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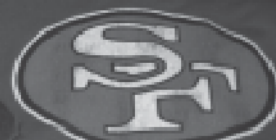
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Q: What is your signature food to judge restaurants?



The actual main course is important, a good pasta dish. My favorite is a creamy gorgonzola cheesy sauce. It has to have good quality and taste. Sometimes the price of a dish is expensive but not good, which is a downfall.

Bernard Kraemer
senior product manager



A good burger and fries. A good burger has to be thick and juicy, and the fries have to be hot and crispy. It's hard to find a good burger, and my husband and I are always on the hunt for a good burger. My husband is from Iowa, beef central, and we import beef from there when we are visiting to barbecue. The key to a good barbecued burger is Worcestershire sauce and Montreal steak seasoning.

Shelly Martens
stay-at-home mom



The beginning is important to me, which is the appetizer. It sets the pace and standard for what the balance will be for the meal to follow. Chefs can use different ingredients that can show their creativity, which lets me know what to expect in the rest of the meal.

Jeff Rovner
business owner



I judge a restaurant if their restroom is clean or if the place is filthy, it makes me wonder about their kitchen. The entree is important to me, especially how they prepare their beef and if it's consistently prepared the same way.

Brian Hill
retired



A good, fresh seafood dish, especially salmon. I like it grilled with an interesting sauce. Most restaurants have a salmon dish that I will order.

Susan Reckers
stay-at-home mom

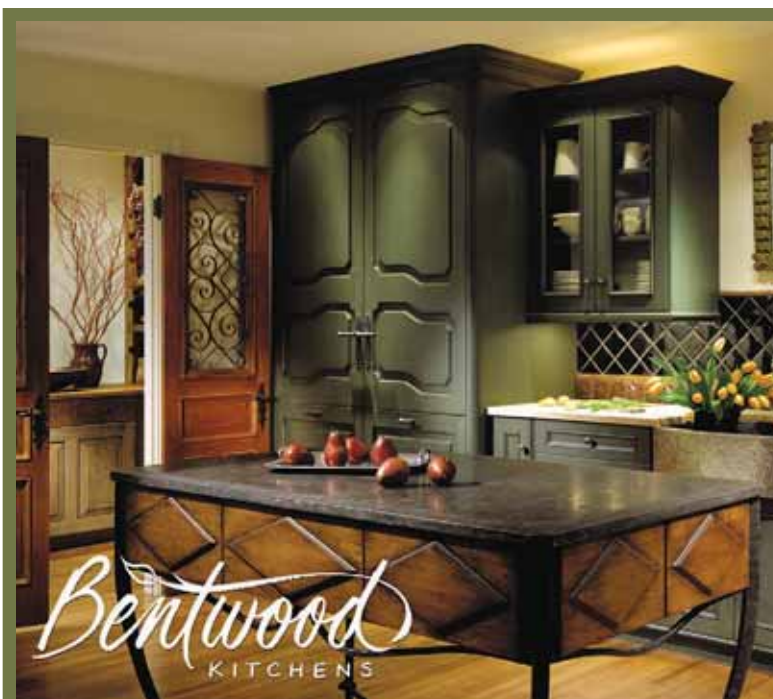
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ I couldn't stop smiling,
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—Lisa Weil, about helicopter skiing
in Canada. See story, page 17.

School district holding job fair

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District will hold a job fair Saturday, March 31, at its offices at 699 Old Orchard Drive in Danville. Interviews will be conducted by appointment only, and applicants must hold a California teaching credential with a Cross Language and Academic Development (CLAD) certification.

Applicants must submit a complete district employment application. Though the deadline for scheduling interviews was March 16, the district will continue scheduling appointments until its slots are all filled, said Mary Garcia, job fair coordinator.

“The appointments (are) filling up quickly,” she said, noting that the district receives 300 people at its job fairs. “We are still accepting certain positions.”

To request the interview request form, contact Garcia by telephone at 552-2955 or by e-mail her at mcgarcia@srvusd.net.

County hires information officer

Contra Costa County has appointed Laura Garcia Darensburg to get information out to the community about its services and operations. The Chief Public Communication Officer position is new to the county.

“This position is going to be a tremendous help in quickly and strategically getting the right information out to the right people,” said District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho.

The position will streamline county communications with the news media, providing a central contact for reporters who need statistical information or interviews with county staff, according to a county press release.

“We need to efficiently get information out to our nearly 1 million residents regarding the county's key service areas and emergency preparedness,” said County Administrator John Cullen.

Darensburg has several years of experience as a television news reporter and anchor at stations in Santa Barbara and in Las Vegas. She has also worked in community involvement campaigns and on a communications team on local government issues including airports, family courts and public safety. She was raised in San Francisco, and holds a bachelor's degree in mass communications from UC Berkeley.

E-waste collection next weekend

Get rid of your old electronics the environmentally ethical way, for free at the Sycamore Valley park and ride March 31-April 1. Universal Waste Management will collect old computer equipment, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, telephone and cell equipment and more from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the parking lot at the intersection of Sycamore Valley Road and Camino Ramon off I-680.

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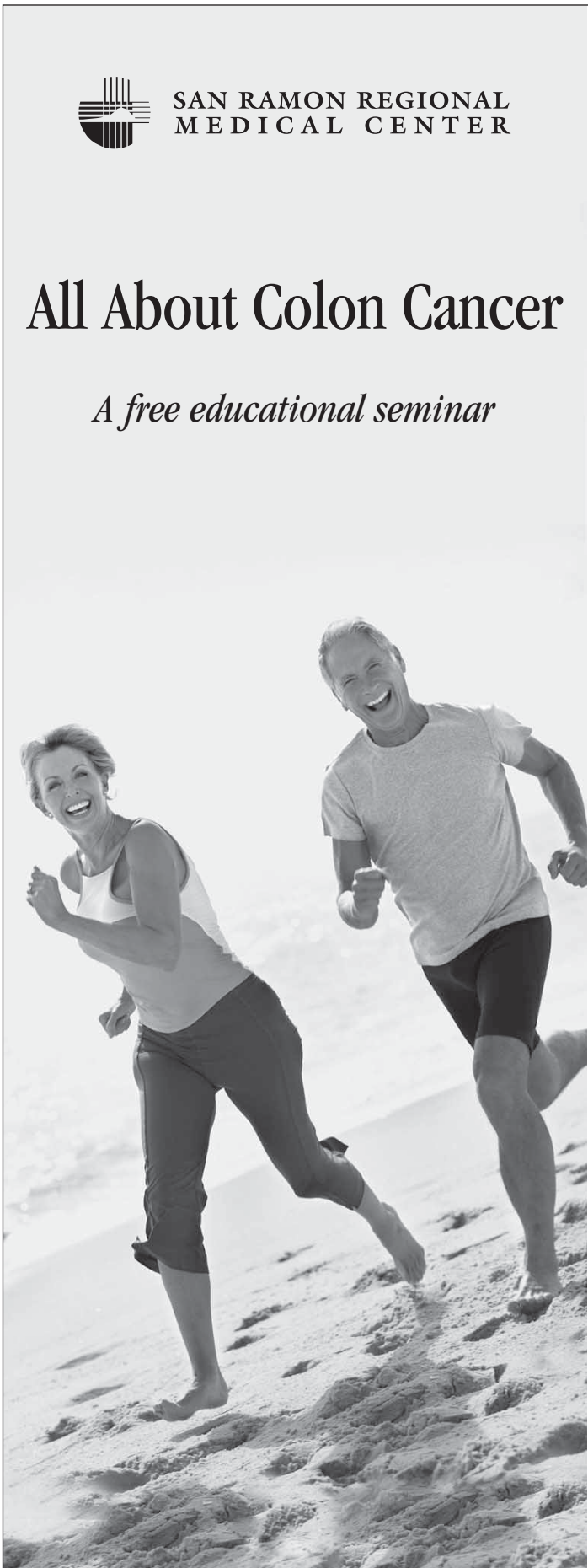
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Courtney VanBlerkom, Leah Chole and Lindsey Scanlon enthusiastically rehearse a scene from "High School Musical."

'High School Musical' comes to Danville

Energetic play touches on the struggle to find one's self and to be accepted

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Walt Disney executives say it's "Grease" meets "Romeo and Juliet." It's called "High School Musical" and if your household is free of pre-teens, the phenomenon may have slipped by you.

"I gotta hand it to Disney, they

really turned kids on to musicals again," said Pam Greenan, who is directing the Danville Children's Musical Theatre rendition of the popular movie.

In January 2006, Disney released "High School Musical" as a made-for-TV movie that follows two students as they break through their

cliques in order to audition for the musical at their school. The movie was a smash hit, selling 2.3 million DVDs in 2006 and has recently been adapted into a play.

Tonight Danville Children's Musical Theatre's production of

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Danville to decide town Web site policy

Links to other groups OK but site not intended as public forum

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

The Town Council will set policy for Danville's Web site at its meeting April 3. It wants to make sure the site provides community information efficiently but does not become a public forum for advocacy groups.

This is the first written policy for the Town of Danville's Web site, said Danville Attorney Rob Ewing.

"It really puts down in black and white what we have been doing for the past several years," he said. "We have never had a written policy."

The Web site explains the workings of the different town departments and helps residents find services as well as community events and activities. It has become a widely used resource within the community.

The new policy has rules for the town to allow Web links to other organizations, maintaining its community calendar and announcing local public events.

The town would allow links by the following:

- Other governmental agencies serving town residents;
- Public utilities;
- Schools;
- Organizations promoting business in Danville;

- Museums, libraries or organizations that provide cultural resources;
- Churches and other places of worship;
- Sports leagues;
- Hospitals; and
- Veterans organizations.

The policy bans links with sites for candidates running for political office, political organizations or advocacy groups, corporate or other for-profit organizations and individual purposes or links comprising obscene material.

At their January workshop, council members discussed ways the Danville Web site could potentially be used to disseminate information from organizations other than the town.

They requested more detailed information about staff resources required to expand usage of the Web site and asked staff to prepare a draft policy.

Staff members said they wanted to make sure that access to the Web site does not create a public forum.

"It's pretty much what we have been doing," said Ewing. "There's not that much new."

The Town Council meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Danville Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. ■

Boundaries set for Creekside Elementary

New grammar school opening delayed until 2009

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

Trustees established borders at their meeting earlier this month for Creekside Elementary School, which is planned in new developments off Camino Tassajara.

They also delayed the school's opening by one year.

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District Board of Education unanimously approved Creekside's attendance area, which includes Alamo Creek, Wendt Ranch and other developments in an unincorporated area near Danville.

Students living in the Creekside section have been assigned to attend Golden View Elementary in San Ramon until Creekside is opened but Golden View is now filled to capacity, school staff said.

"It's really overcrowded," said Margaret Brown, district assistant superintendent of facilities.

New students who move in to the Creekside attendance area will attend Quail Run Elementary School in San Ramon until Creekside opens in 2009. Older students will attend

Diablo Vista Middle School and Monte Vista High in Danville.

Shapell Homes is responsible for funding and building Creekside Elementary, which district officials said is now scheduled to open. It was previously scheduled to open in 2008, but the district said it currently found fewer than 300 students enrolled, making it fiscally unsound to open at that time.

District officials said their strategy is to keep students and their friends together when they shift schools.

"Our concern was how to keep the community together," Brown said.

Some parents at the board meeting voiced their frustration about having moved into a neighborhood mainly so their child can attend a specific school, such as Creekside. They complained about the difficulties of children being transplanted from a stable learning environment into a new place.

"Danville became my choice for a community to raise my son in because of the strong family-centric civic environment and the terrific public school system," wrote Danville resident Ray Spence in a letter. "When I received the SRVUSD letter ... explaining the staff recommendation to delay opening Creekside Elementary

alarms went off in my head."

"The plan of having Creekside so close was a fundamental reason for buying our Shapell Wendt Ranch home," he wrote. "And although the letter defines the delay as only one year, I'm not convinced that it would actually be one year."

Nonetheless, trustees said district staff did a tremendous job in making the best out of a difficult situation.

"I do think this is the right boundary," said Trustee Joan Buchanan. "I support the delaying of the school."

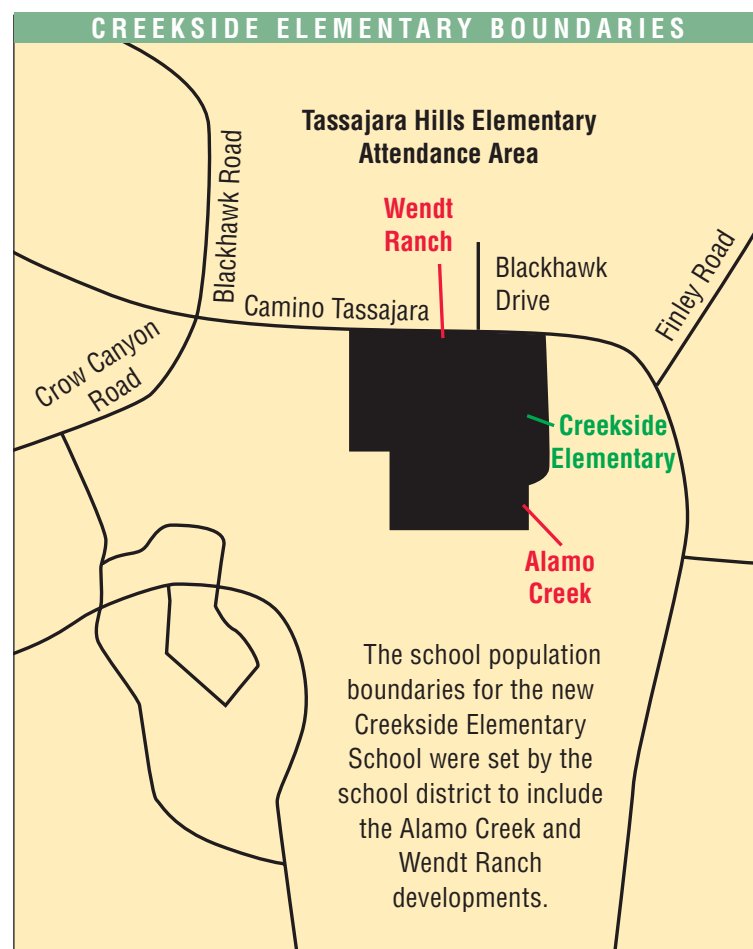
"We have done an admirable job, given the fluid nature of the housing market," added Trustee Greg Marvel, noting that Quail Run is an excellent school.

"It's like getting diverted to heaven," he said.

Brown noted that Creekside will be built and ready to open in 2009. Its attendance area also includes Biella, Vercelli, Milano, Levanto/Monterosso, Vernazzo and Tassajara Apartments.

"We all knew these kids were coming," she said. "It's a fabulous school."

She added that Ray Spence will get the opportunity to see that the developer and school board keep their word. ■



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Text messaging gathers crowd at fight scene

Clash results in stitches, arrest and suspension from school

by Natalie O'Neill

In-school text messaging helped orchestrate an after-school brawl, prompting about 20 observers to show up at Alamo Plaza.

Two male Monte Vista High School students, both over six feet tall, recently used text messaging to spread the word about the time and location of their planned fist-fight. Some of the observers got word through a text message chain and arrived at the scene at about 3:40 p.m. on a recent Monday.

"(The young men) text messaged each other to set up transportation to the location—then called back with their cell phones to confirm they were there," Alamo Deputy Elmer Glasser said at the March police advisory meeting.

The juveniles, who were both 17 years old, had gotten into a verbal conflict earlier that day during a lunch break at school. They then arranged to meet after class to settle the issue physically.

Both young men struck each other several times with closed fists, causing a concussion and the need for stitches. One of the boys was identified as the primary aggressor and was arrested for felony battery.

The fight was halted quickly and the young men's parents were contacted by the police department.

"It could have been much worse. This was big boys just being dumb," Glasser said.

Police Advisory members noted that when they were in high school, there were fights after school but not on this scale, with such organization.

"This is how they get all of their friends there?" one Police Advisory Committee member

asked, intrigued.

Before the school shootings of 1999 in other places, cell phones in the classroom were largely against policy in public high schools. But overwhelming responses from both parents and students prompted the rules in most schools to change nationwide, with safety cited as the primary reason.

But while technology helps students stay safe and connected to their parents, new reports from the National Crime Prevention Council point to the argument that cell phones could be doing teens as much harm as good.

According to the new survey, more than 40 percent of teens have been victims of taunts and threats via the text messaging, instant messages and Internet networking sites. The episodes have been dubbed "cyberbullying."

In the case of the Alamo fight, the incident was partially prompted by name calling and offensive language, Glasser said. It is, however, unclear whether the language was spoken, text messaged or both.

"There was some strong language used and when the father was called in, he wanted to address that first," Glasser said.

While no figures were listed with National Crime Prevention Council as to how many of the reported instances of cyberbullying ended in physical fights or violence, the survey stated that teens who were taunted via technology reported feeling "angry" and "scared" and that a common reaction was "seeking revenge on the bully."

Because the Alamo incident began on school grounds, both students were suspended. ■

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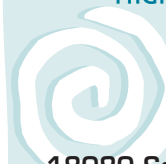
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U-verse arrives in Danville

AT&T explains what its high tech line has to offer

by Jordan M. Doronila

AT&T Corp. celebrated the release of its U-verse in Danville last week.

The mega communications company had informational booths for the public at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce last Thursday morning, March 15. AT&T has recently been launching its U-verse line in Danville and other areas of the Bay Area, including San Ramon.

U-verse is a Lightspeed Internet Protocol Television Service with more than 300 TV channels that can record four programs at once. It integrates digital video, AT&T Yahoo! High Speed Internet, high definition programming and other advanced abilities.

Danville Mayor Mike Shimansky, a former AT&T employee, said he and his neighbors on Redondo Way have replaced their previous television cable services with U-verse.

"I'm enjoying it right now," Shimansky said last week. "We can record any program we want. It's more convenient."

"A lot of neighbors have signed up for it," he added. "I love it. We are getting 300 channels. We can record four different programs at once."

At the Chamber, dozens of people inquired about U-verse with AT&T marketing representatives. An AT&T truck was parked outside the Chamber and displayed television demos about its new product. Inside, company marketers offered green cookies and hung balloons in



Gary Rich, an AT&T marketing representative, talks about U-verse with a passerby outside the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce last week. U-verse is AT&T's new Internet Protocol Television Service.



An AT&T truck showcases demonstrations on television for U-verse.

honor of St. Patrick's Day.

"Danville is among the first (to receive U-Verse) because we were able to reach an agreement with city officials," said Ted Carr, AT&T spokesman. "We plan to expand to additional areas on an ongoing basis."

"We think Danville residents are going to love it," he said, adding that Saratoga, Cupertino, Foster

City and East Palo Alto are the other California communities that have U-verse.

Other product features include a video-on-demand library, digital video recording, its fiber optic texture, Web remote access, instant channel changing, and a search that customers can use to inquire about a program by a title or an actor's name.

Currently, Texas, Indiana, Connecticut, Wisconsin and Missouri also carry U-verse.

Last year, the Danville Town Council gave its approval for AT&T to begin installing U-verse in the community. Danville customers have said they want more TV service choices, and AT&T's Internet Protocol would appeal to youth.

The company made its U-verse pitch to San Ramon before heading to Danville.

"It's much, much faster," said Town Councilwoman Candace Andersen. "Our residents are receiving high speed Internet. Danville is tech savvy."

The Town of Danville will receive 5 percent of AT&T's gross revenue annually, said Town Attorney Rob Ewing. Comcast also pays 5 percent of its gross revenues to Danville.

Andersen said having competition between television service companies may make prices lower for customers. Comcast also provides service in Danville.

"We felt competition is good," said Andersen. "It (U-verse) provides options for residents." ■

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Musical

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the play will open at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., in Danville and it is running through March 31.

In Danville and in community theaters nationally, the hit has prompted long audition lines and increased ticket sales at small venues.

The local cast of 57 includes actors ages 10-16 from Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek and San Ramon who have been rehearsing twice a week since January. The play appeals to kids and teens because it is completely about them, Greenan said.

"I've never seen so much enthusiasm on stage. They came in already knowing the lines and the choreography It's their 'Bye Bye Birdie,'" she said.

Kids countrywide have explained they love "High School Musical" because it's the only musical written about their generation. And this isn't just great for kids, it's great for small theater.

"'High School Musical' may be responsible for saving the budgets of theater departments across the country," wrote Disney blogger John Frost.

Aside from catchy songs and well choreographed dance moves, the play touches on universal themes like the struggle to find one's self and be accepted.

"The central theme is that it's OK to go outside the group," said Mandy Stein, a parent volunteer.

The central conflict exists between two groups of students—the jocks and the brainics. Main characters Troy (Travis Selland), the popular captain of the basketball team, and Gabriella (Lindsey Scanlon), a smart but shy transfer student, attempt to break through their respective groups as they audition for the main parts in their school musical.

"It's a glorified fairytale high school. There are no drugs, no hoods; it's the kind of high school where everybody wants to be," Greenan said.

Greenan has also directed "Beauty and the Beast," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Oklahoma" through Danville Children's Musical Theatre, but says this play is different. Unlike older musicals, she didn't have to get the kids jazzed up about the show—they already were.

"I didn't have to sell it to them, they were already saying to me, 'Pam, you're going to love this song,'" she said.

And as an audience member, you can tell they are having a blast onstage, Greenan said.

"The energy that comes from the stage is infectious, you know they are loving it," she said.

The biggest challenge this far has been to get all the characters on key musically, she said, adding that it can get tense in the final rehearsals. It's a big help to have talented Musical Director Nancy Jacobs, Greenan said.

The show is best fit for kids under the age of 18 and for adults with teens and pre-teens. Tickets are going fast and the Danville Children's Musical Theatre recent-



Main characters Gabriella and Troy, played by Lindsey Scanlon and Travis Selland, embrace as Jenny Larsen practices her lines in the foreground.

ly added two more matinees to their Saturday showings.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. March 23, 24 and 29-31 along with 2 and 4 p.m. on March 24 and 31. Tickets cost \$9.50 for adults

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Achoo! Welcome, spring

Is it spring yet? Yes, I know spring began Wednesday, April 21. I mean: Is it allergy season yet?

If you don't suffer from spring allergies, you won't appreciate my concern. If pollens do attack you every spring, as they do me, you will understand this torture that renders one a helpless blob of itching eyes, ears and throat, swollen sinuses and unsightly sneezes.

In my joy at our gorgeous weather lately, I almost forgot about spring allergies. But then I noticed a frequent urge to blink. A tickle in my nose and throat.

Spring allergy season has already started for people with tree pollen

allergy, said Dr. Nancy Mozelsio, an allergist I was talking to last week. She's one of 10 physicians with the Allergy and Asthma Medical Group of the Bay Area, which has offices in San Ramon, Walnut Creek, Pleasanton, Brentwood and Berkeley. But for the majority of sufferers, the season will peak in about a month, she said. Those rolling hills that look so lovely surrounding our homes are working overtime right now to produce pollen for us.

"Grass pollen, that's a biggie here in the East Bay," she said. "In the San Ramon Valley basin we have a valley situation with lots of wind that dumps the pollen right here."

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Some sufferers opt for a steroid shot, she said, but that just cures the symptoms. "It makes you feel better for that time, but it doesn't do anything for your immune system," she said. Others take the route of immunotherapy, receiving shots for several years to build up a resistance to pollens. Or there are prescription nasal sprays or over-the-counter medicines.

Mozelsio highly recommended skin testing to find out exactly what one's allergies are. I went through this a few years ago—dozens of pinpricks containing different substances. That's how I know that my problems are spring and fall grasses.

Thank goodness I'm not allergic to animals. I've noticed that petting my cat Bob in the springtime starts me sneezing, and Mozelsio said that's because he picks up pollen from outside and brings it in. She cautioned not to let him into the bedroom during this time. Not to worry. Since he's one of those it's-time-to-get-up-at-3-in-the-morning types, he spends his nights in the garage where he sleeps on top of the cars. Or in them if we neglect to roll up the windows.

Mozelsio said people new to the area aren't bothered by our abundance of pollen. "That's the honeymoon period," she explained. "Then the body starts to recognize new allergens, and after a couple of years they start to feel the effects."

"That's why most young children don't have allergies," she added.

She said it can be hard to tell the difference between colds and allergies, but colds are not usually accompanied by the itching that comes with allergies. And if you have a fever, it is probably a cold.

When the pollen comes out, it's best for allergy sufferers to stay indoors, she said, especially when it is windy. If they must go outside they should wear sunglasses to keep pollen from blowing in their eyes. And after being outdoors they should change their clothing and shower off the pollen, and keep their windows closed. Also, she emphasized, it's best to start allergy medications before the allergies take hold.

She also noted that many times people are allergic to other things besides pollen, such as dust mites, which will exacerbate their condition. In that case, it's important to vacuum carefully, wash bedding weekly in hot water, and encase mattresses, pillows and box springs in special covers.

Mozelsio said she chose this branch of medicine because she herself suffers from asthma and allergies. She lives in Alamo with her son Eric, who goes to Stone Valley Middle School, and Yves, her husband. Yves does not suffer from allergies, luckily, because he is a wedding photographer and it would be a shame if he couldn't shoot weddings outdoors in the springtime.

I asked what kind of allergies people have in Berkeley, since their pollen is washed away by the sea air and cool Bay breezes. It turns out they have mold allergies, especially in the fall and winter.

That sounds like an unpleasant experience as the winter approaches. I'll take my allergies with the blue skies and sunshine. And please pass the nasal spray.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli
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EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Don't divide Danville

On the fourth anniversary of the Iraq War, our country is divided. Let's not let these differences of opinion divide Danville.

Someone suggested in a Letter to the Editor last week that the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley should keep political groups from marching in its popular Fourth of July Parade. The writer was especially offended by anti-war signs held by Democrats and the ACLU.

We feel the parade should

be open to everyone, including political groups. Some feel passionately that the war in Iraq is keeping terrorists off our streets and preserving our freedoms. Others feel just as strongly that our resources instead should be used to pursue Al Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan, or to work on the problems in the Mideast that caused them to launch the Sept. 11 attacks in the first place.

This year's parade theme is "A Salute to Our Veterans,

Thank You for Your Service to Our Country." That's a wonderful theme for a day when we ponder and orate on our freedoms that were hard-won by our forefathers and throughout the last 200 years. Thanking our troops is something that both sides want to do. One side feels we need to support our troops by supporting the war. The other side feels we could best support our troops by removing them from Iraq. We realized after the Vietnam War that we should not confuse the soldiers with the mission, that everyone who serves our

country deserves a salute.

Kiwanis is already accepting signups for its popular parade, which has grown from a small-town gathering of Scout troops and sports teams to representatives from many organizations represented by floats, marching units and even some bands. Our freedoms mean the right to hold and express different opinions and to march down Hartz Avenue together to celebrate Independence Day.

It's the American way of life. Let's not allow Danville to be divided.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The right to disagree

Dear Editor:

I was somewhat surprised by the letter in the March 16 "Danville Weekly," which you appropriately titled "Keep politics out of parade." The SRV Kiwanis Service Club does a great service to Danville each year, as in 2006, by expending great effort putting on the Fourth of July Parade, commemorating the action of the delegates to the Second Continental Congress, Declaring the Independence of the 13 original States of America, from Great Britain.

What sets out Country apart

from say, Hitler's Germany, or Stalin's Russia, is we have built in to our Declaration, the Constitution which followed it, and the Laws based on the Constitution, the right to disagree on anything, and to settle those differences by free political elections held at least every two years. This constitutes our American Civil Liberties (as in the ACLU). In our differences lie our strengths.

Nothing much shocks or angers me anymore, and I defend to the death Mr. Yakoubovsky's right to say or write whatever he wishes, within the bounds of good taste.

Ralph Hoffmann, Danville

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POLICE BULLETIN

Rumble on Blackhawk Drive

Police arrested an 18-year-old for allegedly serving alcohol to minors at his party Saturday at his parents' home in Blackhawk, said Lt. Alan Johnson of Blackhawk Police Services.

Approximately 40 juveniles attended the party on Blackhawk Drive last Saturday evening, he said, drawing youths from Danville and Concord. At the event, two juveniles started arguing and then wound up throwing punches at each other. Their friends got involved, and the fight grew, spilling into the street, Johnson said, adding that he believed a neighbor made the call to the police.

As a result of the skirmish, some juveniles suffered injuries to their heads or shoulders, Johnson said.

Additionally, some items were taken from the host's father that night. Johnson said he did not have a full report of what was stolen.

Police arrested the 18-year-old on charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors by serving alcohol to underage drinkers and for breaking his probation. Johnson said he did not know the details of the young adult's probation.

Johnson said parties usually do not get out of hand. "It's not that frequent," he said.

The last one in Blackhawk that was out of control was on New Year's Eve, he said.

"Law enforcement understands that kids want to get together," Johnson said. "Serving alcohol is never a good idea. Alcohol does impair judgment."

He said minors who drink alcohol may suffer some consequences.

"It won't be much fun for them in the long run," Johnson said, noting their car insurance rates may go up for breaking the law.

"There's a penalty there," he added.

—Jordan M. Dornila

OBITUARIES

Jean Victoria Dickson

Alamo resident Jean Victoria Dickson died March 12 after a continuing battle with heart problems. As noted on her license plate, she was "Still 26"; as a Christmas baby, every Dec. 25 she had a party to celebrate turning 26 again, with a huge party the year her son Scott also was 26.

She grew up in Chicago attending Catholic grammar and high

schools, and attended Northwestern University before taking a job in advertising. She ended with Compton as a traffic manager, and in 1964, had a male assistant, a very proud feat before women's lib.

She and Jon were married in 1965 and moved to California. After three years in San Francisco, they moved to Danville where she became a mother and homemaker. Her friends remember her quick

mind and determined nature, sharp sense of humor and her ability to tell the truth, even when it was painful.

She is survived by her husband Jon, and children Scott and Heather.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Isidore's Church in Danville on March 16. The family requests any donations be made to the American Heart Association, 1710 Gilbreth Road, Burlingame 94010.

POLICE LOG

The Danville Police Department made the following information available.

Sunday, March 11

- Battery on Hartz Ave. at 12:21 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:58 a.m.
- Grand theft on Mockingbird Pl. at 12:19 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on La Gonda Ct. at 1:47 p.m.
- Grand theft on Roan Dr. at 2:17 p.m.
- Vandalism on Mountain Ridge Dr. at 3:17 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- Battery on Hartz Ave. at 5:50 p.m.
- Grand theft on Glasgow Cir. at 8:31 p.m.
- Prowler heard on Glen Valley Cir. at 10:15 p.m.

Monday, March 12

- Petty theft from vehicle on La Gonda Way at 9:27 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. at 9:37 a.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Diablo Rd. at 10:44 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Linda Mesa Ave. at 11:41 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Culet Dr. and Culet Ranch Rd. at 11:51 a.m.
- Threats disturbance on Presidio Ct. at 1:29 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:51 p.m.
- Accident, minor injuries, on northbound I-680 on ramp at 3:44 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Stone Valley Rd. at 3:56 p.m.
- Harass disturbance on Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 4:09 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Crestridge Dr. at 4:11 p.m.
- Music disturbance on Ilo Ln. at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

- Accident, property damage, on Love Ln. and Railroad Ave. at 8:16 a.m.

- Vandalism on Love Ln. at 11:47 a.m.
- Disturbance on Stowbridge Ct. at 12:05 p.m.
- Identity theft on Danville Blvd. at 2:31 p.m.
- Vandalism on Stone Valley Rd. at 3:25 p.m.
- Harass disturbance on La Gonda Way at 3:34 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Love Ln. at 3:35 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara and Diablo Rd. at 3:50 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Silver Lake Dr. at 4:51 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Zagora Dr. at 5:12 p.m.

Friday, March 16

- Vandalism on Mustang Dr. at 11:14 a.m.
- Petty theft from building on Stone Valley Rd. at 11:29 a.m.
- Court order violation on Ashley Cir. at 11:48 a.m.
- Drunk in public on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 3:06 p.m.
- Animal cruelty on El Cerro Blvd. and La Gonda Way at 3:11 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on northbound I-680 on ramp and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 4:24 p.m.
- Identity theft on New Boston Ct. at 4:29 p.m.
- Alcohol intoxicated subject on La Gonda Way at 7:06 p.m.

Saturday, March 17

- Prowler heard on Bridgewater Cir. at 2:15 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Fostoria Way at 8:18 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Crow Canyon Rd. at 12:29 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Bridgewater Cir. at 4:03 p.m.
- Commercial burglary on Holbrook Pl. at 5:27 p.m.
- Public nuisance on Front St. at 7:43 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. at 9:56 p.m.
- Music disturbance on Belgian Dr. at 11:19 p.m. and 11:33 p.m.

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Let the season begin

Monte Vista varsity lacrosse celebrates its one-point victory over De La Salle last Friday night in overtime, 5-4, in a preseason game. The Monte Vista junior varsity also won by one point, 11-10, in overtime.

Track and field 'Blasts Off' at Berkeley meet

Both high school have stars that shine

by Rachel McMurdie

Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley track and field teams spent a competition-filled weekend at UC Berkeley's "Bay Area Blast Off" on the Berkeley campus last Friday.

On the field, Monte Vista's Sienna Brown took second, with a 118-foot 10-inch discus throw. On the track, San Ramon boys dominated, earning a third-place in the 4x100 relay with a time of 43.69 seconds.

Monte Vista jumpers earned particularly high scores. Abby Van Muijen, a junior, struck a fourth-place 16-foot long jump. Stephanie Schafer, also a junior, earned a fourth-place in high jump at 4 feet 11 inches. Senior Lance King cleared 13 feet on his pole vault for third place, just behind San Ramon Valley's second place, senior Stephanos Millias, who cleared a 13 foot 6 inch jump.

In the boys 400-meter dash, football stars from both high schools finished in the top pack. San Ramon's Corbin Louks finished eighth in 11.41 seconds, followed by teammate Clark Petersen (10th place) and Ryan Vandersloot (12th place). Monte Vista's Drew McAllister earned 13th place finishing in 11.55 seconds.

In girls track, San Ramon Valley senior Kelly Fogarty earned third in the 100-meter dash (12.37 seconds) and sixth in the 200-meter dash (25.90 seconds).

Earlier in the week both teams opened the regular season with league meets. Monte Vista boys beat Foothill 80-56 in large part due to the strength of its relays. The Mustang girls upset Foothill 100-36.

In Livermore, San Ramon Valley boys defeated Granada at Granada High, in a 72-64 meet that came down to the final 4x400 relay. San Ramon girls lost to Granada, which swept the 3,200-meter event on its way to a 73-63 meet win.

Softball

San Ramon Valley girls battled California High through a tie-breaker eighth inning in a tournament championship game Saturday, but wound up just short of the Queen of the Mountain title.

California's Stephanie Hatley batted a single in the bottom of the eighth allowing Krista Miller to score from third base. The run gave California (6-0) the 1-0 win. San Ramon Valley (5-1) had its opportunity to score at the top of the eighth. Following Olympic tie-breaker rules, the Wolves opened the inning with bases loaded but couldn't catch a break and struck out without any hits.

San Ramon Valley, a team that last year advanced to the North Coast Section 3A semifinals, earned its berth to the tournament semifinals after beating the Antioch High Panthers 5-0 in the quarterfinals. The Wolves scored three times on four hits in the second inning, during that game.

Earlier Saturday, Monte Vista girls made it to the semifinal round but lost to California, 1-0.

Boys Golf

Monte Vista golfers swung past Granada (0-4) this week at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo for their third league win. Jeff Hamm was the low scorer shooting just one over par on the par 36 course to pace Monte Vista for a 193-250 win. ■

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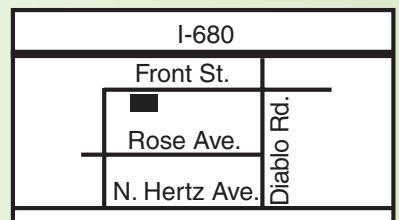


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Flying high

Family finds fun soaring the friendly skies of Danville

story and photos by Natalie O'Neill

On a bright clear Tuesday—a close-to-perfect day for flying small planes in the East Bay—Danville's David Larsen adjusts his pilot's headset carefully. "Oscar Foxtrot Romeo..." garbled flight code buzzes into the four-seat plane by radio, signaling he's clear to fly.

With the control board of a private single engine airplane as his backdrop, Larsen would look like he was lifted from a "Top Gun" sequel if it weren't for the casual polo shirt and baseball cap that give him away.

Behind the pilot's seat, his wife Kristen is double checking for traffic, other planes that might interfere with the takeoff.

The smell of gasoline wafts into the cabin, the engine blares loudly and the couple is ready to soar. Speeding down the runway, the air pressure pushes against the plane as it lifts off the ground, rising to 10 feet, 30 feet, 200 feet ... and up into the atmosphere.

To a novice flyer there is the looming feeling that the light plane could just stop in thin air—and drop like a rock at any second.

But to the Larsens, who fly as a family hobby with their son and daughters, this is just another outing to San Francisco—like an elaborate road trip.

"I don't want to say we're ever relaxed," Kristen says. "But the suspense is something you get used to."

It's a calculated risk, David explains.

There are hours of preparation and planning that go into flying and gaining a pilot's license. Extensive pre-flight checklists must be completed before take-off, ensuring plane parts are working and intact. Updates on weather must be constantly monitored by radio. And students learning to fly must put in at least 40 hours along with taking oral, written and practical tests.

It's not like a car; you don't just get in and go, the couple explains.

"For example, if your fuel gauge is broken you don't say, 'Well, I just filled it up.' You don't fly," David says.

Even with all of effort it takes to hone the expensive hobby David, Kristen, their 16-year-old son Mark and 20-year-old daughter Brynn have all earned their licenses to fly. They rent a 1977 Cessna through Sterling Aviation in Concord for a little over \$100 an hour. Erika, 13, is already working on obtaining her license.

Some families golf together. Other families go for hikes. The Larsens spend time in the air.

They're not the only ones, either. As post Sept. 11 airport security becomes more and more of a

time-consuming hassle, the trend of flying small planes is booming, says Chris Greovich, general manager for Sterling Aviation.

"A lot more small business owners are using (single engines) planes to travel. They find out they can make a flight to L.A. in two hours and these days time is money," he says.

Business owners in the East Bay often hire a pilot for about \$40 an hour instead of getting their license, he says. Adventurous couples and families are also finding that the Bay Area, with its breathtaking views of mountains and ocean, is a perfect place to fly.

Nationally, piloting planes has been in the spotlight increasingly more in the past few years, thanks in part to actress and American media obsession Angelina Jolie. The celebrity scored her single engine license back in 2004 so she could pilot in northern Cambodia with her son. Her adventures were written about in everything from trashy gossip columns to upscale magazines.

Here in Danville, flying has been an incredible confidence builder for the Larsen kids, Kristen says. Studying for flight tests has helped them learn how to prepare for big tests in school. And being behind the wheel has made it easier for them to learn how to cope with stress and responsibility.

As the Larsens approach 3,000 feet in the air, houses and trees become small square specks, like a plastic toy village below. Up here, it



David and Kristen Larsen enjoy the view from above of Monte Vista High School where their son Mark is sitting in class.

seems you could squash entire towns with your foot—crush them like an egg.

David points out Mount Diablo, which sends up air currents as they pass it, making the plane bounce with turbulence. As they glide over Danville they pinpoint Monte Vista High School, text messaging Mark who sits in class as they glide overhead.

The bird's-eye view is panoramic and vast from the front, not limited to one small side window like in large jets. Glistening aqua blue swimming pools and sprawling green tennis courts look like squares in the patchwork quilt of land below.

It's this change of perspective, the ability to see how the earth fits together from above, that made Kristen fall in love with flying.

"Look," she points out. "There's a multi-million dollar mansion and from up here it's tiny—it's nothing."

For Mark, who is 16 and already flies planes by himself, flying is his passion because, in the air, he only has himself to rely on.

"It's all up to you. You really have to depend on yourself," he says.

Pinned to the Larsen's bathroom wall are lists of short code for the airplane radio communication along with aviation rules—part of the Sterling syllabus—that might as well be Greek to non-flyers. Learning and applying the terms and rules is part of an enjoyable struggle, David says.

For him, flying is all about the challenge and the feeling of freedom flying grants.

"It's a great feeling of accomplishment," he says, adding that they fly on their own schedules and go where they want, for as long as they want.

On this particular sunny Tuesday, David is calm and steady with his takeoff and landing. Kristen, who is in the back of the plane today, is quite a pilot herself.

She began flying planes as a teenager with her dad in Seattle, took about 20 years off to raise a family, and just recently got back into the swing of it. She and her father would take small planes to the Oregon coast or southeast to Utah, sometimes getting stuck in places for hours when bad weather would roll in.

"On the Oregon coast you are at the mercy of the weather—you just have to wait for it to clear," she said, recalling the rain and clouds.

On those trips she remembers it was always more about the journey than it was about how easily, quickly or comfortably they got there. It was a way of spending time with her dad and sharing a passion, she said. She laughs remembering that back then, without fancy piloting



Adjusting the cabin settings as part of his pre-flight checklist, David Larsen points out that dangerous conditions can be prevented by cautious preparation.

headsets, they had to yell over the sound of the engine to talk.

Fast forward about 25 years and Kristen is doing the same thing, only now she's in the cockpit with David. For their anniversary the couple took a small plane to Napa, where David admitted may not have been the most fun way of getting there—just the most fun.

"It wasn't about going to Napa—it was about the process of getting there," Kristen says.

For other couples, flying a personal plane doesn't seem nerve racking and dangerous, no matter how they envision a pleasant anniversary trip. But the Larsens point out this is an incorrect perception people have about flying that it's somehow dare-devilish and risky.

"The most common misconception is that it's dangerous," David says.

"I think people pay attention to the scary stories about flying," Kristen adds.

What typically makes the hobby dangerous when people try to force a flight when the conditions aren't up to par, or if they are impatient to get somewhere. The hobby takes patience and planning, so if you are impatient who is perpetually in a rush or have a need to push the limits you might want to try a different hobby, they point out.

Knowing the territory you're flying over is also crucial for avoiding a sticky situation, David says.

"It's not like a car—you can't pull over to the side of the road and check your map," David says.

David holds an aviation map of the area on his lap that he occasionally glances at for now the couple is miles from the airport and can just sit back and enjoy the landscape on their journey.

The shadow of the plane on the earth below looks like a bird, wings spread, gliding over those toy houses and million-dollar mansions on this bright Tuesday, the couple—not just the plane—is birdlike. They have the freedom to soar and land as they please. ■

Interested in a test flight?

Many flight schools offer drastically discounted introductory flights for first-timers who want to give flying a try. For tips on finding prices, flight schools and instructors, visit www.projectpilot.org or call 1-800-USA-AOPA. The Web site offers a database with more than 3,500 flight training facilities.



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Above: Kristen Larsen enjoys the view of an East Bay reservoir that she hikes, adding that flying is a great chance to find places you never knew existed.
Below: David Larsen pushes the single engine plane into its lot after landing.

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FRESH SNOW

Helicopter skiing lets enthusiasts run virgin slopes

by Natalie O'Neill



Geared up and ready to go, Alamo's Lisa Weil anticipates her next ski run down the unmarked snow after having been flown to the top of the mountain by helicopter.

Staring down the face of a 2,500-foot mountain, Alamo's Jeffrey Weil had the overwhelming feeling it was his own private slope.

Having just taken a helicopter to the top of a mountain in Whistler, Canada, he and his wife Lisa shared the fresh snow with just four other people. Not a ski track could be seen for miles.

"When you get up there, you have this incredible virgin powder... It's paradise," said Jeffrey, who made the trip to Canada three weeks ago.

Before skiing they completed avalanche training, an hour-long class that taught them what to do in case of emergency. The training included instruction on how to use safety radio devises, and how to shovel and probe in case someone is buried by the snow.

After the training, the guided run down the mountain put them in three to four feet of unmarked powder.

"It's an incredible sensation, like you're floating," Jeffrey said.

At the bottom of the mountain, after a 30-minute run, they were picked up and flown to the top all over again.

"You are out there in nature—you're really one with the mountain. I couldn't

stop smiling, I felt like a kid," Lisa said.

Skiing the tops of mountains isn't just for professionals, willing to bomb off hundred-foot cliffs. In Whistler, guides will take any skier or snowboarder with intermediate or advanced capabilities Heli-skiing.

"It's not like you're jumping off cliffs like James Bond," Lisa said.

The Weils, who are in their 40s, said it was "a rush" even though they didn't feel like they were in danger at any point.

"My adrenalin was pumping," Lisa said.

It's a different kind of skiing because it requires you to stay much more upright and balanced, she explained.

In deep powder like that, falling is much more of an ordeal as well. Skiers can completely lose their skis and poles under the snow and some have trouble getting up if the weight of the snow catches them at a tricky angle.

"You just have to know not to panic," Jeffrey said.

When it comes to outdoor adventure, Jeffrey and Lisa are no strangers to the adrenaline rush. They have gone hammerhead shark diving, bungee jumping

and deep sea scuba diving.

Being in these extreme situations has often left them at the mercy of nature. In turn, they have developed a heightened sense of respect for the elements.

"It's just you and Mother Nature and it's incredibly beautiful with no one else around. It's so quiet up there," Jeffrey said.

The price to heli-ski for one day ranges from about \$600-\$800 per person for four runs in Whistler. Additional runs can be added for \$90 each.

When heli-skiing, there is no waiting in long chairlift lines, and at lunchtime the helicopter even brings hot soup and sandwiches to skiers, who picnic at the top of the mountain. The couple used this time to enjoy the view and talk with the other skiers, who had come from Germany and Japan for the adventure.

While Jeffrey doesn't consider the sport dangerous, he said there were a couple of nerve racking moments. At one point, the helicopter pilot was trying to land in a blizzard and he couldn't locate where the ground was.

"It was a white out, exciting but not

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Above: When the helicopter blades were in motion, skiers were told to keep their equipment below their waists. Below: While heli-skiing, the Weils shared the aircraft with skiers and snowboarders from Germany and Japan.

Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

The Norris Rancho

Usually California ranchos began as Spanish or Mexican grants. But one in the San Ramon Valley came about a different way and it is sometimes called the Norris Rancho. This 4,451-acre parcel was the first successful land purchase by an American in the valley and was carved from the Amador rancho beginning in 1851.

The Norris Rancho name is one example of the way people folded Spanish terms into life after statehood in 1850. The Spanish word "alcalde" is another. This combination of mayor and judge was applied to Alamo's Silas Stone, who was an older, highly respected man. He was sometimes called Squire or Alcalde Stone.

Mildred Hoover in "Historic Spots in California" describes Norris and his purchase:

"When Leo Norris came to the rancho in the autumn of 1850, he found a branch of the Soto family residing in an adobe house then standing about 150 yards from the site of his (eventual) residence. Apparently these were brothers of Rafaela Soto de Pacheco who planned to settle there, but they moved elsewhere when all their horses were stolen by Indians.

"Leo Norris lived at Mission San Jose from June 1847 until the early autumn of 1850 when he and his son William migrated to the San Ramon Valley. With them went their cousin, William Lynch, a native of New York, who had landed in San Francisco on June 28, 1849, from the pilot boat W. A. Hackstaff. Lynch was a journeyman carpenter and practiced his trade in San Francisco before going out to the fertile valley of San Ramon, where he aided Norris in erecting his house, the first frame dwelling in the valley.

"It was constructed from lumber hauled from the San Antonio redwoods by the long and tedious route through Mission San Jose, Sunol Valley, and Amador's (now Dublin). In spite of this round-about journey, the house was ready for occupancy before the winter. The old Norris dwelling, which stood on Norris Canyon Road at the mouth of the canyon about half a mile west of San Ramon Valley Boulevard, was destroyed by fire in 1951."

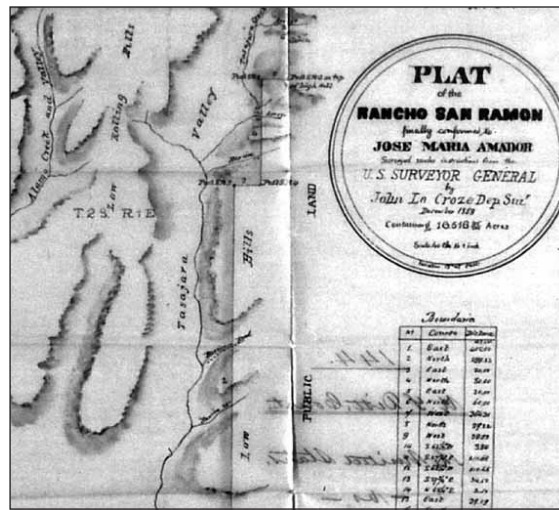
Leo and Mary Jane Norris and family had immigrated to Alta California in 1846. That year other early San Ramon Valley residents included Joel Harlan and Minerva Fowler (who later married Joel) and Mary Ann and John M. Jones of Alamo. The Harlan and Glass families bought land from Norris in 1852 and 1859 while later immigrant Christian Wiedemann

may have purchased property in the 1860s.

Life in San Ramon during the 1850s was rugged with travel and work done on horseback. Elk and antelope were abundant, and grizzly bears were always around. James Smith recalled William Norris as one of the best horsemen he had ever seen

with an elegance of style and a lasso expertise which few could rival. Norris probably learned his skills from Mexicans in the area since he evidently used a riata (leather woven rope). Smith said: "I have seen many who were expert with the riata doing fancy roping, but William Norris was the most expert in a corral, roping the feet to cast the animal for branding, that I ever saw."

Leo Norris recalled later that they arrived two weeks before Christmas of 1850, a few months after California statehood. At first, life on their ranch was similar to Mexican rancho life with a reliance on cattle grazing; they later added hay and grain cultivation.



When American courts verified land ownership beginning in the 1850s, the Norris ranch included 4,451 acres (one square league) and Amador's San Ramon Rancho included 16,517 acres (four square leagues). A map which accompanied the court judgment in 1862 shows the Norris Rancho in the northwest corner.

Sources: Mildred Hoover, "Historic Spots in California"; James Smith, "Recollections" ed. G.B. Drummond; Warren Beck, "Historical Atlas of California."

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

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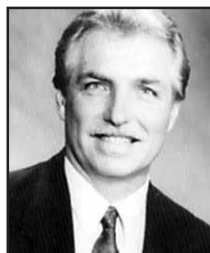
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The Pet Vet says...

BY DR. HEIDI STRAND

Socializing that pup is critical

Q. We have an 8-week-old puppy and would like to take him to puppy class. But our vet said since he's only had one vaccination that he's at risk for parvo and shouldn't be around other dogs. What can we do?

A. You should definitely sign up for puppy obedience class. The risk of a dog developing a behavior problem is way higher than the risk of getting parvo. Most veterinarians recommend keeping your puppy away from dog parks and dogs of unknown vaccination status until he has had two or three vaccinations. However, all of the dogs in puppy class are in the same situation. They will have to have had at least one vaccination so will be at minimal risk of carrying disease. Since the class usually goes on for several weeks, they will get their second or third set of vaccinations during this time, which will bolster their immunity even more.

Puppy class is important for helping your dog socialize. Socialization is the process of accustoming an animal to an experience in a positive (or neutral) way before he has developed any fear of it. Animal behaviorists agree that there is a critical period for puppy and kit-

The risk of a dog developing a behavior problem is way higher than the risk of getting parvo.

ten socialization. For puppies the critical period is between 3 and 13 weeks of age. During this time he should be exposed to as many situations as possible—new people, new toys, loud noises and, yes, other dogs. Puppy class is the perfect opportunity for him to have positive interactions with other dogs (and people) in a safe environment.

Almost every day a client tells me their dog must have been abused before they had him.

"He hates other dogs."
"She barks at everyone."
"He won't let kids pick him up."
"She's so shy she pees when you pet her."

If all these dogs were really abused we'd have a whole lot of dog abusers out there! More likely, they simply weren't socialized properly.

If a puppy doesn't get to experience a broad range of people, places and things at a young age, he will forever be fearful in new situations. Similarly, if a puppy has a bad experience during the critical period, for example being attacked by another dog or hurt by a rowdy toddler, he may carry the fear associated with that experience into adulthood.

Fear and its outcomes—shyness, nuisance barking, aggression and the like—are some of the main reasons people surrender their dogs to animal shelters. Your puppy and your family will appreciate your taking the time to make sure he is well socialized at this critical age.

—Dr. Heidi Strand is a veterinarian for the East Bay SPCA in Dublin. Questions can be mailed to 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville 94526; or e-mailed to hstrand@eastbayspca.org.



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Heli-ski

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scary," Jeffrey said.

They ended up landing sideways, near some trees.

Even for experienced skiers, physical training before you go is crucial, Jeffrey said. No matter what shape you are in, it's important to strengthen your leg muscles for the extreme conditions and to use special thick powder skis.

This year, the couple trained with the rest of their family on a ski trip in New Mexico. Their son is 9 years old and can already ski black diamond slopes, for advanced skiers. Jeffrey said he hopes to take him heli-skiing someday.

Those who are interested in taking advantage of the last few weeks of this year's season should remember to plan on being at the mountain twice as many days as you want to heli-ski. The weather can easily prevent you from the experience if you don't arrange enough time, Jeffrey said.

In Whistler, heli-skiing lasts until the end of April, and regular slopes are open until June. There are no heli-skiing services at Lake Tahoe, but East Bay skiers can travel to the Ruby Mountains in Nevada or Sun Valley in Idaho if they are looking for a trip closer than Canada.

"It's a highlight of any skier's life," Lisa said. ■

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Glenn Miller Orchestra The world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will play along with The Singing Blue Star Moms at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at the USS Hornet Museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda. Tickets are \$85, \$60, \$45 or \$40. Call (510) 521-8448, ext. 282 or visit www.hornetevents.com.

Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir Community Concerts and Wesley Center presents the acclaimed choral group exquisite Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 24, Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$40 Gold Circle, \$25 for adults and \$22 Seniors and children. Call 229-2710 or visit www.communityconcerts.com.

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra Prometheus Symphony Orchestra will feature Stephen Kim, 2007 Felix Khuner Young Soloist Winner at 3

p.m., Sunday, March 25, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito Ave., Oakland. This event is free, but donations are accepted. Call (415) 864-2151.

Singers of the Night Many different singers and choruses will join together for "Singers of the Night" at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 25, at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$18 for seniors and students, \$10 youth 18 and under. Reception will follow. Call 974-9169 or visit www.womensing.org.

The Songs of Cole Porter Walnut Creek Honda and Oakland Acura presents The 2007 Esses Productions Cabaret Concert Series featuring "The Songs of Cole Porter" at 8:15 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 23-24 and at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, March 25, at Dean Leshor Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. General admission is \$25, \$22 for students and seniors. Call 943-7469.

Events

25th Annual Bonsai Exhibition Diablo Bonsai Club will host the 25th Annual Bonsai Exhibition from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 31 and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, April 1, at the Assembly Hall, Walnut Creek Community Center, 1375 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. This event is free. There will be booth demonstrations, door prizes, planet sales and more! Call 736-7600.

Farmer Awareness Day Danville Farmers' Market will celebrate "Farmer Awareness Day" on Saturday, March 24, at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Visit www.agday.org.

Pleasanton Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council presents the sixth annual Pleasanton Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, March 31, at Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. Cost is \$95 for adults, \$35 for teens and \$20 for

youths. Call 931-5350 or visit www.pleasantonarts.org.

The Art of Living Leku Eder will host four distinct presentations including: Fitness at 10 a.m., Rest and Relaxation at 11 a.m., Nutrition at 1:30 p.m., and Environment at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 24, and specialists will be available for individual attention and conversation, Sunday, March 25, at Leku Eder, 178 E. Prospect Ave., Danville. These events are free. Call 820-8012.

Exhibits

Space is the Place Bedford Gallery will host "Space is the Place" which will feature installations, paintings, works on paper and video clips, at the Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Admission is \$3, \$2 for children 17 years and younger. The gallery is open from noon-5 p.m., Tuesdays-Sundays and 6-8 p.m., Thursday-Saturdays. Call 295-1416.

Fundraisers

Fantasia Latina Gala Night Panamerican Round Table of Contra Costa and Alameda will host "Fantasia Latina Gala Night" from 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 24, at San Ramon Parks & Community Services, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Tickets are \$40. Proceeds will benefit the program that provides scholarships for Hispanic students. The night will include dinner and dancing. Call 785-8752.

Raise Money For Schools Help us raise up to \$15,000 for local schools! Now We're Cooking in Danville will donate 5% of all sales to local schools from now until March 31, at Now We're Cooking, 148 E. Prospect Ave., Danville. For more information, call 743-1212 or visit www.nowwerecooking.com/schools.

Health

'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.

Advanced Digestive Diseases Workshops Medical Center at Blackhawk will host different workshops on Advanced Digestive Diseases including: Colon Cancer at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Gastroesophageal at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Capsule Endoscopy at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Saturday, March 31, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. The workshops are free, but reservations are required by calling 736-8228.

All About Colon Cancer San Ramon Regional Medical Center will present "All About Colon Cancer" from 7-8 p.m., Thursday, March 29, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building Conference Room, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. This event is free, but reservations are required by calling (800)284-2878.

The Wellness Community The Wellness Community will host numerous workshops for cancer patients, their families and friends including: Stress Reduction Through Guided Imagery from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 24 and Cultivating Forgiveness from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, March 31, all at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 933-0107.

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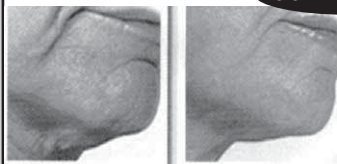


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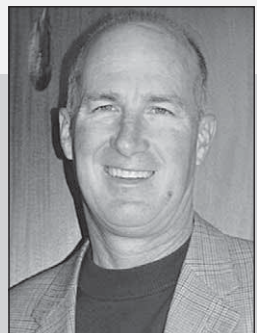
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Yoga Classes The Diablo Yoga Center offers community classes (taught by student teachers), from 4-5 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, at the Diablo Yoga Center, 125A Town and Country Drive, for \$8 per class. For information, visit www.diabloyogacenter.com.

Holiday

Eggstravaganza Town of Danville will host Eggstravaganza from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 7, at the Community Center, 420 Front St., Danville. Call 314-3400.

Kids and Teens

Free Teen Beauti Workshops Pure Girls will be offering free Teen Beauti Workshops from 4-5 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month of March, at Pure Girls, 660 Main St., Pleasanton. Reservation are required, call 485-4380 or visit www.puregirlsclub.com.

Mt. Diablo Junior Rangers Program Junior Ranger Program is for kids, ages 7-12, to study Mt. Diablo State Park from 3:15-4:15 p.m., starting April 28, meeting at Mt. Diablo State Park. Each session includes educational topics and a hike. Participants earn their Junior Ranger Certificate at completion. Cost is park admission only. Preregistration is required, call 362-8697 or visit www.mdia.org.

Teen SAT Strategy Sessions Danville Library will host a Teen SAT Strategy Session from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Registration begins Feb. 26 and seating is limited, call 837-4889.

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 Blemmer Road, Danville. Cost is \$55 for residents, \$66 for non-residents. Call 314-3481 or visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Literary Events

Weekend at Asilomar San Francisco Great Books Council will host a Weekend at Asilomar to feature twentieth century literature from April 14-15, at Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove. Cost is \$236 to \$446 depending on choice of accommodations. Registration is now open, but space may be limited; call (916) 761-7349 or visit www.greatbooks-sf.com.

Live Music

Glenn Miller Orchestra The world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will play from 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 24, onboard the USS Hornet Museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave, Pier 3, Alameda. Tickets are \$40 and up; proceeds benefit the USS Hornet Museum. Call (510) 521-8448 ext. 282 or visit www.hornetevents.com.

Miscellaneous

Adopt a New Best Friend Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) offers wonderful animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturdays, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., dogs and cats are available. For dates and times and other information, call TVAR at 803-7043 or visit its Web site at www.tvlar.org.

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Recycle for Breast Cancer Recycle for Breast Cancer is open seven days a week accepting free dropoffs for computers, monitors, cell phones, laptops, servers and TVs. Located inside Saf Keep Storage, 200 Purdue Rd., #1018, San Ramon. Call 735-7203 or visit www.recycleforbreastcancer.org.

San Ramon Valley High School 40th Reunion Attention Classes of 1967, 1968 and 1969! San Ramon Valley High School will hold a 40th High School Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 11. For information, Carol Stewart-Pierovich at 820-4628, Mike Miles at 938-0806 or Stephanie Brown-Myers at 837-0539.

Valley Parent Preschool Open House Valley Parent Preschool will host an open house from 12:30-2 p.m., Friday, April 27, at Valley Parent Preschool, 935 Camino Ramon, Danville. All families interested in our 2007-2008 classes are welcome to tour the school and meet the director and staff. Call 837-5401.

On Stage

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Bingo! Center REP presents "Bingo!" with times ranging from 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., through April 21, at Dean Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14-38. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org.

Eugene O'Neill Playwrights' Theater Performances Eugene O'Neill Playwrights' Theater at Tao House presents "This Is Not My Life" at 3 p.m., starting May 6 and "Now I Ask You" at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 20, at the Old Barn at Tao House. Call 820-1818.

High School Musical Danville Children's Musical Theatre presents Disney's "High School Musical," at 7:30 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays, March 23-31 and at 2 p.m., Saturdays and at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 29, at Village Theater, 233 Front St. Tickets are \$7.50-\$9.50. Call 314-3463.

Night and Day: The Songs of Cole Porter "San Francisco's First Couple of Cabaret", award-winning performers Meg Mackay and Billy Philadelphia will perform "Night and Day: The Songs of Cole Porter" from 8:15-10:15 p.m., Friday-Sunday, March 23-25, at Dean Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. General admission tickets are \$25, Senior/Youth are \$22. Call 943-7469 or visit www.dlrca.org.

Political Notes

Ward Connerly San Ramon Valley Republican Women will host Ward

Connerly, founder and chairman of the American Civil Rights Institute, will speak about his compelling personal story at from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Cost is \$30. There will be a book-signing and dinner. Call 837-6253.

Spiritual

Peace Meditation Diablo Yoga Center will host a nondenominational, nonpolitical meditation for world peace at 1:30 p.m., Friday, April 6, at Diablo Yoga Center, 125B Town and Country Dr., Danville. This event is free and is open to the public. Call 837-8698.

Sports

Mustang A's Challenger Baseball Sign-Ups Danville A's Challenger Baseball is for kids with disabilities between the ages of 6-22 and the team is accepting sign-ups. The season is from March 25-June 10, starting at 1:30 p.m., Sundays, at the Dublin Sports Park, Dublin. Call Frank Elliott at 736-5373.

Mustang Soccer Registration Mustang Soccer will begin on-line registration for the 2007 season for Alamo, Danville and Diablo residents until March 31, at www.mustangsoccer.com. Registration is \$100 for under 6 Ponies, \$225 for under 7- under 19. Call 831-1323.

Walnut Creek Tennis Club WCTC is a free, co-ed tennis group for single adults of all ages and levels (primarily 2.5-3.5). It plays drop-in tennis from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays and Sundays at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek (S. Main). See information at <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/wctc/>.

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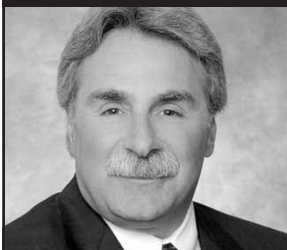
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Alamo

4 Bedrooms

28 Edinburgh Pl. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,439,000 838-4300
46 Vista Ln. Sun 1:30-4:30	Intero	\$1,495,000 672-2499

Blackhawk

4 Bedrooms

34 Magnolia Pl. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,895,000 648-5346
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6 Bedrooms

5077 Blackhawk Dr. Sun 1:30-4	Intero	\$2,799,999 457-6960
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Danville

2 Bedrooms

200 El Dorado Ave. Sat 12-2/Sun 1-4	Intero	\$450,000 997-0806
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3 Bedrooms

1954 S. Forest Hill Pl. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$699,000 830-3999
1030 Shady Creek Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$710,000 642-0365
56 Summer Hill Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$729,000 736-8411
132 Vista Del Diablo Sun 1-4	Intero	\$785,000 648-5346
29 La Gonda Ct. Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	\$899,000 997-2411

4 Bedrooms

309 Greenbrook Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4	Assist 2 Sell	\$1,094,000 339-3500
311 Culet Dr. Sun 2-4:30	Intero	\$1,399,000 672-2499
520 Edinburgh Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,479,500 323-6311
371 Montair Dr. Sun 2-5	Intero	\$1,595,000 858-5233
11 Jillian Wy. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,599,000 817-9079
18 Haskins Ranch Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$835,000 736-1666
206 Stetson Dr. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$885,000 838-4300
207 Dolcita Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$949,000 998-9747

5 Bedrooms

145 Burgess Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,099,000 838-4300
26 Old Town Ln. Sun 12-4	Empire	\$1,175,000 216-1259
881 El Pintado Sun 1-4	Intero	\$2,795,000 699-3527

San Ramon

1 Bedrooms

140 Reflections Dr., #16 Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	\$318,000 251-2553
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2 Bedrooms

3090 Lakemont Dr., #1 Sun 1-4	Pacific Union GMAC	\$599,000 451-2880
1054 Vista Pointe Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$749,000 855-4128

3 Bedrooms

1103 Radiant Ln. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$599,000 830-3999
929 Vista Pointe Dr. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$789,000 855-4128
138 Cortona Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4	United CA Brokers	\$839,900 977-8977

4 Bedrooms

310 Andros Dr. Sat/Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,095,000 855-4118
9367 Mediar Dr. Sat/Sun 2-5	Intero	\$1,099,000 251-2555
43 Stow Ct. Sun 1-4	Wayside Park Realty	\$1,129,900 698-1853
9628 Velvet Leaf Cir. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,179,000 785-8369
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3412 Amaryllis Cir. Sun 1-4	Assist 2 Sell	\$649,900 200-2602
73 Eden Pl. Sat/Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$719,888 260-2508
7319 Briza Loop Sun 1-5	Intero	\$729,000 251-2555
88 Shaw Pl. Sun 1-5	Intero	\$759,000 736-8411

5 Bedrooms

2380 Avalon Wy. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,249,000 855-4112
2826 Bethany Rd. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$1,549,000 855-4112

Walnut Creek

2 Bedrooms

1315 Alma Ave., #353 Sun 1-4	Intero	\$739,000 457-4551
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Dublin

4 Bedrooms

8317 Creekside Dr. Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC - Louise Davis	\$1,260,000 426-3834
8585 Galindo Dr. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$649,000 487-6211

5 Bedrooms

6133 Ledgewood Ter. Sun 1:30-5	Intero	\$1,295,000 855-4134
5836 Turnbery Dr. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$1,999,988 583-1121

Pleasanton

2 Bedrooms

3849 Brockton Dr. Sun 1:30-4	Intero	\$389,950 251-2513
680 Concord Pl. Sat/Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$429,950 577-4663
108 Mission Dr. Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	\$435,000 200-4130
7650 Canyon Meadow Dr., #E Sat 1-4	Re/Max	\$468,000 600-7653
7815 Canyon Meadow Cir., #H Sat 2-5/Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$484,000 397-4229
4472 Bowen St. Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$555,000 397-4300
2343 Goldcrest Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	\$599,000 200-9832

3 Bedrooms

236 Rachael Pl. Sat 12-3	Prudential	\$549,000 510-489-2000
5471 Black Ave., #2 Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$579,000 397-4300
5384 Brookside Ct. Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	\$599,950 580-5963
2155 Rheem Dr. Sat 1-4/Sun 1-4	Help-U-Sell PV	\$614,999 462-5950
2571 Heatherlark Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	\$625,950 200-9832
1636 Holly Cir. Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	\$640,000 397-4300
2807 El Capitan Dr. Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	\$699,900 463-6160

4 Bedrooms

748 St. John Cir. Sun 1-4	Investment Real Estate Co.	\$1,060,000 846-0506
3144 Joanne Cir. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$1,165,000 251-1111
8335 Regency Dr. Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC - Louise Davis	\$2,150,000 426-3834
4257 Garibaldi Pl. Sat/Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	\$719,999 734-5057
7494 Palm Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$829,950 768-8011
2770 Glen Isle Ct. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$869,000 683-5165

5 Bedrooms

863 Sunset Creek Ln. Sat 1-4/Sun 12-4	Alain Pinel	\$1,729,000 846-6500
5943 Annandale Wy. Sun 1-4		\$2,095,000 455-7036

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4 Bedrooms

12587 Foothill Rd Sun 1-4	Investment Real Estate Co.	\$1,589,000 846-0506
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Livermore

3 Bedrooms

224 Bellington Cmn. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$519,000 648-5346
298 Windward Cmn., #2 Sun 1-4	Intero	\$549,000 785-4546
4315 Amherst Wy. Sun 1-4	Century 21-Diane Sass	\$550,000 699-9508
521 Swan Dr. Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	\$599,000 621-4048
6157 St. Andrews Wy. Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	\$610,000 925-455-7014
4740 Kimberly Cmn. Sat/Sun 1-4	Re/Max	\$639,000 735-7653
217 Cobblestone Cmn. Sun 1-4	Intero	\$659,000 648-5346

4 Bedrooms

3280 Saratoga Ct. Sat/Sun 1-4	Investment Real Estate Co.	\$1,895,000 846-0506
436 Asbury Ct. Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	\$659,000 455-7020
2738 Gelding Ln. Sun 1-4	Windermere	\$729,000 443-3282

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Highest sale reported: \$3,800,000
Average sales reported: \$2,256,667

Danville

Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: \$439,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,192,500
Average sales reported: \$1,024,759

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$325,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,712,500
Average sales reported: \$735,328



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