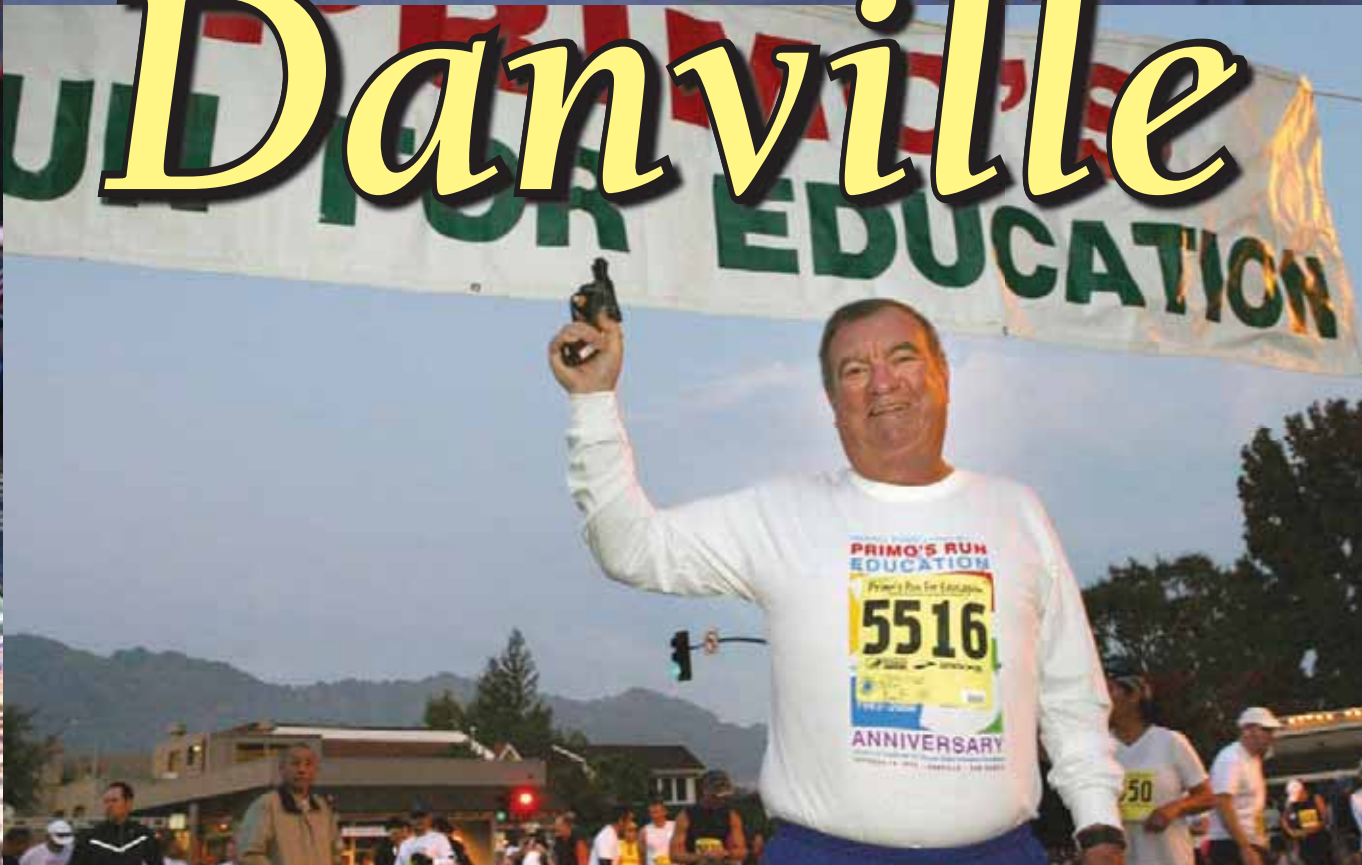


Danville Weekly

Vol. V, Number 22 • September 25, 2009

Mailed free to homes

leWeekly.com



High school test: SRVHS institutes trial 7th period to help at-risk students **PAGE 10**

Remains still being found: Count up to 49 individuals at gym construction site **PAGE 7**

INSIDE

With over 40 years of combined experience in financial services and asset management, Summit Financial Group Advisors Don Ledoux, Steve Wilcox, Vanessa Staley and Nathan Bennett specialize in retirement strategies, wealth management and estate planning for families and business owners.

7th Annual Summit Financial Group Charity Golf Tournament

October 12, 2009
Crow Canyon Country Club

All proceeds benefit
The Troy and Alana Pack
Foundation

For more information visit
www.summitadvisors.com



Securities and Investment Advisory Services offered through Securian Financial Services Inc. Securities Dealer, member FINRA/SIPC. Summit Financial Group LLC is independently owned and operated. TR#42633 DOFU 01/2009

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



Dine Al fresco under the majestic redwoods and surround yourself in a Zen-like setting on your Award Winning patio.

Celebrate the final days of Indian Summer!



'DAILY VALUE MEALS' AT FAZ

Lunch starting at \$8

Dinner starting at \$12

Children's menu available

600 Hartz Avenue, Danville • 925.838.1320
www.fazrestaurants.com • Catering 925.838.1320

French Café & Bakery

Let us prepare a pastry platter or box lunches for your meeting or event.

Serving fair trade coffee



www.pascalcafe.com

Monday-Friday-6 AM to 3 PM ~ Saturday & Sunday 7 AM to 3 PM
155 Railroad Ave., Danville ~ **925.838.7349**

Bollinger Nail Salon

Elegant and Relaxing Personalized Professional Nail Care

*Announcing the Opening
of our newest location at the
Rose Garden Shopping Center*

760 Camino Ramon Danville, CA
(925) 838-5300

**FREE
Manicure**

with the purchase of a pedicure
DANVILLE & SAN RAMON LOCATIONS ONLY

Not valid on gift certificates and cannot be combined with any other offers.
1 per customer. Offer expires 9-30-09

\$5 OFF

any paid service
of \$25.00 or more
DANVILLE & SAN RAMON LOCATIONS ONLY

Not valid on gift certificates and cannot be combined with any other offers.
1 per customer. Offer expires 9-30-09

www.Bollingernailsalon.com



Fundraiser for
Art in the Schools in
San Ramon Valley
School District

Alamo Danville Artists' Society & the Town of Danville Present....

Art in the Park

On The Town Green, Front Street, Danville

11th Annual Fine Arts Festival

Next to Danville Library & Community Center

Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4
10 am to 5 pm

Paintings in Oil, Watercolor, Pastel, Acrylic & Mixed Media
Sculpture, Ceramics, Fine Jewelry, Art Photography & Fabric Art

Plus Judged Art Show in the Community Center

Live Music • Food • Wine • Art in Action

Museum Train For Kids

Sponsors

The Sentinel, Union Bank

Alive Magazine

Cynthia Silva of Sotheby's Realty

First Choice Abbey Carpet, Acclaim Print & Copy

Heritage Bank of Commerce

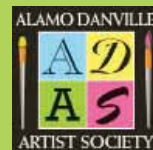
Occasio Winery

Surroundhouse Toy Trains

Gagen McCoy Attorneys at Law, Starbucks Hartz Ave.

Way Up Art & Frame, Livermore

www.ADAS4ART.org



Streetwise

ASKED ON RAILROAD AVENUE

What do you hope to accomplish this fall?



Lionel "Taffy" Davies
retired mechanical engineer

I'd like to enjoy some cool, comfortable weather. I'm from Wales, and it doesn't normally get this hot. I'm 85, and staying alive through the fall would be a good accomplishment. My ambition is to be shot by a jealous husband when I'm 95. Also, I'd like to walk on the beach on the north coast with my whole family at Christmastime.

Pat Hattaway
retired airline reservationist

Now that I have a new dog (toy poodle), I want to walk with him and have him trained by spring. I will also keep busy working on my garden and clearing up my koi fish pond. We're also weekly square dancers and will continue that this fall.



Shirley Jacks
full time volunteer

I shot my daughter Jolina's wedding last year, and I'm going to be the official photographer at my daughter's maid of honor's wedding this fall. I also need to find time for myself and enjoy my recently completed yard with a new pool, spa and landscaping.

Megan Woram
sophomore, University of Oregon

I want to maintain good grades and find a job at school, so I have some spending money. I also want to become more active in school. There's nothing else big on the radar at this time.



Randy Coste
sales manager

This fall I want to get my two boys off to college at UC Irvine. Then we'd like to take a trip to Washington, D.C., to visit our daughter, who is serving as a congressional page for Nancy Pelosi. Our final hope is to get our heirloom tomatoes to ripen.

— Compiled by Stan Wharton

About the Cover

Danville Councilman Michael Shimansky, who died Sept. 15 at the age of 65, was a familiar face at every event as he served the Town and the community for the last 20-plus years. See story, page 5.

Vol. V, Number 22

Fresh news delivered
directly to your inbox

Danville
express
Today's top stories & hot picks

Updates from the Danville
Weekly delivered via e-mail
every Monday, Wednesday
and Friday morning.

Sign up online at

Danville
Weekly.com

Diablo Behavioral Healthcare

"We treat more than the tip of the iceberg"

- ADHD
- OCD
- Bipolar Disorders
- Anxiety Disorders
- Autism/Asperger's
- Educational Testing

Child • Adolescent • Adult
Psychiatry

925.648.4800

4185 Blackhawk Plaza Circle
Suite 210, Danville, CA 94506

Serving the Tri Valley for 20 Years
www.behaviorquest.com

A FREE Community Seminar

MINIMALLY INVASIVE TREATMENTS FOR VARICOSE VEINS

Thursday, October 1, 2009 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Varicose veins and spider veins can be more than a cosmetic concern. They can lead to night cramps, leg swelling, itching, fatigue, and even ulcers. An estimated one in 10 people has varicose veins. Most are women, particularly those who sit or stand for long periods of time, have been pregnant, or do anything else that places pressure on the veins and restricts blood flow. In the past, vein stripping surgery was the only solution. Today we perform minimally invasive laser treatments that usually result in mild discomfort and fast recovery. Vascular Specialist Dr. Soohyun Kim will discuss surgical and non-surgical treatments for varicose veins and how to reduce pain and discomfort. She will be available for your questions.



SPEAKER

Soohyun Kim, M.D., R.V.T.
Vascular and Endovascular
Specialist

SEMINAR LOCATION

San Ramon Regional Medical Center
South Conference Room
South Building
7777 Norris Canyon Road
San Ramon, CA 94583



SAN RAMON
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Reservation Required

Call 800.284.2878 or visit www.OurSanramonHospital.com

TAKE US ALONG



Pen-pals travel California: Jasmin Intra-vaia and Nina Vertkas, pen-pals of 26 years visit Universal Studios. Jasmin's husband Frank and children, Jason and Alex, are Danville residents. Nina and her two boys, Panagiotis and Petros, traveled from Holland. The Intra-vaia's saved up enough Weeklies for all.

Tee time: Bob and Valerie Nealis and their Weekly go to the Mercedes Benz Championship in Kapalua. Bob, along with his playing partners, teamed up with Steve Lowery to take third place in the Pro-Am tournament at the event.



The Danville Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 117 Town & Country Drive, Suite D, Danville, CA 94526; (925) 837-8300. Application to mail at periodicals postage rates is pending at Danville, CA. The Weekly is mailed upon request to homes and apartments in Danville, Alamo, Blackhawk and Diablo. Print subscriptions are \$60 per year or \$100 for two years. Go to www.DanvilleWeekly.com to sign up and for more information. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Danville Weekly, 117 Town & Country Drive, Suite D, Danville, CA 94526. © 2009 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It was much bigger and stronger than any I'd ever seen. I had to hold it with two hands."

Alamo resident Rich Conti commenting on the rattlesnake he found in his back yard. Story on **PAGE 5**

NEWS DIGEST

T-Birds turn 50 — help celebrate

The 2009 season marks the 50th anniversary of the San Ramon Valley Thunderbirds. This local football and cheer organization will celebrate this benchmark with events for current participants and alumni during homecoming weekend, Oct. 16-18. In advance of the weekend, the organization is launching its alumni campaign to develop relationships with area and out-of-area alums who understand the meaning of "T-Bird Pride" and want to ensure its continued success.

Alumni are asked to register so that the organization can stay in contact and update everyone on the 50th anniversary events in mid-October. Visit www.srvthunderbirds.com and scroll to the bottom of page to click "Alumni Support."

Learn about Indian life in the Valley

The discovery of multiple Indian burials during the construction of the new gym at San Ramon Valley High School has prompted the Museum

of the San Ramon Valley to present a special interpretive program, "Through Indian Eyes." The public is invited to attend from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Museum at Railroad and Prospect avenues in Danville. This occurs at the opening of the Indian Life Exhibit and educational program for valley students.

"Through Indian Eyes" features speaker Don Phelps, a lecturer in Native American Studies at the University of Phoenix and an adjunct professor in the School of Education at St. Mary's College. He will give a presentation on Native American hunting and collection of food, domestic life, daily rituals, celebration of births and deaths, dress and adornment, and the use of basket. He is a resident of Alamo.

Have fun in the great meadow

The Danville-based Lazarex Cancer Foundation will host a day-long musical celebration, "Bridge to Hope," on the Great Meadow of Fort Mason Park in San Francisco tomorrow, Sept. 26, to raise awareness and funds to continue its work. Lazarex is the resource — perhaps the only resource — for cancer patients whose only glimmer of hope is treatments beyond

accepted procedures such as traditional radiation and chemotherapy.

The "Bridge to Hope" festival will be a day of world class music, gourmet food, arts and crafts, and the opportunity to celebrate the lives of men, women and children being given a last chance to defeat cancer by the efforts of a local nonprofit whose influence is becoming felt worldwide. And all with a spectacular view of the Golden Gate Bridge over the Bay.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and entertainment will continue until 7 p.m. General admission is \$38. Go to www.bridgetohopelcf.org or call (800) 595-4849.

Mayor's Morning on Friday

Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich will hold his next monthly Mayor's Morning at 7:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 2. This is a chance to share a light repast with the mayor and town officials, learn what is new in town, and to voice concerns.

The meeting will be held at Father Nature's, 178 E. Prospect in Danville. Arnerich has changed the venue for his Mayor's Morning each quarter to make it accessible to residents in different parts of the town. No reservations are necessary for the free gathering.



Something to crow about!

THE FARMER RESTAURANT

At The Historic Pleasanton Hotel

- **Homemade Family Recipes**
- **A Lovely Garden Patio**
- **Serving Inside and Out**
- **Sunday Brunch**



DINING · TAVERN · DANCING · BANQUETS · WEDDINGS
Down home cooking in a fun and comfortable atmosphere

855 Main Street, Downtown Pleasanton
925.399.6690
www.thefarmerrestaurant.com

Now Open!

LIVE MUSIC at The Farmer!

FRI 9/25 8-12pm ★ 4TH STREET DANCE BAND

SAT 9/26 8-12pm ★ STIFF KICK

SUN 9/27 2-6pm in the Gardens ★ THE LOST CATS

FRI 10/2 8-12pm ★ MICHAEL PAUL BAND ★ COUNTRY

SAT 10/3 8-12pm ★ DANCE PARTY BAND

SUN 10/4 2-6pm in the Gardens ★ NORTHERN STATIC

FRI 10/9 8-12pm ★ RODEO HOUSE ★ COUNTRY/SOUTHERN ROCK

SAT 10/10 8-12pm ★ HURRICANE BAND ★ ROCK & BLUES

SUN 10/11 2-6pm in the Gardens ★ FABULOUS CRUISE TONES

FREE

Mom's Homemade Fruit Cobbler
Peach or Berry
with any full Dinner Entree
(\$6.00 Value)
Exp. 10-4-09

BIG SCREEN TVS IN OUR LOUNGE FOR SPORTING EVENTS!

\$2.00
DRAFT BEERS
during football games
Sat & Sun



Council to appoint replacement for Shimansky

*Applications available online
at Town Web site*

BY GEOFF GILLETTE

The recent death of long-time Town Councilman Mike Shimansky has left the Danville Town Council with a vacancy, and on Monday the council met to discuss what they will do to fill the remainder of Shimansky's term.

Shimansky died Sept. 15, following complications from bacterial meningitis, which he contracted while visiting his children in San Diego.

Meeting in special session Monday, the council heard from Town Attorney Rob Ewing, who explained why it was necessary to make the decision so soon after Shimansky's passing.

"It's a little difficult talking about this subject so soon after Mike's passing," Ewing said, "but the state gives us 30 days from his passing to fill his seat."

Ewing said that the council has two options in regards to replacing Shimansky: either appoint a person to the seat or direct the Contra Costa County Clerk to call a special election.

According to Ewing, if the town were to go for a special election, they would not be able to hold it until the next scheduled special election, April 6, and it would cost the town an estimated \$176,000.

"Between now and then," Ewing added, "you'd run with only four council members. The person winning that election would only be serving out the rest of Mike's term (ending December 2010), which would be about six months."

Council members discussed the two options, and quickly leaned toward filling the seat by appointment.

"\$176,000 answers my question," said Councilman Mike Doyle. "The fiscally responsible thing to do is appoint."

Mayor Newell Arnerich agreed, saying that not only the cost is significant, but the fact that waiting until April to hold the election would reduce the size of the council for several months.

After a brief discussion, the council decided to fill the seat by appointment, and then talked about how the process will work.

Residents can download the application from the Town's Web site, www.ci.danville.ca.us. As part of the process, applicants are asked to answer a questionnaire provided by the town to detail their involvement in Danville, their opinions on issues such as roads and the downtown business district, and what Danville's role should be in regards to issues facing the entire region.

One question added to the form dealt with the applicant's availability. Council members are paid a monthly stipend of \$675 and usually work a minimum of 15-20 hours a week

on council business.

"If you're the Mayor, it can become a full time job, but we all put in 15 hours a week or more," said Councilwoman Candace Andersen.

Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. Oct. 1. After that, the council has scheduled a series of sessions to interview applicants and discuss who they believe should fill Shimansky's seat through the end of his term.

Sessions will be held on Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon; Oct. 6 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Oct. 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Applicants should be prepared to be interviewed during these meetings.

Once the interviews are completed, the council will meet at 9 a.m. on Oct. 13. to discuss the applicants and make a decision. The new council member will be sworn in and will attend their first meeting at the regular session of the council that evening. ■



LUCAS HIRST

Firefighters battle an interior blaze on Vine Lane in Alamo on Sunday morning.

Unattended candle starts Alamo housefire

Damage to home estimated at \$500,000

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

An unattended candle in a three-story house on Vine Lane in Alamo is being blamed for a blaze Sunday morning that caused extensive fire, smoke and water damage.

"It was a pretty stubborn fire," said Battalion Chief Jack Barton, "in a three-story house with multiple stairways and a basement."

Firefighters answered the call at 9:38 a.m., said Barton. Crews from Station 32 arrived to find smoke and flames showing from the eaves and the rear of the home. Firefighters immediately began an aggressive offensive interior attack and were able to contain the fire to three rooms on the second floor in a little under an hour.

No one was home when the fire began, Barton said, caused by a candle that was left burning unattended on the second floor. The 9-1-1 call was made by neighbors when smoke was seen coming from the upper floors.

Firefighters opened the front door and smoke poured out, said Barton. After they determined there was no fire on the ground floor or in the basement, they proceeded to the sec-

ond floor where they found flames.

"There was fire on the second floor, and lots of heat and smoke on the third floor," he said.

Two bedrooms, one bathroom and a closet were gutted on the second floor, reported Barton. There was smoke damage to the second and third floor, and all three floors sustained water damage.

Stations 31, 32 and 34 of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District responded with a total of five engines, two trucks, one paramedic ambulance, four chief officers and one breathing support unit. One engine from Contra Costa County Fire helped to extinguish the fire. The fire was contained by 10:28 a.m.

"This structure was large and complex, the fire had significant potential. Firefighters did an excellent job containing this fire quickly," said Barton. "We also appreciate the assistance from Contra Costa County Fire and Alameda County Fire for covering our stations during this incident."

The structure sustained about \$400,000 in damage and \$100,000 in content loss. ■

Town planning Shimansky memorial

Councilman to be honored at Oak Hill Park

BY GEOFF GILLETTE

Danville Town Staff are working with the family of Councilman Michael Shimansky to plan a memorial in his honor the first weekend in October.

At a special session of the council Monday, Town Manager Joe Calabrigo said that he had spoken with the councilman's widow, Sue Shimansky, and that they would hold the memorial event at Oak Hill Park, located at 3005 Stone Valley Road.

"We know there are many in the community who want to pay their respects to Mike," Calabrigo said. "We are working to put together the details on that."

The event will be held outside at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. Assistant to the Town Manager

Rochelle Flotten said seating will be limited, so attendees are asked to bring folding chairs and blankets. A list of speakers who will be participating is being compiled. Once the information is available, it will be posted to the town's Web site, www.ci.danville.ca.us.

For those looking to send flowers, the Shimansky family has asked that instead contributions be made in Mike's name in the form of a check payable to either Karen Stepper or David Miller. The checks should be made out with "FBO Mike Shimansky" on them. Checks can also be sent to Kevin Schwartz, Branch Manager of Wells Fargo Bank, located at 165 Diablo Road. ■

Slithery surprise

BY GEOFF GILLETTE

An Alamo resident stepping outside for a quiet glass of wine instead found a stressful surprise. Rich Conti said on Sept. 4 he and his wife were in the back yard when their dog Louie suddenly began barking and they discovered a 4-foot-long rattlesnake.

"The dog started barking and then I heard the rattle and looked for it," said the Bryan Meadow resident. He found the huge rattlesnake lying in the dirt near his back steps, coiled up, its rattle sounding a warning. Conti said the first thing he did was keep Louie away from the agitated reptile.

Once the dog was safely away, Conti went to get his "snake grabber," a pole with a clamp on the end designed to immobilize a reptile without getting close to it.

"We live at the foot of Mount Diablo and occasionally there are snakes," he explained. "My neighbor had one and I thought it was a good to have around if there was a snake, so I bought one on eBay."

Grabbing the snake and disposing of it were two different things, however. Conti said he was able to get the jaws of his tool around the snake's midsection, but that it took all of his strength just to hold onto the creature.

"It was much bigger and stronger than I'd ever seen. I had to hold it with two hands," he recalled. "It was scary for a little while. The thing was so big and it was angry."

Once he had control, he took the snake to the front of his house and there waited for help from a neighbor.



BOB OXENBURGH

Rich Conti displays the large rattlesnake he found in his back yard on Sept. 4.

"My wife wouldn't come close to it — or me as long as I was holding it," he said with a laugh. "She called the neighbors but no one was around."

Eventually, Conti said, she brought him a shovel and he was able to hold the snake's head down on the ground until his neighbor Bob Oxenburgh came over and they were able to kill it.

"I couldn't believe how big and strong it was," he said. "It was pretty threatening."

Lindsay Wildlife Museum Wildlife Rehabilitation Director Susan Heckly identified the snake as a larger than usual Western Rattlesnake. Heckly said while the snake usually can be very thick through the body, they usually only measure about 3 feet in length. ■

NORCAL

Weight Loss Center

Lose weight...and keep it off!

- A Variety of Healthy Diet Programs
- Staffed by Professional Doctors & Nurses
- Lunch, Evening & Saturday Appointment Available
- Non-Medication Programs Available
- Latest FDA Approved Medications



Also Offering Botox® / Restylane® Treatments

Dr. David Melamed, MD
Dermatologist
925-846-5614



Unretouched clinical photo taken while frowning before and 14 days after treatment with Botox® Cosmetic

NEW Botox® Service for underarm perspiration problems!

\$75 OFF
Botox® Treatment
plus Free Consultation to new clients only
Not valid with other offers.

FREE CONSULTATION
New clients only

Pleasanton
374 St. Mary St.
925 846-5614

San Ramon
2701 Crow Canyon Blvd.
925 837-6400

San Ramon woman saluted for help solving Garrido kidnapping case

By Roz Rogoff

San Ramon city officials, along with a number of other area representatives, turned out Monday to salute UC Berkeley police Officer Lisa Campbell. She was the officer who blew the whistle on Phillip Garrido and helped free captive Jaycee Dugard and her two daughters.

San Ramon resident Lisa Campbell thought something wasn't right about the strange man with two pale girls who came into her office on the campus of the university to request a permit to hold a religious event. Lisa followed through on her hunches, and Jaycee Dugard, who had been kidnapped 18 years ago, is now at home with her family.

Campbell began her career in police work with the Cook County Sheriff's Office in Chicago. She worked in the juvenile court system there and later in the San Diego District Attorney's Office as



JEB BING

San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson offers UC Berkeley Police Officer Lisa Campbell the congratulations of the town and a blanket to "warm her heart" for her role in the capture of Phillip Garrido and the release of kidnapped Jaycee Dugard.

a welfare fraud investigator and for the Los Angeles Police Department as an investigator.

She moved to San Ramon about nine months ago to take the job as manager of the Special Events Unit of the UC Berkeley Police Department. Her years of experience paid off Aug. 24 when Phillip Garrido walked into the office.

Garrido was with his two daughters, 11 and 15, but Campbell could see something wasn't quite right about the girls. She asked Garrido to come back the next day and invited another officer, Ally Jacobs, to the meeting.

Jacobs also found the girls' behavior suspicious and ran a check on Garrido. From there the story leads to finding the girls' mother, Jaycee Dugard, who had been kidnapped 18 years ago by Garrido and his wife. The story has since gained national attention, all because Lisa Campbell helped set free Jaycee Dugard and her daughters.

The UC Berkeley police contacted U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney, in whose 11th Congressional District both officers live — Campbell in San Ramon and Jacobs in Brentwood.

On Sept. 21, McNerney held an event at San Ramon City Hall to present Campbell with his entry

in the Congressional Record about her actions.

"Had it not been for Ms. Campbell's realization that something was awry with the man requesting a permit to hold an event on the UC Berkeley campus, the abuse of Jaycee and her daughters would not have stopped," the record reads. "Lisa Campbell's and Allison Jacobs' quick action and good instincts prevented innocent people from experiencing further harm, led to the arrest of a dangerous person, and reunited a family tragically separated for almost two decades. I am honored to represent Ms. Campbell, and I am grateful for her dedicated public service."

McNerney also presented Campbell with a flag that flew over the White House and described her actions as "the essence of good police work."

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan was also in attendance. "We're very proud you are part of our community," Buchanan said.

San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson compared Campbell's actions to lighting a candle in the dark. He presented Campbell with a San Ramon blanket for "warming so many hearts."

Campbell thanked everyone there, "and the team that I work with." ■

THE BRIDGES GOLF CLUB

Membership

INDIVIDUALS / FAMILIES

ONLY
\$325
PER MONTH
(INDIVIDUAL PRICING)

One Time Initiation Fee * Monthly Dues
Unlimited Green Fees & Range Balls
Reduced Guest Fees & Shop Discounts
Charging Privileges * Monthly Billing
and more...

9000 S. Gale Ridge Road / San Ramon / 925.735.4253
WWW.THEBRIDGESGOLF.COM

Who We Are...

We are a locally owned/operated luxury car dealership

We are a company with 1000s of satisfied customers

We sell Lease Returns - 2003 through 2008

We buy directly from BMW Financial, Mercedes Credit
Lexus Financial, Jaguar Credit, Porsche Credit and Banks

Cars come with a Carfax history report for your vehicle
integrity protection



07 MERCEDES-BENZ S550

Silver / Gray
ABS / Nav
Premium Sound
Under 26K Miles!
\$52,995



08 BMW 650Ci

Silver / Black
Premium Sound
Heated Seats
Under 9K Miles!
\$62,995

We Want you as a customer for *life...*
Joe and Jill Newcomer *lease owners*



leaseReturns.com
800.407.0303 or 925.553.1029 fax

Check out our inventory online at
www.eleasereturns.com

1941 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
Between Sycamore and Crow Canyon off I680

Alamo Community Council to continue

Council's relationship to MAC will be worked out

BY GEOFF GILLETTE

When the members of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors voted last month to approve the creation of a Municipal Advisory Council for Alamo, it was believed that community groups such as the Alamo Community Council would fade away, their functions absorbed by the incoming MAC.

Such is not the case, according to officials with District 3 Supervisor Mary M. Piepho's office.

At the Thursday meeting of the ACC, Piepho's Chief of Staff Tomi Van de Brooke gave an update on the process of choosing MAC members.

"Right now we have 20-25 applicants," Van de Brooke confirmed. "I'm not sure when it will get on the Board's agenda."

Applications are being accepted until Sept. 15, after which Van de Brooke and other members of Piepho's staff will examine the list of applicants and come up with a recommended list of seven members for the new MAC. Piepho will then either interview candidates

with whom she may not be familiar or she will move ahead with the list of members and seek approval from the Board of Supervisors.

"The 25th of September is probably too tight," Van de Brooke advised. "But if I don't get it done by the middle of October I will be very disappointed."

The question raised by ACC members, given the time frame of creating the MAC, was whether they should plan an October meeting or not. Van de Brooke suggested the group move ahead with an Oct. 8 meeting, regardless of the situation with the MAC.

"If the MAC is formed we'll invite a member to attend," she suggested.

The question arose as to whether it would be possible to invite the entire MAC to the Oct. 8 meeting. Van de Brooke said that since the MAC would be bound by the Brown Act, she would need to check on how that would work and how much notice would be needed if the MAC members were to attend the ACC meeting.

Afterward, Van de Brooke was asked about the future of the ACC and its place in Alamo once a MAC is established.

"The Alamo Community Council is a cross-sharing group that shares information on all the different organizations that Supervisor Piepho's office has traditionally sent the agendas out," she stated. "The group has agreed to meet again in October and what I heard tonight is that we'll evolve into how it interfaces with the MAC in the future."

Van de Brooke added that the supervisor's office is a strong supporter of the efforts of the ACC and it intends to remain involved at some level even after the MAC comes into existence.

"They are a great information-sharing organization and the spirit of that needs to continue. Although in what form that is I'm not sure and that's not something that we would necessarily attempt to dictate," she said. "We don't want to lose things, we don't want to make absolutes, so allow it to evolve naturally and see how it goes." ■

23 residents apply for Alamo MAC

Supervisor Piepho to choose seven for advisory council

BY GEOFF GILLETTE

In a strong showing of interest, 23 residents of Alamo have applied with District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho's office to be one of the seven members of the newly created Municipal Advisory Council (MAC).

Piepho's Chief of Staff Tomi Van de Brooke said the names were all turned in by the Sept. 15 deadline.

"We're very pleased with the response," she stated. "It's good to see so many people wanting to be involved in Alamo."

In the next step, Van de Brooke and others on Piepho's staff will go through the names

and come up with a recommendation of seven names for the initial MAC.

Residents who applied to be on the MAC include:

Harald A. Bailey
David Barclay
Michael W. Bealmear
Tyler P. Berding
Ed Best
Sanjiv Bhandari
David Bowlby
Nancy Dommes
Janet Evans
Elizabeth Fendyan
Marsha Golangco
Dennis Johnson
John Jones

T.S. Khanna
Cynthia Kurtzer
Michael McDonald
Karen McPherson
Chris Michel
Steve Mick
Vish More
Bob Myhre
Alina Roshai
Jim Sparkman

Van de Brooke said if Supervisor Piepho is unfamiliar with any of the applicants she may set up some interviews. Otherwise, the plan is to have a preliminary list ready by the end of September, with a possible vote on the names by early October. ■

Gym construction still delayed

Indian remains still being uncovered

BY GEOFF GILLETTE

The planned construction of the new gymnasium at San Ramon Valley High School, delayed in July after the discovery of human remains in the ground at the site, continues to be slowed as more Native American remains are unearthed.

Andy Galvan, designated as the Most Likely Descendant by the Native American Heritage Commission, has been overseeing the dig site since the remains were first discovered. His task has been getting the remains safely disinterred.

"A total of 49 discrete human skeletons have been identified," Galvan said. "During the course of burial excavations on Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, one additional burial was disturbed."

The crews will remove the remains, store them safely until all are out, and then they will be reinterred in the Ohlones Indian Cemetery in Fremont.

SRVHS Principal Joe Ianora said the construction team is working on the site, but that they are very limited in what they can do while archeological crews unearth the remains.

The process is an exacting one as the crew members use fine brushes to clean all the dirt away from the remains, according to Galvan. A pencil sketch is then made and any remains not connected to the main portion of the find are individually removed and carefully bagged. The crew makes sure that any additional pieces are interred with the remains found at

that location.

Neither Ianora nor Galvan were able to give a definitive time when the work will be finished, although Ianora said he thinks it should be done soon.

"The footings for the new gym are almost completely dug," he explained. "There is not much in that area that still needs to be dug out. So once they remove all of those remains, the work should be able to resume."

At this time it is unknown if the gymnasium will reach completion by summer 2010, or how the delays will affect the overall cost of the project. ■

Read about the history of local Native Americans on page 16.

DIABLO VIEWS

BY GEOFF GILLETTE

Screaming tweens and a moment of clarity

I'm sitting in the second balcony of the Oracle Arena.

Two pre-teen girls behind me scream so fiercely that it makes my fillings buzz. Lights flare in my eyes, fireworks leave pinpoints of light across my retinas and the bass line on the song blasting out of the speakers literally pushes my jeans back against my shins.

That's when it hits me. A moment of clarity. Not some grand epiphany solving all of life's ills, but that brief second when all the pieces fit together in the cosmic puzzle and we get just a wee glimpse of what the overall picture is supposed to be.

Who knew that mine would come in the middle of a Miley Cyrus concert?

Miley is one of the latest teen phenoms to come forth from the Disney marketing machine, rising to prominence through a TV show called Hannah Montana. She has become so popular that a movie was made of the show and she has actually launched a worldwide concert tour using her real name.

So, how, you may ask, did I come to be spending a Friday night surrounded by thousands of screaming little girls dressed like some strange hybrid of Madonna and Britney Spears?

It's simple, really. It's the boy with the shining eyes sitting next to me, his entire attention focused with laser intensity on the spectacle of Miley Cyrus belting out her songs onstage.

My son Harry has been in love with Miley since the Hannah Montana show first aired on the Disney Channel. He has downloaded her music on I-tunes and has posters of her adorning his room, right alongside his posters of Captain Jack Sparrow and the Sharks at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

It always struck me as a dichotomy that he would enjoy action movies, pokémon, soccer and video games and yet still be so drawn to this pop star whose key demographic is young girls. And yet for him there is nothing odd about it or even anything different between liking Miley Cyrus and liking the Transformers movie.

Thus for his birthday, Harry found himself in possession of two tickets to go see Miley in concert. So the two of us climbed aboard BART and made our way to Oakland to see the rock star live and in person.

I wasn't thrilled to be going, just because a lot of Miley's music I'm not too keen on, but I knew it was important to my son that I go along. To show him I support him in what he likes, even if it's something that I don't care for.

But after standing in line after

line after line, my mood was dark. I grumbled over the hassle of getting a simple piece of \$10 cheese pizza, the ridiculous crowds and the long line for souvenirs.

I tried to keep my thoughts to myself because of Harry. He was ebullient, his smile radiating out in every direction and when Miley took the stage he leapt to his feet, fists pounding the air and let out a whoop that could match the screeches of any little girl there.

Then the music fired up and a wave of sound pushed us back in our seats. The concert was starting and Harry was in heaven. Me, I was thinking I was somewhere a bit warmer.

I clapped, but it was the polite hand slapping one does to appear to be participating, not the thunderous peals we humans are capable of when we really mean it. I don't know if Harry noticed, but I did.

That moment I mentioned earlier? It happened during a song called the "Hoe-down Throwdown." It's a popular Hannah Montana number and calls for a lot of dance moves.

Harry got up and started to try to copy the moves, then hesitated and looked back at me, still sitting down, not participating. Doubt clouded his features for the first time.

To see that worry on his face, like I was judging him for his likes, pierced me to my soul and I knew what I had to do. I had to do more than just be there. I had to be present.

I leapt up, grabbed his hands and rocked out to the song. We looked awkward spinning around in the tight row, but we danced and laughed and did our very best to "throw down" with the best of them. When the song ended, we whooped and hollered and clapped our loud approval together.

As we sat back down, he took my wrist and wrapped it around his shoulders. That's how we spent the rest of the concert. Except when we had to cheer Miley on, of course.

My arm stayed around him on the bus back to the BART station and on the train itself. Fireworks from the Coliseum saw us off and as Harry sleepily relaxed against me and started to drift off he looked up at me with those bright eyes and said, "Thanks for being here with me tonight, Dad."

Someday he won't want my arm around him anymore. Someday he won't care what I think of the music he likes, or the clothes he wears. And a simple "I love you" will be rarer than stardust.

But that night, what I thought of his choices meant something. That I'd taken him to see this silly little pop star meant something. Something important.

"I'm glad to be here," I told him. And I was.

Geoff Gillette can be e-mailed at ggillette@DanvilleWeekly.com.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

An ending, a beginning

BY GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

To say the decision to stop publishing the Danville Weekly was difficult is an understatement. We fought long and hard to keep the print edition, knowing that there are many people who look forward to the weekly newspaper and enjoy perusing it from cover to cover over coffee, or sticking it into a soccer bag to read on the sidelines.

But then we looked at the statistics from our Web sites, DanvilleWeekly.com, and the new SanRamonExpress.com, and realized that many people go online to get their news. The number of unique visitors and pageviews increased more than 300 percent in the past year.

The value of the newspaper and Web sites is the dissemination of news and information. We have already discovered the benefit of being able to put breaking news onto our Web site and send out a bulletin to alert our readers. The Danville Weekly has gradually become a daily via our online edition.

Quality journalism is a necessity for a community and a vital part of the democracy established by our forefathers. That said, how the news and information is delivered is less of a concern, as long as the quality of the journalism is maintained. So, instead of spending thousands of dollars on printing and mailing a newspaper, especially in these recessionary times, we made the decision to focus our resources on the journalism as opposed to the vehicle by which it is delivered.

On Oct. 2 we will say goodbye to the Danville Weekly and welcome DanvilleExpress.com. In addition to the reporting and news you found in the Danville Weekly, DanvilleExpress.com will feature interactive options, including the popular Town Square forum. This allows readers to interact with each other in addition to interacting with us.

While we are sad to see Danville Weekly go out of print, to quote a popular song, "every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." We look forward to able to interact more with you, and giving you a forum to share your views.

Meanwhile we want to know what features you would like us to continue online. E-mail me at gallen@danvilleweekly.com. See you online!

LETTERS

The saddest thing

Dear Editor:

The news of your paper no longer going to be in print, is one of the saddest things I have heard all year. In a town that prides itself for having that small town feel, in a world where newspapers are disappearing every second, I never imagined that Danville Weekly would not buck the trend. There has not been a Friday in many years where I did not arrive home, make myself comfortable, and read the Danville Weekly.

I love our town and losing the newspaper that helped connect me to all that is Danville is like losing a friend. When a news source that makes us feel better about ourselves goes away and we are all left to gather news from sources that focus on all that is negative in the world, it is a very sad day not just for those of us in this great community, but to those in lesser communities who looked to us a symbol of hope and optimism of what a community can and should be.

Steve Wilcox
Danville

Sign of the times

Dear Editor,

Call me old-fashioned, but at age 50 I still love the feel and texture of a newspaper. So, it was with mixed feelings that I learned the Danville Weekly would soon go to an online edition only.

There are many reasons this is happening, not the least of which is economic. The same economies of scale that are threatening to put the San Francisco Chronicle out of business, are having an impact on local weeklies as well. The same impact that Craigslist is having on classified ads, is affecting advertising revenue at newspapers, big and small alike.

To its credit, the Danville Weekly launched a vibrant online presence as did its sister paper. The online version is so much more timely and the news does not have to wait until Friday.

Times change and we must change with them. In the last two years I have learned to blog, Twitter, Facebook, upload, desktop video edit, and a whole host of "new media" techniques. It helped me publish and promote my first book and quite honestly saved my career. Technology has created a "survival of the fittest" in the world of journalism and elsewhere, so it's "adapt or die."

I will be sad when the "Danville Weekly" prints its last paper edition on Friday October 2, but I will check in every few hours-- as I already do now-- to get the latest local news from www.DanvilleWeekly.com. May the online paper thrive!

Mark Curtis
Danville

LPGA saved my life

Dear Editor:

I had never suffered any health issues, perhaps an occasional sprained ankle or bruised ego, so when I stepped into "Dr. Sonia's" dermatology booth at the 2008 LPGA CVS Challenge my expectation was to get a brief mole inspection, a stamp of approval, and to carry on with my enjoyment of observing some of the best golf in the world. Just moments later, after the doctor's simple and quick scan of my skin, I instead found myself walking away with an appointment card for a follow-up exam.

Dr. Sonia Badreshia-Bansal and her staff had temporarily moved their practice to a small tent alongside our Lakeside 18th green for the weekend to share information about one of our most critical, but often ignored, health issues. As she was quick to explain, my decades of youthful baseball, cycling, golf and just plain frolicking in the sun without appropriate sun screen and clothing may have led to serious concerns.

A few weeks, after a couple of short exams and simple biopsies, I was diagnosed with early-mid stage melanoma. Had I not been checked at the greenside venue in September, by as early as the next spring I could have been facing lymph node issues and perhaps radiation. Instead, due to the early discovery, I underwent an outpatient procedure to remove a cocktail-coaster-sized slice of skin, excising all signs of the cancer.

I am hoping that the scar on my arm will be a reminder for me and others to wear my dermatologist-approved sun screen and a reminder of how the CVS Challenge at Blackhawk Country Club saved my life.

David Brown
Blackhawk

Excerpts from the Town Square on Danvilleweekly.com

Never read the print edition but I check the website almost daily. It's my main source of local news and I like the whole publication. I'm glad it will continue online. Yes, I am one of the reasons that print newspapers are going out of business.

Posted by Joe,
Sept. 17

Drag me kicking and screaming into the future. I still enjoy sitting down with a good cup of coffee, served in a real coffee mug and holding and reading the paper...so sad. I have an internet capable phone but like so many of generation, my eyes are not what they once were.

Posted by Sherm,
Sept. 17

I think it's about time other community papers look at changing with the times.

Posted by Jennifer,
Sept. 19

Danville Weekly

Serving the communities
of Alamo, Blackhawk,
Diablo and Danville

PUBLISHER

Gina Channell-Allen, Ext. 119

EDITORIAL

Editor

Dolores Fox Ciardelli, Ext. 229

Staff Reporter

Geoff Gillette, Ext. 234

Editorial Assistant

Andrea Calamoneri, Ext. 221

Contributors

Susan Astbury

John A. Barry

Don Colman

Beverly Lane

Jacqui Love Marshall

Chris Scott

Stan Wharton

ART & PRODUCTION

Lead Designer

Trina Cannon, Ext. 130

Designers

Lili Cao, Ext. 120

Kristin Herman, Ext. 114

Manuel Valenzuela, Ext. 120

Marcus Woodworth, Ext. 120

ADVERTISING

Advertising Sales Manager

Mary Hantos, Ext. 222

Account Executives

Andrea Heggelund, Ext. 232

Barbara Lindsey, Ext. 226

Inside Sales

Karen Klein, Ext. 122

Real Estate Sales

Nancy Taresh, Ext. 110

Ad Services

Trina Cannon, Ext. 130

BUSINESS

Business Associate

Lisa Oefelein, Ext. 126

Circulation Director

Bob Lampkin, Ext. 41

Front Office Coordinator

Kathleen Martin, Ext. 124

HOW TO REACH THE WEEKLY

Phone: (925) 837-8300

Display Sales e-mail:

sales@DanvilleWeekly.com

Classifieds Sales e-mail:

ads@DanvilleWeekly.com

Circulation e-mail: circulation@DanvilleWeekly.com

Editorial e-mail: editor@DanvilleWeekly.com

DanvilleWeekly.com

The Danville Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media, 117 Town & Country Drive, Suite D, Danville, CA 94526; (925) 837-8300.

Application to mail at periodicals postage rates is pending at Danville, CA.

The Danville Weekly is mailed upon request to homes and apartments in Danville, Alamo, Blackhawk and Diablo. Community support of the Danville Weekly is welcomed and encouraged through memberships at levels of \$5, \$8 or \$10 per month through automatic credit card charges. Print subscriptions are \$60 per year or \$100 for two years. Go to www.DanvilleWeekly.com to sign up and for more information.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Danville Weekly, 117 Town & Country Drive, Suite D, Danville, CA 94526.

© 2009 by Embarcadero Media. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

Looking for an Affordable Individual or Group Health Plan?

**FREE No Obligation Consultation
Call Today to Save Money!**

Charlene Beasley

Lic#0C26292

**Beasley Insurance Services
925-803-9799**



**Plans
as low as**

**\$45⁰⁰
per month**

***Based on Blue Shield's PPO
Plan Vital Shield 2900
for singles ages 19-29.**

Free Quote go to www.beasleyinsurance.com



Community Pulse • Transitions

POLICE BULLETIN

Police investigating indecent exposure reports

Danville police are looking into two separate reports of indecent exposure that took place Friday near Los Cerros Middle School. Lt. Mark Williams said both incidents occurred on the Green Valley Trail around 2:40 p.m. Sept. 18 as groups of students walked home from school.

Williams said in the first incident, a group of girls was walking on the trail near Blemer Road when they saw a male jogger running toward them. Reportedly, the man grabbed the bottom of his shorts and pulled them up, exposing his genitals as he ran past. The girls said the suspect did not say anything as he ran past.

The second incident happened further down the trail a short time later. A group of females reported a similar incident, where the man again raised his shorts.

Police were called nearly an hour later, after one of the girls reported the incident to her parents. A search of the area did not turn up a suspect.

The students described the suspect as a white male adult, 35-45 years old, between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall. He was wearing dark colored shorts, a white T-shirt, sunglasses and a baseball cap. Police said there were conflicting reports that the man may have had a small amount of facial hair.

Williams said they will be following up on the case by adding an extra patrol to the area. Patrols will be conducted on foot, bicycle and vehicle. He added that students in the area are

encouraged to be aware of their surroundings, not to talk to strangers, and to report any suspicious activity.

Any person with information regarding the suspect is urged to contact the Danville police at 314-3700.

—Geoff Gillette

Van/bike crash lands boy, 11, in hospital

A Danville boy was hospitalized Monday after he was struck by a van while riding his bicycle near Diablo Vista Middle School.

CHP Officer Steve Creel said the incident occurred at 3:50 p.m. Monday on Camino Tassajara near Hansen Lane. The victim, an 11 year old Danville boy, was riding on Hansen Lane crossing Camino Tassajara at the signalized intersection.

“Witnesses said he was crossing against the light,” said Creel. “He made it across the eastbound lanes but was hit in the westbound lanes by a Toyota Sienna van.”

The impact reportedly smashed the windshield of the van and threw the youth to the ground. Creel said the young cyclist was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Paramedics were called to the scene by CHP, and the boy was airlifted from the roadway and transported to Children’s Hospital Oakland. He was reported in fair condition Tuesday, having suffered a broken leg in the crash.

Creel said there were no charges as the investigation of the crash has not been completed.

—Geoff Gillette

BIRTHS

Emma Hilda Louise Gutierrez

Emma Hilda Louise Gutierrez was born at 10:19 p.m. July 27 at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Walnut Creek to Amory and Martin Gutierrez and sister Ava. Emma weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and was 19 inches long.



OBITUARIES

June and Charles Zweifel

June Zweifel, a resident of Danville, died Sept. 13 at the age of 90, and her husband, Charles “Hop” Zweifel, also a resident of Danville, died Sept. 16 at the age of 88.

She was born in California on June 13, 1919, and he was born in Nebraska on Sept. 26, 1920. Both passed away at their residence, “forever in love.”

Katherine Wallner

Katherine Wallner, a resident of Danville, died Sept. 17 at the age of 86.

She was born in Boise, Idaho, and was a longtime resident of Oakland.

She was the beloved wife of the late Gerald Wallner and loving mother to

Douglas and Gary Wallner and Karen Ries. She is survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was sister to Angie Zigenis and the late Sam and John Tasoulas.

She was an active member of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Resurrection in Castro Valley. Trisagion Services were held Sept. 21 at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Resurrection in Castro Valley, with funeral services Sept. 22. Donations may be made to Greek Orthodox Church of the Resurrection Memorial Fund.

Dorothy C. Holm

Dorothy C. Holm, a resident of Danville, died Sept. 16 at the age of 97.

She is survived by her children, Doris Tucker, Janice Brignoli and Edward Thune. Services are pending with Hull’s Walnut Creek Chapel, 934-5400.

POLICE REPORT

The following information is provided by the Danville Police Department.

Sunday, Sept. 13

- Suspicious circumstance at La Gonda Way and Westbriar Knolls at 12:37 a.m.
- Suspicious subject stop on 500 block of La Gonda Way at 1:18 a.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop at Iron Horse Trail and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:17 a.m.
- Suspicious subject at Alicante Dr. and St. Christopher Dr. at 5:35 a.m.
- Vandalism on 700 block of San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 8:58 p.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop on 100 block of Railroad Ave. at 11:38 a.m.
- Missing juvenile on 300 block of Ramona Rd. at 12:40 p.m.
- Robbery on 1000 block of La Gonda Way at 3:48 p.m.
- Reckless Driving at Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley at 6 p.m.
- Battery, arrest, on 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 6:50 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on 500 block of Danville Blvd. at 7:09 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 14

- Suspicious circumstance on 400 block of Evergreen Ct. at 10:25 a.m.
- Harassment disturbance on 300 block of Merrilee Pl. at 12:56 p.m.
- Vehicle accident with property damage on 400 block of Front St. at 1:44 p.m.
- Petty theft on 500 block of W Sycamore Valley Rd. at 5:08 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstance at Crow

Canyon Rd. and Tassajara Ranch Dr. at 6:03 p.m.

- Shoplifting on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 6:26 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, at Diablo Rd. and El Cajon Dr. at 12:15 a.m.
- Suspicious subject stop on 800 Block of La Gonda Way at 5:49 a.m.
- Suspicious subject stop at Constitution Dr. and El Cerro Blvd. at 6:06 a.m.
- Auto burglary on 200 block of Meadows Pl. at 7:24 a.m.
- Shoplifting, arrest, in custody, on 300 block of Railroad Ave. at 7:52 a.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop at Ackerman Dr. and El Cerro Blvd. at 7:55 a.m.
- Suspicious subject at Camino Ramon and Fostoria Way at 9:21 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on 100 block of Highbridge Ct. at 10:53 a.m.
- Suspicious subject at Allegheny Dr. and El Capitan Dr. at 2:14 p.m.
- Fight disturbance on 100 block of Front St. 3:19 p.m.
- Threats disturbance on 8000 block of Crow Canyon Rd. at 4:23 p.m.
- Drugs violation on 3500 block of Camino Tassajara at 6:55 p.m.
- Auto burglary on 300 block of Ilo Lane at 7:59 p.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on 500 block of Cambrian Way at 8:21 p.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on 300 block of Hartz Ave. at 9:21 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

- Suspicious vehicle stop at the Livery

at 12:05 a.m.

- Suspicious vehicle stop at Cimarron Ct. and Woodranch Circle at 3:27 a.m.
- Uncontrollable juvenile on 1700 block of Green Valley Rd. at 8:07 a.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop on 200 block of Fairway Dr. at 8:08 a.m.
- Identity theft on 100 block of Monte Carlo Way at 9:01 a.m.
- Harassment disturbance on 100 block of Dana Highlands Ct. at 10:30 a.m.
- Suspicious subject on 300 block of Silverado Ct. at noon.
- Identity theft on 100 block of Meese Circle at 12:47 p.m.
- Auto burglary on 300 block of Ilo Lane at 2:32 p.m.
- Suspicious subject on 4100 block of Camino Tassajara at 2:59 p.m.
- Fraud on 300 block of Ilo Lane at 4:51 p.m.
- Suspicious subject on 1300 block of Silverwood Ct. at 8:58 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17

- Party disturbance on 300 block of Barrett Circle at 1:57 a.m.
- Vandalism on 2100 block of Holbrook Dr. at 8:08 a.m.
- Suspicious subject, arrest, on 3400 block of Camino Tassajara at 11:13 a.m.
- Possession of switchblade on 900 block of Blemer Rd. at 11:53 a.m.
- Vehicle accident with property damage on 300 block of Rose Ave. at 1:24 p.m.
- Drugs violation on 500 block of Danville Blvd. at 1:38 p.m.

- Vandalism on 200 block of Cypress Hills Ct. at 3:44 p.m.
- Vehicle traffic stop, arrest, at Camino Tassajara and Tassajara Lane at 4:57 p.m.
- Threats disturbance on 100 block of Brightwood Circle at 6:14 p.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop, arrest, on 700 block of Brookside Dr. at 7:15 p.m.
- Reckless Driving at northbound I-680 and El Cerro Blvd. at 8:09 p.m.
- Driving under the influence, misdemeanor, on 400 block of Front St. at 10:40 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstance on 1200 block of Dutch Mill Dr. at 11:26 p.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop on 800 block of Camino Ramon at 11:59 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18

- Burglary on 1100 block of Delta Way at 8:28 a.m.
- Battery on 500 block of San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 9:07 a.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop on 800 block of Camino Ramon at 9:13 a.m.
- Identity theft on 200 block of Areny Ct. at 10:06 a.m.
- Petty theft on 1100 block of Mustang Dr. at 11:33 a.m.
- Battery on 500 block of San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 3:20 p.m.
- Residential burglary on 800 block of Orange Blossom Way at 3:56 p.m.
- Petty theft, in custody, on 300 block of Railroad Ave. at 4:44 p.m.
- Suspicious subject on 2100 block of Holbrook Dr. at 8:17 p.m.
- Suspicious subject stop on 10000 block of Crow Canyon Rd. at 9:24

p.m.

- Prowler heard on 200 block of Cross Bridge Dr. at 11:38 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

- Suspicious subject on El Cerro Dr. at 2:19 a.m.
- Petty theft on 1200 block of Camino Tassajara at 8:29 a.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop at Jasmine Way and Squirrel Ridge Way at 10:05 a.m.
- Reckless driving on 100 block of Dana Highlands Ct. at 11:13 a.m.
- Public nuisance, arrest, on 300 block of Hartford Rd. at 1:00 p.m.
- Hit-and-run misdemeanor on 600 block of San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:14 p.m.
- Vehicle accident with property damage on 700 block of San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:39 p.m.
- Hit-and-run misdemeanor at Linda Mesa Ave. and Railroad Ave. at 2:46 p.m.
- Suspicious vehicle stop on 100 block of Gold Poppy Ct. at 4:16 p.m.
- Drugs violation on 200 block of Borel Lane at 5:16 p.m.
- Reckless driving on Greenbrook Dr. and Merrilee Pl. at 6:56 p.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance, arrest, on 800 block of Diablo Rd. at 8:24 p.m.
- Service warrant, arrest, on 100 block of Shelterwood Pl. at 9:37 p.m.
- Juvenile disturbance, arrest, on 1000 block of La Gonda Way at 10:19 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstance on 100 block of Meese Circle at 11:25 p.m.



During the inaugural run of Period 7 at San Ramon Valley High School, student "Link Leaders" work with a group of freshmen. The idea is to help the SRVHS newcomers get a handle on the changing academic and dynamics at the high school level. At right, older students congregate in the classroom of biology teacher Robin Groch. Some students seek additional help from Groch on course information, while others do individual work on projects for other classes.

Period of Change

SRVHS program targets freshmen/at-risk students

BY GEOFF GILLETTE

Education is a constantly evolving thing, with schools having to integrate new technologies, new methods and new thoughts into curricula that have been around for decades. One thing remains the same: No matter where the school or how it is designed, there will always be students who struggle.

Some will struggle with coursework, some will struggle with social issues. It is this universal constant that led officials at the San Ramon Valley High School to institute a redesign of its school day to give those struggling students a chance to make the grade.

Starting Sept. 21, SRVHS instituted Period 7. What it means is that three days a week, each class is shortened by five minutes in order to create a window of opportunity from 2:40 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. for an additional period. Period 7 is expected to provide remediation for those students who are struggling, guidance and advice to students new to the high school, and enrichment for the other members of the student populace.

"This is a great new program that we think is really going to help our students and allow them to succeed," said SRVHS Principal Joe Ianora.

Period 7 has been several years in the works. Ianora said the idea first came up six years ago, as a result of discussions stemming from the high school's decision to follow the Professional Learning Community (PLC) model.

"We have chosen to embrace the PLC model,"

he stated. "Under that model you ask three primary questions."

Those questions are:

- What does the school want students to learn and do?
- How do they know they've learned it?
- What do they do about those who don't know it or have already mastered it?

Ianora said that during the past six years they've been looking intensively at the third question, as that is where the most difficulty lies.

"It's a really tough question. What do I do with a kid who hasn't learned it? Do I go back and re-teach it? And if I do, what about the kid who has already mastered it? Doesn't that do them a disservice?" he queried.

These discussions led over time to the concept of Period 7. Ianora said they've been dialoguing over the issue for the past two years and began to put all the pieces in place during the last 18 months.

The way the program is designed, there are three groups of students who will have mandatory participation. Students who have one or more F's will be in guided study halls to provide them the remediation they need to bring their grade up and finish coursework.

Freshmen students will meet with teachers and upper class "link leaders" on Mondays and Wednesdays to discuss both the social and educational changes that come with being in high school. Thursdays they are allowed a "free choice" day.

Athletes are required to meet with their coaches for a guided study hall where they get a jump on their homework or seek out assistance in classes where they may be struggling.

Ianora said by focusing on freshmen and those at risk of failing a class, they give those groups the assistance they need to make it over the hump.

"In all the studies we've read about students, freshmen have the highest rate of flunking and the highest rate of dropping out," he said. "Freshman year is the hardest adjustment both socially and academically."

By the first progress report of the quarter, Ianora said as many as 150 students out of the 2,000 students at SRVHS are failing and that number can climb even higher by the time grades are posted at the end of the quarter.

"Having them (freshmen) meet with other students and faculty advisers helps them make that adjustment. We've come up with a program to help the freshman student focus and stay successful," he explained.

Those who do not fall into those categories have several choices available to them. Ianora said they can have guided study halls where they can start on homework or they can seek out teacher help, spend volunteer time tutoring, or participate in co-curricular activities such as speech or robotics.

With the three mandatory groups, attendance will be taken, but not for the rest of the students. So, what is to stop them from simply leaving

school at 2:40 p.m. each day?

"That is going to happen," Ianora said. "We expect everyone to participate, but we can't force it. We know kids won't always make the choice."

He added, "We have so many things going on. 90 percent of our students are engaged in some activity, whether it's extracurricular, co-curricular or athletics. It's a very small portion of the student population that will not have something to do."

Ianora said that what they are doing during the free choice days is empowering students to take a hand in their educational future. They are giving them the additional help they need to be able to get when doing their homework at school.

The first day of Period 7 seemed to go well. Students were given an outline of what the free choice activities they could do, teachers explained which days they would be available, and freshmen met with their link leaders.

In biology teacher Penny Davis' class, link leaders split the freshmen up into groups, getting them to talk about themselves and to know each other.

Davis said the activities allowed the students to meet and introduce themselves, helping to build social bonds. The groups were encouraged to do activities such as finding out how many of the fellow students had been to the same city



EOFF GILLETTE
d social dy-
al study or



said. "We
re realis-
the right

s to offer;
d in some
curricular
the popu-
specific to

by creat-
tudents to
Allowing
ice hours
ay not be
work after

o go well.
what free
chers ex-
available for
their link

room, the
o groups,
and get to

students to
g to build
ged to do
y of their
ities.

In Robin Groch's biology classroom, older students gathered. Many worked on homework assignments, some on the room's two computer terminals. Other students lined up to get additional instruction from Groch about their assignments.

Outside the school, scattered students left the campus at 2:40 p.m. One student, who asked not to be identified, said he did not think he needed to stay for Period 7 since he wasn't a freshman, an athlete or flunking any classes.

"My mom said it wasn't necessary for me to stay if I didn't want to," he stated. "There wasn't anything I needed to talk to any of my teachers about, so I left."

Ianora said he hopes that as students' interests are piqued by the various enrichment activities offered, the number of students leaving the campus will dwindle.

"We feel the benefits of this are huge. A kid is going to pick up at least another 90 minutes of remediation or direct enrichment each week. It's going to be a good thing," he enthused.

San Ramon Valley Unified School District Superintendent Steve Enoch said he is excited to see what will happen with Period 7. SRVHS is the only high school in the district attempting the guided learning period, and he is hopeful that it is going to yield real benefits for the students.

"I think what the school is doing is giving the kids some targeted assistance and giving kids choices," Enoch said. "These are all good things."

Enoch said he believes choice is invaluable to today's students who are going through school and graduating without having to make a lot of decisions. This can lead to problems when the student goes away to college and experiences that freedom to choose.

High school officials will be gauging the effectiveness of the program over the next several months and are expected to reassess it in April.

"The jury is out on this right now and the school admits that," said Enoch. "The intent is excellent, the goal is noble, and we'll see if this process comes out as they are hoping it will." ■

The Gift of Confidence

Ultimate Fitness Academy offers the best kids Brazilian Jiu-jitsu and MMA program in the Tri-Valley area. Through our program your child will discover that through self-discipline and perseverance he or she can accomplish almost anything.



The children will not only get exercise during the martial arts class, but they will learn discipline, manners and respect for teachers, parents, friends and themselves. They will learn self-esteem by earning belt ranks. This helps them feel self-confident and develops a "Yes, I can!" attitude that will carry over into school, home and sports.

We teach structure, discipline, martial arts and FUN!



925-867-3488

3120-A Crow Canyon Road
www.UltimateFitnessAcademy.net

Prepared? for a Stormy Flu Season

**A Flu Shot Is Your
Best Protection!**

**Did you know Seasonal
Flu is a Serious Disease?**

Every year in the U.S., about 36,000 deaths and more than 226,000 hospitalizations are due to flu complications.

People age 50 and older and persons of any age with underlying medical conditions are at a higher risk of getting the flu.

Influenza and pneumonia combined are the fifth leading cause of death for people 65 years of age and older.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**We've Got You
Covered!**

**Call VaxAmerica
to pre-register for your flu
and pneumonia shots today!**

NOTE: You must pre-register to be assured a shot. Call VaxAmerica at (888) 444-0522.

CLINIC LOCATION:
Emeritus at Barrington Court
400 W. El Pintado Rd.
Danville, CA 94526
925-838-3020

DATES:
Oct 14
Nov 18

TIMES:
10 AM - Noon
10 AM - Noon

EMERITUS
Senior Living

VaxAmerica
now it's easy!

Phone (888) 444-8522 | www.VaxAmerica.com
Brought to you by FFF Enterprises, the nation's largest and most trusted distributor of flu vaccine.

Art

ART IN THE PARK From paintings and ceramics to photography and jewelry, Danville's Art in the Park offers a rare opportunity to find one-of-a-kind works and will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4, on Town Green in front of the library, 400 Front St., Danville. Proceeds help provide grants for elementary and middle school art programs in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. This event is free. Visit www.ci.danville.ca.us.

Events

BLUE STAR MOMS GARAGE SALE The Blue Star Moms are having a huge garage sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3 at Church of the Valley, 19001 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Call 648-1549 or visit www.bluestarmoms.org.

DANVILLE D'ELEGANCE Town of Danville will host Danville d'Elegance from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27, in downtown Danville. For information, call 314-3400.

DIABLO LODGE WELLNESS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: FALL PREVENTION Diablo Lodge of Danville Wellness Department presents guest speaker Gennifer Mountain, of the Fall Prevention Program of Contra Costa County, 1-2 p.m., Monday, Sept. 28, 950 Diablo Rd., Danville. This event is free and the public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP 838-8300.

DIABLO VALLEY QUILTERS 2009 SHOW Diablo Valley Quilters Guild presents it's 2009 Quilt Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27 at Charlotte Wood Middle School, 600 El Capitan, Danville. Enjoy over 250 quilts on display, vendors, demonstrations, door prizes and featured artist Sandy Klop; \$8 admission covers both days. Call 820-1588.

FATHER FRANK'S KIDS FIESTA Please join Father Frank's Kids for its 3rd annual Fiesta and Pequenito Tour featuring the children of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos. Activities include a silent auction, carnival style games, and a spectacular musical performance. Begins with Mass at 4 p.m., followed by the Fiesta. Saturday, Oct. 3 at St. Isidore Church, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Get tickets at www.fatherfrankskids.org or call 360-1060.

HARVEST MOON ARTS GALA Join us for a night of music, wine tasting, dancing, and art under a full moon. Our first annual Under the Harvest Moon Gala kicks off on Oct. 2 at the Canyon View Banquet Ballroom. Proceeds raised benefit our schools and community. Evening Includes a buffet dinner and live auction.

PREVIEW KEN BURNS' 'THE NATIONAL PARKS' Preview the highly anticipated PBS Film by Ken Burns, 'The NATIONAL PARKS: America's Best

Idea'. The series traces the birth of the national park idea in mid-1800s and follows its evolution for nearly 150 years, 4-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Free.

THE CHEF'S TABLE AT VIVA CUCINA Spend an evening with Executive Chef Shane Hammett, from Amber Bistro, in a private dinner class at Viva Cucina in Danville, 6-9 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4 at The Chef's Table, 407 Fremerey Ct., Danville. Watch while we prepare a delicious four course meal for you while sipping wine from Longevity Winemakers. The cost is \$79 per person and reservations are required. Visit www.vivacucina.com or call 820-6612.

Exhibits

'THROUGH INDIAN EYES' AT THE MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY Come and join us to learn about Native American hunting and collection of food, domestic life,

daily rituals, celebration of births and deaths, dress and adornment and the use of baskets, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley at the corner of Railroad and Prospect Ave., Danville. Call 837-3750.

LEROY PARKER EXHIBIT Leroy Parker takes a wild approach to his abstract work; images from the golden age of Jazz, wood cut-outs, and handmade paper. He often uses layering to suggest the complexities of the human experience, and encourages a deeper look at each piece. This event takes place 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and runs through Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Lindsay Dirk Brown Gallery in San Ramon. Free admission. Call 973-3372 or visit www.sanramon.ca.gov.

Fundraisers

2009 LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK Join Bay Area residents for a celebratory evening to raise funds for blood cancer research with a two-mile walk starting in Civic Park in Walnut Creek. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Light The Night Walk is a festive fundraising event for all ages featuring live music, entertainment, food and refreshments. From 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3 at 1375 Civic Dr. For information call (415)625-1126 or visit www.lightthenight.org/sf/.

BRIDGE TO HOPE The Danville-based Lazarex Cancer Foundation will host a day-long musical celebration, 'Bridge to Hope,' to raise awareness and funds to continue its work of providing financial assistance for end stage cancer patients to defray the costs associated with participation in FDA-approved clinical trials. This fundraiser will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 on the Great Meadow of Fort Mason Park. Call (310)276-3063.

CHARITY EVENT FOR GOLF FANS Make a contribution and enjoy a fun day at a private party at a Blackhawk home on the ninth hole of the Lakes Course during the LPGA on Saturday, Sept. 26, or Sunday, Sept. 27. Send a check for \$75 to attend Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; or \$50 for Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Make checks out to the charity of your choice: Blackhawk Women's Charity Scholarship Fund, Wheelchair Foundation, Benicia Rotary, Benicia Chamber of Commerce or San Ramon Valley VFW Post 75 and mail to Steve, Julie and Marisa Moore, 571 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville 94506.

CITRO SALON FIGHTS HUMAN SLAVERY Make an appointment at Citro Salon, voted best salon of the East Bay 2009, and all stylists will donate 100% of their proceeds to Fair Trade Fund, producers of the film Call+Response, in an effort to bring to light the world's 27 million most terrifying secrets, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27 at Citro Salon, 200 Hartz Ave., Danville. Call 855-9200 for appointment.



Join Our VIP Club!
Text the word "Bridges" to 65374
and receive a complimentary entree.



44 Church Street, Danville
925.820.7200

Live Entertainment
on the patio
Thurs, Fri & Sat Nights

Happy Hour
Mon-Fri 5pm - close

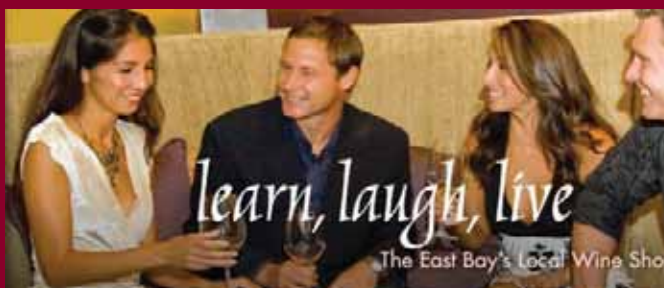
\$6 Blue Plate Special & Small plates
\$5 Martinis/Wine Specials
\$3-\$3.50 Well Drinks/Beer Specials

3 Course Dinner Sun thru Wed \$27



theVINE
AT BRIDGES
480 Hartz Avenue
925.820.7210

Live Entertainment
Wed thru Sat
Nights



CONTRA COSTA COIN SHOW

Come to the Contra Costa Coin Show, sponsored by the Diablo Numismatic Society, and a portion of all admission fees will be donated directly to the Contra Costa Food Bank, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sautrday, Oct. 10 and 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11 at the Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave., Concord. Boy Scout Troop #465 will host a youth exhibit that includes free coins for children. There will be prizes and drawings for valuable coins. Admission is \$3 per person for both days and children under 12 are free. Call 351-7605 or visit www.diablocoinclub.org.

JDRF's 29TH ANNUAL WALK FOR A CURE

'The Walk to Cure Diabetes' is an essential part of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's annual fundraising efforts to support critical Type 1 diabetes research. Join us 10 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 4 at Heather Farm Park, Walnut Creek. For information visit www.curetype1.org.

PRIMO'S RUN FOR EDUCATION

Dust off your shoes and participate in Primo's Run for Education by doing the 5K Run/Family Fun Walk or a half-marathon starting at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 11. Proceeds benefit the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. Cost varies. To learn more and to register, call 820-9181 or visit www.primosrun.com.

WELLNESS COMMUNITY GALA

'AN EVENING OF GRATITUDE' The Wellness Community provides support, education and hope for people with cancer, their caregivers, children and extended families. Evening includes cocktails and dinner. A silent and live auction will raise funds to support these ongoing programs. From 5:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 at Diablo Country Club, One Clubhouse Rd., Diablo. Cost is \$250 per ticket. Call 933-0107.

Garden/ Home Tours

GREENPOINT SHOWCASE TOUR Join the GreenPoint Showcase Tour, in partnership of Build It Green and KTVU Channel 2, a self-guided tour featuring GreenPoint rated homes throughout the Bay Area that have been built or remodeled green. From 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4. Preview the homes and purchase tickets at www.ktvu.com/builditgreen. Tickets go on sale Mon. 8/3. Cost is \$10. Call (510)845-0472, ext.108 or visit www.ktvu.com/builditgreen.

Health

VARICOSE VEIN TREATMENT SEMI-NAR

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will offer a seminar on Minimally Invasive Treatments for Varicose Veins. Dr. Soohyum Kim, vascular and endovascular specialist, will discuss new surgical and non-surgical treatments and how to reduce pain and discomfort. Varicose veins can lead to cramps and ulcers. From 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1 at South Conference Room, South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Call (800)284-2878.

Holiday

KOL NIDRE Come to the Kol Nidre observance, a non-religious program of readings, music and examination of ourselves and our communities sponsored by Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community. Gather at 5 p.m., program begins at 5:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27 at Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. There will also be opportunities to donate to other charities. \$10 for non-members over 13. Call 485-1049.

Kids & Teens

FOOTSTEPS SUPPORT GROUP

Hospice of the East Bay will host a support group for children and teens called "Footsteps" from 5:15-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 29-Nov. 3, at the Hospice offices, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill. This group is offered for a fee, but is waived for those who cannot afford it. Call 887-5678.

Workshops

TUT COMES TO DANVILLE Friends of the Danville Library and the Town of Danville will present a lecture by Fine Arts Museum docent Kate Sculti about Tutankhamun and The Golden Age of the Pharaohs exhibit in San Francisco, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 7, Valley Oak Room, Danville Community Center, 400 Front St. Free.

Miscellaneous

2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE Two-family garage sale!! 5 T.V.'s, ladders, men's and women's clothes, toddler toys, ORIGINAL oil paintings, beautiful rosewood buffet table from China, and much much more. Come check it out, 8 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 27, 49 Pulido Court, Danville.

On Stage

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK San Ramon Community Theater presents 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays, Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 2-4, The Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. For tickets visit www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com or call 973-2787.

SAN RAMON COMMUNITY THEATER

AUDITIONS San Ramon Community Theater Auditions for 'Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some)' to be held 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 and 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 28 at the Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Need 3 actors, any gender, must be 18 years or older. Call 389-7529.

Spiritual

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

PET FESTIVAL The Peace Lutheran Church in Danville invites you to the Blessing of the Animals Pet Festival, noon-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, 3201 Tassajara Rd. Individual pet blessings, animal art exhibit, crafts for kids, face painting and animal experts will be on hand. There will also be a silent auction and raffle of pet items and services. Call 648-7000. All pets must be on a leash or contained at all times.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

At 2 p.m., Oct. 3, bring your furry, feathered, and four-legged friends to San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Dr., Danville, for a special blessing to honor the feast of St. Francis. This event is free. Call 837-9141 ext. 315 or visit www.sandamiano.org. The Friars of San Damiano Retreat will bless all animals by the statue of St. Francis. Free and open to the public. San Damiano Retreat, Danville.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Chabad Yom Kippur Services will be held at the Walnut Creek Marriott, 2355 N. Main St. 6:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27; 9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 28; Yizkor Memorial Service, noon, Monday, Sept. 28; Neilah Concluding Service, 6:30 p.m., Monday Sept. 28. Suggested donation. Call 937-4101.

YOUNG ADULT DAY - "BE THE CHANGE YOU SEEK"

Please join other young adults from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10 at San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. This will be a day of intertaction, reflection, fellowship & activities as we provide a foundation for creating that internal change which each of us needs. Registration begins at 9 a.m.,

Saturday, Oct. 10. Presented by the Young Adult Leadership Team. Cost is \$45. Call 837-9141 ext. 315.

Sports

2010 SOFTBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is now open for the upcoming 2010 SRVGA softball season. Please visit our web site www.srvga.org and save \$50 if you register before Sunday, Nov. 1. Girls are placed in grade based divisions.

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.



BLACKHAWK VETERINARY

Is pleased to announce that
John Andersen, DVM
(Formerly of Alamo Animal Hospital)
has joined our practice.

Please stop in and welcome Dr. Andersen
in his new location.

9000-R Crow Canyon Road (behind Chevron)
Danville, Ca. 94506
Main: (925) 736-7440
Grooming: (925) 736-5900

BLACKHAWK VETERINARY
9000-R CROW CANYON ROAD
DANVILLE, CA 94506



Where experience makes a beautiful difference.

look for the bright pink pennants throughout the store for great bargains!

Open seven days a week!
Mon - Fri 9:30am - 6:30pm
Sat - Sun 9:00am - 6:30pm

navletsgardens.com

Concord
1555 Kirker Pass Rd.
(925) 681-0550

Danville
800 Camino Ramon
(925) 837-9144

Martinez
6740 Alhambra Ave.
(925) 935-9125

Pleasant Hill
2895 Contra Costa Blvd.
(925) 939-9000

Prices good through 9/30/09. Quantities are limited. No rain checks. We reserve the right to limit purchase quantities. No dealers. Subject to stock on hand. No special orders on items. All sales final.

week-long
clearance sale!
september 24 - 30

Jumbo Packs
Annuals, ground cover, and perennials.

50% off
regular prices

special \$215, regular \$429
sku 284-00068, 284-01123, 284-01090



Coins for a Cure

Small change adds up to big bucks to help juvenile diabetes research

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

See that change sitting on your dresser? Add it to everyone else's spare coins in the School District and you'll have one big chunk of change.

That was the reasoning of district nurse Sharon Dodson and the moms in the Juvenile Diabetes Support Group when they started Coins for a Cure eight years ago. They timed it to coincide with a walk for the cause held every year at Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek in October.

"We've raised between \$10,000 and \$20,000 each year," said Dodson. "It's a very well run machine now."

Coins for a Cure started at Rancho Romero Elementary School the first year to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

"We put little cups in each classroom and asked the teachers to ask the kids to bring in spare change," recalled Nancy Riley, an Alamo resident whose second-grade son Alex had just been diagnosed at that time.

In the beginning Dodson and the volunteer moms spent many hours hand-rolling the coins into little paper tubes and driving around collecting the donations in private cars. Then they discovered Brinks.

The effort grew and grew until now 24 schools in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District participate. Some schools organize activities — such as coin tosses and competitions — during the campaign, which takes place this year from Monday, Sept. 28 to Friday, Oct. 9.

The organizers borrow the big truck from Realtor Terry McDaniel and go from school to school picking up the small containers for two weeks.

"They're surprisingly heavy. We can't carry more than four," noted Riley. Families also donate bills and checks to the cause.

The women put the containers in the back of the truck and process the contents, taking out miscellaneous objects such as paperclips, buttons and all the stuff that gets thrown into a drawer along with spare change.

"We put the coins into big moneybags, fill them up, and drive them to Alameda where Brinks has a coin processing facility," said Riley. "They process \$14 million in coins a day for banks all over area."

"We have to call first and then we back the truck down," explained Dodson. "When they open the door there is a man holding a rifle."

A lift is used to remove the money bags, and the staff immediately puts the coins from the schools into a sorter.

"They stop a machine, put in coins, and electronically send the money directly to JDRF," said Riley. "There is no middle man."

Brinks donates its services. "They do it because they're such nice guys," said Riley, noting that they even take random coins that have fallen on the floor and add it to their pile.

Dodson said that at this time about 70 students in the School District have juvenile diabetes.

"The majority of our kids are on insulin



COURTESY COINS FOR A CURE

School District nurse Sharon Dodson (right) delivers moneybags containing hundreds of thousands of donated Coins for a Cure to Brinks employees to be automatically counted and donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

pumps now, which makes their lives easier, and they have more choices in food," she said. Dodson meets with parents and their child's teachers at the beginning of the school year to form a team to watch out for the child's well-being.

The coin campaign to benefit JDRF is also a chance to educate children about juvenile diabetes: It is not caused by eating too much sugar, excessive weight or lifestyle. Children with diabetes must check their blood sugar many times a day, wear an insulin pump or take an average of four insulin shots a day, as well as closely monitor their food and exercise. There is no cure. For more information, visit jdrf.org.

Funds have also been contributed to Children's Hospital Oakland and the Diabetic Youth Foundation, which sponsors camps.

"The majority of our kids have spent

time at Children's Hospital when they are diagnosed and we like to be able to support them," explained Dodson.

The campaign is also enjoyable, said Riley.

"It's so fun, I can't even tell you — driving all over town and hoisting the moneybags around. And it's so exciting to see them add up," she said.

"We do a 'last call,' and the teachers will send in these little first- or second-graders who give me plastic baggies with maybe seven coins. They'll say, 'This is for the cure.' It's so cute. They really do believe that. It's rewarding."

"Over the years we've collected millions of coins," she added. "We've received over \$100,000 just from kids alone."

"This demonstrates," she added, "that little things add up." ■



A lot of spare change

In 2007, a total of 436,885 Coins for a Cure were collected, with the breakdown as follows:

- Pennies - 303,417
- Nickels - 37,985
- Dimes - 57,868
- Quarters - 37,580
- Half dollars - 35

They all added up to \$20,274.72 to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Anyone can donate coins, dollar bills or checks at the School District office, 699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville. Mark donations to the attention of Adrienne Keeling in the Educational Services Department. Donations can also be charged at jdrf.org.

EPICURE



By JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

Lettuce go green

In my humble opinion lettuce greens are essential to any and every diet regimen. In fact, a healthy diet should include fresh salad greens three to five times per week — or more. By definition, a green salad is composed of greens torn or cut into bite-sized pieces with a dressing, vegetables, toppings and garnishes. So, starting with a solid foundation — the freshest and healthiest of fresh greens — is the best beginning of a great salad.

Varieties of lettuce have been around since the earliest of cultures. According to Wikipedia: "Lettuce was considered an aphrodisiac in ancient Egypt. Later, Ancient Greek physicians believed lettuce could act as a sleep-inducing agent. The Romans cultivated it, and it eventually made its way to the Papal Court in France." And, supposedly, Christopher Columbus introduced lettuce to the New World.

There are several families of lettuce varieties:

- Butterhead forms loose heads. Its leaves have a buttery texture. Popular varieties include Boston, Bibb and Buttercrunch.
- Looseleaf has tender, delicate, and mildly flavored leaves. This group includes oak leaf and leaf lettuce. Leaf lettuce has a mild, delicate flavor while red-tip lettuce has a tender, sweet flavor.
- Romaine, or Cos, has large, crisp leaves and a slightly sharp flavor.
- Crisphead, or iceberg, grows in dense heads that resemble cabbage. They are the mildest of lettuces, known more for their crunchy texture more than for flavor. Note that these lettuces have a high water content with very little nutrient value.

Many other varieties of greens are used in salads, including:

- Swiss chard has large stems with a delicate flavor similar to celery; leaves have a hearty spinach-like flavor.
- Arugula, or Rocket, has a peppery, pungent flavor that is an ideal contrast when mixed with milder greens.
- Curly endive has a mildly bitter flavor and adds visual interest to salads.
- Radicchio is bitter and peppery-tasting when eaten alone, but small amounts add a nice accent

to other greens.

- Mache, or Lamb's Lettuce, is a European salad green, popular here in the U.S. It grows in rosette-shaped bunches, with dark green leaves on short stems. It has a distinctive sweet taste.

- Watercress, one of the oldest known greens consumed by humans, has a peppery, tangy taste and delightful crunch.

- Mesclun is a mixture of greens. Leaf crops like chicory, chervil, cress, dandelion, sorrel mustard greens and herbs may also be mixed in.

While fresh greens are typically strong nutritionally, the nutritional value of salad greens will vary with the type. In general, they offer small amounts of dietary fiber, some carbohydrates, a little protein and a trace of fat. The spine and ribs provide dietary fiber, while vitamins and minerals are concentrated in the delicate leaf portion.

Their most important nutrients are vitamin A and potassium. The vitamin A comes from beta carotene, whose yellow-orange is hidden by green chlorophyll pigments. Beta carotene gets converted to vitamin A in humans. The darker the greens, the more beta carotene. Lettuce (except for iceberg) is also a good source of vitamin C, calcium, iron and copper. Greens with some bitterness and those with pigmented leaves contain antioxidants. Ounce for ounce, pound for pound, salad greens provide good nutrition with a low-calorie benefit. Going green with hefty intakes of fresh salad greens — raw, wilted or cooked — can only be good for you! Try these recipes to experience the flavors of your not-so-everyday greens.

On another note, since this is my last column of Epicure, I'd like to thank Danville Weekly readers for your comments, compliments, questions and suggestions. It has truly been an honor to write with you in mind. If you have any interest in following my thoughts on food, please visit my new food blog at www.epicure.typepad.com. And, as Julia would say: "To all my fellow foodies, bon appetit!"

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

Recipe

Wilted Arugula Salad

(serves 2-4)

- 4 slices bacon
- 1-1/2 Tbsp red wine or raspberry vinegar
- 2 boiled eggs, sliced
- Large bunch of arugula, washed and spun dry
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Fry bacon, reserving the fat. Pat bacon with a paper towel and chop.
2. Place cleaned arugula in large bowl. Add hard-boiled eggs, salt, pepper, vinegar, and chopped bacon. Toss salad with warm bacon fat.
3. Serve immediately with a thick slice of crusty French bread, toasted with butter.

Mache Salad with Pear, Goat Cheese and Walnuts

Dress mache with walnut oil dressing; sprinkle 1/2 cup of walnut pieces. Serve with wedges of ripe pear and creamy French goat cheese.

Walnut Oil Vinaigrette

- 1-1/2 Tbsp sherry vinegar or tarragon vinegar
- 2 shallots, finely diced
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 6 Tbsp roasted walnut oil (or a mixture of walnut and extra virgin olive oils)
- Salt & freshly milled pepper

Combine the vinegar, shallots, and 1/4 tsp salt in a bowl and let stand for 15 minutes. Stir in the mustard; then add the oil. Whisk well until the dressing is thick and smooth; season with pepper. Taste dressing and adjust the amount of vinegar or oil as needed.

See more recipes at www.DanvilleWeekly.com



THE
HOP YARD
AMERICAN ALEHOUSE & GRILL

30 BEERS ON TAP
Patio Now Open!

Most Menu Items
Under \$10

Join us for the
"Beer Drinker
Bailout Hour!"

\$1.50 Off
ALL Beers!

Sun-Thurs 4pm to 5pm

Brewery Night Tuesdays
See our website for details

SAN RAMON
(925) 277-9600

470 Market Place
(across from Nob Hill Foods)
www.hopyard.com

Search a complete Restaurant Listing on DanvilleWeekly.com

Forks Corks & More

AMERICAN

Bridges Restaurant & Bar

44 Church Street, Danville, (925) 820-7200. Lunch Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Dinner nightly. 3 Course Dinner Sunday-Wednesday nights \$27.

Happy Hour Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m.-close. Patio and Bar Only. \$6 Small Plates, \$5 Martini/Wine Selections. Monthly \$6 Blue Plate Special during Happy Hour. Live Entertainment on Patio Thursday-Saturday evenings.

Sign up for Bridges VIP program and get a complimentary entree. Texting the word Bridges to 65374 to join.

www.bridgesdanville.com

PIZZA

Amici's East Coast Pizzeria

720 Camino Ramon, (in the Rose Garden), Danville, 925-837-9800. Amici's offers authentic, thin, crisp-crust Pizza and a casual Italian menu of freshly made Pastas and Salads, all available for takeout

and delivery as well as dine-in at this new Danville location. Check out the menu or order online at www.amicis.com

WINE - RETAIL/TASTING

The Vine at Bridges

480 Hartz Avenue, Downtown Danville. 820-7210. Wine Shop open Tuesday-Sunday. Wine Bar open every evening with the exception of Sunday. New Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. Happy Hour includes 2 different tastes for only \$10, \$6 pizzettas, \$3 beers and \$1 olives. Live music Wednesday-Saturday. Thursday night wine maker tasting. 9/25 - Live Music-Kurt Ribak 8pm 9/26 - Live Music-Trio Soulard 8pm 9/27 - 5% off half cases & 10% off full cases ANYTIME! 9/30 - \$15 Build Your Own Flight

Join our VIP Club! Text the word "Bridges" to 65374 and receive a complimentary entree.



"The Best Pizza West
of New York"
— Ralph Barbieri (KNBR 680)

FREE DELIVERY
(with minimum order)

www.amicis.com

720 Camino Ramon,
Danville
(925) 837-9800

(Located in the new Rose Garden Center, Just off I-680 at Sycamore Valley Road)

4640 Tassajara Rd.,
Dublin
(925) 875-1600

(In the Shops at Waterford, Just off I-580)

Open 7 Days For
Lunch & Dinner

'...He knows how to make his case with carefully-reasoned storytelling and plaintive questions...'

[READ MORE/COMMENT](#)

TownSquare Forum

To advertise your restaurant, bar or club Call 837-8300

PRESENTING THE PAST

BY BEVERLY LANE



MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY

This map of tribal locations of Indians in the Bay Area was developed by James Bennyhoff in 1977, based on historic documents and mission registers. Letters in parentheses indicate language affiliations (cm=Coast Miwok, m=Bay Miwok, pm=Plains Miwok, o=Ohlone, p=Patwin, y=Yokuts).

Indian burials reveal first people

In recent years, evidence of Indian burials has been unearthed in Danville, around Mountain Mike's Pizza on Hartz Avenue and at San Ramon Valley High School. People are very interested in these finds and want to know more about these people. What tribe did they belong to? How long ago did they live here?

From archaeological digs and carbon dating, we know that people lived in the San Ramon Valley for over 5,000 years. Ethno-historians believe people lived in the larger Bay Area for about 10,000 years. Discoveries in Alamo when the I-680 freeway was excavated, in Danville by the Old Oak when the first office buildings were constructed, and in East County when the Contra Costa Water District built the Los Vaqueros dam have all yielded fascinating finds.

A basic reference book, "The Handbook of North American Indians, California," provides excellent information about the Bay Area's early settlers. One page shows drawings of artifacts found in Danville at CCo-229, the specific archeological site number. Beads, abalone ornaments, charmstones, spear and arrow points, deer bone awls, pestles, mortars and bone whistles are shown. Examples of these items are currently on display at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, donated to the museum by individuals over many years.

Just this month Jim Cozens, who was San Ramon Valley High School principal from 1963-1975,

brought two Indian artifacts to the museum. When he was building his house on Camino Encanto in 1954, his landscaper George Brazil got soil from an area between Hartz Avenue and San Ramon Creek, the location of today's Mountain Mike's Pizza. This is site CCo-229.

When Brazil poured the topsoil out, two stone artifacts were found. One was a nicely formed, broken pestle about four inches long. It would have been used to pound seeds or acorns in a stone mortar. Another was a charmstone, again nicely formed. While we don't know the detailed purposes of these charmstones, they are said to be amulets and were worked by Indians in several different forms. Alfred Kroeber and other anthropologists believe the charmstones had sacred purposes, promoted fertility or provided good luck in hunting. Three types of charmstones from the Valley are on display at the museum.

Around 250 years ago several tribes lived in the San Ramon Valley. One tribe, called by the Spanish the Tatcan, lived in the drainage area of the San Ramon Creek watershed, which flowed north. They belonged to the Bay Miwok linguistic group.

Other tribes, the Seunen and Souyen, lived in San Ramon and Dublin. Their territory included the Alamo, Tassajara and South San Ramon Creeks, which flowed south into a vast marsh area. They spoke an Ohlone (also called Costanoan) language. The Bay Miwok and Ohlone linguistic areas appear to have met around today's Norris Canyon Road. Randy Milliken's research revealed marriages between members of these tribes, indicating they were probably friendly.

Each tribe had as many as three villages of 50 to 250 people, with perhaps several hundred Indians living in the Valley at western contact. They moved from a permanent settlement to other temporary camps during the year. At least seasonally, they probably lived on the Mount Diablo foothills, as evidenced by bedrock mortars found there.

Their lives revolved around the rhythms of the natural world, called the "seasonal rounds." Their diet was dependable and diverse and included seeds, acorns, fish, birds, insects, animals and root plants. In certain seasons, such as the autumn acorn-gathering, people worked from dawn to dusk; at other times of the year, life took a more measured pace.

In October and November the Museum of the San Ramon Valley has a special Indian Life exhibit and fourth-graders come each morning to learn about local Indians. Visitors also have the chance to read books about California Indians in the research library. Indian expert Don Phelps will speak on the topic, "Through Indian Eyes," at the Museum, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville, from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Sources: Robert F Heizer (ed.), "California, Handbook of North American Indians" (Vol. 8); Malcolm Margolin, "The Ohlone Way"; Randy Milliken, "A Time of Little Choice: The Distintegration of Tribal Culture in the San Francisco Bay Area, 1769-1810"; Alfred L. Kroeber, "Handbook of the Indians of California"; museum archives.

Beverly Lane is curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and co-author of "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon" and "Vintage Danville: 150 Years of Memories."

OF NOTE



Helping orphans play baseball

Alamo resident Sabrina Dunbar, a fifth-grader at St. Isidore School in Danville, and a group of friends collected gently used youth baseball equipment and shipped it to orphanages in Latin America. Last year children from Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphanage in Nicaragua came to perform their music at the Father Frank's Kids Fiesta at St. Isidore's Church, and Sabrina's family hosted two of the children. They visited the home of the San Francisco Giants, which the visitors said was the highlight of their trip. They said they yearned to play the sport but did not have any equipment. Sabrina, along with the Oswald family, set out to collect equipment from Little Leagues and schools, and gathered enough to create two complete teams at orphanages in El Salvador and Nicaragua. They will continue to ship youth baseball equipment. To make a donation, call 216-1828, e-mail baseball20084u@yahoo.com, or visit www.fieldofdreamsffk.giving.officelive.com.



Interact provides backpacks

Sonia Zaninovich, secretary for the Interact club at Monte Vista High School, revels in the 50-plus backpacks that club members collected to donate to needy students in Contra Costa. The collection was part of their participation in Project Ready-to-Learn. Monte Vista Interact Club is affiliated with Alamo Rotary Club, with Beth Burlingame-Randall and Patti Carothers as advisers.



Eagle Scouts honored

Stephan Knaus and Ryan Slee recently had their Eagle Court of Honor. Slee's project was to build three picnic benches and to refurbish one picnic bench for St. Isidore's kindergarten class, which took more than 350 hours. He graduated from St. Isidore himself in 2006, and is now a senior at San Ramon Valley High School. Knaus' project was to reconstruct benches in the art courtyard at Stone Valley Middle School, where he graduated in 2006. His project took more than 270 hours. Knaus is a senior at Monte Vista High School.



Parent photographers

Send a jpeg to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com of the best action shot from your child's game for consideration for our Sports page. Remember to include caption information: who, what, when, where—and the score.



CHRIS SCOTT/
WWW.CALSPORTSPHOTO.COM

Mustangs prevail over Pittsburg High

Monte Vista Mustangs wide receiver Bryce McGovern makes an over-the-shoulder catch for a big gain against Pittsburg High last Friday. The Mustangs won, 45-25.

See more photos at
www.DanvilleWeekly.com

Friday, Sept. 25

FOOTBALL

- San Ramon Valley vs. Concord, 7 p.m.
- Monte Vista vs. Heritage, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26

CROSS COUNTRY

- Monte Vista at Stanford Invitational

Tuesday, Sept. 29

WOMEN'S TENNIS

- San Ramon Valley at Granada, 4 p.m.
- Monte Vista vs. Cal High

MEN'S WATER POLO

- San Ramon Valley at Cal High, 6 p.m.
- Monte Vista at Livermore, 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

- San Ramon Valley at Cal High, 4 p.m.
- Monte Vista at Livermore, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S GOLF

- San Ramon Valley vs. Livermore, 3:30 p.m.
- Monte Vista at Foothill, 3:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- San Ramon Valley vs. Amador Valley
- Monte Vista vs. Granada, 6 p.m.

LIMITED TIME OFFER

SAFE
+
SOUND

BEST-IN-CLASS COVERAGE PLAN FROM VOLVO

5 YEARS 60,000 MILE WARRANTY
5 YEARS FACTORY SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE
5 YEARS WEAR & TEAR COVERAGE

SAFE
+
SOUND

BEST-IN-CLASS COVERAGE PLAN FROM VOLVO

Purchase or Lease *ANY* New 2009 or 2010 Volvo by Sept 30th, 2009 and enjoy a worry-free ownership experience with the

Best-In-Class Coverage Plan

5 Years Warranty*
5 Years Factory Scheduled Maintenance*
5 Years Wear & Tear Coverage*
5 Years On-Call Roadside Assistance

See your Volvo Sales Consultant for details.

* Warranty, Maintenance and Wear & Tear coverage is for 5 years or 60,000 miles, whichever come first. Certain limitations apply. Roadside Assistance is for 5 years unlimited mileage.

Get All of This Plus More Great Offers from Volvo!

SAFE
+
SOUND

For more details visit www.volvocars.us/safeandsound

LAWRENCE

Volvo

Family Owned & Operated Since 1921

925.939.3333

2791 North Main St., Walnut Creek, CA

www.lawrencevolvo.com



Revolution reaches finals

The Mustang Revolution U9 boys D3 soccer team reached the championship game, placing second in the 2009 Devil Mountain Tournament held Sept. 5-6 in Danville. Outstanding team work and effort was displayed by everyone including (front row) Joe Giagari, (middle, l-r) Matthew Hoffman, Cooper Page, Christo Eikani, RJ Millington, Clay Facticeau, John Karczewski, Peter Mazzetti, Tyler Koenig, Ryder Martin, (not pictured) Ryan Thiermann, (back) coaches Gerry Karczewski and Peter Mazzetti. Not pictured: Ryan Thiermann.



Working their Magic

The U12 Mustang Magic wowed their home crowd by taking second place in the Mustang Devil Mountain tournament during Labor Day weekend. The Magic has been successful by placing in every tournament they have been in. Team members are (back row, l-r) Head coach Vanessa Hodge, Sophia Friedler, Kayley Hannan, Jessi Pryt, Ali Panconi, Hannah Platter, Jenny Sharpe, Coach Russ Miller, Coach Mike Panconi, (front) Marissa Ugarte, Kacie Miller, Emma Reynolds, Aubrey Martinez, Sophia Casatiko, Maria Huether, Jenna Noonan, Sydney Finkel and Samantha Levy. Not pictured: Nia Lewis.

OF THE EAST BAY

3160 Crow Canyon Rd., #120
San Ramon, CA 94583

925-275-1990

www.EastBayAllergiCare.com

I have suffered with severe allergies for the last 12 years. Since the BAX 3000 reprogramming, I can sleep and breathe throughout the night without nasal congestion, drainage or snoring. I no longer wake up with a bloody nose in the morning and my gastric reflux is gone. My eyes are no longer swollen, itchy, or watery with dark circles under them. My eczema is gone. I have an expanded singing range. I recently took a 2 mile hike in the hills with no reaction. Wow, this is unbelievable!

- Lucy, Danville

FIND RELIEF NOW!

Using advanced laser technology

Migraines

Allergies

No Shots! • No Medication!

Safe for adults and children of all ages!

FREE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Find out how to get relief from allergies and migraines

Thursday, October 8th from 6:15 - 7:15pm

Call 925-275-1990 to RSVP or for any questions.

fogster.com THE TRI-VALLEY'S FREE CLASSIFIEDS WEB SITE

Fogster.com offers FREE* postings online and the opportunity for your ad to appear in print to more than 80,000 readers. You can log on to fogster.com 24/7, and your online ad starts immediately.

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

*Some ads require payment. Home Services and Mind & Body ads require contact with the customer service representative at 925-600-0840, Ext. 122.



115 Announcements

Pregnant?

Considering Adoption? Talk with caring agency specializing in matching Birthmothers with Families nationwide. LIVING EXPENSES PAID. Call 24/7 Abby's One True Gift Adoptions 866-413-6293 (AAN CAN)

Argentine Tango Lesson and Party
Grissini's Restaurant, 1970 Diamond Bld. Concord. 10/10/09 7PM
Learn more: call 925-888-4392

CBT for Stress/Pain Mgmt BLR/MFT

Chinese Bilingual Preschool

CLOTH DOLLS CRUISE

Come Hear The Music For Free!



Free Online Dating
www.ProGuildSocial.com

East Bay Singles Party
Learn more: call 925-888-4392

Estate Planning Seminar-Oct. 7

Girls Lax Registration Open

Livermore Lioness Club

Stress/Pain/FM Support BLR/MFT

Study Group Entering the Castle

130 Classes & Instruction

Ballroom * Theatre * Dance

PALMISTRY CLASSES and READINGS
www.palmistryschool.com, Partiesand Events 925-2499154

133 Music Lessons

Freeman (Piano Lessons)
Pleasanton (510)352-0546 MA

HARP LESSONS FOR ALL AGES
Try Something New!
Call Bennetta Heaton
(925) 820-1169
- located in Danville -

PIANO LESSONS
Piano Lessons in Pleasanton.
Call Courtney (925)600-1573

135 Group Activities

"GIRLS NIGHT IN"

CROSSFIT SAN RAMON!

Health Advocacy
Learn to be a Health Advocate for those suffering from Dementia
October 3, 2009
8am - 4pm
Network Meeting Center - Santa Clara
For both clinicians and family members. (6 CEU for nurses)
Price reduced \$75.00 includes lunch
www.heartwoodhealth.com
1866 606 8495

SEWING LESSONS! (KidzKraftz.com)

No phone number in the ad?
GO TO
fogster.com
for contact information

No phone number in the ad?
GO TO
fogster.com
for contact information

Women's Trip:San Antonio Dec '09



201 Autos/Trucks/Parts

2 new STRUTS for 86-91 Honda Accord & Prelude - \$70 for 2

TRAILER HITCH for Celica 2000-2005, E Trailer model #24691 - \$65



Ford 1932 Roadster

Duece factory chassis,Pinched Frame,5" dropped axle with coilovers,wescott body,430 hp zzz motor,Custom glide seat,Custom upholstery,Early torque thrust wheels,Needs paint to finish

Mitsubishi 1998 Eclipse
New tires,new stereo, updated transmission. Selling as is. Good running condition. Great starter car.

Pace Arrow 1989 MotorHome - \$11,000.00

Trailer HITCH Toyota Celica 2000 to 2005 - \$65

202 Vehicles Wanted

Donate Vehicle

Receive \$1000 Grocery Coupons, Your Choice. Noah's Arc, No Kill Animal Shelters. Advanced Veterinary Treatments. Free Towing, IRS Tax Deduction. Non-Runners. 1-866-912-GIVE. (Cal-SCAN)

Donate Your Car

Children's Cancer Fund! Help Save A Child's Life Through Research and Support! Free Vacation Package. Fast, Easy and Tax Deductible. Call 1-800-252-0615. (Cal-SCAN)

210 Garage/Estate Sales

Danville, 109 Lawnview Circle, Sept 27 9-3

Garage Sale: Lots of great items! Kitchen table, TV 36" Toshiba, Stereo Equipment (Onkio) Receiver/Equalizer/5-CD Changer, Bookcase, Books, Kitchen & Household Items, Movies, Games, Holiday Decorations and more. Clothing: Teenage girl/sizes small/med

Danville, 811 Tunbridge Road, Sep. 26, 8-12

Team Garage Sale to Benefit SRVHS Men's Water Polo.

Pleasanton, 1315 Kolln Street, Sat. Sept. 26, 9-12

Couch for sale in great condition, toys, bikes, stationary bike, home furnishings, twin bed with rail. Lots of great stuff!

Pleasanton, 400 E. Angels Street, 26 &27, 9-4

Garage Sale of household items, general items and misc items.

Pleasanton, 5144 Independence Drive, Sept. 26 7-1

Moving sale!! Lots of little girl clothes, books and toys. Also,appliances and furniture.

Pleasanton, 5200 Case Ave, Sept 26 10-4

Pleasanton, 922 Sunset Creek Lane, Sept. 26, 8:30-1

MultiFamily Sale: Toys, Train Table, Baby Items, Clothing, File Cabinets, Household Items

215 Collectibles & Antiques

Antique Oak China Cabinet - \$450.

Antique Oak Wash Stand - \$150.00

Antique Victorian End Table - \$125.

Royal Doulton figurine - \$40

220 Computers/Electronics

Desktops and Laptops

Brand new. Bad credit, No credit - No Problem Small weekly payments - Order & get FREE Nintendo Wii system! 1-800-816-2232 (AAN CAN)

Laptops and Desktops

Brand New! Bad Credit, No Credit ? No Problem Small Weekly Payments - Order Today and get FREE Nintendo Wii game system! Call Now ! 800-840-5439 (AAN CAN)

Apple iPhone 3G S 32GB - \$400

235 Wanted to Buy

Wanted Japanese swords and knives.

240 Furnishings/Household items

3 piece kitchen carving set - \$10

Glass desk and Chair - \$200.00

HUMIDIFIER - \$15.00

OFFICE MODULAR PANELS - \$125.00

Residential &Commercial Painting

SONY DREAM MACHINE - \$6.00

245 Miscellaneous

DISH Network

\$19.99/mo. Why Pay More for TV? 100+ Channels - FREE! 4-Room Install - FREE! HD-DVR Plus \$600 Sign-up BONUS. Call Now! 1-866-747-9773. (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.NorwoodSawmills.com/300n -FREE Information: 1-800-578-1363 x300-N. (Cal-SCAN)

Britannia Painting Company

CASIO Handheld TV - \$45.00

Chair lift - \$2995

Cookbooks - \$10.00 and

Cottage Style Decorating - \$16.95

Non-stick stove top grill - \$20

RED WORMS FOR COMPOSTING - \$25.00

Residential &Commercial Painting

Staging The Home For Fall - \$14.99

Timeless Elegance Ebook - \$12.99



330 Child Care Offered

Au Pairs / Great Childcare

Child Care

340 Child Care Wanted

FIO'S HOME DAYCARE

Safe and educational playtime
Finger Printed and cleared by the state of California Justice Department
First Aid training, Preventative health & Safety training and CPR training certifications
(650) 565-8853
www.fiohomedaycare.com

345 Tutoring/Lessons

Everything-About-College.com

College Admissions Specialist. Everything you need to manage the college applications and admissions process.

Flute Lessons for all ages

Math & Chemistry Tutoring
Retired Scientist enjoying TUTORING High School & College STUDENTS in algebra, geometry, pre-calculus & chemistry.

CALL DOUG @ 925-858-5842

Math Tutoring

High School math and English tutoring: Alg., Geo., Pre-Calc., Calculus, English. Strive for academic success. Ret. teacher, Cal. credential. 925-462-3807

350 Preschools/Schools/Camps

Open House



425 Health Services

Weight Loss

Lose up to 2-8lbs EVERY week! Eat the foods you love! Have More Energy! Guaranteed-Natural-Safe Doctor Recommended! Call and get a free Evaluation. 888-235-8890. jbrown5354@gmail.com. (Cal-SCAN)



500 Help Wanted

HELP WANTED - SAN RAMON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TUTOR/HOMEWORK HELPER

Seeking SRVHS Junior to work in our home with our 10th grade son. From 4:00-6:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs to assist with homework and test prep. This is a 4 month assignment, could be 8 months. \$12.00 per hour - call James at 925.785.6599

550 Business Opportunities

All Cash Vending

Be Your Own Boss! Your Own Local Vending Route. Includes 25 Machines and Candy for \$9,995. MultiVend LLC, 1-888-625-2405. (Cal-SCAN)

Display Advertising

In 140 Cal-SDAN newspapers statewide for \$1,550! Reach over 3 million Californians! FREE email brochure. Call (916) 288-6019. www.Cal-SDAN.com (Cal-SCAN)

560 Employment Information

Available to Travel?

Over 18? Earn Above Average \$\$\$ with Fun Successful Business Group! No Experience Necessary. 2wks Paid Training. Lodging, Transportation Provided. 1-877-646-5050. (Cal-SCAN)

Bodyguards Wanted!

FREE Training for members. No Experience OK. Excellent \$\$\$ Full & Part Time. Expenses Paid When you Travel. 1-615-228-1701. www.psubodyguards.com (AAN CAN)

Computer Work

Work from anywhere 24/7. Up to \$1,500 Part Time to \$7,500/mo. Full Time. Training provided. www.KTPGlobal.com or call 1-800-330-8446. (Cal-SCAN)

Electricians Needed

Great pay and benefits, 30 days vacation/year, retirement & raises. No experience needed, HS grads ages 17-34. Call Mon-Fri 1-800-345-6289. (Cal-SCAN)

Extra Income!

Assembling CD cases from Home! No Experience Necessary! Call our Live Operators Now! 1-800-405-7619 EXT 2450 <http://www.easywork-greatpay.com> (AAN CAN)

Government Jobs!

Earn \$12 to \$48 Per Hour. Benefits, Paid Training. Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Administrative, Clerical, Office, Accounting, Finance, Wildlife, More! 1-800-320-9353 x 2001 (AAN CAN)

Heavy Equipment Training

Learn to operate bulldozer, backhoe, loader, motor grader, excavator. Job placement assistance. Call 888-210-4534. Northern California College of Construction. www.HEAVY4.com promo-code: NCPAL. (Cal-SCAN)

High School Diploma

Fast, Affordable & Accredited
FREE Brochure. Call NOW!
1-800-532-6546 Ext. 97 <http://www.continentalacademy.com> (AAN CAN)

Mechanics

Keep the Army National Guard rolling. Fix Humvees, Strykers, etc. Expand skills through paid career training. Part-time work. Full-time benefits. www.NationalGuard.com/Mechanics or 1-800-GO-GUARD. (Cal-SCAN)



624 Financial

Real Estate Loans

Turned down for mortgage? Qualify today - Bad Credit OK. Good People with Bad Credit Program. Limited time program only. Call Francis 866-213-2169. www.Mortgage4LowCredit.com (Cal-SCAN)

645 Office/Home Business Services

Classified Advertising

In 240 Cal-SCAN newspapers for the best reach, coverage, and price. 25-words \$550. Reach 6 million Californians! FREE email brochure. Call (916) 288-6019. www.Cal-SCAN.com (Cal-SCAN)

Gain National Exposure

Reach over 5 million young, active, educated readers for only \$995 by advertising in 110 weekly newspapers like this one. Call Jason at 202-289-8484. (AAN CAN)

News Release?

Cost-efficient service. The California Press Release Service has 500 current daily, weekly and college newspaper contacts in California. FREE email brochure. Call (916) 288-6010. www.CaliforniaPressReleaseService.com (Cal-SCAN)



710 Carpentry

TheCabinetMD.com

CABINET MODIFICATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS
I can modify your existing cabinets for that larger TV, refrigerator or other. Also, cabinets,mouldings, all interior woodwork. 925-827-1093

719 Remodeling/Additions

Steve M Evans Construction

We provide Quality Room Addition & Remodel services.CA Lic (#430301)
28 years,insured and BBB Member
Free Estimates Call 925-260-9803

726 Decor & Drapery

Changing Spaces

ReDesign,Staging & Color Consults
4 any budget. jillldenton.com
925.998.7747

741 Flooring/Carpeting

Cal Floors-Hardwood Floors

Big Summer Sale! 925-954-5012
For a quick quote 510-913-0273

757 Handyman/Repairs

A-Z COMPLETE HOME REPAIRS

• Carpentry • Electrical • Drywall Repairs/Texturing • Tile • Crown Molding
— Affordable Home Repairs —
www.A-ZCompleteHomeRepairs.net
925-989-6179/510-733-5582

759 Hauling

Hauling & Cleanup Service

Residential/Commercial*Yard & Garage Clean-Up,Dump Runs Appl & Furn , construction demo removal. Low Rates/Free Est 925-899-5655

Recycle for Breast Cancer

Planet Friendly, Garage and Storage Unit Clean-Out & Hauling.
Affordable rates.
www.RecycleForBreastCancer.org
CA State CEWID# 107476

771 Painting/Wallpaper

JOE'S PAINTING & HANDYMAN

Free Est. / Reasonable Prices
No Job Too Small!!!!
925-200-7333 Lic#624542

801 Apartments/Condos/Studios

Cute And Cozy Two Bedroom, 2 BR/1.5 BA - \$219,500

Pleasanton Condo, 2 BR/1 BA - \$1,175/mo

Pleasanton, 1 BR/1 BA - \$975

Pleasanton, 1 BR/1 BA - \$747.00

Pleasanton, 1 BR/1 BA - 904.00

Pleasanton, 2 BR/1 BA - 1026.00

805 Homes for Rent



Danville, 2 BR/2 BA - \$1,950/mo

Pleasanton, 2 BR/1 BA
4578B Augustine St. 780 sq ft house. Refrig and stove. Laundry available. Off street parking for 1 car. Garbage and lawn service pd.
1050 rent, 1050 sec dep. Credit check and verification of employment required. Drive by, look inside. Call 925 462 6877 to go inside. 10 minutes away.

Marketplace

Danville Weekly

General Contracting

A-Z Complete
HOME REPAIRS
Carpentry (incl. Crown Mouldings)
Electrical Repairs & Installations
Security Lighting • Drywall
925.989.6179 / 510.733.5582
www.a-zcompletehomerepairs.net

HoneyDo
HANDYPERSONS, INC.
LET OUR WORKER BEEZ DO IT FOR YOU!
Commercial/Residential
• Repairs • Installation
• Restoration • Tenant
• Assembly Improvements
Receive \$25 off
Service of \$250
or more for 1st time customers
(925) 846-0400
www.HoneyDoHandypersons.com
LIC# 922264

NASTY GROUT
"MAGICALLY RESTORED"
Tired of Moldy, Missing, Dirty, Cracked Grout? We will Clean, Seal, Repair, Re-Grout, Change Grout Color, Re-Caulk and Eliminate Mildew.
FREE ESTIMATES
10% OFF YOUR JOB WITH THIS AD
GROUT WIZARD®
(925) 866-5000

LAWRENCE ELECTRIC & CONSTRUCTION CO.
All Phases General & Electrical Construction
Lawrence Salisbury, Owner
(925) 625-7597
"Residential, Commercial"
Senior Discounts • No Job Too Small
Licensed & Insured
Contractors Lic. BC755004

Personal Training

ADULT AND ALL NEW TEEN CROSSFIT!
CrossFit Forging Elite Fitness
SAN RAMON
CoreQuest Fitness
CrossFitSR.com
2411 Old Crow Canyon Road • 925.457.4587

FOGSTER.COM

809 Shared Housing/Rooms

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

825 Homes/Condos for Sale

Livermore, 2 BR/1.5 BA - \$219,500

850 Acreage/Lots/Storage

Southern Colorado
Land Foreclosure 35 Acres- \$29,900
Rocky Mtn. views, Warranty Deed Survey, Utilities. Enjoy 300 days of sunshine. Low down payment. Call Today! 1-866-696-5263, x5355 www.coloradolandbargains.com (Cal-SCAN)

REAL ESTATE

Mike Fracisco
REALTOR®
Fracisco Realty & Investments
Residential, Commercial & Property Management
direct: 925-998-8131
www.MikeFracisco.com
DRE#01378428

INVESTMENT REAL ESTATE COMPANY

Mike Carey, Broker
925.963.0569 Cell

Gardening/Landscaping

Professional Landscaping & Gardening Services
20 Years Experience
Complete Gardening Care — weeding, mowing, edging, fertilizing, blowing, & trimming.
Complete Landscaping Services — new lawns, new fences, retaining walls, overhangs, sprinkler systems (installation & repairs) & tree services.
FREE Estimates • References available
Martin Gutierrez
925.768.4528 or 925.846.4368

Business Opportunities

MULTI-LEVEL MARKETING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
PROMOTING HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Be in on the ground floor
- Excellent new products
- Great compensation plan

CALL 925.640.7756
Billmason6367@gmail.Com

Accounting/Bookkeeping

NEED HELP WITH QUICKBOOKS?
No job too big or too small!!!
Over 23 years experience in all aspects of bookkeeping.
Call Linda 925.918.2233

Tony Leavens
REALTOR®
Hometown GMAC Real Estate
direct: 925-426-3886
cell: 925-487-1427
e-mail: mrttonyleavens@msn.com
www.tonyleavens.com

Windermere
John DeMarinis
Realtor
925.984.1867
510.681.3215 cell
jdemarinis@windermere.com
www.JohnDeMarinis.com

Food Services

DESSERT LOVERS!
Cheesecakes & Chocolate Tortes
FRESHEST QUALITY INGREDIENTS
— Delivery Available —
Chef Bruce
former Pastry Chef of upscale restaurant
925-461-1792

Research Study

Study Participants Needed
DO YOU HAVE CORONARY HEART DISEASE
• If your doctor has told you that you have coronary heart disease, you may qualify to participate in a clinical research study.
• Study participants will receive study drug, related medical care at no cost and compensation for time and travel.

STABILITY
To find out more, without obligation, contact us:
Harmony Clinical
Tim Davis
(925) 413-1451
tdavis@harmonyclinical.com

For Market Place Ads Contact

Karen
(925) 600-0840 x122
kklein@pleasantonweekly.com

REAL ESTATE

The Combs Team .com



Nancy P. Combs

Professionals You Can Count on!

Call Joe and Nancy
925-989-6086

Visit www.thecombsteam.com



Joe Combs

24 Hour Free Audio Tour (866) 374-0607



Danville 3 Bedroom Single Story
X7000
Immaculate 3 Bed single story. Backs open Space, Community Pool and Tennis
\$550,000



West Side Alamo 2 Bed Condo
X9000
Fabulous West Side 2 Bed 2 Bath Condo with a loft. Master Bedroom Suite, Hardwoods, Inside Laundry, Fire Place, Garage. **\$399,000**



Danville Remodeled Single Story with a View
X9000
Completely updated 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home on .93 acre ridgeline lot. Views, pool, 3 car garage and more.
\$1,149,750



Danville El Pintado Loop
X5000
Updated Home and guest house on 1.7 acre parcel. Horse Set Up, Work Shop, Pool and more **\$1,499,000**

Read Joe and Nancy's Real Estate Blog
<http://thecombsteam.blogspot.com>



TAKE US ALONG



Fabulous safari: Dave and Gayle Christensen of Alamo enjoy their Weekly while on safari in Kenya.

PET OF THE WEEK



CATHERINE HANSEN RUSH

Fantastic Frasier

Meet Frasier, a black puff ball otherwise known as a Pomeranian. Look at that happy face! Frasier is a 5-year-old, neutered male Pomeranian who loves everyone. He would be fine for a first time dog owner. Frasier has a bushy black coat of fur so he will require regular grooming. He weighs about 25 pounds and he is a friendly little guy. Frasier gets along well with most other dogs, and he may be polite to cats if properly introduced. He loves treats and he will need daily walks or play sessions to work off all his energy. Visit Frasier at the East Bay SPCA Tri-Valley Adoption Center, 4651 Gleason Drive in Dublin, open from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Call 479-9670. See additional photos of Frasier at www.eastbayspca.org.

SHAPELL HOMES presents the...

PRIMO'S RUN

FOR EDUCATION

26th Annual Primo's Run For Education
October 11, 2009

5K & 1/2 Marathon • San Ramon/Danville
All proceeds benefit the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation

**Supporting our schools...
It's a community tradition!**

Register Today

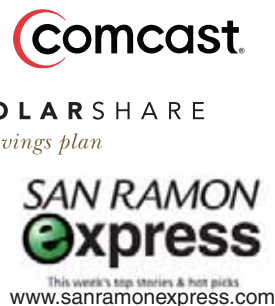
online at www.primosrun.com

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009

1/2 Marathon • 5K Race • 5K Fun Run/Walk

1/2 marathon & 5k races certified by USA Track & Field.

www.primosrun.com



TEST PILOTS WANTED.

Jump on a Can-Am™ Spyder® roadster and discover just how easy it is to fly. Its sequential electronic 5-speed transmission (SE5) puts you in control of a powerful Rotax 990® V-Twin engine. Dynamic Power Steering (DPS™) and an electronic Vehicle Stability System (VSS) optimize handling and comfort. And its unique, three-wheeled stance means you'll start catching eyes the moment you take off. Contact your local dealer or visit spyder.brp.com to schedule a test ride.

SPYDER.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OFFERS!

\$1,500
UP TO
IN CAN-AM SPYDER ACCESSORIES AND CLOTHING*
PLUS

3-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY
WITH ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE*
PLUS

PAYMENTS AS LOW AS
\$199
A MONTH WITH DOWN PAYMENT**
PLUS

STIMULUS SAVINGS
PURCHASES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A STIMULUS PACKAGE TAX DEDUCTION OFFERED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT†

www.CALIFORNIA SPEED-SPORTS.COM

2310 Nissen Drive • Livermore CA 94551 • (925) 606-1998

Go to SPYDER.BRP.COM or ask your dealer for details.

©2009 Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (BRP). All rights reserved. ®, ™ and the BRP logo are trademarks of BRP or its affiliates. In the U.S.A., products are distributed by BRP US Inc. Offers valid in the US at participating Can-Am Spyder dealer on eligible models of new and unused 2008 and 2009 Can-Am Spyder roadster models purchased, delivered and registered between 07/11/2009 to 08/31/2009. *UP TO \$1,500 REBATE: Up to \$1,500 value of Spyder Roadster parts, accessories and clothing, applicable on 2008 Can-Am Spyder models, and up to \$1,000 value of Spyder Roadster parts, accessories and clothing, applicable on 2009 Can-Am Spyder models. See your participating BRP Can-Am dealer for details. **3-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY: Eligible units are all new and unused 2008 and 2009 Can-Am Spyder models. The buyer of eligible units will receive the 24 months BRP Limited Warranty plus 12 months B.E.S.T. extended service contract subject to a \$50 deductible on each repair. Florida residents receive 36 months BRP Limited Warranty. See your participating BRP Can-Am dealer for all details and to receive a copy of the BRP Limited Warranty and B.E.S.T. contract. †STIMULUS SAVINGS: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, adopted by U.S. government provides for a state sales and excise tax deduction for the purchase of motorcycles made by U.S. residents before December 31, 2009. Specifically, motorcycles are included as "qualified vehicles" in Section 1308 of the legislation. The Can-Am Spyder roadster qualifies for this tax deduction offered by the U.S. government. Those purchasing a new motorcycle will be able to deduct the sales and excise taxes on their 2009 tax returns. Promotions are subject to termination or change at any time without notice. Offer may not be assigned, traded, sold or combined with any other offer unless expressly stated herein. Offer void where restricted or otherwise prohibited by law. BRP reserves the right, at any time, to discontinue or change specifications, prices, designs, features, models or equipment without incurring any obligation. Always ride responsibly and safely. Always observe applicable local laws and regulations. Don't drink and drive.