets harder and harder to see each other," Alamillo said.

The group usually meets once a month, rotating houses every time.

"One rule of Bunco is you have to have good candy on your tables," said hostess Katy Fairman.

At most Bunco games, players receive some kind of small gift for first, second and third place for most wins.



Gina Flores (left) shares a story with hostess Katy Fairman. Visiting is an important part of the girls night out.

Prizes can be anything from gift cards to small trinkets and treats.

As they play (three tables of four players) and the tables rotate, there's a natural pause in the game for five or so minutes where the ladies catch up with each other and enjoy a sip of wine. As the game progresses, the energy in the room elevates.

"The most random things come up at any moment. Sometimes you're literally crying-laughing," Gilbert said.

And where are the children when mom is gone? They're home with dad or out getting pizza with other players' husbands and kids. For the women

playing this evening, a much needed night off is a good thing.

"He'll ask how I did in the game," Yvonne Mink said of her husband Jeff. "He thinks it's a good outlet for me, being out with friends."

As the night winds down after three hours of play, the ladies are ready to call it a night. Shannon Thompson makes the last roll in her rotation and sums up the evening.

"Sometimes getting out the door to come is tough, but once you're here, you're glad you came."

Find more information on Bunco at www.buncogame.com/brules.shtml ■



Katy Fairman (right) welcomes Lori Salamida to her home for a night of Bunco.

The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

A dangerous game

Most parents are well aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol for their teenagers but kids are looking to engage in new dangerous behaviors under the nose of unsuspecting parents. One current trend, popular especially among middle and high school aged kids, is called the "choking game," which entails cutting off the oxygen supply to the brain in order to achieve a feeling of euphoria—a high.

One may go about it by two methods: strangulation, or self-induced hypocapnia (low levels of carbon dioxide in the blood). In the first, pressure is applied to the neck, using a belt, rope or even bare hands or arms, and blood supply is temporarily stopped, causing a blackout. The latter involves intentional hyperventilation and breath holding until tingling, numbness, giddiness and dizziness occur. Some teens repetitively engage in the act for numerous hours a day, several days a week.

A fifth grader at Greenbrook Elementary recounted seeing two boys playing the choking game at school when she was in fourth grade. "They'd choke each other until they felt the tingles, then they'd stop," she said. The girl told her mother about the incident, mentioning some of the game's aliases, including Sky High, Flying and The Tingles. "I was surprised she even knew what it was," said the girl's mother. "She knew before I did."

Nationwide news reports and magazines have exposed cases of accidental death or injury that resulted from playing the choking game. A February 2006 Reader's Digest article revealed that more than 1,000 kids accidentally kill themselves playing each year. Just last month, a 15-year-old Santa Rosa girl accidentally strangled herself to death, naively playing the game. Experts say that a remarkable one-third of supposed suicides from strangulation are really the result of the choking game gone wrong. Controversy still remains over the 1997 death of Michael Hutchence, lead singer of the band INXS, who was found dead in his hotel room. Although initially ruled a suicide, many speculate his death was the

result of self-asphyxiation.

Though many times it is done alone, the choking game is also a popular source of entertainment within group settings, whether it is a dare or one friend doing it to a willing participant. A local high school student, who requested anonymity, said she learned to play as a freshman from girls on her soccer team. "About seven of the 10 girls there had tried it," she remarked. "One person would hold the other by the neck and press them against the wall until they blacked out."

So why is this "game" so enticing to teenagers? It offers its "players" an easy and inexpensive way to get high without the guilt of doing something illegal.

"We wanted to know what it would do," said the teen. "Some girls told me, 'You'll dream about your deepest desires.' It was about exploring the unknown." The fact that it is virtually unknown in the world of adults is intriguing to teenagers and provides security they won't get caught. One can do it without a trace.

There are indications folks can watch for: bruising or red marks on the neck, unusually placed bed sheets, belts, ropes, etc., tied in knots, headaches, grogginess, bloodshot eyes, aggressive behavior and excessive want for privacy. The game is also known by other names: The Fainting Game, Airplaning, America Dream Game, Blackout Game, Breath Play, California Choke, California Dreaming, Funky Chicken, Knockout Game, Pass-out Game, Space Monkey, Suffocation Roulette, High Riser, Tingling Game, Trip to Heaven and a Rocket Ride.

"They have these parent ed nights, and I really think this is something that needs to be addressed," said the fifth-grade mother mentioned above. It is important that parents are aware of such a universal affair that hits so close to home. In every generation, kids want to do something that will separate them from the generation before them. They want to come up with something new their parents can't relate to. For now, it is the choking game. ■

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Open Season (PG)	Blackhawk 7: Fri-Tues 1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25 p.m.; Sun-Tues No 9:25 p.m. Show Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:25 a.m. 2, 4:15, 7 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30 p.m.; Sun-Tues No 9:30 p.m. Show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05 p.m. Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m. 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10 p.m.
Running with Scissors (R)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 12:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50 p.m.; Sun-Tues No 9:50 p.m. Show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m. 2:05, 5:05, 7:55, 10:45 p.m.
Saw III (R)	Blackhawk 7: Fri-Tues 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10 p.m. ; Sun-Tues No 10 p.m. Show Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:50 a.m. 1:15, 2:30, 4, 5:05, 6:40, 7:55, 9:20, 10:30 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10 p.m.; Sun-Tues No 10:10 p.m. Show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 11 a.m. noon, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 7:10, 7:40, 8:10, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 p.m.
The Bridge (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m. 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40 p.m.
The Departed (R)	Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m. 3:05, 6:55, 10:15 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40 p.m.; Sun-Tues No 9:40 p.m. Show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 11:25, 11:55 a.m. 2:55, 3:30, 6:25, 6:55, 9:45, 10:25 p.m. Vine Cinema: Fri 12:20, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30 p.m.; Sat 3:15, 6:30, 9:30 p.m.; Sun 12:10, 6:30, 9:30 p.m.; Mon-Tues 2, 4:50, 7:45 p.m.
The Grudge 2 (PG-13)	Blackhawk 7: Fri-Tues 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 p.m.; Sun-Tues No 9:40 p.m. Show Regal Imax Theaters: Fri-Tues 11:15 a.m. 1:45, 4:15, 6:40, 9:15 p.m.
The Guardian (PG-13)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 12:15, 3:45, 6:35, 9:40 p.m.
The Illusionist (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 7:05, 9:35 p.m.
The Last King of Scotland (R)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30 p.m.
The Marine (PG-13)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 1:35, 6:15, 10:45 p.m.; Sat No 1:35 p.m. Show
The Nightmare Before Christmas in 3D (PG)	Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 11 a.m. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10:55 p.m.
The Original Halloween Movie (R)	Hac. Cross. 20: Mon-Tues 8 p.m.
The Prestige (PG-13)	Blackhawk 7: Fri-Tues 1:10, 4:05, 7, 9:55 p.m.; Sun-Tues No 9:55 p.m. Show Cent. 14: Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m. 12:10, 2:50, 4:10, 6, 7:20, 9:10, 10:25 p.m. Crow Canyon 6: Fri-Tues 1, 4, 7, 10 p.m.; Sun-Tues No 10 p.m. Show Hac. Cross. 20: Fri-Tues 11 a.m. 12:50, 1:50, 3:50, 4:50, 6:50, 7:50, 9:55, 10:50 p.m.
The Queen (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m. 12:10, 1:50, 2:40, 4:20, 5:15, 6:50, 8, 9:25 p.m.

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Shortcuts are cooking incentives

In this busy world, we're all looking for ways to save time and cooking is no different. I don't want to be reduced to frozen dinners and takeout every day but I'm delighted when I can shave minutes off the preparation of a dish or meal.

If I find a more efficient way to prepare a better-

than-average dish, it inspires me to higher culinary levels. I've collected a few kitchen timesavers over the past months to share with Epicure readers, and I hope there's at least one new idea in here to make your cooking easier ... and more enjoyable. If you've got any good ones to share, please e-mail me.

Prepping

Sort as you shop

At checkout, organize your groceries on the conveyor belt according to how you will store them at home. Ask the bagger to put all frozen items in one bag, canned foods in another, kids' snacks together, etc. At home, unpack perishables immediately, unpack other bags at your convenience.

Prepping ahead

As you purchase and bring home basic cooking vegetables (tomatoes, broccoli, onions, celery, peppers, carrots, etc.), reserve one or two items to rinse, dice/chop and store in plastic bags. If you think you will use within days, cover with a damp paper towel and store in the refrigerator. If not, place in a freezer-safe bag, label and freeze. Cut fruit into serving pieces, place in snack-size plastic bags and refrigerate them so family members can snack on healthy foods. Unused fruit can be turned into desserts before they spoil.

Measuring cups

When pouring sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill it with hot water first. Dump the hot water but don't dry the cup. Add your ingredient, such as molasses or honey and watch it slide out easily.

Measure up

When you have a few extra moments, review a recipe and measure out all spices needed in advance. Combine them in a plastic bag and reserve until ready to cook. For example, during the fall season, I do this with my apple pie recipe. I measure out and combine sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, etc. into individual pie combinations and save in plastic bags. Bringing home a half-dozen apples and my ever-ready frozen pie shells makes for a quick family dessert.

Mini-seasoning portions

Keep a plastic ice cube tray on hand for when you open a can of tomato paste, chicken broth, etc. and only use a small amount; freeze the leftover quantity in individual ice pods. Transfer the frozen bits to a freezer-safe bag and label with the item, freeze date and unit measure (i.e., 1 Tbsp each) on the bag before freezing again.

Prepping meats and seafood

Defrost meats in the refrigerator during the day, then marinate before going to bed, for the next day's meal. Meats can sit in a marinade for up to 24 hours. The more fragile flesh of most fish stands up to a marinade of six hours or less, which might be done mid-day or before leaving for work. Marinating also helps you plan ahead.

Cooking

Intuitive measure

To save time, practice guessing at measurements via eyeballing. The more you do it, the better you'll get. Dishes will usually turn out fine, even if you're a little off.

Convenience ingredients

Use store-bought ingredients that meet your taste tests, for example, frozen meatballs for pasta or rotisserie chicken to create a variety of meals (chicken salad, pastas, stir-fry, soups, enchiladas, etc.). Keep frozen bags of shrimp and vegetables on hand to create fast meals, e.g., stir-fry, tempura, gumbo, etc.

A watched pot

Parboil longer-cooking ingredients like rice or pasta early in the day and set them aside for meal preparation later. Slowly simmer soups and sauces in a crock pot so they are ready at meal time. Parboil stir-fry or casserole vegetables by boiling until just before tender, then "shocking" them in an ice-water bath to stop the cooking process. Drain and refrigerate until time to use.

Double the pleasure

For labor-intensive dishes, e.g., lasagna, make a double portion—one for now, one to freeze for later. Or, cook enough pasta for two pans of lasagna, use half the pasta now; freeze half for making lasagna in the future.

Easy deviled eggs

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip-lock bag. Seal and mash eggs well. Add remaining ingredients, reseal and mash to desired consistency. When ready to fill egg whites, cut the tip of the bag to squeeze the mixture into egg halves. Discard the empty bag for an easy clean up.

Frosting squared

Whenever you buy a pre-made container of cake frosting, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes before using. You can double the volume and frost more cakes/cupcakes with the same quantity. More good news: You also spread fewer calories per serving.

Soup's on!

When you're extra busy, make a large pot of soup. Keep it on the counter in a crock pot or in a large refrigerator container. Have sandwich and salad fixings on hand (or pre-made and refrigerated in plastic bags). Let every member serve themselves a combo meal of salad/sandwich plus soup, as they are hungry, and bus their own dishes. Teens and young adults will especially like the meal independence for a weekend.

Cleanup

Whistle while you work

Keep a hot soapy bowl handy for cleaning measuring and kitchen utensils, mixing bowls, pots, etc., and wash/rinse things between steps as you cook. Or, have an empty dishwasher ready to place items in as you use them. The goal should be to have only serving/eating items left to clean when you serve the meal.

Everything in its place

To lighten the load for the dishwasher (or dishwasher-loader) in your household, establish areas of the counter for plates, utensils, glasses, etc., and ask family members to place their items in the appropriate spots. The tasks will become routine and easier for everyone.

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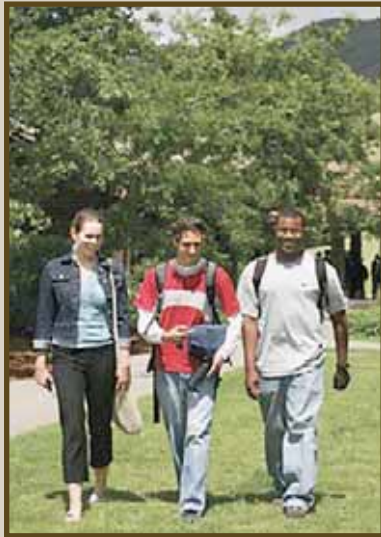
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Ribbon cutting opens 'DD Days'

Sept. 24, 1966, was the culmination of "DD Days," celebrating the freeway extension from Danville to Dublin. From left to right are Wilson Close, Allen S. Hart, Mrs. Hart, Al Kaplan, unidentified girl. The first new Volk-McLain homes called "San Ramon Village" were built in Dublin anticipating the new interstate highway improvements. New and old residents living in the valley were happy to leave the congested Old Highway for Interstate 680.

"SAN RAMON VALLEY: ALAMO, DANVILLE, AND SAN RAMON"

OF NOTE



'Boomerang' is best

Willard Carmel of Danville received the Best of Show award at the third San Ramon Arts Walk and Festival last month for his sculpture "Boomerang," a large wall sculpture. Twenty adults were recognized for high quality work in 10 categories by the San Ramon Arts Foundation. Winners received cash prizes and a gift from AT&T, a major underwriter of the event.

Turkey giveaway

Azzulina, a European and Mediterranean-focused home furnishing and accessories retailer in Danville Livery, will donate 500 turkeys to the needy in Contra Costa County in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, using Safeway gift certificates. Nonprofit groups, churches and individuals are eligible for the turkey giveaway, and should e-mail carol@azzulina.com, or telephone 820-5900 to submit a request. In addition, Azzulina owner Susan Saul will use 10 percent of sales from Oct. 18-Nov. 18 to supply additional turkeys. She will promote the event at a Holiday Open House on Oct. 28-29.

"I am fortunate to have a growing business in Contra Costa County and want to give back to my community," said Saul.

Pretty sneaky

Three hundred pairs of sneakers were collected at the East Bay Athletic League cross country meet Oct. 18 at Monte Vista High School, which will be shipped to One World

Running, a 20-year charity that sorts, washes and ships the shoes to various developing countries. The next collection date is Nov. 4 at Shadow Cliffs for the EBAL championships in Pleasanton. The goal is to collect 1,000 pairs.

One World Running, formerly Shoes for Africa, was started in 1986 after sports journalist Mike Sandrock returned from a coaching and racing trip to Cameroon and saw that many of the local runners ran barefoot.

Monte Vista High news

Seventeen students from Monte Vista High School have been named Commended Students in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program: Emily Anciaux, John Appel, Jonathan Chien, Christine Danner, Armand Domalewski, Alexa Egeck, Nicholas Elya, Liane Fang, Andrew Finch, Meredith House, Andrew Jones, David Makieve, Chelsea Snyder, Benjamin Theriault, Ian Whitfield, Jasminia Xie and Constance Yee. Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2007 competition by taking the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The speech and debate program at Monte Vista, under the direction of David Matley, achieved 300 degrees or more last year placing it in the top 1 percent of National Forensic League chapters nationwide and qualifying it for the National Forensic League Societe' De 300. The National Forensic League commended Matley for his energy and commitment to a large program which reaches out to provide forensic opportunities to a wide variety of students. The attainment of 300 degrees is an accomplishment that all members of the MV squad can share.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Man killed when SUV rolls

A Danville man died in a car accident at La Gonda Way on Saturday as he drove his Lexus SUV eastbound on El Cerro Boulevard. People who witnessed the accident rescued his two little girls who were in the car, said Danville police Officer Randy Ritter.

Matthew Green, 33, drove his SUV straight on the corner that veered left, at approximately 12:45 p.m. His two daughters, ages 1 and 3, were strapped into car seats in the back of the car. One daughter was in a baby seat facing the rear; the other one faced forward.

When Green drove straight, instead of turning left, his car hit a pole, a water valve and a boulder. The vehicle became airborne at impact and barrel-rolled counterclockwise approximately 270 degrees.

The car landed on its passenger side at a business complex driveway, Ritter said.

Witnesses who heard and saw the accident removed the two children from the SUV. Men entered the car's back rear window hatch door and unbuckled the two toddlers, police said, then handed them to a couple of women.

"It's good to hear that people are getting involved," Ritter said. "A lot of times witnesses leave."

He said seven witnesses helped out at the scene, and an off-duty emergency medical technician provided assistance, too.

Fire department personnel performed CPR on Green. He was taken to a hospital in Walnut Creek and pronounced dead.

The car seats saved the children from being seriously injured in the crash, Ritter said.

"It's a good testimonial for car seats, without a doubt," Ritter said.

He said the police did not know why Green drove off course.

—Jordan M. Dornila

OBITUARIES

Karla May Miller Curtis

Karla May Miller Curtis, 73, died Oct. 14 at her home in Alamo.

She was born April 26, 1933, in Phoenix, Ariz., but spent nearly 65 years in Northern and Southern California. She lived the last 33 years in the Alamo area with her husband of 52 years, Vern Earl Curtis.

She worked for more than 25 years at Gateway Acceptance Co., a family business started with her husband in 1978.

She was a member of the Alamo First Ward, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and enjoyed serving others. She found great pleasure in sewing, reading, needlework, and attending concerts and musical theater. She also touched many lives as a pianist and an organist.

She is survived by her husband; six children: Richard (Ann) Mesa, Ariz.; Susan Hill (Elvin) Antioch; Robert (Lisa) Alamo; Michael (Allison) Concord; Scott (Audrey) Portland, Ore.; Nancy Jacobs (Scott) Walnut Creek; a sister, Linda Jones (Cliff); and 20 grandchildren. A memorial service was held Oct. 20 at the LDS Chapel on Stone Valley Road.

Bobbi Lee Sachs

Alamo resident Bobbi Lee Sachs had her family by her side when she passed away at home Oct. 18 at the age of 61.

She was born June 26, 1945, and enjoyed spending time and sharing good food with family and friends. Her many hobbies included being an entrepreneur, playing mahjong,

shopping, reading, writing and playing ping pong with her grandchildren. She loved music and often would burst out with a show tune.

She battled breast cancer for seven years, taking time to counsel and support others as they also fought the disease.

She is survived by her husband Steven Sachs; seven children, Scott and Jennifer Sachs, Sandy and Carla Sachs, Jami and John Spykerman, and Zachary Sachs; her sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Jeffrey Ullman; her brother, Randall Burg; her sister and brother-in-law, Diane and David Horwitz; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A service was held Oct. 22 at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette. Donations be made to the charity of your choice.

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. 16

- Drunk in public on Boone Ct. at 9:26 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Ambience Way at 10:13 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Railroad Ave. at 10:22 a.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 10:56 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Old Blackhawk Rd. at 12:10 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Del Amigo Rd. at 2:27 p.m.
- Reckless driving on Lancelot Ct. and Richard Ln. at 4:16 p.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on Holbrook Dr. at 4:38 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 5:30 p.m.
- Petty theft on Weller Ln. at 6:45 p.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:11 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

- Drunk in public on Love Ln. at 7:46 a.m.
- Identity theft on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:09 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Crow Canyon Rd. at 3:10 p.m.
- Possession of counterfeit bill on Blackstone Dr. at 6:51 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

- Littering on Diablo Rd. at 5:35 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Turrini Cir. at 9:21 a.m.
- Auto burglary Turrini Cir. at 1:34 p.m.
- Reckless driving on Camino Tassajara at 9:39 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 19

- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on E. Prospect Ave. at 7:47 a.m.

- Identity theft on Liahona Ln. at 10:30 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Clydesdale Dr. and Diablo Rd. at 1:16 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Ramon and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 1:54 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Del Amigo Rd. and Las Barrancas Dr. at 6:41 p.m.
- Battery on Swan Ct. at 6:53 p.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Ramon at 7:05 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20

- Littering on Diablo Rd. at 5:39 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Turrini Dr. at 6:59 a.m.
- Petty theft from building on Love Ln. at 8:27 a.m.
- Vandalism on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:22 p.m.
- Vandalism on Front St. and E. Prospect Ave. at 4:53 p.m.
- Drunk in public on El Capitan Dr. at 9:25 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21

- Promiscuous shooting on Mustang Dr. at 2:08 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Tyrrel Ct. at 7:46 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Mariposa Ct. at 11:48 a.m.
- Vandalism on La Gonda Way at 12:27 p.m.
- Accident on El Cerro Blvd. and La Gonda Way at 12:44 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and E. Linda Mesa Ave. at 1:53 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Everett Dr. at 2:21 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. and W. Prospect Ave. at 2:42 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Brookside Dr. at 3:29 p.m.
- Vandalism on Sky Terrace at 5:11 p.m.
- Fight disturbance on Hartford Rd. at 9:13 p.m.



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Auditions

Auditions for Handel's Messiah

Experienced soloists are being sought for auditions for Handel Festival Community Sing of Messiah at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2. Bring resume to the audition. For an appointment, call Dean at 552-7851.

Author Visits

Rakestraw Books Authors

Rakestraw Books will host a number of authors throughout the month of November including: Michael Lewis, author of "Blind Side: Evolution of a Game," at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2; John Green at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 3, Annie Barrows, author of "Ivy and Bean And the Ghost That Had to Go," at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 8; and Richard Ford, author of "The Lay of the Land," at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Reservations are essential. Call 837-7337.

Clubs

Blackhawk Republican Women

This club will host a luncheon with guest speaker Tom Del Beccaro, President of the California Republican Party's County Chairman's Association at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 13, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. Cost is \$16 and are required by calling Ms. Lyons at 820-6452.

Danville Area Cultural Alliance

The Danville Area Cultural Alliance (DACA) will host a Salon with conversation on "What is Art?" and music at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10, at Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front Street. Seating is limited so bring a chair. Visit www.danvilleareaculturalalliance.org.

Julie's Morning Book Club

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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.

Concerts

A Jazz Concert

St. Timothy's Concert Series presents A Jazz Concert with The Altura Brothers from 4-5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 12, at St. Timothy's Church Parish Hall, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. General admission is \$18, student and seniors are \$12. Call 837-4993, ext. 15 or visit www.sainttimothysdanville.org.

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.

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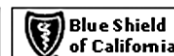
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Annual Harvest Festival

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.

Autumn Tour of Alamo Cemetery

Museum of the San Ramon Valley presents its annual Autumn Tour of the Alamo Cemetery starting at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Alamo-Lafayette Cemetery, 3285 Mt. Diablo Blvd. The tour is free, but donations are always welcomed. Call 837-3750.

Breakfast With Santa

Job's Daughters will host their 13th annual Breakfast with Santa from 7:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Road. Cost is \$6.50 per person, including breakfast. The day will include breakfast, meet-and-greet with Santa, bake sale and holiday boutique. Call Mari at 828-9522.

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.

Lighting of the Old Oak Tree

Danville Chamber of Commerce will host the Lighting of the Old Oak Tree from 5:15-8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24, on Diablo Road. The lighting ceremony will start at 6:15 p.m. The magic will continue with music, entertainment and refreshments. Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillechamber.com.

Lock and Key Party

Lock and Key Match.com will host a Lock and Key Party from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25, at Spin Ultra Lounge, 1411 Locust Street, Walnut Creek. Cost is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 945-8340 or visit www.lockandkeymatch.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.

San Ramon Wine and Dine Experience

San Ramon Chamber of Commerce will host the 18th annual Wine and Dine Experience from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, at San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive. Cost is \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call 242-0600.

Street Smarts Skate Nights

City of San Ramon and Golden Skate present Street Smarts Skate Nights from 6:30-9 p.m., the third Wednesday of the month, at Golden Skate, 2701 Hooper Drive, San Ramon. Admission is \$8 including skates, \$4 for in-line skates and parents skate for free. Nov. 15 skate night will feature "Holiday Safety." Call 820-2520 or 973-2655.

Tree of Lights Ceremonies

Hospice of Contra Costa presents their 20th annual Tree of Lights ceremonies at 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at Blackhawk Road and Blackhawk Drive; 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 26, at Danville Livery in front of Pleasant Thoughts, 510 Sycamore Valley Road West, Danville and at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, at Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Symbolic lights can be purchased for \$20. Call 887-5678 or visit www.hospicecc.org.

Exhibits

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. Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsvr.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.blackhawk-museum.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.

Fundraisers

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.

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.cwvbash.com. Call Beth at 855-7454.

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.

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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.

Holiday Boutique

Valley Parent Preschool will host their annual Holiday Boutique from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at the preschool, 935 Camino Ramon, Danville. Proceeds will benefit the preschool. Call 837-5401.

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 until 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. ERA Golden Hills Brokers are also accepting coats until Nov. 18, at 3223 Crow Canyon Road, Suite 110, San Ramon; call 216-4590.

Ski and Snowboard Swap

San Ramon Valley High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

will host their 29th annual Ski and Snowboard Swap from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 4-5, at the school, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Admission is \$5. Proceeds will benefit the academic programs at SRVHS. Call 876-1948 or visit www.danville.com/skiswap.

Thrift Shop Promotions

Assistance League of Diablo Valley presents its primary fundraiser from Oct. 31-Nov. 28, at Way Side Inn Thrift Shop and Costume Rental, 3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette. The sale will include Thanksgiving and Christmas merchandise, holiday clothing and cashmere sweaters. Proceeds will benefit philanthropic projects. Call 284-4781.

Health

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.

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

Alamo Winter Wonderland

Alamo Merchant and Professional Association will host the Alamo Winter Wonderland, Oak Tree Lighting Event and Sheriff's Toy Drive at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, at Andrew H. Young Park, next to Oak Tree Plaza in downtown Alamo. Warm winter beverages will be served. Bring a new, wrapped toy for donation to the Sheriff's Toy Drive. Call 838-1456.

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. The cost is \$20. Call 736-2280.

Kids & Teens

Free Online Tutoring Available

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

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.

Sign-Ups for Youth Basketball

Town of Danville will host sign-ups for youth basketball until Friday, Oct. 27, by calling 314-3386 or visiting www.ci.danville.ca.us. Practice will begin Dec. 4 and games will begin Jan. 13. Cost is \$115 for residents, \$138 for non-residents; \$20 jersey fee will be applied if you haven't purchased one in the past.

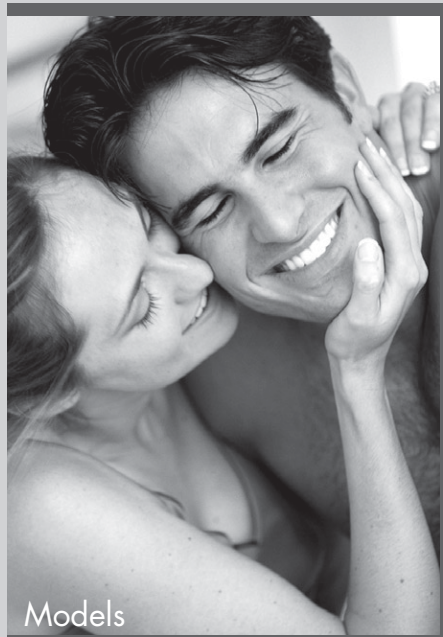
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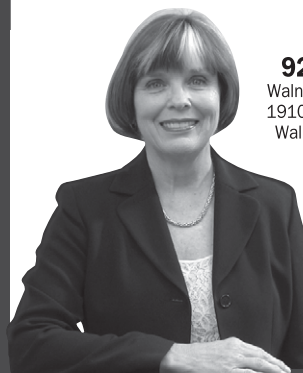
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YMCA Sports Programs

San Ramon Valley YMCA will host many different in-door sports during the winter season for children in pre-school through fifth grade including floor hockey, flag football and indoor soccer beginning Nov. 11-12. For information, call 886-4718 or visit www.mdrymca.org.

Lectures/ Workshops

Historic Lecture Series

San Ramon Historic Foundation and San Ramon Valley Library Foundation will host a Historic Lecture Series of six programs. Each program will start at 7 p.m., Thursdays, at various different locations. The next program will be on Thursday, Nov. 9 on the "Early Life of Native Americans" by Andrew Galvan at the San Ramon Library. All programs are free, but donations are accepted. Call 973-3281.

History of Industrial Design

Blackhawk Museum will host John Francis Marsh, an instructor at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 5, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with paid admission to the museum. Call 736-2280.

Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers

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.

'Talk' on Parenting

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.

The Power of Pay-Per-Click

East Bay I.T. Group presents "The Power of Pay-Per-Click" from 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at San Ramon Dublin Water Services District Board Room, 7051 Dublin Blvd. Cost is \$20 for members; \$25 for guests; add \$10 at the door. Call 736-5808.

Literary Events

Author of 'Shattered Air'

Friends of the Danville Library will host author Bob Madgic at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St., Danville. All First Wednesday programs are sponsored by Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley. Call 837-4889.

Tri-Valley Branch Writers

Join the California Writers Club, Tri-Valley Branch from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton. Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant is the special guest reader. Contact Kathy at kkurban@sbcglobal.net.

Two Cities, One Tale

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

On Stage

Camellia

Martinez Opera Company presents "Camellia" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 9-10, at Alhambra Performing Arts Center, 150 E Street, Martinez. Tickets are \$50, \$45, \$35. Call 798-1300.

Political Notes

Political Forums

Contra Costa County voters will have a chance to see a series of moderated round table discussions about political issues in the upcoming election. Measure L (urban limit line) will be discussed at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29, on Channel 26 and Danville Town Council candidates will discuss issues at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 31 and at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 5, on Comcast Channel 27 and Astound Channel 26.

Seniors

Prime Time

Join this club for a nondenominational gathering of "seasoned citizens" from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. A home-cooked lunch is served at noon for \$3. Call Ruth Ann at 820-6387.

Support Groups

Parkinson's Support Group

The Tri-Valley Parkinson's Network of Mount Diablo provides peer support from 10a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of every month, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Call Norman at 831-9940 or Jackie at 244-1231.

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.

Volunteering

Iron Horse Corridor Restoration Project

Life Garden invites youths to help out in the Iron Horse Corridor Restoration

Project from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 4, at the trail at Love Lane behind San Ramon Valley High School, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Preregistration is required; call 937-3044 or e-mail judy@lifegarden.org.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

The museum will host a volunteer class to provide information about the ways people can help in the work of the museum and wildlife from 3-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4. Call 935-1978, ext. 413.

Make a Difference

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Living (RCJL) in Danville provides assisted living, Alzheimer's and skilled nursing care in a community our residents call home. Volunteers play a key role at RCJL and opportunities are available for students and adults. For information, call Volunteer Coordinator Irma at 964-2098.

Valley Children's Museum Needs Volunteers

If you are interested in working with kids, Valley Children's Museum is looking for you! For information about volunteer opportunities, call 461-6574, 3 # or e-mail Linda@valleychildrensmuseum.org.

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210 Garage/Estate Sales

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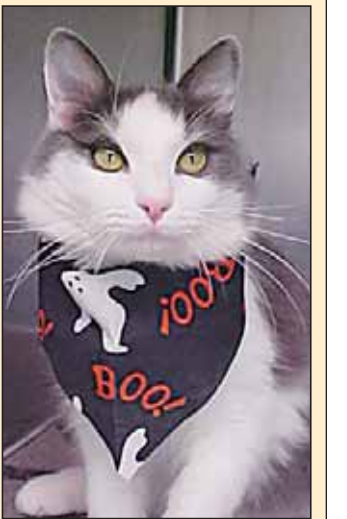
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Alamo

3 Bedrooms

266 Stone Valley Wy. **\$1,249,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

4 Bedrooms

155 Wilson Rd. **\$1,249,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 368-8667

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

28 Edinburgh Pl. **\$1,495,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

46 Vista Ln. **\$1,649,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 672-2499

5 Bedrooms

430 Via Del Rey **\$3,350,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

Blackhawk

3 Bedrooms

3048 Live Oak Ct. **\$1,100,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-7482

11 Deer Meadow Ct. **\$1,239,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 736-4155

118 Kingswood Cir. **\$925,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 736-4155

4 Bedrooms

3551 Deer Crest Dr. **\$1,399,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 510-612-8008

34 Magnolia Pl. **\$1,995,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 683-9799

3354 Deer Hollow Dr. **\$2,100,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 683-0488

132 Blackhawk Club Ct. **\$2,595,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 683-0488

Danville

2 Bedrooms

2198 Shosshone Cir. **\$649,500**
Sun 1-4 Empire 984-1787

3 Bedrooms

619 Contada Cir. **\$1,025,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4134

663 Sheri Ln. **\$1,180,000**
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 734-5076

4 Danville Oak Pl. **\$599,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4134

154 Lawnview Cir. **\$599,550**
Sun 1-4 Better Homes 389-0618

2138 Myrtle Beach Ln. **\$739,950**
Sun 1-4 Intero 648-5345

42 Casablanca St. **\$759,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4072

56 Summer Hill Ct. **\$760,000**
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union 963-3959

1148 River Rock Ln. **\$777,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075

717 Glasgow Cir. **\$789,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 997-0842

4 Hardy Ct. **\$928,750**
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union 997-3966

4 Bedrooms

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

140 Soda Pl. **\$1,100,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4125

1116 Blue Spur Cir. **\$1,169,000**
Sun 2-5 Intero 855-4110

112 Quinterra Ln. **\$1,249,950**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 216-3006

5216 Blackhawk Dr. **\$1,595,000**
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 699-9099

250 Tim Ct. **\$1,629,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Better Homes 389-0618

260 Tim Ct. **\$1,695,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 977-8965

129 Windover Dr. **\$1,699,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 838-4300

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

1157 River Rock Ln. **\$869,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4049

1102 River Rock Ln. **\$899,950**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4049

1097 River Rock Ln. **\$929,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4107

4178 Rockcreek Dr. **\$949,000**
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 314-2414

577 La Gonda Wy **\$950,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4125

389 Squirrel Ridge Wy. **\$995,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822

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

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

126 Bormio Ct. **\$1,355,000**
Sun 12-3 Intero 984-1945

151 Golden Hills Ct. **\$1,479,000**
Sat 1-4 Empire 217-3108

112 Laurelwood Dr. **\$2,049,950**
Sun 1-4 Intero 977-8965

246 Stetson Dr. **\$895,000**
Sat 1-4:30 Prudential CA 314-2414

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

1390 Brookside Dr. **\$999,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 736-1666

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

9085 Alcosta Blvd., #415 **\$349,500**
Sun 1-4 Empire 984-1787

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

813 Joree Ln. **\$579,000**
Sat 1-3 Intero 997-5120

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

1113 Nancy Ln. **\$599,950**
Sun 1-4 Realty World 336-1558

100 Amaryllis Cir. **\$664,500**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel RE 819-2747

153 Enchanted Wy. **\$673,000**
Sat 1-4 Prudential CA 876-6575

775 Winterside Cir. **\$719,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 855-4110

4 Terraced Hills Cir. **\$719,880**
Sun 1-4:30 Intero 997-0806

2540 Basswood Dr. **\$799,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4121

3237 Montevideo Dr. **\$845,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3373

4 Bedrooms

152 Elisha Ln. **\$1,125,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 784-7000

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

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during September 2006

Danville	Alamo	Diablo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 21	Total sales reported: 6	Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$566,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,000,000	Lowest sale reported: \$2,025,000	Lowest sale reported: \$277,500
Highest sale reported: \$2,680,000	Highest sale reported: \$3,100,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,025,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,075,000
Average sales reported: \$1,138,429	Average sales reported: \$1,624,167	Average sales reported: \$2,025,000	Average sales reported: \$702,094

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville

243 Ashley Circle Ballard Trust to A. Arakawa for \$589,000

562 Blackhawk Club Drive K. Huang to M. & P. Greening for \$1,260,000

1124 Blue Spur Circle A. & D. Kalliaras to D. Magno for \$1,299,000

828 Camino Amigo D. & E. Shaw to S. & S. Glenn for \$1,499,000

3642 Deer Trail Drive Harrit Trust to K. & M. Rocklage for \$1,799,000

73 Edgeway Court J. & D. Button to M. & K. Reginato for \$970,000

872 El Quanito Court R. & N. Mariella to T. Cates for \$1,200,000

2243 Genoa Street Lennar Homes to R. & S. Jenkins for \$1,103,000

620 Glasgow Circle B. & E. Hobby to M. Mitchell for \$875,000

725 Las Barrancas Drive

Meese Trust to M. Reid for \$900,000

124 Lawnview Circle J. Bingham to A. Ramirez for \$600,000

1357 Lawrence Road A. Fattahi to I. Yazdanpanah for \$2,680,000

205 Nanterre Street KB Homes to J. Tran for \$912,500

3421 Quail Walk Court J. & L. Kalajian to P. Nelson for \$2,250,000

551 Rolling Hills Lane R. & I. Barel to W. & C. Onesta for \$730,000

157 Rubicon Circle J. Watson-Bird to Watson Trust for \$566,000

1990 South Forest Hill Place M. Nelson to C. Wray for \$649,000

211 Town and Country Drive Security Investment Group to Shaheen Trust for \$1,237,500

141 Turrini Court M. & D. Tomasco to G. & C. Howard for \$1,060,000

17 Volterra Court

National Residential to P. & M. Demacarty for \$1,093,000

402 West Camino Arroyo Mcavoy Trust to M. & F. Poyzner for \$635,000

Alamo

40 Camino Monte Sol CMS Group to M. & S. Todd for \$3,100,000

2029 Danville Boulevard S. Rad to M. Hazratizadeh for \$1,000,000

2837 Miranda Avenue Mcguire Trust to A. & L. Kazemi for \$1,970,000

2419 Roundhill Drive C. & J. Cox to Dunlap Trust for \$1,235,000

2480 Roundhill Drive J. & N. Saba to Falk Trust for \$1,015,000

1 Tanglewood Lane D. & T. Merrill to R. Beil for \$1,425,000

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