

District appoints special ed liaison

Position will be a link between parents and SRVUSD

> page 9

Vol. III, Number 10 • July 6, 2007

www.DanvilleWeekly.com

Volunteer puts zest into driving

Those who need a lift turn to Christa

> page 16

Danville

W E E K L Y

Mailed free to homes in Danville, Blackhawk, Diablo and Alamo

Home for Beth Chaim

New synagogue is the first one in San Ramon Valley

> page 6

Ultimate mountain

Laboring up Everest, inch by freezing inch, triggers profound change in climber

Page 14



**TURN YOUR
UNWANTED JEWELRY...**

**...INTO A SPECTACULAR
NEW PIECE!**



BEFORE

JewelSmiths
Design • Restyle • Restore

181 Market Place
San Ramon
925-830-9130
www.jewelsmiths.com



AFTER

With over 40 years of combined experience in financial services and asset management, Summit Financial Group partners Nathan Bennett, Steve Wilcox and Don Ledoux specialize in retirement planning and helping small business owners coordinate their financial plans and strategies. Summit's focus is not only the success of their clients, as they take strong interest in their client's business and personal lives, but also the Tri-Valley community. Their heavy community commitment includes involvement with youth and non-profit programs and the educational seminars put on by the firm.



Comprehensive Financial Services
2010 Crow Canyon Place Suite 120
San Ramon, CA 94583 • www.summitfingroup.com
925-866-7800

Securities and Investment Advisory Services offered through Securian Financial Services Inc. Securities Dealer, member NASD/SIPC. Summit Financial Group LLC is independently owned and operated. TR#0648-2007-21767 DOFU 07/2007

The market may be constantly changing, but you're in it for the long haul. So am I.

JOHNNA FOSCALINA



Whether you're funding your primary residence, your vacation home, or your investment properties, experience counts. Count on Johnna.

925.831.1950 office
925.330.4259 direct

WWW.JOHNNAS.COM
JFOSCALINA@AOL.COM

Johnna Foscina
Your Lending Leader since 1990



Diablo Funding Group
CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST BROKERAGE FIRM

ALASKA | ARIZONA | CALIFORNIA | COLORADO | FLORIDA
| HAWAII | IDAHO | ILLINOIS | INDIANA KANSAS | MISSOURI | NEVADA
| NEW MEXICO | OKLAHOMA | OREGON | TEXAS | WASHINGTON

License # 01067631

**SERGIO'S
TRATTORIA**

**PATIO DINING AREA • CHILDREN'S MENU
AVAILABLE FOR PARTIES OF ALL SIZES • LARGE PARKING LOT**

Traditional Italian Cuisine



**PRESENT THIS INVITATION TO RECEIVE
\$10 OFF DINNER
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$15.95
4 PM TO 5:30 PM • 3 COURSE DINNER**

**\$5 OFF
GRAND BUFFET BRUNCH
\$15.95 VALUE**

VALID DAILY WITH MINIMUM PURCHASE
OF 2 LUNCH & 2 DRINK ENTREES

MUST PRESENT THIS AD. NOT VALID ON HOLIDAYS
OR WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT. **EXPIRES IN 60 DAYS**

500 BOLLINGER CANYON LANE • SAN RAMON
Located in the Canyon Lakes Shopping Center,
across from Club Sport of San Ramon

**COME ENJOY OUR OUTDOOR PATIO
925.968.1658
WWW.SERGIOSTRATTORIA.COM**

Q: What would you save if your house were on fire?



My dog—a golden retriever named Cali—and pictures of my family. Sentimental things. Any keepsakes. My grandpa was a firefighter in Chicago and I have a lot of respect for firefighters.

Gail Oney
mom, driver



My grandma's ceramic bunny collection. My puppy Lucy, a golden doodle, and my kitties, Speeder and Dash. Photographs. Videos. We have a safe, I'd grab that.

Pam Schreitmueller
CFO of domestic affairs



All my tools. They're in the house—boxes of tools. My camera, of course, my computer. I just moved here, and at least I have good insurance. I've been in and fought a forest fire at the Russian River, by my grandmother's house; we got it to stop and burn up the hill from her house.

William Lee
engineer



Other than my children, who are 14 and 16, my pets. They'd be a handful—a dog, Bailey, a golden retriever, and my cats, Chloe and Scotch. I adopted them at ARF. I should take jewelry but it's insured so it's not a priority. If it weren't so large, my artwork - one each of paintings that my two grandmothers did; both were artists. OK, maybe my diamond earrings.

Linda Gage
elementary school teacher



Probably the usual—photo albums, financial records. I have a pet bunny named Hossenfeffer, a stuffy bunny I got when I was 5 (which I wouldn't worry about). I've never been in a fire, but I think I'd get the heck out of there as quickly as I could.

Fred Lewis
retired engineering manager

compiled by Danville Weekly staff

ABOUT THE COVER

After conquering the 29,035-foot summit of Mount Everest, Danville native Curt Myers talks about what it takes, how he's changed and the internal drive that pushed him to the top. Cover design by Manuel Valenzuela.

Vol. III, Number 10

The Danville Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville, CA 94526; (925) 837-8300. Mailed at Standard Postage Rate. The Danville Weekly is mailed free to homes and apartments in Danville, Blackhawk, Diablo and Alamo. Voluntary subscriptions at \$30 per year (\$50 for two years) are welcome from local residents. Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$50 per year. © 2007 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.



YOU ARE INVITED! AAA Travel San Ramon Fair!

Join us at the AAA Travel Fair on Wednesday, July 11
at AAA San Ramon - 2435 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
11:00am - 2:00pm

Learn about exciting family Cruise & Tour specials for 2007/08!



The following vendors will be here with great vacation specials!

Disney Destinations, Grand Canyon Railway, Pleasant Holidays, Club Med
Holland America, Royal Caribbean, Carnival Cruise Lines and AAA Sojourns.

Enter to win some great door prizes!
Call AAA Travel at (925) 314-2644 to RSVP

Shipboard Credits and Upgrades!
DOOR PRIZES

REFRESHMENTS!
SPECIAL ADDED VALUES for AAA Members!

Non AAA Members are invited to attend!

Lower Your House Payment with our "One Month ARM" (with Great New Pricing!)

- Minimum Payment at 1% (APR 5.830%)
- Vacation Homes also at 1%
- 40 Year Term Available for Really Low Payment
- "Lowest Margins"
- "Stated Income" at no extra cost
- Loan Amounts up to 7 Million
- Life Cap of 9.95%

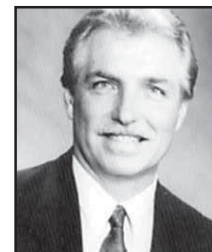
Example	30 year	40 years
Loan Amount	\$500,000	
1st Year Monthly Payment	\$1,608	\$1,264
2nd Year Max Monthly Payment	\$1,728	\$1,358
3rd Year Max Monthly Payment	\$1,857	\$1,460
4th Year Max Monthly Payment	\$1,996	\$1,569
5th Year Max Monthly Payment	\$2,145	\$1,686

Equity Lines to \$750,000

Perfect for consolidating your 1st and 2nd mortgages, remove PMI, Cash-out to pay off debts, college funds, or the purchase of a second home.



Laura Ryan
925.225.7644
laura.ryan@wamu.net



Harry Osmus
925.225.7647
harry.osmus@wamu.net



Washington Mutual

5800 Stoneridge Mall Road • Pleasanton, CA 94588

Offer applies only to the 1-Month Option ARM. The interest rate/APR may increase after the first month. The interest rate may change more frequently than the minimum payment amount. The minimum payment is always the lowest payment that can be made each month. Making the minimum payment each month can result in negative amortization. All payment options are not available each month. In addition, on 15-year loans, only up to three payment options are available. Interest that accrues between the date of closing and the month preceding the month in which your first payment is due will be based on the higher of the start rates or the fully indexed rate. APR is effective 4/05/06. The APR and 1.000% start rate are available only to borrowers with FICO scores equal to or greater than 720. Different start rates and APRs may apply to borrowers with different credit profiles. The APR and 1.000% start rate are also only available on purchase money and non cash-out refinance loans secured by 1-2 unit owner-occupied properties with terms of 15 and 30 years. Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratios of up to 70% (purchase money and non cash out refinance) and loan amounts of up to \$1.5 million. Additional limitations and restrictions may apply. Higher rates may apply 1-Month Option ARMs with different parameters. Rates and terms are subject to change without notice. Alternative pricing options may be available. Ask a Washington Mutual loan consultant for details. Typical financing examples of a \$200,000 loan with an LTV of 70% and pre-paid finance charges of \$3,607.29, a starting interest rate of 1.000%, Index of 4.011%, a Margin of 1.875% and a fully Indexed Rate of 5.886%. On a 30-year loan the APR would be 5.982 and the 360 minimum monthly payments would vary from \$643.28 to \$1,374.20. On a 15-year loan the APR would be 6.052% and the 180 minimum monthly payments would vary from \$1,196.99 to \$1,891.35. Washington Mutual has loan offices and accepts application in: Washington Mutual Bank- many states; Washington Mutual Bank, doing business as Washington Mutual Bank, FA- many states; and Washington Mutual Banks fsb- ID, MT, UT.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ We are now stakeholders in the Valley. ”

—Beth Chaim Rabbi Dan Goldblatt about the opening of the new synagogue off Camino Tassajara. See story, page 6.

School district OKs new budget

The school board approved the 2007-08 \$199 million budget for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District last week. The budget is up \$3.7 million over last year. It includes \$515,000 in unused grants; \$59,000 in deferred revenue; and a \$100,000 Drug Free Support grant.

In the new budget, expenses exceed revenues by \$248,192. The district's ending balance is \$2.1 million, and its remaining one time reserve totals \$4.5 million. Additionally, the district's reserve for economic uncertainties is \$6 million.

Expenditures have increased due to growth of new positions, according to staff reports. General Education staff has been increased by 30 full-time employees, and General Education classified staffing has increased by 17 full-time employees. The budget will be revised after Gov. Schwarzenegger signs the state budget.

Road work on Camino Tassajara

The Public Works Department will perform road work in Danville on Camino Tassajara, Collier Canyon Road and Highland between July 9 and Oct. 15 as part of Contra Costa County's Pavement Management Program. The schedule may vary depending on weather conditions. One lane of traffic will be kept open during the chip seal process.

The road work will include the application of a chip seal and a slurry seal to extend the life of the pavement. The chip seal surface consists of an application of liquid asphalt followed by "rock chips," ranging in size from 1/4 to 3/8 of an inch. About two to four weeks later, the slurry seal will be placed on top of that. The work will result in an improved driving surface with increased durability, and a waterproof layer to keep water from reaching underlying material, thereby preventing potholes.

Motorists cannot drive on the treatments until the lanes have been reopened to traffic, and then are cautioned to drive slowly because the pavement can be slippery due to loose rock. Bicyclists are also warned to be careful. For more information, call 313-7000.

Looking for artists to recognize

Nominations are now open for the 12th annual Arts Recognition Awards sponsored by the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County. Candidates in the performing, visual and literary arts as well as arts education, administration and philanthropy are eligible. A key criterion is that the contribution in and to the arts has a significant impact in Contra Costa County and the surrounding region. Five individuals or organizations will be selected for recognition based on demonstrated qualities of leadership, vision, creativity and commitment to enriching the quality of life through the arts in the community.

The deadline for completed nomination applications is 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 31. A nomination form is on the commission's Web site: www.ac5.org or contact the commission at 646-2278. Entries will be judged by a panel of Bay Area arts advocates and announced in August.

Since 1995 more than 60 awards have been made to individuals and organizations with honorees representing almost every community in Contra Costa County.

"Not only do creative artists need nurturing and support, those in arts education, development activities, and administration do, too," said Sarah Michael, chairwoman of the county Arts and Culture Commission. "This awards process is the Commission's way of doing that."

Smog King

Every two years...
You just gotta' do it.

\$20 OFF
In & out in
20 minutes

All Smogs Including:

- DMV Renewal
- Test Only
- RV's
- Gross Polluters



3440-D
Stanley Blvd.
Pleasanton
925-846-7664

19 Beta Ct.
San Ramon
925-820-5665

Hours: Mon-Sat 8-6

You Dream it...

- Interior Trim
- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Sheetrock
- Acoustic
- Remodels

We'll Hammer Out the Details

Joe Vitale
925.595.6887
Lic. #725451

Vitale Construction

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A SOLAR PARTY****ALAMEDA COUNTY IS GOING SOLAR!**

Come find out by joining SunTechnics, the world's leading turnkey solar solution provider, for a fun-filled evening at the Pleasanton Masonic Center. Allow SunTechnics to educate you about the many benefits of going solar.

PRESENT THIS INVITATION AND RECEIVE \$1,000 OFF YOUR INSTALLATION!**WHEN**

Wednesday, July 18, 2007
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

WHERE

Pleasanton Masonic Center
3370 Hopyard Road
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Complimentary desserts will be served. Bring your friends and family to learn how you can reduce your energy costs for your home and business.

RSVP TODAY!

1-916-554-3030

RSVP@SunTechnics.com

SunTechnics

Alamo kicks off summer concerts

Community also celebrates revamped Livorna Park

by Natalie O'Neill

In Alamo, there's one more reason to spend the summer days—and nights—outdoors.

Just in time for Alamo's summer concerts in the park, Livorna Park "opened" last week with playground, landscaping and barbecue area improvements. The park also now features a sandpit for younger children and is wheelchair accessible.

County Supervisor Mary N. Piepho and her staff joined the Alamo Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to present the revamped park last Friday, before kicking off the year's first concert in the park.

Parents spread out picnic blankets and brought food and drinks, while kids climbed and swung on the improved play structures.

"The county has been a partner, but really it's your community members bringing this to you," Piepho said before the ribbon cutting.

With a large open-air gazebo, sand volleyball courts, multi-use sport courts and modern playground equipment, Livorna Park is Alamo's largest and most popular park.

The country cover band Boothill

► Continued on page 8



Five-year-old Hannah Doering and her mom Cameron dance in front of the gazebo at Livorna Park as a friendly guitarist from the country cover band Boothill gets the audience amped up at the first summer concert of the season in Alamo.

NATALIE O'NEILL

Houston investments trial set for Sept. 25

Plaintiffs claim father and son defrauded them of their savings

by Jordan M. Doronila

State Assemblyman Guy Houston (R, District 15) is headed to trial in September for allegedly defrauding seniors in an investment scheme.

A judge said the trial was set for Sept. 14, at a public hearing in Oakland on Thursday, June 28, but it now has been changed to Sept. 25.

Plaintiffs Gerald Stefanski of Dublin, Samuel and Joann Story of Concord, and Carol Tomasa filed a civil lawsuit in 2004 against Houston and his father Fred Houston. They claimed they were encouraged by the Houstons to invest thousands of dollars from their retirement funds; however, they never saw profits or their original investments.

Stefanski said he has lost more than \$300,000.

"I think we will put on a strong case on trial," said Morgan King, the plaintiffs' lawyer.

Houston's lawyer, Michael W. Rupprecht, argued on grounds that the plaintiffs had no evidence to support their claim, King said. However, King submitted a 1,200-page response in return that demonstrated substantial evidence of his clients' lawsuit, he said.

"I'm pleased we prevailed in the motions," King said.

Houston has denied many of their claims, and he said he has never had any conversations or solicited

and received money from Tomasa. Rupprecht did not return phone calls from the Danville Weekly as of press time.

Houston, a former mayor of Dublin, was elected in 2002 to represent the 15th district, which covers Danville, Alamo, Livermore, San Ramon, Walnut Creek, Brentwood, Discovery Bay and part of Pleasanton.

The civil lawsuit claimed the plaintiffs had invested money with Winning Action Investments, which was operated by the Houston family and contained other businesses called the Investment Partnership and the Houston Napa Development.

As a result, they said they have lost their money due to fraud and negligent representation, according to court documents.

The Houstons are being accused of diverting funds and other assets of the Investment Partnership to other than partnership uses; and diverting assets from the Investment Partnerships to themselves and to other business entities to the detriment of their creditors, including the plaintiffs, legal documents said.

King said there have been opportunities for Houston to settle but Houston decided not to do so.

"Naturally, the plaintiffs would rather settle than go to trial. My clients have their right to their day in court," said King. "Mr. Houston has his right to his day in court."

The trial will be held at the Alameda County Superior Court, 600 Washington St. in Oakland. ■

Contact Jordan M. Doronila at jdoronila@DanvilleWeekly.com

Parents upset over halt of school busing in the district

Trustees say other programs would benefit more students

by Jordan M. Doronila

Dozens of parents have vented their ire about the recent decision to stop school busing in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

"We are disappointed," said Heather Ridgway, whose two children took the bus to Rancho Romero Elementary. "It gives me a headache thinking about this."

Trustees Paul Gardner, Joan Buchanan and Rachel Hurd voted at their June 26 meeting to discontinue busing for regular students because it was losing money, while Trustees Bill Clarkson and Greg Marvel voted against the decision.

The district has three bus transportation programs: special education, field trip, and home-to-school, which carries students to and from school each day. Both special education and home-to-school programs operate at a loss to the district, and home-to-school runs into the red at approximately \$287,000 a year, said Mike Bush, district chief business officer.

Trustees felt the money lost could be used in other programs that help the majority of students in the district.

Approximately 600 regular students out of 25,000 students in the district have been using the bus but only for the equivalent of 270 full-time riders in the past year, he said. The state paid \$51,000 to help fund the program, while the district and parents financed the rest of it.

An all-year roundtrip ticket book cost \$410 a year; half-a-year

roundtrip cost \$235; options just for mornings and afternoons were also \$235; and temporary book passes for 20 rides were \$35.

Parents said school busing provides greater safety, and alleviates traffic and pollution. Their kids learn to socialize on the school bus, too.

"We feel completely out of the loop. There was a lack of communication."

—Heather Ridgway, Alamo parent

They complained the district did little marketing to get new riders, and they received word about the program's end in the spring, which gave them little time to come up with solutions. Also, they felt the majority of the trustees already had made up their minds about ending the bus program, said Ridgway.

"We feel completely out of the loop," she said. "There was a lack of communication."

Debbie Ahmadi, another Alamo parent who had children being bused, said parents and the district staff sat down in a roundtable discussion in the spring to find solutions to keep the bus program going. She said raising the rider fees and marketing to get new riders were possibilities being explored to get the program out of the red. But then district staff told her there was no feasible way to keep the program

running on a deficit.

"We felt the rug was pulled out from under us," Ahmadi said.

The program has been under financial siege for several years, Ahmadi said, and had parents known about the problems earlier, they may have found more possible ideas.

Ridgway said perhaps corporations such as Chevron would help sponsor a bus program, and if this happens, parents can bring it back before the board for approval. Moreover, she mentioned that parents getting together and creating a chartered bus may be another option.

Ridgway hoped the trustees would allow the busing program to continue at least for one more semester, which would give them some time to find viable solutions to keep it alive.

"They are not going to get re-elected," she said, about the board members who voted against busing.

Trustees Hurd, Buchanan and Gardner said the money used for the busing will be used for a reading and writing project and other programs, such as a math and science initiative.

"The New York Reading and Writing Project benefits all students," said Buchanan. "It will cost money to finish implementing district-wide and to maintain the program after implementation is complete."

"We do not have ongoing source of funds for the program," she added. "My vote was to use the savings."

► Continued on page 9

*Elegant and Relaxing
Personalized Professional
Nail Care*



Bollinger Canyon location

*Bollinger
Nail Salon*

BOLLINGER NAIL SALON LOCATIONS

- San Ramon - Bollinger Canyon Road**
18080 San Ramon Valley Blvd . . . (925) 830-9700
- San Ramon - Crow Canyon Road**
2441 San Ramon Valley Blvd (925) 838-6300
- Pleasant Hill**
1420 Contra Costa Blvd (925) 680 8600
- Walnut Creek**
1661 Mt. Diablo Blvd. (925) 938-2500

Host a Party—For birthdays, bridal showers or friends who want to have a unique and fun get together, arrange a private party at Bollinger Nail Salon.

Beth Chaim opens new synagogue

Congregation finally has its own home in the Valley

by **Jordan M. Dornila**

Welcome home! Beth Chaim Congregation's new spiritual center is now open in Danville.

Members of Beth Chaim celebrated the grand opening of their new 8,000-square-foot synagogue next to Sycamore Valley Park on Friday evening, June 29. The facility will be used for regular services and to celebrate weddings, births and honoring deaths of loved ones.

"This is a long time in coming," said Beth Chaim Rabbi Dan Goldblatt. "We are the first synagogue in the San Ramon Valley ever."

Beth Chaim serves the spiritual needs of more than 250 families. The synagogue, on Camino Tassajara and Holbrook Drive, contains a large space that will be used as a sanctuary and a social hall. The facility has space for 450 seats, an administrative wing, a conference room, a kitchen and a bookstore. Additionally, it has a 10,000-square-foot courtyard overlooking the hills in Danville.

"That's what we got, delightfully," Goldblatt said. "The community is so excited."

Three portable modules will be delivered to the synagogue to use for classrooms for Hebrew studies, adult education and other programs.

Goldblatt said the first phase,



Martin Fishman, president of Beth Chaim Congregation, and Rabbi Dan Goldblatt marvel at their new synagogue, which opened in Danville next to Sycamore Valley Park last Friday.

which cost \$10 million, is completed. Beth Chaim eventually will



The ceiling of the new Beth Chaim Congregation synagogue.

erect buildings for a sanctuary and religious education. Right now, congregants will focus on settling into their new home, he said.

"We are now stakeholders in the Valley," he said.

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

Approximately 250 families of the congregation donated \$1.5 million collectively since April 2006 to fund the project. Developer Nathan Shapell, a Holocaust survivor, donated \$1 million to help finance the synagogue, keeping a promise to match funds if the congregation raised \$1 million.

Beth Chaim Congregation is 29 years old. A group of retired Jewish elders started it as a fellowship in 1978 and met at a church in Pleasant Hill. In 1985, it moved to Danville.

Its members found five acres, which were owned by Ed Holbrook, on Holbrook Drive, and raised money and purchased the acreage. Then they worked together to raise funds to build the synagogue.

"It's a lovely space for worship and celebration," Goldblatt said. ■

What's on your to-do list?

PRIORITY

- ✓ add canned lighting
- ✓ hang pendant lights
- ✓ new door & hardware
- ✓ new wood trim
- ✓ add cable jack
- ✓ hang flat screen TV
- ✓ new cabinetry
- ✓ slab granite tops
- ✓ tile flooring
- ✓ texture walls
- ✓ paint throughout

Call **KENNETH JAMES INC.**
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION QUALITY INTERIOR & EXTERIOR



www.kennethjamesinc.com
925.648.7632
Danville, CA Lic. #646670



Robert J. Silverman
Attorney At Law

BERDING & WEIL LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Alamo
(925) 838-2090

Call now for a free consultation

PROTECT YOURSELF

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES

GAIN PEACE OF MIND

Wills, Trusts, Probate

Emphasis in Estate Planning

Real Estate & Business Transactions

rsilverman@berding-weil.com



NATALIE O'NEILL

While looking for accessories to add to their bedroom, Arlene and Milt Capsimalis talk about what does and doesn't match their home's style, as Home and Garden Television films.

HGTV zooms in on Blackhawk shop

Featured couple shops California Living

by Natalie O'Neill

Call it California chic. When it comes to interior design, Blackhawk Plaza is at the forefront of style.

Just ask Home and Garden Television, who shot its upcoming series "Find Your Style," hosted by Karen McAloon from HGTV's Design Remix, at California Living in Blackhawk Plaza last week. Arlene and Milt Capsimalis, Oakland clientele who are getting their bedroom made over, browsed the store for lamps, chairs and candles while commenting on the originality of

the furnishings.

"(The host) comes into your house and inspects for clues to bring out your personal design style," said spokeswoman Shelbi Okumura, explaining the new series.

McAloon, an interior designer, helps everyday people bring out a personal room theme and come up with a plan and get them started. Then she sets them loose to shop for their new room using \$2,500 from HGTV's pocketbook.

Owner of the Blackhawk store Eric Olea, who designs the Tuscan

and Mediterranean-influenced furniture himself, said California-home style is as diverse as the people who live here.

"It's a melting pot, just like California. There are all types of people and all types of styles," he said, noting the rich woods, glazing and attention to detail.

All of the furniture is made in California, rare considering most similar furniture is made in China and Indonesia, he said.

The show is currently being filmed in the Bay Area and will air in August. ■

Jumpstart Your Weight Loss

Jumpstart Medicine offers a medically supervised weight loss program individually designed for men and women looking to lose weight safely and quickly. On average, our patients lose 2 to 5 pounds per week over the course of 12 weeks. Most patients feel great, have no cravings, and stay highly motivated due to quick results which they can see and feel.

How much do you want to lose?

jumpstart
MEDICINE

Walnut Creek • San Ramon • 925-277-1123 • www.jumpstartmedicine.com

MOTIVATION • ENCOURAGEMENT • ACCOUNTABILITY



You could stop traffic too!
NOW is the Time To Get That Summer Body!

We offer an Exclusive One-on-One Personal Training Facility

- STRENGTH & POWER DEVELOPMENT
- LIFESTYLE & WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

- BOXING FITNESS WORKOUTS
- CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS
- SPORT-SPECIFIC TRAINING
- PERSONAL DEFENSE TRAINING



Barry E. Anderson, Fitness Director
NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist
B.A. Degree from Harvard University
ACE Certified Personal Trainer



925-867-3488
3120-D Crow Canyon Road
HealthandFitnessPlus.net

MOTIVATION • ENCOURAGEMENT • ACCOUNTABILITY



fish on fire
SUSHIBAR & GRILL

"THE FRESHEST AND MOST CREATIVE SUSHI IN THE EAST BAY!"
—TIM KAFLER, DANVILLE

"I TRAVEL A LOT FOR WORK - DINING AT SUSHI RESTAURANTS ALL OVER THE U.S. ...I ALWAYS COME HOME TO FISH ON FIRE. THEIR SUSHI RANKS WITH THE BEST I HAVE EVER HAD!"
—JIM SHEAN, NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
—GILEAD SCIENCES

DIABLO MAGAZINE SAYS:
"FRIENDLIEST SUSHI CHEFS IN THE LAND" ... "THE ROSE-SHAPED TUNA WITH *TOBIKO* AND RAW QUALE EGG IS A ONE-BITE ADVENTURE".

MENTION THIS AD AND RECEIVE FREE HOT SAKE WITH YOUR DINNER.

GAMPAI!

101 TOWN & COUNTRY DR. C, DANVILLE
LUNCH: MON-FRI 11:30-2:30
DINNER: MON-THU 5:00-9:00, FRI-SAT 5:00-9:30 PM
FOR TAKE OUT CALL 837-1027



Up-to-date news
about Danville
every day

Danville
WEEKLY.COM

Where Resale is always Upscale!!
SNICKERDOODLES
CHILDREN'S & MATERNITY CONSIGNMENT

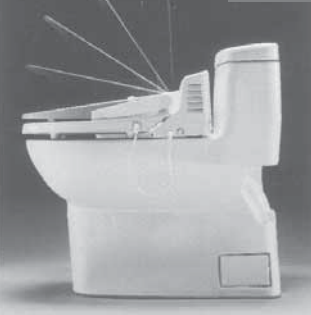
- We carry: Gap, Ralph Lauren, Janie & Jack and more!
- Quality Summer Maternity!
- Accepting Fall items July 18th



442 Hartz Avenue
Danville, 94526
Monday 12-5
Tuesday-Saturday 10-5
925.820.4956

Selling Quality Products...Since 1976

TOTO Washlet



- High Tech Hygiene**
- Cleanse & Refresh**
- Heated Warm Water**
- Heated Seat**
- Install on Your Toilet**



RICHERT
LUMBER & HARDWARE



5505 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton • 925 846 5040

TAKE US ALONG



Waikiki Weekly

Ted, Caryl, Duke, Clay and Tate Peterson read their Danville Weekly on the beach at Waikiki over the Thanksgiving holiday before embarking on an outrigger ride at the Royal Hawaiian.

Take Us Along on your travels and send photos to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com or 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville 94526.

Alamo

► Continued from page 5

played catchy hits while families lounged on the small hillside, bobbing to music and mingling as the sun went down.

"It's a safe place for kids to play while adults socialize. My 6-year-old is running around and I know he's OK," said Adina Holland, an Alamo resident, who meets with family friends for the summer concerts. "We've been coming for three years. We picnic at night, it's a fun thing."

While the music was the centerpiece of the night, it isn't the only reason Alamo folks come to concerts. In past years, children enjoyed a temporary tattoo stand and teenagers organized games for younger kids, parents explained. It's a treat for adults, too, who come to catch up with old friends

and neighbors.

"It doesn't matter if the band is playing jazz, country or folk—it's the event, not the type of music that we come for," said Kim Friedman, who said she enjoyed chatting with friends.

Parks committee members, who worked closely with county public works to revamp the park, said they were pleased with its new look. In addition to being made compliant with the American Disabilities Act, some of the park's vegetation, which was destroyed by deer earlier in the year, has been replanted, committee members said.

"It looks wonderful—really prodigious. There is so much kids can do," said Steve Mick, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

The summer concerts are a chance for Alamo families to gather at a nearby place with familiar faces.

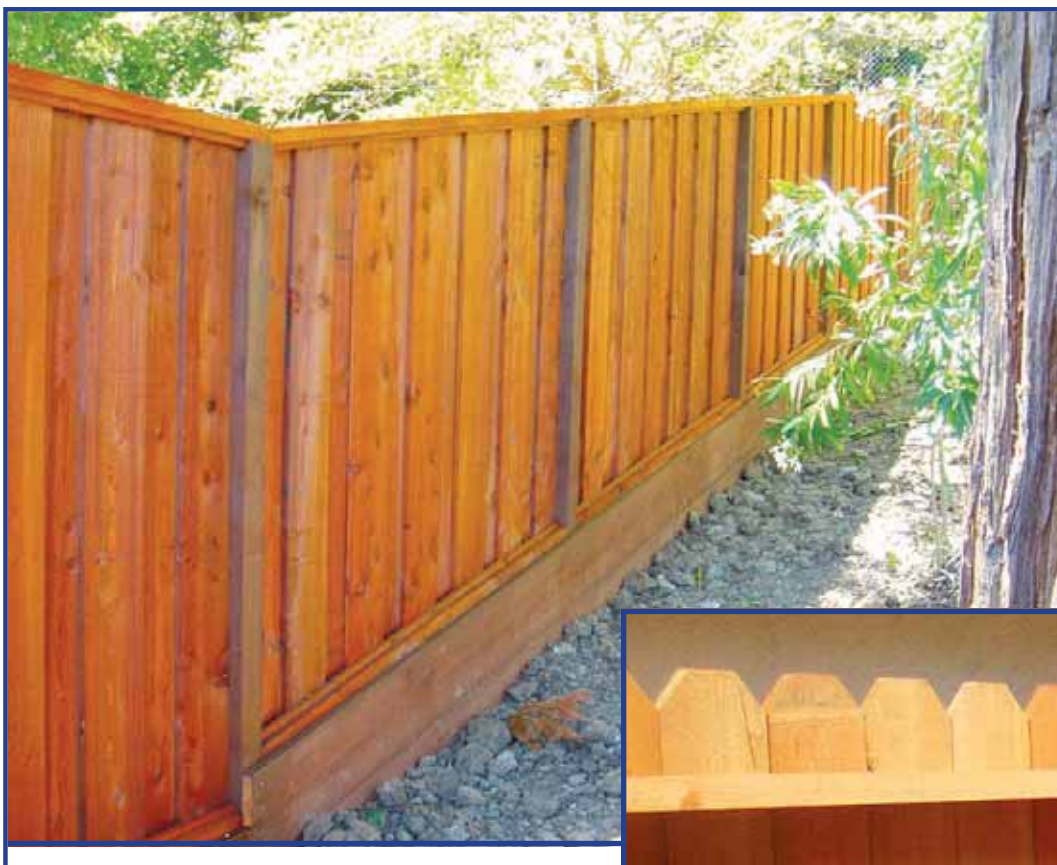
With recreation planner Valerie Matlock's recent leave, county staff member Victoria Skerritt is now running the show.

Three more summer concerts will be featured this year, which will be held July 13 and 27, and Aug. 10. All will be held at Livorna Park.

"We wanted the concerts on Alamo turf. It's an Alamo nexus," Mick said.

The next concert will feature the Silicon Valley Houserockers, a wailing rock band with a three-piece horn section. Then on July 27 the band 256 will play classic rock, salsa, funk and reggae from the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s. The last summer concert will boast Pan Extasy, a reggae and Caribbean jazz band, back by popular demand from last year.

"It's an excellent family night and it's free," Mick said. ■



SUMMER SPECIAL
\$2.00 per ft. off

(Expires 8-02-07)

- ✓ Personal Service
- ✓ Same Day Estimates
- ✓ 10 Year Warranty on Kick Boards and Posts

Fences . Decks . Arbors
Retaining Walls . Repairs

C & J FENCING

Family owned and operated

925.355.1380



CA License #868917



Special ed gets a new liaison

Added position will provide a link between parents and district

by Jordan M. Doronila

Trustees named two new directors and a liaison for special education for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

The school board appointed Todd Gary as the new special needs liaison; Linda Rowely Thom as director of Elementary Special Education; and Karen Heilbronner as director of secondary special education.

Thom and Heilbronner will begin their positions in July, and Gary will begin in the fall.

"I am thrilled we were able to hire three very qualified and dedicated people who are very familiar with our education community," said Superintendent Rob Kessler. "Linda, Karen and Todd share a commitment to meeting the needs of students, staff and parents through collaboration and clear communication."

The district made the appointments after an extensive search, which involved months of planning with parents, school officials, staff and experts. All three appointees were involved for eight months in redesigning the district's special education program.

The special needs liaison is a newly created position focused on

making connections between staff members and parents of students with special needs. Gary will provide support and training for both parents and staff, as well as welcome new families to special education.

"I want to help our special needs community," said Gary. "I fully understand the difficulties and conflicts inherent in this challenging world of special needs, and I am very excited about this opportunity to help others navigate this process, and to help our children succeed."

Gary is a local attorney with 15 years of experience in mediation and conflict resolution. For the past two years, he has volunteered extensively in the district to improve special education in a variety of capacities. He is a parent of a child with special needs.

Thom will oversee all services and budgets for students in the infant, preschool and K-5 special education programs, including transitioning to middle school.

"I feel very fortunate to be part of this amazing community of learners," said Thom. "As a staff, we are extremely committed to serving our students with special needs and their parents in the best way possible."

Thom is an infant/preschool program specialist, and has extensive experience with staff development and parent education. She guided the process that led to the district becoming its own Special Education Local Planning Agency (SELPA), said district spokesman Terry Koehne.

Heilbronner will be responsible for services and budgets for students in middle, high school and transition special education programs, including staff supervision and evaluation.

"I am excited about the direction of this department and how we will continue to improve upon the services we provide for students and the support we provide for parents and employees," Heilbronner said. "Through our redesign process, we are implementing a structure that has clear roles and responsibilities, with effective communication at the core."

Heilbronner previously served as the Assistant Director of Special Programs for the district. She is a former elementary and middle school teacher and middle school administrator. She served as the district liaison to the PTA Special Needs Committee. ■

Bus program

► Continued from page 5

She said the district's budget development begins in the spring, and its analysis about the busing program is correct.

"I do not believe the decision would have been different if we had begun the process earlier," Buchanan said. "I went over the numbers in much detail with staff. I believe they are accurate."

"On an incremental basis, the program will generate a deficit of \$200,000 next year," Buchanan added. "On a generally accepted accounting practices basis, the program will generate a deficit of \$300,000 next year. These numbers exclude the cost of the bus replacement."

Ahmadi said Measure J, which is a \$2 billion sale tax created to alleviate traffic congestion in Contra Costa County, may help finance school busing. Out of Measure J, the San Ramon Valley gets \$40 million over 25 years for school busing to alleviate traffic congestion, said Tai Williams, Danville Transportation Services Director. But this money is to go toward alleviating congestion in areas with the most traffic, which is different from what the school district has done, she said.

The school bus program has been at Tassajara Hills, Rancho Romero and Sycamore Valley elementary schools; Stone Valley, Diablo Vista and Charlotte Wood middle schools; and Monte Vista High School.

"It's going to be traffic nightmare," said Ahmadi, referring to Stone Valley Middle School. ■

Does Your Kitchen Work For You?

Dean & Sarah offer personalized service & creative solutions.

From planning to shopping, we bring the store to YOU!

Danville Kitchens & Baths

- Custom cabinets
- Flooring
- Hard surface countertops
- Electrical upgrades and lighting



925.820.2724 • Fax: 925.362.0755

Lic. 770455

www.Danvillekitchensandbaths.com



1 Client • 1 Trainer • 1 Goal



FITNESS TOGETHER-DANVILLE, WHERE FITNESS AND GOURMET FOOD COME TOGETHER

"Our clients look great in public because they train in private."

Phone: 925.837.1700 • Fax: 925.837.1715
480-B San Ramon Valley Blvd. • Danville, CA 94526
Featuring Food for Fitness by The Chef & Trainer
gregthurston@fitnesstogether.com
www.ftdanville.com

DENIM DAYS

20%

OFF ANY PAIR OF JEANS

Choose from our selection of Joe's, Levi's, 7 for All Mankind, 575 Denim, Stitch's & more!

Not valid on previous purchases or sale merchandise.

Expires August 31, 2007

TEL: 925.831.8500

INFO@SHOP-EDGE.COM

175 E. PROSPECT AVENUE, DOWNTOWN DANVILLE



SHOP FOR MEN

Trusted Brands ... Since 1976

Fountains

ROCK YARD
RICHERT LUMBER COMPANY

5505 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton • 925 846 5040

Sunol Blvd Exit 1/4 Mile East
CLOSED SUNDAYS

Compassionate therapy for change, helping you move from merely surviving to thriving.

DR. SARA DENMAN

Licensed Psychologist | PSY19808

Areas of Dr. Denman's expertise include, but are not limited to: parenting challenges, eating issues, substance abuse, anxiety, depression, past and present trauma, life changes, and all forms of PTSD including Veterans.

145 East Prospect Ave Ste 218 | Danville | 925-648-4941

1 Client • 1 Trainer • 1 Goal

FITNESS TOGETHER-DANVILLE, WHERE FITNESS AND GOURMET FOOD COME TOGETHER

"Our clients look great in public because they train in private."

Phone: 925.837.1700 • Fax: 925.837.1715
480-B San Ramon Valley Blvd. • Danville, CA 94526
Featuring Food for Fitness by The Chef & Trainer
gregthurston@fitnesstogether.com
www.ftdanville.com

DENIM DAYS

20%

OFF ANY PAIR OF JEANS

Choose from our selection of Joe's, Levi's, 7 for All Mankind, 575 Denim, Stitch's & more!

Not valid on previous purchases or sale merchandise.
Expires August 31, 2007

TEL: 925.831.8500 - INFO@SHOP-EDGE.COM - 175 E. PROSPECT AVENUE, DOWNTOWN DANVILLE

SHOP FOR MEN

Are you paying too much for COBRA?

Or do you just need individual or group health coverage at affordable rates? Call today to save money!

Charlene Beasley

Lic#0C26292

Beasley Insurance Services

925-803-9799

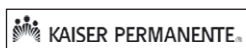
www.beasleyinsurance.com



Plans as low as **\$39⁰⁰** per month



*Based on HealthNet PPO-HSA plan for singles age 19-29



Free Quote go to www.beasleyinsurance.com

We're Improving the Iron Horse Regional Trail in Danville.

During the month of July approximately one mile of the Iron Horse Regional Trail in Danville will be closed for rehabilitation and resurfacing. Public access will not be available in the following locations:

- Prospect Avenue to Del Amigo Road.
- Sycamore Valley Road past Laurel Drive.

We apologize for the inconvenience but look forward to providing Danville residents a new and improved section of trail in these areas.

Inquiries can be directed to EBRPD Contra Costa County Trails crew at (925) 687-3419.

East Bay 
Regional Park District

www.ebparks.org



Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



Laurie had a little lamb

The Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton ends Sunday, July 8, so don't miss this chance to eat funnel cake. Not to mention the demonstrations of non-stick cookware and gardening displays. My favorite is the livestock area with 4-H members busily grooming and feeding their projects.

There are two 4-H clubs in the Danville/Alamo area: Tassajara and Tassajara Valley. The first one participates in the Contra Costa County Fair, already past, while Tassajara Valley 4-H shows at the Fair in Pleasanton. I tracked down "Ms. 4-H" herself, aka Laura Vaughn, who is community leader for Tassajara Valley 4-H. She grew up in a semi-rural area off Stone Valley Road and is a 1986 graduate of Monte Vista High. Her husband Mike Mabery was a neighbor and is a '79 grad.

"We did it all as kids—goats, sheep, horses," recalled Laura, who now lives off Green Valley Road and is a Realtor. She also owns racehorses so during Fair time she splits her time between the livestock area and the racetrack.

The Tassajara Valley 4-H Club has families from this area plus Lafayette and Moraga, Laura told me. The 4-H livestock projects include seven species: steers, swine, dairy goats, market goats, market lambs, horses and dairy cows. Her 14-year-old daughter

Mercedes Antonini showed dairy goats this year and won Grand Champion, Best Udder and Best Doe in Show. Entries are also judged on the owner's showmanship—how well they handle the animal and answer questions.

4-H Boosters make sure each animal is purchased. The only animals that return home with the 4-H kids are those the judges say are not "market ready."

"My daughter got her goat at 10 days old and it is now 4 years old," Laura said. "It's a long-term project."

Her son Jake also is raising a goat but he's too young to join 4-H. Jake just turned 4 last week. Laura recalled being nine months pregnant while working at the Fair; the commercial breeders assured her they could deliver a baby safely but she made it to a hospital—and returned three days later with Jake.

On the last day of the Fair, the 4-H animals are auctioned off,

starting with the rabbits, then the steers, followed by the swine, sheep and market goats, which were added last year. Laura said her daughter works all year to find her buyers and they contribute at \$10-\$12 a pound. If buyers aren't solicited, the animals can sell for as little as \$2.50 a pound, which would not cover the cost of raising an animal.

"The whole point is to teach these kids how to be business-people, raising their animals for a purpose," Laura explained. "They need to tell the community, 'This is what I'm doing. I need your support.'"

When the animals are bought at auction, the kids run the papers to the buyer to be signed and find out where they want the animal shipped, and if they want it live or processed. Laurie said 4-H Boosters make sure each animal is purchased. The only animals that return home with the 4-H kids are those the judges say are not "market ready." In order to be auctioned, or even to be shown, the animals have to "make weight," which is between 100 and 165 pounds for a sheep.

The animals are sent to a processing plant near Vacaville, then the meat goes to a place in Rippon that is FDA-regulated to be packaged as sausage, steaks, ground meat or whatever the buyer specifies. "It comes vacuum sealed and ready for the freezer," said Laurie. She picks up the meat and personally delivers it to the buyers.

The Vacaville butchers are the final judges of the meat, according to how much fat they have to cut away, and these awards are given at a "carcass contest" dinner in September. Laurie said one year Mercedes had a lamb that placed between the middle to the end at the Fair but was sixth out of 250 lambs in the carcass contest.

"She went back and called her buyer and let them know, 'You are eating really good meat,'" recalled Laurie.

4-H projects also include photography, rocketry, cooking arts and crafts, cake decorating, whatever has parent volunteers. The 4-H kids also work at the Boosters' ice cream booth to raise money. And tomorrow the Tassajara Valley club members are manning the cake booth in the Young California building. If you can't support them by purchasing an animal, buy a piece of cake and say hello.

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

 **HOMESTEAD**
MORTGAGE INCOME FUND, LLC

EARNING
10.70% APY*

Increase your monthly investment income!
We're accepting 401K, IRA, Pension, Savings & Investment
Monies into our mortgage secured income fund.
(\$20K min. investment)

Contact David Belleville
Please call for more information
408-350-1713

*Past return is not a guarantee of future performance (2006 compounded return)
Available to qualified California residents only

Summer SALE



Stickley

San Ramon

300 Market Place

925.806.0430

San Rafael

1654 Second Street

415.454.0502

Menlo Park

870 Santa Cruz Ave.

650.326.9661

www.flegels.com

Flegels

Fine Furniture & Interior Design

PUBLISHER
Gina Channell-Allen

EDITORIAL
Editor

Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Staff Reporters

Jordan M. Doronila

Natalie O'Neill

Sports Writer

Rachel McMurdie

Contributors

Geoff Gillette

Beverly Lane

Jacqui Love Marshall

Katharine O'Hara

Heidi Strand

Christina Straw

ART & PRODUCTION

Art Director/

Operations Manager

Shannon Corey

Designers

Trina Cannon

Lilli Cao

Kristin Herman

Manuel Valenzuela

ADVERTISING

Advertising Manager

Mary Hantos

Advertising

Account Executive

Leslie Mooldyk

General and Real Estate

Account Executive

Terry Bertolini

Classified Advertising

Susan Thomas

BUSINESS

Office Manager

Amory Foreman

Ad Services

Sandy Lee

Susan Thomas

Business Associate

Lisa Oefelein

Circulation Manager

Bob Lampkin

How to reach the Weekly

315 Diablo Road, Suite 100

Danville, CA 94526

Phone: (925) 837-8300

Fax: (925) 837-2278

Editorial e-mail:

Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com

Calendar@DanvilleWeekly.com

Display Sales e-mail:

sales@PleasantonWeekly.com

Classifieds Sales e-mail:

Ads@DanvilleWeekly.com

Circulation e-mail:

circulation@DanvilleWeekly.com

The Danville Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville, CA 94526; (925) 837-8300.

Mailed at Standard Postage Rate. The Danville Weekly is mailed free to homes and apartments in Danville, Blackhawk, Diablo and Alamo. Voluntary subscriptions at \$30 per year (\$50 for two years) are welcome from local residents.

Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$50/year.

© 2007 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Bus stops here

The school board voted 3-2 last week to discontinue the school bus program, which has been providing service to students in Danville and Alamo. At first glance, it seems like the district should do all it can to keep its busing program for students and to expand it. School buses, with their high visibility and trained drivers, provide safe transportation and are more energy efficient than having each child or family of children transported in their own vehicle. Not to mention the problems of traffic, around the schools and on all the roads.

This being said, the number of students who were bused last year in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District is so small that it didn't make sense to continue to pay \$378,000 to subsidize rides for them. Last year 600 students rode the bus out of the 25,000 children in the district and most did not ride both directions each day. It is easy to understand why three trustees thought the money should be spent to benefit more students. Families were charged \$410 for a year of round trip transportation, and the state contributed \$51,000 per year, adjusted for inflation but not for the number of students or miles.

Another option for transportation to school could be something called a "walking school bus." The children walk to school and a "driver" is hired to accompany them for safety reasons. Kids who live more than a mile from school could be dropped off at some point within the "bus route" so they also get the benefit of the exercise and to alleviate traffic congestion around the school.

The district has pledged to help parents find carpooling options with other families and to utilize public transportation wherever possible. These are options families around here have been using for a long time; it's good the school district is getting involved to make sure they work as well as they can for everyone.

"Last year 600 students rode the bus out of the 25,000 children in the district and most did not ride both directions each day."

YOUR TURN

The Danville Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or on issues of local interest. The deadline is 5 p.m. Monday for that Friday's edition.

Submit Letters to the Editor of up to 250 words to editor@DanvilleWeekly.com. Include your name, address and daytime phone number so we can reach you. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted.

Submitting a letter to the editor or guest opinion constitutes a granting of permission to the Danville Weekly and Embarcadero Publishing Co. to also publish it online, including in our online archives and as a post on Town Square.

For more information, contact Dolores Ciardelli, editor, at 837-8300, ext. 29.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Architect's corrections

Dear Editor:

While fair on the surface, which I very much appreciate, the article June 22 on my speech on the collapse of the twin towers contains errors. Here are the correct facts:

Structural steel softens to one-half its strength at about 1400 degrees and doesn't need to melt in order to collapse. Nevertheless, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has no evidence of steel temperatures over 450f degrees—and the World Trade Center Towers were over-designed to a factor of 5 in the core structure and 20x at the perimeter—and required much hotter temps to fail. The point about the steel melting temperature was in reference to the tons of molten metal found by the first responders "flowing like lava."

The towers completed their descent in about 15 seconds, not 9 seconds, which is free-fall speed.

Explosives pulverized most of the 90,000 tons of concrete, filling cabinets, people and building materials to gravel and fine dust—but not the structural steel and aluminum cladding. These materials were ejected outside of the buildings' footprint—undermining completely the official theories of a gravitational collapse.

I quoted FEMA, which maintained that the primary debris field was a 1,200-foot diameter around the twin towers. The bone fragments were found on top of the Deutsche Bank building, which is a couple of hundred feet at most. Still—how can a gravitational collapse cause this?

The explosive force of the plane is irrelevant because that event occurred one to two hours prior to each tower's "collapse" onset. What is relevant is the tremendous explosive force of the demolition charges breaking all the windows within 400 feet and hurling 20 ton beams 500 feet laterally.

Thank you for correcting the record.

Richard Gage, AIA, Architect

Unfortunate article

Dear Editor:

Unfortunately the Danville Weekly ran an article on June 22 relating to the Sept. 11 collapse of the twin towers. The article quotes one Richard Gage representing "Architects and Engineers for 911 Truth" speaking to the Tri-Valley Democrats. Gage, "providing scientific data," alleging that "the impact of the plane and the

fire could not have taken down the steel frame buildings." Gage "suggested the 110 story buildings were destroyed by controlled demolitions."

Gage is quoted saying "structural steel melts at about 2700 degrees Fahrenheit, plane fuel only burns up to 1600 degrees" so that "there is no way the heat could have caused the immense building frame to collapse."

If Gage's "analysis" was presented to a group of structural engineers he would have been laughed off the podium for more than one reason. Steel does not have to melt to collapse. Its load-bearing capacity diminishes with increasing temperature. The burning aircraft fuel is incinerating everything in the buildings: furniture, carpeting, plastics and, yes, people—so that temperatures would likely be much hotter. Even at Gage's 1600 F the steel beams would have only a taffy-like load-bearing capability. With the accumulating weight of upper floor debris on the next-lower floors the collapse would accelerate rapidly as it did.

Local residents were given a stark example of this recently with the collapse of the concrete and steel 80/580/880 freeway interchange from the heat of a crashed truck fire.

Gage's presentation was a combination of BDS (Bush Derangement Syndrome); LLCT (Loony Left Conspiracy Theory) and BS (Propaganda). Too bad the Weekly chose to participate.

B.A. Riggs, Walnut Creek

ONLINE READER POLL

Give your opinion at
www.DanvilleWeekly.com

Does the community suffer (traffic/pollution) when the district doesn't provide busing to school?

Results from last week:

Are you happy with the new Home Depot-Yardbirds?

No: 31.82%

✓ Yes: 68.18%

Total votes: 22

Code of ethics The Danville Weekly seeks to adhere to the highest level of ethical standards in journalism, including the Code of Ethics adopted Sept. 21, 1996, by the Society of Professional Journalists. To review the text of the Code, please visit our web site at www.DanvilleWeekly.com

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS

POLICE BULLETIN

70 firefighters battle blaze

A fire burned 80 acres of grass in Tassajara on Sunday but was brought under control within an hour and a half of being reported.

A ranger from Mt. Diablo State Park called the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District at 4:54 p.m. July 1 after spotting the grassfire, which was west of Collier Canyon Road in Tassajara Valley.

The first round of firefighters arrived at the scene 15 minutes after the call, said Battalion Chief John

Viera. Approximately 70 firefighters worked together to douse the fire. Ten fire engines, two dozers, two hand crews, and a helicopter helped bring the fire under control by 6:15 p.m.

Viera said fighters used hose lines, foam and fire retardant from an air tanker to quell the blaze. He noted the cause of the fire is still under investigation. There were no injuries.

—Jordan M. Dornila

POLICE LOG

The Danville Police Department made the following information available from its incident summary report:

Sunday, June 24

- Auto burglary on Old Town Ln. at 12:52 a.m.
- Battery in 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 4:39 a.m.
- Vandalism on Love Ln. and Railroad Ave. at 6:32 a.m.
- Vandalism on El Dorado Ave. at 10:56 a.m.
- Vandalism on Van Patten Dr. at 11 a.m.
- Vandalism on Cordell Dr. at 11:34 a.m.
- Vandalism on Love Ln. at 4:45 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Ramon and Greenbrook Dr. at 4:54 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Crow Canyon Rd. at 7:28 p.m.
- Trespassing on Hartley Dr. at 7:56 p.m.
- Vandalism on Love Ln. at 8:20 p.m.
- Trespassing on Hartley Dr. at 9:46 p.m.

Monday, June 25

- Auto burglary on Lowell Ct. at 5:40 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Rd. and Hartz Ave. at 12:49 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run in 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 5:25 p.m.
- Trespassing with vehicle on Adobe Dr. and Highbridge Ln. at 6:45 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Maplewood Ct. at 9:54 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26

- Suspicious vehicle stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. at 5:42 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Oak View Terrace at 8:34 a.m.
- Grand theft on Zephyr Cir. at 10:10 a.m.
- Commercial burglary on Town and Country Dr. at 12:15 p.m.
- Grand theft on El Rio Rd. at 2:16 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27

- Vandalism on Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 7:27 p.m.

- Identity theft on Green Valley Rd. at 10:13 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Diablo Rd. at 12:25 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Blackstone Dr. and Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 12:43 p.m.
- Trespassing on Heritage Park Dr. at 11:32 p.m.

Thursday, June 28

- Alcohol intoxicated subject on Iron Horse Trail and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:18 a.m.
- Vandalism on Diablo Rd. at 8:26 a.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on Diablo Rd. and McCauley Rd. at 11:01 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Danville Blvd. and El Cerro Blvd. at 11:23 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley lvd. At 12:14 p.m.
- Vandalism on Diablo Rd. at 2:52 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, in 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 10:19 p.m.
- Trespassing on Promenade Ln. at 11:56 p.m.

Friday, June 29

- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Harper Ln. at 12:10 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on

Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 6:37 p.m.

- Accident, major injuries, on Alameda Diablo and Diablo Rd. at 9:35 p.m.
- Trespassing, arrest, on Joaquin Dr. at 11:48 p.m.

Saturday, June 30

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, on northbound I-680 off ramp and Stone Valley Rd. at 1:25 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances, arrest, on Cathy Ln. at 5:43 a.m.
- Vandalism on Harlan Dr. at 8:58 a.m.
- Investigation, arrest, on Bobbie Ct. at 9:20 a.m.
- Vandalism on Front St. at 1:34 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Railroad Ave. at 3:08 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Diablo Rd. and El Cerro Blvd. at 4:04 p.m.
- Alcohol intoxicated subject on Front St. at 6:30 p.m.
- Fireworks disturbance on Remington Loop and Loch Lomond Way at 9:53 p.m.
- Trespassing, arrest, on W. Prospect Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 10:43 p.m.

Check out

Danville
WEEKLY.COM

every day

Jamie Carey, CFP, CPA, MBA is a registered representative with and securities are offered through Linsco/Private ledger, (LPL) Member NASD/SPIC

You Deserve Better.

Tired of being overlooked and undervalued by your current financial advisor? We think you deserve better...

- Better service
- Better investment choices
- Better overall satisfaction

If you agree that it's time for something better, call today!



Carey Consulting Wealth Management, Inc.
Jamie Carey, CFP, CPA, MBA
President

1350 Treat Blvd. #390 (Br 2)
Walnut Creek, CA 94597
(925) 937-6385
Fax: (925) 937-6377
jamie.carey@lpl.com
www.careyconsultingwealthmanagement.com
CA Insurance Lic. #0B98802



The UPS Store
Sycamore Square
Danville, CA

Your Home Office Away From Home

Shipping

Mailbox Rentals

Color Copies

Business Services

Corporate Accounts

Notary Services

Packaging Services

Passport/ID Photos

Shredding Services

Products and Service Guide
Inquire about our free monthly special offer

696 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
Danville, CA 94526
Phone: (925) 838-0052
Fax: (925) 838-4630



For Information Call
Tony at 925-820-5750
or
David at 925-437-3649

4 PM-9 PM

Cars Coraled at SRVHS

\$10.00 Entry Fee

July 12, 26

August 9, 23

Volunteers Needed!

Mountain

Laboring up Everest, inch by freezing inch, triggers profound change in climber

ed the idea to his supervisor, who then to the Human Resources department, any decided to give him time off work, paying him pay his way to the peak.

cepted to his particular mountaineer—had to send a resume of all the climb- which included four of the “seven Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Aconcagua, and Mount McKinley. His team was ended, which is important for safety, nce you are roped together for the bulk

total strangers at first. You kind of go, you. Don’t let me die,” he said, not- diate bond among his team members. person has a problem, the whole team,” he said. Of the 15 in his group, nine e summit, including him—an unusu-

est, climbers are no strangers to the . Myers encountered several frozen erest, at points too high to be taken e close to camp was a continuous e fragility of life in such precarious

Myers left, he took out a new life insur- but not without being rejected 19 dmitting his plan to climb the moun-

ing is one element of the climb, but r factor that’s not so glamorous. Most now that many days of the trip involve lots of it, he said. Mountaineers spend at camp, hoping for weather to clear o become less clogged with hikers.

ning from the exhilarating to the mun- mentally and emotionally taxing for low days take patience and are better npany, he said. Myers’ team, which h English and Russian speakers, spent nness, reading, talking and taking pho-

We weren’t hanging on the edge of a I read every single English book there

owed them to recuperate and for their n in the air. But even at camp, the peratures made everyday movements

27,000 feet by using an example of a your house to your car.

break once you got there,” he explains, ing.

was so cold that when the mountain- they could not leave the tent. Myers used funnels and “pee bottles,” a fre- es.

for the summit, the team spent weeks ng back down to camp. Each time they selves a little higher.

s said of the acclimatizing.

more mental endurance than physical, hat mental toughness is just as crucial climbing mountains.

king and the use of mental imagery to

often been successfully used for goal- ates “Athletic Insight,” an online jour-

n agreed that some highly successful visualize their physical accomplish- s enthusiasts have a higher desire for

d, “Some people produce less adrena-

oriented more than a few times, said extremely focused. The second he got ight him back down to earth” and the

reality of it all set in, he said.

“It’s funny to watch people drive up to (base camp). Everybody stops right there and gets out of their car. And they realize, ‘OK, that’s the mountain I’m climbing.’ They stand there with their mouth open, going, ‘Oh, man, what did I sign up for?’” he remembered.

Myers’ father Chris says he’s seen Curt’s determined, highly motivated streak since he was a boy. As a 10-year-old, he loved the outdoors and went on Boy Scout campouts with his father.

“I believe it’s heredity. I’m the same way and so was my father,” Chris Myers said.

“You can direct him but you’re not going to stop him,” he said.

This is the case for many mountaineers, Richard G. Mitchell Jr. writes in “Mountain Experience: the Psychology and Sociology of Adventure.” According to Mitchell, climbers often “seek leisure in a ... gratifying no-compromise situation, where outcomes depend directly on their own actions,” he wrote.

In Curt Myers’ opinion, it does take a certain type of personality to want to push yourself to these physical extremes. You have to be driven and motivated, he says, adding that he often finds Type A personalities in the mountaineering community.

On the mountain, this drive can put both help and hurt you. “Into Thin Air” by Jon Krakauer, a first person account of an Everest climbing disaster in which several climbers lost their lives, describes how hikers are blinded by the goal of getting to the top. When an intense need to meet your goal starts to get in the way of safety decisions, this is where it can work against you, Myers pointed out.

“That was a pretty big fear of my family—that I was going to hike myself into trouble,” he said.

You have to know your own limitations, have experience, and not take unnecessary risks, he said. He also added that the widely used “turn around time,” a time at which climbers must turn around no matter how close they are to the summit, can get people into dangerous situations.

“That gets people into trouble, because they have that 10 o’clock or 12 o’clock in their mind,” he said, explaining you should turn around earlier if your body tells you to.

In Myers’ mind, he knew he would not come home without completing the summit. But he also knew rushing it could mean his life. If staying longer and waiting for the right time was what he had to do, he was willing to.

“I have to trust that he analyzes it with skill,” his father said.

Another part of the best selling novel Myers said he found accurate is that when people get into dangerous and deadly situations, there are almost always several lapses of judgment leading up to it.

“I attribute a lot of it to a series of poor choices,” he said of many people who have died on the mountain.

Even with the preparation, Myers returned home from the adventure 20 pounds lighter, with slight nerve damage in his fingers from the cold.

“I just got feeling back in my pinkies, so that made me happy,” he said.

One member of his group had to be rescued because of fluid in her lungs, and he witnessed several rescues from other teams. His Russian guide even helped take down a mountaineer who had been abandoned by his group and was hours away from death.

In addition, Myers confirmed that certain parts of the mountain are littered with trash and oxygen tanks. When you have so many people climbing at such high points, it’s hard to get the place cleaned up, he said.

Sherpas, an ethnic group from the most mountainous region of Nepal, have begun to clean up discarded oxygen tanks and they are given a cash reward for every tank they bring back, he said.

As natives to the environment, Sherpas are known as mountaineering experts. They are strong and highly skilled at climbing in thin air.

“Their lungs are bigger, their hearts are bigger. They’re supermen,” Myers said.

Nepalese and Tibetan culture, along with traveling with his Russian teammates was enlightening, he said, but it was no match for the nature. And it was no match for the sense of accomplishment he felt at the top.

“I like the country and the culture and the different people—but I’m there for the mountain,” he said.

For Myers, there’s nothing like the view from the top of the world to put things in perspective. ■



Left, chess was used to pass the time at camp while waiting for clear weather. Myers reports he was no match for his Russian teammates. Right, Myers shows his excitement and anticipation from below 25,000 feet.



In icy sub-zero weather, where wind chill factor reached below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, a hot drink is priceless.



Clean shaven and safe at home, Myers says there is something about “standing in a room and knowing you are the only one who summited.”

Christa at the wheel

Volunteer shares her car and her zest for life with those who need a lift

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Need a ride? Ask Christa.

Christa Brezier, volunteer driver for the Town of Danville, has a hard time saying 'no' to folks who need a ride. Because of this—and her engaging personality—she again was recognized by the County Senior Coalition as a volunteer extraordinaire.

Christa, 63, has been volunteer driving through the town of Danville for seven years. She originally visited the town offices with her husband Jim because he had the idea to help out with computers. Then she got the urge to volunteer herself.

"They said, 'What can you do?' And I said, 'I'm good at driving,'" she recalled.

"I like to drive elderly people," she noted. "My mom is gone and sometimes I take them out to lunch and pretend they're my mom."

She also drives children, and is currently giving a ride to a 15-year-old to work at a restaurant in Walnut Creek twice a week.

"I drove 6,400 miles last year, in 2006," Christa said.

She bought a new car because her passengers were complaining that her 19-year-old yellow Camaro, which she loved, was too low to the ground plus it was hard to climb into the back seat of the two-door vehicle. Now she drives a Toyota Avalon.

"My husband said, 'This is your hobby: You need a new car,'" Christa said.

"This is a very expensive hobby," she added. But she won't accept money for gasoline because she doesn't need it. She tells her passengers to instead do a good deed for someone else.

Her other hobby, which is even more expensive, is traveling, and she's currently planning a trip to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. She's been to Europe 56 times, sometimes while on the way to Africa. And she just returned from a trip to the Mideast.

"I'm trying to see the world," she said. "I'm always either planning a trip, on a trip, or glowing from returning from a trip."

Christa was reared in Los Angeles, the child of a German scientist brought over by the United States after World War II. Her father worked on solar energy.

"He worked for the Navy for seven years as a physicist, then died," she said. "We were wild teenagers, my brother, sister and I, and my mother sent me to boarding school in southern Germany."

She was 18 when she met her husband-to-be, who was in the American Army in southern Germany doing long-range reconnaissance on the Czech border. She liked to frequent a bar called the Cracker Box in Munich, where GIs and other young people gathered to enjoy the bands.

"He'd heard about this American girl hanging out in this sleazy bar and one day he came down to the Cracker Box," she remembered.

He walked up just as she was being kicked out for not buying another drink.

"It was love at first sight," she said.

After a few years they returned to the United States and lived with her brother in Palo Alto until they found jobs and a place of their own in the Concord and Pleasant Hill area. After saving money, they sold everything and bought a Volkswagen camper and traveled around California and Mexico.

"I didn't like that lifestyle," said Christa. "Partying is fun on weekends only."

Eventually they settled in Danville and they now live in Greenbrook, where Christa swims two to three times a day between her driving duties. She retired at age 40 from Pacific Telephone because she was suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.

Christa is also unusual because she likes to give her phone



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Christa Brezier, a volunteer driver who was recently honored for her hard work and good attitude, enjoys giving a lift to June Pass, who lives in a wooded condominium complex on Camino Ramon. Christa drove 6,400 miles last year and bought her Avalon Toyota so her passengers would be more comfortable.

number to those she drives, instead of going through the town.

"I say, 'Here's my personal phone number, call me day or night,'" she said.

Sometimes her husband wants her to say no when someone requests a ride but she says she can't because they need her. She befriended one Jewish German client she spoke to in German. The woman's daughter would beg her to visit saying, "Mom won't eat unless you're there," Christa said.

She finally made a rule that she will not go out to lunch with the people she drives because it was getting out of hand.

"I wouldn't go out with my husband, it wasn't fair," she said.

She said she used to drive a man who was 93, who was a big flirt.

"If someone else sat in the front seat next to me, he'd kick them out," she recalled with a laugh.

Christa noted there are other ways to help people, such as making phone calls.

"I drove a lady from Rossmoor to the doctor and she said, 'Do you know what I'd really, really like? If you'd call me.'"

For a long time, Christa called her twice a day, even when

she was traveling in Alaska. Once she had to alert Rossmoor security when there was no answer to her phone call but it turned out the woman had been online with a dial-up connection.

One of her favorite current passengers is June Pass, who spent most of her life in the theater world in Hollywood but moved to Danville in 1990 to be near her daughter. She still has a car but occasionally will need a ride.

"I called the town and they told me about Christa and it's been Christa ever since," said June. "She's very interesting, delightful."

"She's a great lady," said Jen Overmoe, program coordinator for Senior Services for Danville, who nominated Christa for the Central Contra Costa County Senior Coalition's Mary Shockley Award. "She has a kind of following of seniors who rely on her. And she's available whenever I'm in a jam." ■

Need a ride?

For more information about the volunteer driver program with the Town of Danville, call Jen Overmoe, program coordinator for Senior Services, at 314-3476. Drivers need to fill out a volunteer application and provide proof of driver's license, insurance and a DMV printout of their driving record.



BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

The classics: basil, mint, rosemary and thyme

"Are you going to Scarborough Fair? (Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme)
Remember me to one who lives there. She once was a true love of mine."

—Simon & Garfunkel

Whether you're going to Scarborough Fair or Safeway, if you can only bring four fresh herbs home from the market, these are the four to put in your basket—basil, mint, rosemary and thyme. (Sorry, parsley and sage...you are runners-up in Epicure's spices of life!)

I use at least one of these classic herbs regularly. And since I've become a Californian, if I could pick a fifth one for good measure, it would probably be cilantro. So let's take a minute to celebrate each of these spices.

Not surprising when you think about their respective flavors, basil, mint and rosemary (as well as sage, oregano and catnip) belong to the same plant family. All the herbs in this family readily emit their flavors and fragrances so they are easy to identify.

Basil

Basil has a rich, spicier flavor with touches of mint and clove. Basil originates from India and Asia and its 40-plus varieties differ greatly in color, size, texture and fragrance. Many varieties are used as ornamental plants. The most common cooking basil is Sweet Basil, Italian Basil (with a Mediterranean touch) and Thai Basil, which is spicier than most. Basil adds great flavor to meats, poultry, fish, beans, soups and stews. It nicely complements garlic, thyme and lemon and is excellent to sharpen the taste of mild-flavored vegetables.

Mint

In South American countries, mint is known as yerba buena, or the "good herb." Mint has a soft, subtle flavor and is the most widely used herb in the world. Before it was used for seasoning in cooking, it was used primarily as a medicinal herb. Today, it is also used as a popular flavor additive for many products.

Both basil and mint have digestion-soothing qualities and sedative, calming features. Further, mint offers sleep-inducing benefits, is a diuretic, can be used as a mild decongestant and soothes the throat.

Rosemary

Rosemary is easy to recognize by its woody stem and fragrant leaves, like pine needles. Its flavor is strong and refreshing and can even be bitter if used in too great a

quantity. It is an ideal complement to oily foods such as fish, lamb and ribs. Consuming large, high-strength quantities of rosemary can be toxic, even fatal. On the other hand, rosemary can be used as a food preservative.

Thyme

Thyme dates back to ancient Egyptian times when it was used for purifying, aiding sleep and even embalming. Garden Thyme is a flavorful, culinary herb while other varieties are used as plants and ground cover. It is widely used in Italian, French and Caribbean cuisines. Because it holds its own but does not overpower foods, it is often used to flavor stews, soups and meats, especially lamb. Like basil, thyme complements eggs, tomatoes and cheese well also. Thyme retains its flavor long after drying but is slow to release while cooking so it is generally added early in the process.

Cilantro

Cilantro is native to Africa and Asia but has been adopted by many cultures for their cuisines including Latin American, Chinese, African, Southeast Asian, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean. The leaves are known by many names—coriander, cilantro, dhania, Chinese parsley, Mexican parsley. With its light parsley flavor with citrus-y accents, cilantro is used widely in chutneys, salsas, guacamole and sushi rolls. Chopped coriander is often used as a garnish on curries. Because it loses its flavor and aromas quickly, it is usually added to a dish just before serving or as an aromatic topping. Dried coriander seeds have a spicy, orange-flavored taste and are used in Middle Eastern cuisines as an after-dining breath freshener.

As with other herbs and spices mentioned in this series, be adventuresome. Try cooking with herbs you have the least experience with by trying a recipe in which the herb is featured or by experimenting with the herb/spice in one of your favorite dishes. Or, make infused oils with one of the featured herbs! Spice up your cooking...your family will love you for it!

—Jacqui lives in Danville with her pug,
Nina Simone, and volumes of cookbooks and recipes.
Her column runs every other week.
E-mail her at jlovemarshall@yahoo.com.

RECIPES

Herb or Spice Infused Oils

Infused oils are easy to create and make great gifts for family and friends who love to cook.

1. Wash and dry your favorite herb and bruise the branches lightly to release flavor.
2. Place them in a clean decorative glass container and cover with warmed oil. (Less strongly flavored oils like sunflower and safflower oil work best; extra-virgin olive oil is also a good choice. If you begin with a mono-unsaturated oil such as olive oil or peanut oil, the infused oils must be refrigerated.)
3. Seal bottle tightly and store in a cool, dark place to infuse about two weeks.
4. Taste the oil in each bottle. If it is not strong enough, add more fresh herbs and let stand another week. If you leave the leaves intact, the flavor will become stronger as it stands, so keep that in mind.
5. Use the oil within two months. Use infused oils in salad dressings and marinades to enjoy the full flavor.

Cilantro Herb Butter (serves 4)

A quick, delicious topping for grilled fish and chicken

- 4 Tbsp salted butter
- 1/4 tsp finely grated lemon peel
- 2 Tbsp finely chopped cilantro
- 1/4 tsp finely chopped serrano chiles, seeds and membranes removed
- 1/2 tsp ground coriander
- 1/4 tsp finely minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp grated ginger

1. Soften the butter. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix until well combined. Place on plastic wrap and roll it, forming a log about 1-1/2 inches thick and 4 inches long. Put it in the freezer to harden, and keep it frozen until ready to use.
2. To use: Cut thin "coins," about 1/4-inch thick, from the roll and place them on fish or chicken during the final few minutes in the broiler or on the barbecue, just long enough for the butter to melt (two "coins" per 4-6 ounce piece of meat should be adequate). Garnish plate with cilantro sprigs.

➤ Continued on page 19



FARMERS
Mona Torres Agency

More Options. More Discounts.

Even if you've checked us out in the past
—you need to look again!

Auto – Life – Home – Business



Mona Torres
925.395.7809
P.O. Box 453
Alamo, CA 94597

mtorres@farmersagent.com



EXPERIENCE
Design
EXCELLENCE

save up to
\$100
per unit

The finest interiors begin with good taste. Good interior design doesn't have to be expensive, but mistakes always are!

Let our designers help you avoid costly mistakes and help you find the right decorating solution!

Custom Draperies

Swags, Valances, Roman Shades
Save up to 25%

Fine Furniture

Bernhardt, Century, Lane,
Hickory-White etc.
Save 20-30%



indesign
Since 1980

HunterDouglas
2007
first ever...
summer sale
event

Sale is in effect June 1-August 31, 2007 No
minimums. No maximums.
Limit one rebate form per household.

Ask for details today!

Hunter Douglas Priority Dealer

Discover the Indesign
difference—where Design
becomes affordable!

120 W. Linda Mesa Ave
Danville • 925.837.0997
www.indesign-interiors.com



Angel Face Esthetics

Stephanie Braga
Licensed Esthetician

1/2 off all
permanent
services

Specializing in:

- Age reversing facial & body peels
- Rejuvenating facials
- Fast thorough waxing
- Brazilian waxing
- Eyelash extensions
- Precision permanent make-up

Proud to feature  Products

169 Front St. 200 Danville, CA 94526 • 855.0145

Up-to-date
news about
Danville
every day

Danville
WEEKLY.COM

Housewares • Toys • Giftware • Books • Candles • Jewelry •

SALE \$79.99



**IMAGINE...
Your Favorite
Brand Names
SAVE
40% - 80%
EVERY DAY**

DEAL OF THE WEEK
Dogirandack Bed
Varnished juniper hardwood to resist the elements. Mildew and rot resistant. Over 6 feet wide; double arched back! Includes 2 stainless steel food and drink bowls. Soft outdoor foam cushion with a polyester cover that is removable for washing. Easy Assembly- Slats for the back and seat are pre-assembled.
Dimensions: 55W" x 29"D x 27.5"H
SALE \$79.99 (SMALL)
MSRP: \$200.00

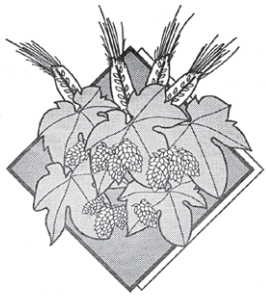
SALE \$79.99



3 Piece Bistro Set
3 pc. Bistro Set made of solid oak: A hardwood that resists rotting and holds up very well in wet weather. Top coated with UV paint to resist weathering
All quantities are limited.

Rick's Picks
great deals everyday!
375 Hartz Ave.
Downtown Danville
(across from Starbucks)
837-DEAL
Mon-Sat: 9:30am-8pm
Sun 10am-5pm

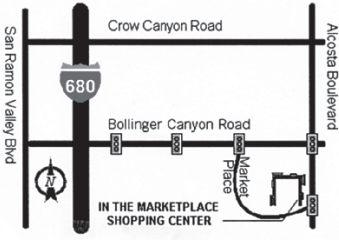
Jewelry • Dishes • Soaps • Games • Home Decor • Housewares • Toys • Giftware • Books • Candles • Stationary • Decorative Pillows • Towels • Gadgets • Games • Soaps • Games • Giftware • Toys • Giftware • Books •



THE HOPYARD
AMERICAN ALEHOUSE & GRILL

Neighborhood Brewpub


**30 BEERS ON TAP
Huge Outdoor Patio!**



San Ramon
(925) 277-9600
470 Market Place
www.hopyard.com

Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE



Hay baling was essential to the Valley

Mount Diablo forms a backdrop as hay bales are loaded on a truck at Sycamore Valley's Wood Ranch around 1956. Agriculture was the business of the San Ramon Valley from the Gold Rush until relatively recently. Farms and ranches covered the Valley, with the small villages supporting them. Agricultural products were diverse and included raising livestock, hay and grain, and cultivating grapes, almonds, apricots, plums, apples, tomatoes, walnuts and pears.

"SAN RAMON VALLEY: ALAMO, DANVILLE, AND SAN RAMON" BY BEVERLY LANE AND RALPH COZINE

A movie review of what's **NOW SHOWING**

Ratatouille

★ ★ ★
Rating: G for general audiences
1 hour, 50 minutes



Chez Pixar and Oscar-winning director Brad Bird ("The Incredibles") serve another delectable animated feature combining fresh ingredients with a beautiful presentation. In food-critic speak, "Ratatouille" is highly seasoned, layered with complex flavors and has considerable sweetness on the finish. Yet the titular dish poses the basic question: Will children eat their CGI vegetables?

Unlike the "Toy Story" films or "Finding Nemo," this stew of culinary humor seems best suited for the sophisticated palates of adults—not kids. The world of haute cuisine has particular demands. Can you distinguish chervil from saffron? A sous chef from a saucier? Does the impending visit of an influential restaurant critic send chills down your spine? While parents will salivate over these nuances and the incredibly detailed animation, the G-rated set may wiggle restlessly until a dash of slapstick or fast-paced action ramps up the kiddie comedy.

Bird's screenplay focuses on Remy (voiced by comedian Patton Oswalt), a scruffy-but-likeable rat who forages in garbage for gourmet tidbits. Although his blue-furred rodent family believes that food is fuel, Remy subscribes to the notion that you are what you eat. His pink nose quivers over the finest quality items. And he has a secret. Remy loves watching Auguste Gusteau's televised cooking show. The French top chef promotes an "anyone can cook" philosophy, and Remy dreams of doing so.

Accidentally flushed through the sewers of Paris and guided by the friendly ghost of Gusteau himself, Remy surfaces at the late chef's restaurant. Having lost two of its five stars, the once-legendary establishment has seen better days. Before long, Remy befriends a hapless newcomer, hiding beneath the tall toque of the redheaded, no-talent Linguini (Lou Romano). Like a puppet master, Remy pulls tufts of the young man's hair to guide his clumsy hands to the perfect ingredients. Soon Linguini becomes the rising star in this hell's kitchen ruled by a screaming schemer (voiced by Ian Holm). When powerful food critic Anton Ego (marvelously voiced by Peter O'Toole) announces his plans to grace the restaurant, the rat race begins. Can "Little Chef" Remy, Linguini and their female cohort Colette (voiced by Janeane Garofalo with a French accent that sometimes makes her dialogue unintelligible) save the day?

Many set pieces sparkle with energy and visual ingenuity. Caught up in culinary passion, Remy secretively seasons soup in a scene that truly captures the joy of cooking. As the plot thickens and the kitchen heats up to impress "Grim Eater" Ego, the comic bits increase with the growing rat infestation.

In the film, ratatouille-the-signature-dish is associated with strong feelings for home and family. Children may get this message but still long for an animated version of something more accessible and American—like macaroni and cheese.

—Susan Tavernetti

For more movie reviews or local show times, go to www.DanvilleWeekly.com

No WORRIES! **THE BEST!** **LOTS OF SMILES!**

CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENCE ALL YEAR LONG!



CAREFREE SENIOR LIVING IN A BEAUTIFUL RETIREMENT COMMUNITY



VILLA SAN RAMON

INDEPENDENT & ASSISTED LIVING
PLUS RESPITE CARE

(925) 803-9100 • www.VillaSanRamon.com License No. 071441092

MENTION THIS AD - SAVE \$1,500 !!!



Kathy Chiverton, Executive Director of the San Ramon Valley YMCA, and Joe Combs, chairman of the board of Y advisors, accept a check from Jeff Behring of the Danville Rotary.

Rotarians give \$10,000 toward new YMCA

On June 25, the members of Danville Rotary presented the first installment of \$10,000 toward a commitment of \$50,000 that the Rotarians have made to the capital campaign to build a YMCA on the Danville/Alamo border.

"We feel that this is one of the most significant projects to be built by a nonprofit group in our community," said outgoing President Jeff Behring. "The YMCA's mission to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities complements the Rotary's charge to 'lead the way to a better community.'"

Joe Combs, chairman of the San Ramon Valley YMCA Board of Advisors, accepted the check on behalf of the board. As a fellow Rotarian from Alamo Rotary, he expressed his profound appreciation, noting that the new YMCA, designed to serve the whole San Ramon Valley, will be a wonderful gathering place for children and adults. He pointed out there is a growing population of at-risk teens in our Valley, many with both parents working, and the number of seniors looking for health and wellness facilities is increasing dramatically.

Lori Sato, incoming Danville Rotary president, noted that the Rotary is known for the incredible

work that it does internationally, but she said, "We need to be sure that the next generation of children understands the importance of giving back. Working with the YMCA, we will be able to support programs that help our teens become leaders in our community and good citizens. Many Rotarians are eager to serve as mentors to the young people in the San Ramon Valley."

The new YMCA facility, to be built on 12 acres next to Hap Magee Ranch Park, will include an indoor warm water therapeutic pool and an outdoor swimming pool, and a full range of state-of-the-art exercise facilities, as well as meeting rooms.



Exchange Club gives scholarships

Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley essay contest judges (l-r) Linda Schardt, Tom Hawkins, Karen Stepper and Phil Lindner chose winners for college scholarships presented June 12 in partnership with the All Wars Memorial Foundation. The winners of the third annual essay contest about America's founding documents were Cameron Lee, who was awarded \$1,000; and Vladimir Karetnikov, who received \$500. The scholarships were funded by sponsors, including PG&E, Pacific Rim Recycling, and Sharon Dare of JRockcliff Realty.

Check out
Town Square
 An online forum to
Discuss Community Issues
Ask for advice
Rate a movie
Review a restaurant and more

Recipes

Continued from page 17

Osso Buco (serves 4)

- 3 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 veal shanks, 2 to 2-1/2 inches thick
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 medium carrots, finely diced or chopped
- 4 large celery ribs, finely diced or chopped
- 2 medium onions, finely diced or chopped
- 3/4 cup chianti (or other mild red wine)
- 1-1/2 cups chicken stock
- 4-6 large fresh tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and diced
- 1 pound fettuccine pasta, cooked according to package directions
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 2 tsp lemon zest, grated

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a heavy Dutch oven or other non-reactive pot large enough to hold the veal shanks in one layer, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Season the veal shanks with salt and pepper and dredge well on both sides in flour. Sear the veal on each side 2 to 3 minutes, or until crusty and brown. Remove to a warm platter.
2. In the same pot, sauté the carrots, celery and onions over medium heat until soft and aromatic, about 6 minutes. Stir in the wines, the chicken stock and the tomatoes. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Return the veal shanks to the pot, pressing each one to the bottom.
3. Bring the liquid in the pot to a boil, cover tightly and place in the center of the oven. Cook shanks about 2 hours, or until they are about to fall off the bone and are tender when pierced with a fork.
4. To serve: Divide the fettuccine among 4 large warm serving plates and place a veal shank on each. Spoon equal parts of the sauce from the cooking pot over all. Garnish each shank with a fresh rosemary sprig and sprinkle with lemon zest.

A Little Bocce Goes With Everything



- Fine Italian Cuisine
- Full Bar
- Lunch & Dinner Served Daily
- Group Events
- Team Building



Campo di Bocce
 175 E. Vineyard Ave • Livermore
 925.249.9800
www.campodibocce.com

GARDEN HEIGHTS LANDSCAPING

- * Beautiful Design
- * Fresh Ideas
- * Professional Installation
- * Seamless Maintenance
- * 20 Years of Experience

Your landscape *begins and ends* with us.

CA License #851369

Bonded and Insured



(925)708-7863
www.GardenHeightsInc.com

Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY • POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT WWW.DANVILLEWEEKLY.COM

Art

Alamo-Danville Artists' Society This society will present a group showing of paintings until July 17, at the Danville Town Offices, 510 La Gonda Way. The offices are open on weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 939-1278.

Clubs

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 552-9733.

Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club This club is open to new and long-time women 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 Books Book Club San Ramon Bay Books hosts two book clubs reviewing different books. The first club meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month; the second book club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month, both meeting at the San Ramon store, 2415 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 855-1524.

Danville Job's Daughters Job's Daughters is an international organization for girls between the ages of 10-20 with Masonic heritage who like to have fun and make friends. The group meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, at the Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd. Call 829-8505.

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

Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley This club meets at noon, monthly on the second Wednesday, at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. The program features guest speakers and business networking. Guests are welcome with reservations. Call 275-2412 or visit www.srvexchangeclub.org.

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 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

22nd Annual Music in the Park Town of Danville will host the 22nd annual Music in the Park Concert Series from 6-8 p.m., Saturdays, at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Rd., Danville. The Sun Kings (Beatles Tribute) July 7, The Best Intentions (Motown) July 21, Mic Gillette/Jon Smith Project (Blues/R&B) Aug. 4 and Zydeco Flames (Cajon) Aug. 18. These concerts are free. Call 314-3400.

Alamo Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series Alamo Parks and Recreation will host its Summer Concert Series from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fridays, at Livorna Park, 801 Livorna Rd., Alamo. Silicon Valley Houserockers (Get Ready to Boogie) July 13; 256 (Classic Rock and Party Tunes) July 27; and Pan Extasy (Reggae and Caribbean Sounds) Aug. 10.

WEEKEND PREVIEW



It's time for Music in the Park

Town of Danville will host the 22nd annual free Music in the Park Concert Series from 6-8 p.m. Saturdays at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road, Danville. Tomorrow night, July 7, the Sun Kings will perform a Beatles Tribute. These concerts are free. Bring a picnic supper to enjoy with family and friends. Call 314-3400.

Blackhawk Plaza Summer Concert Series The Blackhawk Plaza Summer Concert series returns to Danville every Friday, from July-August. The concert is from 7-8:30 p.m., starting Friday, July 20, at Blackhawk Plaza, 3480 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Families are invited to enjoy an evening of shopping, dining and exciting live music. This event is free. Call (415) 380-8390 or visit www.shopblackhawkplaza.com.

WomenSing Pre-Tour Concert Enjoy the pre-tour concert, WomenSing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, at Valley Center for the Performing Arts, Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Admission is free and open

to the public. Call 974-9169 or visit www.womensing.org.

Events

Farmers Market The Danville Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Saturday and from 4-8 p.m., Thursdays, until mid August, at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Call 825-9090 or visit www.pcfma.com.

Guided Walking Tour of Walnut Creek Art The Bedford Gallery will host 45-minute walking tours of Walnut Creek's prime public art works on the

Still feel pain?

Acupuncture, Acupressure, & herbs
Most patients stop pain after just one treatment!



Lily He, L. Ac.
Three-generation practitioner

- Pain Treatment
- Hypertension
- Stress Management
- Rash & Allergies

Matthew Lu, L. Ac.
20 year's experience of practice

- Stomachache
- Insomnia
- Women's Problems
- Other Chronic Diseases

FREE Consultation call:
925-855-1885 or 925-285-6026
790 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Ste. 225
Danville, CA 94526
Most Insurance Accepted

Coupon \$55 only
first service
before 7/31/07

Trusted Brands ... Since 1976

Gorgeous Vanities



Not too Expensive.

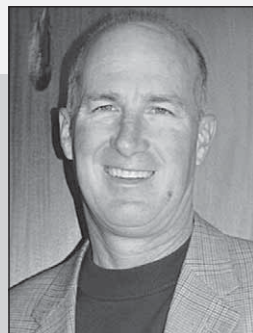
Not too Cheap.

RICHERT
LUMBER & HARDWARE
5505 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton • 925 846 5040



AMC — Since 1968
Alameda Mortgage Corporation

- A LOCAL DIRECT LENDER
- FAST DECISIONS
- PURCHASE/REFINANCE
- OUT OF STATE LENDING
- LOANS FOR EVERY NEED
- STATED INCOME/INT. ONLY
- HUD APPROVED LENDER
- PERSONALIZED SERVICE



Andrew Karleskind



Patricia Szabo



Eric Karleskind



Corina Wuest

Thousands of satisfied customers throughout California!

780 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
2nd floor
Danville
925-855-7131

*Licensed by the California Department of Real Estate license number 00490525

NOW ENROLLING SUMMER CAMP!

Kindergarten-5th Grade

June 11-Aug. 24th
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Extended Care Available

- Art • Music
- Dance • Spanish
- Mandarin • Tutoring
- Cheerleading • Soccer
- Robotics & Engineering
- Field Trips • Presentations



Success for every child, every day.

4576 Willow Road, Pleasanton
In Hacienda Business Park
(925) 463-6060
www.cardenwest.org

Our fully licensed pre-school operates year-round accepting children ages 18 months to 5 years old.

second Saturday from June-October, meeting at the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Cost is \$5, including a free pass to the Bedford Gallery. Call 295-1417.

Exhibits

Paved Paradise Bedford Gallery has received a grant for a Contra Costa Youth Exhibition entitled "Paved Paradise" which will run until July 22. Call 295-1417 or visit www.bedfordgallery.com.

Solo Exhibition of Stephen Sanfilippo View Stephen Sanfilippo's landscape oil paintings from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., until Aug. 22, at Thos. Moser Gallery Showroom, 3395 Sacramento St., San Francisco. You can meet this Alamo resident from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, July 14, at the opening reception. Call (415) 931-8131.

Health

Chi Kung Class The Wellness Community will host a Chi Kung class for cancer patients and their caregivers from 9:30-10:45 a.m., Tuesdays, until Aug. 8, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Comfortable clothing and socks are a must. Call 933-0107.

Free Summer Immunization Clinics Axis Community Health will offer free immunization clinics for children from 9-11:30 a.m., Saturdays, July 7, Aug. 4 and Sept. 8, at Axis Pleasanton Clinic, 4361 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Clinics open to Tri-Valley families who are low income, uninsured or on Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records, and income and insurance information. Call 462-1755.

Lectures/ Workshops

Complementary Medicine and Cancer Learn natural remedies that are safe and effective to use during and after cancer treatment from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This workshop will cover diet, nutritional supplements, exercise and herbal medicines. This event is free to cancer patients and their caregivers and families. Call 933-0107.

How to Become a Remarkable Leader EBIG Start-Ups will host "How to Become a Remarkable Leader" from 6:30-9 p.m., Monday, July 9, at Crown Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd., Pleasanton. Cost is \$10 pre-registered, \$15 at the door, free to members. Visit www.ebig.org.

Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer Workshop This 16-week group is for women who have just been diagnosed and are either in treatment or starting treatment from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, July 11-Oct. 24, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free. Call 933-0107.

Wealth Classes Extravaganza Day Get free wealth education on Wealth Classes Extravaganza Day from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, July 7, at San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Dr. This event is free. Classes limited to 90 people, so register early; call 855-3205 or visit www.wealthclasses.com.

Miscellaneous

Adoption Faire East County Animal Shelter will host an Adoption Fair from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, July 14, at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Adopt a dog and receive 3 free in-home professional dog training classes, dog bed, leash, collar and a bag of dog food. Adopt a cat and receive goodie bags with toys and more. Low cost spay/neuter certificates are available. Free hot dogs and drinks from 1-2 p.m.

Call (408) 202-6708 or visit www.tvr.org.

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

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.

The Energy Primer for Kids The Energy Primer for Kids is a 25-page booklet of simple facts pertaining to current energy issues and is useful for adults that are evaluating energy related claims of politicians. For a free copy, write to Synergy Institute, P.O. Box 561, San Ramon, CA 94583. A speaker is available for groups wishing to hear about the global warming propaganda. Call 837-7612.

Sports

14U Sun Devil Baseball Club Try-Outs Sun Devil 14U Baseball Club will host July and August try-outs for the Fall 2007 Season from 9 a.m.-noon, every Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday, July-August. Roster spots will fill up quickly. Call (831) 710-0507 or visit <http://eteamz.active.com/AlamoSunDevils14Utravelclub>.

Adult Open Gym Basketball Danville Parks and Recreation Department holds drop-in basketball year-round at the Los Cerros Middle School, 968 Blermer Road, for ages 18 and over. Drop-in times are 7:30-9 a.m., Saturdays. Bring your own ball. Cost is \$3 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Call 314-3400.

Adult Softball Adult Softball plays pickup softball at 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round. New members welcome. Call Bob Randall at 855-4646 for more information

Danville Tennis Club The Danville Tennis Club meets 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 9-11 a.m., Saturdays for drop-in tennis at San Ramon Valley High School. This free co-ed club provides play for 4.0 to 5.0 and very strong 3.5 level players. See information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/danvilletennisclub>.

East Bay Colt.45s Fall Try Outs EastBay Colt.45s will host tryouts for the competitive fall travel teams, ages 13U and 14U (age as of 4/30/08) from 5-8 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, July 9-10, at Osage Park, Ball Diamond 2, Danville. Cost is \$25, download registration forms at www.eastbaycolt45s.com. Call (510) 551-6866.

Learn Tennis, Get Free Racquet Learn to play tennis in six hours and receive a free Dunlop Tennis Racquet. Sponsored by the United States Tennis Association, new classes start the first Monday of each month, from 6:30-8 p.m., at San Ramon Valley

High School. The cost of six hours of group lessons is \$100 per player. Lessons taught by former world ranked tennis professional/30-year coach. To register, call Brett, USPTA P-1 at 683-2460.

San Ramon Valley Tennis Club This women's league is year round for both A and B players meeting for practice weekday mornings. Membership is \$30 annually. For information, call Patty at 820-8131 or Laurie at 820-0695.

Support Groups

Alamo Women's CODA Meeting Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. The group meets from 1-2 p.m., Mondays, at United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Visit www.sfbaycoda.org or www.coda.org.

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

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

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.

Newly Formed Proactive Group for Women A newly formed proactive group for women who have Fibromyalgia, CFS, CFIDS and chronic pain are inviting others to share in the latest research, medicines, doctors and many other ways to cope. The group meets from 12:30-2:30 p.m., every other Tuesday. For fundraising, this group hosts designer inspired Purse Parties; hostess gets free purse of her choice. For information, email heidiannen@hotmail.com.

Volunteering

Animal Fosters Urgently Needed Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) is looking for short-term fosters for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. ARF will provide the food, supplies and vet care; all you need to do is provide the love. Call 296-3173 or visit www.arf.net.

Trusted Brands ... Since 1976

Toto Air Bath



Stress Eraser.

RICHERT
LUMBER & HARDWARE

5505 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton • 925 846 5040

Sunol Blvd Exit 1/4 Mile East
CLOSED SUNDAYS

pleasanton downtown association presents

July 6

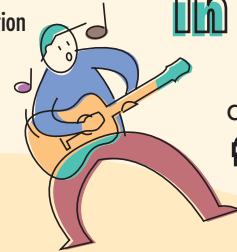
The Bell Brothers
Country rock
Sponsored by Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation

July 13

D-Lucca
Modern melodic jazz
Sponsored by Eden Cosmetics

concerts

in the park



lions wayside park
at first & neal streets
fridays 7pm to 8:30pm



for more information: www.pleasantondowntown.net (925) 484-2199



SPLASH
Swim School

1793
Bonhams
& BUTTERFIELDS
AUCTIONEERS & APPRAISERS

925-838-SWIM
(925-838-7946)
www.splashswimschool.com

2411 Old Crow Canyon Rd., Ste. S
San Ramon, CA 94583

WE'LL GET THEM IN, THEY WON'T WANT TO GET OUT

Fine Oriental Rugs and Carpets
Tuesday July 17, 1pm
Los Angeles and San Francisco

Preview

July 6-8, San Francisco
July 13-15, Los Angeles

Inquiries

Hadji Rahimpour
+1 (415) 503 3392
hadji.rahimpour@bonhams.com

Illustrated Catalog:

\$35 plus S&H
For further information, complimentary auction estimates or to view and order catalogs, visit www.bonhams.com/us or call +1 (800) 223 2854

An Oushak carpet
West Anatolia
size approximately 10ft x 14ft 3in
Estimate: \$22,000 - 25,000



Bonhams & Butterfields

220 San Bruno Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94103
+1 (415) 861 7500
+1 (415) 861 8951 fax
7601 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90046
+1 (323) 850 7500
+1 (323) 850 5843 fax
www.bonhams.com/us

© 2007, Bonhams & Butterfields Auctioneers Corp.
All rights reserved. Bond No. 5785B23253



ARMAND M. ESTRADA
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW

Remodeling
Or

Building A New Home Is A Substantial Investment.

I have been providing these services to Valley communities for over 24 years:

- Contract Review/Preparation and Consulting.
- Mechanic's Liens and Contract Disputes.
- Arbitration and Mediation Services.

Call Me Now For An Appointment
925.271.5484

Experienced Professional Service.



Established Local Resident and Business Owner.

Bedford Gallery Guild The Bedford Gallery Guild is looking for volunteers to donate time at the art gallery in the Dean Leshor Regional Center for the Arts. No prior art knowledge required. Contact Susan Helms at 837-0716 or sjhelms1@prodigy.net

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

CCI Volunteer Puppy Raising Program Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) are looking for special volunteers interested in raising a CCI puppy for 15-18 months and are now accepting applications. For information, call 1-800-572-BARK (2275) or visit www.cci.org.

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

Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art The academy seeks new volunteers and members to help with tasks ranging from bookkeeping to recruiting instructors. The group meets noon-1 p.m., the second Friday of the month at Richard's

Art & Craft Store, 225 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call Beth Batchelor at 837-5654.

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

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 for volunteers to provide rides on an "as-needed basis" on one or more Mondays a month. Call Jenn Overmoe at 314-3476 for more information.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa This organization is looking for volunteers to help serve in East Contra Costa County. Positions open are: men and women to provide companionship and practical support for terminally ill patients and families, licensed hair stylists and certified massage therapists. 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.

Junior League Wine and Cheese Event Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. are looking for volunteers to help at the Wine and Cheese Event at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, in Danville. Call 284-3740 or visit www.jloeb.org.

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

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

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.

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

Search and Rescue The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team needs volunteer members to respond to missing person incidents, disasters and other critical incidents. Team members are on call 24/7 year round. The program provides required training including wilderness traveling, first aid, map and compass, tracking disaster response and search skills, and may additionally include special training for canine, equestrian, technical, mountain bike or other rescue skills. For information and applications, visit www.contracostasar.org or call 646-4461.

Sheriff Seeks Senior Volunteers The Sheriff's Valley Station Office in Alamo is seeking people interested in assisting law enforcement in the community. Citizens should have a clean criminal history and would be responsible for one shift a week for four-and-a-half hours. Interested applicants should call James Hogan or Elmer Glasser at 837-2902.

Trails Maintenance East Bay Trail Dogs is an all-volunteer group that has built, repaired and helped maintain single-track trails in the East Bay Regional Park District, the Mt. Diablo State Park, and Walnut Creek open space. Volunteers meet the fourth Saturday and one weekday each month. To participate, call Harry at 443-3925.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue Do you love animals? Become a volunteer or a Foster with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Orientations are held from 1-2:30 p.m., the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month, at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Registration is not required to attend the orientation; cost is a \$10 optional donation. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvr.org.

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

Volunteer Interpreters The California Medical Association seeks community volunteer interpreters for Contra Costa County to assist physicians when other interpretation resources are not an option. If you possess a proficiency in any foreign language and experience interpreting in a health care setting, you are encouraged to apply. Contact CMA at (866) 241-4262, or e-mail communityvip@cmanet.org.



We're offering a special on life.
Move in by July 31, 2007 and the
community fee is waived - savings up to \$6,000.*

At Sunrise Senior Living, our mission is to champion the quality of life for all seniors. Sometimes that starts with making our communities even more affordable. It continues with our resident-centered approach to living, which focuses on the senior and their needs. We provide residents with personalized service and

exceptional care, allowing seniors to live life with dignity and on their terms.

Visit or call Sunrise of Danville today, and find out what's so special about life at a Sunrise Senior Living community.

*Offer based on select suites when you move-in on or before July 31, 2007. Other restrictions may apply.



RCFE # 075600281

Danville

Sunrise of Danville

925-831-1740

1027 Diablo Rd

Assisted Living • Alzheimer's Care

For more information and a FREE online newsletter, visit www.sunriseseniorliving.com

'Secret weapon' makes international splash

Danish American swimmer excels in freestyle on two continents

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

When the Jorgensen family moved to Blackhawk from Denmark two years ago, the first thing they did was look for a swim team for Lia, then 11. Her father, Jesper Jorgensen, was a nationally ranked swimmer in Denmark and Lia, who started swimming at age 2 months, had been on swim teams virtually all her life.

Lia, now 13 and going into the eighth grade at Diablo Vista Middle School, swims for the Crow Canyon Sharks, a competitive year-round team. Plus she recently returned from competing in the National Danish Swimming Championships. She is a dual citizen of both the United States and Denmark.

"Despite getting off a transatlantic flight less than a week before, she did very well, helping her team to win three bronze medals and one silver in the relay races," said Karina Porcelli, her mother, who is American.

"She is the fastest freestyler on her Danish team and because she was not known by a lot of the teams, was called their 'secret weapon,'" she added.



Blackhawk resident Lia Jorgensen, 13, excels in freestyle.

"I pretty much swim the whole time - and hang out with friends," Lia said.

She has two younger brothers: Alexander, 11, and Christopher, 2. She said the biggest difference between living here and in Denmark is the schools.

"School is not as serious in Denmark," she said. "There is not as much homework."

Lia plans to swim in high school and hopes to also swim for UC Berkeley or USC.

Her father is now a masters swimmer, an organized program for adults that ranges from lap

swimming to international competition. He said Lia's speed is largely due to the "fantastic coaching" from the Sharks coaches, Dan Cottam and Ethan Hall.

"She has improved her natural strength and energy tremendously in terms of technique and stroke under their watchful eyes," said Porcelli.

"She is in the position of having two homes, two teams - and knows she is very lucky to have that," she said. ■

E-mail photos to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com.



Lia Jorgensen enjoys the National Danish Swimming Championships with the other swimmers.

Lia's individual times at the Danish Nationals were as follows: 400 freestyle: 4.38.00 for a fifth place

200 freestyle: 2.13.02 for a fourth

100 freestyle: 1.02.08

50 freestyle: 28.6.00 for a fifth

"Freestyle is my favorite," said Lia.

She said swimming is also big in Denmark, in indoor pools.

"But it's not as big as in America," she said.

Swimming takes dedication, she said, with two-hour swim practices beginning twice a week at 5:30 a.m. at Crow Canyon Country Club, and at 6 a.m. the other mornings. The team also has afternoon practices twice a week, with some practices at Campolindo High in Moraga and Acalanes High in Lafayette.



All-star out at home plate

Danville catcher Adler Lietz tags out a Dublin player at home plate in a first-round game of the District 57 Junior All Stars (ages 13-14) played at Athan Downs in San Ramon on June 28. Danville Little League lost to Dublin, 7-2.

GAL champs

Darian Edelman, who will be going into seventh grade next year at Charlotte Wood Middle school, pitches for the Clueless, who recently won the MSW North San Ramon Valley Girls Athletic League championship game against the Royal Crush, then went on to defeat the Red Hots from the MSW South Division in the League Championship game. Edelman was the starting pitcher for all four games. Big hitters for the games included Jessica Gebhardt, who had an average in the playoffs of five homeruns and three triples, and Isabelle Minasian, who hit one homerun and two triples.



12% Interest

- Secured by Real Estate
- Interest Paid Monthly
- IRA, 401K Approved
- 1st and 2nd Mortgages
- Licensed Broker for 25 years



INVESTMENT & LOAN
925-838-8313

Licensed by the California Department of Real Estate
License Number 01485821

05-026

See and
be seen
at...



"A Contemporary
American Steakhouse"



Purchase Any Entrée And Receive A Complimentary Second Entrée

(Maximum Discount \$18.00)

Not valid on holidays. No more than 2 coupons per party or 1 per family. Purchased entrée must be of equal or greater value than the complimentary entrée. One time use only and not valid with any other promotions. Dine in only, not valid for takeout. Expires 9/15/07. DW

"I pledge to bring you quality food prepared 'a la minute' in generous portions at a fair price." - Skip Hinsley

2410 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
(925) 838-5678 www.bighorngrill.com



TO RESPOND TO ADS WITHOUT PHONE NUMBERS GO TO **FOGSTER.COM**

PLACE AN AD

- ONLINE**
fogster.com
- E-MAIL**
ads@fogster.com
- PHONE**
(925) 600-0840

Fogster.com is a unique Web site offering FREE postings from communities throughout the Bay Area and an opportunity for your ad to appear in the Pleasanton/Danville Weekly.

Now you can log on to fogster.com, day or night and get your ad started immediately online. Most listings are free print ad in our Peninsula newspapers with the option of photos and additional lines. Exempt are Business Services and Employment ads, which include a web listing charge. Home services and Mind & Body Services, require contact with a Customer Sales Representative.

So, the next time you have an item to sell, barter, give away or buy, get the perfect combination: print ads in your local newspapers, reaching more than 35,000 readers, and unlimited free Web postings reaching hundreds of thousands additional people!

INDEX

- BULLETIN BOARD
100-155
- FOR SALE
200-270
- KIDS STUFF
330-355
- JOBS
510-585
- BUSINESS SERVICES
600-690
- HOME SERVICES
700-799
- FOR RENT/
FOR SALE
REAL ESTATE
801-860

The publisher waives any and all claims or consequential damages due to errors. Embarcadero Publishing Co. cannot assume responsibility for the claims or performance of its advertisers. Embarcadero Publishing Co. reserves the right to refuse, edit or reclassify any ad solely at its discretion without prior notice.

Bulletin Board

115 Announcements

Considering Adoption?
We match Birthmothers with Families nationwide. LIVING EXPENSES PAID. Toll Free 24/7 Abby's One True Gift Adoptions 866-413-6293. (AAN CAN)

Considering Adoption?
We match Birthmothers with Families nationwide. Living Expenses Paid. Toll Free 24/7 Abby's One True Gift Adoptions. 1-866-459-3369. (Cal-SCAN)

* DEADLINE *

The Pleasanton/Danville Weekly
Classified Advertising
deadline is:

Tuesday 12 Noon
through the business office
925-600-0840 x12

Tuesday 11:59 PM
through Fogster.com

*Avoid the last-minute rush -
Place your ad early!*



Huge San Ramon Singles Party
Meet Hundreds of Singles. Get \$10 Gift Certificate. 925-937-4744 www.pguild.com/giftcertificate

Independence Eve Singles Party
Pain Mgmt Betty Runnels, MA

Pregnant?
Considering Adoption? A childless couple seeks to adopt. Will provide full-time parent and financial security. Expenses paid. Call Steven and Christian, (ask for Michelle/Adam). 1-800-923-6781. (AAN CAN)

Review Tommy T's Comedy Club
Singles Advanced Degrees Party

120 Auctions

Land Auction
300 Properties Must be Sold! Low Down / EZ Financing. Free Catalog 1-877-253-2161. www.LandAuction.com (Cal-SCAN)

130 Classes & Instruction

MATH TUTOR
Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, SAT. Success guaranteed. Leave message at 925-846-3554.

Tutor for Math, Science, English
BS Chemistry, Microbiology minor. Check out my ad online or call 925.788.6711

133 Music Lessons

HARP LESSONS FOR ALL AGES
Try something new for Summer!
Call Bennetta Heaton
(925) 820-1169
~ located in Danville ~

LEARN TO SING & PERFORM!
Voice Studio of Cherie Michael
Call 925-462-4419
for further information and to reserve your weekly lessons.

Piano Lessons
Call Courtney (925)600-1573

135 Group Activities

CO-ED SOFTBALL
Local CO-ED REC softball team, with various ages and skill levels, seeks Pleasanton woman or couple to join us on WED nights starting in AUG. We play hard, but it's mostly about the beer and having a good personality. E-Mail Gus: gmanning@assaytech.com

Stress/Pain Management Strategy

140 Lost & Found

LOST DOG Fri. 6/29/07

155 Pets

free cuddle cat
Indoor, quiet, black, female cat. Owner with allergies. 485-1108

For Sale

201 Autos/Trucks/Parts



Acura 1996 Nsx
1996 Acura Nsx, \$4000, good cond, low mi, clear title, ext, red, int: black, Removable TARGA top, 5-speed manual transmission. (225)9106308 or juliaataf@hotmail.com

Acura 2003 RSX - \$16,300

BMW 2003 330xi - \$25,900

BMW 2003 X5 - \$27995

BMW 2004 330Ci Convertible - \$34,500

Donate vehicle,
running or not accepted! Free Towing. Tax Deductible. Noahs Arc - Support No Kill Shelters, Animal Rights, Research to Advance Veterinary Treatments/Cures. 1-866-912-GIVE. (Cal-SCAN)

Donate Your Vehicle
Max IRS Tax Deductions. UNITED BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION. Free Mammograms, breast cancer info, & services http://www.ubcf.info
FREE towing, Fast, Any Condition Acceptable, 24/7
1-888-468-5964 (AAN CAN)

Ford 2000 F150 - \$9995



Honda 2004 Odyssey
EXL/dvd; \$19,800; 49m; 925 858-3537

Honda 2004 Accord Cpe LX - \$15,995



Honda 2004 Civic LX
\$12,400; 56k; new t/b; 925 858-3537

Honda 2004 CRF 150F - Dirtbike - \$1800 obo

Mercedes 2003 E500 - \$27,995

Pace Arrow 1989 Motor Home - \$15,000 OB

210 Garage/Estate Sales

Danville, Multi Family, San Ysidro Ct. Sat 7/7, 9-3

Pleasanton, 1579 Fairview Court, Sat & Sun, July 7 & 8, 8am-2pm

Pleasanton, 2621 Sanderling Way, Saturday, July 7th 8am-1pm

Pleasanton, 4439 Fairlands Dr., Saturday, July 14, 9-5

Pleasanton, 5011 Woodthrust Rd, July 7, 8am-2pm

Moving Sale, July 7, 8am-2pm. 5011 Woodthrust Road, Pleasanton. Furniture, household items, appliances, crafts, etc.

215 Collectibles & Antiques

Coffee Mill, Pepper Mill & Spice - \$89

English Oak Dresser - \$275.00

Football posters - \$9

Garantied Forged Grinder - \$39

Hood's Sarsaparilla bottle - \$28

Olympic Pins - \$3

240 Furnishings/ Household items

Candles - \$15

Desk/file/shelves - \$800

Green Eyes Soapstone Slab!!! - \$1700

Moving Sale
Living room, dining room sets, futon, oriental screen, Chinese silk rug, wool runners, patio set, shop vac, American Girl doll, wagon, china, glasses, weight benches and more.
(925) 837-2149

Newer bunk beds w/mattresses - \$150

Signed Print - \$7

Wash machine & Dryer - 300.00

245 Miscellaneous

6 feet high Christmas Tree - \$25

Craftsman Drill - \$9

english bulldog for sale

In placing our puppies, our goal is to find the very best homes for them that we possibly can. We look for responsible, knowledgeable buyers that are ready, willing and able to accept the responsibilities that go along with ownership. These are very special (and very small) dogs, and they need special care and consideration. A securely fenced yard is a must, as is the time, facilities and resources to provide for a puppy's needs. Whether for pet or show, we want each puppy to have a long, happy and healthy life with a loving family. We love to stay in touch with our new "extended" family members, and are happy to provide any advice and support that you may need as you adjust to life with your new puppy.

Power Wheelchairs and Scooters
at little or no cost to seniors/disabled with Medicare, MediCal or Insurance. Free Delivery, Training and Warranty. ProHealth Mobility. 1-877-740-4900. www.ProHealthMobility.com (Cal-SCAN)

Sawmills from only \$2,990
Convert your Logs to Valuable Lumber with your own Norwood portable band sawmill. Log skidders also available. www.NorwoodIndustries.com -Free Information: 1-800-578-1363 x500-A. (Cal-SCAN)



Yellow Lab Puppies
Adorable lab puppies, 8 weeks old, AKC, loved, peaceful and playful. Available immediately! \$300. plus shipping. (650) 948-1967 or (402) 387-1626.

250 Musical Instruments

Hammond Spinnet Piano, free deliv - \$550

260 Sports & Exercise Equipment

Hot Tub - FREE

15' coleman canoe
15' foot coleman canoe with three paddles

Olhausen Eclipse 8' Pool Table - \$1800

270 Tickets

All-Star Game Ticket Strips - \$ offer

Kid's Stuff

345 Tutoring/ Lessons

Math Tutor

Piano Lessons

355 Items for Sale

booster & step, potty, potty seat - \$5-\$10

Boy's clothes from 3-6 years old

Clothes for Boy 2-3 years old

lot of books for kids, from - \$1

Nice Hammond Piano, only

Pajamas for kids 3-4 years old - \$3-\$7

Step 2 Roller Coaster

Swimming suit & more, from \$1 - \$1

Toys for learning, from \$3

Toys from \$1

Mind & Body

450 Personal Growth

Practical Philosophy

Who am I? How can I be happy? How can I reduce stress and still be effective? The Practical Philosophy Course offers an effective approach to meeting these great questions of life. It takes the master philosophies of East & West and examines how they can be put to immediate, practical use. The result is happiness and freedom from the small and binding circles of habitual existence. Term begins April 21st 2007 - Fee: \$175 for ten weekly sessions. Classes at The University of Phoenix, 7901 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. (925) 828-8695 www.practicalphilosopher.org Come to the first session as our guest The School of Practical Philosophy

Jobs

500 Help Wanted

Ambitious? Tired of Trading Time 4 \$
Earn Executive Level Income w/o the stress. Call 800-470-4876.

Appliance Technician.
Inyo/Mono County to diagnose & repair a full range of appliances. Valid D.L., pass background check & CFC Cert. required. Fax resume 760-923-5950. (Cal-SCAN)

Camp Counselors Needed
counselors needed for August camp for developmentally delayed youth. call 925-215-2281 or see website: ennet-work.org

Caregivers / CNAs / HHAs
Visiting Angels (Fremont office) has immediate openings for experienced caregivers! All shifts available, top pay rates, insurance benefits & bonuses paid! 510-795-7383

HOUSECLEANERS NEEDED

Good Wages ~ Weekly Pay
Ideal Hours ~ Paid Mileage
Car, CDL & insurance are necessary
Call Merry Maids / Pleasanton
(925) 462-0991

Jobs Jobs Jobs!

California Army National Guard. No experience. Will pay to train; High school Jr./Sr. & Grads/Non-Grads/GED. May qualify for \$10,000 BONUS. Call 1-800-GO-GUARD. (Cal-SCAN)

Mechanics:

Up to \$20,000 bonus. Keep the Army National Guard Rolling. Fix Humvees, Strykers, etc. Expand your skills through career training. Be a soldier. 1-800-GO-GUARD.com/mechanic (Cal-SCAN)

NANNIES NEEDED!!!

Awesome Positions! No Fee!
\$13-18/hr
A Nanny Connection
925-743-0587
www.nannyconnection.com

Retail Sales Associate

Part-time retail sales; order processing; customer service; merchandising. Pick up app. at Domus, 652 Main St., Pleasanton.

Sales Assistant

Sales Assistant wanted in Sunol. Support Sales staff with customer service, order entry, filing, faxing and phones. Send resume to hrsunol@valleycrest.com

Sell Reverse Mortgages

No license Required. Will train. Work from Home. Great Business Opportunity. For details send e-mail to ray@oak-treefunding.com subject "Reverse Mortgage". Fax request 1-909-982-9614. (Cal-SCAN)

550 Business Opportunities

Some earn \$50-\$100k a month with Passport to Wealth. Only \$997 required. Proof of income provided. Watch free video at www.SeeWealth.com. 24h recorded message: 1-888-680-5040. (Cal-SCAN)

\$700-\$800K Free Cash Grants

PROGRAMS-2007! Personal bills, School, Business/Housing. Approx. \$49 billion unclaimed 2006! Almost Everyone Qualifies! Live Operators 1-800-592-0362 Ext. 235. (AAN CAN)

All cash candy route.

Do you earn \$800 a day? 30 machines and candy for \$9,995. MultiVend LLC, 880 Grand Blvd., Deer Park, NY. 1-888-625-2405. (Cal-SCAN)

Earn \$1500 to \$2000 a month

Have fun and make extra money in your spare time! www.atruopp.com

Movie Extras, Actors, Models

Make \$100-\$300/day. No Experience Required. Meet celebrities, Full Time/Part Time. All looks needed! Call Now! 1-800-556-6103 extension 528. (AAN CAN)

Post Office Jobs Available

Avg. Pay \$20/hour or \$57K Annually including Federal Benefits and OT. Paid Training, Vacations. PT/FT. 1-866-616-7019 (AAN CAN)



Reach over 6 million CALIFORNIANS! 240 newspapers statewide. Classified \$550 for a 25-word ad. Call (916) 288-6019 classad@cnpa.com (Cal-SCAN)

Start your own Landscape Curbing Business- High Demand. Low Overheads. High Profit. Training Available. Priced from \$12,000. 1-800-667-5372. www.EdgeMaster.net (Cal-SCAN)

560 Employment Information

Attention CDL Drivers
Your Success is a Team Effort. We Listen. We Pay Attention. Call MCKELVEY Now 1-800-410-6255. (Cal-SCAN)

Bartenders
Looking for part/full time bartenders. Several positions available. No experience required. With hourly wages and tips make up to \$300 per shift. Call (800) 806-0082 ext. 200. (AAN CAN)

Data Entry
Work From Anywhere. Flexible Hours, PC Required. Excellent Career Opportunity. Serious Inquiries 1-800-344-9636, ext. 475. (AAN CAN)

Driver - CDL Training:
\$0 down, financing by Central Refrigerated. Drive for Central, earn up to \$40k+ 1st year! 1-800-587-0029 x4779. www.CentralDrivingJobs.net (Cal-SCAN)

Driver:
Don't Just Start Your Career, Start It Right! Company Sponsored CDL training in 3 weeks. Must be 21. Have CDL? Tuition Reimbursement! wgreen@crst.com 1-800-781-2778. (Cal-SCAN)

Drivers - Act Now!
Sign On Bonus. 36 to 45cpm/\$1000+ weekly. \$0 Lease/\$1.20pm. CDL-A + 3 months OTR. 1-800-635-8669. (Cal-SCAN)

Drivers - CDL
A \$1,000 Sign-On Bonus. New Pay Package!!! Local or Regional. Exp. Flatbed Drivers. *Home More *California Runs *Full Benefit Package *Dedicated Runs. 1-877-523-7109. www.SystemTrans.com System Transport, Inc. (Cal-SCAN)

Government Jobs
\$12-\$48/Hr. Full Benefits/Paid Training. Work available in areas like Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Wildlife & More! 1-800-320-9353 x2001. (AAN CAN)

Jobs Jobs Jobs!
California Army National Guard. No experience. Will pay to train; High school Jr./Sr. & Grads/Non-Grads/GED. May qualify for \$10,000 BONUS. Call 1-800-GO-GUARD. (Cal-SCAN)

Kitchen Supervisor
Food kitchen Supervisor, Danville. \$36k. Fax 925-8554797.

Movie Extras, Actors, Models
Make \$100-\$300/day. No Exp. Req., FT/PT All looks needed! 1-800-606-5058 (AAN CAN)

Paid CDL Training
No Experience Needed! Earn \$40k-\$75k in your new career! Stevens Transport will sponsor the total cost of your CDL training! Excellent Benefits & 401K! No Money Down! No Credit Checks! EOE. Call Now! 1-800-333-8595, 1-800-358-9512. www.BecomeADriver.com (Cal-SCAN)

Business Services

604 Adult Care Offered

Sylvie (RN) and Rebecca will find the professional caregiver who matches your needs. We will help **YOU** stay in **YOUR** home with maximum independence.
❖❖ R-S PROCARE ❖❖
HOME HEALTH SERVICES
Sylvie (925) 890-7424
Rebecca (925) 788-2503



Val Vista Home
A home away from home.

605 Antiques & Art Restoration

"A Labor of Love"
Antique Furniture Restoration & Repair
925-462-0383
Impeccable Quality & Integrity of Workmanship

615 Computers

FastTeks OnSite Computer Services
Fast-Teks on-site Computer Services direct to your home or office. A+ certified technicians serving Tri-Valley area a 925-875-1911.

Computer Help
Tri-Valley PC MEDIC
2006 Diablo Magazine "Best of the East Bay"
Ken Cook
"I Make House Calls!"
Tune-up/Repair/Upgrade/Training
More info/rates: http://com.to/pc-medic
M-F 8a-8p / Wknds & Hols 9a-6p
Lic #011068 - PCC, PDA & BBB
Call 485-9040 or 989-7722

624 Financial

\$700-\$800K Free Cash Grants
Programs! *2007! * Never Repay! Personal/Medical Bills, School, New Business/Home etc., Live Operators! Avoid Deadlines! Call 1-800-270-1213 Ext. 232.

Credit Repair
Erase bad credit legally. Money back Warranty. FREE Consultation & Information: 888-996-3672 http://www.amfcs.com (AAN CAN)

Erase bad credit.
See dramatic change within 2 months. 100% Money Back Guarantee. Call 1-866-916-8449 for a free consultation. (Cal-SCAN)

Fast Cash
Apply for up to \$1500. Faxless for most loans. Good, bad and ugly credit OK. Apply online for instant approval. http://www.WeLendCash11.com (AAN CAN)

628 Graphics

Sign Painting
Hand-painted and vinyl lettering
Vehicles, wood, windows, murals, banners and more.
Art Works for You
Melissa
925-580-2810
Pleasanton

645 Office/Home Business Services

Display Advertising.
Reach over 3 million Californians. 140 community newspapers. Cost \$1800 for a 3.75"x2" display ad (that works out to about \$12.86 per newspaper). Call (916) 288-6019 displayad@cnpa.com (Cal-SCAN)

The California Press Release
Service distributes your news releases electronically to 500 California newspaper editors in California. For more information go to www.CaliforniaPressReleaseService.com Questions call (916) 288-6010. (Cal-SCAN)

650 Pet Care/Grooming/Training

My Best Friend!
BERKLEY'S
Dog & House Sitting Service
Services Include:
• Dog Walking
• Quality Playtime
• Lots of TLC.
• Take in Mail / Newspapers
• Water Plants - Inside/Outside
Member of Tri-Valley Animal Rescue & Professional United Pet Sitters
Services provided by **Therese Berkley**
(925) 580-7844

Fabulous Friends
A Pet Sitting Service
Licensed & Bonded
Serving Pleasanton/Dublin
sbnbart@comcast.net
Nicki Bartels
925.989.4586

657 Online/Websites

i-Panic Web Design
Does your small biz need a website or website makeover? \$399 Special Summer Promo. www.i-panic.com or 510-333-2942

659 Sewing/Tailoring

Custom Designed Sewing Work
Draperies, Bedding, Pillows, Cushions, Embroidery, Alterations and More! References available.
Contact Lina, 925-249-1298

Home Services

703 Concrete

DANVILLE CONCRETE
Stamped Concrete, Patio, Sidewalk, Driveway, Pool Deck, Retaining Wall. Any concrete finishing
(925) 736-8042

715 Cleaning Services

A+ / ISABEL'S HOUSECLEANING
Local business since 1980
Residential is our specialty
925-846-9603

ANDREA'S CLEANING SERVICE
Quality Work, Dependable & Affordable
Refs Avail / 12 Yrs Exp
Call 925-339-2461

D'FINE CLEANING SERVICE
Do you need reliable and honest people to clean your house or office today?
Call D'FINE 925-829-2959 or 925-784-2484 (c)
Weekly / Bi-Weekly ~ Free Estimates ~ Lic# 070741

Furry Friends
Pet Sitting Services
Trained professional, daily visits, basic home care, reliable & caring.
—Serving Pleasanton / Livermore Only—
Call **Monika Harris 417-0424**
Registered Veterinary Nurse

E.C. CLEANING SERVICE
Res/Com ~ 10 Yrs Local Exp
Move In/Out, Weekly/Bi-Weekly
Licensed-Insured-Exc. Refs
We do windows and power wash?
925-339-6411 or 640-3845

Johnny's Pond & Aquarium Service
* Free Estimates
* Great Cleaning
* Fair Prices
Call 511-909-7453 (cell)

JOSIE'S CLEANING SERVICE
Houses, Apts, Condos, Offices & More
Good prices ~ Good Refs
(510) 234-1827
Mon-Sat / Free Estimates

MERRY MAIDS
"Relax - It's Done"
We are insured, bonded & tailored to meet your needs.
925-462-0991

SARA'S HOUSECLEANING
for Homes & Apartments
~ Professional & Affordable ~
Free Est/Supplies Provided
\$25 off 1st & 2nd cleaning
Call (925) 339-2193

719 Remodeling/Additions

REMODELING CONTRACTOR
Additions, bathrooms, windows, doors, interior trim, whole house.
A+Refs-Insured-Lic# 503716
Dan (925) 575-1892

722 Decks

CUSTOM DECKS
■ Custom Redwood & Brazilian Hardwood (IPE) Decks
■ Fences • Patio Covers
Arbors • Trellises
Quality Workmanship & Reasonable Rates
25 Years Experience
FREE ESTIMATES
Tom Burkett
925-875-0844
License #771446

726 Decor & Drapery

Changing spaces
One-Day Interior Redesign
Color Consultation, Decorating and Staging
925.998.7747 ■ jilldenton.com

730 Electrical

JW ELECTRIC
Low Prices
Quality Work
FREE ESTIMATES
(888) 568-8363 Lic #878406

Danville WEEKLY

737 Fences & Gates

Borg Redwood Fences
Fences • Decks • Retaining Walls
Arbors • Heritage Vinyl Fencing
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
"Unsurpassed Quality at Reasonable Prices"
Insurance Work
426-9620
www.borgfence.com
Fully insured PL & PD • State Lic. #771763

743 Tiling



C B TILE
Travertine, Granite, Marble, Slate, Porcelain, Ceramic, Installed. Portfolio, References
(510) 828-5746 or (925) 918-0630
Lic#832842

748 Gardening/Landscaping

COMPLETE YARD MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPING
Tree Service & Clean-Up
Good Refs Avail - 10 Yrs Exp
Reasonable Rates / Free Estimates
\$70 2x mo ~ \$100 4x mo
(on select homes)
925-768-4528

VALLEY GREEN LANDSCAPING
Cement, Brickwork, Sod & Sprinkler Installation, Fence & Deck Repair, Waterfalls & Fountains
~ All Driveways \$8 sq ft ~
Call 925-285-3891
licensed & bonded
www.valleygreenlandscaping.com

757 Handyman/Repairs

A+ HANDYMAN SERVICES
Excellent Service Guaranteed!
Call 925-785-7652

Pleasanton Home Repair
Full Service Residential
Repairs and Maintenance
Dependable ~ 30 Yrs Exp
Call 925-577-0542
* Pleasanton Area Only *
Local Ref-City Lic#040421
email: ss1177@comcast.net

759 Hauling

HAULING
Concrete Removal / Excavations
Dirt Removal / Bobcat Service
Free Estimates
(510) 691-2526 (c)

HAULING & TREE SERVICE
Yard & Garage Clean-Up / Dump Runs / Appliance & Furniture Removal / Tree and Shrub Trimming & Removal -Tree Experts! Low Rates / Free Estimates
925-899-5655

761 Masonry/Brick

STONE MASON
Four Generations Handed Down
Brick • Block Stone • Concrete
Small job expert Lic. B775495
Call **John Pensanti 417-5488**

771 Painting/Wallpaper

BRITANNIA PAINTING
Interior • Exterior
Cabinets, Kitchens & Bath
FREE ESTIMATES / GREAT REFERENCES!
925-361-7239
Satisfaction Guaranteed Lic #546713

Quality Interior & Exterior PAINTING
by **CAMBRIDGE**
925-462-0655
* Summer Special *
10% Off
Lic # 747906

790 Roofing

ATTENTION HOME OWNERS!
* Are you 100% waterproof?
* Do you have dry rot?
* Need repairs?
You may have rodents, birds or debris that will damage your roof & gutters.
We can save you **BIG MONEY - don't delay!**

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
36 Years Expert Roofing
~ Family Owned & Operated ~
FREE EST/ SENIOR DISCOUNTS
Roof Inspection \$100 until 08/2007
Leak Detection / Tile / Gutters
Skylights / Fire-safe Wood
Shingles, Shakes & Siding

ALTAMONT ROOFING DESIGNS
925-460-0500
925-339-4084
Member BBB Lic# 360176

Real Estate

805 Homes for Rent

Dublin, 3 BR/2.5 BA - \$2255/mont
LIVERMORE - Westside
Nice 3+ BD / 2-car garage
1550 sq ft, dual pane windows, central a/c, easy freeway access.
\$1695 per mo.
Agent 925-519-9641

809 Shared Housing/Rooms

Danville, 1 BR/1 BA
Private master suite with view of Mt. Diablo. Female only. Non-smoker, no drugs. Looking for mature single female to share townhouse. Close to Blackhawk Plaza. Minutes from Bishop Ranch. Includes utilities and maid service every two weeks. Must not be allergic to cats. Call Becky 648-7308.

Roommates.com
All areas. Browse hundreds of online listings with photos and maps. Find your roommate with a click of the mouse! Visit: www.Roommates.com. (AAN CAN)

820 Home Exchanges

1031 Exchange

825 Homes/Condos for Sale

www.williamsteam.net/former Model Home, 4 BR/3 BA - \$1,165,000
Danville, 2 BR/1.5 BA - \$569,900
Dublin, 2 BR/2.5 BA - \$589,000
Pleasanton, 2 BR/1.5 BA - \$404,900
Pleasanton, 2 BR/2.5 BA - \$580,000
San Ramon, 1 BR/1 BA - \$369,000
San Ramon, 4 BR/3 BA - \$1,119,950
San Ramon, 4 BR/3 BA - \$1,119,950





Tracy, 3 BR/2.5 BA

New Redbridge home in wonderful community with lots of amenities. Come see this great new home for sale with terms that can not be beat. Good for investor or first time home buyer. Contact Mike at 415 244-3077 or bags2@flash.net for viewing and information

www.williamsteam.net/ Duet W/ Loft!, 2 BR/2.5 BA - \$499,000

www.williamsteam.net/ Walk To Downtown Pleasanton!, 1 BR/1 BA - \$310000

www.williamsteam.net/beautiful/, 3 BR/2.5 BA - \$645000

www.williamsteam.net/beautiful/, 3 BR/2.5 BA - \$645000

www.williamsteam.net/fabulous Home!, 5+ BR/4+ BA - \$989500

www.williamsteam.net/great Home!, 3 BR/2 BA - \$549000

www.williamsteam.net/stunning Home, 5+ BR/4+ BA - \$989,500

840 Vacation Rentals/Time Shares

A visit to spectacular

Lake Tahoe is a great way to start the summer. Fully equipped condo @ Incline sleeps 8. (3Bd/2.5Ba + loft) **925-484-0316**

Kauai, HI Golf Resort Condo

Beautiful Cliffs Golf Resort Condo in Kauai, Hawaii Ocean Views + Office & DSL connection 2BD,2BA located in Princeville Resort,Rate: \$850 per week,Please email us at "cliffs5307@yahoo.com"

Point Reyes / Tomales Bay

Pt. Reyes/Tomales Bay*****
707-878-2602,westmnet@svn.net
www.vrbo.com/43075

Redweek.com

#1 TIMESHARE MARKETPLACE. Rent, buy, sell, reviews, New full-service exchange! Compare prices at 5000+ resorts. B4U do anything timeshare, visit www.RedWeek.com, consider options. (Cal-SCAN)

The Village At Northstar

Enjoy a World Class Summer Vacation from the "2006 built" 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath,(sleeps 6) condominium at the Village at Northstar. Mid-week rates are \$269/night and weekend rates are \$289. 925 484 2045

Timeshare!!!

PAYING TOO MUCH 4 maintenance fees and taxes? Sell/rent your timeshare for cash. No Commissions/Broker Fees. 1-877-868-1931. www.VPResales.com (Cal-SCAN)

850 Acreage/Lots/Storage

1st Time offered.

New Mexico Ranch Dispersal. 140 acres - \$99,900. River access. Northern New Mexico. Cool 6,500' elevation with stunning views. Great tree cover including Ponderosa, rolling grassland and rock outcroppings. Abundant wildlife, great hunting. EZ Terms. Call NML&R, Inc. 1-866-354-5263. (Cal-SCAN)

1st Time Offered.

40 acres - \$39,900; 80 acres - \$69,900. Near Moses Lake, WA. 300 days of sunshine. Mix of rolling hills and rock outcroppings. Excellent views, private gravel roads, ground water and easy access! Financing available. Call WALR 1-866-585-5687. (Cal-SCAN)

A Rare Find New Mexico.

Lake Access Retreat - 10 acres - \$25,900. Priced For Quick Sale. Incredible setting, including frequently running Pecos River, views and diverse topography. Limited availability. Excellent financing. Call NML&R, Inc. 1-888-204-9760. (Cal-SCAN)

Absolute Steal

ARIZONA Ranch Liquidation. 36 AC - \$59,900. Perfect for private retreat. Endless views. Beautiful setting with fresh mountain air. Abundant wildlife. Secluded with good access. Financing available. Offered by AZLR 1-877-301-5263. (Cal-SCAN)

Affordable Montana Lands.

Owner Financing 160 AC/ BLM- \$139,900. 640 AC TROPHY ELK- UNDER \$1,000/ AC. 20 AC TIMBERLAND- \$49,900. Sought after Trophy Elk area. 350 class and better! Great muleys and whitetails, grouse, and pheasants. Access to large BLM and stateland. Call WSL 1-888-361-3006 www.MontanaLandAndCamps.com (Cal-SCAN)

Arizona Mountain Ranch

Wickenburg area. 36AC - \$98,900. Get back to nature at Saddle Creek Ranch. Great getaway, ideal climate, spectacular views, wildlife, privacy. ADWR report available. E-Z terms. Offered by AZLR 1-888-246-1914. (Cal-SCAN)

Estate 10 AC.

Lots N. of Auburn, California. Lake views, secluded, trophy \$549k gently rolling \$429k, great building sites. Award winning. Public golf course, all utilities. www.EscapeProperties.biz 916-201-6687. (Cal-SCAN)

Fish Lake Valley, NV.

10 ac Trout Stream \$59,900. Endless Recreational Opportunities. Spectacular views of Eastern slope of snowcapped White Mountains. Within looming presence of Nevada's highest peak and range. Cool, clear year round Rainbow Trout Creek. Call today! Won't last! Call 1-877-349-0822. (Cal-SCAN)

Manufactured/Mobile Home Sale!

Brand New! 24x44= \$37,851; 28x44=\$39,961; 24x56=\$42,982; 28x72=\$60,965; 32x72=\$67,339. Price Buster Factory Direct Sale Ends July 16th. Floor Plans & Color Brochures Available! 1-800-620-3762. (Cal-SCAN)

Riverfront, Dockable Homesite

on beautiful Cape Fear River. 15 minutes from Wilmington, NC. Stunning river views. Private, fully amenitized community. 910-383-2820 Cape Fear Bluffs, LLC. (Cal-SCAN)

So. Colorado Ranch Sale.

35 Acres- \$36,900 Spectacular Rocky Mountain Views Year round access, elec/tele included. Come for the weekend, stay for a lifetime. Excellent financing available w/ low down payment. Call Red Creek Land Co. today! 1-866-696-5263 x2679. (Cal-SCAN)

Texas Lake View Bargains!

2 to 5 acres, huge live oaks, spectacular views overlooking Texas' number one recreational lake near Dallas/Fort Worth. Brand new gated lakeside community with world class amenities. 2 acres only \$49,900. Excellent financing. Call now 1-866-913-7589 x468. (Cal-SCAN)

Wyoming Ranch Liquidation.

35 acres - \$59,900. Recreational paradise perfect getaway. Great climate, wildlife, easy access. Title insurance, surveyed. Financing. Call UTLR 1-888-703-5263. (Cal-SCAN)

855 Real Estate Services

UCB Real Estate



Ed Antenucci
owner/broker

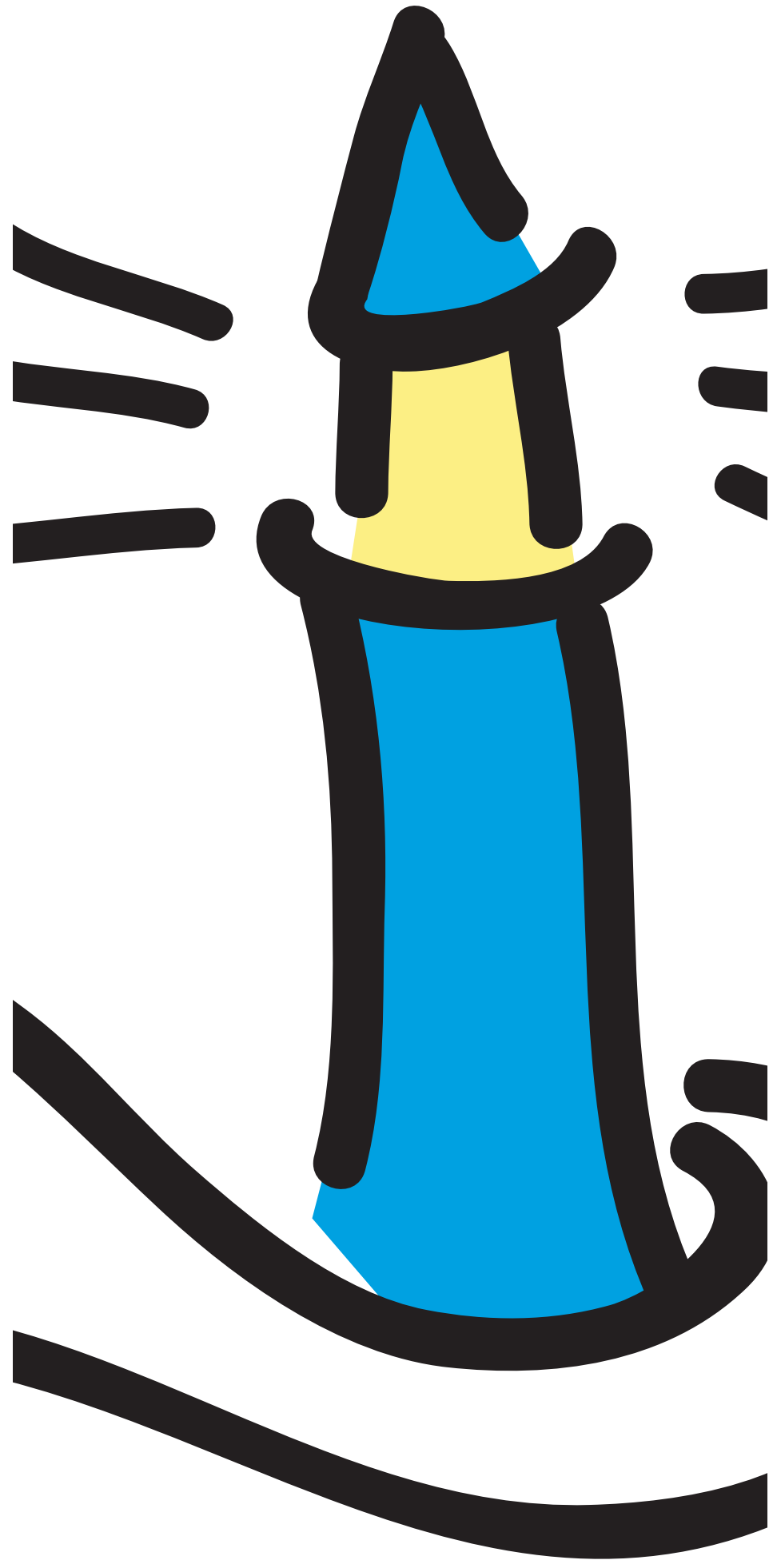
Buying, Selling or Investing?
Let's Talk, I'll Listen!
Real estate advisor with over 22 years experience & over 3,700 homes sold!

(925) 351-8686
ed@homeinsider.com



Meet Kobi

Meet Kobi, a 2-year-old, neutered male black and white "Tuxedo" housecat. Kobi is a sweetheart! He loves attention and toys. Kobi would like an indoor-only home where he will get lots of both. Kobi has pretty black and white markings and long white whiskers. He is a handsome boy! For more information about Kobi (pet # 70586) visit him at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin, open 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Call 803-7040.



HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Alamo

1186 Danville Boulevard
D. & D. Jero to D. & J.
Gonsalves for \$860,000

45 Ina Court A. & D. Ecker to
P. Schicker for \$1,500,000

34 Winding Glen Curtis
Trust to Holmes Trust for
\$1,390,000

Danville

226 Arthur Court J. & C.
Morrow to M. & C. Musante
for \$1,394,500

3432 Cashmere Street
Shapell Industries to L. Cimini
for \$1,198,000

3436 Cashmere Street
Shapell Industries to L. & J.
Salles for \$1,000,000

3440 Cashmere Street
Shapell Industries to S. & S.
Brah for \$1,004,500

344 Cliffside Drive Mason
Trust to T. & M. Givan for
\$3,375,000

318 Cordell Drive M. & C.
Scarpace to D. & C. Facchetti
for \$1,210,000

1748 Cottswald Street KB
Homes to K. Barman for
\$891,500

301 Friesian Court
Ponderosa Homes to K. Hall
for \$1,267,000

309 Greenbrook Drive L. &
S. Engel to D. & J. Garff for
\$1,029,000

165 Joaquin Circle M. &
V. Carano to T. Gleason for
\$939,000

4665 Kingswood Drive
C. Costello to G. Singh for
\$2,700,000

467 Love Lane G. & J.
Riele to Lenches Trust for
\$1,445,000

812 Maldon Court Lennar
Homes to N. Piel for
\$1,130,500

8201 Mallard Street P.
Elfving to H. & K. Suh for
\$635,000

605 Park Hill Road M. & C.
Musante to K. & C. Rachlin
for \$1,168,000

1193 River Rock Lane O. &
N. Hoff to T. & M. Sullivan for
\$834,000

922 Saddlehorn Court
Shapell Homes to D. Liu for
\$1,375,000

1890 St. George Road R.
& J. Mott to M. Ahern for
\$730,000

1 Sunglen Way Barney Trust
to M. & A. Ali for \$1,489,000

167 Verde Mesa Drive T.
Louderback to C. & K. Clark
for \$770,000

234 Viewpoint Drive C. &
D. Passaro to J. Thomas for
\$1,190,000

343 West Prospect Avenue
J. Calhoun to J. Paetz for
\$1,275,000

318 Windchime Drive Gmac
Global Relocation to R. Shaw
for \$990,000

510 Zenith Ridge Drive
Higgins Trust to A. & J. Kalich
for \$1,140,000

527 Zenith Ridge Drive B.
& K. Hernandez to J. & D.
Walker for \$911,000

Walnut Creek

1315 Alma Avenue #422
Selinger Trust to E. Ip for
\$427,500

140 Andrea Drive Ures
Trust to B. Ahmadzadeh for
\$740,000

3669 Citrus Avenue Jones
Trust to M. Belmonte for
\$776,000

1470 Creekside Drive #5 D.
& S. Pettay to J. Christian for
\$310,000

3042 Ebano Drive J. & B.
Wagoner to R. & C. Mignani
for \$1,000,000

2080 Essenay Avenue
V. Allard to J. Bardzil for
\$779,000

2117 Gill Port Lane R.
Little to A. & P. Ornbaun for
\$830,000

18 Iron Horse Lane G. &
M. Lunsford to A. Beck for
\$565,000

1433 Marchbanks Drive #3
R. Fiset to Marquis Associates
for \$290,000

2596 Oak Road #176 GMAC
Global Relocation to Wiesner
Trust for \$505,000

1670 Parkside Drive #8
D. Byrne to M. Allen for
\$479,000

1687 Ptarmigan Drive #1A
Mckee Trust to G. Roman for
\$425,000

3274 Ptarmigan Drive #1B
Axelson Trust to H. & M.
Carlin for \$625,000

2865 Saklan Indian Drive
Furlow Trust to Leslie Trust for
\$1,295,000

381 Shady Glen Road J.
Kunz to E. & M. Moura for
\$905,000

107 Springside Road T. & J.
Johansen to T. & C. Becker
for \$1,110,000

240 Summit Road Mcdonald
Trust to United Heritage
Industries for \$540,000

4348 Terra Granada Drive
#3A Scribner Trust to N.
Gilbert for \$578,000

1909 Via Appia Johnson
Trust to T. Wollman for
\$629,000

395 Via La Casa J. & J.
Huyler to M. & J. Byrne for
\$2,575,000

1809 Wales Drive Hegg
Trust to C. & L. Rowe for
\$1,295,000

880 Walnut Avenue
Discovery Builders to H. Lin
for \$799,000

3173 Wayside Plaza #205
M. & S. Griffiths to F. Nguy for
\$395,000

3530 Whitehaven Drive T. &
C. Jamart to C. Madsen for
\$1,126,500

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2007

Alamo

Total sales reported: 3

Lowest sale reported:
\$860,000

Highest sale reported:
\$1,500,000

Average sales reported:
\$1,250,000

Danville

Total sales reported: 25

Lowest sale reported:
\$635,000

Highest sale reported:
\$3,375,000

Average sales reported:
\$1,243,640

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 24

Lowest sale reported:
\$290,000

Highest sale reported:
\$2,575,000

Average sales reported:
\$791,625

LIST YOUR OPEN HOME HERE!

OPEN HOME GUIDE FORM

LIST YOUR OPEN HOME HERE

City		
# of Bedrooms	Street Address	\$ Price of property
Day, Date & Time Open	Agent Name Real Estate Agency	Phone Number

DEADLINE IS TUESDAY 10 A.M.

FAX TO: (925) 837-2278

OR E-MAIL TO :

OpenHomes@DanvilleWeekly.com

Name: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

DANVILLE WEEKLY OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

For an online version with mapping or to list your open home go to: www.DanvilleWeekly.com/real_estate

ALAMO

3 Bedrooms

59 Hagen Oaks Ct. \$1,149,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

4 Bedrooms

46 Vista Ln. \$1,465,000
Sun 1:30-4:30J. Rockcliff Realtors 672-2499

BLACKHAWK

3 Bedrooms

3670 Silver Oak Pl. \$797,000
Sun 1-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 413-1068

6 Bedrooms

5077 Blackhawk Dr. \$2,650,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

DANVILLE

3 Bedrooms

1009 Phoenix St. \$529,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

35 Mountain Valley Pl. \$709,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

4 Bedrooms

246 Abigail Cir. \$1,019,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4014

407 Triomphe Ct. \$1,029,000
Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel 510-910-3864

28 Shelterwood Pl. \$1,299,900
Sun 1:30-4:30J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4179

5 Bedrooms

24 Campbell Pl. \$1,499,000
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-9799

881 El Pintado Rd. \$2,595,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4115

DIABLO

3 Bedrooms

130 El Nido ct. \$1,845,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 457-4551

SAN RAMON

2 Bedrooms

610 Joree Ln. \$567,900
Sat/Sun 1-4
GMAC 314-4803

3 Bedrooms

3161 Wrangler Rd. \$846,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 735-7653

5 Bedrooms

605 Cobblestone Dr. \$1,369,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 838-2239

DUBLIN

3 Bedrooms

7310 Croy Ln. \$548,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 735-7653

4 Bedrooms

11296 Rothschild Ct. \$995,000
Sun 1-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 735-7653

LIVERMORE

3 Bedrooms

4740 Kimberley Cmn. \$605,000
Sun 2-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 735-7653

4 Bedrooms

5348 Hillflower Dr. \$620,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 888-825-0428

J. Rockcliff



REALTORS

THE EAST BAY'S PREMIER
REAL ESTATE COMPANY.



BLACKHAWK

Huge Price Reduction!! **\$3,495,000**
Extensive limestone detail. Master suite down plus 5bds upstairs. Volume ceilings, game room, library, dramatic kitchen, wine cellar. Circular driveway, 4-car, pool, spa.
Mike Fay **925.838.2239**



BLACKHAWK

Elegant Dream Home in Blackhawk **\$2,499,000**
Gourmet kitchen, butler's quarters, 5893+/-sf, 5bd, 3-full/2-half baths, 5-car garage. Private yard backs to open space. Stunning pool & spa.
J. McFall & K. Harris **925.736.3396/925.817.9079**



DANVILLE

A Rare Find! **\$2,149,000**
6 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4,000+/-sf on .7+/-acres backing to creek. 2bd guest home. Highly upgraded with all of the extras.
Joyce, Glen & Monica **925.837.7110**



DANVILLE

Spectacular Custom Estate **\$2,050,000**
Tree-lined driveway, 2.73+/-acres with Mt. Diablo views! 4bd, 2.5ba, travertine flooring, game room, bonus room, 3-car garage.
Julie Whitmer **925.997.5120**



ALAMO

Westside on Nearly One Acre! **\$1,699,000**
Incredible views from this 4bd, 3.5ba custom, beautifully remodeled throughout. Gorgeous new granite kitchen, new flooring. Private and gated.
Lisa & Greg Doyle **925.855.4046**



DANVILLE

Huge Price Reduction **\$1,525,000**
Autumn Creek's finest. 5bd, 4.5ba shows like a model. 3-car garage, full au pair quarters w/ kitchenette, 3929+/-sf on one-quarter acre.
Mike Townsend **925.788.6155**



DANVILLE

Incredible Price ~ Exquisite Home **1,499,000**
Spectacular views from every room! Built in 2000 & nestled on a prestigious cul-de-sac surrounded by nature and wide-open views. 5bd, 4ba, bonus.
Julie Long **925.683.9799**



ALAMO

Totally Remodeled **\$1,465,000**
Located down a peaceful lane on Westside, 4bd, 3ba, slab granite in kitchen with wood & travertine floors. Many French doors & new windows.
McDougall Team **925.672.2499**



DANVILLE

Beautifully Remodeled and Expanded **\$1,499,000**
4bd, 3ba with loft. Open floor plan, master on first floor. Spacious landscaped yard backing to open space. Situated on .35+/-acre lot. A must see.
Catherine Kaufer **925.586.5456**

Walnut Creek
1700 N. Main St.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
925.280.8500

Orinda
89 Davis Rd., Ste. 100
Orinda, CA 94563
925.253.7000

Danville
15 Railroad Ave.
Danville, CA 94526
925.855.4000

Blackhawk
4105 Blackhawk Plaza Circle
Danville, CA 94506
925.648.5300

Pleasanton
5075 Hopyard Rd., #110
Pleasanton, CA 94588
925.251.2500

J. Rockcliff

REALTORS



WWW.ROCKCLIFF.COM