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## Santucci remembered for decades of service

By Nathan Donato-Weinstein  
*The Press-Tribune*

When Bill Santucci was appointed to the Roseville City Council in 1986, it was supposed to be a one-off gig.

But fast forward 20 years, and Santucci had become one of the region's most recognizable statesmen, having served multiple terms on the council – including four years as mayor – and county Board of Supervisors, in addition to numerous other boards and commissions.

And perhaps no one was more

surprised than Santucci himself. “He had no intention of ever running for anything,” his wife, Norma, said. “But when the year was up, he was really fascinated by it.”

Santucci died on Wednesday after suffering a major heart attack at his Roseville home. He was 79.

Flags throughout Roseville flew at half-mast this week in honor of Santucci, a third-generation and lifelong Roseville resident.

“The passing of Bill Santucci is a tremendous loss for all citi-

zens of Roseville,” Mayor Jim Gray said in a city news release. “Bill was the consummate public servant and always had the best interests of our citizens in his heart. He was a role model and mentor to me and I will personally miss my good friend.”

A member of Roseville High School's close-knit Class of 1946, Santucci attended Placer Junior College, marrying Norma – his high-school sweetheart – after graduation. The couple raised a son, David.

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Bill Santucci never expected to run for political office, but ended his career as one of the most influential public officials in the region. He died this week at 79.

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### Best Bets



**This weekend**

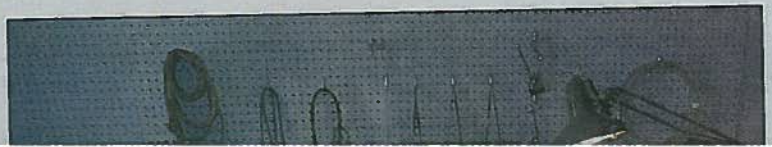
Placer County Deputy Sheriff's Association is sponsoring a flag football game between local law enforcement officers and former professional and college football players at 5:15 p.m. today at Roseville High School. The game is a fundraiser for Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, scholarships for high school students, local youth sports programs and the Auburn Boys & Girls Club. Info: 663-2427 or [www.grid-irongrapple.org](http://www.grid-irongrapple.org).



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## Shooting for the big 'scream'

Roseville couple writes, produces



Placer Ranch plans shelved; halt called 'temporary'

Disruption unrelated to region's

**Teaming Up for Success,**  
Thursday at the Westfield Galleria, 1151 Galleria Blvd. at Roseville. Info: 783-6161.



**Upcoming**

The Placer Care Coalition presents the 8th annual wine/food tasting and auction, "Raising Spirits," 4-8 p.m. Sunday, May 18 at Morgan Creek Country Club, 8791 Morgan Creek Lane in Roseville. Cost: \$40 per person, or two tickets for \$75. All proceeds benefit What Would Jesus Do?, Home Start, St. Vincent de Paul, Lazarus Project and Peace for Families. Info: 624-2570.



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outpost is a lot closer to home. From the outside, it's just another nondescript four-car garage in downtown Roseville. But inside is where movie magic – and mayhem – happens.

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Kevin and Jo Haskin have fun on the set of "Sensored," a movie their company, KeJo Productions, recently filmed in Roseville.

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foundation in a bid to reduce his estate taxes.

Doug Elmets

Placer Ranch Corp., a for-profit corporation, cannot operate within a non-profit, Elmets said. Attorneys are figuring out how to make the project work, he said, adding the project would be on hold for not

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# Pet pig provides inspiration for children's book

## Roseville author's story on Bubbles published

By Lauren Weber  
The Press-Tribune

For one Roseville resident, her pig Bubbles became more than a family pet; the potbellied pig became Jane Ferguson's inspiration for her first book called "Bubbles the Little Pig."

The children's book, which hits bookstores May 12, is also currently available on Amazon.com and is sold internationally for \$19.95.

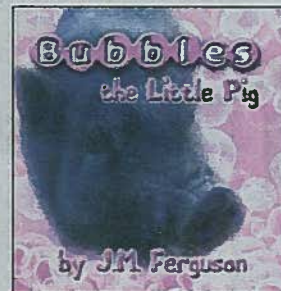
Ferguson said her new title as author is "kind of a weird feeling" – something she never really expected to take

on. She works at Rabobank in Roseville and said the president of the bank helped her realize how much of an honor it is for her story to transform into a book.

"Not everyone writes a book," he told her. And as a first-time author, not every writer gets published.

"I got lucky with that," she said. "It really means a lot, so much to me and my family."

The thought of getting a pig was something that only crossed Ferguson and her husband Cary Nathan's minds about two years ago. They made a trip



to the state fair where they saw piglets and from there the infatuation grew.

"We can't get a pig," she thought at the time.

But after research and going through a rescue shelter called Pig Harmony, Bubbles became a family member, and even has her own room in their house

where she sleeps each night. It's a small pink room under the staircase adorned with a pink blanket with crowns and the word "princess."

At age 2, Bubbles is the star of

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Roseville resident Jane Ferguson's first book is about her potbellied pet, "Bubbles, the Little Pig."

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Voyager" and "Stargate Atlantis" fame. The film is currently in the post-production stage, with an expected release date of late 2008.

While Kevin writes, and



**PICO VAN HOUTRYVE/THE PRESS-TRIBUNE**  
Jo Haskin takes a turn on the rack as husband Kevin handles the props on the set of "Sensored," a movie filmed in Roseville by their company, KeJo productions.

and good, but the reality of movie making involves a delicate balance between the artistic and the realistic.

"There was a lot of anxiety from the unknown," Jo said. "It was a pretty easy shoot looking back on it. Nobody got hurt and nothing bad happened. We made our schedule and came in on budget."

That budget included feeding a cast and crew of 30 three meals a day – on time.

"Staying on schedule affects everything," said Jo. "Take meal penalties for instance. Union actors have to be fed every six hours."

For this, Jo turned to her mother, who catered the entire shoot. She even ventured into the prop department, preparing some casseroles for a dinner table scene.

"We had a couple of extra casseroles in the refrigerator and the prop master didn't know they were there," Jo said. "On the second day of shooting the dinner sequence, he used the one from the previous day and grossed everybody out."



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**Bubbles the pig served as inspiration for Jane Ferguson's first children's book, to be released May 12.**

## Bubbles: Though fiction, book based on a number of real-life events

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Ferguson's 44-page book.

"Bubbles was my inspiration, I adore her," she said. "I just sat down one day and started writing a little story."

Her husband had no idea she was writing the book until it was finished.

"I was completely surprised," he said. "I was so incredibly proud of her," he added.

And when Nathan read the story, it stirred up lots of emotion.

"I actually started to cry a little, I was so proud of her," he said.

The book tells the story of Bubbles' outdoor adventure when the gardener leaves the red gate open. She encounters and talks to dogs, turkeys and other animals, but eventually makes it back home.

The book, although fiction,

shooting it were all too real.

"Every day was a challenge," said Todd. "We tried so hard, did what we had to do however we had to do it, within the time, money and facility constraints to make it work. We adapted. It wasn't about throwing a fist to get what I wanted, more like finding the puzzle piece and making it fit."

One thing he didn't have to worry about was getting along with his director of photography, Brian Hamm.

"Ryan and I work good together," said Hamm. "We've done music videos and commercials together. There is a synergy there, we work tight and trust each other. Ryan is very visual, his technical skill has always been there and it was cool to see his performance directing."

Filmed with a camera known

**Director of photography Brian Hamm, above, with the Red One, the camera that is revolutionizing the movie industry. Director Ryan Todd, far left, discusses a scene with actor Robert Picardo on the set of "Sensored."**

throughout the industry as the "Red One" – the latest in high-resolution digital photography – the cinematic quality of "Sensored" was a constant.

The script, however, had a life of its own.

"I anticipated script changes," said Kevin, laughing, "but I had no idea how much. I literally changed the script every single day. Nothing was changed structurally, but I rewrote some scenes five minutes before we shot them, that's what happens on a shoestring budget."

The Haskins felt fortunate to have a veteran actor like Picardo on the project. He and Kevin sat down at the end of every shoot and went over the following day's script.

It is not uncommon for an actor to "tweak the dialogue," as Jo said. "What was written

might not roll off his tongue naturally, so he suggests things that might sound more natural to him."

"He was an amazing help," said Kevin. "Wonderful to work with."

With 90 percent of the movie shot in Roseville, by a crew made up predominantly of locals, KeJo Productions looks forward to making future films in the area. Though the ever-present train noise is sometimes an issue for the sound guy, all in all they found Roseville to be a very film-friendly town.

So if you should by chance stumble across the sets where the creepy scenes in "Sensored" were filmed, have no fear. It's only a movie.

About the worst you're going to find is some day-old tuna casserole.

into the kitchen, opened the pantry cupboards and helped herself to all the food she could find.

With her child-like tendencies, Nathan said, "she's very much a part of the family."

"I joke that my wife loves that pig more than me," he said.

Ferguson will be at the Auburn Reptile Company

located at 165 Elm Ave. in Auburn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 31 for her first book signing.

When asked if there is a sequel in the works to Bubbles' adventure or another book penned by Ferguson, she smiles.

"If people want another story, there's another story there," she said.

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