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## Q: How do you think the war in Iraq will end?



My first question is will it ever end? We won't pull out for a long time. I think we've accomplished a lot, but it's time to slim down over there. We need our money back here in this country. If it does end, hopefully we'll leave some troops there.

**Kate Flynn**  
*jewelry designer*



Never. There is just no easy way out. Ultimately, we may become some kind of a mentor to the government and to the police and to the military. Withdrawal is going to be slow and difficult.

**Richard Smith**  
*retired investor and author*



I think we've messed it up badly, although I supported going in. The administration made a mess of the difficult situation. I think John McCain or Joe Lieberman would have done the right thing. I'm not among the appeasers.

**Al Bowen**  
*retired environmental health*



I see it as drawn out and setting up a government we approve of, and then withdrawing our troops. I'm not really afraid of the draft. I think we have enough troops to suffice.

**Brady Wigton**  
*high school student*



I'm hoping that Bush follows through with his plan to withdraw troops. I think it would be better for our country to have a policy to have a specific date and not to leave it open-ended. Leaving it open-ended leaves the concept of no closure. We need to have closure. We need the Iraqi people to run their own country.

**Colleen Peterson**  
*audiologist*

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ These tellers have never been robbed before. Now, they are real bankers. ”

—Jill O'Callaghan, manager of the Bank of the West, which was robbed at gunpoint last week. See story, page 12.

### Eagle Scout planning blood drive

Another Danville Eagle Scout candidate, Viraj Raygor of Boy Scout Troop 1630, has announced that he is looking for donors at the Red Cross Blood Drive he is organizing for Saturday, April 22, at the Greenbrook Clubhouse, 300 Greenbrook Drive in Danville.

“In the Bay Area alone, less than 3 percent of the eligible population donates blood and thus, every year we import over 24,000 units of blood from other states,” Raygor said, which is why he decided to do the drive. To donate, call him at 736-1188 or schedule an appointment at [www.BeADonor.com](http://www.BeADonor.com) with the sponsor code: GREENBROOK.

Scout Kevin Valla is hosting a blood drive on April 29 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road. Call 837-2975.

### Design a button for July 4th

Think teachers and think the Fourth. The Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley is accepting designs for this year's Fourth of July commemorative button, which will be sold for \$3 during the parade to benefit local charities. The theme for the 2006 parade is “Honoring Teachers and Educators,” which should be reflected in the button design. Entries are due April 19.

The contest is open to artists under the age of 20 as of July 4. Last year the winner was 16-year-old Brandi Tsujimoto. The artwork may use as many colors as desired, and it must be at least three inches in diameter, have the artist's name on the back, and be submitted on white paper. An entry form is available at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org). For information, call Roy Mapplebeck at 831-9569.

The winner, to be announced at the Kiwanis meeting May 25, will receive a cash prize of \$300, compliments of the Bank of Walnut Creek, and will also be invited to participate in the parade.

### French students need hosts

French students visiting Danville need families to host them for their fourth annual visit, from April 21 to May 5. The teens are from Beziers, located in the south of France, and due to the success of previous years, 36 have signed up. But now organizers are afraid they will not be able to find enough homes for the visitors.

“We've done this the past three years,” said organizer Terry Griffith. “We got to know the teacher involved and the students who have come back.” He and his wife Lila Shadloo have also visited their new friends in Beziers.

It's a great opportunity for families with children in high school but that is not a requirement. The program is sponsored by the parent-teacher association of the high school in Beziers. For more information call Griffith at (415) 370-6313 or e-mail [jtgriffith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtgriffith@sbcglobal.net). Or contact teacher Martine Causse at [caussefly@wanadoo.fr](mailto:caussefly@wanadoo.fr).

**Corrections** The story in the April 7 issue on Alamo's Boulevard of Trees Project should have said that it planted 300 trees.

## Welcoming spring

Allie Hengler, 4, befriends a baby chick at the Valley Parent Preschool's annual Eggstravaganza last Friday at Danville's South Park. The cooperative preschool's social committee plans the spring event each year, which also includes live bunnies and, of course, an extensive hunt for eggs.



LANI ALLEN

## Benefit for Sgt. Bozik

Headliners from 'La Boheme' to entertain in Alamo

A benefit concert is being held in Alamo in two weeks for the Wounded Warriors Fund, to benefit Sgt. Joey Bozik who is moving to Danville with his wife Jayme in June. The show will feature a recital of opera arias, showtunes and a special patriotic tribute, including headliners from Opera Fresca's production of "La Boheme." Soprano Jessica Julin is a 1998 graduate of San Ramon Valley High. Also performing are baritone John Dooley and pianist Skye Atman. The concert is being held at 7:15 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at the Wesley Center in Alamo, located at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$30 at the door. Students are \$10. Send checks to Wounded Warriors Fund, P.O. Box 264, Danville 94526. Note on the check "for concert" or if you cannot attend, write "donation." ■

## Aquatic Center halts for lack of funds

New plans call for two pools for use by the community

by Jordan M. Doronila

The new Danville Aquatic Center housing two swimming pools and lockers—to be used by the community—remains in limbo because it lacks funds for construction.

The project, to be built at the current site of the San Ramon Valley High pool, has stalled and changed over the past several months, prompting town officials to add provisions in its funding for the center last month. Mayor Karen Stepper said some of the provisions included a timeframe for building the project by 2007, receiving funding from the San Ramon Valley Educational Fund, and renovating the existing pool.

If the provisions are not met, the town will not give money for the center.

"We've never seen a firm project," Stepper said. "We just want to be supportive."

District Superintendent Robert Kessler voiced his displeasure at last month's liaison meeting between school and town officials, specifically about upgrading the old pool.

"I am concerned about the action the council took on this," said Kessler. "This project is never going to happen."

The school district is looking to build a 30-meter pool behind the existing pool and add lockers at San

Ramon Valley High School. The small gym would be knocked down to make room for the aquatic center, which would be open to the public.

"The process has been slowed down by financing," said Terry Koehne, spokesman for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

"It's a focal point during the summer," Koehne said. "It brings people together. That's what sports facilities do. It's such a great project."

The school district is still waiting to hear if it has received funding for the \$3.1 million project from the San Ramon Valley Educational Fund, which provides money for education in the area.

The Danville Aquatic Center Committee, which is in charge of fundraising for the project, has already received \$500,000 from the community and \$750,000 from the town of Danville. The committee and the district need approximately \$1.7 million from the Educational Fund, which would bring them closer to building the new aquatic center.

District and town officials had disagreements about upgrading the existing pool. Koehne said the district wants to use Measure A funds for all designated projects before shelling out money for other plans. He added that the district is not at a place where it can spend money revamping the old pool.

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## Happiness and horses can go hand in hand

Foundation looking for land to continue program for troubled children

by Natalie O'Neill

Pills. Therapy. Spirituality. Family support. There are as many theories about effective treatment for child trauma as there are kids who need it.

Danville's SonRise Equestrian Foundation offers children and adolescents a unique approach to emotional healing. The nonprofit group pairs troubled children with abused or neglected horses for mutual rehabilitation.

"There is a magnetism that happens between kids and horses. It's on a soul-to-soul level," said Melanie Buerke, founder of SonRise.

SonRise meets at ranches around the Tri-Valley area but is seeking help finding a permanent facility in Danville.

The location would ideally be 10

acres or more and would eventually have a pasture, a barn and an arena for riding, Buerke said.

"We'd like the kids to be part of developing the ranch. It gives them a sense of ownership," she said.

Caring for the horses helps participants establish trust, gain self-esteem and feel a sense of belonging, said volunteer Sheri Jean. Volunteers teach age-appropriate horse handling chores, along with riding and training techniques to children and adolescents ages 8-18.

"It's a whole psychology we teach. These kids have to learn to trust again and so do the horses," Buerke said.

Acquiring acreage, even land that needs maintenance and building work, would provide the group

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# Horses

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with a positive project, Buerke said. She hopes it will encourage productivity and give the participants a sense of comradeship.

Mary Bartolomucci noticed a positive change in her son and daughter after spending a day caring for horses. Her kids, who share a bedroom, had been fighting constantly. After tending to the horses together at SonRise, they felt a sense of teamwork.

"It's a total bonding experience," Bartolomucci said.

While the program is structured around children and teens who are going through "life changing" experiences like divorce, illness or family death, all kids and teens are welcome to attend.

"We'd like to expose the community to our program," said volunteer Alana Koski.

Debra Daniell, whose 16-year-old daughter suffers from depression, said her daughter is optimistic and talkative after spending a day with the horses.

"Teens have such a judgmental society and horses don't judge you," she said.

Her daughter struggles with insomnia but slept an entire night after spending a rigorous day with the horses, Buerke said.

"She felt like her day was purposeful," Daniell said.

Interacting with the horses teaches sensitivity and non-verbal social



SonRise founder Melanie Buerke and 7-year-old Sophia Bartolomucci walk Celeste from the arena to the stables.

skills, Buerke said.

"Horses and kids are so tuned into each other. Horses are the best

body readers," Buerke said.

Psychological studies on animal-assisted therapy have shown con-

tact with animals can help calm anxiety, improve communication, and boost self-esteem.

Marriage and Family Therapist Gadi Zohar said using animals to overcome emotional trauma is usually most effective when they are paired with socially isolated children.

"In my professional opinion, it's especially useful when the client is less verbal, like a child or a person with a developmental disability," said Zohar.

Jean said she has seen horses respond to abused kids with compassion and sensitivity. She recalled one example of a horse that calmed down, lowered its head, and walked right over to an abused child as she entered the stable.

"A horse can pick an abused child out of the group," Jean said.

Horses, which are prey animals, have relied heavily on their instincts to survive as a species. They are therefore among the most intuitive domesticated animals, Buerke said.

The horses used by SonRise are donated to the group and are screened by volunteers to see if their temperament is appropriate for children. After the horses are trained, they are then put back on

the market, with funds returning to support the SonRise Program.

"We accept animals as potential healers, as major contributors to our health, happiness, wellness, and vitality," wrote author Odean Cusack.

For SonRise kids, happiness and



SonRise participants Sophia Bartolomucci, Emily Darcy and Mackenzie Gibbins comfort their horse Celeste in the riding arena at CW training in Danville.

horses go hand in hand.

Danville, Alamo and Blackhawk residents can help the program by volunteering, donating equipment, funds and food. Visit [sonriseequinefoundation.org](http://sonriseequinefoundation.org) for more information. ■

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# Museum displays 'Quake artifacts

Local residents remember the Big One of '06

by **Natalie O'Neill**

On the weather-worn pages of a 1907 copy of "The Complete Story of the San Francisco Horror," there is a faded message scrawled in cursive handwriting. It says, "Toodles, at your leisure read this. It is thrilling..."

The book originally belonged to a relative of June Hannon, who lent the artifact to Danville's Museum of the San Ramon Valley for its display on the 1906 Earthquake. The small exhibit will run through April in recognition of the centennial anniversary of the great San Francisco earthquake.

"In this area earthquakes are always in the back of our minds. It's fascinating to look at how it affected us," said exhibit chairwoman Kate Elliott.

Also featured are a copy of the San Francisco Examiner from April 20, 1906; a Lawson report detailing the earthquake's impact on Danville; and larger panoramic photographs of the desolate San Francisco landscapes.

Hannon, who is head of the steering committee for the museum, said she got the idea for the exhibit when she came across the book at her son's house earlier this year. It

was originally given to her great-aunt by her great-uncle, one year after the earthquake. From there, it was passed down through the family.

"When (my son) was young he asked his grandfather if he could have it, and you know how grandfathers are," Hannon said.

Pressed between the book's pages, she found a tattered copy of the San Francisco Examiner. The newspaper shows a map of the destroyed area and a message from Oakland's Mayor Frank Mott that advises against looting.

Startled reporters also wrote first person accounts of the earthquake.

"No pen can ever record the sufferings of those who were crushed to death or buried in the ruins," wrote Examiner reporter Fred H. Hewitt. "I was a stone's throw away from the city when the hand of an avenging God fell on San Francisco."

San Francisco wasn't the only place affected by what was, at the time, deemed an act of God. All over the Bay Area, people felt the earth shake.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that J.W. Brown, a Santa Rosa man, saw treetops swaying as he watched the ground roll like waves in the distance. Miles from San Francisco, church bells could be heard along with the deep rum-



This San Francisco Examiner dated April 20, 1906, is one of the artifacts on display at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley through the end of the month.

bling of the earth as it shifted.

Cracking brick, shattering glassware, and howling barnyard animals were heard throughout Danville that day. A report featured at the exhibit details the earthquake's impact specifically on the town.

"Chimneys toppled and cutlery broke," said Virgie V. Jones, longtime Danville resident and San Ramon Valley historian.

Danville's Lawson report from 1906 states that "water pipes laid over the surface of the ground at a neighboring ranch were thrown out of alignment."

"Chandeliers shook. That's one

way you knew it was coming," Hannon said.

The earthquake, which lasted 45 to 60 seconds, was followed by a 40-second aftershock, which was much stronger than the initial quake. From southern Oregon, down to Los Angeles and over to central Nevada, people reported feeling the shake.

Hannon recalls hearing stories from her grandparents, who lived in the Bay Area and survived the earthquake. She said at a young age she didn't know the weight of what they were talking about.

"As I child I didn't pay attention

to their stories, and now I think, 'Why didn't I?'" she said.

In the Bay Area, earthquakes are as much part of life as they are part of history. Taking a look at the past may help Danville residents prepare for the future.

"It's pretty unbelievable what happened and how we've grown from that," said Elliott.

San Francisco's Museum of Modern Art is holding a more extensive exhibit this month called "1906: A Disaster in Photographs," and the Oakland Museum of California will feature "Aftershock! Voices From the 1906 Earthquake." ■

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# Pombo starts re-election bid

*Congressman counters charges by Sierra Club*

by **Jeb Bing**

U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo (R., 11th) launched his district-wide campaign this week for re-election to his eighth term in the House of Representatives.

The Tracy congressman will face challengers in the Republican primary June 6. They are former congressman Pete McCloskey, who represented the San Francisco Peninsula area in the 1960s and 1970s and now lives in Lodi, and businessman Tom Benigno, who has run against Pombo in the past.

At one of his first stops in his district campaign during the current congressional recess in Washington, D.C., Pombo met with editors of the Danville Weekly and Pleasanton Weekly to talk about issues affecting this region.

He said his priorities if elected to another term will be to inten-

sify his focus on transportation and energy issues and, as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, to seek more federal assistance to help California rebuild its levies, already being tested for their endurance during recent heavy rains.

"Working with Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D., Calif.), as I will continue to do, we will be looking for more appropriations to resolve the desperate situation these levies are in," Pombo said. "Most of these levies really have not had any substantial work done to them in 100 years."

Pombo and Feinstein recently toured the regions where levies have broken or been damaged, with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. They were able to provide \$50 million in federal funds for repair work.

On transportation, Pombo plans to continue his support of federal funding measures to add more car-pool lanes to I-680 and build new ones on I-580. He also would seek to accelerate the feasibility study he sponsored for a new freeway between Patterson in I-5 and east San Jose.

"Traffic studies show that between 20 and 25 percent of the traffic on 580 and 680 is pass-through traffic coming from the Central Valley, so there would be roughly that much of a reduction with an alternative route like we are proposing," Pombo said.

As chairman of the House Resources Committee, Pombo views rising oil prices and increased foreign dependence as major challenges for the federal government to spur faster development of renewable energy sources. Already, he said, federal aid and incentives have helped develop more efficient turbines to produce more electricity from the wind, solar panels that are twice as efficient as the ones in use today, and a greater focus on national conservation.

Still, he said, continued development of new domestic oil and natural gas production is essential until

renewables can assume a major portion of the country's energy demand.

"When you talk about Alaska, the estimate of additional supply is about 10.5 billion barrels of oil, or about 1-1/2 million barrels a day, which is equal to what we import from Saudi Arabia today," he said. "That won't solve our energy problem, but it is that development amongst other steps that we need to take in order to meet our short- and medium-term demands for energy."

Pombo also said he favors establishing a guest worker law for undocumented immigrants so they have an opportunity to become part of the country's legal workforce.

"We just can't go out and evict the 15-20 million people who are already here and working," Pombo said. "But you also can't let this problem go on as part of an under-ground economy."

Undocumented immigrants, primarily from Mexico, have been a problem for Pombo's 11th District for decades, and were a concern of the Tracy City Council when he was a councilman there.

"While we recognize the problem in the Central Valley, there are others in Congress from states that don't see this as a concern and just don't want to give illegal immigrants a chance to legally work and live in the U.S.," Pombo said.

Pombo said he recognizes that some of his political positions on natural resources, greater domestic oil development and national parks don't please his Democratic opponents, but he believes he is making the right decisions for the country as a whole.

The Sierra Club is taking out full-page newspaper ads and writing its members to oppose Pombo's plan to sell off or redesignate unused federal lands. Last year, the organization opposed his plan to make it easier for developers to

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SHANNON COREY

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## Celebrating spring on a high note

Monte Vista musicians to perform in two concerts

by Jordan M. Doronila

Monte Vista High School will hold two spring concerts—with one of them featuring an accomplished trumpeter who recorded with Carlos Santana, the Rolling Stones, Quincy Jones and Elton John.

The Monte Vista High School Orchestra and the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, in the Al Gentile Theater on campus. Then the following week, the school's Jazz A and Jazz B bands will perform at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at the same venue.

"They worked hard," said Cathy

Ott, a coordinator for the two concerts. "They had many months of practice."

Mic Gillette, leader of the East Bay's Tower of Power horn section, will perform with the student musicians at their jazz concert on the 27th.

Tickets for the April 18 concert are \$5. Middle school students get in free with their student identification cards. The jazz concert on April 27 costs \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

"The concerts show community involvement," Ott said. She said when people are involved at a young age in working together, they are more inclined to give back to others as adults.

She added that being involved in musical activities in school gives students a chance to blossom.

"Working together is a great accomplishment," she said. "(It's) really rewarding."

She said these young musicians not only practice during the year, but they receive additional training to improve their skills.

"They get feedback to improve on their weaknesses," she said. "It helps hone their skills."

Ott said refreshments will be served after the concerts with proceeds from sales going toward purchasing more musical equipment.

For more information about the concerts, call Dan and Lindy Fay at 287-8009. ■

## Athenian takes first in Robotics

Team advances to National Championships in Georgia

by Kevin Zhou

The Athenian Robotics Collective came out on top in this year's FIRST Robotics Competition at the Sacramento UC Davis Regional held March 24-25. It took first place in the overall competition as well as winning the General Motors Industrial Design Award. The Athenian School's robotic team will now travel to Atlanta to compete in the National Championships at the Georgia Dome.

"We're going to have a good time," said Megan Leich, the school's robotics instructor. "It's about the experience. The competition is a lot of fun."

To prepare for the Regional, Athenian students worked throughout a six-week period, which

became known as the "build period." During this process, team members learned the importance of meeting deadlines, brainstorming ideas, and planning out their actions.

"Winning the competition is a true team effort," said Athenian parent Doris Penico.

Students were assigned different positions: the driver, who is the person responsible for moving the robot; the shooter, who directed the robot's motion; the strategist, who decides the plan; and the human player, who throws the balls to the robot.

The FIRST Competition required participants to solve problems with a standard "kit of parts." Bound by a set of rules, students were to construct a robot from the parts they were given.

All of the teams had to build a

robot to play a game. The game was a combination of basketball and soccer, with a three-foot diameter goal eight-and-a-half feet off the ground, and move onto the ramp. Teams were judged on their ability to effectively collaborate with one another, design a functional robot, and display a sense of professionalism and maturity.

Monte Vista High School also competed in the competition. Its team successfully made it to the semifinals and finished in third place, said Randy Lam, the school's robotics teacher.

San Ramon Valley High did not take part in the UC Davis Regional. However, its team did participate in the Portland Regional from March 2-4, and it will also compete in the National Championships in Atlanta. ■

## Pombo

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build windmills on Bureau of Land Management acreage, even though Pombo said the Sierra Club once supported wind-energy projects.

"To a large degree, it was the environmental community that moved the windmill projects forward," he added. "It's gotten to a point where no matter what I propose, they're opposed to it."

He also blamed Democrats for a widely circulated document that names Pombo as one of "the 13 most corrupt members of Congress." Prepared by Citizens

for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), the group charged that Pombo paid his wife and brother \$375,325 in campaign funds in the last four years. It also claims that he supported the wind-power industry before the Department of Interior without disclosing that his parents received hundreds of thousands of dollars in royalties from wind-power turbines on their ranch.

Pombo said his Republican opponent Pete McCloskey is listed as a source of the CREW project along with other leading Democrats. He discounted the report, saying that every complaint in the report was either unsubstantiated or were trips, expenditures and actions the

House Administration Committee had approved.

"Up until a year ago, nobody ever questioned me on my ethics or on breaking any laws or rules of the House," Pombo said. "Now all of a sudden, the Democrats are targeting me as one of the 13 most corrupt members of Congress. They are trying to tie me to whatever the scandal of the day is."

The winner of the Republican primary in June will face the winner of the Democratic primary for the 11th District Congressional seat. The Democratic candidates are pilot Steve Filson and electrician Steve Thomas, both of Danville, and energy consultant Jerry McNerney of Pleasanton. ■

## Pool

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Nonetheless, Stepper said the district must upgrade the old pool before the town made its provisions on its funding.

Members from the Danville Aquatic Center Committee said the old pool was unsafe, too shallow and narrow, and too small.

They said coping around the deck is breaking down and cannot be repaired, that it is a matter of time before one of these jagged edges causes a serious

cut to a swimmer's foot or leg. Additionally, the concrete deck is broken and uneven, causing drainage problems resulting in algae growth that makes the surface slippery. Many students have slipped and fallen, according to information on the committee's Web site.

Last year, the committee met with town staff and the Town Council to discuss funding for the aquatic center.

The committee asked the town for \$750,000 and has tapped into other community funding sources such as the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, Contra Costa

County and Alamo county service area R-7A.

Some \$600,000 in pledges has been raised from more than 300 families, said committee members. Ken Harmon, a Danville man, swam the length of Lake Tahoe in August expressly to raise money for the project.

Originally, the center's plans involved building a 50-meter Olympic size pool on the site of the existing pool. But the plans have subsequently changed.

To find out more about the aquatic center, visit danvilleaquaticcenter.org. ■



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# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## Here comes Peter Cottontail

Even today, I can clearly hear the mellow voice of cowboy Gene Autry singing that old Easter classic:

*Here comes Peter Cottontail  
Hopping down the bunny trail  
Hippity hoppity,  
Easter's on its way!*

The memory is clear but the sound is scratchy because I spent my childhood in the 1950s listening to it on a much-played 78-rpm record on the Victrola in my parents' living room in San Jose.

The Easter Bunny was my favorite childhood magic, much better than Santa Claus, dear and generous as he was. I remember when my mother verified what I already suspected, that there was no Santa Claus. My tremulous response was: "Does that mean there's no Easter Bunny either?" Unfortunately the answer was what I was dreading to hear. I dearly loved the Easter Bunny—I pictured him being as big as my dad—and hunting for the eggs he hid. This was a major disappointment of my childhood, which goes to show I had a pretty darned happy childhood.

*Bringing every girl and boy  
A basketful of Easter joy  
Things to make your Easter  
Bright and gay.*

My Easters were full of tradition. Without fail, we bought new clothes for Easter, went to Easter Sunday Mass, and ate Easter Sunday dinner at my Aunt Mary's, where my cousins and I would compare what the Easter Bunny had brought us. We hunted for eggs after Mass and before going to Aunt Mary's. I recall the joy of racing around the yard with my Easter basket, still in my Easter finery, and finding the eggs hidden in the bushes. It only dawned on me later that I found a lot more eggs than my sister but she is five years older than me so she obviously was being kind and sisterly. (Thanks, Diane!) Another tradition was the one rotten egg that always surfaced months later.

*He's got jelly beans for Tommy  
Colored eggs for sister Sue  
There's an orchid for your mommy  
And an Easter bonnet, too.*

Whatever happened to bonnets? For me, raised as a Catholic, they morphed into "chapel veils" to stick to the letter of the law that stated women must cover their heads in church, then disappeared altogether after Vatican II reassessed the church's rules. But hats

were wonderful. Today I find that putting on a hat is a commitment—it can be removed only at the threat of "hat hair." Of course this just applies to snug-fitting sports caps. If I remember correctly, Easter bonnets were light and airy and rested gently atop a head as the crowning glory to a fluffy chiffon Easter dress with shiny white or black patent leather shoes and white ankle socks with a ruffle. I admire hats when I see them on other women but I'm not sure I could pull it off. Perhaps if I attended more afternoon garden parties.

*Here comes Peter Cottontail  
Hopping down the bunny trail  
Look at him stop and listen  
to him say,*

*"Try to do the things you should"  
Maybe if you're extra good  
He'll roll lots of Easter eggs  
your way.*

They always had to get that message in there about being good, didn't they? Santa or the Easter Bunny, it was threats, threats, threats. Didn't they worry about self-esteem in those days? Despite the message about being good in this song, I don't recall it stressing me out. I also remember the song about Santa watching me constantly and knowing when I'm asleep and when I'm awake and I'd "better watch out." That didn't bother me so much, either. I mean, I was already being threatened with hell or at least purgatory.

*You'll wake up on Easter morning  
And you'll know that he was there  
When you find those chocolate  
bunnies  
That he's hiding everywhere.*

I don't remember my own children showing any dismay at the Easter Bunny not being "real." Heck, mom and dad or a giant bunny—they still had an egg hunt and got an Easter basket. As our focus narrowed on our kids, we would often forego extended family dinners and instead go skiing that weekend; I have a fond memory of my 7-year-old son skipping around a darkened motel room gleefully filling his basket with eggs the Easter Bunny had hidden while he slept. Nowadays Easter means Easter Brunch, often at a restaurant, with family and friends. It's a lovely spring rite. But how I still miss that big ol' bunny.

*Here comes Peter Cottontail  
Hopping down the bunny trail  
Hippity hoppity  
Happy Easter Day! ■*

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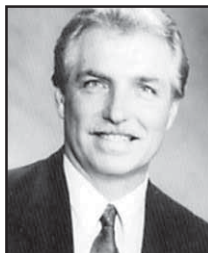
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# Perspective

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## Sentinels of support

Last week's article on the wounded soldier being welcomed to Danville did not tell the whole story. This scholarship program started by Mike Conklin and his Sentinels of Freedom is unique in the United States, and they are beginning to help other communities that want to follow their lead.

The program finds a badly injured soldier who does not otherwise have a comprehensive support system and arranges a scholarship to give him the extra boost he may need while he copes with his serious injuries. The scholarship includes a home for a few years, a job opportunity, a vehicle and the chance to further his education. They also become his mentors, and friends, to help him enter the community as a productive and welcome member. "We don't push them, we don't pull them," says Conklin. "If they stumble, we're there for them." About six people have stepped forward to mentor Joey Bozik, who will be moving to Danville

in June with his wife Jayme.

Conklin said he's been told by folks at the Pentagon that his program is the only one of its type in the whole country. He is seeking funding to share his knowledge with others who are interested, noting the

beauty of it is each community raises money for each soldier and finds a church or group such as the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley to be a trustee for funds. This way the soldier truly becomes a part of that community, with an instant network of people who know his name.

The war in Iraq has resulted in about 500 amputees at this point, Conklin said. His

group has so far been instrumental in giving a new start to three of them here in the San Ramon Valley, and by going national with its program other communities will be helping even more. The Sentinels of Freedom should be proud of themselves—we sure are.

"We don't push them, we don't pull them. If they stumble, we're there for them."

—Mike Conklin,  
Sentinels of Freedom

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Ending swim team would hurt community

Dear Editor:

I am a boomerang kid to the Sycamore Homes Association. My parents moved our family to Sycamore in the early 1980s. After graduating from college and living in the South Bay for 10 years, I moved back to Sycamore with my own young family.

After moving back, I have re-met a few other boomerang kids. We all participated with the Sycamore Stingrays swim team growing up. Many of us coached and were lifeguards at our much-loved pool. We all spent in the million-dollar range for our homes to give our children the same opportunities we had. We all would love our children to be on the local swim team. Keeping our kids involved and taking pride in their surroundings, I feel, is best for our community and children in the long run.

Last summer a vote was taken to assure the swim team could continue. The majority, 253 homeowners or 70 percent, voted for the swim team, 108 against, but not enough for the amendment to pass. I feel Doug Allen, Ron Barrios, Earl Lubell and Mark

Raitz are pushing their own agenda rather than listening to the association members.

I would hope the board would look at our community and its future. All of the new neighbors on my street and my parents' street in Sycamore have children in the 7-and-under age group. Many of them are swimming this year and would love to swim in future.

Shutting down the swim team will damage our sense of community and our relationships with our neighbors.

Katy McElroy and family,  
Sycamore neighborhood

### Notes on the news

Dear Editor:

About once a month I enjoy submitting a letter to supplement points you may have missed. First, I'd like to praise Evan O'Dorney, clearly a child prodigy, and his parents for recognizing that, and to the school district for funding Venture School's home study program. Properly cultivated, he has potential to contribute to our country and world.

The Duffields saved the Devil Mountain Run for the next three years by contributing \$35,000 for three years and attaching their com-

pany name. David Duffield of course is familiar with the Golden Rule: Those who have the gold, make the rules. We expect many more local acts of philanthropy from the Duffields in the coming years.

Breast augmentation, like the taking of erectile dysfunction drugs, are profitable for physicians and pharmaceutical companies, but waste medical time that could be used to cure true illnesses such as fibromyalgia.

Yet to appear is the recent idea of videotaping Town Council meetings, or the photogenic apparel our mayor is wearing for the occasions. Surely this is a story worthy of your readers' interest.

I switched my primary care physician to Stephen Pratt, M.D., after seeing his ad in the "Danville Weekly," and exploring his Web site, proving it pays to advertise in a newspaper of distinction.

Finally, this year's Chamber of Commerce president Guy Greco, born the same year as I, is consistently one of Danville's major contributors. Possibly you can get Guy to reveal when ground will be broken at the new Diablo Valley Bank, the job he gets paid for as it's VP.

Ralph Hoffmann, Danville

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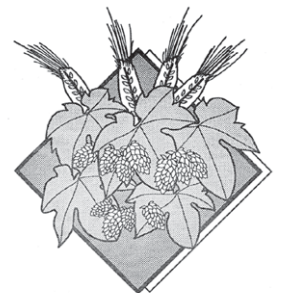
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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Man wields gun to rob Bank of the West

An armed man in his 30s robbed more than \$2,500 from the Bank of the West on Diablo Road in Danville last Thursday, bank officials said. Wearing a plaid wool shirt, a baseball cap and a hood over his head, the robber walked through the bank's door carrying a checkbook in his hand and approached two bank tellers with a gun.

Bank Manager Jill O'Callaghan noticed him enter the building but thought he was a regular customer because he had a checkbook.

"I can't believe he fooled me," she said.

The man flashed his gun and ordered a young teller to give him money. He told her to keep giving him money and not look at him, O'Callaghan said.

But the robber was dissatisfied with the amount, and he went to the next teller to get more money.

Both tellers were frightened, O'Callaghan said. The only customer at the time of the bank robbery was an elderly woman who was unaware of the robbery.

"She was a little old lady," O'Callaghan said. "She had no idea what was happening."

Afterward, the man walked out of the bank and drove away in a silvery gray pickup truck, O'Callaghan said. She said she saw the car driving away from

the parking lot behind the bank toward the freeway.

She said that due to her experience working in a bank for more than 25 years, she follows bank robbers and finds out what kind of car they drive. She said the last robbery occurred in 2003, and she helped catch that robber who stole from Bank of the West.

"I've been through so many," O'Callaghan said.

She said bank tellers who have been robbed usually have counseling services available for them. They can even have a day off to deal with any stress related from the robberies.

"These tellers have never been robbed before," she said. "Now, they are real bankers."

—Jordan M. Doronila

## POLICE LOG

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

### Sunday, April 2

- Grand theft defined on Bolero Ct. at 10:32 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Condor St. at 2:27 p.m.

### Monday, April 3

- Miscellaneous burglary on Brookside Dr. at 7:29 a.m.
- Theft of access card on St. Patricks Dr. at 12:19 p.m.
- Malicious telephone calls on Turrini Cir. at 1:53 p.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Sherburne Hills Rd. at 5:12 p.m.
- Grand theft from vehicle on Julie Ct. at 9:39 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 4

- Vandalism on Lawrence Rd. at 2:32 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Remington Loop at 3:32 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Sheri Ln. at 4:49 a.m.
- Grand theft, purse snatch, on Camino Tassajara at 6:13 p.m.
- Injury accident on Camino Ramon and Paraiso Dr. at 7:02 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 5

- Suspicious circumstances on Bolero Dr. at 1:53 p.m.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 2:32 p.m.
- Grand theft, purse snatch, on Railroad Ave. at 3:30 p.m.

### Thursday, April 6

- Suspicious circumstances on Love Ln. at 10:52 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Stone Valley Rd. at noon
- Armed robbery on Diablo Rd. at 1:38 p.m.
- Injury accident on Railroad Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:08 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Brookside Dr. and Paraiso Dr. at 3:10 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Condor St. at 8:52 p.m.

- Warrant arrest on Alamos Dr. and Diablo Rd. at 10:40 p.m.

### Friday, April 7

- Commercial burglary on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:12 a.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Estates Dr. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:41 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on Fostoria Cir. at 11:11 a.m.
- Burglary, arrest, on Railroad Ave. at 3:42 p.m.
- Possession of paraphernalia drugs, arrest, on Bobbie Ct. at 3:13 pm
- Accident, property damage, on Hartz Ave. at 4:03 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Ramon and Fostoria Way at 7:53 p.m.

### Saturday, April 8

- DUI, arrest, on Hartz Ave. at 1 a.m.
- Suspicious circumstances on El Rio Rd. at 4:45 a.m.
- Misdemeanor under the influence of drugs, arrest, on Hillmont Pl. at 6:15 p.m.

### Sunday, April 9

- Residential burglary on McCauley Rd. at 6:41 p.m.

The Office of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department's Valley Station in Alamo made the following information available.

### ALAMO

#### Tuesday, April 4

- Petty theft from vehicle on Pleasant Knoll Ct.

### BLACKHAWK

#### Saturday, April 8

- Vandalism on Deer Meadow Dr.

### DANVILLE

#### Tuesday, April 4

- Domestic disturbance on Conejo Dr.

## OBITUARIES

### Ken Tappin

Ken Tappin passed away April 2 at the age of 41. A native of California, he was raised in Vacaville.

He lived in Danville for the past eight years.

He graduated from Vacaville High school in 1983 and from UC Davis with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1987.

He was a partner at Carlson Barbee & Gibson Inc. of San Ramon.

He was also a talented athlete and played football and baseball for UC Davis.

He coached Little League and youth basketball in both Vacaville and Danville and was most recently baseball manager for the 14-year-old Danville Hoots. He also enjoyed playing basketball and golf, good cabernet wines and dinners out with his wife. Most of all, he loved his family.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Sharon Jenkins Tappin; three sons, Alec, 19, Stefan, 17, and Jordan, 13; his mother Donna Robinson; and his sister Jennifer Wyatt.

A memorial service was held last week at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville.

An annual award and scholarship has been set up at San Ramon Valley High School in his memory, to be presented during Senior Awards Night to the most deserving student who demonstrates athletic ability, good sportsmanship and other key characteristics Ken exhibited in his own life.

Donations may be sent to: The Ken Tappin Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Wells Fargo Bank—Attn: Ersa Franken, 585 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville 94526, to account number 2552266435.

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# Sports

A LOOK AT THE LOCAL SPORTS SCENE

## Gotta dig it

Danville's Rob Heidger inducted into Tri-Valley Sports Hall Of Fame

by Mike L. Mc Colgan

Easter Seals Bay Area recently honored beach volleyball pro Rob Heidger at the 2006 Tri-Valley Sports Hall Of Fame awards banquet at the San Ramon Marriott, where 400 attendees witnessed his induction into the class of 2006. The Tri-Valley Sports Hall of Fame began in 1991, and the proceeds of the annual awards banquet benefit the Easter Seals Bay Area Kaleidoscope after-school program for children living with disabilities.

"It was a very special evening for me and it felt very good having many of my family and friends in attendance to receive this prestigious award," Heidger said.

He was born and raised in Danville and graduated from San Ramon Valley High School in 1987. He was a two-time all-league basketball player under coach Hans DeLannoy. He then went to Santa Barbara City College where he once again earned all-league basketball honors.

Heidger switched to beach volleyball during his sophomore year and ended up at UC Santa Barbara where he was an all-league performer and co-captain his senior year.

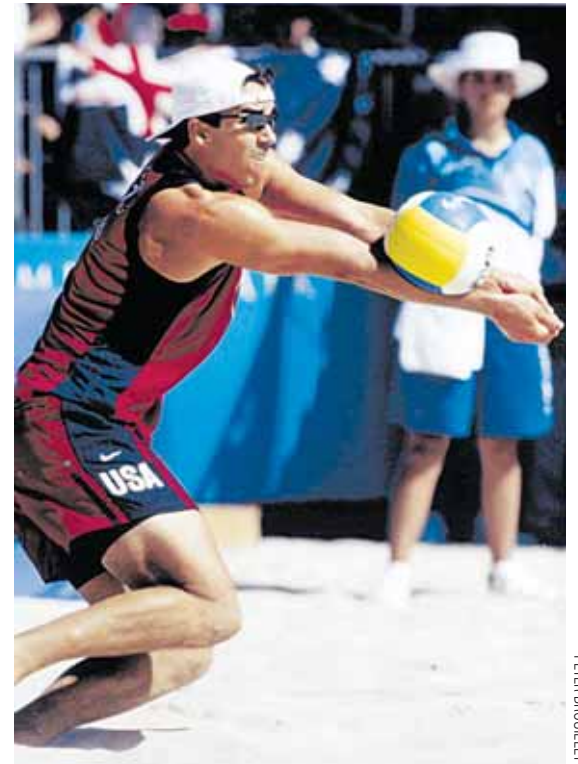
He turned pro the summer after he graduated from UC, in 1992. After playing one season on the Molson Golden Semi-Pro Beach Tour, he qualified for the Association of Volleyball Professionals, where over the next eight years he partnered with many well known players such as Karch Kiraly, Sinjin Smith, Randy Stoklos and Mike Dodd.

Heidger was named Rookie of Year in 1994, Most Improved in 1995, and Sportsman of the Year in 1996. He competed in more than 30 countries across the world, earning King of the Beach honors in Italy, Spain and Saudi Arabia. His professional career culminated in 2000 when he represented the United States in the Sydney Olympics, placing fifth with partner Kevin Wong.

Heidger and his wife Dina have 3-year-old twin boys Marcus and Wilson, and the family currently resides in Redondo Beach.

Past inductees of the Tri-Valley Sports Hall of Fame include:

- 1991 - John Madden, Super Bowl football coach and TV announcer
- 1993 - Earl Anthony, professional bowler; Rob Stockberger, Monte Vista football coach, school administrator
- 1995 - Randy Johnson, New York Yankees professional baseball player
- 1996 - Rick Steen, San Ramon High School baseball coach
- 1997 - John Raynor, San Ramon High School basketball coach



PETER BROUILLET

Beach volleyball pro Rob Heidger, a graduate of San Ramon Valley High School, placed fifth with partner Kevin Wong at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

- 2000 - Dana Dorman, LPGA Tour golfer
- 2002 - Guy Houston, San Ramon High School football and state Assemblyman; Bob Ladouceur, De La Salle High School football coach
- 2003 - Randy Winn, San Francisco Giants professional baseball player
- 2004 - MJ Mc Colgan, five-time State, three-time National Champion Golfer
- 2005 - Todd Fischer, PGA Tour golfer

### Girls basketball honors

Hans DeLannoy was named Division I coach of the year for girls basketball. DeLannoy guided the San Ramon Lady Wolves to their first North Coast Championship upsetting Berkeley in the finals 50-49. They also won the East Bay Athletic League and finished the season with an overall record of 23-8. ■

E-mail your results to sports@DanvilleWeekly.com or fax 837-8454.

## PREP SCHEDULE

### Friday

**Track and Field:** Monte Vista at Woodrow Wilson Invitational, 6 p.m.

### Monday

**Boys Golf:** Lowell Tournament, 12:15 a.m.

### Tuesday

**Boys Golf:** Monte Vista at Cal High, 3 p.m.  
**Boys Volleyball:** Monte Vista at Cal High, 6 p.m., San Ramon at Castro Valley, 6 p.m.  
**Boys Tennis:** Monte Vista vs. Cal High, San Ramon at Piedmont

### Wednesday

**Girls Lacrosse:** Monte Vista at Acalanes, 5:30 p.m.  
**Baseball:** San Ramon vs. Cal High, 3:45 p.m.

### Thursday

**Boys Volleyball:** Monte Vista at Castro Valley, 6 p.m., San Ramon at Cal High, 6 p.m.  
**Boys golf:** San Ramon vs. Cal High, 3:30 p.m.  
**Boys Tennis:** Monte Vista vs. Piedmont, San Ramon at Cal High  
**Softball:** San Ramon at Cal High, 4 p.m.  
**Track and field:** San Ramon vs. Cal High, 4 p.m.

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**African-American men find camaraderie  
 and connection to the greater community**

Jordan M. Doronila

**Speaker shares wisdom with black men's group  
 on how to become masters in their lives**

"All those in the room who know they are already masters say: I am!" Nigel Henry declared to a gathering of black men in a raspy voice over sweet pastries and hot omelets during a Saturday breakfast in March.

Only three people raised their hands out of 35 members from the Diablo Black Men's Group.

"Ask each other, next to you, if you are a master," he said.

Then he asked again if they are indeed masters, and everyone in the room raised his hand.

"Everyone knows they are masters, but they pretend not to be," Henry said.

Henry, a business consultant who has worked with companies such as Chevron and Microsoft, gave a presentation about flourishing in business to the Diablo Black Men's Group monthly breakfast meeting last month at the San Ramon Marriott.

The group, which was formed to provide fellowship and support for black men in Diablo, Danville, Alamo and neighboring communities, holds breakfast meetings every month where members get a chance to know each other and listen to advice from speakers in business, networking, health and education.

The event begins at 8 a.m. Saturday with breakfast and a prayer. Then the group does its business and the invited speaker begins his presentation.

At the last meeting, Henry, who hails from Great Britain, gave a presentation to the business professionals—including San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson—on how to unleash one's mastery and to enjoy one's quality time at the highest level.

Masters, he said, are people like Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan and Oprah Winfrey. They go through life gracefully and do what they do out of love—not considering it work—while earning millions of dollars along the way.

Aside from earning large sums of money, being a master is a mindset. The majority of people spend most of their time surviving or working to reach success instead of enjoying it, he said.

"Human beings are not limited beings," Henry said. He based his talk on the idea that everyone is an original copy of the "Creator," he said.

"We are the exact copy of the Creator," he said. "We are the original image of His work. Each copy gets a unique expression and identity."

"I'm the expression of God called Nigel," he said

during an interview.

And because all people are exact copies of the Creator, they are all masters, he said.

Henry said people live in three categories: flourishing, thriving and surviving.

People who survive are concerned with limits on money and time. Those who thrive are consciously working toward values and goals but are still worried about more time. And those who flourish are masters of their industry and are effortlessly attracting people and money, he said.

Flourishers are primarily concerned about maintaining quality time.

Henry said that people could become masters by changing the way they think from the popular paradigm, which is based on a culture where everyone agrees to believe that they can only survive or thrive.

"Culture is where everyone agrees to think a certain way," he said.

Those who attended the breakfast said they found Henry's talk enlightening.

"What he was doing was a kind of power of affirmation," said Ronald Sandifor, a Diablo Black Men's Group founding member and Danville resident who invited Henry to speak. "If you start looking at yourself as a master, it's a first step to behave as a master in your field."

"Members gave feedback that it was the best presentation that we had," Sandifor added.

"I loved it," said Bill Williams, another member of the black men's group and a Danville resident. "It's a different way of thinking."

Williams said that school systems encourage students to follow the popular culture.

"It's called conformity," he said.

People fear the "shaking vibes and moving energy" when they think of being great, Henry said. When they think of becoming masters and feel a rush, they often shut down, stop or runaway. They label the rushing feeling as fear.

"It's a fight-or-flight response," he said.

But masters regard the rush and energy as "turbo" and use them to accelerate in their lives, he said.

For more information about the events sponsored by the Diablo Black Men's Group, visit its Web Site at dbmg.org/. For more information about Nigel Henry, visit www.masteryunleashed.com.

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## Like to write? Join a club

### Networking ends writers' isolation

by B. Lynn Goodwin

**W**riting is an isolating profession. When writers face plotting problems, marketing struggles, and paralyzing fears, it helps to network with the people most likely to understand—other writers.

"The key is the association with the other people," said Jack Russ, president and membership chairman of California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo. This association helps writers deal with writers block and isolation, he explained.

When Russ realized people were commuting from as far as Livermore to attend the club's meetings in Lafayette where they were being held recently, he began organizing a new branch called Tri-Valley Writers. Based in Livermore, it has drawn several Alamo and Danville writers. In fact, many writers have dual memberships and reap the benefits of both organizations, enjoying the mix of people and the variety in programs.

New and experienced writers inspire each other.

"Writing is an isolating activity and ... it's important for writers to get together for that little bit of inspiration once a month," said Cindy Fisher-Luck, Tri-Valley vice president. "They all have that passion for writing." Tri-Valley president Sue Tasker agrees. She wants her organization to bring the writing community together so writers can "talk to others who understand the process."

Many members of the Tri-Valley Writers are younger than those in the Mt. Diablo group but nonetheless more than half have had their writing published. Club members are eager to meet the needs of all writers and welcome everyone. The writers ask for feedback at every meeting, and provide hands-on training during Saturday morning workshops.

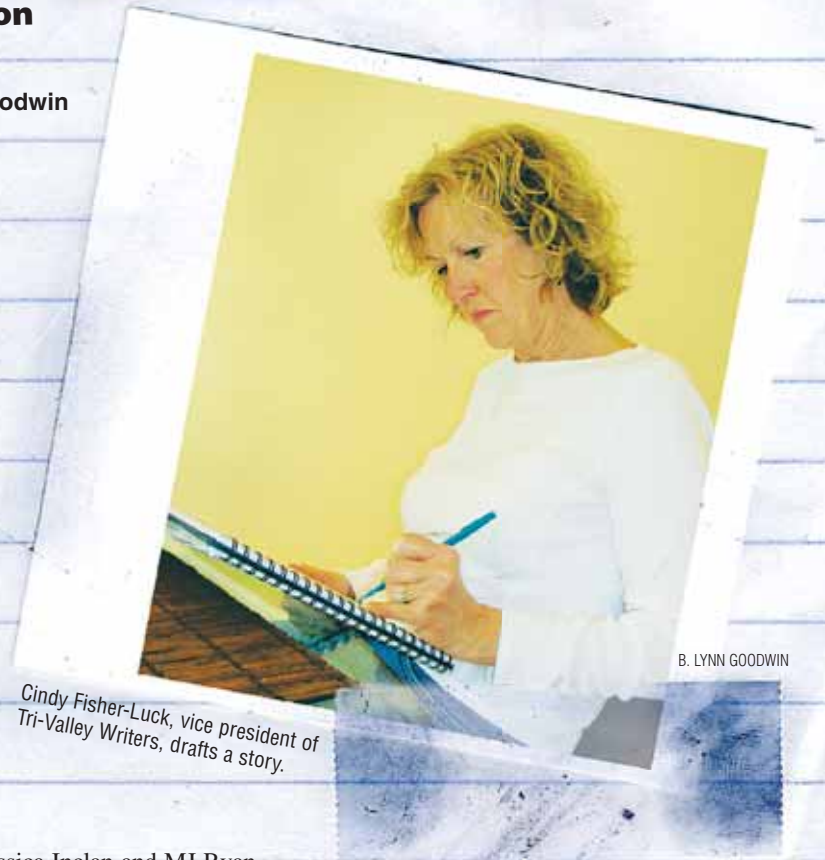
"Lots of people need this," Tasker said.

More than 50 percent of the Mt. Diablo members are also published and many have been writing for years.

"In this technology-driven era, when there is less emphasis on the value of the written word, CWC is committed to promoting writers as vital contributors to the culture of America," vice president Al Garrotto said.

Both groups offer several writing workshops each year. In November the Mt. Diablo group offered a four-author panel, with members sharing tips: Camille Minichino spoke on setting; Al Garrotto, dialogue; Liz Koehler-Pentacoff, characterization; and Charlotte Cook, editing. The event was so successful that a similar mini-conference is being planned for next year. Tri-Valley Writers' April workshop presented tips on poetry and prose provided by Kirk Ridgeway, former Poet Laureate in Pleasanton, and novelist Linda Ridgeway. A literary showcase in which members read from their work was so successful that a second one is planned for May.

Tri-Valley Writers invites everyone to an upcoming membership drive and booksigning event from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 22, at the Barnes and Noble in Dublin.



Cindy Fisher-Luck, vice president of Tri-Valley Writers, drafts a story.

B. LYNN GOODWIN

"Authors Jessica Inlan and MJ Ryan, who have spoken previously at luncheon meetings, will be there to autograph copies of their books," membership chairman Steve Workman said.

The Mt. Diablo writers club has offered two ongoing programs to the community for years. One is the California Authors Night, which is co-sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District. Actors have brought 36 authors to life, portraying writers in the first person and in the dress mode of the day, Garrotto said.

Proceeds from California Authors Night help support the club's Young Writers Contest, which is open to writers in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades throughout the county. It draws more than 200 entries per year.

"We'd like to motivate young people any way possible to pick up a pen, or turn to life, portraying writers in the first person and in the dress mode of the day," said Liz Koehler-Pentacoff, a children's writer who head up the contest. Entries were due April 1 and the winners will be honored at a dinner May 19.

Anyone searching for the company of other writers, or who wants to become a writer, can have their experience enhanced by these groups. Writers with expertise can help out others by sharing.

Writing is a lonely pursuit. Join one of these clubs for fun, inspiration and to end the isolation. ■

### Comparing writers clubs

**California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo**  
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Critique group the Monday night following the Saturday meeting  
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Cost: \$18 for members; \$21 for guests  
Membership: Steve Workman, telephone 485-1011 or skworkman@aol.com  
Current members after one year: 55  
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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

## Rice, rice and all that's nice

"A meal without rice is like a beautiful woman with only one eye."

—Chinese saying

If there were one dish that universally represented food, it would probably be rice. Yes, rice is "the" global food. Cultivated for more than 5,000 years, it is a staple dish that sustains two-thirds of the world's population. It is a wholesome and hunger-satisfying dish.

In Japan, the word for cooked rice is the same as the word for meal; in China, it is the same word for food; and, in Louisiana, rice is a Cajun's middle name. According to the USA Rice Federation, rice contains "little or no fat, no cholesterol, minimal sodium ... and all eight essential amino acids. It is also a good source of B-complex vitamins and essential minerals."

Yes, rice is a complex carbohydrate but ponder this: A study conducted at Iowa State University last year revealed that regular rice eaters controlled their weight (i.e., ate fewer calories daily; ate less sugar and fat) better than those who didn't eat it regularly. And to add a little gravy, rice has versatility. Because of its fairly neutral flavor, it can be used for everything from sushi to salad, from soup to sake, easily absorbing other flavors or serving as an ideal complement to many main dishes.

### What's Your Type?

Rice is cultivated in many different forms. First, there's the size of the grain—short, medium or long. Long-grain is most popular in the U.S. as it creates a fluffy rice. Medium-grain rice, like Arborio, yields a creamy dish with a chewy middle that is perfect for puddings and risotto. Short-grains produce a soft, sticky rice, which is used in many Chinese dishes. The short sticky grains cling to the chopsticks and holds together well in sushi.

Then, there are these popular flavors:

- **Sweet:** It is the most commonly used rice. It is short and plump with white, opaque kernels. When cooked, the kernels become very glutinous and lose their shape.
- **Aromatic:** Popular aromatics include Basmati, which has a flavor similar to popcorn or roasted nuts. Basmati rice swells lengthwise, creating long slender grains that are separate and fluffy; jasmine is a long grain that yields moister grains that cling together. It has a flavor and aroma like basmati.
- **Black japonica:** is rice with dark, black bran. When cooked, the grains are somewhat chewy with a mild spiciness.

### How do you like your rice?

- **Brown:** Only the hull has been removed from the kernels of rice, retaining the natural color, and more of the nutrients and fiber. I recommend it for its nuttier flavor and nutritional value.
- **White:** In white rice, not only is the outer husk removed but the bran layers



ers are milled until the grain is white.

- **Parboiled (or converted):** Rice that has been put through a steam-pressure process before milling to produce a firmer, more separate grain. Parboiled rice is popular among cooks who want an extra fluffy rice.
- **Wild:** It is not a true rice but a grain of an aquatic grass native to North America. It is dark brown, with a nut-like flavor and chewy texture.

### What else is nice?

- **Couscous (or fufu):** A great alternative side dish of grains made from semolina, couscous is traditionally served under a meat or vegetable stew. The dish is a primary staple food in Africa and the Middle East. It's easiest to make it from a package and I recommend the "Near East" brand, which offers a variety of herb/garlic combinations.
- **Polenta:** A cornmeal mush popular in Italian, Mexican and Brazilian cuisines. Originally considered peasant food, polenta has gained popularity in upscale restaurants as a dish to infuse with tomato, cheese and other sauces.
- **Orzo, the pasta "rice":** It's my favorite pasta and I often serve it as a rice substitute, flavored with herbs and butter. It's great as a side dish for lamb and chicken and loves to be topped with the juices from the meats.

Rice is used symbolically in many cultures. We throw it at modern weddings as a blessing for abundance and prosperity. I say: Throw some in a pot ... today!

Jacqui Love Marshall lives in Danville with her vintage-car-loving husband, two pugs and binders of recipes. E-mail her at [Epicure@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:Epicure@DanvilleWeekly.com).

### RICE COOKING TIPS:

- Rice doubles or triples in volume—cook rice in an adequate-sized pot.
- For consistently fluffy and light rice, measure rice and liquid exactly. Keep the lid on to prevent steam from escaping and set a timer to avoid under- and over-cooking.
- At end of cooking time, test for doneness. If the rice is not tender or liquid is not absorbed, cover and cook 2-4 minutes longer.
- Don't stir rice. Stirring releases the starch, increasing its stickiness.
- Fluff cooked rice with a fork to release steam and keep grains separate.

### "DIRTY" RICE (SERVES 8):

A favorite among Southern cooks, especially in Cajun country.  
1/4 shortening or oil  
1 lb. chicken gizzards, finely chopped  
1 lb. chicken livers, finely chopped  
1 1/2 cups diced onions

- 1/2 cup diced celery  
1/2 cup diced green peppers  
2 cloves garlic  
2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. black pepper  
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper  
3 cups hot cooked rice  
1/2 cup chopped parsley  
1. Heat oil/shortening in large skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and brown.  
2. Add onions, celery, green pepper, garlic, salt and peppers and mix well. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender.  
3. Add rice and parsley and mix lightly. Serve hot.

### WILD RICE SALAD: (SERVES 8)

I love to get this deli salad from Domenico's (on Hartz Avenue) and was delighted when I adapted this recipe from a box of orzo. It's the perfect party dish but will get rave reviews at any

- time.  
8 oz. orzo  
1 cup wild rice  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup walnuts, toasted in a 325-degree oven over 10 minutes then coarsely chopped  
8 oz. dried cranberries  
2 Tbsp. vegetable or olive oil  
1 Tbsp. rice vinegar  
3 green onions chopped, including green tops  
1/4 cup sugar  
1. Cook orzo in boiling water until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and cool.  
2. Combine wild rice, salt and 1 quart water in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer until rice is tender to bite and most grains have split open, 45 to 60 minutes. Drain and cool.  
3. In a large bowl, gently mix orzo, wild rice, cranberries, oil and vinegar. Blend in green onions and sugar.  
4. Cover and chill for at least 4 hours or up to 1 day. Stir in walnuts just before serving.

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**CinéArts @ Pleasant Hill:** 2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill (687-1100)  
**Century 14 Walnut Creek:** 1201 Locust St., Walnut Creek (937-7025)  
**Blackhawk Movie 7:** 4175 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville (736-0368)  
**Crow Canyon 6:** 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon (820-4831)  
**Hacienda Crossings 20/ Regal Imax Theater:** 5000 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin (560-9600)  
**Internet address:** For show times, visit the Danville Weekly Online Edition at <http://www.DanvilleWeekly.com/>

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

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| <b>ATL (NR)</b>                  | <b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15 p.m.; Open Captioned Fri 11:20 a.m., Sat 1:50 p.m., Sun 11:20 a.m., 9:15 p.m., Mon 11:20 a.m., 6:50 p.m.   |
| <b>Benchwarmers (PG-13)</b>      | <b>Blackhawk 7:</b> Fri-Tues 12:15, 2:25, 4:35, 7:05, 9:15 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:15 p.m., Mon-Tues 12:15 p.m.<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 12:25, 1:30, 2:35, 3:40, 4:45, 5:50, 6:55, 8, 9:15, 10:10 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:20 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:45, 11:50 a.m., 1:05, 2:10, 3:25, 4:35, 5:50, 6:55, 8:15, 9:25, 10:40 p.m.  |
| <b>Brick (R)</b>                 | <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues noon, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 p.m.   |
| <b>Deep Sea (NR)</b>             | <b>Regal Imax:</b> Fri-Tues 10:30, 11:35 a.m., 12:40 p.m.  |
| <b>Failure to Launch (PG-13)</b> | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 7:15, 9:35 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:35 p.m.<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues noon, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8:10, 10:45 p.m.   |
| <b>Friends With Money (R)</b>    | <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2, 4:25, 6:45, 9 p.m.  |
| <b>Ice Age 2 (G)</b>             | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 12:25, 12:40, 2:35, 2:55, 4:45, 5:05, 6:55, 9:05 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:05 p.m., Mon-Tues 12:25, 12:40 p.m.<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:35 a.m., 12:15, 1:55, 2:40, 5:05, 6:50, 7:30, 9:25, 10 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:10 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:30, 11:15 a.m., noon, 12:30, 12:55, 1:45, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4:10, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:45, 7:25, 8:30, 9:10, 9:55, 10:55 p.m.; No show Tues noon; Open Captioned Tues 12:55, 10:55 p.m. |
| <b>Inside Man (R)</b>            | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Sun 1:10, 4, 6:50, 9:40 p.m., Mon-Tues 2:15, 7:10 p.m.; No show Sun 9:40 p.m.;<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:55 a.m., 4, 7:10, 10:05 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues noon, 3:20, 6:40, 9:30 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:30 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:20, 3:20, 6:40, 7:40, 9:40, 10:40 p.m.; No show Tues 6:40, 9:40 p.m.  |
| <b>Lucky Number Slevin (R)</b>   | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:25 a.m., 2:15, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 pm<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:30, 10 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 10 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:55, 7:35, 10:25 p.m.; No show Tues 4:55 p.m.   |
| <b>Phat Girlz (PG-13)</b>        | <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:45 a.m., 1:20, 3:50, 6:30, 9:20 p.m.  |
| <b>Scary Movie 4 (PG-13)</b>     | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 10 p.m., Mon-Tues 1 p.m.<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 12:30, 2, 2:45, 4:10, 5, 6:15, 7:15, 8:20, 9:30, 10:30 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 11:20 a.m., 1:30, 4, 7:20, 9:50 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:50 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:30, 10:40, 11:10 a.m., 12:40, 1, 1:30, 2:50, 3:20, 3:50, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 p.m.  |
| <b>She's the Man (PG-13)</b>     | <b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:55 a.m., 2:50, 5:35, 8:20, 10:50 p.m.   |
| <b>Take the Lead (PG-13)</b>     | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Sun 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 p.m., Mon-Tues 2, 4:40, 7:20 p.m.; No show Sun 9:50 p.m.<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:40 a.m., 2:25, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 p.m.<br><b>Crow Canyon 6:</b> Fri-Tues 11 a.m., 1:40, 4:15, 7, 9:40 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:40 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:25 a.m., 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55 p.m.  |
| <b>Thank You for Smoking (R)</b> | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:35 p.m.<br><b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 12:25, 2:55, 5:30, 8:05, 10:30 p.m.; No show Tues 12:25, 2:55 p.m.   |
| <b>Notorious Bettie Page (R)</b> | <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20 p.m.   |
| <b>The Wild (G)</b>              | <b>Blackhawk Movies 7:</b> Fri-Tues 12:35, 2:40, 4:50, 7, 9:10 p.m.; No show Sun-Tues 9:10 p.m., Mon-Tues 12:35 p.m.<br><b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 11:30 a.m., 12:35, 1:40, 2:50, 3:50, 4:55, 6, 7:05, 8:10, 9:20, 10:20 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda Crossing 20:</b> Fri-Tues 10:10 a.m., 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20 p.m.; Digital Projection Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40 p.m.   |
| <b>Tsotsi (R)</b>                | <b>CinéArts:</b> Fri-Tues 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35 p.m.   |
| <b>V for Vendetta (R)</b>        | <b>Century 14:</b> Fri-Tues 1:35, 4:30, 7:25, 10:25 p.m.<br><b>Hacienda 20:</b> Fri-Tues 11:45 a.m., 2:40, 6:20, 9:25 p.m.<br><b>Regal Imax Theaters:</b> Fri-Tues 2, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 p.m.   |

# Don't miss Hot Licks

Wesley Center presents ... 'offbeat Bohemian'

by Dolores Fox Giardelli

**D**an Hicks and the Hot Licks, known for their gritty jazz and folk-pop textures, will take centerstage at Alamo's Wesley Center next weekend.

Hicks' songs are a blend of country, old-time jazz, western swing and blues. He throws in a touch of bizarre humor and irony for extra flavor.

At the concert, the group will be premiering its album released in November by SurfDog called "Selected Shorts." Hicks noted that the title is "a nod to film programming and a bow to brief clothing everywhere." The album includes guests Willie Nelson, Jimmy Buffett, Van Dyke Parks and Gibby Haynes.

Hicks has been tagged an "influential and off-beat, bohemian presence who draws from diverse fields of music." He wrote 10 of the 13 songs on the album. He approaches a love song with "C'mon-a-My House," in which he promises to give his love a list of objects in a mockery of consumer society. In "Texas Kinda Attitude," he conjures up a Janis Joplin-like figure in a 1930s vaudeville atmosphere.

Hicks has been called "one of the central, defining figures of San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury scene of the 1960's." He formed the Licks



Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks are performing at the Wesley Center in Alamo next Saturday, April 22.

in 1968, while he was a drummer for the Charlatans, which is often cited as one of the originators of the psychedelic sound.

The Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks show takes place at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 22, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd. in Alamo. Tickets are \$25 and \$35, and \$22.50 for seniors. Call 229-2710.



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### Refugees from the Great Earthquake

The Vecki family poses in front of its Gothic Revival house on Front Street, built by the Howard Brothers in 1866 for Michael Cohen. The Veckis were refugees from the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Pioneer John Chrisman owned the house and passed away in 1906. When Veckis decided to stay in Danville they purchased the house and Dr. Vecki practiced dentistry in the northern front room. Family members pictured are (l-r) Mary N. Allen (Claire Vecki's mother), Claire, Victor, Isabel Vecki (Victor's mother), children Victor Jan and Isabel.

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# Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Art

### Calling for Artists

San Ramon Arts Walk & Festival, Sept. 23-24, in San Ramon is looking for artists ages 18 and over, residing in California to enter a piece of original fine art in any medium, with a Sept. 1 deadline. There will be a special garden for display of sculptures. Digital images should be sent in the form of jpeg files. A non-refundable entry fee of \$10 per art work. For information, call 336-0267 or visit [www.sanramonarts.org](http://www.sanramonarts.org).

## Classes

### Mixed Media Fun for Kids

Danville Fine Arts Gallery, 233 Front St., offers a Mixed Media Fun for Kids class from 3-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, for ages 6-13. Marilyn MacDougall is the instructor. Classes are ongoing. Fee is \$78 for five weeks, plus \$8 for materials. For information, call 838-1959.

## Clubs

### Alamo Rotary

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

### Alamo Women's Club Federated

The club meets on most Wednesdays at its clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd. It holds a business meeting and tea the

second Wednesday at noon; meets for Mah Jong at 10:30 a.m. the third Wednesday; and holds a luncheon with program at noon the fourth Wednesday. For information, call Jean Stringfellow at 552-9733.

### Blue Star Moms California

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

### Danville Rotary

The Danville Rotary meets at noon every Monday at the Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. For information, visit [www.danvillero.org](http://www.danvillero.org).

### Danville Women's Club

The Danville Women's Club will be meeting at noon, Thursday, April 20, at the Clubhouse, 242 Linda Mesa, Danville. The speaker will be Lisa from Navlet's Nursery to discuss "Your Spring Garden." Guests are welcome. The cost of lunch is \$6 for subsequent guests and members, but free to first time guests. For reservations or information, call 837-7528.

### Diablo Bonsai Club

The Diablo Bonsai Club will be holding a lecture and workshop on planting and raising Bonsai Trees with individual attention to those interested in the Art of Bonsai, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, at Heather Farm Garden Center, Camellia Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Call 736-9157 or visit [www.angelfire.com/ca2/diablobonsai](http://www.angelfire.com/ca2/diablobonsai).

### Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild

The Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild meets at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Their speaker for Wednesday, April 19 is long time Danville resident, Ethel Selberg, who will be showing her beautiful scrap quilts. Guests are welcome (\$2 donation). Annual membership fee is \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65+). For information, call Dianne at 837-1863.

## Concerts

### Contra Costa Wind Symphony

Contra Costa Wind Symphony, conducted by Duane Carroll, will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the San Francisco earthquake and fire with the world premiere of "Symphony No. 1: New Day Rising," at 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, Dean Leshner Regional Center, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students by calling 943-7469. For information, call 944-5392 or visit [www.dlrc.org](http://www.dlrc.org) or [www.ccwindsymphony.org](http://www.ccwindsymphony.org).

### San Francisco Girl's Chorus

The San Francisco Girl's Chorus, Level IV, will be giving a choral music performance at 5 p.m., Sunday, April 23, at St. Timothy's Church, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. General admission is \$18, \$12 for students/seniors. Call 837-4993, ext. 15, or visit [www.saint-timothysdanville.org/Header.html](http://www.saint-timothysdanville.org/Header.html).

### Spring Concert

Monte Vista High School Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will be having their Spring Concert, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, in the Al Gentile Theater, 3131 Stone Valley Road, Danville. Tickets are \$5. Middle school students are free with Student I.D.

### Spring Jazz Concert

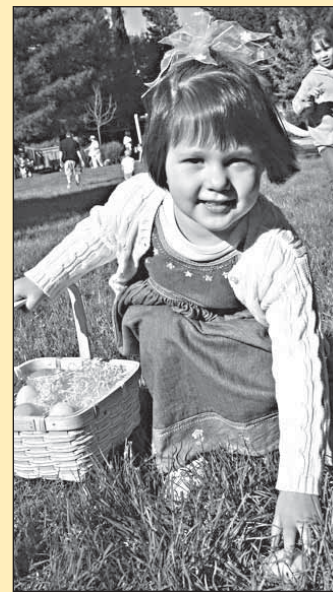
Monte Vista High School's Jazz A and B will be having their spring jazz concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 27, in the Al Gentile Theater, 3131 Stone Valley Road, Danville. The concert will feature guest artist Mic Gillette. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door.

## Events

### Bringing Back Natives Garden Tour

A free garden tour will visit 65 pesticide-free, water-conserving gardens that provide habitat for wildlife and have more than 30 percent native plants, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 7. This event is free, registra-

## WEEKEND PREVIEW



## Eggstravaganza!

Ellie Dowler, 4, of Danville hunts for eggs at South Park last week. Danville is sponsoring another Eggstravaganza, which will include an egg hunt, crafts and face painting for ages 1-9, from 9:30-noon, Saturday, April 15, on the large grassy area at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road. Registration for residents is \$5; non-resident, \$6. Call 314-3400. Don't forget your camera to capture those priceless pictures with the Spring Bunny!

tion is required and closes Thursday, April 20. Call (510) 236-9558, e-mail [kathy@kathykramerconsulting.net](mailto:kathy@kathykramerconsulting.net), or visit [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net).

### Comedy Fest for Films

Former Danville resident and graduate of San Ramon Valley High Andrew Norelli is returning to the Village Theatre, along with comedians John DeKoven and Jen Kober, at 8 p.m., Friday, April 14. This event will be benefiting the California Independent Film Festival Association and the Danville International Children's Film Festival. Tickets are \$20. For information, call 314-3463 or e-mail [vtboxoffice@ci.danville.ca.us](mailto:vtboxoffice@ci.danville.ca.us).

### Flag Retirement Ceremony

Ian Wogan, a senior at San Ramon Valley High School and a Boy Scout from Troup 815, will be completing his Eagle Scout Service Project by hosting a flag retirement ceremony Saturday, April 22, at Camp Parks, Dublin. If you have an American flag that is torn, faded, worn or badly soiled, it is in need of retirement. The deadline for flags is Wednesday, April 19, and a drop box is available at all times, right outside the front door of the Greenbrook Clubhouse, 300 Greenbrook Drive, Danville. Call 984-9111.

### Giant Spring Book Sale

Friends of the Danville Library will be holding a giant spring book sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, April 21; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 22; and 12-4 p.m., Sunday, April 23. All proceeds benefit the Danville Library.

### Grizzly Peak Cyclists Ride

Bart Borland from Grizzly Peak Cyclists will lead a ride starting at the Park-N-Ride lot at Rudgear Road and I-680 and then riding over to Athenian School, continuing to ascend up Mount Diablo. The descent will take you into Danville for coffee at Peet's. This ride takes place from 8:45 a.m.-noon every Tuesday until June 13. Contact Bart Borland at (510) 601-5062 or [gborland@yahoo.com](mailto:gborland@yahoo.com).

### Home Garden Tour

Danville Alamo Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be hosting a Home Garden Tour from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13. Tickets are \$25. For information contact Tena Gallagher at 837-0826 or [gardentour@aauw-da.org](mailto:gardentour@aauw-da.org).

### John Muir's Birthday Celebration and Earth Day Festival

John Muir Association and the National Park Service will be hosting a day of free activities to celebrate Earth Day and John Muir's 168th birthday, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 22, at John Muir National Historic Site,

4202 Alhambra Ave., Martinez. Call 228-8860 or visit [www.johnmuir.org](http://www.johnmuir.org). Heavy rain will cancel this event.

### Las Trampas Wilderness Walk

Join Naturalists on a 2.5-mile short but steep hike up to Rocky Ridge, to view the gorgeous scenery and beautiful wildflowers along the ridge, starting at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 27. For information, call 862-2601.

### Rock City Intermediate Mountain Bike Ride

Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay will be hosting a ride for intermediate riders from Rock City through historic Diablo and returning down on Wall Point Road, starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 15. Riders will meet at Monte Vista High School parking lot, 3131 Stone Valley Road, Danville. Contact Chris Towles at (510) 229-0023 or [christowles2002@yahoo.com](mailto:christowles2002@yahoo.com).

### Second Annual Saving Strokes Golf Event

American Stroke Association and Pleasanton Golf Center will be hosting the second annual Saving Strokes Event from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, April 23, at the Pleasanton Golf Center, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Physical therapists and trained PGA professionals will be on hand to introduce stroke "victors" to the benefits of golf. For information, call the American Stroke Association at (510) 904-4000.

### Spring Fest! for Families

The Danville Police Department and the Town of Danville will be hosting a free family Spring Fest for all ages. This event will include performances, face painting and more, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Danville Community Center. Call 314-3400.

### Spring Floral Extravaganza

Blackhawk Bloomers are excited to announce their Spring Floral Extravaganza with special guest Jun Pinon at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 26, Blackhawk Country Club, Lakeside Ballroom, 3144 Deer Meadow Drive, Danville. Jun Pinon has been featured in Oprah's magazine, "O," and does special floral arrangements for the Ritz Carlton and the Four Season Hotels. Tickets are \$50, lunch included. For reservations and more information, contact Lotty Graham at 736-3665 or [lottygraham@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lottygraham@sbcglobal.net).

## Exhibits

### 1906 Great Earthquake Exhibit

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley will be displaying newspapers, books, post cards and stereoptical slides on the 1906 earthquake's impacts on

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Danville during the month of April. The museum is open 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays. There is no charge for admission but donations are encouraged. Call 837-3750 or visit [www.museumsvr.org](http://www.museumsvr.org).

**Beasts in Your Back Yard**

The new exhibit at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley features fossils excavated from the Blackhawk Quarry in the late 1930s. The exhibit is running through April 22 at the museum, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. There is no admission fee but donations are encouraged. Call 837-3750 or visit [www.museumsvr.org](http://www.museumsvr.org).

**Car Illustrations**

Blackhawk Museum presents Art Fitzpatrick, a fine artist who created a series of car illustrations for Pontiac Division in 1959 and also created the popular "Sporty Cars" series for the U.S. Post Office, from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 22, at the Blackhawk Museum. For information, call Jon Hart at 736-2277, ext. 248, or visit [www.blackhawkmuseum.org](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org).

**See Jane Run: Contemporary Art About Childhood**

The Bedford Gallery Guild will be hosting an exhibit titled, "See Jane Run" with a reception from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, April 30, Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. The exhibit approaches the subject of childhood from different points of view and will remain on display until June 25. Admission is \$3; free to Friends of the Bedford and to members of the Diablo Regional Arts Association. Call 295-1417 or visit [www.bedfordgallery.org](http://www.bedfordgallery.org).

**Fundraisers**

**'Blossom Into Spring' Fashion Show**

GFWC/Danville Women's Club is hosting a fashion show, "Blossom Into Spring," to benefit Friends of Hospice San Ramon Valley, at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 29, Crow Canyon Country Club. Tickets are a donation of \$35 and must be purchased before April 20 by calling Barbara Chavez at 828-0347 or 837-1165.

**Children of Faith Auction 'Footprints in the Sand'**

Valley Christian Elementary School will be hosting its first Children of Faith Auction, "Footprints in the Sand," starting at 6 p.m., Friday, April 28, at 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin. The silent auction will start at 7 p.m. and the live auction will start at 8:30 p.m. and will help fund their programs. For information, contact Renee Rogers at 648-7999 or [reneerogers@vcesauction.com](mailto:reneerogers@vcesauction.com).

**Concert for Wounded Warriors**

A recital of Opera Arias, Show Tunes and a special Patriotic Tribute will be benefitting the Wounded Warriors Fund featuring Jessica Julin, soprano; John Dooley, baritone; and Skye Atman, pianist, at 7:15 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$25 for adults received by Tuesday, April 25; \$30 at the door.

**Fourth Annual Tri-Valley Youth Food Drive**

Youth groups from all over the Tri-Valley will be collecting nonperishable items for local food pantries, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 29. About 1,000 youth volunteers will be going door-to-door around the Tri-Valley area to collect donations. For information, contact David Bahr at 998-6513 or visit [www.youthfooddrive.com](http://www.youthfooddrive.com).

**Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour**

A benefit for the Valley Humane Society Adoption Center will be hosting a self-driven garden tour, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, May 7. There will be 10 gardens included in the tour; a map and brochure will be provided at the first garden. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at Valley Humane Society Adoption Center, 273 Spring St., Pleasanton, or by calling Charli Hyden at 918-0799.

**Spring Boutique Sale**

The MOMS Club and Children's Film Festival will be hosting a Spring Boutique Sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. This event will benefit a national charity, Mother to Mother Fund. Free refreshments will be provided, with drawing prizes and entertainment for the kids. For information, contact Cori at 803-8083.

**SRVHS Fastpitch Girls Softball Crab Feed**

SRVHS Fastpitch Girls Softball Team will be hosting a Crab Feed to help raise money for improvements to the fields and equipment, starting at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 22, Danville Veterans Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. Tickets are \$35 and are available from any SRVHS player or by calling 837-8639.

**Sycamore Valley Elementary School Auction and Fundraiser**

Sycamore Valley Elementary will be holding its annual parent-teacher social fundraiser from 6:30-11 p.m., Friday, April 28, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The night will consist of hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent and

live auctions and dancing. Tickets are \$75. Contact Pam Clemmons at [P2Clemmons@aol.com](mailto:P2Clemmons@aol.com) or visit [www.srvsvsd.k12.ca.us/paris2006](http://www.srvsvsd.k12.ca.us/paris2006).

**Third Annual UCP Golf Classic**

With a day of golf, including lunch, exciting contests, prizes and special celebrity appearances, the third annual UCP Golf Classic will be starting at 10 a.m., Monday, April 24, Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. This event will conclude with a gourmet dinner and a silent auction to benefit United Cerebral Palsy of the Golden Gate. Tickets for the whole day are \$175; \$40 for dinner only. Call (510) 832-7430, ext. 4, or visit [www.ucpgg.org](http://www.ucpgg.org).

**Holidays**

**Eggstravaganza**

Don't miss a fun filled family morning at Eggstravaganza for children ages 1-9, with different timing per age group. The event is 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 15, at Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road, Danville. Cost is \$5 for resident, \$6 for non-resident.

**Kids & Teens**

**A Trio of Events for Young Readers**

Rakestraw Books will be hosting a trio of events for young readers during the final week of April and the first week in May. Sarah Dessen, author of "Just Listen," will be at Rakestraw Books at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 26. Ashley Wolff will be presenting "Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the Last Day of Kindergarten," at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 27. Anthony Horowitz will be presenting his new novel, "Ark Angel: An Alex Rider Adventure," at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 2. Reservations required. Call 837-7337.

**Adventure Guides**

The San Ramon Valley YMCA offers three programs for fathers and their

children. Formerly Indian Princesses and Guides, the Adventure Guides are Junior Explorers (pre-school to kindergarten), Guides and Princesses (kindergarten-third grade), and Trail Blazers (fourth-eighth grade). Fathers spend special times with their sons and daughters, camping, rafting, at sports events, bowling and much more. Call 831-1100.

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**Junior Ranger Program**

Mt. Diablo State Park is offering a Junior Ranger Program for children

ages 7-12, where kids will have the opportunity to learn about wild-life and geology on Mount Diablo. Sessions will run from 2-5 p.m., with five Saturday sessions from May 6-June 10 for children and one parent. Registration is required. There is no charge for the program, only the Park's entrance fee is required. For more information and registration, contact Ranger Jack Duggan at 837-6129 or [jduggan@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jduggan@parks.ca.gov).

**YMCA Spring Youth Sports Leagues**

The YMCA will be starting sports leagues, classes and sports camps for preschoolers through middle school-aged students this summer. Registration is now open for a soccer league for ages 3 to third grade is from April 22-June 10 with league fee \$123; and a lacrosse league for grades K-3rd grade is from May 6-June 10, league fee is \$102. For information, call 831-1100 or visit [www.mdrymca.org](http://www.mdrymca.org).

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### Contra Costa Republican Women Federated Annual Conference

The Contra Costa Republican Women Federated Annual Conference will be held from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek, Clayton. This event is \$35 per person, including lunch. Call 838-2182 or visit [www.yrwwf.org](http://www.yrwwf.org).

### Internet Safety Workshop for Parents

San Ramon Valley High School and SRVHS PTSA will be providing a informative workshop for parents of middle and high school teens about Internet safety from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, SRVHS Performing Arts Center, 140 Love Lane, Danville. Registration is not required, but requested. For information, contact Jill Schratz at 837-3578 or [ptsamail@earthlink.net](mailto:ptsamail@earthlink.net).

### 'Spirit of Adoption'

Debbie Thomas and America World Adoption Association will be sponsoring a workshop, "Spirit of Adoption," from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 22, Valley Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 2252 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. This event is free, but registration is required by visiting [www.awaa.org](http://www.awaa.org) or registering at the door.

### Straight Talk: 'In God We Trust'

Brad Dacus, President of Pacific Justice Institute, will be speaking at the next Straight Talk meeting to discuss the controversy over the rights of religious expression, from 7-8:15 a.m., Friday, April 28, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., Danville. Cost is \$20, including breakfast. Sign up at [www.acteva.com/go/valleystraighttalk](http://www.acteva.com/go/valleystraighttalk).

### Teen SAT Strategy Session

For high school students taking the SATs, there will be a free session with professionals from the Princeton Review, from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. There will be an overview of the college admissions process, tips on the new changes to the SAT exam and effective test-taking tips. This event is free, but registration is required. Reserve your spot by calling 837-4889 or visiting the Danville Library Information Desk.

## Literary Events

### Free Book Club Forum Series

Presented in cooperation with Rakestraw Books, Project Second Chance will resume its freeBook Club Forum series at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 18, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Ron Shoop of Random House will be presenting a list of exciting book titles. Call 927-3250.

### Sebastian Junger

Sebastian Junger, author of "A Death in Belmont" and "The Perfect Storm," is returning to Rakestraw Books for a special reading and signing at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 29. For this special event, brunch will be served. Reservations are required. Call 837-7337.

## Miscellaneous

### Four Days on Diablo

Save Mount Diablo will be hosting a 30-mile trip up the Diablo Trail from Walnut Creek to Brentwood crossing over 50,000 acres of open space, from Wednesday-Saturday, May 3-6. Hikers will carry day packs and the equipment will be shuttled so each

night the hikers will find the camp ready with wine, gourmet meals and evening lectures. Cost is \$750 per person, limited to 20 people. Call 947-3535 or visit [www.savemountdiablo.org](http://www.savemountdiablo.org).

## On Stage

### Danville Ballet Spring Performance

The Danville Ballet Company along with students from Ballet and Theatre Arts are presenting "Spring Performance 2006," starting at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 12; and 2 and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The performers will dance Act I and Act II of the ballet La Bayadere. Tickets are available from the Civic Arts Box Office; \$22 for adults and \$20 for seniors and children under 12. All seats reserved. Call 931-3444 or visit [www.civcartstickets.org](http://www.civcartstickets.org).

### Kabaret for Kids

The popular musical variety show, Kabaret for Kids, with Danville resident, award-winning cabaret and theater star Samantha Samuels and Danville resident Sophie Oda, is back in town, at 2:15 p.m., Saturday, April 15 and 22, at the Regional Center for the Arts, Stage 3 Theatre, Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$12. For information call 943-SHOW (943-7469).

### 'Noises Off'

San Ramon Valley High School proudly presents a funny comedy, "Noises Off," at 2:30 and 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29, and at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 30, in the schools' Performing Arts Center. Advance tickets are \$7; tickets sold at the door are \$8. Call 552-3089 or email [cperryman@srvhs.org](mailto:cperryman@srvhs.org).

### Role Players present 'Gun Shy'

The Role Players Ensemble Theatre are presenting "Gun Shy," a funny story about marriage, divorce, infidelity, infertility, eternal love and diets no one should try. "Gun Shy" will be starting at 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings; and at 2 p.m. for Sunday matinees, from April 21-May 13, at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$13-\$22. For tickets call 314-3463 or visit [www.villageatreshows.com](http://www.villageatreshows.com).

## Seniors

### Laugh Club

Medical research has proven what people have known for ages. Laughter is good for you. Join us for a half-hour laugh session at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. This event is free. Call Fred Turner at 216-4590.

### Lend-a-Hand Day

The Town of Danville will be helping Danville seniors with their spring yard clean-up, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, April 29. Seniors or volunteers should call 314-3476 for an information packet if they would like help with their yard clean-up.

## Spiritual

### Catholics@Work Breakfast Meeting

Catholics@Work will be hosting a breakfast series with an opportunity to network with people who are looking for a purpose and leadership in their lives, from 6:45-8:30 a.m., every second Tuesday of the month from April-June, and September-December, at Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville. For information, call 389-0704 or visit [www.catholicsatwork.org](http://www.catholicsatwork.org).

### Easter Celebration Services

Community Presbyterian Church will be celebrating the Easter holiday with Good Friday at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 14; Easter Saturday services at 5:30 p.m., April 15; and Easter morning services at 7:30, 9 and 10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 16, at the church, 222 W. El Pintado Rd. Call 837-5525, e-mail [info@cpcdanville.org](mailto:info@cpcdanville.org) or visit [www.cpcdanville.org](http://www.cpcdanville.org).

## Sports

### Slam Dunk to Team Success

Tara Vanderveer, current Stanford women's basketball coach, will be speaking on the importance of team work, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, in Cal High's Theatre, 9870 Broadmoor, San Ramon. This event is free. For information, call Arlene Chang at 264-7010.

### T-bird Football and Cheer

T-bird Football registrations will be held 1-4 p.m., Sunday, May 21, and from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 6. For information, visit [www.srvtbirds.com](http://www.srvtbirds.com).

## Support Groups

### Hospice Offers Support

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

### When Mom or Dad Has Cancer

Teen talk and Kids Circle will be leading school-aged children in fun, creative activities while teens will participate in a group where they can discuss their concerns while their parents who have cancer meet, too, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free, but reservations are required. Call 933-0107.

## Volunteering

### Bringing Back the Natives Tour

Volunteers are needed for the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 7. This tour will include 64 pesticide-free, water conserving gardens that provide habitat for wildlife and native plants. Registration is required to volunteer. Contact Kathy Kramer at (510) 236-9558. Visit [www.bringingbackthenatives.com](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.com).

### Diablo Valley Literacy Council

The Diablo Valley Literacy Council (DVLC) is looking for volunteers to help non-English speaking adults learn how to read, write and speak English. There will be three tutor-training workshops held: Saturday, May 6; Tuesday, May 9; and Saturday, May 13, at DVLC, 4000 Clayton Road, Concord. There is a non-refundable \$15 registration fee. For information or to register, call Jane at 938-0139.

### Mt. Diablo State Park Is Looking for Earth Day Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help run fun and rewarding projects for Mt. Diablo State Park's Earth Day Festivities, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 22. Preregistration is required. Contact Ranger Ryan Goering at 837-6129 or [junctionranger@earthlink.net](mailto:junctionranger@earthlink.net).

### Project Second Chance

Help an adult to read, write or spell better with Project Second Chance (PSC) and the Contra Costa Country Library adult literacy program. Training will begin from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 3 and will continue from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 6 and 13, at the PSC office, 75 Santa Barbara Rd., Pleasant Hill. For information, call 927-3250 or e-mail [psc@cclib.org](mailto:psc@cclib.org).

### Volunteer Interpreters

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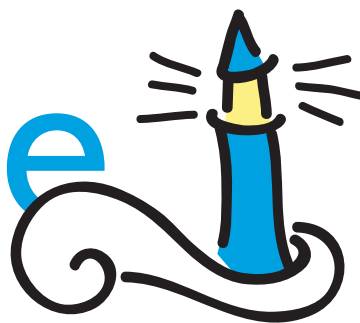


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## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during March 2006

| Danville                            | Alamo                               | Walnut Creek                       |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Total sales reported: 18            | Total sales reported: 8             | Total sales reported: 28           |
| Lowest sale reported: \$500,000     | Lowest sale reported: \$960,000     | Lowest sale reported: \$338,000    |
| Highest sale reported: \$1,600,000  | Highest sale reported: \$2,050,000  | Highest sale reported: \$1,592,500 |
| Average sales reported: \$1,067,972 | Average sales reported: \$1,471,063 | Average sales reported: \$599,268  |

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

| Danville  | Alamo   | Walnut Creek   |
|---|---|--|
| <b>118 Blackstone Drive</b> Y. & J. Shing to M. & M. Saghir for \$942,500           | <b>233 Madeline Lane</b> Shapell Industries to T. Truong for \$1,273,500    | Trust to Wilkins Trust for \$1,250,000   |
| <b>1180 Blue Spur Circle</b> Shapell Industries to Madsen Trust for \$1,044,000     | <b>20 Moss Wood Court</b> Sather Trust to M. Vonhoetzendorff for \$730,000  | <b>2399 Ironwood Place</b> E. & H. Etemad to Beedle Trust for \$1,749,500        |
| <b>510 Contada Circle</b> V. Boyett to E. Peterson for \$682,500                    | <b>202 Paraiso Drive</b> Herrerias Trust to S. & J. Andres for \$950,000    | <b>106 La Sonoma Way</b> S. & N. Grossman to C. & N. O'Brien for \$1,615,000     |
| <b>212 Country Meadows Lane</b> P. & E. Brodsky to W. & P. Scarbrough for \$750,000 | <b>404 Plata Court</b> Farley Trust to M. & S. Mulligan for \$1,275,000     | <b>235 Las Quebradas Lane</b> Chung Trust to J. Falk for \$1,599,000             |
| <b>37 Deer Meadow Place</b> LandAmerica Onestop to D. & L. Francone for \$1,090,000 | <b>830 Podva Road #B</b> J. Ka to K. Sayaghi for \$500,000                  | <b>1480 Laurenita Way</b> Sycamore Development to M. & H. Temkin for \$2,050,000 |
| <b>450 Eagle Valley Way</b> Shapiro Trust to H. & D. Larjani for \$887,500          | <b>308 Ranger Place</b> M. & A. Iorio to V. & A. Thomas for \$860,000       | <b>2505 Lunada Lane</b> J. & J. Leonard to G. Khosravi for \$960,000             |
| <b>400 Edinburgh Circle</b> Lai Trust to B. Chromy for \$1,566,500                  | <b>4024 Sugar Maple Drive</b> J. & J. Mullins to C. Lucasey for \$1,429,000 | <b>68 Mayfair Court</b> Pigott Trust to P. & D. Sutherland for \$1,300,000       |
| <b>4250 Golden Oak Court</b> M. & S. Bradlee to Marcon Trust for \$1,600,000        | <b>314 Zagora Drive</b> D. & D. Crews to R. & J. Cruz for \$1,060,000       |  |
| <b>3380 Green Meadow Drive</b> B. Chromy to C. Yang for \$1,175,000                 |   |  |
| <b>2 Hap Terrace</b> G. & R. Sanchez to J. & S. Woodbury                            | <b>1390 Casa Vallecita</b> D. Heieren to G. Orocio for \$1,245,000          |  |
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| <b>3845 Sheffield Cir.</b> Prudential CA \$1,149,999 Sat 1-4 p.m. 734-5000          | <b>4148 Georgis Pl.</b> Keller Williams \$635,000 Sat 1-4 p.m. 397-4300   |
| <b>605 Gasgow Cir.</b> Intero \$960,000 Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. 719-1785                   | <b>2849 Cedrus Ct.</b> Prudential CA \$739,999 Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. 876-6575  |
| <b>Alamo</b>  | <b>4 Bedrooms</b>   |
| <b>3 Bedrooms</b>   | <b>2527 Skimmer Ct.</b> Alain Pinel \$1,137,000 Sat 1-4 p.m. 519-9080     |
| <b>2263 Granite Ct.</b> Emplire \$1,298,000 Sat 1-4 p.m. 788-8699                   | <b>4134 Casterson Ct.</b> Info Home \$1,345,000 Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. 487-2605 |
| <b>Dublin</b>   | <b>5711 Ohana Ln.</b> Coldwell Banker \$2,395,000 Sat 12-5 p.m. 847-7355  |
| <b>3 Bedrooms</b>   | <b>3593 Pimlico Dr.</b> Keller Williams \$859,000 Sat 1-4 p.m. 216-5869   |
| <b>11425 Winding Trail Ln.</b> Prudential CA \$624,950 Sat/Sun 1-4 p.m. 734-5000    |   |
| <b>Livermore</b>  | <b>San Ramon</b>  |
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| <b>1093 Ventura Ave.</b> Keller Williams \$450,000 Sat 1-4 p.m. 292-SOLD            | <b>524 Tylerton Ct.</b> Alain Pinel \$1,424,500 Sat 1-4 p.m. 968-1452     |
| <b>4184 Torrey Pine Wy.</b> Keller Williams \$530,000 Sat 130-430 p.m. 650-454-8527 | <b>4 Elmwood Dr.</b> Hometown GMAC \$789,950 Sat 12-4 p.m. 417-8611       |
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| <b>524 Oriole Ave.</b> Keller Williams \$539,888 Sat 1-4 p.m. 292-SOLD              | <b>3107 Ashbrook Ln.</b> Intero \$1,099,000 Sun 1-4 p.m. 833-1822         |
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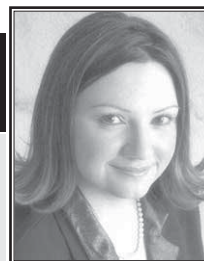


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