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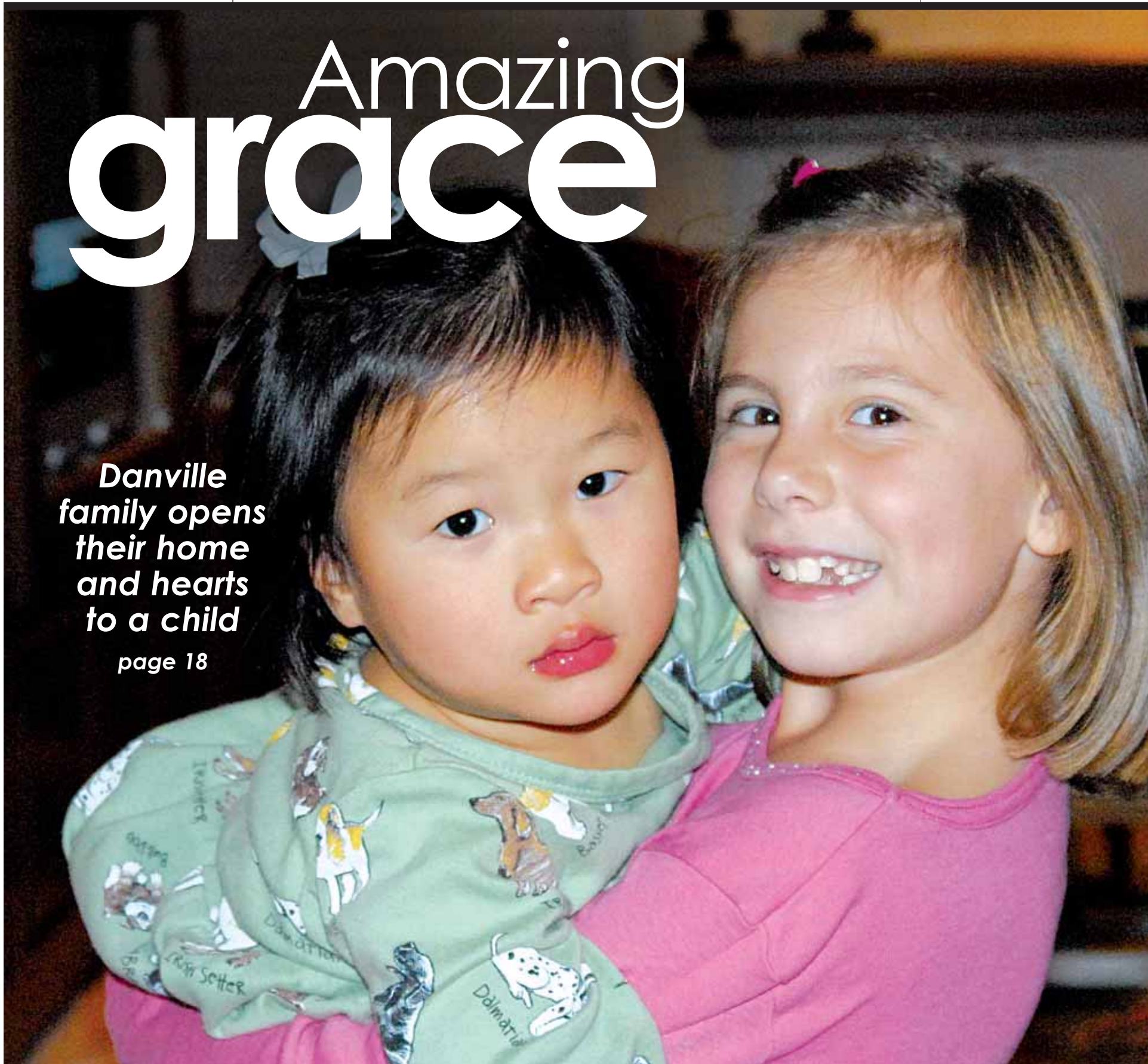
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**Jane Kilmartin**  
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I'll be out of the state, so probably no. I'll be on the beach instead.

**Jason Junge**



I can guarantee I won't be there the day after Thanksgiving!

**Randy Voloshin**

compiled by Rachel McMurdie

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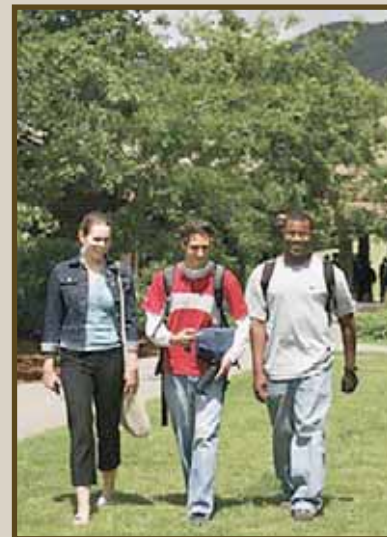
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—Holocaust survivor and novelist Bernat Rosner.  
See story, page 12.

### Alamo set for tree lighting, holiday cheer

The Alamo Winter Wonderland and Oak Tree lighting will be held at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, at Andrew H. Young Park on Danville Boulevard, emceed by Channel 2 newsmen Mark Curtis. To kick off the beginning of the Christmas season, students will perform festive holiday music under the oak tree.

The tree lighting is hosted by Alamo Merchant & Professional Association, and participants will have a chance to donate toys to the annual Sheriff's Toy Drive. Hot beverages will be served and Santa is expected to appear.

### Sunset Idea House is sold

Lisa Crosby-Torres, vice president and managing broker of the Alain Pinel Realtors' office in Danville, announced Monday that Sunset magazine's Idea House of Innovation in Alamo closed escrow this week and is officially sold. Peggy Cortez from Alain Pinel Realtors represented the seller, De Mattei Construction Inc., while the buyer was represented by Blackhawk Real Estate. The buyer's name and sale price were not disclosed, which is common practice with the high-end and luxury markets.

The Alamo home, at 131 Alamo Springs Drive, was a collaborative effort between Sunset and Popular Science magazines and was open to the public from Sept. 8 to Nov. 12, during which time approximately 20,000 people toured. The magazine has created idea houses since 1998 but this was the first one to be done in the I-680 corridor.

### Band to play Music of Christmas

The Music of Christmas will be presented by the Danville Community Band, led by Dr. Lawrence Anderson, at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, at East Bay Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara, next to the post office. The concert is free.

Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride, The Polar Express, Angels From The Realms Of Glory, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J.S. Bach, and familiar holiday carols are some of the selections the 85-member all-volunteer band will play. Guest vocalist Nancy Groeneveld will be making her debut performance with the 5-year-old band.

"I am so proud of this fine group of musicians who work really hard to bring great music to our community," said Anderson. "We know everyone will enjoy this concert and we may have a surprise visitor in a red suit."

Last year's holiday concert was a full house so he recommending coming early to get a good seat.

### LPGA returning next year

The 2007 Longs Drugs Challenge will be played on Oct. 4-7, it was announced by tournament officials and the LPGA. The tournament, entering its 12th year overall and second in the Bay Area, returns to Blackhawk Country Club and will feature defending champion and LPGA Hall of Fame member Karrie Webb.

"We had a tremendous tournament playing our first year at Blackhawk Country Club," said tournament director Brian Flajole. "The staff, volunteers and fans in the Bay Area and especially the Town of Danville and City of San Ramon really worked to make this event special."

## Sycamore faces vote on neighborhood swim team

*Neighborhood culture could face sea change*

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Election time isn't over for the residents of Sycamore, and the streets are lined with yellow signs to prove it. They are voting to decide the future of the Sycamore Stingrays swim team with ballots due Dec. 11.

Neighbors in the 649 houses in the Sycamore Homes Association neighborhood have received two

ballots in the last couple of weeks.

Voting Yes on Proposal A, a yellow ballot, is a vote to change the homeowner association regulations so the swim team will be guaranteed its right to exist. It comes from a group called Save Our Sycamore, which was formed to assure the continuation of the Stingrays.

Voting Yes on Proposal B, a blue ballot, would keep the rules the same, leaving the future of the swim team in doubt. It is the same as Proposal A except does not mention the swim team.

Each home gets one vote, and

whichever proposal receives the most Yes votes wins.

Proposal B was put on the ballot by four of the seven members of the Sycamore Homes Association board—president Mark Raitz, Earl Lubbell, Ron Barrios and Doug Allen. SOS members say it was intended to confuse residents and, hopefully, help defeat efforts to keep the swim team.

"I'm just very happy that there is one or both amendments because now we'll finally understand what the majority wants to do," said Allen. "I will be happy to finally

have that made clear." He was the swing vote to put forth Proposal B.

"This proposed amendment is a transparent attempt to dilute the vote and to confuse voters," said swim team president Mark Thornton.

The Sycamore association's Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions have been interpreted to allow the swim team since the neighborhood was built more than 30 years ago. As families aged, a need for young swimmers led to the Stingrays team being opened to nonresident swimmers

15 years ago.

Last swim season, the team had 73 swimmers from Sycamore but the league requirement is no fewer than 130 so the team must accept nonresidents, who pay a higher fee, said Thornton. A team needs about 200 swimmers to be competitive in the Valley Swim Association league, he added. Also, teams host four to five meets a year, which would not be allowed if non-members were banned from the facilities.

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## Board says goodbye to Nancy Petsuch

*Trustee moving on after many years in district*

by Jordan M. Doronila

Trustee Nancy Petsuch held back her tears and her hands quivered as her colleagues gave her gifts, applause and thanks on her last night on the local school board earlier this month.

Board trustees and administrators from San Ramon Valley Unified School District honored Petsuch's service to education at their Nov. 14 meeting. Her term expired this month, and she chose not to run for re-election on Nov. 7.

Newcomer San Ramon resident Rachel Hurd was recently elected to fill the vacant seat and will

begin in December.

At the meeting, Petsuch pleaded with Trustee Bill Clarkson to "please" stop taking time to honor her and to go forward with board's agenda.

"It's emotionally hard," said Petsuch, who had been serving in the district for 25 years, on the board and as an employee. "I think it's a good change. Rachel has kids in the district."

"I think it's good to get some new people," she added.

Petsuch grew up in Ontario, Calif. She graduated from California State Polytechnic University-Pomona, where she met her husband. She began working in the district as a bookkeeper at San Ramon Valley High School in 1981 and retired as

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Nancy Petuch

## Dead deer stinks up yard for five days

*Dead animals are low priority for Animal Services*

by Natalie O'Neill

Short staffing caused Contra Costa Animal Services to take almost a week to remove a large dead buck from a Fish Creek resident's yard in Danville. Frustrated neighbors said the foul stench and unsettling sight posed both safety concerns and disturbances to the children in the neighborhood.

"I was worried other animals would start coming to feed on it," said neighbor Lisa Beckemeyer, who noted the rank smell could be detected at a distance.

The sight of the buck carcass, which weighed an estimated 250 pounds, also troubled children in the family-oriented suburban

neighborhood, residents said.

"Some kids out here don't even have a goldfish, so they're traumatized to see Bambi dead in a yard," said Laura Vaughn, who said animal services also took several days to respond to her report of a rabid skunk on her property.

Lt. Nancy Anderson, who works out of county Animal Services in Martinez, said the problem is partly that there are only three officers on duty for the entire county. She added that some staff members have been out sick and some positions need to be filled.

This causes them to push back the animal reports that do not present immediate or semi-immediate

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JORDAN M. DORONILA



## Thanksgiving feasts in the making

Sixth-grade mother Joanne Hattum helps stack canned foods while, left, seventh-graders Katie Rush and Mackenzie Gash carry loads of goods at Los Cerros Middle School's 11th annual Basket Brigade on Thursday, Nov. 16. Approximately 600 students—sixth, seventh and eighth-graders—gathered food items to be given out for the Thanksgiving holiday. Basket Brigade coordinator and mother Amy Gee said around 6,000 items were brought together to fill 340 baskets. "It brings us together," she said. "They have so much here. They feel good giving." Food items include olives, banana bread, green beans, corn, broth and gravy.

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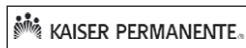
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the district's information coordinator in 1991.

She ran for the school board in 2002 and won. She said being on the board was always interesting.

"There's always something new going on," she said. "I never was bored."

Nonetheless, she felt it was time to move in a different direction, apart from the district.

"I have been a part of it for so long," she said. "It's a real change. It's finally actually leaving."

She said she plans to spend as much time as she can with her 16-year-old grandson Andrew, who lives in Santa Rosa. ■

## Deer

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dangers to people. While she noted that the length of time it took was longer than usual, she said responding to dead animal reports are generally not first on their list.

"It's a low priority," she said, "We have to focus on dog bites, diseased animals running loose, and inhumane investigations."

Reports on the dead buck were called in early Monday and officers didn't remove the animal until Friday, when it was wrenched up on a truck and hauled away.

"The smell was horrendous," Beckemeyer said.

Animal Services procedure for responding to reports is as follows: Receptionists take the reports by phone, enter them into the computer and then on-site officers respond in order of importance. During a highly busy week, sometimes officers won't respond to certain calls for several days.

"Staff has to constantly keep shuffling and prioritizing," Anderson said.

Noting that the response time had taken five days, some neighbors began calling other places to take care of the problem, but found there are very few services in the area for such things. Beckemeyer even considered hiring a "horse hauler" to remove the buck for about \$300.

Vaughn said she experienced a similar problem when she reported a distempered skunk to animal services this year. She suspected the skunk was sick when she noticed it "flopping around."

"It needed to be put out of its misery. I don't know where the communication breakdown is," she said.

As housing developments and strip malls continue to be built in once-wooded areas nationally, more and more reports of wild animals popping up in suburban areas are occurring.

This month in Harris County, Texas, a buck was caught in a swimming pool for over an hour, and in New Jersey, black bears were recently found roaming behind an apartment complex. When animals are forced out of their natural habitat, their attempt to adapt and relocate can cause them to appear in areas moderately populated by humans.

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# Danville fixes solar permit price at \$290

*Flat fee meant to show commitment by town to alternative energy and to streamline process*

by Jordan M. Doronila

The Town of Danville will now charge all residents the same fee for installing solar panels. The Town Council unanimously approved a resolution last week to have homeowners pay a flat rate of \$290 for installing solar cell rays in their homes. Solar panels generate electricity and power when they are exposed to light.

The measure comes after local

reports raised concerns of how solar fees appeared to be too high. Council members and town staff said having a flat fee demonstrates Danville's support for using alternative energy sources.

"The reason was to encourage people to use energy-saving devices in homes," said Danville Mayor Karen Stepper. "We charge the same fee for everyone."

"It just speeds up the process of issuing a permit," said Town

Engineer Steve Lake. "To make it easier for everyone, we instituted a flat fee."

The town's Building Division has seen an increase in the installation of residential photovoltaic systems in the past three years, according to the staff report. It anticipates that the number of solar panel installations will continue to increase due to the rising costs of conventional energy such as electricity.

The \$290 covers the cost of

inspection and administrative time to process the solar permit, said Town Attorney Rob Ewing. He added that he has seen an average cost of \$40,000-\$50,000 to install solar panels.

Under the old system, the town used a graduated scale to determine permit fees based on the price of work for installing solar cells to homes, Lake said. For instance, installing a \$5,000 solar ray would cost approximately

\$200 for a permit fee. And putting in a \$25,000 solar cell would cost \$300.

The Sierra Club had published reports in July that Danville had charged \$850 for solar cell installation. However, staff said the fees fluctuated and depended on the work being done.

Ewing said staff did not know how the Sierra Club came up

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The Sycamore neighborhoods are awash with yellow signs urging people to vote Yes on Proposal A, which would guarantee the continuation of the Sycamore Stingrays Swim Team.

## Sycamore

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Some residents have been unhappy with the swim team, saying its practices disrupt their use of the pool. In response, the team leaves one lane open for non-team swimmers. Sycamore also has a second swimming pool and smaller clubhouse a few blocks away from the main facility at 635 Old Orchard Drive.

But swim team supporters say not only is it important for families in the neighborhood, but it adds to the value of their houses.

A third group has also sent notices to Sycamore homeowners, urging a No vote on both proposals. Letters from Patrick Fleming and Gil Medeiros, both Sycamore residents, are in opposition to Proposal A for allowing swim teams to use the common area. They also oppose Proposal B, which would allow use of the facilities to non-residents such as Boy Scouts and as a polling place, both common uses.

Fleming said he has been active for many years to preserve the rights that Sycamore homeowners earn through their dues and assessments.

"I believe the current CC&Rs adequately protect homeowners and therefore no change is in order," Fleming concluded in his letter. "I hope you will join me in voting NO on both proposals."

"We need 325 votes in order to

change the CC&Rs," said Thornton, who is active in the SOS campaign to keep the swim team. "We called a meeting and got overwhelming support, 180 people."

The votes are being mailed in double envelopes to an independent accounting office, in accordance with the Davis Stirling Act, the part of the California Civil Code that covers homeowners associations. The board will begin meeting early in the morning Dec. 11 and the votes will be counted onsite, as required by law, said board member Lisa Knebel. It may call a recess but the meeting will be reconvened that evening to announce the results.

"The firm will be handling everything," Knebel said. "No board member is allowed to interrupt."

The swim team currently pays \$12,500 per year to Sycamore for use of the facilities for practice and meets. Insurance and utilities costs are estimated at \$2,709 per year, according to the property manager. The team also pays for the coaches plus carries \$2 million liability insurance. Sycamore carries \$3 million plus a \$15 umbrella.

Thornton said he is going ahead with plans for a swim team in 2007.

"I'm moving forward as though there were no problem," he said. "If this doesn't pass, there is going to be a board election and we're confident we'll get our people elected and they will interpret the CC&Rs the way they have been for 30 years." ■

## Solar

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with the \$850 figure in its report. He said the town has not charged that amount for a solar permit fee. Although, that amount could have been given if a question had been asked in a certain way, he said.

Sierra Club Global Warming Chairman Kurt Newick said that volunteers from his group asked dozens of communities in the Bay

Area the total cost for installing a 3,000-watt solar electric system on a composite shingle roof on a single story home to get information for its reports on what communities charge for solar panel permits. He acknowledged that some staff members who were questioned did not have the facilities or knowledge to answer the question fully.

"We're not responsible for how these cities respond," Newick said.

Lake said the town issues five to 10 permits a year.

"It's not very common," he said. ■



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Russian construction professionals inspect a steel ceiling on site at the Dougherty Valley High School as part of a Rotary training program and cultural exchange.

## Bringing two worlds together

Rotarians host Russian entrepreneurs in cultural exchange

by Natalie O'Neill

With current events as they stand, eastern and western cultures can seem as far apart ideologically as they are geographically. With this in mind, Danville and Alamo residents are focusing on uniting the two worlds.

As part of a program through Valley Rotary Clubs, residents invited Russian construction professionals to live with them last week as part of an in-depth cultural exchange. The program is administered through Center for Citizens Initiatives, a nonprofit group that strives to bring the U.S. and Russia together economically.

"Spending time with them opens your eyes to the fact that we are really all the same," said Carolyn Thiessen, who hosted Russian entrepreneurs in Alamo.

Russia bridges the west with east and has a high population of both Christians and Muslims. In the late 1980s, during the rise of Mikhail Gorbachev, economic reform began permitting private ownership of businesses in the former Soviet Union. Now, this program helps Russian entrepreneurs that are a product of that economic revolution.

"We are learning more about people who have been isolated from us," said Rotary coordinator Michael Prilutsky, who also hosted this year.

Visitors staying in Alamo and Danville met with local architectural firms and learned about materials, licensing, project timelines and budgets. In Danville, guests visited Gayler Construction where they learned about designing and building concepts not seen in Russia. The week of meetings and hands-on experience offered them knowledge to take back to their country.

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—George Gayler,  
Gayler Construction Co.

But Russian entrepreneurs weren't the only ones getting an education.

"You learn that your way isn't always the best way or the only way," Thiessen said.

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The cultural exchange is invaluable, hosts said, pointing out that both parties were accepting of each other's cultural differences.

"It's a hands-across-the-water kind of thing," Prilutsky said.

Prilutsky said he found it interesting that the Russians he hosted were extremely technologically savvy with computers and Blackberry

phones, but they had never seen simple appliances like washers and dryers. Even the upper class in Russia still hand wash their clothes and let them air dry, he noted.

"I asked them how they dry their clothes with the cold winter in Russia and they laughed like it was a big national joke," he said.

While he familiarized himself with Russian ways of life, he also helped them get acquainted with parts of American culture. Taking his Russian guests to the Rolling Stones concert last Monday in San Francisco was a big highlight for him.

"It was so fun to watch them and see their reaction. They were as much of a show as the show was," he said.

He added that he also took them sightseeing in the city, to wine vineyards, Fort Ross, Monterey and Carmel.

Thiessen, on the other hand, said they spend most of the time talking with her guests over dinner in the evening. She said they discussed how drastically their country had changed in the last 10 years. Having visited Russia, she was also able to talk to them about the differences she noticed in their countries.

"They commented on how friendly and open Americans are," she said.

In the end, hosts drew conclusions that exchanges help the U.S. international relations on a small scale.

"I really believe that if every human being lived in another country at some point, we would have world peace," she said. ■

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# Holocaust survivor tells of 'Uncommon Friendship'

Double memoir looks at war from side of victims and brainwashed persecutors

by Natalie O'Neill

Holocaust survivor and novelist Bernat Rosner spoke to the San Ramon Valley Exchange Club about the "enduring nature of the human spirit," last week at Faz restaurant in Danville.

His 2001 novel, "An Uncommon Friendship," is a double memoir written with his close friend Frederic Tubach, the son of a Nazi officer. It explores the idea of getting over the barriers that divide people.

In front of an audience of 40, Rosner recalled the story of his youth during a turbulent time in history.

"I suspect most people have seen the cadaver-like bodies of those who emerged from Auschwitz alive. I was one of them," Rosner said.

He recounted being carted to the camps with his family as a healthy 12-year-old boy and then suffering through brutal beatings, typhoid, malnourishment and frigid cold.

His book offers insights into history by highlighting the experiences and perspectives of both men. The nationalistic brainwashing that Tubach experienced during the Nazi regime is juxtaposed with the dark and desperate situations Rosner endured as a victim of persecution.

But Rosner didn't just talk about the past, he related the Holocaust to recent events. Extreme fanaticism and contempt for a group of people is dangerous and detrimental to humankind, he said, comparing the Nazi party to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

"He elicited quite a range of human emotions," said Exchange Club member Phil Linder.



Bernat Rosner signs a copy of his memoir for the Danville librarian Seng Lovan while chatting with Councilman Mike Shimansky.

Fascinated with his story, members of the Exchange Club asked him questions about what kept him alive at Auschwitz. He responded that he believed it was luck, age and a natural survival instinct.

"I was young and my body didn't require as much nourishment," he said.

While he said 80 percent of his survival was chance, his will to live kept him going.

"I lived one-fourth of a mile away from the crematorium and even with the smell, we still couldn't bring ourselves to accept that death was the end," he said.

He then related his experience at Auschwitz to one he had after moving to the United States.

Years ago on the California coast, Rosner visited a tide pool and noticed shelled creatures burrowed in the crack of a rock, he said. As the tide rolled in and a large wave crashed down on the rock, he expected the creatures would be carried away. To his surprise, when the tide cleared, a few were still hanging on.

"I felt an incredible kinship with those little creatures," he said.

Along with delving into his past, the book also illustrates the present relationship between two of the least likely friends. It details the bond between Rosner and Tubach, despite fundamental

differences in their upbringings.

In exploring memories, Rosner said he chose to write the book in the third person because it helped him cope with a past he spent decades trying to forget.

"I needed to separate myself from that 12-year-old boy," he said.

Rosner, who moved to the U.S. shortly after the war, became general counsel of the Safeway Corp. and lived his life trying not to talk or think about Auschwitz. He didn't tell his wife or daughters much about what he had lived through.

"It might have been as much to protect me as it was to protect them," he said.

Then Rosner and Tubach's wives met and they introduced the two men, who immediately felt connected—although they didn't talk about the Holocaust or the war until years later. Eventually, they chose to explore their pasts together through the double memoir.

After Rosner's speech, members of the audience commented on how moved they were by the book. And many Danville residents said they found its links to the present day the most profound.

"An Uncommon Friendship" can be purchased at Rakestraw Books or other major retail bookstores. ■

TAKE US ALONG



## Down Mexico way

The Davis children—Alexis, Briana and Jacob—who attend Greenbrook Elementary School and Charlotte Wood Middle School, enjoy their vacation in Juchipila, Zacatecas, Mexico, where they visited their grandfather, Sebastian Sandoval, and other family members in June.



## Garden reading

John Marke and his mom Kathy Marke catch up on hometown news which visiting the Master-of-Nets Garden in Suzhou, China.



## Down Dracula way

Christa Brazier, a volunteer driver for the Town of Danville, reads her Weekly in front of Bran Castle, Romania, which was the Inspiration for Bram Stoker's famous novel "Dracula."

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# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## 'Father Hollywood' says there is hope

Father Hollywood was in Danville last week speaking at a breakfast meeting of Catholics@Work at Crow Canyon Country Club. The topic was: Can Catholic values survive in Hollywood?

His name isn't really Father Hollywood; he is the Rev. Wilfred Raymond—called Father Willy—and he is director of Family Theater Productions in Hollywood. He had the scoop on what he called its "high profile hedonism" but is optimistic about work currently going on in the film industry. "Hollywood is beginning to pay attention to films that deal responsibly with issues of faith to get at the deepest realities of human existence," he said, noting the success of "The Passion of the Christ," "The Lord of the Rings Trilogy" and "The Chronicles of Narnia."

"Hollywood is the only place where they will pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss and 50 cents for your soul."

—Marilyn Monroe

Father Willy said they hear confessions every day in Hollywood. He shook his head sadly over the many young men, and women, too, who confess to being part of the

pornography scene, centered in the San Fernando Valley, which he said makes more money than mainstream movies.

Family Theater is located right on Sunset Boulevard and hosts monthly open houses for young Catholics with speakers. "We share a fallen nature but good is there," Father Willy said. "Young people respond to challenges." Family Theater offers a challenge with its Angelus Awards Student Film Festival each year to honor works that respect human dignity. It receives up to 750 entries from 150 film schools around the world and awards cash prizes of more than \$30,000. It also features a weekly series of talks called "Going Deeper" for people to learn more about their Catholic faith.

Family Theater was begun in 1947 by the Rev. Patrick Peyton, who had immigrated from Ireland to become a priest. Toward the end of his education at the Holy Cross Seminary at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., he was diagnosed with tuberculosis and given three months to live. He prayed to the Blessed Mother, promising to devote his life to her if he survived. When he was miraculously cured and went ahead to be ordained, he founded the Family Rosary in 1942 in Albany, N.Y., to start everyone praying for peace. He had a local radio show based on the idea of families praying the rosary together, and he coined the phrase, "The family that prays together, stays together."

In Hollywood, Father Peyton convinced Mutual Radio to run a half-hour show but the station specified the program had to be non-sectarian and it had to feature a known personality each week. Oh, and Father Peyton had

to pay for the production. He accepted the terms and set out to find scripts, stars and funding. Father Willy said Loretta Young, Rosalind Russell and Jane Wyatt were called "the three nuns of Hollywood" because they went around and persuaded others to be on the broadcasts. Its stars came to include Jimmy Stewart, Bob Hope, Don Ameche, Frank Sinatra, James Dean, William Shatner, Bob Newhart, Bing Crosby, Raymond Burr, Helen Hayes and Princess Grace Kelly. Family Theater became a fixture in many homes on Sunday nights and continued until 1969, Mutual's longest running show.

Someone asked what current movie stars are Catholics. Father Willy said that for the last few weeks of his life, Marlon Brando quietly made a visit to St. Victor's each day and had a quiet Catholic funeral. Also Sylvester Stallone has come back to the church on what he calls his life's journey, which

included some wild times. And he named Martin Sheen, Gary Sinese and Nicole Kidman.

Father Willy noted the importance of film, television and the Internet in shaping our culture. "I don't think there's a more important place for Christians to be influential," he said. "Films reach into small villages in China, Africa. It affects people deeply."

"This is an exciting time to be working in Hollywood as a Catholic and a priest," he said, with its revived interest in themes of religion, values and family fare. He urged everyone to the "The Nativity," which he called a wonderful film. "Be judicious about what you go to see," he said. "You're voting for that movie, especially on opening weekend."

In December, the breakfast speaker will be ethics professor James A. Donahue, president of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Check it out at [www.catholicsatwork.org](http://www.catholicsatwork.org). ■



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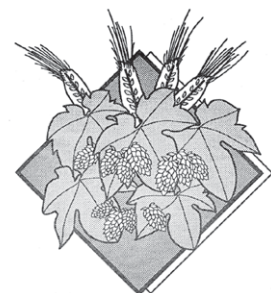
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# Perspective

EDITORIALS • LETTERS • OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

## EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Helping folks go solar

Whether people are worried about global warming or dependence on foreign oil or saving money, few dispute the desirability of harvesting power from the sun. The Town of Danville has just taken a step to make it easier to do so.

The Town Council at its last meeting approved a flat rate of \$290 for each residence that installs solar cell rays. The flat rate will make it easier for residents to estimate their costs upfront plus simplifies the process at Town Hall.

The cost of solar permits came to the public's attention in July after the Sierra Club published an index of costs charged by Bay Area towns. Danville was given as among the most expensive, listed as charging \$850 for a permit for a \$27,000 solar electric system on its sliding scale; town officials said they did not know where this figure came from and noted that fees used to fluctuate depending on the work being done to install solar panels.

More than three dozen cities have reduced solar permit fees since the report in July, said a representative from the Sierra Club. Hayward, which previously charged up to \$1,000, has lowered its permit fee to a fixed amount of \$315. The lowest fee is \$55 in Pleasant Hill; the highest is \$690 in Antioch, according to a survey published Nov. 13. San Ramon now charges \$285, and Walnut Creek charges \$65.

The Town of Danville only issues five to 10 permits for solar cells annually, town officials said, but noted there has been an increase in photovoltaic systems during the past three years. They also anticipated more such units being installed as energy costs increase. We are glad that the town addressed the issue to show its support for alternative energy sources and so people can consider this option when making home improvements.

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## LETTERS

### AIA didn't delay Home Depot opening

Dear Editor:

The Alamo Improvement Association would like to respond to concerns of two Alamo merchants quoted last week in the story, "Alamo merchants miss YardBirds customers." They fear that AIA's review process has delayed the start-up of the Home Depot store at the former YardBirds site.

The volunteers of AIA are strong supporters of local business and aesthetic development in Alamo. On the YardBirds Home Depot application, they worked quickly—putting in long hours and holding specially scheduled meetings—to not delay the approval process. They created their own suggestions for mitigation of a Home Depot-proposed 290-foot, 10- to 12-foot high concrete wall that would become an unprecedented barrier along the popular Iron Horse Trail. Home Depot's opening date target continues to be the originally announced date of spring 2007.

Two specifically voiced concerns in the story are not true. The AIA did not broach the recommendation of a new paint job, which Home Depot itself had offered earlier. And the AIA did not recommend the installation of new air conditioning but did recommend that the roof and rear wall be painted to coordinate with the metal sheeting around the existing air conditioning units.

Regarding a concern expressed in the story about the collection of sales tax revenue: Sales tax revenue the county collects in Alamo is not required to be returned by the county to Alamo or to be spent by the county for the benefit of Alamo.

The volunteers of AIA are themselves residents, business owners and business customers of Alamo. We empathize with the concerns of small business people, and we work hard to support businesses that meet the needs of Alamo to succeed and thrive.

*Preston Taylor, President of  
Alamo Improvement Association*

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## San Ramon Valley creams Monte Vista, 34-7



Above, San Ramon Valley's solid defense holds Mustangs to just 288 total yards in their "grudge" match Saturday. Right, SRV quarterback Corbin Louks runs the ball for a first down.

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by Rachel McMurdie

A 27-0 halftime score at last week's San Ramon Valley-Monte Vista re-match football game was enough for one SRV parent to pump his fists in the air and declare, "The mighty red have fallen."

It certainly looked that way en route to the Wolves 34-7 win over the Mustangs in the first round of North Coast Section playoffs. With the win, No. 4 seed San Ramon Valley will play No. 1 seed De La Salle at 7 p.m. tonight in Concord.

The Wolves had beaten the Mustangs 21-17 two weeks before to end the regular season.

On their home field Saturday afternoon, the Wolves set the tone early for the game against the Mustangs. In the first of a total of six forced turnovers, SRV recovered a Monte Vista fumble on a third-and-one play. Four plays later, SRV's Roy Helu Jr. put up the first points of the game, running in a 68-yard touchdown.

Second quarter would prove even more devastating for the Mustangs as a strong SRV defensive line staved off all advances, picked up fumbles and intercepts, and the offense cashed in on three more touchdowns.

Monte Vista, playing without its star quarterback Drew McCallister, who was hurt in the prior week's loss to SRV, finally put points on the board in the third when Chip Tengler connected with Ryan Whalen on a 66 yard pass.

SRV answered with the final score of the

game, a 13-yard pass to Ryan Vandersloot.

It was the kind of game San Ramon Valley's coach Dave Kravitz had expected from his team all year, heavy on defense and an offense that could get the job done.

"Was I surprised? No," he said when questioned about the team's defense. "I think we have the best linebackers in the area, our defensive line is one of the best we've ever had, and the defensive backs have been great all year. I wasn't surprised at all at what we did."

At game's end, he told the team he was proud of how they played and to get ready for De La Salle.

"They're a very good football team," he told them. "We're a very good football team."

De La Salle, a traditional football powerhouse that last week tromped College Park 41-7, is often cited as the No. 1 team in the state, and by some measures, the No. 1 team in the nation. But they're a challenge the Wolves are happy to take on.

"Who doesn't want a shot at the best?" SRV quarterback Corbin Louks said. "We're just going to prepare to win, just like any other week."

### Runner advances to State

Alexis Nordine of San Ramon Valley finished fifth in Saturday's NCS Division I girls cross country championships at Hayward High. Her 18:55 3-mile time qualifies her for state championships next week.

As a team, San Ramon Valley girls



San Ramon Valley High fans get into the spirit at Saturday's game against Monte Vista.

placed fifth with a score of 153; Monte Vista finished ninth with a 253. San Ramon Valley boys placed third, finishing with a team score of 122. Monte Vista boys finished ninth with a team score of 230.

College Park took top team finishes in boys and girls events. ■

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### Wildcats can't put out the Blaze

Paige Wells (middle, in red) of the Girls U-10 Mustang Blaze battles the Wildcats for the ball on a chilly fall morning with Tessa Sternberg (right) at Montair Elementary. The Blaze prevailed 1-0.



### Sportstrong—kings of the court

Joe Viscuglia's seventh-grade Sportstrong Grizzlies won the championship for the MVP Fall Basketball League with a 40-37 victory over MVP Elite on Oct. 29 at Diablo Valley College. The champs (who will play as a St. Isidore "A" team this upcoming CYO season) reeled off nine straight victories after losing just its opening game. The core of the team includes players who also won last year's Fall League championship as well, with (front, l-r) Mitch Wenig, Brody Lee, Sean O'Dea, Anthony Villa (back) Blake Walker, Joey Viscuglia, Michael Hernbroth, Shane Ertz, Nate Gonzales, Head Coach Joe Viscuglia (absent: Cameron Grant, Assistant Coach Doug Ertz).



### What a blast

The girls U12 Mustang Blast recently won the 2006 Placer United Cup Tournament held in Roseville for their age group. During the preliminary round, the Blast shut out three very challenging teams and scored seven goals to advance to the championship round. In the championship game, the Blast shut-out Elk Grove with a final score 3-0. Team members are (front, l-r) Hailey Mamizuka, Reilly Parker; (middle) Lynsey Hromatko, Alyssa Alarab, Shelby Cota, Amy Harioka, Melissa Clore, Rachel Feldman, Beth Ritter, Serena Lee, Kerianne Hunt, Hannah Clark, Alexa Vandevanter, Rachel Hamilton, Katie Tao; (back) Kim Low, Coach Doug Norvelle, Hannah Koski, Coach Rob Vandevanter, Coach Lance Feldman.



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Kathy Bargar delights in her daughter Grace, adopted from an orphanage in Chengdu, China, last May.

The couple and their young daughter sat nervously in the waiting room of the orphanage in Chengdu, China, last May. The moment had finally arrived: They were about to meet their new little girl.

After months of discussion, paperwork, correspondence and determination—and trekking thousands of miles from Danville to China—Kathy Bargar and Steve Viarengo, and their daughter Lauren, 7, were waiting to welcome the child into their family.

The toddler was brought into the room wearing a pretty flowered dress that was too small and shoes that were worn out. She stared at the ground, terrified.

“My heart just melted when I saw her,” Kathy said. “She was so sad and withdrawn and my heart just went out to her. I wanted to take her in my arms and make all the confusion go away. But to her, I was a stranger.”

“They placed her on my lap,” Kathy continued. “She didn’t cry. She didn’t try to get down. It was as though she accepted what was happening but she was so confused that she didn’t even know how to react.”

“The first thing that struck me was how rough the palms of her hands were. It was as though she had had a tough life already—at only 2 years old. I felt so sad for her and yet very committed to making her feel comfortable and loved with our family.”

#### Fast forward to November 2006

The first thing one notices when walking through the door of Kathy and Steve’s house is how peaceful it is. The lights are low in the living room, and two girls greet you at the door with curious looks and smiles. There’s Lauren, with her big brown eyes and cute bobbed hair, who starts talking to you as if she’s known you forever. Then there’s Grace, bouncing around like most 3-year-olds do, looking like a porcelain doll

with her rosy cheeks and jet black hair.

There’s a natural rhythm between mother and daughters as they play and talk and wait for dad to come home. When the garage door opens, Lauren yells, “Daddeeee!” and both girls rush to the door for hugs and greetings. Just another typical night in the Bargar-Viarengo house.

Kathy and Steve had tried to have a second child biologically but with no success. Looking into alternative options, from in vitro fertilization to domestic adoption, they decided international adoption was the best avenue to pursue.

“It was strange for us,” Steve said. “With domestic adoption, we were worried about the mother changing her mind. But with international adoption, even though you have to deal with that country’s government and a tough distance to travel, we knew at the end of our journey we’d end up with a child.” Their adoption process began in July 2005.

The international adoption process can take up to 12 months to complete, according to the U.S. State Department. In 2005, some 7,906 immigrant visas were issued (up from 4,681 in 2001). Chinese law allows for the adoption of children 13 and younger. In order to finalize the adoption, at least one adopting parent must travel to China to execute the required documents in person before the appropriate Chinese authorities.

Kathy and Steve had put in a request for a healthy girl up to 3 years old. They waited patiently for a child referral and were ready to receive a child but heard nothing. In mid-February 2006, they decided to review their agency’s “special needs” list to see if there was a child they felt was meant for them. There was a girl on the list with a heart defect and developmental delays.

“We had another conversation about what we were comfortable with,” Kathy said. “Special needs’ does not always mean

severe. Many Chinese orphans have heart defects. Steve had open heart surgery for a mitral valve problem that was totally unexpected. We’ve been through open heart, so we knew we could handle a child who might need open heart surgery.”

#### Preparing for the new addition

“We started talking about adoption very early on with Lauren,” Kathy said. “Lauren was old enough at 7 to understand that this was a child that didn’t have a family.”

Steve explained to her this little girl had a mother and father but they couldn’t keep her and that Grace needed a new mom, dad and sister.

“Kids are very accepting,” Kathy said. “Lauren really helped bring us through the process and it was a great thing that she came with us on the trip. She was very receptive and very happy about having a little sister.”

In preparation for the adoption, Kathy and Steve attended classes through their agency on what to expect, potential medical conditions, and what the travel would be like. Kathy, Steve and Lauren were ready for the challenge.

“You have to have a lot of trust,” Steve said. “This is an experience where you have to rely on each other. You need to have a strong relationship with your spouse.”

Kathy nodded her head in agreement.

“This is a once in a lifetime experience. You become stronger as team when you’re going through this,” she said.

#### Meeting Ho Ruya

When Kathy and Steve saw the medical report upon their arrival in Chengdu, they read that the girl’s name was Ho Ruya, or “Grace” in English.

“We had a discussion about names. I was throwing out names, Steve and Lauren were throwing out names,” Kathy said. “It’s only by the grace of God that we got this child. We knew her name was right.”

After a tour of the orphanage, it was time to meet Grace. “It was almost surreal,” Steve said. “The orphanage brings this child out to you as your baby. Grace was very quiet and shy. Initially she was staring at the ground, obviously terrified.”

It took a lot of patience and time with Grace. Initially, when

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# Amazing race

## Danville family opens their home and hearts to a child

story and photos by Christina Straw

New family of four Steve Viarengo, Kathy Bargar, Lauren and Grace share a happy moment in their Danville home.



as given to Kathy to hold, she d confused and sad and wouldn't a sound. She would sit on the and clutch toys and not move for

e didn't want to let anything go," said. "She was in this beautiful age in China but we instantly she was not thriving. She's just that doesn't cope well in large nments."

many children get lost in the numbers," she added. "It t matter how excellent the care. We realized that an age is an orphanage and not a family."

r a few days of playing, feeding and giving Grace a attention, things started to change and Grace started to d. She smiled when Kathy tickled her, came running ve with open arms, and laughed when playing with a. After a few days with Grace and finalizing paper- it was time to return home.

ina was very supportive of international adoption," said. "They truly believe that this child could have a life. When we were bringing Grace home, people were ng us on the street and thanking us and saying, 'Lucky oing to America.'"

### A new life in Danville

months have passed since Grace arrived home. Even it's taken time to adjust, she's fitting into her new just fine.

ace loves slides, swings and Barney," Kathy said. "I t home a stuffed dog and she immediately hugged

ny explained the transition has been remarkable, but ace was traumatized. Her way of coping means she uts down when she feels overwhelmed. However, with atience, speech therapy and a lot of affection, an inde- nt personality is emerging.

important to the family that they know where Grace rom and what her heritage is.

she gets older, it's important to keep a bond with her

birth country," Kathy said. "We'd like her to take Mandarin and we want to do a homeland tour when she's 8 or 9. We're also a part of a group of families with children from China. We have a playgroup that meets every Friday. We swap stories and Chinese recipes. We hope she feels a sense of her own community with these children."

### Love for Grace, advice to others

The adoption experience has been wonderful and rewarding for both Steve, a software entrepreneur, and Kathy, an adoption social worker who helps families determine their needs and gets the paperwork going.

"The process has been so smooth," Kathy said.

"You need to be careful when picking an agency. Be sure to pick an agency that specializes in the country you're interested in," she advised. "No process is ever easy, but Grace is the best calling card for adoption from China."

"You have to approach adoption with an open mind," Steve said. "Go with what's right for your family."

"Even if you think that you couldn't open your heart to a child from a different background, look deeper because there are so many kids who need families," Kathy added.

As the night winds down and Grace and Lauren come back downstairs from the playroom, Lauren sums up the best thing about having a little sister: "She's really cool. She's nice, cute and I hope she grows up to be like mom." ■

November is National Adoption Month. For more information on adoption, both domestic and international, visit [www.partnersforadoption.org](http://www.partnersforadoption.org)

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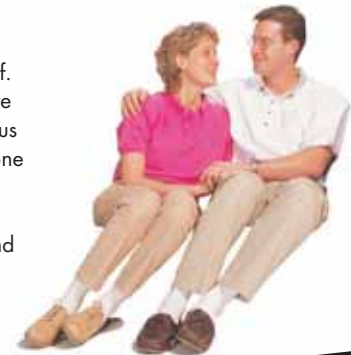
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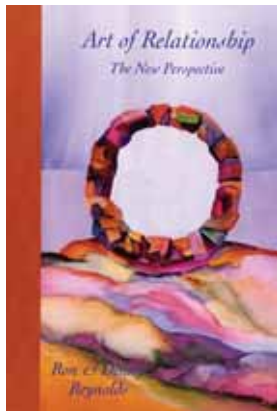
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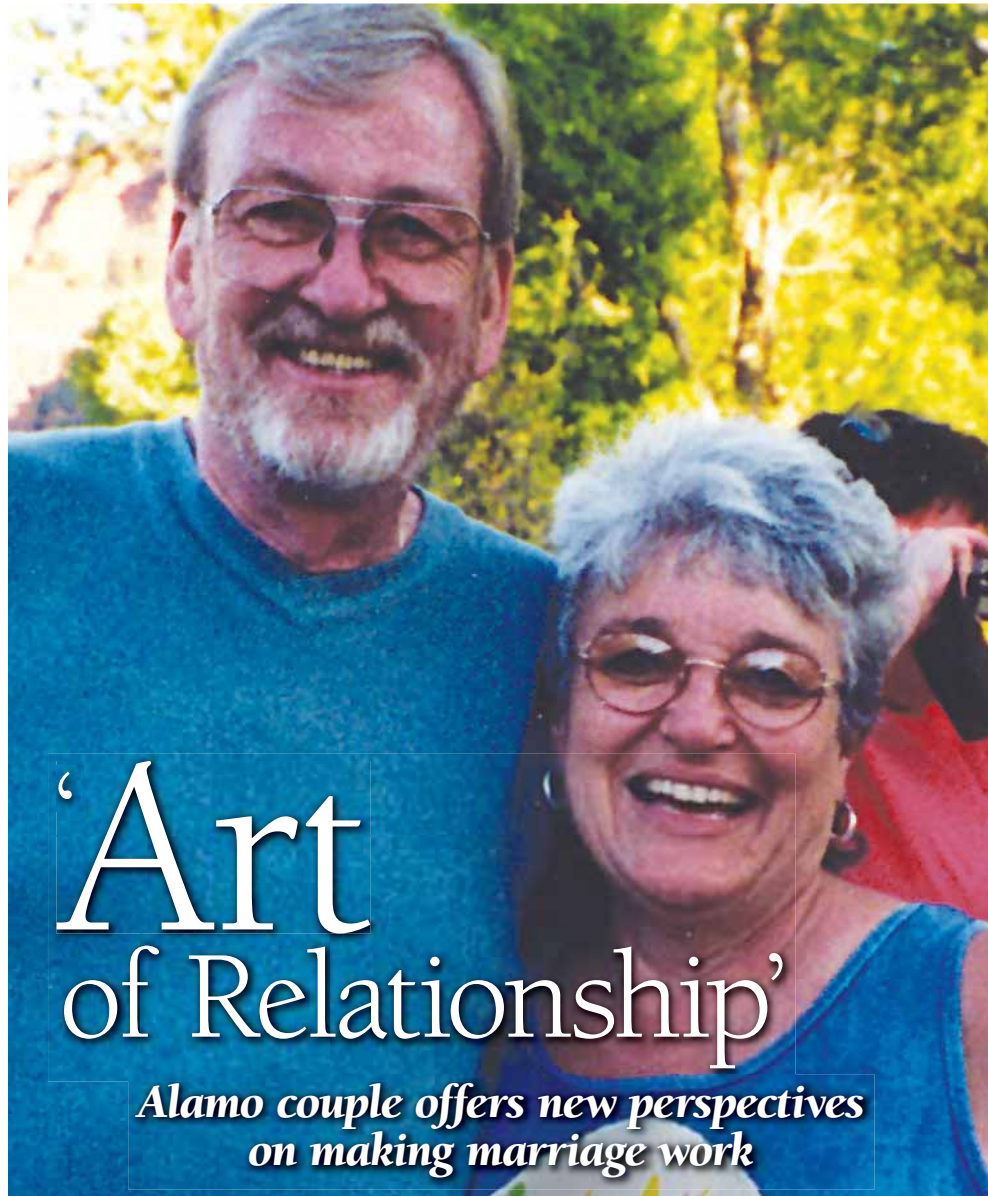
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## 'Art of Relationship'

*Alamo couple offers new perspectives on making marriage work*

by Jordan M. Doronila

**T**he drapes fell down—after they fought. Denny yanked the cord and they fell. “Look what you did, you broke the drapes,” Ron says. “It’s your fault, you’re careless. You should be more careful,” Denny hears. “The drapes are broken. It’s Denny’s fault for being so careless,” he believes. “How dare you judge me? How dare you hurt me? How dare you tell me what I should do?” his wife thinks.

Alamo couple Ron and Denny Reynolds gave this personal example of how they used to perpetually fight, one of the challenges they faced during their 46-year-old marriage.

“We had been living unconsciously wanting to prove a point and wanting to be right,” Denny said.

They outline this and other challenges in their book about marriage and relationships: “Art of Relationship: The New Perspective.”

“You don’t look at things as problems but as opportunities,” Ron said they feel now.

The couple has spent their lives working to change themselves for the better as well as their relationship with each other. Their new work is based on principles from a previous book, which they published in 2005: “The New Perspective: Ten Tools for Self-Transformation.”

They wrote the new book hoping to provide insight from their marriage on how to create lasting relationships.

“The sooner you ‘get it,’ the better,” Ron said, about understanding relationships. “These principles are universal principles.”

Ron is a former radio personality, and Denny has been a therapist for 20 years. Their book discusses themes that involve understanding men and women, avoiding blaming, dealing with a person’s dark side, improving communication, creating lasting partnerships, over-giving and over-taking, and engaging in intimate sexual bonds.

But they said the most important relationship is the “relationship with yourself.”

“We are spirits disguised in the human body experiencing an earthly life,” Ron said. “We create our own reality.”

And the degree to which a relationship succeeds, they say, depends largely on two factors: Trust and Truth.

“They are the most important,” Denny said. “They got us through those awkward spaces and kept us close and communicating.”

The book explores a variety of issues in relationships. Chapter 3 talks about taking responsibility for one’s life.

“Just as no one else can generate feelings in you, it’s not what happens to you that shapes your life,” the authors wrote. “It’s what you do with what happens to you. Taking responsibility for being an active creator in your relationship begins with a pledge—a pledge of responsibility.”

“It’s time to stop blaming and claim responsibility for every aspect of your relationships,” they continued.

Chapter 4 explores how men and women



Denny (left) and Ron Reynolds begin their life together (above) 46 years ago. Far left, after one year of marriage. Center, today the couple has written a book, “Art of Relationship: The New Perspective,” to teach others the lessons they have learned along the way.

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—Ron and Denny Reynolds

relate to each other. Men generally experience the world in a logical sequence, the book noted. Women, on the other hand, view the world more holistically and feel things intuitively.

Ron said men like to know they are appreciated, and women like to know they are being understood. Men need to step back and allow their hearts and mind to open, he said.

When men and women fight, the authors suggested, it is important to look within because they may be disliking a quality they see in themselves.

“Recognizing that we have both positive and negative traits, both thoughts of love and fear, it’s helpful to understand that we achieve wholeness only when we’ve learned to love our whole selves,” according to the book. “This includes our shadow nature.”

Chapter 7 talks about how couples get involved in arguments that are divisive, and winning them often does not bring them closer to one another.

Ron said the mind has two masters: the ego and the spirit. The ego is fear-based, and the spirit allows one’s heart to open up and evoke feelings, memories, love and detachment. Often, people hold onto arguments because their minds are controlled by their egos, he said.

“Would you rather be right or happy?” Denny asked. “Coming together is more important than being right.”

“Hey, this isn’t easy,” she added. “It’s an ongoing process.”

In Chapter 13, the authors wrote that sexual-

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## Sweet breads make great seasonal treats

Carrot ... zucchini ... pumpkin ... banana. There's a whole genre of fruit/vegetable breads that are tasty, healthy and easy to bake. They're especially inviting during cool-weather seasons and, when served hot out of the oven, they warm the tummy and bring a smile to most any face. (And they can provide a fun way to consume those vegetables that might otherwise cause your kids to turn up their noses.) You can serve them as breakfast foods or desserts—re-heated or cold—alone or, for special presentation, topped with icing, cream cheese, whipped cream, baked fruit or ice cream.

After the taste, the next best part about sweet breads is how easy they are to make. The recipes usually require one bowl, one spoon and one pan and if you take shortcuts with pre-chopped nuts and canned ingredients, you can whip up a loaf or two in less than an hour from stirring to slicing. If refrigerated, they have a fairly long shelf life although they usually get consumed before that's even a worry. And, they freeze

well for a cold and rainy day. (One newly discovered Epicure tip: PAM, the nonstick cooking spray, now comes in an oil-and-flour mixture that is perfect for flouring loaf pans and making removal of the breads even easier.)

With the holidays upon us, try making one or two of these breads early in the season to determine your favorite flavor. Then, consider serving loaves of them as part of your holiday dessert table or, better yet, make mini-loaves to give away as personal or hostess gifts. Wrapped in red or green cellophane and tied with colorful ribbon, your gifted friends can partake of them while tree trimming or serve them to holiday guests. Whenever and whichever way you serve them, sweet breads will delight family and friends alike.

Below are my personal favorite recipes.

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

### RECIPES

#### Pumpkin Bread (2 loaves)

Nonstick cooking spray  
1-1/2 sticks unsalted butter, melted  
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for pan  
2 tsp. baking powder  
2 tsp. ground ginger  
1 tsp. salt  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup packed light-brown sugar  
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin purée (1-3/4 cups)  
3 large eggs  
Sugar glaze (optional)

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly coat two 8-1/2-by-4-1/2-inch (6-cup) loaf pans with cooking spray, and set aside. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, ginger and salt. In a medium bowl, whisk together sugars, pumpkin, melted butter and eggs; add flour mixture and stir until just combined.
- Divide batter between prepared pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center of loaves comes out clean, about 50 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes; invert pans and transfer loaves to a wire rack to cool completely. Glaze, if desired.
- For glaze: In a small bowl, mix 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar with 2 to 3 Tbsp. water until mixture is smooth but thick. Place waxed paper under rack for a quick cleanup. For easy pouring, transfer glaze to a liquid-measuring cup, and drizzle over loaves. Let dry 15 minutes before serving.

#### Carrot Loaves (2 mini-loaves)

Note: Recipe can be made as muffins, using a greased 12-cup muffin pan instead of loaf pans.

Nonstick cooking spray  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/4 cup butter, softened  
1 cup sour cream  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut  
1/2 cup raisins  
2 medium (1 cup) carrots, shredded

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon

- Heat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly coat two 5-inch x 3-inch loaf pans with cooking spray and set aside. Combine sugar and butter in large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Add sour cream and eggs. Continue beating until well mixed. Stir in coconut, raisins and carrots by hand.
- Stir together flour, baking soda and cinnamon in medium bowl. Add flour mixture to sour cream mixture; stir just until moistened. Spoon batter into greased 12-cup muffin pan. Bake for 32 to 37 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

#### Banana Walnut Bread (1 loaf)

Note: Banana bread is even better on the second day. Wrap cooled bread tightly in plastic food wrap and refrigerate overnight.

Nonstick cooking spray  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup butter, softened  
2 eggs  
2 medium (1 cup) bananas, mashed  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon

- Heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan with cooking spray, and set aside. Combine sugar, butter and eggs in large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Reduce speed to low; add banana and vanilla. Beat until well mixed. Stir in all remaining ingredients by hand.
- Spoon batter into loaf pan. Bake for 60 to 70 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.

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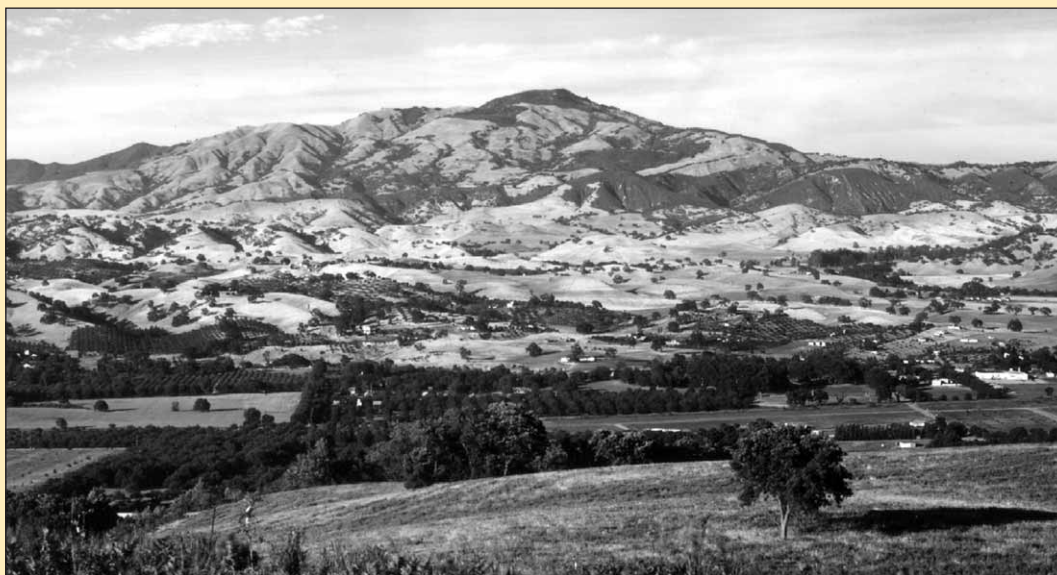
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### OF NOTE

#### Test pilot idol helps USS Hornet



USS HORNET MUSEUM

Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager enjoys a recent fundraiser for the USS Hornet Museum with the East Bay's Singing Blue Star Moms (l-r) Lynn Blossom, Lynn Sandoval, Cindy Shon, Francie Roberts and Jana Clark.

Chuck Yeager, a retired brigadier general of the U.S. Air Force, flew into town recently to be the guest speaker at a fundraising golf tournament dinner at the Blackhawk Country Club for the USS Hornet Museum, which is located in Alameda. A fighter ace in World War II, Yeager is best known for being the first human to fly faster than the speed of sound, a feat he accomplished in 1947 while piloting a Bell X-1 rocket plane dropped from a bomber.

More than 90 attendees listened spellbound at the event as Yeager discussed personal highlights of his 55-year Air Force career. Entertainment was also provided by the East Bay's Singing Blue Star Moms performing 1940s swing tunes.

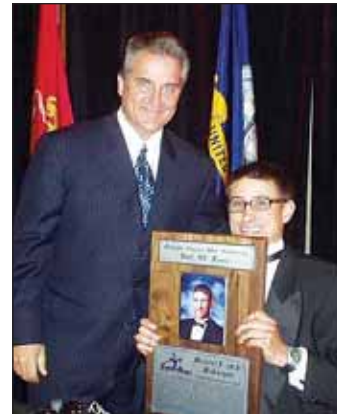
"We are trying to expand the museum's youth Liveboard program and this type of community support is both essential and gratifying," said Hornet CEO Jon Stanley.

#### Special award for Danville golfer

Danville resident and Michigan native MJ Mc Colgan received his 2006 Michigan Athletes With Disabilities Sports Hall Of Fame award Nov. 9 from honorary chairman Steve Mariucci, former coach of the San Francisco 49ers and the Detroit Lions.

Mc Colgan, who was born with a walking disability, said in his acceptance speech that his house is filled with gold medals as a result of hard work and being taught

by parents to think big and focus on his abilities and not his disability. He competes in the Ryder Cup Alternate Shot format with his dad/coach Mike, and his mother Linda drives the golf cart during the tournaments. He is completing his college degree and works with the police department in Dublin.



#### Show set to jazz up the holidays

Danville resident Samantha Samuels is hosting the All-Star Holiday Musical Show to benefit the Young Actors' Theatre Camp Scholarship fund. "Happy Holidays ... and All that Jazz," a musical variety show and silent auction, will take place Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Dean Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. The auction begins at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. For tickets, call 943-7469. General admission is \$25.

Samuels is known as one of the few true cabaret stars in the country. Her many awards include Cabaret Gold, DramaLogue, Cable Car, Dean Goodman Choice honors, a Shellie Award nomination, citations from the city of San Francisco, the Key to the City of Houston as Goodwill Ambassador, plus recognitions for her tireless efforts on behalf of both AIDS Fundraising and the Contra Costa Stand Against Domestic Violence. She is also known for her role as Edith Piaf in the award-winning musical "Piaf, No



Samantha Samuels

Regrets." She has shared the stage with Joan Rivers, Robin Williams, the Smothers Brothers and Howie Mandell, and is known locally as the host of Bay Area Kidfest and her own Kabaret for Kids productions.



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

## Finding the spirit of the season

If you have turned on your television or left your house at some point in the past month, you are well aware the holidays are approaching. The supermarkets have traded in Halloween decorations for plastic reindeer and dangling snowflakes, and signs and advertisements bombard us wherever we go. It seems that the over-commercialization of the holiday season has grown more than ever. We put so much energy into the materialism of the holidays, but is this really where our emphasis should be?

As another year rolls around and the holidays are approaching once again, I feel somewhat sad during a time that is supposed to be joyous. When I was younger, I found security in the fantasy and magic that surrounds the season, and sheer pleasure at the tradition of opening presents on Christmas morning with family by my side and carols playing in the background. But now that I am older, I see the tedious effort that goes into creating the mystique of the holidays, and now am caught up myself in the pressures to buy gifts for friends and family despite being strapped for both the money and the time to think of a worthwhile and personal gift unique to each recipient.

"People feel compelled to give each other gifts, and because there is not enough time to come up with a meaningful gift idea for everyone, every year I get gifts from my friends that have no meaning whatsoever," said Devon Hollowood, a San Ramon Valley High School junior.

It seems there is an excessive hustle-and-bustle that surrounds the winter season that is quickly eating away at the true meaning of the holidays. We have developed an out-of-control lifestyle, where each day has an accompanying to-do list (that only increases during the winter months), and there is hardly any time left over to develop connections or enjoy relationships. Many times, we enter a store completely focused and with the sole intention

of picking up an item and leaving, because another errand awaits. We become another soulless customer, without a story or name—another robotic "Christmas buyer."

I find that instead of viewing Christmas as a time to spend time with my family, enjoy my mother's fantastic cooking, and reflect on my blessings, this time is stressful, and anything but the joyous and relaxing season it used to be. My parents, and I imagine many others, too, are neurotic trying to find time to shop for gifts and organize family get-togethers while maintaining the normal aspects of their lives.

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In our society, it seems the material gifts we give mean more than the time we spend with one another. Everything excessively revolves around material objects and is not about personal connections, reflection and spiritual gifts.

Although Erin Parker, a Danville resident who goes to Carondelet High School, felt differently. "I think that the true meaning of the holidays lies in giving and the wonder one feels," she said. "The amount of money that I choose to spend on a gift cannot compare to the feeling I get when giving it, and the over-commercialization of the holidays can't take that feeling away."

But it feels to me that this spirit of giving can sometimes get trampled in the hype of completing the gift-buying task.

Though we can't escape the crush of holiday materialism entirely, it is important to find refuge in activities that involve giving ourselves and not material objects. Whether it be volunteering at a needy organization, spending time with an ailing relative or reconnecting with an old friend, take time out amid the hustle and bustle to capture the joy of the holiday season. Some of the biggest name companies are joining along in the effort to attach a good meaning to our excessive materialism. Bono of U2 and Bobby Shriver, a former vice presidential candidate and son of the founder of the Peace Corps, have started a campaign called Product Red. Companies involved (among them: Apple, Converse, Armani, Gap, American Express and Motorola) set aside a portion of their profits that goes toward the Global Fund to fight against AIDS in Africa. Product Red is one way for shoppers to give to their own family and friends while helping fight the AIDS emergency. We can all find a unique way to give.

I had coffee with a friend at Starbucks last week, where holiday-themed thermoses adorn the shelves, and coffeepots and snowman-clad mugs serve as suggested Christmas gifts. Seasonal drink descriptions cover the chalkboard, and a perky cashier took my order for an eggnog latte. It was a cozy, comfortable scene that made it easy to linger a little longer and relax, making conversation with those around me. I came to the realization that it is important we all find a similar comfort spot, whether it be Starbucks or otherwise, to enjoy the cheery feeling of the holidays and give ourselves to others, in order to recapture the (at times) lost spirit of the season.

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

Ron and Denny met at a radio class at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. They started an intense relationship in 1959 after they exchanged long glances with each other in a caravan headed to a speech debate in Oregon. He was driving and she sat in the back of a car directly in front of his when she turned and their eyes met.

"It was literally love at first sight," Denny said.

They married in 1960 when Ron was 19 and she was 20. Shortly, "reality descended."

"We had lots of expectations," she said. However, they liked each other and were always good friends, the couple said.

"There was a lot going on in our

lives," Ron said.

"We married before graduating," Denny said.

Ron was pursuing his radio and television career, and Denny soon was a mother.

A marriage is a blend of two totally different styles of life conduct, the couple noted.

Nonetheless, they persevered through their challenges. After more than a decade of marriage, they went to counseling and they began to change.

They hope readers gain some wisdom from their experiences.

"Our hope, as the community reads the book, is they get a deeper understanding of what their relationships can be," Ron said. Denny agreed. ■

## Marriage

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ity is a beautiful gift and could be a fulfilling experience between two people if they have harmony in their relationship.

"It's not intrinsically good or bad: By its nature it produces pleasure," they wrote. "Unfortunately, many of us were taught to be frightened of anything that feels that good and we were taught to believe a price must be paid for such ecstasy."

"Sexuality is another expression of spirituality," the book noted.

"On the other hand, sex could be hot," Denny said, adding that lust does not last in the long run.

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# Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Football game results in sad side story

Several youths smashed cars and splashed paint on a local business in Danville after the Mustangs fell prey to the Wolves on the football field Saturday afternoon.

Teenagers vandalized cars and engaged in a fight after the San Ramon Valley High School Wolves blew out the Monte Vista Mustangs in a 34-7 rout in the North Coast Section football playoff match Saturday afternoon, said Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel.

The game was held at the San Ramon Valley High football field at 1 p.m.

Kids bashed, egged and vandalized cars after the game, police said.

"The damage was caused around the high

school," Wenzel said. "Overall, it was not too bad. The bottom line is these things happen after an event. Our assumption is that it had to do with the event."

He said a fight broke out at approximately 4:15 p.m. However, it was over by the time police arrived.

"We didn't catch anybody," Wenzel said.

He said sports events often evoke emotional reactions.

"They get excited," he said. "They are not thinking right. There's nothing good about it. It's a lack of respect for people's belongings."

He said the loss may have frustrated some teens.

"They are unhappy with the event," he said.

"They do ridiculous things."

"In the end, it's the adults that suffer," he added.

—Jordan M. Doronila

## POLICE LOG

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

### Sunday, Nov. 12

- Fireworks disturbance on Diablo Rd. at 12:53 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Camino Tassajara at 10:52 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Merano St. at 12:36 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, on Fostoria Way at 4:12 p.m.

### Monday, Nov. 13

- Noise disturbance on Merano St. and Milano St. at 1:45 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Starmont Ct. and Starview Dr. at 6:58 a.m.
- Vandalism on La Gonda Way at 8:36 a.m.
- Vandalism on Delta Pl. at 9:22 a.m.
- Neighbor disturbance on Mockingbird Pl. at 12:53 p.m.

- Suspicious circumstances on Fostoria Way at 1:18 p.m.
- Petty theft on Old Orchard Dr. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 1:51 p.m.
- Petty theft on William Ct. at 3:03 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Center Way and Crown Canyon Rd. at 3:46 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Town and Country Dr. at 4:19 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Stone Valley Rd. at 8:02 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Stone Valley Rd. at 8:04 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Stone Valley Rd. at 8:55 p.m.
- Public nuisance on Railroad Ave. at 9:42 p.m.

### Tuesday, Nov. 14

- Petty theft from vehicle on Sherburne Hills Rd. at 12:15 p.m.
- Threats disturbance on Railroad Ave. at 1:26 p.m.

- Vandalism on Liahona Ln. at 2:45 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara at 3:59 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Diablo Rd. at 4:31 p.m.

### Wednesday, Nov. 15

- Credit card fraud on La Gonda Ct. at 9:33 a.m.
- Harass disturbance on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 10:01 a.m.
- Petty theft on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:22 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Hill Meadow Pl. at 1:39 p.m.
- Drunk in public on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 6:57 p.m.
- Defrauding innkeeper on Boone Ct. at 9:26 p.m.

### Thursday, Nov. 16

- Harass disturbance on El Dorado Ave. at 8:33 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on La

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## Elizabeth Martha 'Liz' Stellmacher

Elizabeth Martha "Liz" Stellmacher, 81, died Nov. 11 in her home in Danville, where she resided for more than 50 years.

She was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Woodburn, Ore., the daughter of Cyrus Samuel Briggs and Alta Matilda Hanks. She was the loving wife of Stewart E. Stellmacher for 61 years before his death March 19, 2004.

In addition to raising their five children, she was vice president and co-owner of Stewart Enterprises Inc. and Stellmacher Painting with her husband for more than 40 years. She also loved to host dinner and dancing parties and will be especially remembered for her 4th of July events. She had a passion for traveling the world with her husband, playing bridge, and genuinely loving life.

She is survived by her sons and daughters, Robert and Judy Stellmacher of Danville, Richard and Arna Stellmacher of Lodi, Cherie and David Flowers of Palo Cedro, Jan and Al Huovinen of Danville, and Casey and Debbie Stellmacher of Tracy; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held

Nov. 19. Donations may be sent to Sutter Hospice, 1900 Bates Ave., Suite A, Concord, CA 94520.

## Clarence 'Chuck' Durant

Danville resident, formerly of Lafayette, Clarence "Chuck" Durant died Nov. 16 at the age of 72.

He was born Sept. 18, 1934. He was retired after 42 years with Kaiser Gypsum. He was a member of S.I.R.S., and a former parishioner of Christ the King Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Nadine Donnelly Durant; children Michael and David Durant, Barbara Davies and Judy Keenan; sisters Bernice Winslow, Carol Arthur, Rose Tanforan and Marleen Barnes; and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Janice; daughter Denise; granddaughter Genevieve; brother Gerald; and sister Marcella.

A vigil was held Nov. 19 and a Mass was celebrated Nov. 20 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Contributions can be made to the Gerald & Clarence Durant Endowment Fund c/o St. Mary's High School, 1294 Albina Ave., Berkeley, CA 94706, Attn: Peter Boero.

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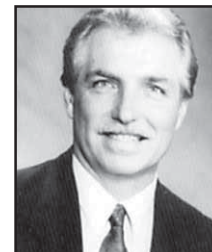
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Gonda Way at 10:50 a.m.

- Auto burglary on Anthurium Ct. at 12:15 p.m.
- Auto burglary on St. Helena Dr. at 4:08 p.m.
- Drugs violation on Garden Creek Pl. at 5:11 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 6:57 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on El Cerro Blvd. and I-680 southbound off ramp at 10:49 p.m.

### Friday, Nov. 17

- Suspicious circumstances on Fairview St. at 1:35 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. at 3:14 p.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on El Pinto at 3:18 p.m.

- Accident on La Gonda Way at 3:35 p.m.

### Saturday, Nov. 18


- Battery on Hidden Hills Pl. at 12:06 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Rassani Dr. at 12:25 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Town and Country Dr. at 12:50 p.m.
- Identity theft on Avon Ct. at 2:08 p.m.
- Weapon on school grounds on Love Ln. at 2:27 p.m.
- Vandalism on Mustang Dr. at 2:34 p.m.
- Vandalism on Love Ln. at 3:53 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Love Ln. at 4:49 p.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:24 p.m.
- Promiscuous shooting on Toyon Terrace at 10:15 p.m.

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# Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Art

### Alamo-Danville Artists' Society

This society will present a group showing of art work from Nov. 21-Jan. 16, at the Danville Town offices, 510 La Gonda Way. The offices are open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

### California Watercolor Association

An art exhibit featuring Robin Purcell's "Below Fossil Ridge," Helene Yu-June Rice's "Landscape," and Samantha McNally's "Victoria's Roses" will run until Dec. 8 at the gallery in Blackhawk Plaza, Danville. Call 648-9113.

### Holiday Art Sale

Civic Arts Education and the Clay Arts Guild will host their annual Holiday Art Sale with an opening party from 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7. The sale, which includes Danville artists' works, will go on from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, at Ceramics in Studios, 1313 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 943-5846.

## Civic Meetings

### Danville Parks and Leisure Services Commission

The Commission meets regularly on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

### Danville Planning Commission

The Commission meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

### Town Council Meeting

The Danville Town Council normally meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St.

## Classes

### World School of Massage and Holistic Healing Arts

World School of Massage and Holistic Arts will offer free classes in Holistic Health from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Nov. 29; and from 3:30-5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the school, 699 Peters Ave., Pleasanton. Call 461-2533.

## 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](http://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/bascingles/>.

### Blackhawk Republican Women

This club will host a luncheon meeting starting at 11:15 a.m., Monday, Dec. 11, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. Please bring an unwrapped gift for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation. Lunch is \$16. Guests are welcome. Reservations are required by noon, Friday, Dec. 8 by calling Ms. Lyons at 820-6452.

### Danville Area Cultural Alliance

This club will host the Danville Arts Salon at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, at 233 Front Street, Danville. Truth, Honesty and Integrity will be the theme. Bring finger food, drinks, donation and a chair. Call 216-4590.

### 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, Dec. 20, at Heather Farm Garden Center, Upper Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 736-9157.

### Diablo Valley Women in Business

This club will host "Wisdom in the Workplace: Working with your Intuition" workshop at 7:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 8, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Tickets are \$25 for members, \$40 for non-members; breakfast included. Visit [www.dvwb.org](http://www.dvwb.org) or email [information@dvwb.org](mailto:information@dvwb.org).

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

### Friends of the Danville Library

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

### Homeowner/Homebuyer Book Club

The Homeowner/Homebuyer Book Club is a place to learn, share and discuss. It meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month, at 3223 Crow Canyon Road, second floor Conference room, San Ramon. Call 397-2093.

### Kiwanis San Ramon Valley

The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis meets from noon-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Mudds Restaurant in San Ramon. Meeting includes a guest speaker and lunch. For information, visit its Web site at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org).

### Model RC Boaters Association

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

### Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

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

### Mt. Diablo Macintosh Users Group

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

### Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

The organization meets every second Thursday of the month and will start up the new year with their first meeting, Thursday, Jan. 11, at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

## Concerts

### Blackhawk Chorus

Come and see the 130-voice Blackhawk Chorus perform "Rejoice Greatly!" at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 7557 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Tickets are \$15. Call 828-1580 or visit [www.resluthdublin.org](http://www.resluthdublin.org).

### Celebrate Christmas Concert

Danville Community Band presents its holiday concert "Celebrate Christmas" with music from The Polar Express, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J.S.

Bach and more. The concerts starts at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, at East Bay Fellowship, 2615 Camino Tassajara Road, Danville. This event is free. Call 736-1673.

### Deck The Hall For All

Danville Girls Chorus will perform "Deck the Hall for All" with seasonal music from around the world at noon, Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. Isidore, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 837-2624.

### Flute Concert World Premier

Civic Arts Education will host a "Flute Concert Featuring World Premier" at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, at Civic Arts Education, Shadelands Campus, 111 N. Wiget, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$7. Call 943-5842.

### HNU Orchestra

The orchestra will perform the First Symphonies of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, at Regents' Theatre, Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for students. Call (510) 436-1330 or visit [www.hnu.edu/academics/MusicEvents.html](http://www.hnu.edu/academics/MusicEvents.html).

### SRVHS Winter Concerts

San Ramon Valley High School will host a Winter Jazz Concert featuring the jazz band and ensemble at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5, and the Winter Symphonic Concert featuring the orchestra, concert and symphonic bands at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, both at the school, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students; \$1 with ASB card. Call 552-5580.

### The Edlos

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host holiday music by The Edlos at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Advance tickets are \$10, \$14 and \$18 for adults; and \$6, \$10 and \$14 for children. Call 931-3444.

### Winterfest

Conductor Duane Carroll and the Contra Costa Wind Symphony will host "Winterfest" at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 11, at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. This event is free, but donations are accepted. Call 944-5392.

### Young Performers Concerts

The talented youngsters of Young Performers Orchestra and Diablo Regional Youth Orchestra will present their Holiday Concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Shadelands Campus of Civic Arts Education, 111 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Advance tickets are \$10, \$12 at the door. Call 943-5846.

## Events

### Coffee, Music and Shopping

Yellow Wood will host the San Ramon Valley School Choir at 10 a.m., Saturdays, Nov. 25, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, at the shop, 215 Alamo Plaza, Suite E, Alamo. Call 837-1175.

### 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.

### Lock and Key Party

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

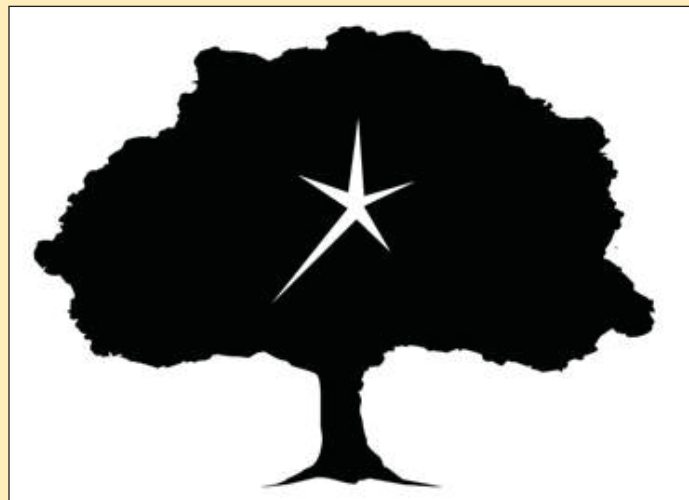
### Mayor's Installation and Community Service Awards

The Town of Danville will host the Mayor's Installation and Community Service Awards at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Call 314-3401.

### Night of Stars Community Awards Dinner

San Ramon Chamber of Commerce

## WEEKEND PREVIEW



DANVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Lighting of the Old Oak Tree

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

will host its Night of Stars Community Awards Dinner from 5:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, at San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Tickets are \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members. Call 242-0600 or visit [www.sanramon.org](http://www.sanramon.org).

### YoungLife

San Ramon Valley YoungLife has been the leaders in reaching out to adolescents for the past 60 years. They will meet for coffee at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29, at a private residence. For information, contact Michele Sbrana at 270-7185 or [msbrana@aol.com](mailto:msbrana@aol.com).

## Exhibits

### Christmas Memories at the Museum

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley will host "Christmas Memories" from Nov. 24-Jan. 6, at the museum, corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues, Danville. Donations are encouraged for admission. The museum is open 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. Call 837-3750.

### European Train Enthusiasts

Blackhawk Museum presents the European Train Enthusiasts exhibit from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 24-Jan. 7, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The exhibit will include 360' of track, 57 turn-outs, 35 working signals and more! Call 736-2277.

## Fundraisers

### Annual Holiday Shopping Event

The Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. (JLOEB) and Crate and Barrel will host "The Crate and Barrel Shopping Night" from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, at the store, 1115 Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$30 at the door. Proceeds including ticket sales and 15 percent of all purchases will benefit JLOEB. Call 284-3740.

### Garage Sale

SRV Fibro SFS and CFIDS and Chronic Pain Support will host their annual garage sale from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25, at 82 Cumberland Court, Danville. No early birds. There will be purses, antiques and more! Proceeds will benefit this group.

### Help Charlotte Wood School

Barnes & Noble in Walnut Creek will

donate 30% of all purchases made Thursday, Nov. 30, to Charlotte Wood Middle School. All you need to do is present your coupon and start shopping; coupons are available at [www.cwms.srusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.cwms.srusd.k12.ca.us).

### Holiday Tea and Fashion Show

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

### Sudanese Benefit Show

The Athenian School will host a Sudanese Benefit Show to raise money for the victims of Sudanese genocide, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Center for the Arts, 2100 Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd., Danville. There will be performances by Athenian School students and outside performers. Donations are greatly appreciated, which will benefit SaveDarfur. Visit [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org).

### Thrift Shop Promotions

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

### Toys for Tots

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Danville will host a collection site for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots until Friday, Dec. 15, at 300 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Toys should be new and unwrapped. Call 837-4100.

## Holidays

### Annual Holiday Home Tour

Danville-Alamo Branch of American Association of University Women presents its second annual Holiday Home Tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2. Tickets are \$25 by Nov. 25, \$30 thereafter. Proceeds will benefit Local Scholarships and Tech Trek science camps. Call 820-6158.

### Celebrating the Joy of Christmas Tree Lane

Valley Care Health System has holiday events to celebrate includ-

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ing: Family Stroll, a photo with Santa, light refreshments and more from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, and cost is \$10 (up to six people); Tinsel Tea is from 10 a.m.-noon, Friday, Dec. 1, and cost is \$20; Silent Night Soiree is from 6:30-11 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, and cost is \$60; and a gourmet luncheon with entertainment and drawings from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2. All of these events are at Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindberg Way, Livermore. Proceeds will benefit ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center. Call 373-4560.

**Here Comes Santa Claus!**

Here Comes Santa Claus...Right Down Sycamore Valley Lane with an arrival at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 26, at the Danville Livery, off of I-680 at Sycamore Valley Road West and San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. He will visit with children from noon-3 p.m. The Livery will host a Holiday Open House from noon-5 p.m. including many different special activities at different shops like Elegant Clutter. Santa will continue to appear on selected dates until Christmas for parents to take their own photos. Call 838-7070 or visit www.danvillelivery.com.

**Holiday Performances, Santa and Pet Photos**

Blackhawk Plaza will host holiday performances by local area school choirs and jazz bands, and Santa Claus will be at the plaza to pose for pictures from Nov. 25-Dec. 24. The plaza is located at 3480 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. For information, call 736-2751 or visit www.theshopsatblackhawk.com.

**Lighting of the Old Oak Tree**

Danville Chamber of Commerce will host the Lighting of the Old Oak Tree from 5:15-8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24, on Diablo Road. The lighting ceremony will start at 6:15 p.m. The magic will continue with music, entertainment and refreshments. Call 837-4400 or visit www.danvillechamber.com. The Museum of San Ramon Valley will host a holiday celebration with hot cider during the opening of their "Christmas Memories in the Museum" at 6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24, at the museum, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-3750.

**Lights of the Valley**

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

**Menorah Lighting Ceremonies**

Blackhawk Plaza will host the Beth Chaim Congregation's Menorah lighting at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15, and Thursday, Dec. 21, at the plaza, 3480 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Call 736-2751 or visit www.theshopsatblackhawk.com.

**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 two 4x6 photos and frames. Call 426-8656.

**Sing-A-Long Messiah**

San Ramon Arts Foundation presents "Sing A-Long Messiah" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Visit www.sanramonarts.org.

**Kids & Teens**

**Bethlehem Breakfast**

Creekside Community Church will host a festive breakfast and crafts for children K-5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, at the church, 1350 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Cost is \$10 per child. Registration is required by visiting www.creeksidechurch.com. For information, call 820-9031.

**Spanish for Preschoolers**

Town of Danville will host a new class, "Spanish for Preschoolers," for

children ages 3-5 years old meeting from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 9-March 6, at Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. The cost for Danville residents is \$222, \$266 for non-residents. An additional \$20 materials fee will be due on the first day of class. Call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

**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 Activities**

The San Ramon Valley YMCA hosts a number of activities including Adventure Guides/Princesses, Adventure Trailblazers, Youth Basketball, Youth Lacrosse and Youth Soccer for children of all ages. For information, call 831-1100 or visit www.mdrymca.org.

**Lectures/ Workshops**

**Choral Workshops**

San Ramon Community Center will host choral workshops at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 25; and at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, at the community center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths ages 12 and under; visit www.sanramon.ca.gov/tickets.

**Medicare in 2007**

San Ramon Regional Medical Center and HICAP will present a free seminar on "Medicare 2007: Get Ready for Major Changes and 55 Drug Plans" from 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the hospital's South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Call (800) 284-2878 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

**Literary Events**

**First Wednesday Programs**

The Friends of the Danville Library and the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley sponsor First Wednesday programs in the Mt. Diablo Room of the Danville Library, 400 Front St., at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, October through May, with the exception of January. The program is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Call 938-7323.

**Library Book Discussions**

The Book Discussion Group has chosen books for 2006. The discussion group meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of every month from September through May at the Mt. Diablo room of the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Everyone is welcome.

**Miscellaneous**

**2006 Citizen, Business and Educator of the Year Nominations**

Danville Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for the 2006 Citizen, Business and Educator of the year. Forms can be found at the Chamber offices, 117-E Town and Country Drive, Danville or by visiting danvillechamber.com/join\_us.html. The deadline is Friday, Dec. 15. Call 837-4400.

**Bikes Needed for Adopt-A-Family**

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Monument Crisis Center and the Salvation Army are teaming up to collect bikes for Adopt-A-Family. Bikes can be dropped off until Nov. 30, at the church, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Call 837-4993, ext. 12.

**Danville Grange Hall Blood Drive**

Blood donations are always needed and area residents will have a chance to donate blood from 11:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at the Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Road, Danville. Call (800) 448-3543 or visit www.beadonor.com.

**Seniors**

**Bridge**

Seniors meet to play bridge from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Friday at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Cost is \$1. Reservations are required. Call Jerri Kaldem at 837-6283.

**Buzz Sessions**

Town of Danville presents Buzz Sessions for seniors from 1-2:30 p.m., each fourth Tuesday of the month, at Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. These events are free, but register to reserve your place by calling 314-3400.

**Danville Senior Citizens Club**

The club meets from 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., every Monday at the Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., for line dancing exercise, bingo, mah jong and more. Membership is just \$10 a year. Call Fran Britt at 743-4026.

**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.

**Holiday Luncheon**

Town of Danville will host its annual Seniors Holiday Luncheon from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, at Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. Cost is \$19 for Danville residents, \$23 for non-residents. 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 nondenominational gathering of "seasoned citizens" from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. A home-cooked lunch is served at noon for \$3. Call Ruth Ann at 820-6387.

**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.

**Valley Oak Respite Center Activities for Seniors**

Valley Oak Respite provides an inter-

active program for frail seniors and those afflicted with Alzheimer's or related dementias and physical disabilities, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1936 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. The cost is \$25 per session, which includes a morning snack and beverage; participants should bring a bag lunch. For information or an application, call Carmen McCarthy at 945-8040.

groups for caregivers and life after cancer. Groups meet at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. For times and days, call 933-0107.

**ClutterLess Self Help Group**

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

**Danville TOPS**

The Danville chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets at 9 a.m., every Tuesday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road. Call Bob Blendow at 935-9344 or Rosemarie at 838-7870

**Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous**

Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? There is a solution to weight and diet obsession. This effective 12-step program has proven results. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every Wednesday, at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. For a complete listing of East Bay meetings, call 600-6028 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

**Hospice Offers Support**

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa offers a variety of support groups and workshops for people experiencing grief and loss after the

**Spiritual**

**Longing for the Healing Balm of Christ Coming**

San Damiano will host "Longing for the Healing Balm of Christ Coming" from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 or 14, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Cost is \$15, pre-registration is recommended. Call 837-9141 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

**Support Groups**

**Cancer Support Groups**

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death of a loved one. Individual grief counseling for Hospice families is also available. Groups are offered from 7-9 p.m., Friday evenings at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo. All groups and workshops are offered without fee and require preregistration. For a schedule of groups in the Pleasant Hill area, for additional information and/or to register, call 887-5678.

**Overeaters Anonymous**

The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia and bulimia. It meets from 7-8 p.m., every Tuesday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No fees. Call Susie at 275-1391.

**Parkinson's Support Group**

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

**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.

**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**

**Blackhawk Museum Docent Training**

If you are interested in becoming a much appreciated part of the Blackhawk Museum family while contributing to your community, making new friends, learning new things, and having fun, become a docent! Call 736-2280, ext. 238.

**Child Abuse Prevention Council**

The Contra Costa County Child Abuse Prevention Council needs volunteer speakers for the community education program. Volunteers must complete a mandatory 24-hour speaker's training course. For information, call 946-9961.

**Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art**

The academy seeks new volunteers and members to help with tasks ranging from bookkeeping to recruiting instructors. The group meets noon-1 p.m., the second Friday of the month at Richard's Art & Craft Store, 225 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call Beth Batchelor at 837-5654.

**Friends of Discovery**

Discovery Counseling Center has received more than \$5 million, thanks to Friends of Discovery. The organization is looking for volunteers who can commit eight hours per month in the Thrift Station, 486 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Call Le Anne, 837-7998.

**Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa**

This organization is looking for volunteers to help serve in East Contra Costa County. Positions open are: men and women to provide companionship and practical support for terminally ill patients and families, licensed hair stylists and certified massage therapists. Free annual training will begin Jan. 17. Call 887-5678 or e-mail volunteers@hospicecc.org.

**Lindsay Wildlife Museum**

Docents are needed to lead class tours, teaching children and others about our important connection with wildlife and the world we share. No experience needed. Call 627-2444 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

**Make a Difference**

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

**Rides for Seniors in Lafayette**

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

**Search and Rescue**

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San Ramon, 3BR/2BA - 2495

**825 Homes/Condos for Sale**

Dublin, 3 BR/2.5 BA - 589,888

Dublin, 3BR/2BA

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Livermore, 4BR/2BA

Pleasanton, 3 BR/2.5 BA - 635000

Pleasanton, 4 BR/2.5 BA - \$799,000

Pleasanton, 4 BR/3.5 BA - \$1370000

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## HOME SALES

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| <p><b>Alamo</b><br/> <b>10 Glencreek Lane</b> Tice Valley Partners to S. &amp; I. Pinto for \$350,000</p> <p><b>Danville</b><br/> <b>505 Buttonwood Drive</b> Potstada Trust to R. Gephart for \$975,000<br/> <b>2213 Genoa Street</b> Lennar Homes to M. &amp; R. Rehberger for \$1,067,500<br/> <b>142 Nanterre Street</b> KB Homes to E. Magno for \$860,500<br/> <b>148 Nanterre Street</b> KB Homes to A. &amp; E. Safari for \$856,500<br/> <b>160 Nanterre Street</b> KB Homes to A. Chidambaram for \$893,500<br/> <b>1049 Ocho Rios Drive</b> C. King-Exline to G. &amp; R. Dohrmann for \$1,489,000<br/> <b>932 Redwood Drive</b> Quattro Trust to L. Bay for \$1,175,000<br/> <b>408 Rioja Court</b> KB Homes to T. Wong for \$1,114,500<br/> <b>415 Rioja Court</b> KB Homes to H. &amp; T. Hazen for \$1,193,000<br/> <b>2023 Scarlet Oak Place</b> J. &amp; D. Jones to D. Pineda for \$1,629,000</p> | <p><b>3845 Sheffield Circle S. &amp; I.</b> Horowitz to R. Baba for \$1,012,000</p> <p><b>Walnut Creek</b><br/> <b>1772 3rd Avenue</b> Costa-Mcintire Trust to M. &amp; S. Brennan for \$750,000<br/> <b>1315 Alma Avenue #163</b> Alpine of Alma Development to Engel Trust for \$466,000<br/> <b>1065 Arkell Road</b> F. &amp; E. Plunkett to D. &amp; A. Rowe for \$724,000<br/> <b>825 Ashley Lane</b> Anderson Trust to T. &amp; D. Miller for \$2,000,000<br/> <b>22 Brandon Oaks Place</b> R. &amp; L. Gardner to G. &amp; L. Tinfov for \$970,000<br/> <b>2726 Buena Vista Avenue</b> N. &amp; S. Hart to L. Durben for \$750,000<br/> <b>167 Calle Nogales</b> A. &amp; U. Beck to J. Brown for \$900,000<br/> <b>589 High Eagle Court</b> Phillips Trust to Chow Trust for \$875,000<br/> <b>1451 Los Vecinos</b> K. Choy to R. Giles for \$550,000<br/> <b>201 Masters Court #1</b> Fairways 340 Limited to C. Salandra for \$245,500</p> | <p><b>227 Masters Court #1</b> Fairways 340 Limited to M. Strong for \$355,000<br/> <b>227 Masters Court #3</b> Fairways 340 Limited to S. McCormick for \$355,000<br/> <b>315 Masters Court #3</b> Fairways 340 Limited to B. Thiessen for \$356,000<br/> <b>135 Montecito Crescent</b> Miner Trust to R. Rahimi for \$980,000<br/> <b>2550 Oak Road #111</b> Bridgeport Commons to N. Nayar for \$349,000<br/> <b>2720 Oak Road #128</b> K. &amp; H. Ng to R. Zameni for \$375,000<br/> <b>2530 Oak Road #207</b> Bridgeport Commons to D. &amp; L. Iwasa for \$460,000<br/> <b>2617 Olympic Boulevard</b> B. &amp; S. Martin to J. Erven for \$879,000<br/> <b>1727 Orleans Court</b> P. &amp; S. Frey to J. Bentley for \$712,000<br/> <b>2833 Ptarmigan Drive #4</b> Paxton Trust to Kanter Trust for \$365,000<br/> <b>696 Rockcreek Court</b> Mackintosh Trust to J. Yu for \$845,000<br/> <b>1636 San Luis Road</b> M. Pressnell to J. Smith for \$449,000</p> |
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## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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| <p><b>Alamo</b></p> <p><b>5 Bedrooms</b><br/> <b>94 Park Meadow Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 Intero <b>\$1,595,000</b> 997-5120</p> <p><b>Danville</b></p> <p><b>3 Bedrooms</b><br/> <b>154 Lawnview Cir.</b> Sun 1-4 Better Homes <b>\$599,550</b> 389-0618<br/> <b>167 Heritage Park Pl.</b> Sun 1-4 Keller Williams <b>\$655,900</b> 855-6410</p> <p><b>4 Bedrooms</b><br/> <b>1001 Horizon Ct.</b> Sun 1-4 Intero <b>\$1,262,000</b> 736-1666<br/> <b>250 Tim Ct.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 Better Homes <b>\$1,550,000</b> 389-0618<br/> <b>11 Jillian Wy.</b> Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero <b>\$1,748,900</b> 818-4078</p> | <p><b>5 Bedrooms</b><br/> <b>444 Vanessa Wy.</b> Sun 1-4 Re/Max <b>\$1,395,000</b> 735-7653<br/> <b>246 Stetson Dr.</b> Sun 1-4:30 Prudential CA <b>\$879,000</b> 876-5554<br/> <b>1390 Brookside Dr.</b> Sun 1-4 Intero <b>\$989,900</b> 997-1123</p> <p><b>San Ramon</b></p> <p><b>2 Bedrooms</b><br/> <b>3747 Crow Canyon Rd.</b> Sun 1-4 Pacific Union <b>\$474,950</b> 285-1728</p> <p><b>3 Bedrooms</b><br/> <b>1407 Dawn Ct.</b> Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker <b>\$599,000</b> 640-8283<br/> <b>1094 Vista Pointe Cir.</b> Sun 1-4 Intero <b>\$710,000</b> 885-4128</p> |
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This week's data represents homes sold during November 2006

Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 1	Total sales reported: 11	Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: \$350,000	Lowest sale reported: \$856,500	Lowest sale reported: \$245,500
Highest sale reported: \$350,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,629,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,000,000
Average sales reported: \$350,000	Average sales reported: \$1,115,045	Average sales reported: \$674,092

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**5 Bedrooms**  
**4025 Tulip Wy.** **\$1,565,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-6410

## Dublin

**2 Bedrooms**  
**7445 Oxford Cir.** **\$535,950**  
 Sun 2-5 Re/Max 519-0080

**3 Bedrooms**  
**4837 Swinford Ct.** **\$599,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5069

**3981 Strafford Ct.** **\$695,000**  
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 963-0093

**4 Bedrooms**  
**3916 Strafford Ct.** **\$779,000**  
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero 963-0093

## Pleasanton

**2 Bedrooms**  
**680 Concord Pl.** **\$449,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-4663

**4 Bedrooms**  
**4444 First St.** **\$1,289,000**  
 Sun 1-4 By Owner 650-743-1796

**3955 Churchill Dr.** **\$749,900**  
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4300

**4642 Sierrawood Ln.** **\$834,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Re/Max 915-1112

## 5 Bedrooms

**127 Monaco Ct.** **\$1,285,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 621-4062

## Livermore

**2 Bedrooms**

**4763 Nicol Cmn., #112** **\$389,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 455-7020

## 3 Bedrooms

**727 Del Mar Ave.** **\$589,950**  
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-7355

**465 Cedar Dr.** **\$625,000**  
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Valley Properties 872-1323

**551 North P St.** **\$685,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Valley Properties 640-0869

## 4 Bedrooms

**196 Summertree Dr.** **\$749,000**  
 Sun 1-5 Valley Properties 487-2080

**2142 Autinori Ct.** **\$949,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Valley Properties 455-6048

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# of Bedrooms \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Price of property \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sharon Dare & Dave Bauer** **925.855.4041**



## 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**



## ALAMO

**Privately Gated Alamo Ridge** **\$3,497,000**  
Smashing views of Mt. Diablo, nearly 7 acres, beautifully appointed and crafted w/extensive trim work. Main level master, 4bd, 3-full/2-half baths.  
**Carol Erbert** **925.736.1666**



## DIABLO

**Direct Golf Cart Access** **\$3,195,000**  
Totally remodeled 5bd, 4ba single level tucked away for complete seclusion. Sits on the 7th tee w/panoramic golf course views.  
**John Lopes** **925.998.8262**



## 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. Fabulous 4bd, 3.5ba single level with upgrades throughout. Party-time rear yard w/outdoor kitchen.  
**John Lopes & Khrista Jarvis** **925.998.8262**



## ALAMO

**Totally Remodeled Westside** **\$1,595,000**  
4bd, 3ba, slab granite in kitchen, wood & travertine floors. Many French doors, all new windows, new master bath. Great grounds.  
**The McDougall Team** **925.672.2499**



## DANVILLE

**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.  
**Joyce Papas & Glen Landrum** **925.855.4075**



## ALAMO

**Perfect!** **\$1,299,950**  
Gorgeous single story w/fabulous yard. Remodeled w/hardwood flooring, plantation shutters, remodeled kitchen, fresh decorator paint.  
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