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**Cathy Shields**

*retired probation officer*



Although cell phones are a necessary part of today's life, the BART train isn't your personal living room. I hear a little too much information about personal affairs. I don't ride BART very often but I haven't had a quiet BART ride in years.

**Dan Mullen**

*underwriter*



All the time. I guess I find people tend to use them to excess and be very inconsiderate of other people and their surroundings. When I go to Peet's in the morning, people have them attached to their ears and are very loud, very disruptive. The other thing I've noticed is they go up each aisle in the grocery store saying, "Do we have this?" and "Do we have that?" What happened to lists?

**Ellen Polley**

*buyer for a medical company*



All the time. People lose focus and control on cell phones and can't respond to reality. Although some people (in the checkout line) can be helpful even while they're on their cell phone. In the grocery store, people will be yelling and screaming or laughing loudly. Or saying, "CAN YOU HEAR ME?"

**Joe Partlow**

*works at Trader Joe's*



It's just terrible. They're rude. We just took the boys, 5 and 3, to the movies last week and they, probably teenagers, were on their cell phones talking and talking. Nobody can live without a cell phone. I turn it off when I go into the grocery store.

**Louanne Steffen**

*stay-at-home mom*

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**ABOUT THE COVER**

Sharyn Mitzo (left) and Patricia Pearson, Danville residents living in a long-term lesbian relationship, have been welcomed at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, which wrote a letter thanking the Episcopal Church USA for supporting ordaining gays and blessing same sex relationships after the Anglican world community told it to stop or be severed from the community. Photo by Natalie O'Neill. Cover design by Ben Ho.

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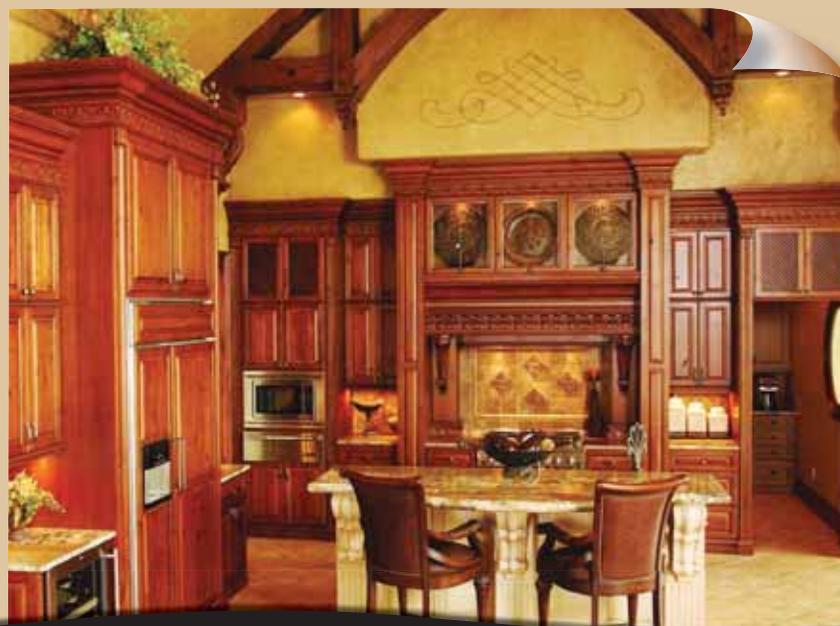
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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ Don't treat your vehicle like a safe because it's too easy to access. ”

—Danville Police Sgt. Troy Craig about the spike in felony thefts from vehicles. See story, page 12.

**Waste collection adds up for orchestra**

The free electronic recycling event in Danville and Walnut Creek two weeks ago, hosted by Universal Waste Management Inc., helped generate more than \$6,500 in donations that will help the Young Artists Symphony Orchestra (YASO).

The musical group was organized in 1980 as the Diablo Youth Orchestra by parents, teachers and community volunteers who were concerned about the absence of classical musical opportunities in the Diablo Valley. The orchestra used this opportunity to help raise funds to send their young musicians on a musical tour through Austria.

State law enacted in February 2006 prohibits the disposal of electronic waste because of the long-term environmental threat. Universal Waste Management Inc. operates a permanent facility in Oakland that is open to the public six days a week, and hosts free public collection events, such as this one to support the next generation of musicians. Jake and Ben Cherry, founders and managing directors, grew up in Alamo and were excited to bring this service to their community.

**Fun and fashion in Alamo**

Members of the Alamo Women's Club are inviting everyone to join them for an afternoon of fun and fashion at their Goodwill Bags Fashion Show displaying clothing from the 1850s through the 1970s.

The fundraiser, which benefits Hospice and other local charities, will take place from 11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Friday, April 20, at the Alamo Women's Club, on Danville Boulevard. Tickets are \$35 and reservations are due by April 15; call 837-6548.

The club was founded in 1906 as a philanthropic and social organization and currently has 55 members, women with a wide range of interests, talents and ages. Some have been in the area for many years and others are newcomers. Their common bond is an interest in serving the community. Currently the club gives to Vestia, the Family Stress Center, Meals on Wheels, Operation Family Fund, the Salvation Army and the Heifer Foundation, and with scholarships to Monte Vista and San Ramon high schools, as well as a student at Diablo Valley College.

**Corrections** In the April 6 issue, the caption showing Armand Borel's parents standing with their automobile by a redwood tree should have said it was taken in the 1920s.

# Joey Pickavance

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## Wildfire danger

Fire department sends abatement notices to folks

by Jordan M. Doronila

Wildfire flames could quickly spread over Danville's pastures, hills and open space if residents fail to maintain their land.

To quell potential fiery disasters before they begin, firefighters mailed out notices last month to residents in Danville, Alamo, Diablo and San Ramon, informing them they must properly abate their property, said officials in the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

"I want stress to the community the importance of doing the work and maintenance," said Erick Hubbard, district prevention specialist. "The more work you do, the better off you'll be."

The notices say that cutting an overgrowth of grasses, weeds, shrubbery or trees helps prevent wildfires. The public outreach is part of the district's Exterior Hazard Abatement Program, which is conducted every spring and summer.

Residents can abate their property by creating a defensive space around it, planting landscaping, cutting weeds and managing trees or taking away dead trees or shrubbery, Hubbard said.

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Triple amputee Joey Bozick skis down the mountain on a bi-ski at Snowmass Village in Colorado with instructor Mike "Milty" Milton, who is trained in adaptive skiing.

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## Challenge on the mountain

Sports clinic opens new vistas for disabled veterans

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

The Danville man sped downhill over the snow on the Colorado mountainside last week, enjoying one last run before the winter season ended, just like skiers all over the country.

But this man was Joey Bozick, 28, a triple amputee wounded in Iraq, who was enjoying the sport at the 21st National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, held April 1-6 in Snowmass Village. It is sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Disabled American Veterans to teach skiing to veterans with significant physical impairments.

"Connecting with sports again has allowed me to have some contact with my past life," said Bozick, who attended with his wife Jayme.

"A highlight was getting to see my friends from the hospital," he said. "It was a week off, and everyone had a great, relaxed attitude."

It was the third time Bozick attended the Winter Sports Clinic. Last year he won the Aspen Challenge Inspiration Award, which included taking part in the Grand Canyon Adventure, a 10-day rafting trip down the Colorado River for injured soldiers last fall.

"They are wonderful experiences," Bozick said. "I'm feeling more comfortable as time goes on. You

learn more about your body."

The ski instructors are cross-trained in adaptive skiing and snowboarding. Bozick used a bi-ski, which is two skis beneath a seat, and learned how to distribute his weight to get the edges to dig into the snow.

"I'd only skied two or three times before I was injured," he recalled. "This event helps you to move on by seeing that there are many wonderful things you can still take part in."

More than 350 veterans from across the county participated in the event.

"There were six guys from World War II," said Jayme Bozick. "They bring in so many volunteers that are the best in their field at teaching adaptive skiing and snowboards."

"It was Easter and some people were on spring breaks so we almost had the mountain to ourselves," she added.

Joey Bozick plays golf at Crow Canyon Country Club and takes part in several tournaments each year.

"I'm trying to keep up a pretty active lifestyle," he said.

The Bozicks moved to Danville last summer with the Sentinels of Freedom program, and Joey is working as a personal banker at Wells Fargo Bank in Danville.

"It's a great community," he said. "Tell everyone to come by and see me." ■

## Diablo Ballet in dire financial straits

Company sets hopes on Blackhawk fundraiser, increased ticket prices

by Natalie O'Neill

Edward Stegge pulls his leg straight up to his ear and points his toes toward the ceiling, a warm-up before ballet rehearsals begin. As a dancer for Diablo Ballet, he is part of the 11-member ensemble who has helped keep high quality ballet alive in the East Bay.

But although critics have called the company the "best suburban troupe in the state," Diablo Ballet will be forced to close its doors unless it can raise \$500,000 by July, Artistic Director Lauren Jonas said this week.

"We need people to support the arts in their own back yard," said Kerry Silverstone, a Danville resident and Diablo Ballet guild member.

The company is based in Walnut Creek and teaches intermediate ballet classes to Danville and Alamo students. Devoted Danville balleri-

nas switched to this location after Danville Ballet in Alamo Plaza closed last August.

After recently losing its president and founder Ashraf Habibullah to his expanding software company, the ballet is struggling to stay on its feet.

"I feel I must turn this organization over to leaders who can give it the time and energy it deserves," Habibullah said in March.

Habibullah was the main benefactor responsible for bringing in income and contributions from colleagues, individuals and his own personal donations, Jonas said.

As a result of his departure, the ballet is increasing ticket prices by 20 percent and asking individuals and corporations to support the company by making donations, coming to performances, and attending a fashion show fundraiser April 21 at Blackhawk Country Club.

The goal of the fundraiser is

to raise \$25,000 through a fashion show, wine tasting and silent auction. The evening will begin with dinner, and then dancers will model and perform in the clothes displayed. Cost per person is \$125.

"Some people think: 'Why should we go if there's a possibility it might close?' But if we don't do everything in our power, then it will," Jonas said.

Jonas has temporarily taken on the role of both artistic director and executive director and said Diablo Ballet is in search of someone who can take over executive direction. The person would ideally be able to give special attention to fundraising and finances, she said.

There's great love for ballet in Contra Costa, Jonas added, and for many Danville residents Diablo Ballet helps keep the art close to

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Lauren Main de Lucia, a professional ballerina who dances with Diablo Ballet, warms up for daily rehearsals in preparation for "Theater Encounter," a free performance the company will give to children.

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## New Vally Medlyn's—a favorite since the '50s—reopens downtown

*Restaurant has new owners, new look*

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Danville's beloved Vally Medlyn's on Hartz Avenue has reopened as the New Vally Medlyn's under new ownership, with added menu items and a completely renovated interior. It had a grand opening Easter Sunday.

"Everything is homemade. It's food like your mother used to make you," said owner Hamid Ardebili.

Ardebili owns the restaurant with his wife Lisa Courlandt, and the couple also runs the Copper Skillet in Walnut Creek. They say the major menu changes will be lower prices and more healthy options including no use of trans fat.

The 1950s diner-style atmosphere that used to be Vally Medlyn's signature look has been replaced with tan and maroon-purple walls, new seating arrangements and art.

"We got rid of the bright yellow booths. It's more chic now," said manager Zachary Courlandt, who helps run the family business.

"It's cute and homey," Ardebili said.

Vally Medlyn's was established in Oakland in 1935, and the coffee shop moved to Danville in 1950, according to an article celebrating its anniversary in the Tri-Valley Herald in 1995. It was named for the original owner. Oldtimers who attended San Ramon Valley High School in the 1950s remember it fondly as an after-school hangout.

The New Vally Medlyn's will still specialize in breakfast and lunch with foods like pancakes and eggs as well as hamburgers with fries. The new owners are waiting to get their alcohol license so they can begin serving wine with dinner.



VERTICAL PHOTO BY NATALIE O'NEILL

New Vally Medlyn manager Zachary Courlandt serves lunch at the newly renovated restaurant, which has modernized its look but introduced "homemade" food.

"It's family friendly and we've got a great outside patio. Bring your pets, we don't mind," Lisa Courlandt said.

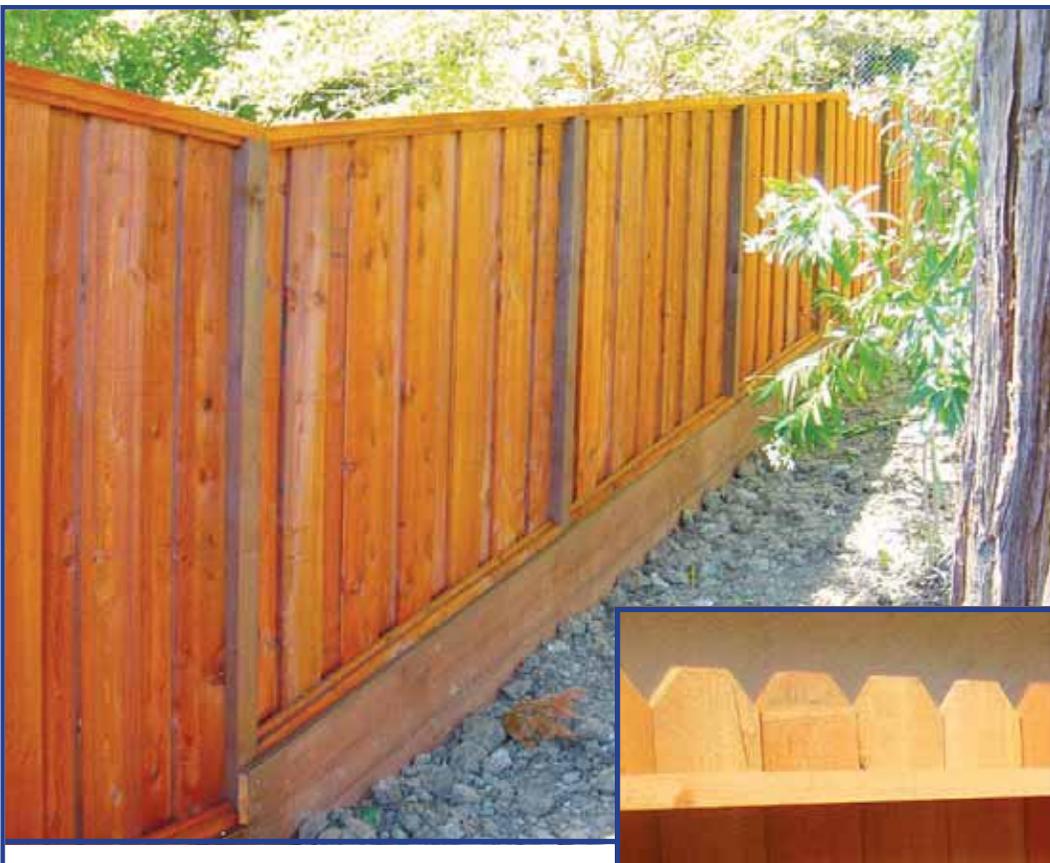
The New Vally Medlyn's officially opened the weekend before last and was packed for Saturday and Sunday's breakfast and lunch. During the week business was slower, which may have had something to do with families being away on spring break, Zachary Courlandt said.

Ownership of Vally Medlyn's

changed last fall, when the previous owner Debra Tamscea made the decision to sell the restaurant due to her ongoing battle with cancer. The new owners feel they can take over the historical meeting point using both the old draw of diner-style food and their own new personal touches.

"We've had a lot of experience cooking in restaurants ... hopefully people will stop by," Ardebili said. ■

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## Ballet

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home.

"For a lot of people it means not having to cross the Bay Bridge," Jonas said.

"Why go all the way to the Swiss Alps when we've got the Rockies right here? You don't have to go far to get beauty and richness," Silverstone said.

Along with offering classes and performances, Diablo Ballet helps grade school students in Contra Costa communities through its Dance Development Educational Outreach program, exposing them to ballet and encouraging them to express themselves creatively and physically.

"It teaches them about art as expression and how it improves self esteem," Jonas said.

The Diablo Ballet will also put on "Theater Encounter," an interactive free performance for underserved children throughout the East Bay. Hundreds of students are bussed to the Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek annually, and this year's show will run the morning of April 18.

"It's the first time most of these kids have ever stepped into a theater," Jonas said.

On an individual scale, the best and biggest thing people can do is to buy tickets and come see the



**Nicaraguan adventure** Sue Beck enjoys sightseeing with her Weekly in Managua, Nicaragua, in September. She stayed at the fabulous coastal resort of Montelimar, which she reports was all inclusive and very affordable.

ballet, Silverstone said.

"Try it once, that's as much attention you'd give a new restaurant. If you don't like it, you don't have to

come back," she said.

To make donations or purchase tickets, visit [www.diabloballet.org](http://www.diabloballet.org) or call Diablo Ballet at 943-1775. ■

## Fire

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"It's asset protection," Hubbard said. "We are trying to get (the message) to the public that it's your responsibility."

"You're protecting your family and property," he added.

The district often sends notices to residents who have property by ridgelines, open space or dry areas that are prone to wildfires during California's hot summer days. Hubbard said Alamo's Round Hill golf course's hilly area is prone to wildfires.

Hubbard said the fires occur in the heat and can be caused by lightning or manmade actions, such as throwing a burning cigarette in a field or failing to douse a campfire properly. The dryness of shrubbery causes it to be highly ignitable.

Residents with property that could be a fire danger have received a written letter from Fire Chief Craig Bowen about the abatement notification and a yellow sheet comprising the minimum abatement standards. When they have completed their maintenance work, they fill out a reply card, which came with the notice, and send it back to the district.

All residents in the San Ramon Valley must abate their property, according to county and local enforcement guidelines, Hubbard said.

If residents fail to do so, especially after receiving several courtesy notices, the district will hire a contractor to abate their land and will bill the work to them. If they do not pay the bill, the district has the authority to place a lien on their

house until it is paid.

Hubbard noted the district doing the work costs residents two to three times as much money as doing the maintenance themselves.

The abatement program costs around \$17,000 for supplies and posting mailers and has been running for more than 20 years. It costs an additional \$10,000 for contractors to maintain property.

The program runs until October. The district hopes all residents will

send replies that they have abated their properties by June 1, Hubbard said.

"We are always trying to improve the program to make it as efficient as possible," he said.

For more information about the Exterior Hazard Abatement Program, visit [www.srvfpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.srvfpd.dst.ca.us) or telephone the district at 838-6600. ■

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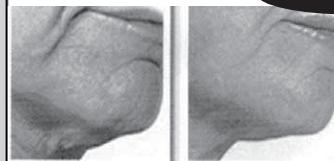
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# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

## The drive to San Diego



Is it better to fly to San Diego or drive? Because that's where my daughter Zoe lives, and I like to see her as often as possible.

Flying vs. driving to San Diego has been a subject of debate in my family since Zoe left for San Diego State in 1997. We drove her down in the late summer to begin college and then drove down again in the spring to collect her. She flew up for holidays and we flew down for visits. After college when she stayed down in San Diego, we only flew since we no longer had to haul goods back and forth.

Then came the attacks on Sept. 11 and flying has not been the same since. Now we have to arrive at the airport hours early in each direction. The planes are small and crowded (well, I guess they always were), and the Southwest terminal in San Diego is a madhouse. So when we bought our new Volvo recently, we said to each other: Let's drive down to San Diego! And last month we did just that.

I remembered Interstate 5 being a long monotonous ride. Others advised us, "Just fly. You'll be there in a few hours." But this time we enjoyed the drive and it didn't seem long. I thought the scenery would be tedious but it wasn't. The Altamont pass: Look at the windmills; look at the trucks; look at the horrible morning commute going in the other direction. After that it was the farmlands: green fields; many, many cattle.

And many rest stops. We hit almost every one since my husband had to stretch his left leg every hour

or so to avoid "movie-goers knee." He is subject to this condition due to his "patellofemoral syndrome," also known as his "bum knee." It is a result of playing too much tennis in his case, and it causes pain in the knee after sitting in one position for any length of time. So we made frequent stops to walk around for 10 or 15 minutes, and I'm wondering if this is why we never became restless and anxious to reach our destination. We also found out all the I-5 rest stops are designed the same and most have a wide array of vending machines. And I discovered the vending machines worked flawlessly when my husband bought a cup of coffee but when I tried, they ate my quarters. Actually they returned four of the six—not bad percentages, but not a cup of coffee either.

I admit there was one stretch of I-5 that was a bit bleak and we said, "This is the I-5 everyone complains about." But before we knew it, we were in the Tehachapis, the lovely mountain range with interesting curves to navigate for about 40 miles. Then, of course, came the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles and traffic, traffic, traffic. As we emerged on the south side we had a while of breezing along in the carpool lane and then ocean views before we hit the rush hour traffic outside San Diego. Nonetheless we arrived in San Diego in time for the 4-5 p.m. wine and cookie hour at the beachfront Pacific Terrace hotel.

We've tried other hotels at Pacific Beach in the last 10 years but keep

returning to the Pacific Terrace. We even tried the Crystal Pier Hotel where you sleep right over the water in charming little white cottages with blue trim. That was fun but we were surprised to find that the pier—and the cottage—shook each time the tide went in or out, a rather destabilizing experience.

I thought the scenery would be tedious but it wasn't. The Altamont pass: Look at the windmills; look at the trucks; look at the horrible morning commute going in the other direction.

On our first stay in San Diego, we stayed at the Beach Cottages. I checked out its Web site last week and was delighted to find it has a camcorder aimed at the beach and boardwalk 24/7. It's soothing to see at home the same surf we enjoyed from our balcony at Pacific Terrace. Zoe has promised she soon will go to the beach and stand in front of the Beaches Cottages, call me, and wave at the camera. That way, I can see her without either driving or flying. What a treat!

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli  
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**EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY**

**Grass doesn't grow under Measure A funds**

Has so much construction ever been done in one school district during such a short period of time as in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District during the last few years? Congratulations to the district for putting Measure A funds to use without wasting any time.

The school facilities had become quite needy by November 2002 when the voters passed Measure A, a \$260 million School Facilities Bond.

The district, as it campaigned for the bond measure, was anxious to reduce overcrowding at the high schools, and to upgrade and replace outdated electrical systems. Some classrooms had not been renovated since they were built more than 25 years ago, and many portables that had been intended for temporary use needed to be replaced by permanent structures.

Last fall, just four years after voters passed Measure A, students at John Baldwin and Greenbrook elementary schools were greeted for the 2006-07 school

not meet district specifications for classroom size and configuration.

New buildings and modernizations are currently under way at Green Valley, Live Oak, Montevideo, Rancho Romero and Vista Grande elementary schools as well as at other sites. All of the high schools are benefiting greatly from the additions and improvements.

Our school district has done an excellent job at zeroing in on its objectives along with members of the Measure A Oversight Committee. The district also has been able to secure more than \$40 million in state matching funds. Public agencies do not always move so efficiently toward their goals; we commend the school board members, Superintendent Robert Kessler and every-one involved.

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year in new facilities, worthy of the 21st century. Baldwin had been built in 1968 and Greenbrook in 1976. They were given priority among Measure A projects because they had been constructed in a pod design that was popular at the time but now does

**LETTERS**

**Caltrans comes through**

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you sincerely for the very well-written and informative article regarding the impact of the freeway noise on the quality of life in Alamo and residents' efforts to petition Caltrans to repave this I-680 stretch with rubberized asphalt to alleviate the effects of noise pollution. Reporter Natalie O'Neill did a very good job researching this matter and interviewing the residents and public officials.

The Jan. 11 article was very timely and was well received by local residents. Contra Costa County District 3 Supervisor Mary N. Piepho's office also got involved with that issue and helped in relating residents' concerns to Caltrans.

We are in receipt of a formal letter from Caltrans acknowledging that they've been made aware of residents' concerns and indicating that their preliminary design will include repaving the I-680 stretch through Alamo and parts of Danville with rubberized asphalt. The work is tentatively scheduled for spring 2009. We are

very impressed with the timely response, support and help from Supervisor Piepho's office. You could really see an elected official working with residents and assisting in addressing their concerns.

Again, thank you for your article.

*Alina Roshal (and more than 200 petition signatures)*

**Would teens ride bikes to school?**

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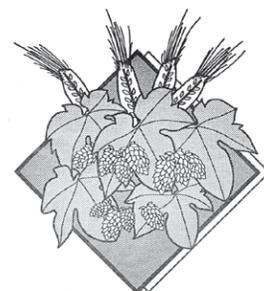
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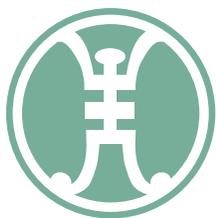
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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Tsunami of felony thefts

A wave of felony thefts swept through Danville during March and early April, said Danville Police Sgt. Troy Craig, due largely to residents leaving their cars and businesses unlocked.

“We’ve seen a spike in activity,” Craig said. “Don’t treat your vehicle like a safe because it’s too easy to access.”

Half of the 26 felony thefts—stolen items worth \$400 and more—were unforced entries. Craig said police have received reports for 11 cars that had windows broken.

“The bad guy just smashed the window, took property and ran,” he said.

But police found 10 cases in which cars were unlocked.

Craig said some people leave their doors unlocked due to forgetfulness and exhaustion. Moreover, people may leave items in plain sight in their cars, which makes it tempting for others to break in.

“There’s a variety of reasoning why this occurs,” he said. “This causes a huge headache for (residents) because 42 percent of all of these thefts are purses and wallets.”

He said suspects may take their money, credit cards or identification. Craig urged residents to keep their personal items with them and not leave them in their car, he said. Thieves know where to look for them.

“Take your valuables inside,” Craig said. “The big thing we’re asking is citizens to remain vigilant and if they see someone suspicious to give us a ring.”

—Jordan M. Doronila

## POLICE LOG

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

### Sunday, April 1

- Party disturbance on W. Prospect Ave. at 1:23 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Danville Oak Pl. at 12:30 p.m. and 12:49 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on El Rio Rd. at 1:37 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 1:47 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 2:28 p.m.

### Monday, April 2

- Commercial burglary on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 7:58 a.m.
- Vandalism on Camino Tassajara and Messiah Pl. at 11:13 a.m.
- Petty theft on Montair Dr. at 2:04 p.m.
- Petty theft on Montair Dr. at 2:29 p.m.
- Vandalism on Glen Rd. at 3 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Stone Valley Rd. at 3:25 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Verona Ave. at 3:56 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. at 4:15 p.m.
- Misdemeanor battery on Derbyshire Pl. and Park Hill Rd. at 4:28 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 3

- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Railroad Ave. at 11:39 a.m.
- Terrorist threats on Town and Country Dr. at 2:41 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Camino Tassajara at 3:56 p.m.

- Drugs violation on Lehigh Valley Cir. at 5:31 p.m.
- Forgery of fraudulent documents on Ilo Ln. at 6:57 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 4

- Commercial burglary on Diablo Rd. at 6:16 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on San Ramon Valley Blvd. and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 8:55 a.m.
- Vandalism on Zephyr Cir. at 12:56 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Railroad Ave. at 6:41 p.m.
- Vandalism on Northview Ct. at 6:47 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 7:58 p.m.

### Thursday, April 5

- Commercial burglary on Hartz Ave. at 8:01 a.m.
- Petty theft on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:16 a.m.
- Vandalism on Mission Pl. at 10:34 a.m.
- Weapon on school grounds on Del Amigo Rd. at 12:26 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Hartz Ave. and San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 1:57 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Meese Cir. at 2:21 p.m.
- Verbal disturbance on Front St. at 2:24 p.m.
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on Diablo Rd. and Front St. at 3:05 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Ackerman Dr. and Diablo Rd. at 3:47 p.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on Church St. and Railroad Ave. at 4:45 p.m.

- Vandalism on El Capitan Dr. at 4:51 p.m.
- Threats disturbance on Boone Ct. at 5:05 p.m.
- Noise disturbance on Hartz Ave. at 7:50 p.m.

### Friday, April 6

- Auto burglary on Montego Pl. at 7:09 a.m.
- Petty theft from vehicle on W. Prospect Ave. at 8:14 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Mariposa Ct. at 10:43 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Corrie Pl. at 3:27 p.m.
- Drugs violation on Del Amigo Rd. and Glen Rd. at 3:42 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Corrie Pl. at 3:43 p.m.
- Court order violation on Diablo Rd. and W. El Pintado Rd.
- Petty theft on Love Ln. at 8:27 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Sutton Cir. at 11:29 p.m.

### Saturday, April 7

- Party disturbance on Cross Bridge Pl. at 2:36 a.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Diablo Rd. at 8:18 a.m.
- Petty theft on Hartz Ave. at 2:22 p.m.
- Commercial burglary on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 5:44 p.m.
- Warrant on Via Hermosa at 6:03 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Sherburne Hills Rd. at 8:15 p.m.
- Barking dog disturbance on Quinterra Ln. at 8:31 p.m.
- DUI, arrest, on southbound I-680 and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 9:48 p.m.

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## Danville high schools tops in golf

by Rachel McMurdie

Monte Vista is still on top of league standings in boys golf after a 183-191 win over Amador Valley last Thursday at Ruby Hill Golf Course in Pleasanton. Mustang Jake Beiber was the top scorer, shooting 31 on the par-36 course. He was trailed by Amador's Kirk Laffins who shot a 35. Monte Vista improved to 8-1 in league, while Amador fell to 3-5.

San Ramon Valley, currently in the No. 2 spot in the league, beat out Livermore 198-207 on Thursday. Cole Pickavance medaled for the Wolves, shooting a 37 on Wente Vineyard's par-36 course. Livermore stands at 3-6 East Bay Athletic League; San Ramon Valley improves to 5-3.

### Girls softball

The Mustangs girls softball team, who held Granada 1-0 through the first four innings just like they did earlier in the season, were looking for another win last Thursday. But Kelly Head swung the game in a different direction with a hit that keyed a three-run seventh inning and pushed the visiting Matadors to a 4-1 victory.

With one out in the top of the seventh inning, Granada's Christi Wallace reached on the Mustangs' third error of the game. One out later, Becca Sabatini walked on four pitches to bring up Head.

Head was 0-for-3 with a strikeout, but she hit a 0-1 pitch for a screaming line drive over the head of center fielder Maddie Weber for a long single that scored Wallace. Sarah Ragusa and Megan Gravowski followed with RBI singles, to give the Matadors a 4-1 lead.

Monte Vista's Abby Greenberg, who was 1-for-3, batted in the team's only RBI and pitcher Maggie Johnson recorded five strikeouts, 10 hits, 0 errors and one walk. The Wolves, in a slump, have lost the past six games.

In other EBAL games last week, San Ramon girls tromped Amador Valley, 9-0. With the win, the Wolves continue their undefeated reign in league.

### Boys lacrosse

The Wolves boys lacrosse team charged over Foothill 14-6 last week on Tuesday adding another win to their four-game streak. Patrick Sornsin led San Ramon Valley, scoring seven goals and three assists. Kai Cummings, John Brereton and Matt Rudow added another two each.

### Girls lacrosse

The San Ramon Valley girls lacrosse team has struggled to find its first league win. Another game slipped past last Friday. Down by one at the half, the Wolves allowed Foothill five more goals before the game ended 11-8. With the win, Foothill improves to 2-2 in league play.

Leading the offensive drive for San Ramon Valley, Allie Van Dorn posted four goals, two assists.

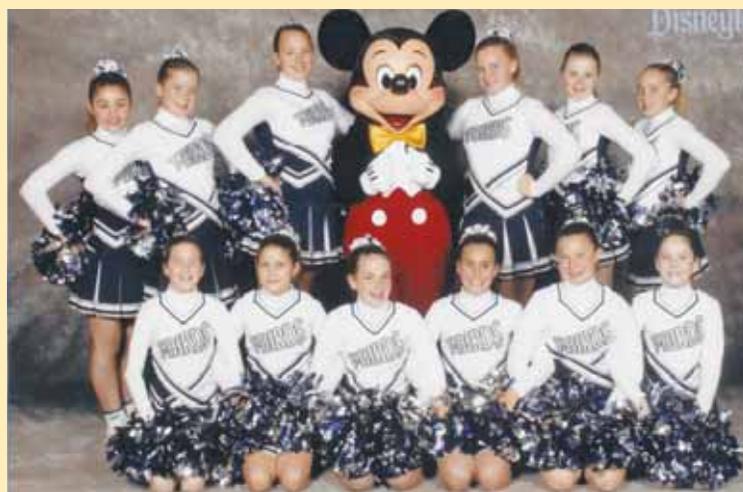
### Track and field

San Ramon Valley earned an easy win over Amador Valley at the track and field competition last week on Wednesday. The boys team went 100-36, while the girls scored 70-66 over the Dons. Ryan Vandersloot came up with wins again in the 100-meter and 200-meter footrace. He shaved .03 seconds off his 100 meter time at 11.27 seconds and finished the 200-meter race in 22.84. On the girls team, Kelly Fogarty once again dominated the 200-meter footrace, finishing in 2:26.29.

Across town, the Mustangs fell to Granada 66-70 (boys), 64.5-71.5 (girls). Monte Vista boys picked up wins in the 100-meter footrace, shot put, discus and long jump. Monte Vista high jumper Yannick Goeb also came up with a win, and personal record jumping to a height of 6 feet 2 inches, one of the highest recorded in EBAL this season.

For the girls team, Brett Zorich picked up a win in the 800-meter footrace, finishing in 2:21.02. The Mustang girls also earned first place in the 200-meter footrace, high jump, 1600-meter footrace and 400-meter relay. ■

E-mail photos to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com.



## Give a cheer for T-Bird cheerleaders

The San Ramon Valley Thunderbirds Jr. Midgets qualified for the USA Junior Nationals in the fall and went to competitions in Disneyland in March. They placed second in cheer and first in dance with head coach Leanne Heinrich, assistant coach Patty Seay and junior coach Sarah Heller. The cheer squad included (front row, l-r) Katie Wells, Brianna Seay, Mary Ellen Battles, Vanessa King, Paige Rossen, Brooke Jones; (back) Rachel Dickinson, Emma Bovberg, Samantha Ransdell, honorary member Mickey Mouse, Allison Yaron, Alyssa Nunes, Lauren Heinrich.

The San Ramon Valley Thunderbird Cheerleaders dominated at the recent L.A. National Competition, bringing home four first-place trophies, two second-place trophies and one fourth-place. The T-Birds are currently accepting registration for the 2007 season. The last chance to register for one of its five squads is 6-8 p.m., Thursday, April 19, at Vista Grande Elementary School, 667 Diablo Road. To learn more, visit [srvtbirds.com](http://srvtbirds.com).

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# St. Timothy's bucks

## Church focuses on what uni

by Natalie O'Neill

S haryn Mitzo and Patricia Pearson never considered hiding their lesbian relationship at church.

"That wasn't ever an option ... we were immediately embraced," says Pearson, an active member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Danville.

Having been away from organized religion for 30 years, the couple was a bit uneasy about rejoining a church. For Mitzo, who was raised Jehovah's Witness in Ohio, returning to a congregation prompted a deep fear that God wouldn't accept her. And for Pearson, being away from church for so long left her nervous about getting back into the swing of it.

"I understand being scared. I thought, 'What draw do I have back to the church after all these years?'" Pearson says.

For many gays and lesbians, divorcees, single moms—or anyone who isn't cookie-cutter conventional—joining or rejoining a church can be daunting. At some places of worship, the people and the pastors exude unspoken judgment, making it rough for people living outside of the archetypal family mold.

In Danville, this prompts a lot of "church shopping," Pearson says, explaining that these potential church-goers tend to make phone calls to pastors to ensure they won't feel snubbed or ostracized when they show up on Sunday.

"At St. Timothy's sometimes the first question is: 'We are two women living together as a couple; is that going to be OK?'" Pearson says.

### Gays in church: the world controversy

With the recent worldwide conflict bubbling between the Episcopal Church USA and the bigger Anglican world community over human sexuality, St. Timothy's wants to make one thing clear: Here at their Danville church, everybody is welcome.

"Jesus didn't expect conformity before he healed, sat with them at the table, and gave them his love," says the Rev. Kathleen Trapani of St. Timothy's.

This February, in light of statements by Episcopal Church leader Katharine Jefferts Schori supporting ordaining gays and blessing same sex relationships, the Anglican world community gave the Episcopal Church USA an ultimatum: Stop blessing gay unions and establishing homosexual leaders—or you'll be severed from the Anglican community.

The threat caused highly emotional reactions here in the United States, with some churches standing their ground and others veering toward tradition in order to remain with the Anglican Church.

In Danville, Episcopalians from St. Timothy's responded with a letter to Schori in support of blessing same-sex unions. They sided with her, writing that gay church leaders and loving committed gay relationships do align with the teachings of Christ.

The letter states that "the issue is not only one of tolerance and inclusion, but funda-

mentally one of justice," and is signed by 13 vestry members.

Devoted St. Timothy's churchgoer Wendy Peterson, who attends with her husband, says the issue is simple. Episcopalians should keep an open mind and display the same unconditional love that Christ did, she says.

"We're not all the same and Jesus didn't discriminate .... We're just asking people not to build walls," Peterson explains.

Other members of the church add that this isn't just an issue about gays and lesbians. It's about inviting in outsiders, minorities and those that may feel alienated from the church.

**For many gays and lesbians, divorcees, single moms—or anyone who isn't cookie-cutter conventional—joining or rejoining a church can be daunting.**

"Our country has so many laws not to discriminate at work, but the beloved churches are less accepting than the (workplace)," Peterson says.

Mitzo and Pearson, who helped set up for several Good Friday ceremonies last week, are registered as domestic partners and were married briefly in 2004 until it was declared invalid by the Supreme Court. At St. Timothy's, they feel their long-term relationship is not only acknowledged but appreciated.

"Why concentrate on the differences when we have so many similarities?" Pearson says.

### Sexuality and religion: an orthodox view

Drive a few hours to the Diocese of San Joaquin, however, and you'll find an entirely different school of thought. The Fresno church has made the decision to cut ties with the Episcopal Church over the issue of ordaining gays.

The Rev. Van McAlister, spokesman for the church, says the Episcopal Church has been straying away from tradition for years and that this liberal view of human sexuality is the last straw.

"Anyone who continuously engages in acts of sin and doesn't repent should not be in a leadership position in the church," McAlister says.

At his church they hold the belief that any act of sex outside wedlock is a sin and therefore homosexual sex acts are always sins. McAlister also explains that he feels, according to the Bible, marriage must be between a male and a female.

"The Scripture is very clear that marriage is between a man and a woman," he says.

But that notion leaves gay Episcopalians in an incredibly difficult situation.

As a homosexual Episcopalian at the Diocese of San Joaquin, you have a couple of choices. You either never have sex, or

you marry into a relationship—and pray to be

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Timothy's plans to stick to its guns and not give in to the Anglican ultimatum.

"We are deeply grieved, but my guess is that we will be forced to live out the Scripture the way we interpret it," Trapani says, without being part of the Anglican community.

### Crossing lines

Thirty years ago, a similar controversy was sparked in the Episcopal Church USA over the ordination of women. Back then, the hot debate was about putting women in high leadership positions within the church.

While some conservative Episcopalians still oppose the leadership of women, it is a small-but-vocal portion that have recently rejected the first female presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori.

Since the 1970s, the majority of American Episcopal churches have come to accept the change as an evolution within their religious sect.

"There's a difference of opinion even among those that are theologically conservative," McAlister says, over the ordination of women.

Even some orthodox churches have steered away from the idea that leadership in church is solely for men.

In looking at the history of the church, many gay Episcopalians hope 30 years from now the same will be true for homosexuals.

"People have lines that can be crossed and those lines change over time. The biggest thing that prompts change is knowing gays and lesbians," Pearson says.

More often than not, people in same-sex relationships stay closeted when involved in their church. If they do decide to be open about it, Pearson says the most common response is that members of the church simply pretend it's not there.

Pearson recalls that gay fathers, friends of hers who attend church in San Ramon, have noticed church members refuse to acknowledge their relationship.

In Danville, though, she says she and Sharyn are just another church-going couple seeking to connect with God.

"In all the time I've lived here I've only heard one negative comment and it was done in a very loving way," Pearson says.

This is all the couple says they could ask for: that people focus on what binds, rather than what divides.

"If you're not coming to church because you're afraid you'll be ostracized, give us a try," Pearson says. ■



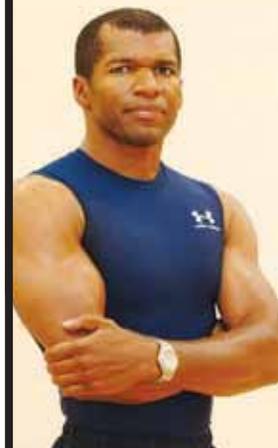
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Between Good Friday ceremonies at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Patricia Pearson and Sharyn Mitzo spend time reflecting in the meditative garden outside the church. The couple is in a long-term lesbian relationship and has been welcomed by the congregation, despite pressure from the Anglican world community to stop ordaining gays and blessing same-sex unions.

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Lisa and Randy Gross hold a photo shoot with Mudd's Restaurant executive chef Darren Robe in San Ramon for their new company Local Flavor, which is an interactive restaurant guide online.

## Couple gets off the treadmill for an exciting new venture

story and photos by Jordan M. Doronila

Goodbye working 9 to 5 and hello to independence.

Danville residents Lisa and Randy Gross quit their grueling jobs to start Local Flavor, a brand new multi-media restaurant guide that brings a virtual world of chefs and food in the San Ramon Valley—just a click away—to homes everywhere.

People can visit Local Flavor online and watch videos of restaurants in Danville and nearby. The Web site offers a teleplay of a wide assortment of interviews from chefs and owners on site, as well as glimpses of a variety of foods the restaurants offer.

Additionally, the informational service comes in a CD, which was mailed to 20,000 residents living in Danville and San Ramon. The interactive guide also comes with coupons for the restaurants it features.

"It's absolutely free to customers," said Randy Gross. "Danville is a perfect place for our product."

"We associate with only high quality restaurants," added Lisa Gross. "We are not going to McDonald's."

The restaurants featured on Local Flavor include Amber Bistro, Bridges Restaurant and Bar, Faz, Norm's Place, Forbes Mill Steakhouse, Alberto's Cantina, Guiseppe's Pasta and Grill, and Mudd's Restaurant.

Currently, there is already a Local Flavor running and performing prosperously in Atlanta, Ga. The Grosses own and operate the Northern California brand.

"It was wildly successful," Randy Gross said, about the interactive guide's success in Georgia. "This validated what we had expected. It told us we were really onto something."

Lisa and Randy Gross met in college. Randy—a Danville native who went to school at San Ramon Valley High School—went to UCLA, where he met Lisa.

Lisa grew up in L.A. and went to Beverly Hills High School where she encountered future celebrities such as Nicholas Cage and cast members from the hit TV series "The Brady Bunch." She also went to school with Star Trek star William Shatner's children.

But, she said, she was not rich and was not friends with the celebrities.

"I don't feel like a Beverly Hills-type person," she said.

In high school, she played sports. "I had a great time," she said. "I was on sports teams all the time."

She went to UCLA because her family traditionally liked the Bruins and the university was her dream school, she said.

"I wanted to be close," she said.

Randy and Lisa met on a ski trip when he was accidentally assigned to the same cabin where Lisa was staying. The two connected and hit it off, they said.

After graduating, Lisa went to Columbia University and received her master's degree in organizational psychology. She wanted to work in human resources.

"There's no city like New York," she said.

When Randy finished studying at UCLA, he went to George Washington University in Washington, D.C., to get his law degree.

"I enjoyed it," he said, about the city. "It's so interesting."

The two maintained their relationship while they ventured off into different states, and they both agreed when they decided to have children, they wanted to be in California.

"We wanted to raise kids," she said.

They moved back to California, married in 1994, and have three children—Melina, 10; Ethan, 8; and Giana, 5. Randy worked as a lawyer in San Jose, and Lisa worked in

the human resources department for General Electric, also in San Jose.

They both worked for several years before finding that their jobs had smothered their lives, leaving little time for their children.

"It was very time consuming," said Randy Gross. "Being in law was a good place to start but it was not where I wanted to end up."

"I knew what the life would be like," he said, noting that he had worked as a paralegal before becoming a lawyer. "It's very hard."

Eventually, they decided they wanted to spend time with their children, and they gradually reduced the amount of time they committed to their jobs. Soon, Lisa quit her job. Randy started his own law practice in Danville.

"We were ambitious," said Lisa Gross. "I got so involved with my kids."

Through one of Randy's clients, he met the owner of Georgia's Local Flavor, which was developed and owned by ICT Media. The Grosses saw how it worked, and they were impressed. It provided detailed information about the personalities of the chefs and owners of restaurants. And they saw that this interactive multi-media guide was widely received.

Randy and Lisa worked out a deal to form their own Local Flavor brand in Northern California. They did research, demonstrations and inquired from restaurant owners and managers how they felt about that way of advertising. Much of the development of the service was funded by the couple.

The Grosses said they were enthusiastic about their idea, which helped them communicate their passion for the service to restaurants.

They did the preliminary legwork for their business in 2005. And they started it last year.

Currently, they have 15 restaurants in Danville, Blackhawk and San Ramon participating in Local Flavor, right in their back yard near Tassajara Hills Elementary School.

"It's pretty up here," said Lisa Gross.

Local Flavor charges an initial start-up fee of \$495 and then a monthly fee of \$495. For more information, telephone 1-888-20-LOCAL or visit [www.localflavor.com](http://www.localflavor.com) ■



Local Flavor co-owner Lisa Gross prepares food to be filmed for her company.



BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

## Meet me at the meat market

by Jacquie Love Marshall

Ed Lawrence knows meats. And, these days, that's a mouthful (probably of his best prime rib).

A few months ago, a reader asked me to explain the difference between grocery-store meats and meats from a custom meat market. What I found is that the "butcher shop"—the term I grew up with—is an endangered species. Increasingly, they are few and far between. Lucky for us, there are still a few local businesses to provide us with custom meats, chicken and fish. Since moving to Danville, I have enjoyed the consistently fresh cuts of meat of Lawrence's Meat in Alamo. I especially like their outdoor grill where they turn their own meat into hamburgers and tri-tip sandwiches cooked to your liking. I also enjoy visiting Kinder's Custom Meats in Danville. (Having a cookout? Save yourself some grilling time and reserve their deliciously grilled baby back ribs, available on weekends.)

So what makes meat from a butcher shop so special? To find out, I contacted Ed Lawrence, owner of Lawrence's Meats. Lawrence's Meats has been around for 102 years, for 100 of those run by the Lawrence family. Ed grew up in the business, working for Lawrence's since the age of 5. The business was originally in Walnut Creek with a full barn/corral for cattle and even its own slaughter house (near John Muir Hospital) until 1962.

In 1987, the business moved to Alamo, where it is located today. Lawrence says: "We pride ourselves on selling choice and prime grade beef, lamb, pork; natural chickens, high quality fish and fresh produce. We also offer a full service deli, off-site catering and an outdoor grill that cooks our own meats to order seven days a week."

He offered some history: "In early years, shopping was divided between dried goods and meats. Until refrigeration, meats had to be slaughtered, butchered and sold fresh. The knowledge and skills of the butcher were revered. Eventually, the costs of raising cattle, storage space and refrigeration along with a lack of experienced meat cutters hurt the business. Consumers wanted fast and easy access; they wanted one-stop shopping. Today, none of the larger grocery stores break down their beef from 'carcass cattle.' Instead, they use boxed beef. Consequently, the butcher shop is gradually fading away."

According to the USDA, labels on beef sold in supermarkets today do not have to indicate where the beef was raised. The meat could be from the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, Argentina or some other country. In fact, what one country's government considers "choice" graded beef may not be the same as what the USDA grades as choice. However, if it is graded "choice" beef in that country, it is automatically labeled "choice" in the U.S.

Moreover, 99 percent of the beef sold in grocery stores comes from one of three main meat processing companies. The processing companies break down carcasses and vacuum-seal parts in plastic bags within 24 hours, then ship "boxed beef" in primal, sub-primal or case-ready cuts (e.g. New York steak). "Boxed beef" usually moves into a supermarket display case within two to four days of the animal's killing. Unfortunately, this beef has received no dry aging.

What is dry aging? Decades ago, butchers discovered that beef carcasses, left hanging for days, became more tender and flavorful. In dry aging, two things happen: one, moisture from the animal's muscles evaporates to leave a stronger concentration of beefy taste; two, natural enzymes in the meat break down tissue and proteins. Dry aging tenderizes the meat significantly and involves hanging meat "whole" or in part carcasses in a temperature- and humidity-controlled cooler for seven to 28 days. Most of the impact of dry aging occurs in the first 14 days.

Dry aged beef was the norm for many years but, with the science of vacuum packaging and refrigerated transportation, the dry aging process has been abandoned by all but the faithful butcher, who maintains



Gary LaPerle checks out the beef aging in the cooler at Lawrence's Meats in Alamo.

the tradition of dry aging and cutting from carcasses. A local meat market almost always sells American-raised meat and, often, the meat has been raised locally. Further, butcher shop meat is usually dry aged for seven-14 days to guarantee more tender cuts of meat. However, always ask questions about the source of the meat and dry aging.

As for Lawrence's, Ed says: "We use quarter form carcasses to age and cut our meats so we can control the quality of our products. Lawrence's beef has a two to three week age time and we offer customized cuts, freezer orders and specialty items (e.g. buffalo, alligator, ostrich) within 48 hours that the average grocer cannot. We have a longstanding tradition at holidays of customers reserving their prime rib and turkeys weeks in advance."

Dry aged meats are often a bit higher in cost, sometimes as much as 25 percent more. Air circulation is essential in dry aging and the evaporation causes shrinkage. Typical shrinkage is 10-15 percent. Beef can be wet aged in a vacuum-sealed plastic bag to enhance tenderness but it will not have the familiar dry aged flavor. But because refrigerated storage is expensive, only high-end steak and rib cuts are generally wet-aged.

As my conversation with Ed Lawrence drew to a close, he proudly shared other benefits of a local butcher: "We have a loyal clientele who know that the Lawrence name is synonymous with quality and full service. Our staff is extremely knowledgeable and can educate or discuss meats, cuts, etc. They're also good cooks themselves, who readily offer cooking tips and ideas."

It's clear that non-boxed and dry aged meats may cost you a little more but a refined palate will discern the difference in flavor and tenderness. You may not do all your shopping at a meat market but, when the occasion calls for custom cuts and extra special quality, it's good to know that your local butcher shop is still around the corner. In between time, stop by for a freshly grilled cheeseburger or flavorful baby-backed ribs to remind yourself what treasures we have in this area. See you there!

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

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## Much admired California women

Native-born California women were much admired for their health, beauty and piety. American sailors and merchants who wanted to stay in Alta California, marry and settle down, were expected to become Mexican citizens and convert to Catholicism. Source: Latin American collection, University of Texas at Austin General Libraries

## Danville, Alamo artists in April show

A lucky mistake helped Danville artist Carolyn Hamilton find her true calling. She had explored many different art venues when, five years ago, she inadvertently signed up for a wheel-throwing class. She was fascinated by the process of turning clay into beautiful pieces of art using this method and feels she has found her niche.

"I feel so fortunate to have found such a wonderful way to express my creative side," said Hamilton, who was recently awarded the Levin Scholarship for her work.

Hamilton will be one of more than 75 artists exhibiting works in Walnut Creek at the Civic Arts Education and Clay Arts Guild's spring showcase.

Shoppers and art lovers will find an extensive variety of handcrafted ceramic pottery, sculpture, paintings, jewelry, photography, and more at the art extravaganza.

Other Danville artists in the show include Mimi Wild, who weaves animal and bird imagery into her sculptures; Martha Kean, who salt-fires her creative designs in an electric kiln; Alamo resident Bee



Carolyn Hamilton will sell her works at the Arts and Crafts Extravaganza.

Hylinski, who works in fiber, glass and metal; and 96-year-old Sonja Biberman, who can still be found at the Clay Arts Guild continuing her life-long love affair with clay.

The twice-yearly art show includes artists displaying an extensive variety of handcrafted, one-

of-a-kind items. Ceramic pottery and sculpture, including low-fired Raku and salt-glazed works, will be available at 1313 Civic Drive in Studios D and E, while paintings, jewelry, photography, fiber arts, mixed media and more will be displayed at 111 N. Wiget Lane.

An opening night party takes place from 5-9 p.m., Thursday, April 19, in both locations with the show continuing through Sunday. ■

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Literary aficionados are likely well aware of the early-1970s "hoax" that had author Clifford Irving (Richard Gere) penning an apparent autobiography of reclusive tycoon Howard Hughes. Irving's ill-fated idea indirectly led to President Nixon's Watergate scandal and threw the ambitious author into a downfall of debt, divorce and jail time. Taking Irving from the brink of narrative stardom to the bane of charlatan notoriety, the author's cautionary tale is a captivating cinematic experience.

It begins in 1971, as Irving suffers the news that a promising book deal has crumbled. But the struggling writer finds inspiration in the paint-spattered newsprint beneath one of his wife's (Marcia Gay Harden) many art pieces—an article about Hughes. Bing! A light bulb all but hovers over Irving's head as he begins to concoct plans for a faux "autobiography" about the isolated billionaire.

Enlisting the aid of his friend and fellow author

Richard Susskind (Alfred Molina), Irving quickly masters Hughes' penmanship and vocal inflections, and soon has an over-eager publishing company throwing \$1 million his way for the rights to "the book of the century."

Not so fast, Cliff. Despite expert (and often underhanded) research, Irving and Susskind lack the key component—consent. This must be what it feels like to bite off more than you can chew.

Director Lasse Hallstrom ("The Shipping News") crafts a thoroughly engaging slice of celluloid, a taut and entertaining glimpse of recent history. Gere and Molina deliver superb performances, backed by a stellar supporting cast that includes Harden, Hope Davis ("American Splendor"), Stanley Tucci ("The Devil Wears Prada") and Julie Delpy ("Before Sunset"). It's both fascinating and frightening to witness Irving's rise and fall, as all the actors involved display an intense emotional investment to the tale.

Although the picture's pacing lulls at times, the core intrigue, multi-dimensional characters and top-notch portrayals make up for any fleeting drags. "The Hoax" is by far one of the most compelling films of 2007.

Would I lie to you?

—Tyler Hanley

# The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

## Does faking deaths work?

Every 15 Minutes, a program that gleans its name from a shocking statistic that a person is killed in an alcohol-related incident every 15 minutes, was presented at San Ramon Valley High School on March 27-28 and is scheduled to occur at Monte Vista on May 22-23. The program, which was first presented in California in 1995, is designed to demonstrate the devastating effects of driving drunk, through realistic simulation, in order to influence the thoughts and choices of teens that are often faced with the tempting decision to drink and drive. Every 15 Minutes incorporates a simulated car crash involving students from the school and the removal of additional students from classes every 15 minutes who have been "killed" in an alcohol-related incident.

On that Tuesday morning at SRVHS, all 2,000-plus students were escorted out to the football field, not knowing what to expect of this bizarre experience. The day's events consisted of a simulated car crash involving seven familiar students, complete with mangled cars, fake blood, broken glass, and much tears and shrieking. The dramatic scene entailed the arrival of multiple police cars, ambulances and a fire truck, the landing of a helicopter from John Muir sent to take injured passengers to the hospital, the appearance of the coroner and the parents of one of the deceased students who were asked to identify their son's body, and finally, alcohol testing of the driver who caused the make-believe accident.

The removal of additional students (every 15 minutes) from classes accompanied by an obituary read over the loudspeaker ensued, and the program culminated with a highly emotional mock memorial the following day.

The disturbing events proved extremely effective for many students on campus.

"The program really hit a lot of people the day of the accident," said Megan Condie, a junior and one of the passengers who was killed in the staged crash. "I received so many letters from people telling me how my death impacted them. I really think it brought people back to reality."

However, for as many who were positively affected by the powerful program, it seems from talking to students around campus, there were just as many who mocked the activities and found them an inefficient expenditure of time and resources.

"The effectiveness of the program is all based upon what a student's attitude is toward it. It's like any other lesson; if a student isn't open to hearing it, it falls on deaf ears," remarked Don Busboom, a teacher who inspiringly opened and closed the Every 15 Minutes mock memorial service.

"There are obviously some peo-

ple where it's going to take an actual event to get them to change, but the experience was worth it even if it only affected one person," said Kiley McInroy, a junior who was involved, but uninjured, in the simulated crash. "One saved life is worth all of the money and planning put into the program." The costs amounted to more than \$15,000.

"You can't put a price on one life," McInroy added.

Though the program is an effective way of bringing awareness to the impact of the choice to drink and drive, I found that faking the deaths of my fellow students was a rather bizarre concept, and that the simulation might have bordered on manipulating students' feelings. However, Busboom points out that the efficacy of the program lies in this very fact.

"The program is so powerful because it creates a strong, real emotional response using an experience that's not real," he said.

Students are able to view firsthand how their choices affect an entire community, without having to face the risk that accompanies a real incident.

Though there was this great arousal of strong emotions among students, I did not feel there was enough discussion of these feelings for students to gain closure or experience the maximum effect of the program. Only in one of my classes did the teacher suggest an optional free write for those who wished to reflect about their Every 15 Minutes experience, let alone even allow for discussion of feelings or response to the events.

In addition, many teachers on campus understandably expressed to their students that they were irritated by the repeated disruption the program caused their class, which also took away from the students' experience. If all of the adults (and role models) on campus are not onboard with the program, it is hardly realistic to expect students, especially those hesitant to openly express emotion, to be enthusiastic or comfortable with exhibiting an emotional response.

Regardless of these few objections, the Every 15 Minutes program was highly effective in portraying—if only to one, 100, or 1,000 students—the catastrophic consequences that can result from a split-second decision to drink and drive. The efforts on behalf of the entire community in order to protect and hopefully save the lives of local teens were remarkable, and greatly appreciated by those apart of the powerful program.

*The 411 offers information and insight on the teen scene by Katharine O'Hara, a junior at San Ramon Valley High School who spends her free time going to concerts, enjoying her friends, and playing the piano. E-mail her at ohara5@comcast.net.*

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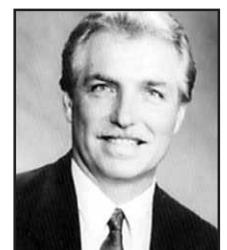
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# Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Art

**Alamo-Danville Artists' Society** This society will present a group showing of paintings from March 20-May 15, at the Danville Town Offices, 510 La Gonda Way. The offices are open on weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 939-1278.

**An Evening of Art** Art D'Cor presents the paintings of Marcy Wheeler from 5-8 p.m., Sunday, April 15, at Art D'Cor, 3418 Camino Tassajara, Danville. A showing of Marcy's portrait and figurative work will be shown. This event is free. Call 964-0455 or e-mail artdcor@gmail.com.

**Entries Needed for Youth Art** Bedford Gallery is looking for entries for the Contra Costa Youth Art Exhibition which will run June 10-July 22, at the Bedford Gallery. Admission is open to all high school- aged youth in Contra Costa County. Entry forms can be found at [www.bedfordgallery.org](http://www.bedfordgallery.org). Deadline is Monday, May 21.

**Gala Spring Art Show** Alamo Danville Artists' Society will host their 30th annual show of local 2-D art until April 20, at Danville Fine Art Gallery, 233 Front St., Danville. Weekly hours are noon-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Call (510) 245-7543 or 838-1959 or visit [www.adas4art.org](http://www.adas4art.org).

**Solo Art Exhibit Celebrating Femininity** Danville artist, Marilyn Gray-Raine, will host a solo exhibition of her paintings "Celebrating the Beauty & Spirit of Womankind" until April 28, at Sahaira Salon & Gallery, 5510 College Ave., Oakland. For information, call (510) 595-4227 or e-mail [marlynng@comcast.net](mailto:marlynng@comcast.net).

## Careers

**Leads Group for B2B Business Developers** B2B Power Exchange will host a lead group from 8-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, at Marie Callender's, 1101 S. California Blvd., Walnut Creek and another from 8-10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 19, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Pleasanton. Cost is \$40 for nonmembers, including breakfast; prepay by the Friday prior to the event. Call 201-3410.

## Clubs

**Diablo Valley Quilters Guild** Diablo Valley Quilters Guild meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Sally Collins will be the guest speaker on April 18. Guests are welcome. Call Sharon at 820-1588 or visit [www.diablovalleyquilters.org](http://www.diablovalleyquilters.org)

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

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

**Gnome Science: & Societal Effects** Tri Valley Democratic Club will host Dr. Elbert Branscomb who will be speaking about synthetically creating and engineering life from 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 16, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy, Dublin. This event is free. Visit [www.trivalleydemocrats.com](http://www.trivalleydemocrats.com).

**San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club** San Ramon Newcomers Club will host a Welcome Coffee for new members where you can hear about the different member activities from 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, April 16. The coffee will be held at a private residence, call 560-0403. The club will also host a box lunch at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 19, at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Call 735-3508.

## Concerts

**Blackhawk Country Club Dinner Concert** Danville Community Band presents the Blackhawk Country Club Dinner Concert at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, April 15, at the Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. For tickets, call 736-6500.

**Contra Costa Wind Symphony** Contra Costa Wind Symphony will host Paraguayan harp and violin artist, Carlos Reyes, at 8 p.m., Sunday, April 15, at Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students. Call 943-7469 or visit [www.dlrca.org](http://www.dlrca.org).

**Early Music Series** Las Positas College will host its second annual Early Music Series with the Farallon Quartet at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at Las Positas Library, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Call 424-1554 or visit [www.laspositascollege.edu](http://www.laspositascollege.edu).

**Jesse Winchester** Community Concerts presents Jesse Winchester, a world-renowned singer-songwriter, at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and children. Visit [www.communityconcerts.com](http://www.communityconcerts.com) or [www.jessewinchester.com](http://www.jessewinchester.com).

## Events

**Child Abuse Prevention Day April 21** Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley will be participating in the "Believe in the Blue" child abuse prevention project from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 21, at Lunardi's Market and Safeway in Blackhawk and in Alamo to boost awareness of the problem. Call 918-3999.

**Create New Works at Danville Estate of Playwright O'Neill** Bay Area artists are invited to create new works 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., May 2, 3, 4 and 5 and October 3, 4, 5 and 6, at the Tao House. Cost is \$5 per day. Reservations are required, call Bill Carmel at 820-1818 or visit [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org).

**Fifth Annual Tri-Valley Youth Food Drive** More than 80 youth service groups will be collecting non-perishable items from single-family residences in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and Alamo. The Food Drive will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 21, rain or shine. All donations go to local food pantries. Call 998-6513.

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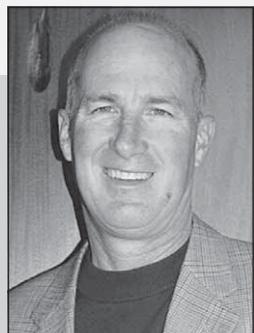
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## Exhibits

### Lindsay Wildlife Art Exhibits

Lindsay Wildlife Museum will host a collection of art exhibits including: Origami Animals by Alamo resident Robert Lang will be displayed until April 29; Birds in Art until May 5, all at Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. Call 935-1978 or visit [www.wildlife-museum.org](http://www.wildlife-museum.org).

### The Sword and the Cross

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley presents "The Sword and the Cross" exhibit running until May 5, at the museum, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Admission is free to the museum, but donations are appreciated. Hours are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. Call 837-3750 or visit [www.museumsv.org](http://www.museumsv.org).

## Film

### "Encounter Point" Screening

Videos for Peace will show a documentary, "Encounter Point," from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, at Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. This event is free, but donations are accepted. Call 933-7850.

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## Fundraisers

### Goodwill Fashion Show

Alamo Women's Club will host a luncheon and a Goodwill fashion show from Friday, April 20, at the Alamo's Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Cost is \$35; mail your check by April 15 to J. Tate, 2394 Royal Oaks Dr., Alamo, your cancelled check is your ticket. Proceeds will benefit local philanthropies. Call 837-6548.

### Hats Off America Third Annual Casino Night

Hats Off America will host their third annual Casino Night from 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, April 21, at The Sycamore Clubhouse, 635 Old Orchard Drive, Danville. Cost is \$40, reservations are required and guests must be 21. Proceeds will benefit Hats Off America. Call 855-1950 or visit [www.hatsoffamerica.us](http://www.hatsoffamerica.us).

### March of Dimes

March of Dimes will host numerous events to provide funding for saving babies from birth defects and mortality including: WalkAmerica on Saturday, April 28, at Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton; Signature Chef's Event on Thursday, Sept. 20, at Palace Hotel, San Francisco; 29th annual day of golf on Monday, Oct. 29, at Olympic Club, San Francisco. For information, call (415) 217-6363 or visit [www.marchofdimes.com/ca](http://www.marchofdimes.com/ca).

### Nia Dance Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day by learning about Save Mt. Diablo and enjoying a fun afternoon of Nia, a "fusion" fitness class based on dance and the martial arts from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, April 22, at Renaissance Club Sport, 2805 Jones Rd., Walnut Creek. Suggested donation is \$20 (tax-deductible). Proceeds will benefit Save Mt. Diablo. Call 947-3535 or visit [www.savemountdiablo.org](http://www.savemountdiablo.org).

### Private Shopping at Pottery Barn

Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. will host a private shopping event from 6:30-9 p.m., Sunday, April 22, at Pottery Barn, 1480 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$100 for a package of five tickets. Proceeds will benefit Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. Call 284-3740 or visit [www.jloeb.org](http://www.jloeb.org).

## Health

### 'My Own Marathon'

Town of Danville is hosting "My Own Marathon" with participants completing 26.2 miles at their own pace until May 5. The final mile will be walked May 5 during "A Safety and Wellness Community Event." Call 314-3400 or visit [www.ci.danville.ca.us](http://www.ci.danville.ca.us).

### World School Free Seminar

World School of Massage will offer a free seminar called "Breast Health: Lymph Loving!" from 4:30-6 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, at World School of Massage, 699 Peters Ave., Pleasanton. Call 461-2533 or visit [www.worldschoolmassage.com](http://www.worldschoolmassage.com).

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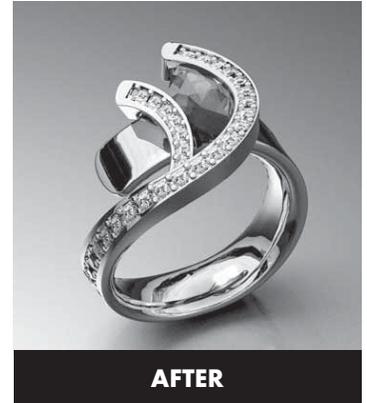
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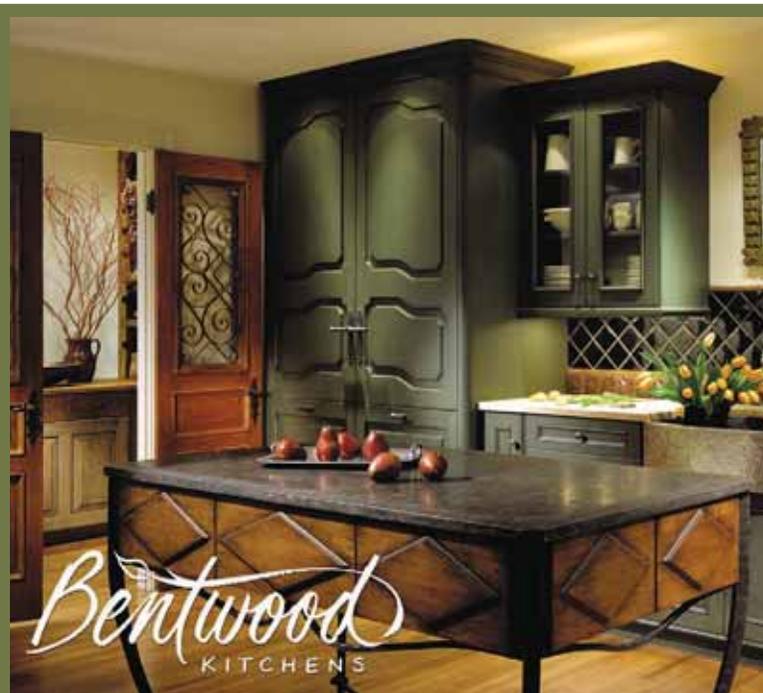
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**Fathers of Invention** Blackhawk Museum will host a special Father's Day funshop from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, June 17, at Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Activities include making your own Father's Day card, a helicopter that flies and an "inventive snack!" Children under 5 and Dads are free. Call 736.2277, ext. 238 or visit www.blackhawkmuseum.org.

**Free Online Tutoring Available** Contra Costa County Library is offering free homework help from expert online tutors to students grade 4-12 and beginning college from 1-10 p.m., Monday-Friday, at http://ccclib.org

**When Mom or Dad has Cancer** School-age children can participate in fun, creative activities to help them express themselves while teens have a group where they can discuss concerns from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 14, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Parents meet concurrently. Reservations are required, call 933-0107.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**African Drumming** Drumming has been shown to boost immune system functions and metabolism. Cancer patients and their friends and family can come and experience this fun way to get "good vibrations" from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 19, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Registration is required, call 933-0107.

**Amador Valley Quilters** Amador Valley Quilters will host Becky Goldsmith, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 14, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Becky will also conduct a workshop the following day in Livermore. Everyone is welcome to this free event. Visit www.amadorvalleyquilters.org or email publicity@amadorvalleyquilters.org.

**Preparing and Presenting the Business Plan** Preparing and Presenting the Business Plan takes the entrepreneur step through the process of developing & writing a business plan from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, at Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton. This event is free. Call 960-1600.

**Repurposing Business to Transform Societies** Brett Johnson, founder of The Institute for Innovation, Integration & Impact, Inc., will host a workshop "Repurposing Business to Transform Societies" at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 28, at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. Advance tickets are \$20. Visit www.acteva.com/go/valleystraighttalk.

**Stress Reduction and Guided Imagery** Help those with cancer and their caregivers focus and relax the mind and body to experience relief from negative emotional states from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, April 19, at the Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas, Suites A and B, Pleasanton. Call 933-0107.

**The Environment: Should We Care?** San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church will host community seminars titled "The Environment: Should We Care?" at 7 p.m., Tuesdays, on Future Energy Resources, April 17; and Global Climate Change, April 24, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Call 837-5243.

## Literary Events

**Humor Essayist Beth Lisick** California Writers Club will host Beth Lisick, author of "Everybody Into the Pool" at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 14, at Hungry Hunter Restaurant, 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers. Call 376-3631 or visit www.mtdiablowriters.org. Hungry Hunter Restaurant, 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. (925) 376-3631. http://mtdiablowriters.org

## Live Music

**Jesse Winchester Concert** Community Concerts presents Jesse Winchester in concert from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$40 for Gold Circle, \$25 for general admission and \$22 for seniors and children. Call 229-2710 or visit www.communityconcerts.com.

## Miscellaneous

**Energy Primer for Kids** A copy of The Energy Primer for Kids 25-page booklet is available from Synergy Institute, P.O. Box 561, San Ramon, CA 94583. Donations are graciously accepted to offset Global Hot Air propaganda. Call 837-7612.

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

## On Stage

**"The Music Man"** Diablo Light Opera Company presents "The Music Man" at 2 p.m., April 14-29 and at 8 p.m., until May 5, at Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. General admission tickets are \$32-38, seniors are \$31-36 and students are \$26-31. Call 943-7469 or visit www.leshercenter.org.

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

**Sondheim's Putting It Together** Role Players Ensemble Theatre presents "Putting It Together" at 8 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m., Sundays, April 20-May 12, at Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets are \$18-24, \$15 for groups more than 10. To purchase tickets call 314-3400, visit www.villagetheatreshows.com or the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St.

## Recreation

**Bishop Ranch Regional Preserve** Phyllis Ceaser and Joan Fuss will host a short five mile hike at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 28, meeting at the Orinda Community Center. Hiking boots are recommended; bring water. Call 937-1406 or 937-2427.

**Black Diamond Mines** Dorothy Bradt will lead a 7-8 mile loop hike with some steep ups and downs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, April 22, meeting at Black Diamond Mines Reg Preserve. Trekking poles are recommended. Cost is \$5 for entrance fee. Carpool will meet 9:30 a.m., at Pittsburg/Bay Point Bart. Call 672-2526.

**Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve** Jim & Jessica Fleming will host a short five mile hike along the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, on Saturday, April 14, meeting at the Orinda Community Center. Hiking boots are recommended; bring water. Call 376-2455.

**Intermediate Bike Ride** Steve Biggs will host an intermediate bike ride at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 21, meeting at MDSP Mitchell Canyon Staging Area, south end of Mitchell Canyon Rd., Clayton. Rain cancels. Call 202-9133.

**Lime Ridge Bird Walk** Maury Stern and Harvey Ceaser will lead a four mile birding stroll hike from 8 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 29, meeting at Lime Ridge Open Space Boundary Oaks, Walnut Creek. Bring binoculars, sunscreen and water. Rain Cancels. Call 937-1406.

**Lindsay Wildlife Museum Galapagos Trip** Lindsay Wildlife will go back in time to the famous Galapagos Islands (Ecuador) while hiking, swimming, and more from May 3-13. Cost is \$3,795 per Lindsay Wildlife Museum member double-occupancy. Call 935-1978, ext. 430 or visit www.wildlife-museum.org.

**Little Giant Loop** Sharon Walters will lead a nine mile hike with views of rushing streams, wildflowers with a 1900 foot climb from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 21, meeting at Mitchell Canyon Staging area. Carpools will meet at 8:15 a.m., at Green Valley Elementary, Danville. Lunch is at Deer Flat. Cost is a \$4 car entry fee. Rain cancels. Call 820-3102.

**Mangini Ranch Hike** Join John Mercurio will lead a hike on Mangini Ranch, including some of Galindo Creek starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 14, meeting at Lime Ridge open space, Concord. The hike is about three hours; rain cancels. Call 947-3535.

**Morgan Territory Ridge Tops** Bob Solotar and the Sierra Club will celebrate the hills of spring and explore Bob Walker and Highland Ridges during wildflower season from 10:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, April 15, meeting at Morgan Territory Reg. Pres., main lot. One-way hike with car shuttle at trailhead; carpool will meet at 9:30 a.m., at Walnut Creek BART. Rain cancels. Call (510) 525-2110.

**Mt Diablo Summit Hike** Steve Bakaley will host a hike through canyons and ridges from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, April 21, meeting at MDSP Mitchell Canyon Staging Area, Clayton. Bring lunch, liquids, layer clothing, and boots; optional dinner stop after hike. Carpool will meet at 8:15 a.m., at Walnut Creek BART. Rain cancels. \$3 parking fee. Call 945-8205.

**Spring Flowers in Mitchell Canyon** Sue Donecker & Yulan Tong will host a hike by walking up Mitchell Canyon Rd. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 14, meeting at MDSP - Mitchell Canyon Staging Area, south end of Mitchell Canyon Rd., Clayton. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Call 673-3356 or 945-6068.

**Three Springs Nature Hike** Join Sue Watson on this Save Mt. Diablo hike to see the show of wildflowers that this year has brought at 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 14, meeting at Mt. Diablo State Park Three Springs Entry, Marsh Creek Rd. The hike is mostly gentle, but one optional steep climb to the upper springs; wear boots or sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Call 947-3535.

**Wildflower Walk, Mitchell Canyon** Lucy Henderson and Janess Hanson will host a leisurely walk to enjoy spring wildflowers and scenic canyon views on mostly level trail from 2-4:30 p.m., Sunday, April 15, meeting at Interpretive Center parking area, MDSP Mitchell Canyon Staging Area, south end of Mitchell Canyon Rd., Clayton. Parking is \$3. Rain Cancels. Call 254-2898 or 458-0860.

## Seniors

**Bridge** Seniors meet to play bridge from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Friday at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave. Cost is \$1. Reservations are required. Call Jerri Kaldem at 837-6283.

**Buzz Sessions** Town of Danville presents Buzz Sessions for seniors from 1-2:30 p.m., each fourth Tuesday of the month, at Danville Library, Mt.

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**HICAP Appointments** The Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) offers its services free to anyone on Medicare or at least 60 years old with questions about health insurance coverage. Appointments are available the second Wednesday and the fourth Tuesday of every month by appointment; call 314-3400.

**Laugh Club** Research has shown increased levels of endorphins, neurotransmitters, immune system cells, and decreased levels of stress hormones. This club meets at 10:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. Cost is \$1 facility use fee and is open to the public. Call Fred Turner at 216-4590.

**Prime Time** Join this club for a nondenominational gathering of "seasoned citizens" from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. A home-cooked lunch is served at noon for \$3. Call Ruth Ann at 820-6387.

**Senior Sneaker Trips** Town of Danville will host Senior Sneaker Trips to different attractions throughout the area. For a list of dates, go to the Danville Community Center at 420 Front St., call 314-3400 or visit [www.ci.danville.ca.us](http://www.ci.danville.ca.us).

**St. Isidore's 'Young at Heart'** Join this group for a meeting from 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., the third Tuesday of every month at St. Isidore's Ministries Center, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Optional Mass starts at 11:15 a.m.; lunch starts at 11:45 a.m. Nonprofit bingo follows. This event is free, but reservations are appreciated by calling 820-4447.

**Valley Oak Respite Center Activities for Seniors** Valley Oak Respite provides an interactive program for frail seniors and those afflicted with Alzheimer's or related dementias and physical disabilities, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1936 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. The cost is \$25 per session, which includes a morning snack and beverage; participants should bring

a bag lunch. For information or an application, call Carmen McCarthy at 945-8040.

## Spiritual

**Alamo Women's CODA Meeting** Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships who meet 1-2 p.m., every Monday, at United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd, Alamo. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and loving relationships. Visit [www.sfbaycoda.org](http://www.sfbaycoda.org) or [www.coda.org](http://www.coda.org).

**Mother's Day Retreat** San Damiano Retreat invites mothers to the annual Mother's Day Retreat from 4 p.m.-11 a.m., the weekend of May 11-13, at San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. The theme is "Lessons & Graces of Motherhood." Cost is \$190 private room, \$160 shared room. Call 837-9141 or visit [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org).

## Sports

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

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

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

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

## Support Groups

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

**Bipolar Support Group** The Tri-Valley Support Group provides free peer support for people with mood disorders. It meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m., every Wednesday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Call 560-0842

**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).

**Cancer Support Groups** Free support, education and stress management for cancer patients and their loved ones, including general support groups for all types of cancer patients as well as cancer specific groups for breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, brain tumor, support groups for caregivers and life after cancer. Groups meet at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. For times and days, call 933-0107.

**Clutterers Anonymous 12-Step Meeting** This group is for people who are suffering from hoarding and cluttering who want beauty and serenity in their homes and lives. They meet from 7:15-8:45 p.m., every Thursday, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2491 San Miguel Dr., Walnut Creek. Cost is \$2-3 after the first meeting. Call 285-7165 or visit [www.clutterersanonymous.net](http://www.clutterersanonymous.net).

**ClutterLess Self Help** Is clutter stressing you out? Cluttering is a psychological issue, not just an organizing issue and you are not alone. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every Monday (except holidays), at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Dr. Donations of \$2-5 are graciously accepted. Call 297-9246 or visit [www.clutterless.org](http://www.clutterless.org).

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**Danville TOPS** The Danville chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets at 9 a.m., every Tuesday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road. Call Bob Blendow at 935-9344 or Rosemarie at 838-7870.

**Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous** Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? There is a solution to weight and diet obsession. This effective 12-step program has proven results. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every Wednesday, at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. For a complete listing of East Bay meetings, call 600-6028 or visit [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).



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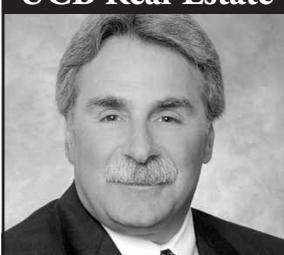
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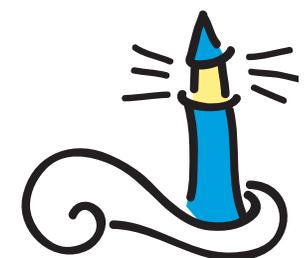
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### 2 Bedrooms

- 200 El Dorado Ave.** **\$450,000**  
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- 394 Ilo Ln., #703** **\$455,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 577-4004
- 2123 Myrtle Beach** **\$669,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

### 3 Bedrooms

- 141 Lomitas Dr.** **\$799,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4123
- 263 W. El Pintado** **\$899,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 977-8965
- 66 Stonington Ct.** **\$949,900**  
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### 4 Bedrooms

- 4372 Mansfield Dr.** **\$1,019,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 980-4816
- 1135 Blue Spur Cir.** **\$1,169,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Grand View Realty 408-629-0359
- 718 St. George Rd.** **\$1,375,000**  
Sun 1-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 451-7287
- 311 Culet Dr.** **\$1,399,900**  
Sun 2-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 672-2499
- 520 Edinburgh Cir.** **\$1,479,500**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 323-6311
- 371 Montair Dr.** **\$1,549,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 858-5233
- 5950 Bruce Dr.** **\$3,998,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-3451
- 12 Lawnview Cir.** **\$619,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 837-7110
- 585 Glasgow Cir.** **\$999,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 413-1068
- 678 El Cerro Blvd.** **\$999,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 788-6155

### 5 Bedrooms

- 881 El Pintado Rd.** **\$2,675,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4115
- 29 Meadow Lake Dr.** **\$2,998,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-3451

## San Ramon

### 3 Bedrooms

- 1504 Dawn Ct.** **\$589,000**  
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 586-5456
- 3032 Bernard Ave.** **\$699,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 330-0579
- 140 Shadowhill Cir.** **\$705,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 876-4459
- 20 Terraced Hills Cir.** **\$709,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4161
- 3069 Tahoe Pl.** **\$769,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165

### 4 Bedrooms

- 310 Andros Dr.** **\$1,095,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 482-4204
- 23 Stow Ct.** **\$1,129,900**  
Sun 1-4 Wayside Park Realty 698-1853
- 4108 Lilac Ridge Rd.** **\$1,449,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 837-7110
- 3412 Amaryllis Cir.** **\$639,950**  
Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell 200-2602
- 505 Santander** **\$785,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Re/Max 730-4006
- 324 Winged Ter.** **\$899,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 209-7498

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### 2 Bedrooms

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- 646 Via Appia** **\$559,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4000
- 18 Iron Horse Ln.** **\$579,900**  
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### 2 Bedrooms

- 7456 Oxford Cr.** **\$539,500**  
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### 3 Bedrooms

- 7821 Oxbow Ln.** **\$548,500**  
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- 5142 Newington Ct.** **\$698,000**  
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### 3 Bedrooms

- 4070 Francisco St.** **\$649,000**  
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- 3139 Half Dome Dr.** **\$664,900**  
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- 3608 Vine St.** **\$799,000**  
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- 2922 Lethbridge Ct.** **\$869,995**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 876-4459

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- 2588 Wilde Ave.** **\$1,429,000**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 577-2600
- 2565 Arlotta Pl.** **\$1,849,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 846-6500
- 2306 Amaryllis Cir.** **\$649,000**  
Sat/Sun 2-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2555

- 4269 Garibaldi Pl.** **\$745,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC-Danielle Peel 426-3852
- 2770 Glen Isle Ct.** **\$869,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165
- 1831 Halcyon Ct.** **\$940,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 918-2045

### 5 Bedrooms

- 863 Sunset Creek Ln.** **\$1,729,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 846-6500
- 576 Sycamore Creek Wy.** **\$1,839,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 846-6500

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### 3 Bedrooms

- 298 Windward Cmn., #2** **\$549,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 785-4546
- 521 Swan Dr.** **\$599,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 621-4048
- 4121 Stanley Blvd.** **\$629,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4056
- 1548 Calle Del Rey** **\$639,950**  
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### 4 Bedrooms

- 1006 Baltusrol Rd.** **\$574,900**  
Sat 1-4 Prudential 249-6831
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Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 455-7020

### 5 Bedrooms

- 3041 Talinga Dr.** **\$1,299,900**  
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- 5152 Quince Ct.** **\$918,000**  
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