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Pat Read
manager



Yes, especially in groups of women. They seem to gossip a lot.

Tom Miles
sales



I saw that survey. I think they do. They have more to say. I think they just describe something in more detail. My wife said they have more to say.

Tim Deasy
retired plumber



That's a tough question. It boils down to what they have to say. You could say a lot and not say anything. Men and women can all have a lot to say on a subject. It's a baited question.

Greg Vejby
marketing manager



Yeah. They are more talkative. They're emotional. They are passionate.

Michelle Vejby
publications manager

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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—Danville mom Julie Steele, inventor of the No Squeeze
Juice Box Holder. See story, page 16.

Early registration for kindergarten

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District is conducting kindergarten registration for the 2007-08 school year earlier than normal, said district officials. Parents of incoming kindergarten students can pick up registration packets at their resident school beginning Jan. 23.

To enter kindergarten in the fall, children must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 2. To register, families must provide a birth certificate, passport or baptismal record to verify the student's birth date; proof of complete immunization records and of a physical exam; and evidence of residence.

For more information, visit the district Web site at www.srvusd.net, contact the resident school, or call 552-2914.

Mission period on display

The new exhibit opening at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley on Tuesday, “The Sword and the Cross,” highlights the Hispanic Era in the Valley, 1772-1850. After nearly 300 years in the New World, a Spanish expedition came to Alta California in 1769. The Spanish brought the sword and the cross, setting up four presidios, three pueblos and 21 missions. The missions became the religious, economic and social centers of the Spanish empire's northwestern frontier, and as Indians moved to them, their village life disintegrated.

The display includes artifacts from the era, including a “santo,” a religious figure of St. Francis, circa 1550; and a vestment from Mission San Jose, circa 1850. Founded in 1797, Mission San Jose lands covered most of the East Bay, including the San Ramon Valley. The San Ramon Creek and valley were named for Ramon, an Indian alcalde who tended sheep here.

The exhibit runs Jan. 23-May 5. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. The museum is located in the old train depot at 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-3750.

Piepho heading up supervisors

District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho was sworn in as the new chairwoman of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors on Jan. 9 and will now conduct the weekly Board of Supervisors meetings for Contra Costa County. Her new responsibilities will include moving the agenda along verbally, calling on speakers for agenda items, calling on members of the public for comment, and directing the board to make motions.

Piepho said the position will allow her to “bring forth her focus on efficient and cost effective county services” while balancing the county budget. The meetings take place at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in Martinez at 651 Pine St.

O'Neill Foundation honored at Shellies

A Special Producers Award was presented to the Eugene O'Neill Foundation on Saturday at the Shellie Awards, which recognize outstanding achievement in the performing arts in Central Contra Costa County. The year's awards honored more than 120 individuals for work between Sept. 1, 2005, and Aug. 31, 2006.

The 13 regional companies that participated include the Role Players Ensemble, Contra Costa Musical Theatre and Diablo Light Opera Company. Presenters included Danville Mayor Mike Shimansky.

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A mother and children pause before crossing the street in front of the library. The attractive brick paving at this spot is not a crosswalk.

Library patrons must beware when crossing Front Street

Attractive brick pathway by library is not a crosswalk

by Jordan M. Doronila

The brick paving that connects the Danville Public Library to the other side of Front Street and the Eugene O'Neill memorial was made for decoration, not for crossing, said town officials.

A resident complained to Danville Mayor Mike Shimansky at his informal coffee gathering at Father Nature's earlier this month that it was dangerous to use the "crosswalk" at the library on Front

Street because cars went too fast.

However, Town Manager Joe Calabrigo and Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel said this part of the street was paved with bricks for aesthetic purposes and it is not intended for pedestrians.

"It is not a crosswalk," Calabrigo said. "It is decorative paving. We wouldn't encourage people to walk across the street in that location."

"It was not meant to be a crosswalk ... though people use it," Wenzel said.

Wenzel encouraged pedestrians to cross the street at the traffic signal; the closest one is at the end of

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Town holding workshops to understand senior priorities

by Natalie O'Neill

Seniors with something to get off their chests will have a chance to vocalize their needs Wednesday at the Danville Town Meeting Hall.

The town is taking its first public steps in an effort to understand the age group by putting on a workshop to gather feedback on facilities, programs, services and activities for Danville seniors.

The workshops will be held from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Jan. 24 and will include a group discussion

and hands-on exercises to gather information. Residents of Danville who are 45 and older are invited to attend.

"It will be very interactive. We're hoping to identify high priority issues," said Marcia Somers, assistant town manager.

The sessions will be run by the town and BW Research Partnership, a research information firm that will use the senior dialogue to frame a phone survey that will be conducted in Danville. The survey will then be used by the town to

learn how to accommodate seniors more effectively.

"We want seniors to be involved and to feel like they have a voice," said Chris Panton, 70, who is a member of the newly formed Danville Senior Alliance.

Topics to be discussed include how programs should be run and organized.

"How they are set up is vitally important," Panton said.

In November a group of seniors confronted the Town Council, stating there is a need for a senior

center to facilitate programs and activities for the aging population of Danville.

Town staff says a facility is feasible but information is needed on how the center would function. This can be determined by understanding what types of recreation seniors prefer, Somers said.

In part, this is what researchers hope to gather from the meeting. And seniors say they hope the community workshop will be productive.

"I hope something comes of it,

that it isn't just a gripe session," Panton said. "When you get old, a lot of times you're crotchety."

Another need seniors expressed in past weeks was a desire for excellent staff personnel to work with them. Some said that the people who work with them are even more important than getting a senior center.

"(Staff) needs to have empathy for seniors and to really like them as a group and as individuals,"

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Road is royal for one day

Responsible sign manufacturer eating crow

by Natalie O'Neill

Eagle-eyed commuters got a chuckle from a misprinted freeway exit sign that hung northbound on I-680 in Danville last week.

Crow Canyon Road became royalty for 24 hours when a "Crown Canyon Road" sign was accidentally bolted into place by Caltrans late on the night of Jan 10.

After receiving phone calls reporting the error, Caltrans contractors covered up the offending "n" with a material of similar color and texture the following night. Information officials from Caltrans said outside sign manufacturers were responsible for the mistake and that it didn't cost them any money to correct the sign.

"It's simple human error. The story is that we provided them with the information and they added a little something extra," said infor-

mation officer Brigetta Smith.

In the interest of time, Caltrans chose the faster repair option instead of replacing the sign, which would have taken about six months to print and put up. Officials said contractors were already in the area and fixed the sign with no complications.

"In this case we chose to cover up the end—to do a quick fix for the sake of time," Smith said.

Misprints like this stem from the fact that manufacturers are sometimes not familiar with the areas for which they are printing signs, Smith said. Although she had no record of how often sign misprints occur, she noted it's not uncommon considering the amount of signs for which Caltrans is responsible.

"It happens probably more than we'd like to admit," she said.

Replacing the sign completely wouldn't have necessarily cost Caltrans more money, Smith said.



On Wednesday last week the freeway turnout to Crow Canyon Road took on a regal aspect. Caltrans corrected the sign later that day to read Crow Canyon Road.

But in general a freeway sign's functionality usually is more of an issue than its aesthetics.

"We could have shifted the (cost)

burden to the manufactures but we chose not to," Smith said.

While there are slight visible remnants that a culprit "n" once

existed, it will not affect the use of the freeway sign. ■

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American Legion Oratorical Committee Chairman Ronald R. Roe congratulates the participants in the Oratorical Competition held last week, (l-r) Abbe Shaw, Angela Meng, Natasha Gupta and Daniel Lin.

Four compete in oratorical competition

Monte Vista's Natasha Gupta takes the prize

Four students from the district high schools competed last week in the annual American Legion High School Oratorical Competition, sponsored by Post 246 at the Veterans Hall in Danville.

Monte Vista sophomore Natasha Gupta was named the winner and presented with a \$100 check, a gold medal and a certificate of participation.

Other contestants were senior Abbe Shaw and junior Angela Meng from San Ramon Valley High, and senior Daniel Lin representing California High. They all received certificates of participation.

"All of the local high school were represented. We were really happy about that," said Oratorical Committee Chairman Ronald R. Roe.

"Next year we will have an additional high school, Dougherty

Valley High," he added.

The competition focuses on the United States Constitution with an emphasis on the duties and responsibilities of American citizens to the Constitution and the U.S. government.

The contest consisted of a prepared eight to 10-minute oration on some phase of the Constitution followed by a three to five-minute speech on a topic assigned on the spot regarding a specific clause, section or amendment.

"This year's contest was particularly competitive and all the students delivered excellent orations," said Roe.

Winner Natasha Gupta will now advance to the district competition, which will be hosted by American Legion Post 246 at the Danville Veterans Hall at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11. It is open to the public.

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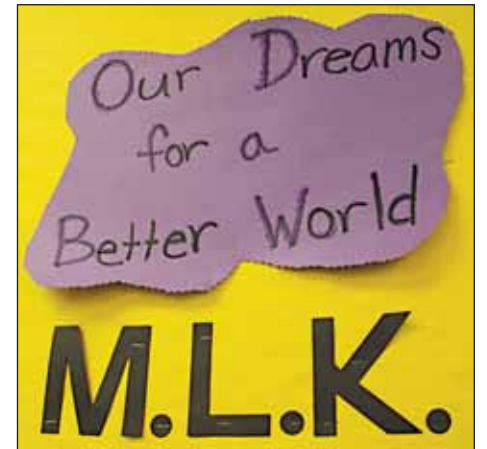


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JORDAN M. DORONILA

Remembering the dream

Tyler Martinez, 6, and Leela Bundlie, 6, pencil in different hues of a picture of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. last Friday, Jan. 12, in Tami O'Brien's first-grade class at Montair Elementary School in Danville. The students created artwork talking about their dreams of peace and loving their families, in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which was a federal holiday Monday for schools. The class also listened to a recording of King's "I Have a Dream" speech, which he gave more than 40 years ago in Washington, D.C., and sang a song about King. The holiday is on the third Monday in January, and it was first celebrated in 1986. King, who was born Jan. 14, 1929, led the Civil Rights Movement, which resulted in social and legal reforms enacted to end racial discrimination against African-Americans and other minority groups.

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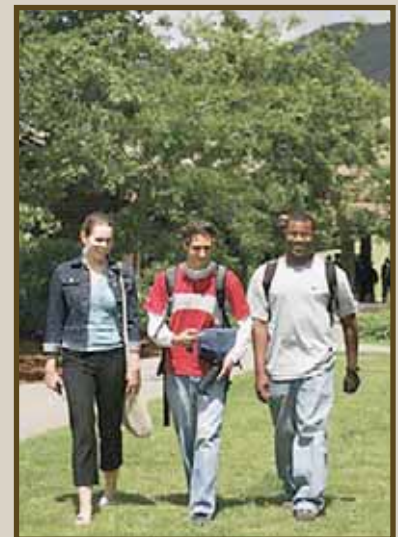
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Town fine-tunes investment policy

\$40 million invested for best yield, some liquidity

by Jordan M. Doronila

The Town of Danville's investment policy keeps its millions of dollars safe, said town staff, while giving a prudent yield.

The Danville Town Council last month approved the town's investment policy, guidelines of how its money is invested. Council members and staff review the policy every year, said Town Finance Director Elizabeth Hudson.

"We have done well with this policy," Hudson said. "It safeguards the money by very clearly saying what you can invest in five years."

The major change in the document this year involved making its wording compliant with California state code, specifically about which personnel are authorized to invest and stating they must follow the "prudent investor standard."

The town has an operating budget of \$22.5 million for 2006-07. It invests \$40 million in federal agencies; \$9 million in U.S. Treasury Bonds; \$10 million in cash in local agency funds; and \$5.3 million in U.S. Corporate Notes.

The local agency funds are highly liquid.

"We can pull money out of it daily," Hudson said.

The policy also defines the criteria of what investments are appropriate for the town's portfolio,

Hudson said.

But the town is unauthorized to purchase stock, she noted. "It (the policy) is very conservative," she said.

Some of the federal agencies the town invests in include Fannie Mae and the Federal Home Loan Corp., also known as Freddie Mac.

The policy has been refined incrementally over the years, said Hudson, in her staff report to the Town Council. She and an independent advisor have reviewed the policy this year.

She also noted the policy's objectives continue to be the safety of its principal, required liquidity of investments, and a prudent yield. ■

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Front Street

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Front Street at Hartz Way. If people do decide to walk across the decorative paving, he said, they should exercise caution.

"You have the choice to walk up to the traffic light or walk across the street," said City Engineer Steve Lake.

The decorative bricks were laid during the library's construction in 1996, Lake said.

Calabrigo said one of the functions the paving serves is to connect both sides of Front Street in case the road is closed during special events or festivals. The paving also contains sleeves for pipe bollards, which are cylindrical thick posts used to close off the street.

"The decorative paving ties both sides of the street together," Calabrigo said. "It's quite a wide swathe."

"You have to be very careful," Wenzel said. "It's unfortunate people take shortcuts."

Wenzel said he has not seen an increase of accidents caused by pedestrians using the paving. If the location does become hazardous, he said he would take action.

"If it became a problem, we would address it," he said. ■

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The brownish red bricks in front of the library are often mistaken for a crosswalk. But town officials warn that the attractive pavement is not a crosswalk.

Seniors

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Panton said. He added that creativity and interpersonal skills are also essential for the position.

Since the group of seniors confronted the Town Council, the town has addressed the issue head on. Staff members have begun working with vocal senior groups to determine what's lacking in the town's approach to senior activities.

Thus far, Panton, who is acting as a liaison between the Danville Senior Alliance and the steering committee, said experience working with the town has been "amazingly good and very cooperative."

"Obviously it's an important segment of the community,"

Somers said.

BW Research Partnership was chosen by members of the town staff and seniors working with them because of its experience surveying similar locations and age groups, Somers said.

The town currently offers day trips, bridge club, bocce ball and senior info sessions. But some seniors still feel that participating in adult recreation programs and church activities are their only recreation options. They say town-sponsored activities for the elderly are lacking.

Residents over 55 made up about 21 percent of the population in Danville, according to the 2000 census, and senior population is expected to grow dramatically over the next 10 years, as baby boomers

"We want seniors to be involved and to feel like they have a voice."

—Chris Panton, Danville Senior Alliance

become seniors.

Two sessions will be held to give older people who work or have daytime commitments a chance to participate in the evening session.

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Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Learning about others

What was your life like when you were in your 20s? Were you beginning a career or starting to raise a family? Were you in a refugee camp?

Paula Goldman, founder and director of the International Museum of Women, headquartered in San Francisco, has done a study of women around the world asking these questions and more. From the millions of responses, she compiled a book called "Imagining Ourselves, A Global Generation of Women" that includes 105 young women from 57 countries. Goldman was scheduled to speak this month to the Danville-Alamo Branch of American Association of University Women on what she has learned from these women.

Goldman's Web site details many fascinating projects, but one especially caught my eye: Yemen Dialogues. When I was still in my 20s, I moved to Jeddah, and one of my most memorable trips during the three years I lived in

the Mideast was a few days spent in Sana'a, the capital of Yemen. I went with my Danish friend, Ingrid, whose main objective was to purchase silver jewelry and artifacts at the souq. Our hotel was a renovated palace, and a large stone staircase wound round and round to our room on the fourth floor with views of fields in one direction and the ancient Arabic city in the other.

As temporary residents of Saudi Arabia, Ingrid and I yearned for the illegal pleasures of pork and alcohol, so after arriving in our room we picked up the old black telephone and called room service to request, "Two orders of bacon and eggs—with beer!" Our pleasure in our "forbidden" meal was a bit tempered by feelings of guilt because it was carried on a huge tray up all those steep stairs by a solemn-looking man in flowing robes who could only be described as ancient. However we did overcome our guilt to call for seconds.

We accomplished the goal of the

trip after several days of dedicated shopping in the souq, but I now regret that we never made the effort to talk to any of the women. We saw them, floating through the marketplace veiled from head to toe in outer garments as concealing as

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those in Saudi Arabia but colored blue with red and while circular patterns rather than black. In Jeddah I was always fascinated by the lovely feet of the women in the marketplace, their perfectly polished toenails visible in sandals. Sometimes

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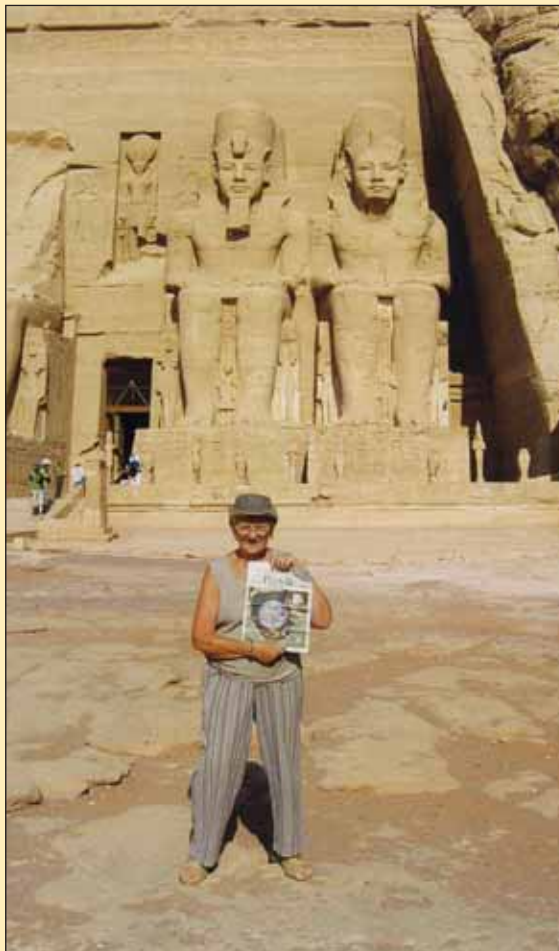
Goldman was in the midst of collecting stories from young women artists in Yemen in 2003 when they stopped communications as a protest against U.S. foreign policy when we invaded Iraq. Wanting to understand this action, she initiated a dialogue between young women here and in Yemen, asking what stereotypes they had about each other. A Yemeni woman studying in Canada said she had found the stereotype to be true that many Americans have little concern about world issues although some surprised her with their knowledge of the Mideast. Another woman from Yemen said she was shocked to learn there were large protests in the United States against the war and felt with this knowledge she was being introduced to a whole new world. "When many people here in Yemen refuse to deal with Americans, it is prejudging and a mistake," she wrote.

Goldman noted that as the bloodshed in Iraq continues, she realizes this exchange was "just a small drop of water in a vast, unfriendly ocean," and she needs to find more powerful ways "to ameliorate violent conflict." She was born to an expatriate family in Singapore and also lived in Jakarta before moving to Southern California; she graduated UC Berkeley and earned a master's in public affairs from Princeton. She's currently working toward a doctorate in social anthropology at Harvard. And, guys, she is currently looking for input from young men about how their roles are changing and their unique challenges and opportunities. Visit imaginingourselves.imow.org.

Goldman's AAUW speech had to be postponed and will probably take place in the fall. But I'm glad I heard about it now; it sparked wonderful memories of coming face to face with women in other cultures.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
can be e-mailed at editor@DanvilleWeekly.com.

TAKE US ALONG



Magnificent monuments

Jackie McKinley, who lives in Danville, poses with her Weekly at the Abu Simbel ruins south of Aswan while spending 10 days in Egypt with her daughter, Dr. Lorie Fridell. These ancient ruins made modern history in the 1960s when they were to be flooded by the Aswan Dam until the United Nations raised \$34 million to have them moved.



Among the Greek Isles

Sharol Tarabini of Danville keeps up with hometown news during her vacation in Santorini, Greece.



Breathtaking backdrop

Rob Crooker and Normalee Peszynski of Crow Canyon Country Club enjoy their Danville Weekly while staying at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada, in July.



Weekly joins reunion

Joseph (right) and Justin Bishop-Williams, seniors at Monte Vista High, brought their Weekly along when they met up in August with Bryce Ryness (center) at the Golden Gate Theatre in San Francisco, where he was touring with "Rent," in one of the lead parts. Bryce was active in drama and concert choir when he attended Monte Vista.



Hungarian rhapsody

Alamo residents Linda and John Griffin pause in front of the Chain Bridge, which crosses the Danube River in Budapest, Hungary, last August.

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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Bridging the gap

It's easy to get caught up in our own way of thinking. It is sometimes labeled being caught in one's egocentric predicament, unable to view reality from outside of one's own perceptions. And there is no doubt that this inability to see the larger picture causes problems, from forming personal relationships to conducting diplomacy worldwide.

How wonderful that the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church has taken a step to get people to expand their thinking. The church is presenting a series of workshops called "Bridging the Gap: Overcoming the Cultural Divide" to find out what groups better known for their differences have in common. The topics include the economy and the environment; science and religion; liberal and conservation issues; Christianity and Islam. The pastors at the church said the purpose of the dialogues is to bridge the differences between people who are diverse. They said they want to build a community rather than tear it apart.

In a similar vein, the American Association of University Women had scheduled a speaker who opens dialogues with people around the world, hoping to help everyone break down stereotypes and recognize their similarities. She refers to the young women in one international study as "the first global generation of women." The generation now in its 20s is the first to have the world at its fingertips, so to speak, thanks to technology.

The technical ability to communicate can only lead to resolving differences if the minds of the communicators are open enough to truly hear what the others are saying and to reach solutions together. Despite technology, chaos caused by the differences in the world continues unchecked.

What we do in Danville and Alamo may not cause a ripple on the world scene but at the very least it can help us respect each other and form our own opinions with an open mind. Kudos to the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church for responding to the grim state of the world with a positive step. For more information, call 837-5243.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sad night for US

Dear Editor:

For all USAmericans, Jan. 10 was a very sad night.

We, as USAmericans, witnessed a failure created at the beginning of the Iraq war and a resolution that must come now from other than George W. Bush. In Mr. Bush's speech, his body language illustrated surrender of the responsibility that was only amplified by his delivery of political jargon and his inability to make sense of any plan moving forward.

I am deeply saddened by this result because WE, as USAmericans, allowed this failure to compound over the past four years. More importantly, we must suffer the impact in global economy, community and humanity created by our participation in the resulting uncivil, tribal war.

WE gave George W. Bush election to the White House and the opportunity to create this failure, start to finish, and WE must take responsibility for its long-reaching impact on our economy and humanity. We are now alien to a global economy and community and clearly lack the leadership in government to resolve our global role going forward.

Jan. 10 was a very sad night.

Hal Bailey, Alamo

Mother Earth is smiling

Dear Editor:

On behalf of everyone at Electronic Waste Management, we would like to say a special thank you for helping make the e-waste recycling event Jan. 5-7 at Diablo Valley College the largest event we've had to date there. Our DVC events are always large, but this one took the cake!

We processed over 3,300 cars during the three-day event. The majority of the people dropping off their e-waste were from Contra Costa County, but people came from as far away as San Jose,

Marin, San Francisco and San Bruno.

And although we won't know the tonnage of the e-waste we collected for some time, it has to be more than several hundred thousand pounds—if not much more. All of which will be recycled and kept out of landfill. Not to mention the money people saved by being able to dispose of the e-waste at no charge.

Our events would not make such an incredible impact without the support of the entire community. So—thank you very much for your help in letting the Danville and Alamo community know about our events. We appreciate it, and I hope Mother Earth is smiling!

*Rhonda Chaikin, Electronic
Waste Management*

Best mileage ever

Dear Editor:

In keeping with my New Year's resolution never to tell a lie in 2007, some may know I'm retired from Chevron, and was transferred by them from downtown Houston, Texas, to Chevron Park in 1985. The following may be of interest to Danvillites interested in knowing the all-time best gas mileage.

We all know that Columbus believed the world was round when others believed it was flat and that if you traveled far enough you would go over the edge. We also know that Columbus reached what we now know as America.

While there are still a few who believe Columbus returned to Spain and told Queen Isabella that he discovered a new world, most believe he had told her he had reached India.

Recently documents written by Queen Isabella's official scribe were uncovered revealing that Columbus set a mileage record on returning from his first voyage. His first words were, "I'll bet I'm the first man who ever got nineteen hundred miles on a galleon."

Ralph Hoffmann, Danville

YOUR TURN

The Danville Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or on issues of local interest. Deadline is 5 p.m. Monday for that week's edition; please limit letters to 250 words, and provide your name, street address and daytime telephone number. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length and style and for factual errors known to us.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Danville police 'have nothing to hide'

The Danville police chief vented his disappointment over a story run last week in a local daily newspaper that portrayed his fellow officers being "intimidating" or "aversive" when the public requests information.

The article said law enforcement agencies in the Bay Area are often difficult when the public requests information. The story gave the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office a grade "D" in making public records available.

The Danville Police Department is contracted through the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office but maintains its records in its Danville facility at 510 La Gonda Way.

"When you read the article, it appears I have something to hide," said Danville Police Chief Chris Wenzel.

"I have nothing to hide," he added. "My partners and other chiefs feel the same way."

Wenzel said he and the Danville Police Department want to work with the media. However, because they have to follow laws, they can only release a certain amount of information to the public.

"The laws have been established in both ways in protection of the suspect and the citizen," he said. "The suspects have certain rights. There's so much information."

For information regarding Alamo, Diablo and Blackhawk, the public has to go to the Sheriff's Office in Martinez to retrieve items from police bulletins although it provides hands-on law enforcement from its Valley Station in Alamo Plaza.

—Jordan M. Doronila

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POLICE LOG

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

Sunday, Jan. 7

- Party disturbance on Podva Rd. at 12:27 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 8

- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:39 a.m.
- Identity theft on Ambience Way at 11:55 a.m.
- Vandalism on St. Norbert Dr. at 12:55 p.m. and 2:08 p.m.
- Petty theft, shoplift, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:20 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

- Felony embezzlement on Camino Tassajara at 1:11 p.m.
- Threats disturbance on Alice Ct. at 2:11 p.m.
- Vandalism on El Dorado Ave. at 2:14 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 11

- Unwanted guest disturbance on Hartz Ave. at 12:42 a.m.
- Vandalism on Glen Ct. at 7:23 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Diablo Rd. at 8:32 a.m.
- Accident on Loch Lomond Way at 9 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 11:14 a.m.
- Petty theft on Westfield Cir. at 12:04 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 3:16 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Fostoria Way at 7:26 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12

- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Hartz Ave. at 1:26 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Greenbrook Dr. at 7:10 a.m.

- Petty theft on St. Norbert Dr. at 7:13 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Bolero Ct. at 8:04 a.m.
- Miscellaneous burglary on El Capitan Dr. at 7:07 a.m.
- Littering on Diablo Rd. at 9:43 a.m.
- Grand theft on Blemer Rd. at 1:42 p.m.
- Identity theft on El Cerro Blvd. at 2:12 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on northbound I-680 off ramp and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 6:07 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Princeton Ln. at 6:19 p.m.
- Battery on northbound I-680 and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 7:15 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Crestridge Dr. at 8:13 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13

- Prowler heard on Vista Grande St. at 4:04 a.m.
- Battery on Camino Tassajara and Hill Meadow Dr. at 12:34 p.m.
- Accident on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:51 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Brookside Dr. and El Capitan Dr. at 9:50 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Ann Barnhisel Anderson

Ann Barnhisel Anderson passed away in her Danville home Jan. 6. She was born in County Cork, Ireland, on April 24, 1909, one of eight children.

She immigrated to America in 1954. She was an avid Giants and 49ers fan, and she also loved to dance and to travel. She was a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Emerald Social Club, the Danville Seniors, and the Grandmothers Club.

She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Gilbert Anderson; her daughter Maureen Schreiber; and her youngest brother, Dan Harrington of Clonakelty, Ireland. She is also survived by three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A rosary was held Jan. 10 at Wilson and Kratzer Chapel of San Ramon Valley; a funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 11 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Danville. Interment is at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Dublin 94568.

Michael Charles Barnett

Michael Charles Barnett, a former resident of Danville, died Jan. 5, in Playa Del Rey at the age of 30.

He was born Aug. 7, 1976, in Long Beach, and attended St. Isidore Catholic School in Danville and De La Salle High School in Concord. He was a graduate of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles where he majored in film production.

He was a talented independent film editor, and started two film production companies: Squeak Street and Aisle Five Studios.

He is survived by his parents, Charles and Dianne Barnett; brother and sisters John, Barbara and Christine Barnett; grandmother Olympia Charney; and nephews Matthew and Spencer Brown, and Andrew Barnett.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 15 at St. Isidore Catholic Church. Donations may be sent to the Scholarship Fund at St. Isidore Catholic School, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville 94526, in memory of Michael Barnett.

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Monte Vista boys shut out Granada

by Rachel McMurdie

The Monte Vista boys soccer team drove home its third league win with a shutout performance over Granada on Wednesday last week.

Jeff Penna had four goals and Alex Oberlander had one goal to bring the Mustangs to 5-0 by half-time. Mustang defense staved off Granada for the remainder of the second half. The Mustangs (12-0-4, 3-0-2 EBAL) lead the league with eight shutout games this season.

At San Ramon Valley, the Wolves played an evenly matched Amador to a 1-1 tie, both goals coming in the second half. San Ramon's Tyler Bell put in the game's first goal, assisted by Eric Reveal in minute 51:00, but Amador's Luis Rocha fired back in the 71st minute to tie the game. Wolves' keeper Tommy Comer recorded five saves. San Ramon Valley's record is 12-0-1, 2-0-1 EBAL.

Girls soccer

In girls soccer, Hillary Harvey stole the spotlight for San Ramon Valley, kicking in a first-quarter goal that gave the Wolves their 1-0 win over California in their league match last Thursday. Assisted by Bria Park, it was the only goal scored during the heavily defended game. The Wolves (10-2-2, 4-0 EBAL) currently lead the league, with Foothill and Monte Vista (8-3-5, 2-1-2 EBAL) close behind.

Monte Vista girls last week settled for a 2-2 tie against Livermore. Mustangs Kate Mogannam and Carmy Senemar gave the Mustangs a first-quarter lead but Cowboy player Mary Laura put in a goal during minute 63 to tie the game. Monte Vista's Shauna Ketcham recorded four saves during the game.

Girls basketball

The undefeated Monte Vista girls basketball team tipped off

its first week of league play, chalking in two more wins, this time against Foothill and Amador. The Jan. 8 Foothill game went 55-33 in the Mustangs favor. On Friday, the girls took home an even bigger 50-27 win over Amador. San Ramon Valley girls struggled in the first week, falling 49-62 to Granada and 50-55 to Livermore.

Boys basketball

In boys basketball, both local high school teams stood up to the first round of league play and will continue to contend for the league title. San Ramon Valley won 64-59 at Granada on Jan. 8, and 74-33 at Livermore on Jan. 12.

Monte Vista boys took down California High with a 48-36 win at home, before earning a road game win 47-44 over Amador. ■

E-mail photos of sporting events to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com.

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 19

Boys Basketball

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

Girls Basketball

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

Boys Soccer

Monte Vista at San Ramon Valley, 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Wrestling

San Ramon Valley at College Park, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Girls Soccer

Monte Vista vs. Foothill, 5:45 p.m.
San Ramon Valley at Granada, 5:45 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Monte Vista at Foothill, 5:45 p.m.

Wrestling

Monte Vista vs. Granada, 7:30 p.m.
San Ramon Valley at Amador, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball

San Ramon Valley vs. Foothill, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Girls Basketball

San Ramon Valley at Foothill, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Girls Soccer

Monte Vista vs. Cal High, 5:45 p.m.

Wrestling

Monte Vista at Livermore, 7:30 p.m.
San Ramon Valley vs. Cal High, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

San Ramon Valley vs. Granada, 5:45 p.m.

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Playing a role

by Natalie O'Neill

Ensemble group aims to provoke discussion as well as laughs



Win free tickets to 'Incorruptible'

Answer the questions below for a chance to win two tickets to a showing of the Role Players Ensemble Theatre's production of "Incorruptible," playing Jan. 17-Feb. 10. We must receive your entry by noon, Monday, Jan. 29. Submissions with the correct answers will be entered into a drawing for two sets of tickets, and the two winners will be contacted.

The following lines are from what plays?

1. "We've surely got trouble, right here in River City."
2. "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers."
3. "For a second there is meaning! Then the hand lets the veil fall and you are alone, lost in the fog again..."

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Send your answers to the Danville Weekly, 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville 94526; fax 837-2278; or e-mail editor@DanvilleWeekly.com. Telephone 837-8300 with questions.

The winners will have their names published in the Feb. 2 issue of the Danville Weekly. Employees of Embarcadero Publishing Co. and their families are not eligible.

Sue Trigg says some plays are like ice cream.

As the artistic director of Danville's Role Players Ensemble Theatre, she compares comedies that are solely meant to entertain the audience to a tasty dessert. They're delicious and pleasant, but lacking the substance of a full-course meal.

"Audiences deserve to laugh *and* think," she says. "If you only saw the fun, physical plays it would be like eating ice cream all the time."

At Role Players Ensemble, contributors strive for more than just a feel-good approach to live entertainment, she says.

High-quality theater can be simultaneously intellectually heavy and comically light, say the directors, actors and board members for Role Players Ensemble. Their season of plays is meant to both amuse the audience and provoke thought and discussion.

"After the show, instead of saying, 'That was great, let's go feed the dog,' I want people to have a dialogue about it," says Trigg. She graduated from London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art and has been involved in theater in the Bay Area for 24 years.

But competing with modern entertainment like high definition television, DVDs and surround sound movie theaters is a challenge for those who seek to keep this old school form of story telling alive, Ensemble contributors say.

In a world where visual and audio entertainment is becoming vastly more accessible, small theater is set apart from the rest because it is interactive and intimate. It may very well be the most "organic" form of acting today, says Jerry Motta, director of "Incorruptible," the play that opens tonight at the Danville Village Theatre.

"There's nothing like seeing a live performance, one with living breathing people. You get one shot; there are no retakes," Motta says.

This is the beauty of live theater. Almost anything can happen, Motta says. There is room for improvisation, audience participation—and best of all, the element of surprise.

"There isn't all of the glitter that there is on tele-



Ben Ortega and Randy Anger run over lines backstage at a rehearsal for "Incorruptible," which will run Jan. 19-Feb. 10.

vision," says Wendy Cooper, president of the Role Players Ensemble board of directors. "But people relate more to the characters because it's people just like you on stage."

The theater group has been active in Danville since 1983 and chooses three performances a season with a budget of at least \$14,000 per play, funded in part by local subscribers. The funding goes to set design, costumes, lighting, directing and production.

This season featured Neil Simon's "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," premieres Michael Hollinger's "Incorruptible" tonight, and will present "An Evening at the Grande," an original music revue in the spring.

All shows are put on at the Danville Village Theatre, a 240-seat auditorium located on Front Street, an upscale venue for community theater.

"It's a beautiful stage with vibrant sound; it doesn't disappear into cloth walls," says seasoned actor Randy Anger who will play the role of the Abbot in "Incorruptible."

Role Players Ensemble chose "Incorruptible" as its winter show because it both pokes fun at religion and deals with moral predicaments.

"I like it because it's irreverent and has a bit of background with it," Motta says.

The play is a witty farce that follows monks as they cope with desperation making in the Dark Ages. The time period is a benefit because it allows the audience to distance itself from today's religious affiliations, she says.

"The monks aren't as pristine as you think. They're dancing with the devil a little."

Each season the artistic director works with the board to come up with a classic play, a contemporary play and a musical.

Next season will feature "Ruthless," a musical comedy about a 1950s housewife and her daughter; "Bus Stop," a romantic comedy about two young lovers' struggle to maintain their relationship in a modern world; and "A School Scandal," a 19th-century comedy of manners.

You don't need to drive into the city to see a topnotch entertainment mecca to see a show, says Anger. With Role Players Ensemble, it's right in your own back yard.

"I went down to Hollywood to be an actor ... and it rang true that I would miss Marin. I realized I don't have to be an actor to do what I love," says Anger, who has been in the theater for 30 years.



June McCue, Alicia Rydman and Irakli Tabidze in a scene in the fast-paced farce "Don't Dress for Dinner" at the Danville Village Theatre.



Robin Abbott, Leslie Noel, Heidi Hooker, Irakli Tabidze pose for the playbill of "Gun Shy," a comedy about divorce and adultery.

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One of Anger's favorite performances was a Role Players rendition of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a comedy by Steve Martin that depicts a conversation between Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein in a French bar. In "Incorruptible" he will take on a character who is struggling with his faith in darkly comedic ways.

Still, even with accessibility of community theater, the biggest problem is getting people to show up.

"We are trying to get more bottoms in those seats," Trigg says.

"People are inundated with schmaltzy television. There is a vital human element in this theater," she adds.

The actors in the current production have met with Director Motta, who is also acting in the play, for rehearsals four times a week in preparation for the performance. The creative process is unique when working with Motta, performers say, because he is very open to the script's interpretation.

He takes a lot of input from the actors and is receptive to suggestions about the physicality and timing—a collaborative and effective approach to directing, Anger says.

"He'll say, 'Yeah let's put that in there!' or 'Nope, that doesn't work.' It makes for a very creative atmosphere," Anger says.

One of the biggest challenges, when putting on comedies—especially smart comedies—is the timing. But when working with Michael Hollinger's writing ("Hot Air," "Tooth and Claw") the dialogue is so good that pace and dramatic buildup are already clear in the script, Motta says.

In "Incorruptible" it is important to keep up the pace without rushing the funny lines, Motta says. In speeding over these lines the humor can be lost; conversely, if the pace is too slow, the audience will lose interest. It's a tricky balance.

"You have to understand the humor in the silences. We try to allow a beat for the audience to think about what just happened," he says.

Many experienced professionals contribute to Role Players Ensemble and the group is lucky to have a highly educated, experienced and artistic board, Trigg says. She points out that this is what



The Village Theatre is located at 233 Front St., seats 245 people, and is recognized as a historic site by the Heritage Resource Commission.

separates Danville community theater from other small scale performance groups.

And having quality local theater brings people together, says Town Cultural Arts coordinator Alan Dye.

"It builds unity. You're not just watching; you're interacting," he says.

For this coming season the troupe is holding one audition for the entire set of performances, and performers with all levels of experience are encouraged to try out. By getting more people involved in performances, Role Players Ensemble contributors hope their passion for theater will be contagious.

Next season, as well as the remaining of this season, the theater will continue serving up "full course" performances—the theatrical equivalent to Ben and Jerry's, Brussels sprouts and everything in between.

"Incorruptible" will show at 8 p.m. on Jan. 19-20, 25-27, Feb 1-3, 8-10; and at 2 p.m. Jan. 21, 28 and Feb. 4. For more information, visit www.danvilletheatre.com ■

Play review to come

The Danville Weekly will review "Incorruptible" on opening night, Jan. 19, and a review of the play will run in the Jan. 26 issue.

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Juice Box Holder—what an idea!

‘Momtrepreneur’ sees a need and fills it by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

When Julie Steele hosted a party for her 4-year-old, she shuddered to think of the youngsters loose in her house with Capri Sun pouches, innocently squeezing out the liquid in every direction. For her own piece of mind, she put each pouch into a cup with a special lid she devised that contained the drinks quite nicely.

Several of the other parents admired her inventiveness and said they wished such cups were available commercially. Hmmm, she thought. Maybe she could fine-tune her creation and market it.

Soon afterward, she was at the park with Jasmine, 4, and Jade, 2, and she noticed many of the toddlers with pouch and box drinks. The parents all seemed to be begging them: “Don’t squeeze it!” “Don’t squeeze it!” Aha! she thought. She *would* fine-tune her invention and market it.

Two years later, Steele has her No Squeeze Juice Box Holder for sale in 26 Wal-Mart stores in California, as well as Danville shops Babies n’ Bellies on Prospect Avenue and Carlie Pie, a children’s store in Town and Country. Her company name is JulieCo.

“Kids automatically used it right. They didn’t want to give it back. That was fun to see.”

—Julie Steele

“We wanted to get into the big retailers rather than start small and go big,” said Steele, a Danville resident. To this end, she applied early to receive certification from the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council, which opens doors to businesses such as Wal-Mart.

But first she had to develop the product. She did extensive market research to find out just what parents wanted and what would attract the children.

“I talked to carpoolers, playgroups, neighbors and people in grocery stores in Danville,” she recalled. “Because I was in my own target market, it was easy to understand target customers.”

She found an industrial designer to do a prototype and took it to the playground to test it out. There she found valuable feedback. One mom suggested a hole in the bottom of the cup so she could push out the juice box or bag rather than having to reach in the top to extract it. This change was made.

Steele also worked on the appearance of the cups.

“My mom and two girls and I spent a lot of time in stores to see what people look at and touch,” she said. “We didn’t want it to blend in and disappear.”

She said Jasmine and Jade loved this part of the research. “My kids liked to hang out in the kids’ aisles,” she said with a laugh.



Julie Steele delivers her No Squeeze Juice Box Holder to Bellies n’ Babies on Prospect Avenue while her daughter Jasmine, 6, illustrates its use.

“I didn’t realize how many shapes and sizes there were,” she said. “Then there were the colors.”

The final colors are combinations of red and blue; green and purple; and orange and green.

“The colors fit girls and boys,” she noted.

By this time her mom Dorothy Demonteverde was fully onboard as was her father Carl, who always supplied the macro-view, plus helped out with childcare and carpooling the girls to St. Isidore’s and Childrens’ Academy of Danville.

Steele learned Adobe Illustrator so she could design the packaging herself. Then she hired a professional firm to fine-tune the product “so it would look like it fit on the shelf.”

The packaging says the cup should be washed by hand but Steele puts hers into the dishwasher.

“It’s not like a sippy cup or bottle, it doesn’t need washing every time,” she said.

The packaging also includes Spanish to be consistent with other products she found locally.

Steele had the cups tested for safety in a certified laboratory in New York.

“They recommended it was safe for ages 12 months and up,” she said.

The colorful plastic cups have designs in the middle with a softer surface for easy gripping.

“Kids automatically used it right,” she said. “They didn’t want to give it back. That was fun to see.”

When it was time for production, her mother found a factory in Shanghai.

“Mom went over there to make sure the factory understood our requirement,” Steele said.

She and her husband Joe—“my biggest fan”—financed the three container loads of cups.

The two women made a presentation to Wal-Mart and agreed to supply the cups right after the holidays. Before that it was available through the Web site www.nosqueeze.com for \$3.99 and sales were good, especially as stocking stuffers. And Steele learned from those who made purchases.

“Lots of people were saying commuters liked them,” she said, “and grandparents.”

Another marketing surprise was that they are good for anyone with manual dexterity problems, such as people with arthritis who may have trouble with drink pouches.

No Squeeze Juice Box Holder was named one of the best new products in Media Guide, which helped get the word out.

“We just got into a grocery chain in Chicago,” Steele said last week.

Steele, who graduated from UC Berkeley, did risk assessment for loans before she became a stay-at-home mother. She gives credit for the success of her current endeavor to her supportive family, and to Walnut Creek mom inventor Tamara Monosoff, author of “The Mom Inventors Handbook,” who inspired her to dream big. She read about Monosoff in the newspaper and contacted her via her Web site: mominventors.com.

“She made me take this leap, actually go ahead,” Steele said. “Without her I may have had more doubts.”

Steele has garnered enough business knowledge to be invited with her mom to share their experiences with an MBA marketing class at UC Berkeley.

“The professor said they enjoyed our presentation the most,” said Steele.

She also was accepted into a professional development program at Stanford University.

“It fits in with what we are doing,” said Steele. “It should help me fill in the blanks.”

“After we did one product, the ideas flooded in,” she said. “Now I see products with a different eye. And I’m into problem solving, if I notice a problem that is not being addressed.”

“I didn’t set out to make a product,” she added, “just to solve a problem.” ■



Soups and stews to warm heart and hearth

Hearing that the Bay Area would deliver some colder-than-normal temperatures this week, my mind turned to memories of living in colder regions. While I loved watching new snow fall while snuggled in at home on a Saturday afternoon, I honestly don't miss getting up an hour early to dig the car out of its snow bank and un-freeze the car door locks. Nor do I miss the depressing evolution of white fluffy snow into dirty, wet slush that stains your boots and tires. I've repressed memories of getting stuck in the snow and I've even lost my seasonal love for wool coats, leather gloves and fur.

But, cold weather also conjures up memories of putting on a large pot of soup or stew before a winter outing so that we'd all have something warm to look forward to when we returned home half-frozen. That is a memory worth reliving this time of year. When it's cold outside, there is no dish quite as comforting as a hot bowl of soup. One-pot meals warm the tummy but also make the kitchen toasty and cozy for hours, with homey aromas to keep the "winter blues" at bay.

Once you do the prep work (cutting, slicing, etc.), soups and stews practically cook themselves ... and make after-meal cleanup easy. Depending on the appetites of your family members, adding a complementary sandwich, salad or fresh bread makes a hearty meal for lunch or dinner. Another extra benefit comes the next day—leftover soups and stews are often even tastier on days two and three ... that is, if they last that long.

Lamb, cannellini beans and orzo are three ingredi-



ents I fancy so I went in search of three dishes using them to satisfy my craving for a one-pot meal and keep the home hearth warm during the chilly spell. Hopefully, the cold weather won't last long but these recipes should get put to long-term use in your household. Snuggle up with a steaming bowl of one real soon!

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

RECIPES

Orzo Soup with Turkey Parmesan Meatballs and Escarole (serves 4)

- 1 large egg
- 2 Tbsp. water
- 1/4 cup plain dried breadcrumbs
- 12 ounces lean ground turkey
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 8 cups (or more) low-salt chicken broth
- 1 cup chopped peeled carrots
- 3/4 cup orzo (rice-shaped pasta)
- 4 cups coarsely chopped escarole (about 1/2 medium head)

1. Whisk egg and 2 Tbsp. water in medium bowl to blend. Mix in breadcrumbs; let stand 5 minutes. Add turkey, Parmesan cheese, parsley, garlic, salt and pepper; gently stir to blend. Using wet hands, shape turkey mixture into 1-1/4-inch-diameter meatballs. Place on baking sheet; cover and chill 30 minutes.

2. Bring 8 cups chicken broth to boil in large pot. Add carrots and orzo; reduce heat to medium and simmer uncovered 8 minutes. Add turkey meatballs and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in chopped escarole and simmer until turkey meatballs, orzo and escarole are tender, about 5 minutes longer. Season soup to taste with salt and pepper. (Can be made 2 hours ahead. Re-heat over medium heat, thinning with more broth if desired.)

Lamb Chili (serves 4-6)

- 1 Tbsp. corn oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 6 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 3 dried ancho chilis, stemmed, seeded, torn into pieces
- 2 dried New Mexico chilis, stemmed, seeded, torn into pieces
- 2 plum tomatoes, seeded, chopped
- 2 cups canned unsalted chicken broth
- 2 tsp. dried oregano, crumbled
- 1-1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. ground allspice

- 1 lb. lamb stew meat (preferably shoulder), trimmed and cut into 1" pieces
- 1 (14-1/2-oz.) can low-salt kidney beans, drained
- Optional toppings: chopped green onion, cilantro, red bell pepper

1. Heat 1 Tbsp. oil in a heavy oven-proof saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; sauté until just translucent, about 3 minutes. Add both chilis, tomatoes, broth, oregano, cumin and allspice. Bring mixture to boil. Cover pan and simmer until chilis are tender, 20-30 minutes.

2. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Puree sauce in batches in blender. Return sauce to same pan. Add lamb. Cover and bake on center rack until lamb is almost tender, about 50 minutes. Uncover and simmer chili over medium-low heat until lamb is very tender and liquids are thickened to sauce consistency, about 25 minutes. Add kidney beans and simmer 2 more minutes. Season with salt and pepper. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Refrigerate and reheat over low heat before serving.)

Easy Cannellini Stew (serves 4)

- 2 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 1/4 cup plus 1/2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 (14- to 15-oz) can stewed tomatoes
- 1-3/4 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 (19-oz) cans cannellini beans, rinsed and drained (3 cups)
- 1/2 lb. baked ham, 1/2-3/4-inches thick and cut into 1/2-inch cubes (leave out ham or substitute 1/2 roasted chicken, boned and chopped)
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 (5-oz) bag baby romaine or baby arugula
- 8 (3/4-inch thick) baguette slices

1. Cook garlic in 1/4 cup oil in a heavy 3-1/2 to 4-1/2-quart pot over moderately high heat, stirring, until golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes. Coarsely cut up tomatoes, then add tomatoes and their juices to garlic in oil. Stir in broth, beans, ham and pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Stir in greens and cook until wilted, 2-3 minutes for romaine or 1 minute for arugula.

2. While the stew is simmering, preheat broiler. Put bread on a baking sheet and drizzle with remaining 1/2 Tbsp. oil. Broil 3 to 4 inches from heat until browned, 1-2 minutes. Serve stew with toasted baguette slices.

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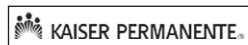
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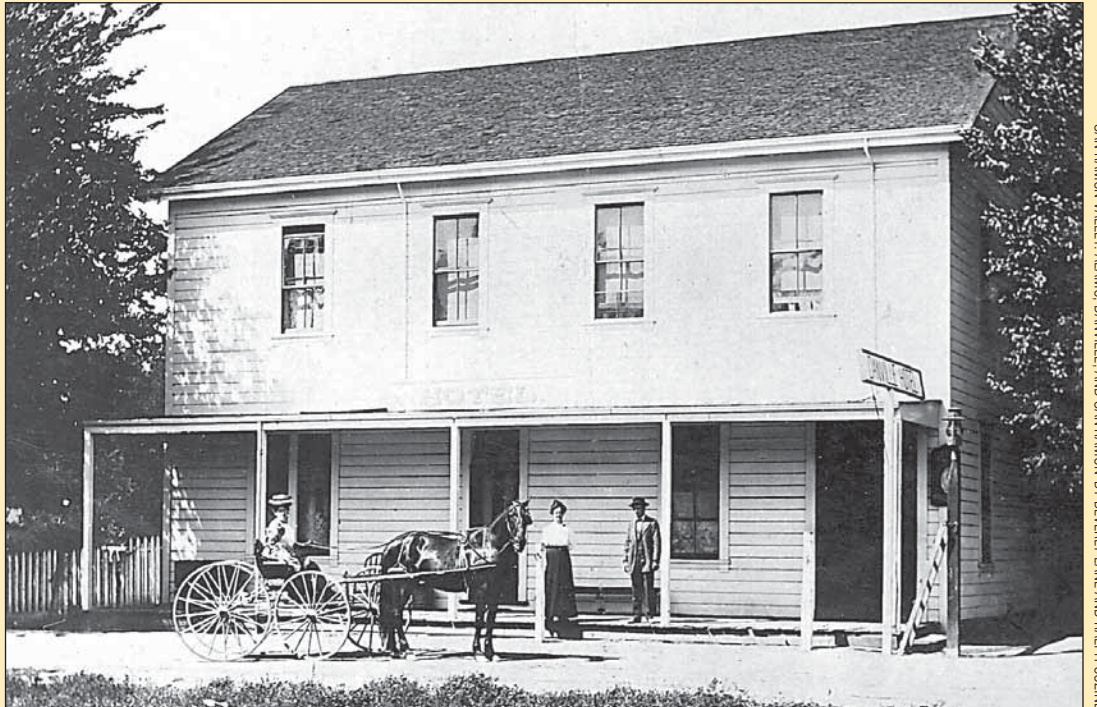
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Children of Men ★★★★★

Rating: R for strong violence, language, some drug use and brief nudity. 1 hours, 49 minutes.

The future is bleak.

Director Alfonso Cuarón's ("Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban") envisioning of the year 2027 shares a similar dark atmosphere to Ridley Scott's 1982 classic "Blade Runner." But the futuristic world of "Men" is far more disheartening than Scott's sci-fi landscape. In "Men," human beings have seemingly lost the ability to reproduce, some of the planet's finest cities have been decimated, and government soldiers rule with an iron fist.

But amid the shroud of despair lies a bright glimmer of hope: the possibility of new life.

"Children of Men" opens slowly, as downtrodden citizens suffer the news that the world's youngest person, an 18-year-old young man dubbed Baby Diego, has died. Theo Faron (Clive Owen) seems relatively unfazed—it's obvious Theo had given up hope for the future of mankind a long time ago. Now Theo spends his hours sleepwalking through a dreary job and occasionally visiting his friend Jasper (Michael Caine), a sweet-natured hippie type who waxes philosophic and smokes marijuana.

Theo's humdrum existence takes a sharp turn when his former lover Julian (Julianne Moore) returns to his life asking for help. Julian leads a rag-tag group of rebels with a secret—one of their number is a young pregnant woman (Claire-Hope Ashitey as Kee). It will be the first child born in 18 years, and Julian's crew needs Theo to escort Kee to the coast and into the hands of the clandestine "Human Project."

The film's pacing accelerates like a gunshot once Theo reunites with Julian. We follow Theo as he suffers through violence and deceit, his resolve to help Kee and her unborn child proving steadfast. Owen and Caine steal the spotlight in the acting



department, each bringing charisma and compassion to a pair of wonderful characters.

Cuarón's direction borders on genius. In one powerful scene, the camera follows Theo in one steady shot as a bloody battle rages between rebels and the military. Explosions and gunfire erupt around him, mauling frightened onlookers. But Kee is trapped inside a building at the core of the fighting, and Theo risks certain injury to rescue her. The intense scenario is one of the best battle scenes filmed in recent years, as Cuarón's slick direction keeps us at Theo's side through the arduous ordeal.

The graphic violence and permeating air of hopelessness in "Men" make for a less-than-uplifting experience. But this fascinating portrait of the future is one of the best-directed films of the year.

—Tyler Hanley

The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

Questioning technology—from the Internet to iPods

I think it is safe to presume that technology of the 21st century has transcended all previous set boundaries and provided the current and future ages with infinite gadgets inconceivable a century—maybe even a decade—ago. True: Web cams, audio chats and e-mail truly are incredible ways for distant families and friends to communicate. Many even predict that entire near-future generations will be able to “telecommute” to work—that is, hold meetings, etc., by live video, perhaps never even having to leave their home. But while on the surface these technological advances appear only beneficial, we must question whether such innovations come with too high of a cost.

With the advent of such capable technology, society has catered to the antisocial and made it entirely possible to survive each day without having a single face-to-face dialogue. Who would have ever thought that e-mail etiquette would become so important? A mere misspelling of words suggests carelessness, and simple capitalization of letters connotes an angry tone. Most of what compiles human communication is deciphered through body language and vocal tone, facets of our language that cannot be perceived by simply viewing words on a screen.

This gravitation toward technology and computer-oriented correspondence has stripped the personal aspects from human communication. Many take advantage of the fact that the Internet allows for conversation without face-to-face confrontation. For example: A cuss word or derogatory name used during a bitter argument has significantly more impact when screamed in a harsh tone and accompanied with a slammed door, than when it appears as mere letters on a screen. The inhibitions and discomfort that prevent one from saying certain things in person are pushed aside, and this can prove detrimental when arguing in an online conversation. It seems many forget that their words can be copied and pasted out of context and posted all over the Internet in a matter of seconds, and that some discussions simply should be had in person.

I also can't help but notice that the generation gap between this current generation of teenagers and their parents might be wider than that of any other previous generations, as some of the most innovative and influential tech-

nology (notably the Internet and computer) has been invented in the last two decades. Because this generation of teens has grown up with complex technology in a world of computers of all shapes and sizes, in many cases, they are more technologically savvy and able than their adapting parents. This allows some teens who live an online “second life” to conceal their alter ego from unsuspecting parents. The disturbing images and comments that adorn their teens' Myspace or Xanga pages, and imply that their child leads a completely different life than the one they thought they knew, would horrify most parents.

Not only has there been a significant communication breakdown between today's teenagers and parents, but modern technology has also created a generation of impatient and snobby teenagers. Current teenagers have become so accustomed to the ease with which they can function in their daily lives due to computers and technology in general, that any discomfort or waiting time due to a technological malfunction warrants a temper tantrum. Young people have completely lost the perspective that not long ago, letters and documents were handwritten, conversations took place in living rooms, and the general standard of living was significantly lower.

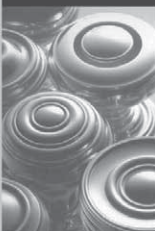
The field of technological innovation shows no signs of slowing down. After all, it seems Apple Inc. releases a new version of its acclaimed iPod every other month. For the technologically inept (a category that includes a significant number of parents), it is currently a matter of overcoming the learning curve that stands in the way of understanding and mending many of the issues modern technology poses. It is important, first, to acknowledge that problems unimaginable 20 years ago are very much a part of teenagers' lives, and to then use this knowledge, not to ban children from the computer, but rather to educate them in restraint and self-discipline, the appropriate uses of the Internet, and the amazing, but dangerous abyss of knowledge they have yet to delve into.

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. E-mail her at ohara5@comcast.net.

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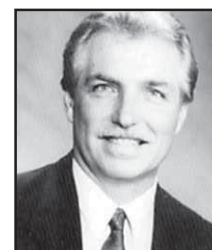
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Art

Eugene O'Neill Arts Program

Students are invited to apply for participation in "Student Days," which will take place March 7-8, 14-15, at O'Neill's Tao House estate, Danville. Applications are available by calling 820-1818 or visiting www.eugeneoneill.org. Deadline is Feb. 3.

Winter Exhibit

The California Watercolor Association will host its annual Members' Winter Exhibit from now until March 9, at Blackhawk Plaza, 3480 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Call 648-9113.

Auditions

Ruthless! the Musical, Bus Stop and School for Scandal

Role Players Ensemble Theatre will hold auditions for "Ruthless!," "Bus Stop" and "School Scandal" by appointment only, at Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Actors should prepare a two-minute monologue, and singers should bring 16 bars of an up tempo number. Call (510) 865-4740.

Classes

Adult CPR

Town of Danville will host a CPR class for ages 12 and up from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at Los Cerros Middle School Community Gym, 968

Blemer Road, Danville. Cost is \$45 for residents, \$53 for non-residents; plus \$18 for materials and certification. Register by visiting the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Financial Planning for Special Needs Children

Town of Danville will offer a free class for parents with special needs children to help them gain a better understanding of government benefits and legal and financial plans from 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Registration is required, call 314-3392 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Clubs

Alamo Cribbage Club

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

Alamo Rotary

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

Alamo Women's Club Federated

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

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.alamodanvilnewcomers.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 meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 12, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville. All are welcome. Guest speaker will be Lynne C. Leach. Cost is \$18.50; reservations are due by noon, Feb. 9 to Ms. Lyons at 820-6452.

Danville Mid-day Referral Group, BNI

Danville Mid-day Referral Group, a chapter of Business Network International, meets from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., every Wednesday, at Louka's, 267 Hartz Ave., Danville. Call Fran Bates at 363-4327 or e-mail fran-bates@marykay.com.

Danville-Alamo Garden Club

This club will meet at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Internationally acclaimed camellia expert, Robert Ehrhart, will be speaking. Call Louise at 837-4904.

Diablo Valley Fly Fisherman

This club meets at 7 p.m. on the

WEEKEND PREVIEW



Folksinger to perform in Alamo
Community
Concerts will present folksinger, storyteller and multi-instrumentalist John McCutcheon at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$40, \$25, \$22. Call 229-2710 or visit www.communityconcerts.com.

second Tuesday of every month at Heather Farm Lakeside Room, 301 N. San Carlos, Walnut Creek. Guests are welcome. For information, visit www.diablovalleyflyfish.org.

Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild

The Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild meets at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Guests are welcome (\$2 donation). Annual membership fee is \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65+). For information, call Dianne at 837-1863.

Diablo Valley Single Parents

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

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.srvexchange-club.org.

Food and Wine Book Group

This group will begin to discuss Brian Doyle's "The Grail: A Year Ambling & Shambling Through an Oregon Vineyard in Pursuit of the Best Pinot Noir in the World" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. For reservations, call 837-7337.

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.

Julie's Book Clubs

The morning book club will meet to discuss Sylvia Plath's "The Bell Jar" at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 26, and the evening book club will meet to discuss Alison Lurie's "Truth and Consequences" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-7337.

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.

Porsche Club of America, Diablo Region

This club is for owners and enthusiasts of all Porsches. It meets at 8 a.m., every Saturday for breakfast at Denny's, 803 Camino Ramon, Danville. For information, visit www.pca.org/dia.

San Ramon Newcomers Club

This club invites new and established residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and Danville to a luncheon at noon, Thursday, Feb. 15, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Call 735-3508 or visit newcomers.home.comcast.net.

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

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

Tri-Valley Writers Association

This club exists to inform, educate, and have fun and is open to anyone interested in the craft of writing. The club meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at Girasole Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Contact Steve Workman at 485-1011 or skworkman@aol.com.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 75

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

Concerts

A Garden of Delights

Pacific Chamber Symphony presents "A Garden of Delights" featuring Beethoven, Brahms and the U.S. debut of Russian pianists at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11, at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive. Tickets range in price; call 931-3444.

A Musical Journey Around the World

Danville Community Band presents "A Musical Journey Around the World" at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 4, at the

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California Symphony 20th Anniversary Series

California Symphony presents Michael Torke's Rapture: Drums and Woods, Leonard Bernstein's Age of Anxiety: Symphony No. 2 for Piano and Orchestra and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 28, and at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Dean Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 943-7469 or visit www.californiasymphony.org.

Gilbert and Sullivan a la Carte

Six highly energized and talented entertainers will perform "Gilbert and Sullivan a la Carte" at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. Tickets for general admission are \$25, \$24 for seniors and \$12 for students. Call 631-4670.

Instrumental Music Benefit Concert

San Ramon Valley High School will host its Instrumental Music Benefit Concert featuring San Jose Taiko at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at SRVHS Performing Arts Center, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Visit www.communityconcerts.com.

John McCutcheon

Community Concerts presents folk singer, storyteller and multi-instrumentalist John McCutcheon at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$40, \$25, \$22. Call 229-2710 or visit www.communityconcerts.com.

Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir

Community Concerts presents the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$40, \$25, \$22. Call 229-2710 or visit www.communityconcerts.com.

St. Timothy's Concert Series

St. Timothy's Church will host a concert series starting with Tyler Lewis (violin) and Hillary Nordwell (piano) from 5-6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 21, at St. Timothy's Church Parish Hall, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Tickets are \$18. Call 837-4993, ext. 15, or visit www.sainttimothysdanville.org.

Traditional Hymns and Classical Concert

Traditional Hymns and Classical Concert will feature Tom Lucia, Covenant Four, Danville Community Band, Salvation Army Band at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 26, at Rolling Hills Community Church, 1565 Green Valley Road, Danville. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will benefit Outdoor Adventure Faire. Call 820-3874 or email info@christkidsports.org.

Winter Concert

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra with Zenas Hsu, Rosenkavalier Walzes will perform its Winter Concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 28, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito, Oakland. This event is free, but donations are requested. Call (415) 864-2151.

Events

All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed

San Ramon Historic Foundation will host an all-you-can-eat Crab Feed including crab, salad, bread and dessert at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 3, at Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Cost is \$35. Call 828-0586 or 828-9329.

'Anatomy of a Hot Rod'

Bedford Gallery will host a "Anatomy of a Hot Rod Day" from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 21, at Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. This event is free, thanks to Target. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Call 295-1417 or visit www.bedfordgallery.org.

Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month onboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet Museum with activities all day,

Saturday, Feb. 17, at the museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$6 for children; special price of \$20 for a family of four is being offered this day. Call (510) 521-8448 or visit www.uss-hornet.org.

Butterflies, Beads and Baubles

Cottage Jewel with host Butterflies, Beads and Baubles from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mondays in January, at 125-D Railroad Ave., Danville. Call 837-2664.

Cupid Pre-Dating

Cupid.com presents "Cupid Pre-Dating for Single Professionals" from 6:30-10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 29, at Vic Stewart's, 850 S. Broadway, Walnut Creek. Cost is \$39. Visit www.predating.com.

Eugene O'Neill Foundation Awards Ceremony

The Eugene O'Neill Foundation will present awards during a special dinner on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Crow

Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Call 820-1818.

Peace Center Membership Meeting

Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center will host a membership meeting with guest speaker Nadia McCaffrey from noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Please bring food to share. Call 933-7850.

Summer Camp and Programs Fair

Jewish Community Federation will host a Summer Camp and Programs Fair from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 28, at Contra Costa Jewish Community Center, 2071 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call Tali at (510) 839-2900, ext. 255.

Exhibits

Anatomy of a Hot Rod

Bedford Gallery presents Anatomy of

a Hot Rod, which will run until Feb. 11, at the gallery, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. Call 295-1417.

Lindsay Wildlife Art Exhibits

Lindsay Wildlife Museum will host a collection of art exhibits including: "Utopian Sunset" created by students at Northgate High School from now until Feb. 11; The Art of Andrew Denman "A Natural Inclination" will be displayed until March 18; Origami Animals by Robert Lang will be displayed from Jan. 31-April 29; Birds in Art from Feb. 24-May 5, all at Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 935-1978 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

The Motor Car in Art

Blackhawk Museum presents "The Motor Car in Art" opening Wednesday,

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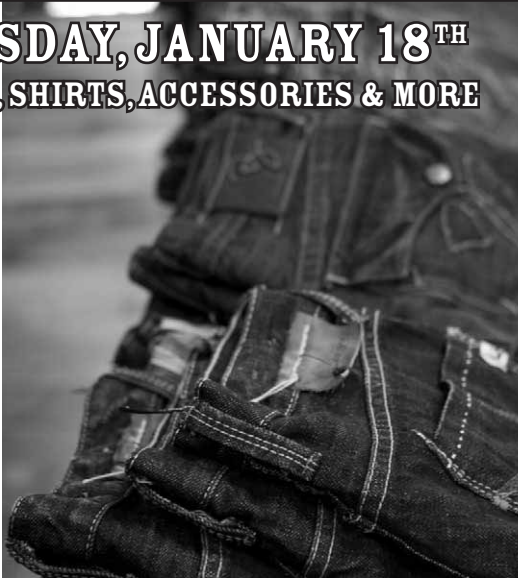
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'The Sword and the Cross'
The Museum of the San Ramon Valley presents "The Sword and the Cross" exhibit from Jan. 23-May 5, at the museum, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Admission is free to the museum, but donations are appreciated. Hours are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. Call 837-3750 or visit www.museumsv.org.

Film

Videos for Peace

Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center will show "A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict" with guest speaker, Mr. Lorin Peters at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Call 933-7850.

Fundraisers

Claws for Paws

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will host Claws for Paws second annual Crab Feed from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27. Cost is \$45. To purchase tickets, visit www.tvr.org, email events@tvr.org or send a check to TVAR, P.O. Box 11143, Pleasanton.

Crab Feed

Outdoor Adventure Faire will host a Crab Feed at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, at Charlotte Wood Middle School, 600 El Capitan Drive, Danville. The night will include dinner and silent and live auctions. Music and dancing will be provided by Tom Lucia's band. Cost is \$40. Proceeds will benefit Outdoor Adventure Faire. Call Jim at 820-3874 or Pete at 719-1950.

Giant Book Sale

Friends of Danville Library will present their Giant Book Sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20; and from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Danville

Library, 400 Front St. Proceeds will benefit the library. Call 837-4889.

Hats Off America 10K Red T-Shirt Run

Come run with the Bear Flag Runner at the 10K Red T-Shirt Run at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville. Cost is \$35. Proceeds will benefit Hats Off America. Call 855-1950.

Haute Couture Fashion Show

Yellow Wood Coffee & Tea will host "Fashion is Forever - A Haute Couture Fashion Show" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at Yellow Wood, 215 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Entertainment will be provided by Studio 8 Dance and Performing Arts. Tickets are \$25 and are sure to sell out. Proceeds will benefit Shepherd's Gate and Creekside Church's Youth Ministry. Call Wendy at 487-2747.

Music Flea Market

San Ramon Valley High School Band will host a Flea Market from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at SRVHS Cafeteria, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Proceeds will benefit the band's tour. Call 552-5580.

White Crane Winery Crab Feed

White Crane Winery will host a Crab Feed at 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, at Camp Arroyo Dining Hall, 5535 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Tickets are \$38. Proceeds will benefit the Taylor Family Foundation that sponsors Camp Arroyo. To reserve your spot, visit www.whitecranewinery.com or www.tfff.org.

Health

Free Massage Seminars

World School of Massage will offer a free seminar "My Feet Feel Great" from 4:30-6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, both at World School, 699 Peters Ave., Suite A, Pleasanton. Call 461-2533 or visit www.worldschoolmassage.com.

'My Own Marathon'

Town of Danville is hosting "My Own Marathon" with participants completing 26.2 miles at their own pace until May 5. The final mile will be walked May 5 during "A Safety and Wellness Community Event." Call 314-3400 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Second Annual Weight Loss Challenge

The second annual Weight Loss Challenge for Alamo and Surrounding Areas will run Saturdays, until March 10. Participants will enjoy a Weight Loss Coach via telephone, personal trainers, bike riding, "Be a Kid" roller skating night and more! For more information, contact Debbie at 890-7549 or dmcarmel@yahoo.com.

The Wellness Community

The Wellness Community offers different support groups for cancer patients and their family and friends including: Reiki I and II from 3-5 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 13 and 27; Integrating Spirituality and the Cancer Experience from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 20; Mindful Chi Kung from 3:30-5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25; and an Update on Breast

Cancer Treatment from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 27, all at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

Weekly Marathon Training Program

East Bay FIT (formerly Danville FIT) will host weekly marathon training at 8 a.m., starting Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Iron Horse Trail at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues, Danville. Visit www.danvillefit.com.

Kids & Teens

Free Online Tutoring Available

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

'The Little Race Car That Could'

Blackhawk Museum will host "The Little Race Car That Could" from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 28, at the museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is free with admission. Call 736-2277.

VIP Volleyball Clinics

Town of Danville will host VIP Volleyball Clinics for children ages 8-14 at 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, at Los Cerros Middle School Community Gym, 968 Blemer Road, Danville. Cost is \$55 for residents, \$66 for non-residents. Call 314-3481 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

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

Employment and Disability Rights

The Wellness Community will host "Employment and Disability Rights for People With Cancer" from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, at Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270, Pleasanton. This event is free, but reservations are required. Call 933-0107.

Spring Legal and Legislative Conference

Northern California Human Resource Association will host the 2007 Spring Legal and Legislative Conference from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, at Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Cost is \$225 for NCHRA members, \$295 for non-members. Visit www.nchra.org.

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 next program will be about "Glorious Cotswold Villages" on Feb. 7. The program is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Call 938-7323.

Miscellaneous

Blood Drive

Hats Off America will host their second annual American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 3, at Toyota Motor Sales, 2451 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. Donor identification is required. For an appointment, call 855-1950 or email thebearlagrunner@yahoo.com.

Free Computer Instruction

The Danville Library is offering free computer instruction on Word, Excel, Powerpoint or the Internet by appointment only. To make an appointment, visit the Danville Library Information Desk or call 837-4889.

Host Families Needed

Host families are needed for French Students that will be visiting from Beziers, South of France from Feb. 9-23. Students will have daily activities. For information, contact Kevin at 984-7691 or k.dimler@sbcglobal.net.

On Stage

'Incorruptible'

Role Players Ensemble will host the production of "Incorruptible" at 8 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays and at 2 p.m., Sundays, Jan. 19-Feb. 10, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$18-24. Call 314-3463.

'Love Letters'

One night only, Annie Potts will star in "Love Letters" with James Hugh Taylor at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$60. Call 943-7469.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company

Center REPeritory Company presents The Reduced Shakespeare Company performing "The Complete History of America-Abridged" and "All The Great Books-Abridged" from Feb. 1-March 3, at The Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 943-7469.

'The Wizard of Oz'

Monte Vista Theater Arts presents "The Wizard of Oz" at 7 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 7-9, at Monte Vista High School Theater, 3131 Stone Valley Road, Danville. Tickets are \$15 adults; \$10 students. Call 552-2878.

Seniors

Bridge

Seniors meet to play bridge from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Friday at the Danville



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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 \$12 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.

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. Cost is \$1 facility use fee and is 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 interactive 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.

Spiritual

Bridging the Gap

San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church is hosting a series of sermons calling "Bridging the Gap" starting at 11:15 a.m., Sundays, Jan. 21 and 28, at 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Call 837-5243.

Support Groups

Blue Star Moms California

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

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.

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

Man to Man Prostate Cancer

San Ramon Regional Medical Center offers "Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group" from 7:30-9 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building, West Day Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. Call 933-0107.

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

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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.

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group

This group provides peer support for those affected by Parkinson's Disease and for their caregivers, families and friends. The group meets from 10 a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of each month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call Norman at 831-9940 or Jackie at 244-1231.

Volunteering

Behind the Ropes and Under the Hoods

Blackhawk Museum is offering a community service opportunity for students in grades 9-11 from mid-February-June. There will be three training sessions to learn about the museum's 80-plus car exhibition, from 3:30-5 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 15, 22 and March 1 and monthly discussions and update sessions from 3:30-5 p.m., Thursdays, March 15, April 19, May 17 and June 21. For an application, call 736-2277, ext. 238.

Diablo Valley Literacy Council

Diablo Valley Literacy Council (DVLC) is looking for volunteers to help non-English speaking adults learn to read, write and speak English. Tutor-training workshops will be held Friday, Feb. 24; Monday, Feb. 27; and Friday, March 3, at DVLC, 4000 Clayton Road, Concord. Cost is \$15 for registration. Call 685-3881.

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.

Help Your Senior Neighbors

A lot of Danville seniors need rides to their appointments, stores or to special events. The Seniors' Club at Veterans Memorial Hall is looking

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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.

Hospice and Palliative Work at Bruns House

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

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

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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.

Museum of the San Ramon Valley

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley welcomes volunteers and has a current need for greeters who give three hours one day a month to welcome visitors to the museum, register their attendance, and give them an introductory tour of the Waiting Room and the Museum Store. Call Carmen Curtis at 837-9781 or the museum at 837-3750.

Project Second Chance

Help an adult to read, write or spell better with Project Second Chance (PSC). Training is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20 and 27, at the PSC office, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill. Call 927-3250 or email psc@ccclib.org.

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

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Sheriff Seeks Senior Volunteers

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Trails Maintenance

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Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

TVAR is offering volunteer orientations from 1-2:30 p.m., the second Saturday and fourth Saturday of every month, at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin. For information, contact Cathy at 426-2472 or calicocathyb@yahoo.com.

Valley Children's Museum Needs Volunteers

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

Volunteer Interpreters

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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during December 2006

Alamo	Danville	San Ramon	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 2	Total sales reported: 14	Total sales reported: 74	Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$1,376,000	Lowest sale reported: \$530,000	Lowest sale reported: \$288,000	Lowest sale reported: \$220,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,595,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,350,000	Highest sale reported: \$2,150,000	Highest sale reported: \$950,000
Average sales report- ed: \$1,485,500	Average sales report- ed: \$943,536	Average sales report- ed: \$834,777	Average sales report- ed: \$523,000

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville		
1390 Brookside Drive T. & A. Tueller to D. & S. Leary for \$956,000	3326 Barons Lane Brookfield Emory to H. Ling for \$908,500	Bettencourt to J. & T. Philibert for \$600,000
159 Cameo Drive Rowley Trust to S. Nafisi for \$725,000	2473 Basswood Drive Shapell Homes to S. Munjal for \$900,000	4060 Dunbarton Circle C. Norem to I. Plount for \$940,000
193 Cross Bridge Drive Castle Principles to D. & S. Boatwright for \$850,000	2485 Basswood Drive Shapell Homes to D. Omara for \$860,000	106 Elegans Court Shapell Industries to D. Coleman for \$1,057,000
4 Danville Oak Place R. Micieli to M. Helow for \$585,000	354 Bellflower Drive Landau Trust to J. Romero for \$638,000	152 Elisha Lane T. & K. Okazaki to S. & A. Berry for \$1,100,000
14 Discovery Court D. Meyers to S. Najafi for \$1,350,000	440 Bollinger Canyon Lane #296 Siena Hills Limited to B. Roberts for \$325,000	506 Fallen Leaf Circle Singh Trust to R. & C. Riffe for \$825,000
192 Dove Creek Lane S. Shirazi to E. Tang for \$885,000	440 Bollinger Canyon Lane #396 Siena Hills Limited to J. Scales for \$325,000	2024 Feathermint Drive Shapell Industries to A. & N. Siddiqi for \$1,629,000
954 El Cajon Drive O. Bensan to R. Labog for \$985,000	81 Brevensville Drive G. & K. Carranza to C. Soleimany for \$1,100,000	3376 Glencoe Circle Lennar Homes to S. Yu for \$1,000,000
728 Garden Creek Place L. Jensen to S. Loughran for \$530,000	8136 Briar Oaks Drive K. & A. Hwang to T. Mak for \$1,000,000	1360 Halifax Way Lennar Homes to A. Kim for \$937,500
161 Merano Street Gandhi Trust to G. & E. Schroth for \$1,100,000	3534 Browntail Way Shapell Homes to J. & R. Gardere for \$775,000	7039 Honeycastle Drive Shapell Homes to D. Luchini for \$949,000
1263 Monterosso Street Lennar Homes to I. Shahnazarian for \$1,260,500	9860 Brunswick Way R. & S. Gouvella to V. Biryukov for \$660,000	7497 Interlachen Avenue J. & L. Connors to D. Ocampo for \$620,000
1269 Monterosso Street Lennar Homes to A. & C. Lindstrom for \$1,148,500	6338 Byron Lane Centex Homes to D. & G. Arkin for \$709,000	2329 Keats Lane Brookfield Saville to J. Tejeda for \$753,000
905 Saddlehorn Court Shapell Industries to W. & D. Cunningham for \$1,250,000	5045 Campion Drive Shapell Homes to P. Choi for \$911,000	5243 Kenilworth Way Shapell Homes to T. & M. Moore for \$960,000
89 St. Beatrice Court J. & R. Steward to L. & C. Manzo for \$899,500	5053 Campion Drive Shapell Homes to M. & A. Hinson for \$965,000	5249 Kenilworth Way Shapell Homes to P. Dhoot for \$945,000
301 West Meadows Lane R. Mosteller to J. & A. Jumps for \$685,000	5061 Campion Drive Shapell Homes to S. August for \$900,000	513 Kinvarra Court E. Hui to S. Lee for \$835,000
Alamo	136 Canyon Lakes Way V. & J. Liotta to A. Lovato for \$1,098,000	11 Lakeridge Court G. & C. Parenti to Shrewsbury Trust for \$675,000
3084 Lunada Lane Liotta Trust to A. Lofquist for \$1,376,000	1127 Cedarwood Loop Shapell Industries to J. & L. Nau for \$710,000	105 Laredo Court W. & K. Fulcher to F. & P. Belloso for \$685,000
94 Park Meadow Court S. & J. Whitmer to B. & S. Duchene for \$1,595,000	1228 Cedarwood Loop Shapell Industries to B. Biswas for \$644,000	4590 Lilac Ridge Road Shapell Homes to M. & T. Gonsalves for \$1,816,000
San Ramon	1627 Cedarwood Loop Shapell Industries to J. & E. Manos for \$665,000	2331 Magnolia Bridge Drive Shapell Homes to G. Kolli for \$910,000
6805 Aberdale Circle Lennar Homes to B. Sivaraman for \$720,000	1737 Cedarwood Loop Shapell Industries to S. Mallina for \$627,000	117 Mediar Court A. & P. Mourelatos to M. & S. Singh for \$1,283,000
3517 Aldwych Way Brookfield Emory to J. Morando for \$908,000	402 Constantine Court Richmond American Homes to K. Schwartz for \$645,000	2007 Mornington Lane Brookfield Coventry to M. & R. Ali for \$1,039,000
3537 Aldwych Way Brookfield Emory to V. Jayaraman for \$902,500	410 Constantine Court Richmond American Homes to J. Manalang for \$830,000	2490 Paddock Drive R. & J. Dejanos to B. & K. Botelho for \$815,000
3551 Aldwych Way Brookfield Emory to Q. Maqdoor for \$906,500	430 Constantine Court Richmond American Homes to K. Chairez for \$590,000	811 Pradera Way V. & M. Villatoro to J. Renteria for \$1,200,000
3559 Aldwych Way Brookfield Emory to P. & J. Pokorny for \$900,500	432 Constantine Court Richmond American Homes to S. Huang for \$725,000	150 Reflections Drive #16 San Ramon Reflections to B. Mena for \$288,000
2101 Amaryllis Circle J. Campen to L. Barbour for \$620,000	436 Constantine Court Richmond American Homes to M. Wu for \$750,000	135 Reflections Drive #25 San Ramon Reflections to P. Ifurung for \$362,000
3557 Ashbourne Circle Toll Land XXII to C. Guintu for \$1,598,000	440 Constantine Court Richmond American Homes to L. Freed for \$599,000	5596 Satin Leaf Way Shapell Homes to A. Ehsani for \$2,150,000
3300 Barons Lane Brookfield Emory to D. Tanjaudio for \$907,500	455 Constantine Court Richmond American Homes to A. Crosby for \$700,000	233 South Overlook Drive Legacy Copper Ridge to P. Kunz for \$479,000
3305 Barons Lane Brookfield Emory to A. Vasagiri for \$930,500	9577 Davona Drive Narez Trust to R. & S. Guanzon for \$714,000	262 South Overlook Drive Legacy Copper Ridge to C. Campbell for \$479,000
3312 Barons Lane Brookfield Emory to S. Suravarapu for \$900,000	2486 Dos Rios Drive J. & G.	290 South Overlook Drive Legacy Copper Ridge to S. Leung for \$379,000

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Alamo			4 Bedrooms
3 Bedrooms			
914 Ina Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$1,448,000 209-3451	111 Anza Ct. Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4049
4 Bedrooms			64 Foster Dr. Sun 1-4 Intero 980-4816
46 Vista Ln. Sun 1:30-4	Intero	\$1,595,000 672-2499	2101 Canyon Crest Ave. Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 314-2428

Blackhawk			5 Bedrooms
6 Bedrooms			
5077 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30	Intero	\$2,799,999 855-4072	3825 Mandy Wy. Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 336-6399
Danville			16 Pine Valley Pl. Sun 1:30-4 Intero 487-6211
2 Bedrooms			4506 Lilac Ridge Rd. Sun 1-4 Re/Max 998-5334
394 Ilo Ln., #106 Sun 1-4	Intero	\$459,000 855-4075	1424 Allanmere Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 785-1386
2200 Oneida Cir. Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$660,000 577-5510	201 Pleasant Valley Ct. Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822

3 Bedrooms			Walnut Creek
619 Contada Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,025,000 855-4134	1 Bedrooms
1954 S. Forest Hill Pl. Sun 1:30-4	Intero	\$699,000 830-3999	1435 Marchbanks Dr., #8 Sun 1:30-4:30 Pacific Union 314-4803
21 Tea Tree Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$724,950 855-4022	3 Bedrooms
4 Bedrooms			1984 Via Appia \$679,000
84 Stowbridge Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	\$1,039,900 314-1111	4 Bedrooms
11 Jillian Wy. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,599,000 648-5342	3025 Ebano Dr. Sun 1-4 Intero 413-1068

11 Lawnview Cir. Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	\$619,000 855-4075	Dublin
1193 River Rock Ln. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$849,900 855-4049	2 Bedrooms
1097 River Rock Ln. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$917,000 855-4107	7623 Arbor Creek Cir. Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 683-7709
55 Sierra Ridge Ct. Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	\$958,000 216-2283	6953 Stagecoach Rd., #F Sun 1-4 Intero 800-492-6365
389 Squirrel Ridge Wy. Sun 12:30-3:30	Intero	\$995,000 833-1822	3275 Dublin Blvd., #412 Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4190

5 Bedrooms			Pleasanton
26 Bormio Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,250,000 984-1945	2 Bedrooms
40 Edinburgh Pl. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,675,000 855-4075	3399 Norton Wy. Sun 1-4Alain Pinel - Davis & Barraclough 624-4085
124 Victoria Pl. Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	\$2,159,000 785-1386	1842 Sinclair Dr. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel - Maureen Nokes 577-2700

6 Bedrooms			3 Bedrooms
265 Montego Dr. Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel	\$4,200,000 209-3451	2108 Alexander Wy. Sun 12-3Heritage Estates - James Dye735-2550
San Ramon			4 Bedrooms
2 Bedrooms			439 Cabonia Ct. Sun 1-4 Keller Williams - Donna Garrison 397-4165
275 Norris Canyon Terrace, #D Sat/Sun 1-4Keller Williams - Julie Lauer963-2842		\$425,000	392 Oak Ln. Sun 1-4 Henderson Properties-Judy Winter 699-7900

3 Bedrooms			5 Bedrooms
1407 Dawn Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	\$585,000 640-8283	5066 Independence Dr. Sun2:004:30 Alain Pinel - Michael Tessaro 251-1111
775 Winterside Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$680,000 855-4110	547 Sycamore Rd. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel - Blaise Lofland 846-6500
4 Bedrooms			4120 Remillard Ct. Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel - Blaise Lofland 846-6500
23 Stow Ct. Sun 1:30-4	Alain Pinel	\$1,150,000 998-9747	
3008 Tamburlaine Dr. Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$1,450,000 998-5334	

9603 Brockton Ave. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel - Blaise Lofland	\$749,500 846-6500	
120 Claremont Crest Ct. Sun 2-5	Intero	\$785,000 788-6155	
Livermore			
4 Bedrooms			
2084 Calabria Ct. Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$1,399,900 998-5334	
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