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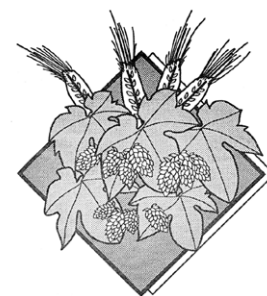
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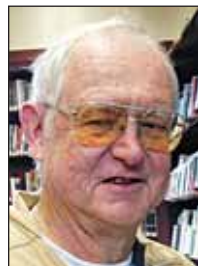
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—Alva Hayes
retired



The smoking tax seems right. We had something like that when I lived in Washington and people kept buying cigarettes. It could benefit a lot of people. The money should go to cancer research.

Brandon August
restaurant manager



I think going on ethanol gas (Prop. 87) would be better than relying on foreign oil. Something tells me gas prices are going to go right back up after the elections. I had no idea Brazil used ethanol gas. It's better than taking it out of the ground; the earth produces oil for a reason and it should stay there.

Stefani Fredland
painter



I'm for Proposition 1A and B because it would help finish the Caldecott Tunnel. That would improve the quality of life for a lot of people. There is only one lane open for reverse commuters and people going into San Francisco on the weekend. With the tech boom a lot of people commute to Dublin and Pleasanton from San Francisco.

Mark Graham
area manager for AT&T



I've heard a lot about the proposition Bill Clinton endorses (Prop. 87). Gas is way too expensive and I think a lot of that has to do with George W. Bush. We should depend on other forms of energy like ethanol. I'm a pizza delivery driver so it's important to me. I'd have a lot more money to spend on other things in the economy.

Patrick Morehouse
pizza delivery driver

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ABOUT THE COVER

While statistics show that domestic violence is less likely to occur in wealthy communities, local counselors, crisis line volunteers and law enforcement officers say it doesn't necessarily happen less—it's just reported less. Photo illustration and design by Jason Lind.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ We see people come one year and buy stuff, then they'll bring it back to sell it another year. ”

—Jackie Lawrence, chairwoman of the ski swap at San Ramon Valley High this weekend. See story, page 7.

Role Players nominated for Shellies

Danville's Role Players Ensemble have a starring role in the nominations announced Tuesday for the 28th annual Shellie Awards to honor work in theatrical productions that took place between Sept. 1, 2005, and Aug. 31, 2006, in Central Contra Costa.

Role Players nominations for their roles in the musical "Red Hot & Cole" are: outstanding actress: Terry Darcy D'Emidio; actor: Alan Cameron; supporting actress: Shari Lynn Oret; supporting actor: Michael Vetrovec; director: Jennifer Denison-Perry; music director: Matt Smart; choreography: Jennifer Denison-Perry; costuming: Sandra Gardner; lighting design: Scott Denison; and outstanding production: "Red Hot & Cole."

Role Players nominations for plays are: outstanding actress: Laurel Ryerson Kalan, "Wrong Turn at Lungfish"; outstanding actor: Chris Chapman, "Lungfish"; supporting actress: Leslie Noel for "Gun Shy"; supporting actor: Joel Roster for "Lungfish"; director: Scott Fryer for "Lungfish"; lighting design: Valerie Pope for "Lungfish"; and outstanding production: "Wrong Turn at Lungfish."

The awards will be presented Jan. 13 at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. Tickets are now on sale at 943-7469 or dlrc.org.

Wanted: military memorabilia

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 75 is planning its annual exhibit of military memorabilia over Veterans Day weekend at the Danville Veterans Memorial Building but is in need of artifacts. Any item from any war that the owners would be willing to have displayed is welcomed and will be returned to the owners after the weekend.

"I've got some items here but not enough," said Tony Carnemolla, who is organizing the display. Contact Carnemolla to discuss contributions, at Dad's Locksmith, 820-5747; or at his home, 932-4042. The exhibit is planned from Friday-Sunday, Nov. 10-12, at the Vet Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville.

The VFW is also joining with other San Ramon Valley groups to honor service men and women at Veterans Day 2006, a program with patriotic music and speeches. It begins at 10:45 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road in Danville.

'Marcia' opens store on Railroad

Cottage Jewel, an antiques boutique, has opened its doors in Danville to sell hand-painted small furnishings, unique mirrors, colorful old porcelains, and antique and vintage jewelry from A to Z. The owner is Danville resident Marcia Harmon, who has been collecting "uniquities" since she was a child. She became a serious bead researcher after joining the Northern California Bead Society 14 years ago.

Harmon has gained some fame in Danville with these endeavors, appearing at street fairs, Blackhawk's Antique Road Show fundraiser, and lecturing on cameos or period jewelry. She is also active with her husband Ken, who swam Lake Tahoe to raise funds for the Danville Aquatic Center, and as a den mom for John Baldwin Elementary Cub Scouts.

Cottage Jewel is located at 125-D Railroad Ave., near Pascal's French Oven and the Quilter's Inn. Telephone 837-2664. Its hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday—and Sunday and Monday mornings "by chance."



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Beth Chaim Congregation breaks ground

Synagogue scheduled for completion in May

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Jewish people from Danville are poised to build a home for spirituality, comfort and fellowship, adjacent to Sycamore Valley Elementary School.

Members of Beth Chaim Congregation recently held a groundbreaking on Camino Tassajara and Holbrook Drive where they will build a new synagogue, which will be ready for use

in May 2007. The synagogue will be a 7,000-square-foot building on a two-acre property by the school parking lot.

It will have a sanctuary for gathering and spaces for spiritual education classes. It will also be used for weddings, celebrating births and honoring deaths of loved ones.

"Essentially, we have been exploring building a home for a long time," said Beth Chaim Rabbi Dan Goldblatt. "It's a wonderful site."

"It's hugely important," he added. "It gives us a sense of rooted-ness. It's a different experience when you have your own home. It's a spiritual

home. It's a container of memories."

Beth Chaim is the only major Jewish congregation in the San Ramon Valley, Goldblatt said, and it has never had a home. It has been using the Danville Congregational Church on San Ramon Valley Boulevard for worship during the past seven to eight years.

"Our hosts have been extraordinarily generous," Goldblatt said.

Approximately 250 families of the congregation have donated \$1.5 million collectively since April, a span of six months, to fund the project. Developer Nathan Shapell donated \$1 million to help finance

the synagogue, keeping a promise to match funds if the congregation raised \$1 million.

Beth Chaim Congregation is a 28-year-old organization. A group of retired Jewish elders started it as a fellowship in 1978 and met at a church in Pleasant Hill. In 1985, it moved to Danville.

The Jewish population was small in Danville at the time because it was a sleepy and rural town, Goldblatt said.

"It wasn't a suburban area until the last decade," he said. "It's gone through an explosion. The Jewish community has grown over the years."

Still, the local Jewish community did not have a place of its own to worship. It held religious classes at Green Valley Elementary School, rented storage space, conducted mid-week classes in a facility behind the San Ramon Home Depot, and used St. Isidore's Church gym for holiday celebrations.

"We have been all over the place," Goldblatt said. "We need to have our own home."

Beth Chaim members found five acres, which were owned by Ed Holbrook, on Holbrook Drive. They

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'Looking Glass Wars' comes to Danville

Novelist acts out story for captivated students

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

A Hollywood film producer entertained 150 fourth- and fifth-graders with a lively performance of scenes from his new novel that reveals the dark side of Wonderland.

Frank Beddor—producer of the blockbuster film "There's Something About Mary"—jumped about as he mimicked characters from his new book, "The Looking Glass Wars," for kids at Rakestraw Books in Danville on Wednesday morning, Oct. 25.

Beddor was traveling around the country and was giving a tour of his novel to kids from states including New York, Texas, Minnesota and

Washington.

In Danville, the students came to his reading from Green Valley and John Baldwin elementary schools. His first novel, which is part of a trilogy, is derived from Lewis Carroll's classic tales "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass."

At the Danville reading, the kids sat wide-eyed while watching and listening to his reading and performing dialogue from his story. They raised their hands with eagerness to find out what happens next in his novel.

When Beddor finished his reading, kids flocked in a frenzy to get his book and waited in line to get it personally signed by him.

"They're so open," Beddor said, about the kids. "They're very expressive in their faces."

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Remy Mink, 9, from Green Valley Elementary School is excited to get her book personally signed by Frank Beddor, author of the new book "The Looking Glass Wars" and producer of the movie "There's Something About Mary."

'Home sweet home' becomes a reality

Tri-Valley group helps 30 buyers in first year

by **Natalie O'Neill**

When those who work in a town can't afford to live in that town, it can be bad for everybody.

It makes the search for qualified teachers and nonprofit workers harder. It puts more commuters onto the freeways. And it brings in cross-county employees who may or may not take pride in that town.

"You lose talent," said Jacqueline Rickman, Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center director.

Fortunately, the center can help people plan for and afford their home purchase in Danville. Since those who are seeking to buy a house in Danville often already

work or rent in the town, the service builds strength within the community, center representatives said.

The housing opportunity center, which celebrated its first anniversary Oct. 24, has helped 30 new homeowners make purchases in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville, three of them in Danville.

Participants can attend workshops, develop a personalized plan for buying a house, learn about fair housing, fair lending and how to avoid predatory lenders. Those interested can sign up for a free consultation, which helps clients decide if they are financially ready to buy their first house.

"It's common to see young people looking for homes in this area

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Board OKs 8.3 percent raise for district teachers

Increase brings starting salary to \$43,378

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Board trustees approved an 8.3 percent salary raise for teachers in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District at their meeting last week.

The district and the teacher's union, the San Ramon Valley Education Association, have reached a tentative agreement. First year credentialed teachers will receive \$43,378 in the salary schedule for 2006-07. Teachers with 25 years of experience and 75 professional teaching credentials will receive \$82,062.

Trustee Joan Buchanan said one of the district's chief concerns was providing enough money to recruit

and retain quality teachers in an affluent community. Teachers have left the district for higher paying jobs, she said.

She noted at the meeting that she was pleased with the new agreement, which was approved unanimously by the board.

"We have to keep our salary schedule competitive," said Roberta Silverstein, district assistant superintendent of human resources. "To maintain the incredible high quality education, we have to keep teachers here."

"To us, our employees are our most important part of our educational program," she added.

The district and union representatives of maintenance, custodial, bus, warehouse and grounds employees also have reached an agreement and will receive an 8.3 percent raise, too, she said.

Now, the union will have to ratify the agreement.

Silverstein is also negotiating new contracts with unions representing the district's clerical staff and para-educators, also known as teachers' aides.

District officials began renegotiating the teachers' contracts in the spring.

"We negotiate salaries every year," Silverstein said.

The new agreement with the teacher's union also involves coming up with alternative ways of evaluating the performance of counselors, speech professionals and other instructors who provide services outside the classroom, she said.

Additionally, Silverstein is negotiating other undisclosed items in the new teachers' agreement. ■

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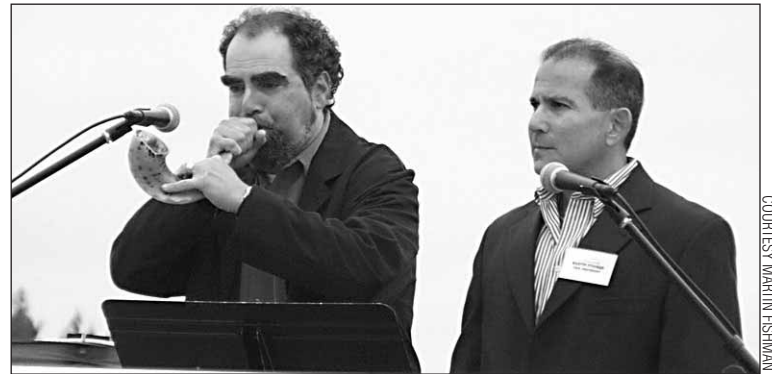
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Rabbi Dan Goldblatt of Beth Chaim Congregation blows the Shofar, a ram's horn, to commemorate the groundbreaking of a new synagogue in Danville. Martin Fishman stands behind Goldblatt.

COURTESY MARTIN FISHMAN

Synagogue

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raised money and purchased the acreage. Then they worked together to raise funds to build the synagogue.

"We started our capital campaign and began to raise money to build our center," Goldblatt said. "It's quite a long journey, and it was longer than we anticipated."

The first phase of the project involves building administrative offices and a social hall. In the second phase,

contractors will build a sanctuary. And the third phase will erect classrooms for Hebrew, religious school, Jewish heritage and traditions.

Having a synagogue helps community members feel less scattered, and their energies are less likely to be diffused and unfocused, Goldblatt said.

"Part of any prayer is spiritual attention and bringing one's heart in the forefront," he said.

"We have been fragmented by the definition of not having our own home." ■

Books

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"It's cool," said Adam Shaw, a fifth-grader from John Baldwin, about Beddor's book.

Rakestraw owner Michael Barnard noted that one of most important aspects in Beddor's tour was getting kids interested in reading Carroll's work.

"It was effectively done," Barnard said.

His mother, Julie Barnard, added that the success of the Harry Potter novels inspired many youths, especially young boys, to be interested in stories and opened the way for more authors to write fantasy.

Beddor was raised in Minneapolis, Minn., and was influenced by his mother in the arts and in athletics, he said.

He spent five years on the U.S. Ski Team, and, in 1981, became the first International Ski Federation World Champion in combined free-style skiing.

He went on to win the champion-

ship again in 1982 and then turned his attention to building a career in Hollywood. Beddor was the ski stunt double in the John Cusack film, "Better off Dead."

Beddor moved behind the scenes in 1997 and formed his own production company—Automatic Pictures—and subsequently produced the comedy "There's Something About Mary," for which he was nominated for a Golden Globe.

"It gave me a lot of financial freedom," he said, noting he could spend more time creating the work he wanted to do.

He was inspired to write "The Looking Glass Wars" after seeing a deck of ancient dark and gothic cards in Great Britain.

He finished the book in 2003 but was rejected several times by publishers because they felt it would upset millions of fans of Carroll's stories. Nonetheless, Penguin Books decided to publish his work.

Beddor said his book is selling well. He plans to focus on finishing the trilogy. Eventually, he wants to turn it into a movie. ■

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Think snow

Ski swap expects thousands this weekend

by Natalie O'Neill

Bundled in coats and blankets, 200 people waited in line for doors to open at the San Ramon Valley High School ski swap last year. Mothers sat in lawn chairs while teenagers sipped coffee from thermoses on a frosty November morning.

They braved the cold, hoping for a bargain.

"It's like a giant garage sale," said event chairwoman Jackie Lawrence.

The annual swap, which raises money for San Ramon Valley High School, gives local skiers and snowboarders a chance to buy and sell new and used equipment at low rates. This year, the 29th annual fundraiser will be held at the high school from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4-5, with an entrance fee of \$5.

Skis and snowboards go for \$30-\$400, and participants looking to sell their old equipment can do so with a 25 percent consignment fee. Most merchandise is on sale for at least 50 percent off retail price, Lawrence said.

Last year \$35,000 was raised



Last year's ski swap at San Ramon Valley High drew around 2,000 people and earned \$35,000 for academic programs.

for academic programs at the high school, which was distributed throughout each academic department. Funds have contributed to the robotics program, purchased books for English classes, and helped a sister school in Richmond.

"One teacher got an overhead projector, and it changed her whole style of teaching. She could face the class as she taught," Lawrence said.

But it's not just a great cause, it's a great deal, she added. Shoppers come from all over the Bay Area for a chance to buy cheap, recycled ski clothes and equipment and to sell old equipment.

"You buy (new gear) and there's no place to sell it back unless you go through the hassle of craigslist," Lawrence said.

Since it's the largest commercial nonprofit ski swap in Contra

Costa County, turnouts have been between 2,000 and 2,500 people in past years. The school cafeteria will be filled with cheap secondhand deals, and the gym will showcase unused demos and overstock from last year's makes and models.

As kids grow quickly and their skill improves, it doesn't take long for them to outgrow expensive ski and snowboarding gear. At the swap, participants can get rid of what doesn't fit anymore and find something that does, Lawrence said.

"We see people come one year and buy stuff, then they'll bring it back to sell it another year," she said.

Those interested in selling their equipment through the ski swap can visit danville.com/skiswap and fill out a form to participate.

"It's a community tradition," Lawrence said. ■

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Live Homework Help is available from 1-10 p.m. seven days a week and is also available in Spanish. The service is accessible from home or office computers and at the Danville Library, as well as other libraries in Contra Costa County.

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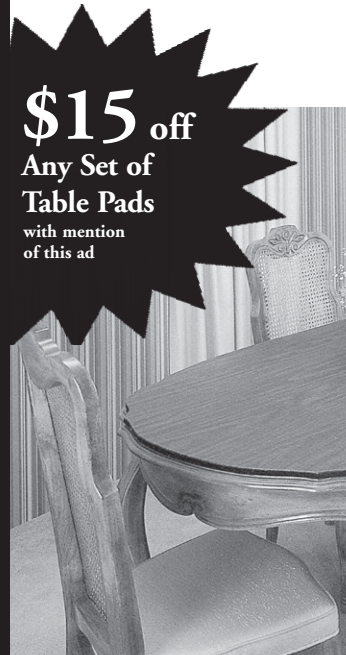
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who don't have the income for it," said Jill Bergman, who plans affordable housing in Danville and was instrumental in the formation of the center.

In the past year, the center has helped recent divorcees, seniors, large families and mothers helping sons find a first home, as well as recent college graduates and new families.

In Danville, credit is not as much of an issue as coming up with a down payment for the house, Rickman said.

Those seeking housing in Danville often have college educations and are more likely to have good credit than in other parts of the Tri-Valley. But that doesn't mean that a down payment on a million-dollar home is any easier.

"The town has so little room to grow, it makes the market competitive," she said.

Finding below market rates for clients helps them find affordable housing, even in Danville, she said. And it helps chip away at the down payment—the source of a lot of stress for home buyers

"We are stabilizing housing needs," Rickman said.

The service is a collaborative effort between two counties, and key players have worked together unofficially for the past 12 years,

sharing resources and information to make buying a house in the Tri-Valley Area less daunting.

The center is unique in that it's often difficult for members from multiple cities and counties to join together so effectively, Bergman said.

"It's a great group of people with a passion for housing and we wanted to work together," Bergman said.

Supporters of the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center include representatives and elected officials from U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher's office, U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo's office, the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon and the Town of Danville.

"The accomplishments the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center has made this year will continue to benefit our community," Danville Mayor Karen Stepper said.

While the issues they work through are specific to the Tri-Valley area, the service would be valuable anywhere, Rickman said. It's an education process that helps people get better loans and make better choices.

"A lot of people don't understand they can't buy a new car if they're going to purchase a home the same year," Bergman said.

There is a need for affordable housing everywhere in the East Bay and this type of service can benefit a lot of people, representatives for the center said.

"It would be great if it caught on," Bergman said. ■



JORDAN M. DORONILIA

Seeing red

Fourth-grader Tyler Carr wears red during Red Ribbon Week celebrations at Greenbrook Elementary School. Trees throughout the area had red ribbons tied around them, and students dressed in red and did other activities to encourage drug prevention at their schools during Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 21-29. The drug prevention week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs.



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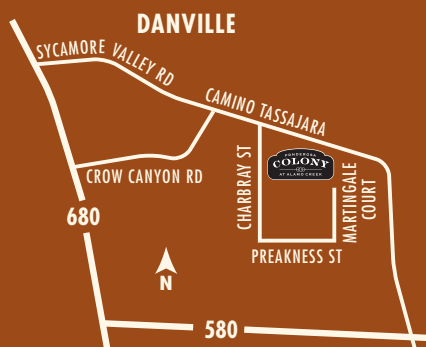
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Finding eternal peace

Christy and Richard Christensen stop with their Weekly before entering the Eiheiji Soto Zen Temple of Eternal Peace in Fukui on a recent trip to Japan from Danville where they have lived for 32 years.



Another side of Sicily

The Danville Weekly traveled all over Sicily with Julie and Darrin Dolle of Alamo and here is shown at the Salt Pans, originally constructed by the Phoenicians about 800 B.C.



Royal reading

Victor Williams and his son Justin Bishop-Williams enjoy their Danville Weekly outside the royal Palace in Stockholm, Sweden. Justin, a senior at Monte Vista High School, also visited Russia, Germany and Finland with the high school choir.



Seahorse farm lures locals

Ruth Krause, now of Carmichael, visits the seahorse farm in Kona, Hawaii, with her daughters, Pat Frantz of Danville and Virginia Markel of Santa Barbara. Krause lived in Danville for many years and was the fifth resident to move into the Greenbrook neighborhood.

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Tennis at the top



When the Diablo Country Club team swept through the 2.5 women's tennis world, it was an education for everyone. After being undefeated all season, the women won their division in the playoffs and went to district championships in Napa where they had to explain to the other teams exactly where Diablo is located. After winning that championship they continued on to sectionals in Carmel, where they again put Diablo on the map. Victorious, the women next headed to represent Northern California at the Nationals, held in Palm Springs, where they were among 17 teams from across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Captain Lisa Bakos and co-captain Stevie Sturla were still excited when I talked to them last week. The Diablo team found it hard to believe they made it all the way to Nationals, where they came in fourth. Lisa said it all started a couple of years ago when some moms decided to take up tennis rather than just watching while their children took lessons. Then last year they formed a USTA team and found 14 members right within Diablo Country Club.

USTA play began in February. "In the beginning I had a hard time getting women to play—it was weekends and at night," said Lisa. "Then it began to take on a life of its own." Everyone's interest piqued as they went on—and on and on. The neighborhood even had a pasta feed for them, "our 15 minutes of fame," noted Lisa.

Nationals took place Oct. 5-8. The team hired a limo to go to the airport together, sequined devil horns and all. "We wore our devil horns everywhere we went—on the plane, into the hotel," said Stevie. Although some people thought they looked like cat ears. And one woman on a team from Alabama said the horns would be unacceptable in the Bible Belt, although she assured them she was not offended since she was from New Jersey. The Ghiardelli chocolate cable cars and Golden Gate Bridges they presented to the other teams as gifts from California were definitely acceptable.

Lisa was proud that all 11 team members who made the trip were able to play, that they didn't just play their strongest players as some teams did. "We started out as friends and I wanted us to end up as better friends," she said. "I couldn't bear the thought of having them come and not getting a chance to play."

Some of their families met up with them for the weekend. The women, ages 32-46, have 35 children among them. Lisa's son Alec, 11, who is rated No. 77 in Under 12s in NorCal, had his own tournament that weekend but opted to go support her. "He said, 'Mom, there will be a lot of tournaments for me but there might not be another one for you,'" she recalled.

Talking to Lisa and Stevie brought back memories for me because a few years ago I accompanied my husband when his 3.0 team from ClubSport San Ramon went to Nationals, held in Tucson. The whole scene was fantastic—the lobby full of excited tennis players, the tension of the matches, the fun of spending a long weekend with friends. The team was serious about tennis but never stopped the wisecracks: When a member of the Hawaiian team wore a leather belt, they refused to be beaten by anyone wearing a leather belt and won their third out of five matches to make the finals. They placed third, and when handed their 9-inch pewter plates were quick to note the advantages of this size over the larger plates given to the top two.

Stevie said the Diablo women laughed about 2.5 being the lowest USTA ranking, but they were proud of their accomplishments. And after six months of playing, they had improved their tennis greatly. "All of us take clinics every week," she said. "We have invested in our tennis." She said making it to the last day of the championships was the best part.

Lisa said her husband was proud to accompany her, saying, "I've never been to nationals of anything." And ending up fourth in the country wasn't too shabby.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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Diablo 2.5 sectional champions (front, l-r) Sadaf Eckermann, Kristin Furlong, Marti Greene, Benita Halliday Smiley, Karen Morris, Vanessa Sturla, Heather Dean Schulte; (back) Carla Quinn, Jennifer Lynne Schreiber, Stevie Sturla, Lisa Bakos, Jodie Dowling. Not Shown: Michele Stedman and Sue Turley.

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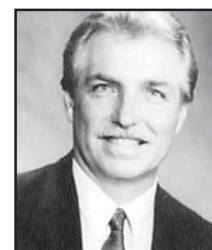
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Perspective

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Time to vote

This election has really heated up, considering it is midterm, with President Bush working hard to keep a Republican majority in Congress. Nonetheless the Danville Weekly is endorsing Jerry McNerney over incumbent U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R., Tracy) to represent the 11th Congressional District.

McNerney, an engineer from Pleasanton, is in sync with the I-680 corridor, which had elected U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D, Alamo) to represent it before it was taken from the 10th District and added to the 11th in 2002. McNerney, who works in wind energy technology, is ready to help move the country from its dependence on foreign oil using renewable resources while Pombo strives to drill offshore for oil as well as opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Although Pombo has an answer for each allegation of corruption, we disagree with his aggressive stance on changing the Endangered Species Act. We agree such legislation should be revisited after 25 years, but not just to please landowners such as himself who may want to develop their land irrespective of environmental concerns. Also we remain concerned that he has spent \$465,000 since 2001 paying family members for work on his campaign. The good thing about campaign spending is that at least it creates work and income for others—but the candidates' families? We also think it is odd that Pombo, a seven-term incumbent, has not previously addressed the congestion on I-580 and that his solution is to build a new highway, partly on land owned by his family. McNerney will be an ethical representative who will work hard toward solving the nation's problems as well as dealing with local issues.

On the local scene, we endorse Mayor Karen Stepper to continue serving on Town Council, and Robert Storer, who is currently a Planning Commissioner. As the town moves forward, Storer's background in planning would be an asset. He has shown tangible results in providing housing for seniors and the disabled, which proves he can work well with others. This is important as a council member as well as representing Danville on regional committees. But Storer is no "yes" man: During his eight years on the Planning Commissioner he was not afraid to say no to projects until they proved they would not have a negative impact on the town or on neighbors.

For school board, we endorse incumbent Joan Buchanan to continue her good work with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. Her management skills and acquired knowledge in the district serve the schools well. Rachel Hurd, who is running with Buchanan, is also knowledgeable, having come up through the ranks of PTA. We also endorse Jim McVay as a new voice on the board and someone with an abundance of energy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote Robert Storer

Dear Editor:

Robert Storer represents our best opportunity in years to add fresh perspective to the Danville Town Council.

He represents the best of what Danville is:

- True concern for the community, rather than personal political agendas or ambitions;
- Sensitive to maintaining our "small town" character and charm;
- Family focused;
- Fiscally responsible;
- Supportive of the Town's professional staff which, for years, has devoted itself to achieving the Danville we all enjoy.

Let's all take this opportunity to restore a former collegiality and mutual respect among council members, while still stimulating differing perspectives and opinions.

We encourage you to vote for Robert Storer for Danville Council.

Sharon and Don Ritchey, former Danville councilman

Storer not participant

Dear Editor:

Sundry misrepresentations made by Mr. Robert Storer regarding veteran affairs, veteran activities and possible renovations to the existing Veterans Hall have surfaced during this election period. We should all be advised that veteran organizations within the area are diligently active with aiding charities and community betterment.

The Veterans Hall renovation, upgrading and replacement studies by veteran communities from the American Legion and the

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Veterans of Foreign Wars memberships are now being pursued. Although Mr. Robert Storer has publicly stated that he has been actively participating with the veteran groups on these matters, his claims are unauthenticated and are disputable.

Tony Carnemolla, Danville

Pombo must go

Dear Editor:

What does it take for citizens to WAKE UP to the fact that a vote for Pombo is a vote for corruption, degradation of our environment, and permission for special interests to control Congress through money-wielding lobbyists—remember Jack Abramoff? That taint, alone, should be cause for ousting him. But there is an abundance of charges against his tenure, the least of which is that he hasn't done anything for District 11 or California or the nation in general that speaks of any kind of vision, except the vision of doing what his self-serving "friends" request. We deserve better.

Carol Sherrill, Danville

Pombo strong on war

Dear Editor:

Democrat congressional candidate Jerry McNerney says he dropped out of West Point in protest of the Vietnam War. I find

this very telling with regard to his current "cut and run" position on our War on Terrorism. If we drop out of Iraq, we will be fighting the terrorists here at home. "Dropping out" is simply short sighted. Terrorist attacks here will involve infrastructure disasters like 9/11. These disasters and rebuilding will create even greater financial burden. Most devastating will be the increase in American lives lost to these terrorist attacks.

Congressman Richard Pombo has consistently been strong on both the War on Terror and our national security. He should be sent back to Washington to help protect America through long term strategies.

Jennifer Gartung, Alamo

McNerney signs stolen

Dear Editor:

I have had two McNerney for Congress lawn signs stolen in the past week here in Danville. Pombo's supporters must be afraid that word will get out about McNerney. I have news for them—it's too late! District 11 voters are too smart for these tactics and won't be intimidated by Pombo's ads trying to terrorize voters with fears of the world coming to an end.

During Pombo's watch the world has come to an end for almost 3,000 brave U.S. soldiers in Iraq. Their memory deserves an election based on constructive dialog about the real issues

that face us. Not an election right out of Pombo's junior high play-book.

Alan Manewitz, Danville

Storer best for council

Dear Editor:

I'm proud to be voting for Robert Storer for the Danville Town Council. The outstanding quality of life we enjoy in Danville didn't happen by accident. It was carefully planned and nurtured, the result of thousands of decisions large and small.

Current and former Danville mayors, council members and planning commissioners endorse Robert and trust him to continue that work. His unprecedented, broad-based support includes young people and seniors, long-time residents and young families, educators and the business community. They know that Robert will work for all of us, to make Danville even better.

Robert clearly understands what makes Danville unique and how to preserve all of the best qualities of our community—small town atmosphere, safe streets, open spaces, historic preservation and a vibrant economy.

Robert will bring to the Town Council enthusiasm, energy, intelligence and positive leadership. When faced with a problem, he brings people together and finds a way to solve it. But most importantly, Robert is one of those rare people who has a truly good heart. He will make

the right decisions for Danville, for the right reasons.

Millie Greenberg, former Danville councilwoman

For planning, vote Storer

Dear Editor:

I am supporting Robert Storer for the Danville Town Council. In Danville we like to say that our great community did not just happen but was created "by design." Robert has served on the Danville Planning Commission for the past eight years and I have relied upon his sound judgment to help shape Danville into the town it is today. He has demonstrated a commitment to preserving Danville's small town atmosphere by maintaining our open space, keeping our hilltops free from development, and working on a county level to solve regional transportation problems.

As the only candidate with school-age children, Robert has a unique perspective. He brings fresh ideas to further meet the needs of the youth and families in our community while creating affordable housing for seniors.

I am joined in my support of Robert by State Sen. Tom Torlakson and current Danville council members Candace Andersen and Mike Doyle. The entire Danville Planning Commission and former mayors Millie Greenberg, Beverly Lane, Don Ritchey, Susanna Schlendorf and Dick Waldo also support him. He has received numerous

endorsements including from the editorial board of the Danville Weekly.

Danville did not just happen. Let's ensure the quality of its future. Join me in voting for Robert Storer on Nov. 7.

Newell Arnerich, Danville councilman

Quattro for college board

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to applaud Frank Quattro for running for the Ward 4 seat on the Contra Costa Community College Governing board and to urge everyone in the ward to vote for him. As a teacher at Diablo Valley College for almost 20 years, I know Frank is correct when he says that the colleges need board members who insist that district funds are used to provide the best education possible for the students in this county. The current board members supported actions of the previous chancellor that led to enrollment decline, costly bureaucracy and a fiscal crisis from which the district is now struggling to recover. They finally fired that chancellor but not before the mismanagement resulted in loss of state funding and severe cuts to faculty and staff.

In addition to being a former DVC student, Frank Quattro is a small business owner and former teacher who is committed to fiscal responsibility and efficient management. He is also endorsed by both the faculty and staff of the district.

Sue Shattuck, Danville

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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. 23

- Petty theft on Hartz Ave. at 9:06 a.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Ramon Rd. at 10:22 a.m.
- Harass disturbance on Rio Del Ct. at 11:35 a.m.
- Accident on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 11:54 a.m.
- Drugs violation on Zephyr Pl. at 12:49 p.m.
- Vandalism on Stonington Ct. at 1:06 p.m.
- Vandalism on Del Amigo Rd. at 3:30 p.m.
- Alcohol intoxicated subject on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:42 p.m.
- Vandalism on Sky Terrace at 8:11 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

- Suspicious circumstances on Mariposa Ct. at 2:19 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara at 7:55 a.m.
- Petty theft on Neva Ct. at 9:29 a.m.
- Identity theft on La Gonda Way at 9:41 a.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on La Gonda Way at 3:33 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Hartz Ave. at 7:01 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Contada Cir. at 8:49 p.m.
- Petty theft on Holbrook Dr. at 9:16 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

- Littering on Diablo Rd. at 5:29 a.m.
- Vandalism on Sky Terrace at 7:46 a.m.
- Vandalism on Brookside Dr. at 9:27 a.m.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 11:21 a.m.
- Warrant service on Stirling Dr. at 12:21 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Diablo Rd. at 12:47 p.m.
- Drunk in public on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:34 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on

- Camino Tassajara at 1:36 p.m.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 1:56 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:10 p.m.
- Reckless driving on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 5:11 p.m.
- Drug violation on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 5:25 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Hartz Ave. at 5:49 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Hartz Ave. at 6:02 p.m.
- Petty theft on Fostoria Way at 7:58 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Boone Ct. at 8:40 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26

- Residential burglary on Savona Ct. at 8:35 a.m.
- Drug violation on Glen Rd. at 9:12 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Woodranch Dr. at 11:38 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Highland Dr. at 2:00 p.m.
- Petty theft on Hartz Ave. at 3:11 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 4:43 p.m.
- Petty theft on Railroad Ave. at 5:21 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 5:44 p.m.
- Petty theft from building on La Gonda Way at 7:05 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and Green Valley Rd. at 7:10 p.m.
- Possession of drugs on La Gonda Way at 7:30 p.m.
- Petty theft on Railroad Ave. at 8:03 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Montair Dr. at 9:20 p.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on Lawnview Cir. at 10:17 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27

- Auto burglary on Sunshine Cir. at 2:19 a.m.
- Vandalism on Brightwood Cir. at 5:46 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Leeds Ct. E. at 7:25 a.m.

- Vandalism on Brookside Dr. at 7:47 a.m.
- Petty theft on Stone Valley Rd. at 8:14 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Leeds Ct. E. at 8:39 a.m.
- Commercial burglary on Front St. at 9:21 a.m.
- Grand theft on Sheri Ln. at 9:52 a.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on El Dorado Ave. at 12:16 p.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Conway Dr. at 1:41 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Garden Creek Pl. at 2:02 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Ambleside Ct. at 4:48 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Railroad Ave. at 5:27 p.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on Camino Tassajara at 10:24 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Front St. at 10:27 p.m.
- Music disturbance on Danville Blvd. and Hartford Rd. at 10:30 p.m.
- Accident on Morninghome Rd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 10:33 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Hartford Rd. at 10:50 p.m.
- Music disturbance on Hartford Rd. at 11:18 p.m.
- Promiscuous shooting on Café Ct. at 11:42 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Everett Dr. at 11:49 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28

- Harass disturbance on La Gonda Way at 12:14 a.m.
- Fight disturbance on Hartz Ave. at 12:25 a.m.
- Accident on Crow Canyon Rd. and El Capitan Dr. at 9:18 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Verde Mesa Dr. at 12:29 p.m.
- Identity theft on Shadow Tree Ct. at 12:51 p.m.
- Identity theft on La Gonda Way at 8:45 p.m.
- Noise disturbance on La Gonda Way at 9:38 p.m.
- Music disturbance on Alta Vista Way and Camino Tassajara at 10:49 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Dolcita Ct. and Franciscan Dr. at 11:27 p.m.
- Music disturbance on Brightwood Ln. W. at 11:33 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Matthew Jesse Green

Matthew Jesse Green, 33, a Danville resident, died Oct. 2. He was born April 29, 1973, in Concord and graduated from De La Salle High School. He graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in hotel and restaurant management and was currently working as a manager for East Bay Restaurant Supply. He touched the lives of everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Monica Green; daughters Skyler and Talia Green; sisters Michele DeMartini and Amanda Green; and in-laws Matt and Stephanie Lyman and Denny DeMartini. He was the treasured son of Patricia Green, Jess and Mary Ellen Green, and son-in-law of Gini DeLucia, Steve DeLucia and Norm Hasegawa; and the grandson of Winzola Green.

Services were held Oct. 26-27 at Chapel of San Ramon Valley and St. Isidore's Church in Danville. The family requests that donations to the Matthew Green Memorial Fund, an education account established for Skyler and Talia Green, be sent to Wells Fargo Bank, 585 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville, CA 94526.

Howard Lester Scott

Howard Lester Scott, a resident of Danville, passed away in Danville on Oct. 16 at the age of 81.

He was born in Omaha, Neb., and came to California with his parents in 1936 at the age of 11. He graduated from University High in Oakland in 1943 and joined the Merchant Marine after high school. He served as radio operator aboard cargo ships and tankers in the Pacific during World War II.

He was a member of various data processing organizations and was an active partner in a computer service bureau from 1972-1985 when he retired. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Lake Madrone Water District in Berry Creek, Calif., and later worked for the board on special projects.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Jean; daughter Susan Wyman of Alamo, son Steven Scott of San Ramon, son-in-law William Wyman, daughters-in-law Marjorie Scott, Dawna Scott, Kimberlee Scott; nine grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Sons Bradley Scott of Walnut Creek and Brian Scott of Alamo preceded him in death.

At his request, no services are planned. Donations may be made to Creekside Community Church, 1350 Danville Blvd. Alamo, CA 94507.

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a lot to lose

Domestic abuse sometimes goes unreported in affluent communities

by Natalie O'Neill



Michiko Scott was getting her neck massaged three years ago, when she quietly broke into tears. Face down on the massage table, as strong hands rubbed out the tension in her back, something awoke in her.

"I felt it in my body and spirit," she said.

Scott had been seeing her massage therapist for weeks to cope with pain and stress from an abusive relationship. It was routine at that point for her boyfriend to degrade her verbally, shove, squeeze and hit her when things didn't go his way. Back then, it was part of life for her.

As outwardly subtle as her breakdown was, her masseuse sensed something was wrong and asked about her life. Maybe it was the moment or the intimacy of physical touch—she's not sure—but Scott confided in her masseuse. She told her everything.

"She asked me if I loved him and I thought about it," Scott said. "I told her I didn't, I just felt like I needed him."

When Scott talks about the violent relationship that tainted her past, she doesn't talk about the specifics—cuts, bruises and cruel words. She uses metaphors.

"I was stuck in a dark tunnel that I wanted to leave but I couldn't," she said. "I want women to know there is a way out."

Despite the affluence of the Danville area, residents still struggle to find their way out of the same dark tunnel. Violence among families in upper class areas is a breed of crime all its own. While statistics show that domestic violence is less likely to occur in wealthy communities, local counselors, crisis line volunteers and law enforcement officers say it doesn't necessarily happen less—it's just reported less.

Victims in Danville often go to great extents to cover up violence within the family, said Usha Ramachandran, who counsels battered women through STAND!, a Concord-based nonprofit that aims to prevent domestic violence. She recalled that one woman in Danville seemed almost as concerned with her

reputation as she was with

"She called needing an officer's help, but she didn't want to turn off his lights. I had to not to park in front of her house," Ramachandran said.

Preserving status in affluent communities is often the motivation for women to ignore violence in the home. Usha Hughes, who lives in Danville, volunteered on the crisis line for a year. She said some women in therapy fear that if people find out about their family issues, then their professional careers will suffer.

"They keep it more hidden because they may be in a high status position. Their spouse is in a high status position," Hughes said.

This is part of the guilt that keeps the cycle going, Ramachandran said. In affluent communities, a violent incident in domestic violence communities have to talk about it. Young people and bust the feelings of shame, she said.

Fifty-three calls and 10 arrests have been made to STAND! since January and six arrests have been made in Alamo. Violence related arrests made this year by the Department, and 41 arrests have been filed, including cases of battery, rape and injury.

STAND! representatives clearly note that many victims are deceiving. Many domestic violence victims don't report the crime due to fear of the partner's public acknowledgement.

In reviewing cases of domestic violence, Detective Neill at the Danville Police Department has dealt with cases where the major difference between Danville and the rest of the county is that Danville is that less likely to follow through with the prosecution.

"They don't want their spouse to go to jail," Ramachandran said.

Prosecution turns heads in upper class, tight-knit communities. Victims don't want to draw attention to their difficult situation, she said. Pressing charges that turn victims into objects of

"In Danville, it just looks different. The pain is the same."

—Usha Ramachandran,
counselor of battered women

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with her safety. When a police officer told him to turn off his lights and be sure not to park in front of her house,"

the town is for not reporting, said Carol Danville and volunteer for STAND! The residents in Danville know their reputation and how it can be damaged. "I was fired because of my position or high position,"

and suppression of violence. To make sure violence, community, educate through those who are affected.

reports have in Danville. 911 calls have been made. Ten domestic violence incidents have been reported to Danville Police. Reports have shown that 50 percent of spousal violence is not reported.

ives, however, abusers can be violent. Domestic violence incidents are reported and of public concern.

of domestic violence. Detective Rafanan of the Danville Police Department, who works countywide, said that the difference between a domestic violence incident and a crime is that the perpetrator is known to the residents and they are living with the perpetrator.

to see their man said. In these positions, and in these communities, they draw attention to the problem. Hughes said that she transforms the role of a police officer into a role of a counselor.

high powered professionals are not eager to take on.

"It's not exactly living room conversation," said Ramachandran, explaining why suburban families are often in denial about violence within the family.

But encouraging open dialogue and education are the keys to prevention, noted STAND! representatives. It's like cancer, Ramachandran said.

"Look how much progress the world has made with the disease, just from education and awareness," she said.

Women in Danville may have more financial resources to help them recover, but money can also complicate the problem. It may be easier for women to check themselves and their kids into a hotel or afford extensive therapy, but here residents often feel caught between both emotional and financial investments, counselors say.

"They always hesitate to close down an expensive house," Hughes said.

When you have more, you have more to lose, she pointed out. The pressures to maintain the lifestyle while coping with family and relationship dysfunction can be a source of incredible stress.

"Add money into the picture and it gets a lot more complicated," Scott said.

In abusive relationships, money can be used as a way to intimidate and gain power, said Ralph Hoffmann, Danville resident and STAND! volunteer. In working with victims from Danville, he said he has noticed that abusers frequently use money to maintain control over their spouse or intimate.

"A lot of times the abuser wants to be the sole person in charge of finances," said Detective Rafanan, adding that the perpetrator will then use the funds to threaten and manipulate his or her partner.

In most local cases, it is men in these positions, but he said he encountered a case in which the woman had a very high paying job, her husband was unemployed, and he was nonetheless the abuser. In addition, Rafanan said that he's come across cases in which women

have beaten and injured their male partners.

Not all battered women are passive, and not all abusers show their contempt publicly, but there are some general signs to look for. For the victim, they include untreated injuries, social isolation, fear of conflict, personality changes around the abuser and a timid attitude. Abusers may show signs of extreme jealousy, frequently blame others for their problems, have mood swings, and use alcohol or drugs.

Being aware of the signs is vital in the prevention process, Detective Rafanan said.

"Each one of us can be a medium of change, you don't have to be a social worker," Ramachandran added.

For Scott, one compassionate masseuse was her medium for change. Finding a friend to talk with gave her the confidence to seek help. Through self exploration and counseling with STAND!, Scott was eventually able to leave her abusive relationship behind and focus on her kids and career.

Instead of pretending not to see, we can all offer compassion and openness, Scott said.

"We have to talk about it," she said.

Violence in the family defies class, race, gender and religion. It blows through households from every walk of life. It happens in rundown apartments and it happens in multi-million-dollar houses.

"In Danville, it just looks different. The pain is the same," Ramachandran said. □

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call for help

- Victims of Domestic violence can contact the STAND! crisis line at (888) 215-5555
- Abusers seeking to end their violent patterns can call 676-2968
- Those interested in volunteering for STAND! can call 676-2845 for more information

Domestic Violence Reports in Danville 2003 - 2006

	03	04	05	06	YTD Total
BATTERY - DOMESTIC	29	18	27	14	88
DISTURBANCE - DOMESTIC	33	22	24	18	97
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - INJURY OF SPOUSE	4	13	10	5	32
RAPE - SPOUSE	0	0	0	1	1
STALKING	1	0	0	0	1
Total	70	56	63	41	230

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Kindermusik fills the air

Melodies hit the right note for Danville tykes



by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Follow the music. Follow the child. Let her roam and find her groove. Such is the song that Lindsay Levin sings to her students every week.

Levin, 30, teaches Kindermusik, a comprehensive seven-year musical program, to children newly born to 7 years old in the San Ramon Valley.

Her program runs five to 15 weeks throughout the year and is comprised of singing, playing musical instruments, storytelling, creating ideas and reading.

She allows children to respond to music and her activities as freely as they want in a safe environment, she said.

"Theater can guide them through emotional experiences," she said. "We don't turn them into little robots."

"We don't force the kids," she added. "It's all about the process, not the performance. I let them go at their own pace."

Parents and adults play a large role. Some are a little hesitant in allowing their children to learn at their own rate, she noted.

"They are tentative at first," Levin said. "(They) don't know what to expect. They are really worried about their children's behavior."

But when the adults do get involved, they become vital in a child's learning experience and growth.

"There's a lot of social interaction between kids and parents," Levin said.

She teaches at Hap Magee Ranch Park in Danville and the San Ramon Community Center. Additionally, she conducts classes in Walnut Creek and Dublin.

Kindermusik International is a worldwide program that began in the 1970s, Levin said. In more than 35 countries around the world, approximately 4,500 licensed Kindermusik educators are teaching 1.5 million families with small children, according to its Web site.

Each class level builds upon and expands the learning offered in the previous level. Although each level is a completely different animal, Levin said.

The program is based on the belief that every child is musical, parents are a child's most important teachers, children learn best in environments that nurture all aspects of their development, and every child should have fun.

"Theater can guide them through emotional experiences."

—Lindsay Levin,
Kindermusik teacher

Parents also receive materials to help continue the learning at home.

Being involved in music stimulates a child's creativity, Levin said. She sets rules and expectations in her class of 3-1/2-year-old to 7-year-old students that help the kids gain control of their bodies and themselves. Also, Levin conveys to her students that following rules gives them the opportunity to do more interesting things, she said.

Additionally, singing helps increase their vocabulary, speaking and thought patterns. And music helps guide them through different emotional experiences, such as sadness.

Lindsay started singing when she was 4 years old. As a child she lived in Pleasant Hill, Concord and Walnut Creek. She recalled



JORDAN M. DORONILA

Clockwise from above: Lisa Liband embraces her 3-year-old twins Andrew and Alex in Kindermusik class at Hap Magee Ranch Park; Shelden Hyde and her 2-1/2-year-old daughter Shealyn share a laugh; instructor Lindsay Levin pretends to cool a hot cross bun with her class; Andrea Reak and her 2-1/2-year-old son Austin; mother Ellie Maher holds Griffin, soon to be 2 years old, during Kindermusik class.

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OF NOTE



Rancho Romero Principal David Gold and friend cut the ribbon for the new childcare center at the school.

New digs for child care

Last week Rancho Y Childcare celebrated the completion of its new center on the campus of Rancho Romero Elementary School in Alamo, which provides before and after school care for students. The Mt. Diablo Region YMCA contracted with Resun Space Solutions to construct the combined five modular buildings to provide a spacious, comfortable facility for the program. A separate homework room provides three computers and a bookshelf of reference materials.

Principal David Gold cut the ribbon. He said afterward that the center will be even more attractive after landscaping and an awning are added.

The Y also provides childcare at two other sites in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Alamo School and Gale Ranch in San Ramon, as well as more than 20 sites in other districts.

Measure A construction is also taking place at Rancho Romero to replace portables with four permanent classrooms, including one for computers, and to replace the metal roof and covered walkways and provide adequate staff support areas.

Raising cancer research funds

Danville resident Connie Heim, a sales representative in Northern California for Viewpoint Leather, has raised more than \$100,000 for breast cancer research since her diagnosis with the disease in October 2001.

She has walked 340 miles in seven events since 2002 with the Avon and Susan G. Komen organizations. It is sometimes a fam-



Team Heim—Connie, Don and Katie—during 60-mile, three-day Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation walk in San Diego.

ily affair, when she is joined by husband Don, a 1969 graduate of San Ramon Valley High School, and daughter Katie, a 1998 grad. "Team Heim" walked 60 miles in San Diego in 2004 and signed up again for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in San Francisco on July 7-8, 2007.

Boutique for animal lovers

A boutique with jewelry, greeting cards, home décor items and whimsical ornaments sure to please animal lovers is being held to benefit the Just Like New fund of the Valley Humane Society. This fund helps pay veterinary costs for owners who might not be able to afford them and sometimes for homeless animals.

The boutique will take place 4-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at 4510 Entrada Court (off Neal Street), Pleasanton. Call the Valley Humane Society at 426-8656.

Bruns house needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work at the Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa's Bruns House In-Patient Hospice. This home in Alamo is the only one of its kind in the East Bay; it has six bedrooms for patients who are too medically fragile to be cared for at home. Bruns House offers an opportunity for meaningful volunteer work close to home, keeping patients and their families comfortable and relaxed, and helping them live life to its fullest until the final moment.

Hospice is seeking volunteers to fill two- to four-hour shifts, weekdays and weekends. People who would like to work alongside facility staff to provide patient support will receive appropriate training so they can be confident in carrying out their duties. For a volunteer application and to be included in upcoming training, call Hospice at 887-5678 or e-mail volunteers@hospicecc.org.

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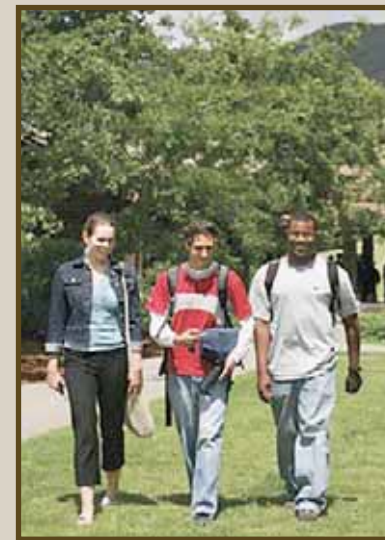
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The Guardian (PG-13)	Hacienda Crossing 20: Fri-Tues 3:45, 6:35, 9:40 p.m.
The Illusionist (PG-13)	CinéArts: Fri-Tues 1, 3:55, 6:45, 9:40 p.m.
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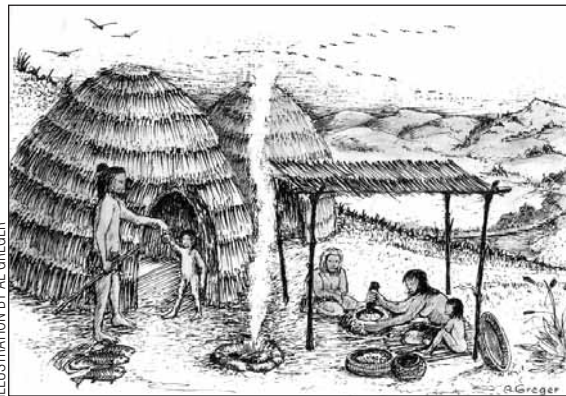
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BY BEVERLY LANE

The first people of the San Ramon Valley



Indians in the San Ramon Valley used willow frames for their homes and other structures, covered with grasses or tule.

For untold centuries people have lived in the San Ramon Valley. They built their homes by the creeks, hunted in the valley, danced to keep the world in balance, and worshipped on the sacred mountain.

People have lived in the Bay Area for around 10,000 years and in the San Ramon Valley for at least 5,000 years. While ethnohistorians think the first people came over the Bering Strait from Asia or across the Pacific, the American Indians have their own creation accounts. One account from Bay Area Indians was recorded in 1859 and states that the Coyote and Eagle counseled together and created people. Like other accounts, this one reflects a belief that animals occupied the earth first and readied the world for human beings.

We know very little specific about the Indians who lived in this valley, although they would have shared customs and practices with other Bay Area and Central Valley Indians. They would have had an intimate relationship to the land, a cycle of life which changed very little from generation to generation, and a social organization of extended family groups that owned the rights to hunt, fish, gather, camp and pray within a clearly designated territory.

Living in village communities of 50 to 200 people, their lives were organized by seasonal change. Seeds and acorns were gathered and stored in the fall, meadows were burned at the same time each year, soaproot was gathered in the spring, and festivals on the mountain with other tribes were scheduled for the autumn. They may have traveled to the Bay for the salmon run.

The valley environment was rich with a variety of foods, including deer, rabbits, acorns, seeds, birds and fish. Ferns, bulrush and sedge were used for basket-making, and these materials were carefully stored. Trade among tribes for items unavailable in the valley was important, providing obsidian for arrow heads, dried fish and basket materials.

In 1772, westerners first came through the San Ramon Valley. Spanish missionaries recorded the names by which the Indians were known to their neighbors: Tatcan, Seunen and Souyen. The Tatcans, part of the Bay Miwok linguistic group, were closely related to the Saclans and probably lived in the Alamo-Danville area. Their territory was the San Ramon Creek watershed, which extends from around Crow Canyon Road to Walnut Creek.

The Seunens and Souyens were Costanoan (Ohlone) speakers who lived in the San Ramon-Dublin area. They lived in the Alameda Creek watershed around the South San Ramon, Alamo and Tassajara creeks. Since there was a huge marsh in the vicinity of today's Pleasanton, they would have hunted and fished in that area.

After 1794, the Indians began moving to the Spanish missions, first to San Francisco and then to San Jose. The foreign weapons, new ideas and unusual gifts intrigued them. While many chose to ally themselves with the powerful Europeans, others resisted. The Bay Miwok resistance was one reason Mission San Jose was built so close to Mission Santa Clara. Once baptized, the Indians could no longer leave the mission at will.

Ultimately the Spanish ideas, diseases and grazing animals destroyed the valley Indians' way of life. Today the tribes of the San Ramon Valley are no more, although descendants of Bay Miwok and Ohlone tribes do exist and work to keep their cultural traditions alive. Artifacts unearthed next to springs and creeks and the bedrock mortars on Mount Diablo remind us that a culture of great antiquity existed in the San Ramon Valley just 250 years ago.

Sources: archives of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and The Bancroft Library.

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

Kindermusik

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picking blueberries and singing to a group of people. However, she hoped for a bigger audience.

"I wished there were more people," she said, about her early singing experience. "I wasn't one of those kids with performance anxiety."

"I was always singing with my dad and harmonizing with him," she said. "We would sing harmonies (when I was) 8 years old."

She enjoyed watching Disney films such as "Mary Poppins" and "Sleeping Beauty." She adores singer and actress Julie Andrews.

Although Levin embraced singing, she disliked being told to play the violin when she was 5.

"I really hated it most of the time," she said. "I didn't have the patience." She added that she had to stroke a broom as an exercise to improve her violin skills.

When she was 18, she moved away and studied at Northwestern University in Illinois. There, she studied

vocal performance at the university's School of Music and graduated with a degree in education. Shortly after, she completed her master's degree in education and earned her California teaching credential.

She was recently appointed California State Representative for the Partnership of Kindermusik Educators. She was also designated by Kindermusik International as a Maestro recognized for exceptional service.

Levin has performed in musicals since the age of 10 and has taught music, drama, reading, math and literature to students of ages up to 85. Her first teaching job involved producing musical variety shows at a camp for senior citizens.

She went on to run a childcare center for the YMCA and tutor students at her synagogue in "tefillot," prayers that are often sung.

She got involved with Kindermusik two years ago because it heavily focused on music.

"The goal is to keep it fun," she said.

For more information about Kindermusik classes and Levin, call 866-8055 or visit www.eastbaykindermusik.com. ■

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Sports

A LOOK AT THE LOCAL SPORTS SCENE

Wolves make waves, take EBAL title in boys water polo

Monte Vista girls prevail to clinch their championship

by Rachel McMurdie

San Ramon Valley boys water polo team cruised to a 19-6 win over Monte Vista last week on Thursday. The victory capped their undefeated season and earned them the East Bay Athletic League title.

"It feels good to win league," said SRV senior Taylor Herman, who had five goals during the night. "For years we didn't beat them, so this time we got our chance to stick it to them."

Cross-town rival Monte Vista (10-2 EBAL) won the EBAL title in the past four years, and a win Thursday would have meant a first-place tie with San Ramon Valley (12-0 EBAL). But the Wolves had something different in mind—a title of their own.

SRV opened the first half with a scoring onslaught that effectively put Monte Vista's hopes of a win out of reach. Sam Finlayson, who scored a total of eight goals during the game, earned three in the first quarter alone. George Moore, Brett Kunde, Taylor Herman and David Hasselfeld added goals to give the Wolves a 9-2 lead at the half.

Charlie Steffens, who earned five of the Mustangs six goals, led the Mustangs offense.

Meanwhile, the Monte Vista girls water polo team (21-2, 12-0) took that title, snatching another EBAL championship after beating San Ramon Valley (18-6, 10-2) 10-3, last Thursday.

The rivals have traded top finishes in the league since 1998. San Ramon Valley has taken the league title five times to Monte Vista's two. The teams tied for first place in 2004 with 11-1 records.

After a scoreless first quarter, Monte Vista took charge with five unanswered goals to end the first half. Katherine Stanton pounded the first goal with 5:57 left in the second half, followed in rapid succession by Kelly Mendoza and Stanton again. Shannon Purcell and Abby Wolf rounded out first half scoring. During the second half, Kiki Golden added another three goals, and Georgi Cappelletti added one for the Mustangs.

"I'm really excited by the win," Cappelletti said. "Last (year) we came out on the other end and lost, but this year we came in knowing there were specific things we needed to work on in order to beat them. I think we did a really good job and it shows in the score."

Amelia Burchard, Allie Bachcrach and Jenelle Rallier scored goals for SRV.

Football: Tough road ahead for SRV

San Ramon Valley football is still undefeated after last week's 38-12 win over Cal High, but their last two games, both on the road, look to be their toughest challenges yet. Tonight the Wolves (8-0, 4-0) play league favorite Foothill High and next week will match up against cross-town rival Monte Vista.

Monte Vista will play a non-league match tonight against football powerhouse De La Salle. The Mustangs improved their league record to 4-1 after a 19-0 win over Livermore last week. Drew McAllister connected 10 of 17 throws for 91 yards against the cowboys, but the bulk of the Mustangs offense came from Mustang



RACHEL MCMURDIE

The action was intense as San Ramon Valley High boys water polo team in the dark caps beat Monte Vista last week to earn the EBAL title.

Rich Storlee who rushed for 164 yards during the game.

Girls Volleyball: Monte Vista edges out Cal

After trading win-for-win, Monte Vista ousted Cal High in game five, 15-11, for the overall win Tuesday of last week. Earlier games went 25-21, 21-25, 14-25, 30-28. Monte Vista's Chelsea Rashoff had 13 kills, 25 digs and four aces. Gabby Cowden had 17 kills, 10 digs and six blocks. Monte Vista improved its record to 4-4 EBAL, 11-6 overall. Cal High's record is 4-4 EBAL.

Girls Tennis: SRV swings past Cal

Still eyeing the league title, San Ramon Valley swept past California in an 8-1 win last week at Cal High. At No. 1 singles, San Ramon's Melissa Hirsch defeated Cal's Kristin Ng 6-2, 6-3. The Wolves managed past Cal in straight sets. Cal earned its only win in a doubles match. With the win, SRV improves its EBAL record to 9-1, while California dropped to 2-7.

In a non-league match where most games came down to game-three tiebreakers, Monte Vista edged Miramonte 7-2. At No. 1 singles, Monte Vista's Mia Giovanetti pushed through three matches to defeat Miramonte's Shawdee Rouhafza, 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-4. No. 1 doubles team, Joelle Luedeke and Krissy Luecht of Monte Vista, battled Mirimonte team Kate Hake and Alex Steuer to a 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 win. Monte Vista's league record, 9-1, remained unchanged. ■

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Swap your skis

Snow is on its way, are you ready for it? San Ramon Valley High School PTSA is hosting its annual Ski and Snowboard Swap from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 4-5, at the school, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Proceeds will benefit the academic programs at SRVHS. Admission is \$5. Call 876-1948 or visit www.danville.com/skiswap.

Farms Garden Center, Large Upper Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 736-9157.

Diablo Diggers Dance Club
The Diablo Diggers Dance Club meets five times a year for dinner and dancing with a live band in the Danville or Walnut Creek area. The club is looking for a few new members, couples only. For information, call 938-0316.

Diablo Valley Single Parents
This group meets at 6:30 p.m., on various days each month, and at different locations in the valley. Contact Rich at abersr@toast.net or 838-9487.

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

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

Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley
This club meets at noon, every second Wednesday of the month, at Faz, 600 Hartz Avenue, Danville. The program features speakers and business networking. Guests are welcome. call 275-2412 or visit www.srvexchangeclub.org.

Episcopal Church, 116 Montecito, Oakland. This event is free. Visit www.prometheussymphony.org.

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

Jazz at Peace Series
Jazz at Peace Series presents Oakland Jazz Choir that will deliver innovative sounds at 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 12, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. This event is free. Call 648-7000.

Memoirs of a Diva
Harmony Crossroads Chorus presents "Memoirs of a Diva" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple Street. Advanced tickets are \$15, \$13 for seniors and \$10 for children 18 years and younger. Tickets are \$18 at the door. Call Carrie at 846-1857.

Oldies but Goodies
Danville Community Band presents "Oldies but Goodies" with guest vocalist, Linda Throp at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 5, at Rossmoor Del Valle Clubhouse, 1751 Tice Creek Drive, Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call 736-1673.

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.

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

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

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

National Memory Screening Day
Alzheimer's Foundation of America and Caring Solutions will host National Memory Screening Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, at San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. Call (866) 232-8484 or visit www.alzfdn.org.

San Ramon Valley Historical Society Dinner
The society will host a dinner with special speaker, Bill Clarkson, with the topic of "Tracing Your Families' Lineage Through the Male's DNA" at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17, at San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane. Cost is \$20. Call Frances at 837-9382.

San Ramon Wine and Dine Experience
San Ramon Chamber of Commerce will host the 18th annual Wine and Dine

Author Visits

Rakestraw Books Authors
Rakestraw Books will host numerous authors starting with Richard Ford at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9; Claire Messud at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15; Tim Egan at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 17; Nancy Tillman at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 18; Leslie Strocchio at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, at the bookstore, 409 Railroad Avenue, Danville. Call 837-7337.

book clubs reviewing different books. The first club is reading "Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards and "Saving Fish From Drowning" by Amy Tan, they meet at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month (Nov. 14) and the second book club is reading "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" and "Julie and Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously" by Julie Powell, they meet at 7 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month (Nov. 21), both meeting at the San Ramon store, 2415 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 855-1524.

Danville AM Toastmasters Club
The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at Father Nature's, 178 E. Prospect Ave. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Dave Miklasevich at 899-1543 or dmik210@yahoo.com or www.danvilleamtoastmasters.org.

Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary
The Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary Club meets for breakfast at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Join them for great fellowship and make a difference in your community and the world. Call Scott at 743-8449.

Diablo Bonsai Club
This club will host a lecture and workshop on planting and raising Bonsai trees from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Heather

Clubs

Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club
This club is open to new and long-time residents of Alamo and Danville interested in making new friends in the area. Their Prospective Member Coffee is held the fourth Thursday of the month, and a monthly luncheon on the second Tuesday. Call 775-3233 or visit www.alamodanvillenewcomers.com.

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

Bay Books Book Club
San Ramon Bay Books hosts two

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.

Fall Concert
Prometheus Symphony Orchestra presents its Fall Concert featuring Johannes Brahms Symphony No. 1, Hugo Alfven Midsommarvaka and Tom Baker Summer Breezes at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19, at St. Paul's

Events

Art of Living Series II
The sixth event of the Art of Living Series II will feature "Art of Architecture" with Steve Vigar from 11 a.m.-noon and from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, at the store, 178 E. Prospect, Danville. Steve Vigar's work will also be on display from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3. Call 820-8012.

Holiday Trunk Show
Alina B will host a Holiday Trunk Show from Carmela Rose Designs from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, at the store, 3427 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Free refreshments. Call 736-8115.

Lighting of the Old Oak Tree
Danville Chamber of Commerce will host the Lighting of the Old Oak Tree

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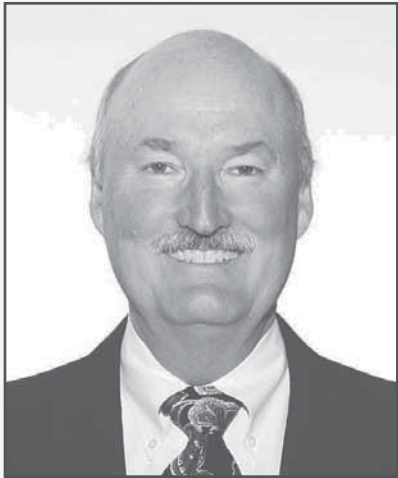
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Street Smarts Skate Nights
City of San Ramon and Golden Skate present Street Smarts Skate Nights from 6:30-9 p.m., the third Wednesday of the month, at Golden Skate, 2701 Hooper Drive, San Ramon. Admission is \$8 including skates, \$4 for in-line skates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

Sunset Idea House
Sunset Magazine and Popular Mechanics Magazine have built the “House of Innovation Idea House” located in Alamo. The house is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays-Sundays from now until Nov. 12. Free parking and shuttle are available at the Sycamore Park & Ride lot. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors (Fridays only); children under 5 are free. Call (800) 786-7375.

Veterans Day 2006
San Ramon Valley will honor our servicemen and women for Veterans Day at 10:45 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road, Danville. Individuals wishing to display their memorabilia should contact T. Carnamolla at 932-4042.

Exhibits

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

European Train Enthusiasts
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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.blackhawkmuseum.org.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

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

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.

Charlotte Wood BASH!

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

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.

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

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

Holiday Tea and Fashion Show

Museum on Main will host their second annual Holiday Tea and Fashion Show at noon and 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, at the museum, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Cost is \$35, \$30 for museum members. Proceeds will benefit the museum. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

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.

USS Hornet Golf Tournament

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

Health

Frankly Speaking About Cancer Treatments

The Wellness Community will host

two cancer workshops on "Frankly Speaking About Cancer Treatment" from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 4, and "Frankly Speaking About Lung Cancer" 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7, both 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 Sherriff's Toy Drive. Call 838-1456.

Holiday Home Tour

Valley Childrens Museum will host its third annual Holiday Home Tour from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, in the exclusive Pleasanton community of Ruby Hill. Cost is \$35. Proceeds will benefit the museum. Call Linda at 461-6574, ext. 3 or e-mail linda@childrensmuseum.org.

Santa and Pet Photos

Valley Humane Society will host its 15th annual Santa and Pet Photos from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 2-3, at Alden Lane Nursery & Garden Center, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. No appointment necessary. Cost is \$20 for to 4x6 photos and frames. Call 426-8656.

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Kids & Teens

Elf Workshop

Town of Danville presents the Elf Workshop with two different times: 9:30-11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville. Cost is \$5 for residents, \$6 for non-residents. To reserve your child's spot, call 314-3400.

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>.

When Mom or Dad Has Cancer

The Wellness Community will host a workshop for kids "When Mom or Dad Has Cancer" from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Parents meet concurrently. This event is free to cancer patients, their families and friends, but reservations are required by calling 933-0107.

Working on the Railroad

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

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.

Justice for Cambodia?

Carol Wagner will present "The Tribunal and Aftermath of Genocide" with a potluck beginning at 6 p.m. and the lecture 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, at Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

Operations Start-Up, Monitoring and HR

Technology Ventures Corporation presents "Operations Start-Up, Monitoring and Human Resources" from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Carr American Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. This event is free. Call 960-1600.

Preventing Term Sheet Negotiating Mistakes

East Bay I.T. presents "Preventing Term Sheet Negotiating Mistakes" from 6:30-9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13, at Crown Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton. This event is free for members, \$20 for non-members at the door. Call 258-9100.

'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.

Literary Events

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

Beauty and the Beast

Danville Children's Musical Theater presents "Beauty and the Beast" at 7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Nov. 10-11 and Nov. 16-17, 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11 and Nov. 18, at Village Theater, 233 Front Street, Danville. Tickets are \$9.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and children. Call 314-3463.

'Last of the Red Hot Lovers'

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

'Thoroughly Modern Millie'

Diablo Light Opera Company presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie" until Nov. 4, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$26-38. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org.

Wigged Out!

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

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. Danville Town Council candidates will discuss issues at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 5, on Comcast Channel 27 and Astound Channel 26.

Seniors

HICAP Appointments

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

Laugh Club

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

Prime Time

Join this club for a non-denominational 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.

Senior Sneaker Trips

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

or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

St. Isidore's 'Young at Heart'

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

Support Groups

American Chronic Pain Association

The ACPA group meets from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Community Presbyterian Church Library at 222 W. El Pintado Rd., Danville.

Bipolar Support Group

The Tri-Valley Support Group provides free peer support for people with mood disorders. It meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m., every Wednesday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Call 560-0842.

Blue Star Moms California

Blue Star Moms is a support group for families of members of the U.S. Armed Forces. It meets at 7 p.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Call Peggy at 866-7035 or Patty at 838-9096 or visit www.bluestarmoms.org.

Breast Cancer Support Group

This is a staff-facilitated support group for women with breast cancer. It meets at 6:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of each month at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, in the West Day Room of the South Building. Call Lisa Peguese at 275-8414.

Parkinson's Support Group

The Tri-Valley Parkinson's Network of Mount Diablo provides peer support from 10 a.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.

PFLAG

The Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter of Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a support group that meets at 7:30 p.m., every third Monday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 838-8632.

Preparing for the Holidays

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care will host a six-week support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one from 7:30-9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13, at Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. The classes are free. Call Mueller at (510) 438-9602.

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.

SRV Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free 12-step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, undereating and bulimia. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Dougherty Station Community Center, West Meeting Room #202, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call Gordon at 899-3117 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Volunteering

Hospice and Palliative Work at Bruns House

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa Bruns House In-Patient Hospice is looking for volunteers to fill 2-4 hour shifts during the weekdays and weekends. For an application, call 887-5678 or email volunteers@hospicecc.org.



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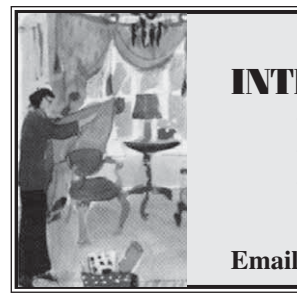
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This week's data represents homes sold during October 2006

Danville	Alamo	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 13	Total sales reported: 3	Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$588,000	Lowest sale reported: \$1,585,000	Lowest sale reported: \$245,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,200,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,775,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,150,000
Average sales reported: \$874,077	Average sales reported: \$1,703,333	Average sales reported: \$643,806

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

This week's data represents homes sold during October 2006.

Danville

- 319 Deepcreek Court** Battles Trust to Dotson Trust for \$900,000
- 650 Dunhill Drive** Steiner Trust to J. & L. Kalajian for \$1,200,000
- 2231 Genoa Street** Lennar Homes to C. & K. Meredith for \$923,500
- 2237 Genoa Street** Lennar Homes to J. & D. Francesconi for \$1,123,500
- 166 Nanterre Street** KB Homes to M. & S. Sandbergen for \$885,500
- 172 Nanterre Street** KB Homes to P. Kang for \$860,500
- 211 Nanterre Street** KB Homes to Y. Zhu for \$833,500
- 220 Nanterre Street** KB Homes to L. Wen for \$810,000

Alamo

- 2180 Oneida Circle** D. & L. Bergen to E. Lee for \$745,000
- 131 Parkhaven Drive** T. & C. Ladd to W. & K. Dale for \$1,048,500
- 1090 Shady Creek Place** D. & E. Warner to J. & T. Foot for \$690,000
- 59 Summer Hill Court** W. & J. Hagstrom to D. Johnson for \$755,000
- 500 Sycamore Circle** Dobson Trust to D. Connolly for \$588,000

Alamo

- 183 High Eagle Road** D. & R. Jordan to S. Shirazi for \$1,750,000
- 1433 Livorna Road** S. & L. Nolan to B. Burns for \$1,585,000
- 1579 Serafix Road** P. & K. Catalanello to M. & H. Heines for \$1,775,000

Walnut Creek

- 1315 Alma Avenue #251** Alma Development to C. & L. Bradford for \$353,000
- 1315 Alma Avenue #351** Alma Development to T. & L. Lafleur for \$362,000
- 679 Banyan Lane** C. Rendleman to A. Haraguchi for \$870,000
- 1641 Camino Verde** Mize Trust to A. Winters for \$799,000
- 1893 Cannon Drive** Andrews Trust to L. Mirhosseini for \$445,000
- 3707 Citrus Avenue** Czirban Trust to E. & G. Shepard for \$749,000
- 1726 Comstock Drive** Oman Trust to Fivey Trust for \$1,150,000
- 602 Creekmore Court** N. Eaton to D. Clow for \$900,000

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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

Alamo

- 3 Bedrooms**
- 150 Crest Ave.** Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$1,025,000 855-3444
- 134 Canyon Vista Pl.** Sat 1-4 Blackhawk RE \$1,175,000 736-6000
- 4 Bedrooms**
- 155 Wilson Rd.** Sun 1-4 Intero \$1,249,000 368-8667
- 1484 Emmons Canyon Dr.** Sun 1-4 Intero \$1,299,000 330-1350
- 2694 Roundhill Dr.** Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel RE \$1,469,000 819-2747
- 1606 Litina Ln.** Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$1,595,000 323-6735
- 46 Vista Ln.** Sun 1:30-4 Intero \$1,649,000 672-2499
- 5 Bedrooms**
- 18 Kirk Ct.** Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$2,699,000 791-2550
- Blackhawk**
- 3 Bedrooms**
- 174 Oakridge Dr.** Sun 1-4 MVP RE \$1,035,000 415-505-3330
- 956 Redwood Dr.** Sun 1-4 Intero \$1,198,000 648-5346

- 11 Deer Meadow Ct.** Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE \$1,239,000 736-4155
- 118 Kingswood Cir.** Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE \$925,000 736-4155
- 4 Bedrooms**
- 4250 Golden Oak Ct.** Sun 1-4 Empire \$1,999,950 217-5090
- 25 Chestnut Pl.** Sun 1-4 Intero \$2,299,000 855-4072
- 192 Blackstone Dr.** Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$929,950 216-9117
- 5 Bedrooms**
- 5078 Blackhawk Dr.** Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel \$1,698,000 876-6935

Danville

- 3 Bedrooms**
- 150 Crest Ave.** Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$1,025,000 855-3444
- 619 Contada Cir.** Sun 1-4 Intero \$1,025,000 855-4134
- 4 Danville Oak Pl.** Sun 1-4 Intero \$599,000 323-8051
- 154 Lawnview Cir.** Sun 1-4 Better Homes \$599,550 389-0618
- 167 Heritage Park Dr.** Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams \$655,900 855-6410

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NorthPoint Real Estate Investment Services Welcomes

Didi Spina Real Estate Advisor



Didi Spina, who has an extensive legal and real estate investment background, has joined NorthPoint Real Estate Investment Services as a Real Estate Advisor.

Didi comes to NorthPoint from Intero Real Estate where she spent the last year as a realtor providing her clients full-service assistance in buying and selling residential real estate.

With more than 15 years of sales and legal experience, Didi has earned the respect and admiration among her clients and peers. She has worked with various law firms in both corporate and litigation areas of practice. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Colorado State University, and has an ABA approved paralegal certification.

Didi has a wide range of experience with investment companies, including condominium conversion projects, short-term vacation rentals, and umbrella investment companies. Didi and her husband Vince have been investing in real estate since 1996, and own properties in Arizona, Colorado and Florida. Didi is excited to help NorthPoint clients reach their own investment goals.

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Open Homes

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42 Casablanca St. Intero **\$759,000**
Sun 1-4 855-4072
1148 River Rock Ln. Intero **\$777,000**
Sun 1-4 855-4075

4 Bedrooms

1024 Ocho Rios Dr. **\$1,065,000**
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 314-2428
408 Coventry Pl. **\$1,099,950**
Sun 1-4 Intero 899-9651
140 Soda Pl. **\$1,100,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4125

1144 Trowbridge Wy. **\$1,189,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 876-6935

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. **\$1,649,950**
Sun 1-4 Intero 800-492-6365

11 Jillian Wy. **\$1,789,000**
Sat/Sun 12-3 Intero 818-4078

804 Camino Amigo **\$1,879,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Empire 217-3108

1096 Lehigh Valley Cir. **\$845,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5061

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

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

62 St. Mark Ct. **\$959,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 408-507-9544

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

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

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

40 Edinburgh Pl. **\$1,675,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075

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

124 Victoria Pl. **\$2,199,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4112

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

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

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

6 Bedrooms

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

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

246A Canyon Woods Wy. **\$549,900**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 292-SOLD

423 Pine Ridge Rd. **\$605,000**
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 249-0301

3 Bedrooms

9915 Mangos Dr. **\$599,000**
Sat/Sun By Appt. Intero 785-4546

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

2145 Watermill Rd. **\$689,950**
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 216-2283

775 Winterside Cir. **\$699,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 855-4110

1094 Vista Pointe Cir. **\$710,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4128

3111 Marble Canyon Pl. **\$949,500**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

4 Bedrooms

116 Pearlgrass Ct. **\$1,068,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 Empire 217-3112

136 Canyon Lakes Wy. **\$1,119,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 785-1586

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

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BLACKHAWK

Country French Chateau **\$3,800,000**
6bd, 2 offices, 5.5ba, granite, limestone, Crestron Sound, Viking range, massive windows take in the pool, spa, BBQ, gazebo and golf course beyond.
Mike Fay **925.838.2239**



DIABLO

Perfect for Entertaining **\$3,475,000**
Great single story w/Japanese influence. Large, open formal areas, large patio, open pagoda & pool. Updated granite kitchen. Overlooking 5th fairway/17th tee.
Dave Bauer **925.855.4040**



ALAMO

Westside Alamo Estate! **\$2,699,000**
Multi-dimensional property includes main house, 2 in-law units and a pool house. Gorgeous backyard with Mt. Diablo views, pool, waterfall.
Khrista Jarvis **925.855.4065**



DIABLO

Post Card Views! **\$2,232,200**
Overlooking the 3rd green & pond of Diablo Country Club. 4bd, 3.5ba single level with upgrades throughout. Party-time rear yard w/outdoor kitchen, pool, spa.
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New Listing! **\$1,675,000**
5bd, 4.5ba on a large, private lot near town. 4351+/-sf, fantastic floor plan including bonus room. End of cul-de-sac, backing to open space w/views.
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Views of Las Trampas **\$1,100,000**
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