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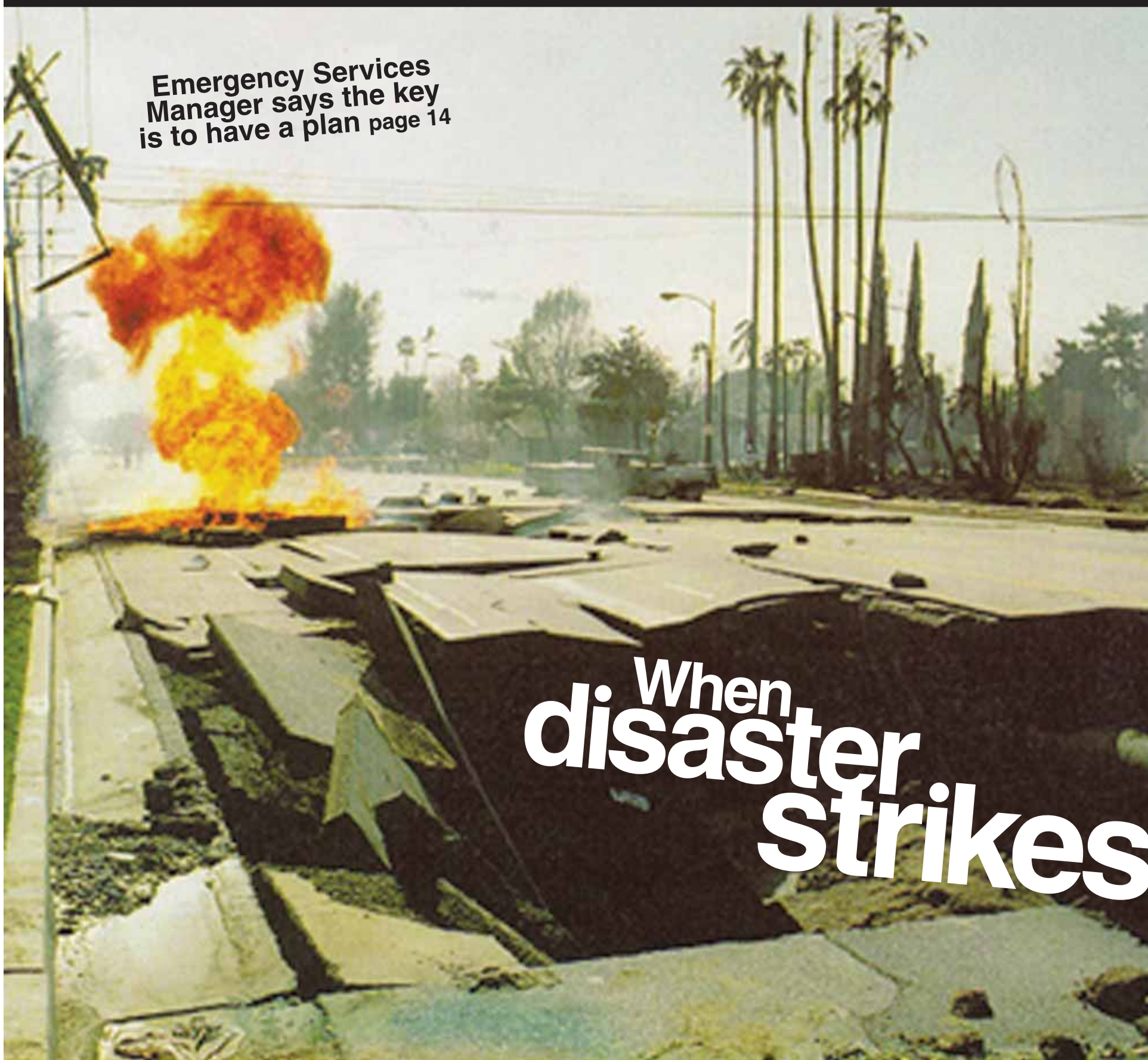
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**Christine Gravino**  
*employee at Handworks*



I'd love to be a professional golfer because instead of paying to play golf I'd be making money to play golf. Actually I'd like to be Jack Nicklaus.

**J. Craig Carlos**  
*resort property specialist*



If I could do anything, I'd like to be a horse ranger for the park service. I almost did it. I'm a good rider. I like helping people. I like outdoors. I was a psychiatric nurse and became a jeweler. It's a good thing, but it's not my passion. I like helping people pick their lifetime commitment ring. I use my psychology.

**Pat Fernwood**  
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**Holly Consol**  
*artist*



I love photography and I would be a travel photographer and writer. I love experiencing new architecture, but I have a business. It's not going to happen right now. Maybe when I retire.

**Julie Turner**  
*entrepreneur*

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They can confuse directions (right/left) or misread small words (the, he, is). Because these tasks are difficult for them, they tire easily while performing them and can develop avoidant techniques. This often causes people to assume that the child is lazy or has ADD/ADHD. Tutoring

can provide temporary relief and advance the child to the next grade; but, in the long run, it does more harm than good by giving parents a false sense of security. It delays him or her from receiving the right kind of help, which is desperately needed, and does nothing to fix the core cause of the problem, which will continue into adulthood if left untreated.



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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ It’s a first step toward the Nobel prize. ”

—Monte Vista High School senior John Mei, who won a first prize at the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair. See story, page 9.

### Role Players' Sondheim Revue opens tonight

It's love and loss in the form of music. Stephen Sondheim's "Putting it Together," a bittersweet musical set at an all-night black tie party, will run at the Danville Village Theatre from April 20-May 12. Role Players Ensemble, a nonprofit community theater company based in Danville, will put on a "stunning evening of soaring melodies" that features songs with "emotional depth." Tickets are \$24 for adults; \$22 for seniors and students; \$18 on Thursdays; and can be purchased at 314-3400 or at [www.danvilletheatre.com](http://www.danvilletheatre.com). Tonight's opening show begins at 8 p.m.

### Museum to host spring cemetery tour

The Museum of the San Ramon Valley is hosting a spring tour of the Alamo Cemetery beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 28. Participants should meet at the front gate of the cemetery located at the end of El Portal near La Gonda Way in Danville. The tour is free but donations are always welcome.

Experienced docents will guide visitors through this rustic, park-like cemetery while sharing stories of San Ramon Valley's earliest pioneers, including members of the Baldwin, Bollinger, Boone, Jones, Stone and Wood families. The first recorded burial was that of a young girl in 1856 and more than 1,800 burials have taken place since then. The Alamo Cemetery is part of the Alamo/Lafayette Cemetery District, which was established in 1937.

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## Council says yes to Weber plan

22 homes will be built on 15-acre estate

by Jordan M. Doronila

Ready the bulldozers and prepare the scrapers.

The Danville Town Council unanimously approved an application that allows a developer to build 22 single-family residential homes on a 15-acre estate on Blemer Road and Matadera Way, at its meeting Tuesday.

After submitting the proposal three years ago, Davidon Homes finally received the council's OK—amid a flurry of opposition from neighbors—to develop the Weber property, a 15-acre parcel, into a residential area.

More than 50 people attended the sometimes contentious meeting, which ended 30 minutes after midnight. Davidon currently owns the property, which is near Los Cerros Middle School and Monte Vista High.

"I don't see any of these houses as detracting from the neigh-

bors," said Councilwoman Candace Andersen.

The council also approved Davidon's proposal to donate 3.7 acres of the parcel to the town and to remove 26 town-protected trees. It added that the Planning Division has to monitor the tree removals, and the developer has to end construction activities by 5 p.m.

Dozens of residents who live near the estate voiced their opposition against the project because they claimed it would bring flooding and significantly impact their privacy.

In addition, some said their property values would be affected, traffic would increase, the surrounding environment would be affected, and their open space would be taken away.

"We just want it done right," said Weber estate neighbor James Simpson, noting that he is not against development. "We are citizens and we do pay our taxes. We don't have to agree. I encourage (the people involved in the project)

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## Trying a hand at branding

Kristen Berardi, 8, brands a piece of wood with the help of Gary Soto at the branding iron display at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley last Saturday. Rancher Don Wood shared five brands from the Mission/Rancho Period of California history and let each visitor choose a patch of leather or a square of wood to brand. Rancher Barney Robles also brought pieces of hairy cowhide for people to brand that came from a longhorn steer that Hap Magee had given him. George Stegemann and Soto heated up the branding irons over a propane fire and helped folks try their hand at branding.

The current exhibit at the museum, "The Sword and the Cross: 1769-1850," chronicling the arrival of the Spanish in the Valley and the clash with the Indians' ancient culture, ends May 5. Coming May 8-31 is "Out of the Attic: Rare Items from the Museum's Collections." The Museum of the San Ramon Valley is located at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues in downtown Danville. Call 837-3750.

## School district OKs special education ombudsman

New position will be neutral resource for parents and staff

by Jordan M. Doronila

Trustees hope a new ombudsman will bring comfort to the relationship between parents and school officials who are involved in special education.

The School Board gave its approval at its last meeting for a special needs liaison in the San Ramon Valley Unified School

District. The new position serves as a neutral resource for both parents and staff regarding the district's special education programs.

The liaison would provide communication, information and understanding to parents. Also, it would provide mediation to help them resolve their issues. The position would cost the district approximately \$220,000 to \$250,000.

"It provides a safe place to take issues," said Trustee Rachel Hurd. "The idea is saving a lot of legal costs on both sides."

Hurd said the job is expected to be filled by July 1. Additionally, District Director of Special Education Joann Biondi has retired, and administrators are looking to fill her post.

For several years, parents have complained that they and district officials have spent thousands of dollars in attorney fees to deal with their special education issues. They have also said services have not been provided or have been delayed and outright denied to their children.

Some parents have expressed

confusion and abruptness about the process in developing their child's Individual Education Program.

"It's a position that's very much needed," said Tammy Brock, a mother who had an autistic daughter in the district.

"It will be helpful," said Jim McVay, a father of a two children with special needs.

"Whoever it's going to be is going to have an uphill (battle) in establishing credibility where parents feel comfortable," he added.

Hurd said the district's special

education steering committee, which comprises staff, parents and board members, formed a subcommittee to create a special needs liaison. Hurd said the committee members met with ombudsmen in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and in Sonoma County.

They gathered information and came up with the proposal describing the liaison position tailored specifically to this district's needs. Committee members wrote and

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Paul Lunardi: "We are so pleased to be here in Danville. It's a dream come true."

## Lunardi says store has family spirit

Grand opening features family members and food

by Jordan M. Doronila

Lunardi's Supermarket gave warm greetings and offered a buffet of blueberry scones, chocolate strawberries, buttery croissants, mini-bagels and strips

of ham to the public at its grand opening Tuesday in Danville.

More than 50 people gathered, mingled, clapped and laughed together at the store's opening on Railroad Avenue. Company founder Alfredo Lunardi and his wife Irene attended the event, as well as their son Paul, who is company president.

"We always wanted to have a

store in this location," said Paul Lunardi. "We are so pleased to be here in Danville. It's a dream come true."

"Our stores are like our home," he added. "What makes us happen is family."

The Danville store is Lunardi's eighth Bay Area branch. The

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## AIA ballots mailed to all Alamo residents

Association wants to involve entire community

by Natalie O'Neill

November has come and gone, but in Alamo it's time to vote.

Ten Alamo Improvement Association members are running for six board positions this month and ballots, which have been mailed to every house in Alamo, are due back by May 15.

"I encourage those who aren't involved to get involved. I believe AIA is the best overview of our community," AIA President Preston Taylor said.

AIA is an independent group that advises the county on planning and development issues as they arise in the unincorporated area. The organization serves as a loud local voice in a place that some residents feel is at risk of losing its identity under county leadership.

"AIA is vital and important to a place like Alamo," said Steve Mick, who is running for a board member position. He already serves on the Alamo Landscape and Lighting Committee for county service area Zone 36, and the Parks and Recreation Committee for R-7A.

Should controversial planning issues arise in the future, the AIA

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## Alamo traffic improvements under way

*Flashing lights to be added at Jackson Way to slow down motorists*

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Covered stoplights at the intersection of Stone Valley Road and Danville Boulevard are a sign that improvements are on the way.

Lights concealed by a tan cloth on Stone Valley Road mark the beginning of the end for an Alamo project aimed at reducing traffic congestion near the freeway exit.

"They are covered up so as not

to confuse drivers," Public Works Civil Engineer Chris Lau said this week.

New stoplight poles were put in about two weeks ago and include left turn arrows to decrease traffic backups, but they will be inoperable until project roadwork is completed in mid May.

The project will include two left-turn lanes from Danville Boulevard south onto Stone Valley Road, the removal of the "pork chop" islands, and repainting of the crosswalk. The target completion date is May 15.

"It will provide better traffic circulation and safety for pedestrians," Lau said.

Flashing lights on the crosswalk at Jackson Way, similar to the ones on Hartz Avenue, will also be added as part of the project.

Requests for improvements were prompted by neighboring residents who were upset that cars whizzed by the crosswalk near Andrew H. Young Park. One blind resident detailed to the county on several occasions that he had nearly been hit.

Lights on crosswalks send drivers a clear message that they need to stop or slow down, Lau said. ■

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## Running out of water?

Houston's Water Supply Bond Act headed for hearing

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Roxanne Lindsay, field representative for state Assemblyman Guy Houston (R., 15th), told the Alamo Community Council last week that education, transportation and water are Houston's priorities this year.

Houston has co-authored the Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008, which will go to a hearing April 24, Lindsay said.

"I think we are really going to be focusing on water this year. San Francisco has already issued some warnings," she noted.

The act outlines the need for expanded bond money for additional reservoirs that will supply water for drinking and agriculture. The legis-

lation cites studies that predict climate changes, like decreasing snow pack run-off patterns, along with California's growing population as reasons for the proposed bill.

"It expands the ability to capture water and create new reservoirs ... we don't believe conservation alone will be enough," said Houston's Chief of Staff Aaron Bone.

The act would authorize \$3.95 billion in bond sales of which \$2 billion would go to surface water storage, \$1 billion for Delta sustainability, \$500 million for ground water, \$200 million for a water use efficiency program, and \$250 million for an environmental restoration program.

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## AIA ballots

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board will be the community's final say, said Taylor. In part, this is why he is encouraging everyone in Alamo to vote—whether or not they belong to the organization.

"Someone who has bought a home in Alamo already has a huge investment in the community," Taylor said.

Board members typically put five to six hours a month into the position, and active committee members put in 10-12 hours a month. People who take over leadership positions within AIA are often later in their careers or retired, Taylor said.

"There's a learning curve. A good board member usually develops over time," said Mike Gibson, who serves on AIA's transportation committee.

The organization is nonprofit and the board is unpaid, although the responsibilities some members have taken on are comparable to a paid position, Taylor noted.

Candidates should have the will-

ingness and ability to devote time to the position and they should possess a passionate desire to protect the rural ambiance of the area, Taylor said.

"That's a paramount quality," Gibson said.

After Alamo residents vote for the board members, the board elects the president internally. Every other year, board members must run for reelection.

"People tend to stay involved in AIA for a number of years—it's easy to make it a habit," Taylor said.

This year's candidates are Robert Bickel, Jack Behsersht, Glenn R. Brown, David Ciapponi, Stephen A. Goodman, Larry Levit, Steve Mick, Grace Schmidt, Preston Taylor and John Zarling.

Residents who aren't familiar with candidates can e-mail AIA board members to get to know them and their stance on local issues by visiting [www.alamoca.org](http://www.alamoca.org).

"We do our best to make it a total community organization," Taylor said. ■

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## Special ed

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submitted a proposal to district Superintendent Rob Kessler in February. He then gave it to the board for approval.

If the ombudsman is unable to bring parents and staff together, the district may hire an independent contractor to resolve any conflicts, Hurd said.

Parents said they still have complaints with the special education

process in the district, Brock said. However, the level of communication and progress is different in each case, McVay said.

"We haven't had any significant issues," he said.

McVay said the ombudsman is going to have to build rapport with parents.

"Of course the perception is that this is another person representing the district," he said. "Personal contact is the most important thing. (The main priority is) that the person is readily accessible and can address needs." ■

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to talk to us.”

Neighbor David Trisko expressed the opinion that some town staff members were “arrogant” and did not take into account the studies they had had done.

However, council members, town staff and Davidon executive Jeff Thayer said they have addressed concerns raised by neighbors and used the information in the application process.

Staff and Thayer said they have done extensive environmental and

traffic studies. The environmental reports found there would be no significant impact as a result of the development, staff said. Thayer, a Danville resident who lives by the estate, said Davidon would build a road to connect Blemer Road and Matadera Way to help alleviate traffic.

Additionally, the town can use Davidon’s donation of 3.7 acres of land for its own use, such as creating access to Oak Hill Park.

Lucille Weber previously owned the 15-acre parcel. Her estate donated it to the Salvation Army, which subsequently sold the property to Davidon Homes.

The Planning Commission unan-

imously gave its OK to Davidon’s proposal in February after thorough studies found the project would not endanger the red legged frog. Commissioners have said the project is well designed and follows the Danville 2010 General Plan.

“We used the general plan literally as a guide to develop the property,” Thayer said.

Councilman Mike Doyle said he finds it disturbing that people who already live in Danville are against others moving into the area.

“I do not like it when people imply or hint that the Town Council or town staff has a hidden agenda,” Doyle also added. ■

## Lunardi’s

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supermarket chain, founded by Alfredo Lunardi, purchased the building location for an undisclosed amount from Andronico’s Market last year.

The store been open at the Iron Horse Plaza on Railroad Avenue since September, but it held its grand opening now because its renovations are completed. Lunardi’s installed a longer and bigger meat counter, doubled the size of the produce section, and expanded its grocery selection.

“We did a remodeling,” said Mark Sharkey, Lunardi’s store manager. “It took six months. We stayed open through all the (changes).”

“We put in different shelving,”

he noted. “It’s more efficient.”

The grand opening lasts for three weeks, he said. During this period, it will offer giveaways, prizes, Hawaiian trips, bicycles, barbecues, iPods and a washer and dryer, Sharkey said.

Like Andronico’s, Lunardi’s offers free range, hormone-free meat and a large collection of cheeses from around the world. It has specialty sections including a bakery, wine, deli, seafood and produce.

Danville Mayor Mike Shimansky and councilmen Newell Americh and Mike Doyle attended the grand opening. Also, Town Manager Joe Calabrigo, Danville Area Chamber of Commerce President Melony Newman, and former Chamber Board President Guy Greco attended.

“I know a number have been shopping here since Lunardi’s

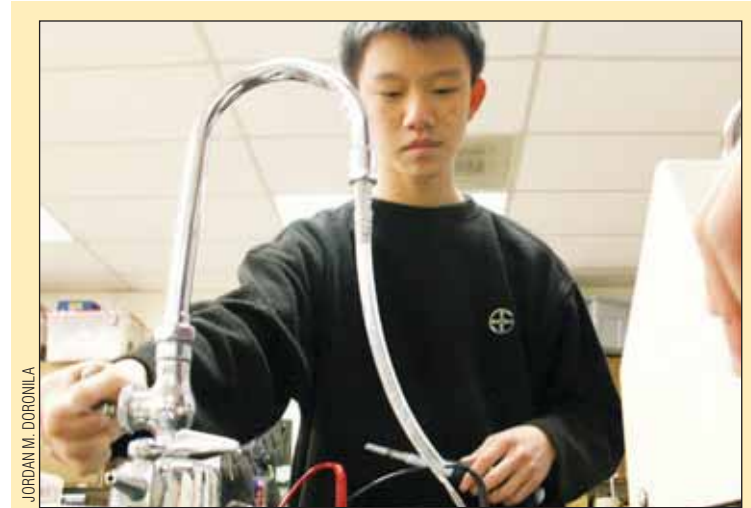
opened,” said Shimansky.

Alfredo Lunardi was born in Lucca, Italy. In 1950, at the age of 20, he left his native Italy to settle in San Francisco. By 1953, he had acquired a local San Francisco shop called Mother’s Market, located at 23rd and Irving Street. Since then, Alfredo, with the help of his sons Ralph and Paul, has opened eight locations in the Bay Area, including Walnut Creek, San Jose and Los Gatos.

Paul Lunardi said his company’s family spirit is the one of the key ingredients to the success of Lunardi’s Supermarket. His store personnel offer quality service and kindness to customers.

“People are looking for a family,” he said. “People embraced us.” ■

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JORDAN M. DORONILA



## Heading toward the Nobel Prize

Monte Vista High School junior science students John Mei and Richard Li nabbed first prize at the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair for middle and high school students last month. Above, Mei created a project to unravel a protein that helps fight cancer. Left, Li worked on how a protein could diagnose cancer. “It’s a first step toward the Nobel Prize,” Mei said. Li said he enjoyed the experience. “It’s fun designing new things,” said Li. “It was pretty interesting and engaging.” The students will now advance to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in May in Albuquerque. The contest features more than 1,000 entries with a grand prize of \$50,000 for a college scholarship.

## Water

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“It creates more drinking water and water for farming,” Bone said.

While few groups have publicly opposed the bill to date, some Californians argue the bill benefits farmers more than the typical California resident. Forty-three percent of the state’s water supply goes to farming, while only 11 percent goes to homes and businesses, according to a report from California Department of Water Resources from 2003.

But Bone added that California’s population increases by about

600,000 per year and that new reservoirs for drinking water haven’t been added in decades.

By 2020, California’s population is expected to reach nearly 48 million while its snow pack runoff is expecting to decrease by 25 percent by 2050, according to studies cited by spokespersons for the bill.

As current laws exist, California has issued money for maintaining water sources but not for adding additional ones.

Alamo, Danville and Diablo residents who wish to give input on the bill or propose ideas for other legislature are encouraged to call Houston’s office at 606-4990, Lindsay said. ■

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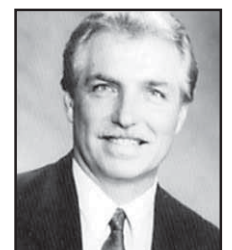
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# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## Branding day burns true

Last Saturday, I moseyed on down to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley to get a touch of home on the range and the cowboy life that played an important role around here. Four ranchers manned a display of local brands and helped visitors try their hand at hot-iron branding.

Rancher Don Wood has a branding iron collection that includes brands from Mission San Jose, Joe Maria Amador, Mariano Castro, Bartolome Pacheco and Antonio Peralta. The ranches of these early settlers comprised vast acreage so branding was important to mark ownership of cattle. Castro and Pacheco received a grant of more than 8,900 acres and used two different brands so they could graze their livestock together. This, of course, was the point of branding, to mark ownership. Still today, Don Wood told me, hot-iron brands, registered and paid for, are the only accepted proof of ownership in California.

Wood showed me a book called "California Brands 1973," which

has 813 pages with about 40 brands on each page. "And there are more now," Wood said. The best brands were the simplest, he explained, although some were quite intricate. The Wood family settled in the valley in 1862. "We ran cattle on the Wood ranch until 1985," Don told me. He still lives on "what's left of the Wood Ranch" near Camino Tassajara.

A man who had brought produce to the adjacent farmers market told Don about his family's cattle ranch back in Mexico, and how it was dwindling. That's because the young men like you don't stick around to help run them, Don chided him.

Barney Robles, who said he grew up on his family's ranch near the Morgan Territory, was also manning the display. Don said at his ranch they funneled the calves into a calf squeeze to hold them still for branding, but Barney did it the old-fashioned way, by roping them. He said he spent his boyhood roping everything in sight—posts, dogs, cats. Once his mother sent him to

get a chicken from the barnyard for Sunday dinner and was angry when she saw that he'd roped it. He said he was about 13 when he began to rope the calves and brand them, and his father made him and his five brothers ride bareback so their feet wouldn't get tangled in the stirrups.

Barney worked many years for local character Hap Magee as well as at the Weidemann Ranch. On his days off, he was a volunteer fireman. Hap also branded his horses, Barney said, although that was unusual around here.

George Stegemann and Gary Soto, who also have been around cattle all their lives, were at the branding station, heating the branding irons over a propane stove. People could brand tanned leather, hairy leather or a small wooden rectangle. The hairy leather came from a long-horn steer of Hap Magee's that was found on Stone Valley Road, Barney said, and Hap had given him the hide. "I got tired of tripping over it so I decided to give it to the cause," Barney said.

I hadn't intended to do any branding myself but before I knew it, I was holding a hot iron brand over a piece of hairy leather, helped along by Soto. He told me to "rock" the branding iron but unfortunately I rolled it so my brand turned out a bit blurry as smoke and the smell of burned hair wafted upward. Let's try it again, he said, but I left the second one to him. Voila! A crisp clear brand. Luckily the hairy leather was no longer attached to a calf. I'm sure once is enough for the little 'uns, although I'm told it only hurts for a very short time.

The ranchers had a nice way about them, patiently waiting while children looked over their display, stepping in occasionally to answer questions or help them choose a brand. When I mentioned this to museum curator Beverly Lane, she said that's the way ranchers are—they have good instincts and sense of timing honed from years of gauging nature. They also seemed to enjoy teaching people about ranching; it lives on in other parts of the country but in the San Ramon Valley, it's history.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Preserve the orchard**

Dear Editor:

Hurray for Mr. Armand Borel! It is refreshing to know there is at least someone not giving in to housing developments. Every hill and dale is dotted with houses, and what was once ranches and farms now is giving way to a population explosion in housing. People love watching the cattle on the hills, the occasional wild turkey trotting across the road, and viewing the open fields hiking up Mount Diablo. How many locals can identify a walnut tree or a Bartlett pear tree? This was what Danville was long ago. Thank goodness the Iron Horse Trail remains sacred ground. It would be sad to see Mr. Borel's land disappear and replaced by houses or commercial enterprises.

Please, Mr. Robert Storer (Danville Planning Commissioner) let's preserve Mr. Borel's land for posterity as a national landmark much like Forest Home Farms. It could be a working farm with the help of local school children harvesting the walnuts and caring for the property. I bet you could even plan a new senior center there in the existing buildings and the seniors would care for it. What a wonderful community opportunity to preserve Danville's heritage.

*Barbara Brick, Danville*

**Sad ironies of St. Timothy's**

Dear Editor:

How sadly ironic that an Episcopal church named for St. Timothy endorses homosexuality, blesses "same-sex unions," and now parades two lesbian cover girls (April 13).

Timothy's own greeting accompanied St. Paul's letter to the Romans, which warned about women who "exchanged natural relations for unnatural," and men "who likewise gave up natural relations with women..., committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error" (Romans 1:26-27).

Sounds like Someone warned against the tragically self-destructive behaviors implicated in most U.S. AIDS cases, elevated breast-cancer rates among lesbians, and widespread homosexual incidence of other deadly diseases.

Paul was 2,000 years closer to Christianity's foundations than the sexual revolutionaries and Scripture-twisting revisionists leading today's "Episcopal Church USA" and trivializing obedience to unambiguous Scriptural prohibitions as "varying interpretations," or "fear of the unknown."

As an AIDS-infected ex-homosexual said at lunch with my wife and me, it's at best false compassion to encourage, or even blandly to tolerate, behaviors which harm their participants. And as Dr. Robert Spitzer—who helped lead the political maneuvers which removed homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's manual of mental disorders in 1973—has more recently found, reparative therapy can assist those seeking to reorient homosexual inclinations.

The Rev. Van McAlister, a traditional Episcopalian, wisely counsels behavioral reform among both alcoholics and homosexuals. Genetic predispositions are sometimes claimed for both afflictions. Both are actuarially unhealthy. But political and (allegedly) religious liberals discourage one compulsion, while irrationally celebrating the other.

*Michael Arata, Danville*

**Church is a breath of fresh air**

Dear Editor:

I read the article in the Danville Weekly about St. Timothy's (April 13), and I just wanted to let the Rev. Kathleen Trapani know how much I appreciate her church's open-minded attitude.

I also applaud the Danville Weekly for running the story—you are a continuing breath of fresh air, especially appreciated after the long siege of the Valley Citizen. In addition, the Danville Weekly recently ran an important article about Jordan Riak, who has been a children's advocate for 30 years (see his wonderful Web site [www.nospank.net/main.htm](http://www.nospank.net/main.htm)).

It's people like the Rev. Trapani, Jordan Riak, and Dolores Fox Ciardelli of the Danville Weekly who keep my hopes up in this sometimes depressing decade.

*Lucy Cole, Alamo*

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### Got it!

Matt French catches the ball at third base for an out in the San Ramon Valley Little League 2007 Season opening game between the Double AA Orioles coached by Andy Sinclair and the Yankees managed by Vance Phillips, won 6-2 by the Orioles.

## Mustang lacrosse takes on state's best

Monte Vista boys reach tournament finals to lose 4-8 to SI  
by Rachel McMurdie

Monte Vista High boys lacrosse team proved to be a dominant competitor among the state's best teams, beating No. 2 ranked Torrey Pines 8-3 in the second round of the Jerry Langkammerer Invitational last Friday.

The tournament pitted some of the state's elite lacrosse teams against each other in a three-game single elimination battle. The Mustangs, known for their shut-down defensive style, routed the Southern California powerhouse during a second-half surge. Monte Vista's Brett Oliveira scored a game-high three goals and Tim Iversen added two for the Mustangs, who led 3-2 at halftime. Mustang goalie Dylan Westfall, a junior with the makings of an All-American candidate, had 12 saves in the win.

With the SoCal-NoCal rivalry settled, the Mustangs went on to play West Bay rival St. Ignatius in the championship game Saturday. The Mustangs, ranked No. 13 in the state, were the last team that had defeated the Wildcats, but the Wildcats, who this season have been undefeated and are ranked No. 1 in the state, earned the tournament championship win 4-8.

The Mustangs (11-2) lost their only other game of the season to Foothill-Santa Ana and, undefeat-

ed in league, are hoping to claim their third consecutive North Coast Section title this year.

### Softball

San Ramon Valley girls softball team upset American High (Fremont) with a 2-1 win in game two of the Standley Cup Tournament last weekend. The Wolves, now 12-2 overall, lost their first round game 4-0 to Santa Rosa's Montgomery High.

In other tournament play over the weekend, the Mustangs received a boost of confidence after handing Castro Valley its first loss of the season. Monte Vista delivered a 3-5 win over Castro Valley, in the first round of games during the Livermore Stampede tournament. The Mustangs rallied with five runs in the sixth inning to hand the Trojans their first loss. Monte Vista trailed 3-1 heading into the sixth, when it used three hits, mixed in with four Castro Valley errors to get the five runs.

In the sixth, Castro Valley loaded the bases with no outs, and threatened a comeback, but the Mustang defense stepped up to the challenge. Senior Maggie Johnson, who's headed to Columbia in the fall, struck out Jamie Esmeyer for the first out, then got Collene Roe to ground back to the pitcher for the easy force at the plate. With the game on the line, Johnson struck out leadoff hitter Mariah Cameron to end the game. ■

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### PREP SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, April 24

**Boy's Tennis:** Monte Vista at San Ramon Valley

**Softball:** Monte Vista vs. San Ramon Valley, 3:45 p.m.

**Boy's Lacrosse:** Monte Vista vs. Cal High, 7 p.m.

**Girl's Lacrosse:** Monte Vista at Cal High, 7 p.m.

**Boy's Volleyball:** Monte Vista vs. Cal High, 6 p.m.; San Ramon Valley vs. Castro Valley, 6 p.m.

**Boy's Golf:** San Ramon Valley at Foothill, 3 p.m.

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Candy theft reveals unlawful brass knuckles

Danville police caught a 17-year-old from Venture School allegedly carrying an unlawful weapon and stealing candy from the Alamo Safeway on Sunday evening.

The Danville youth pocketed candy from the Safeway and was found four miles south by San Ramon Valley Boulevard and Sycamore Valley Road, where Police Officer Eric Nygard stopped him at 11:20 p.m., said Police Sgt. Troy Craig.

When Nygard contacted the juvenile, he found the youth was chewing on the stolen candy, which was in his pocket, and he also was carrying steel brass knuckles, according to the report.

"He stated he was using it for protection," Craig said.

The juvenile was taken to the Danville Police Department and given a juvenile citation, which is an incident synopsis sent to the Juvenile Probation Department in Martinez. Department officials would proceed with the matter, Craig said. The youth was released to a parent.

"A lot of people carry things that are good for their protection," said Craig.

However, many of the weapons may be classified as unlawful and carrying them may be categorized as a felony offense, he said.

"This is one of those perfect examples," Craig said. "(Even though) there is ignorance of the law, there is no excuse."

—Jordan M. Dronila

## POLICE LOG

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

### Monday, April 9

- Party disturbance on Liverpool St. and Sutton Cir. at 9:54 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 9:57 p.m.
- Trespassing on Windstream Pl. at 11:03 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 10

- Noise disturbance on Fostoria Way at 12:14 a.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on Rock Island Cir. at 6:29 a.m.
- Grand theft on El Dorado Ave. at 9:02 a.m.
- Residential burglary on Harris Ct. at 10:19 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Sycamore Cir. at 3:28 p.m.
- Animal cruelty on Hartz Way and Laurel Dr. at 4:30 p.m.
- Credit card fraud on Shana ct. at 6:44 p.m.
- Warrant on Valley Creek Ln. at 7:10 p.m.

- Battery on Cloverbrook Dr. and Parkhaven Dr. at 7:14 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 11

- Petty theft on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 10:01 a.m.
- Computer data access fraud on Myrtle Beach Ln. at 10:46 a.m.
- Warrant on Oak View Ter. At 11:21 a.m.
- Credit card fraud on Railroad Ave. at 2:13 p.m.
- Promiscuous shooting on Holbrook Dr. at 7:31 p.m.
- Trespassing on Windstream Pl. at 10:29 p.m.

### Thursday, April 12

- Grand theft on Oak Ct. at 4:04 p.m.
- Vandalism on Harlan Dr. at 4:09 p.m.
- Fight disturbance on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 7:17 p.m.
- Threats disturbance on El Rio Rd. at 8:43 p.m.

### Friday, April 13

- Commercial burglary on Sycamore Valley Rd. W. at 6:25 a.m.
- Petty theft on Oak Ct. at 10:24 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Morninghome Rd. at 4:06 p.m.

- Auto burglary on Lawrence Rd. at 7:17 p.m.
- Barking dog disturbance on Feliz Ct. and Montana Dr. at 10:46 p.m.

### Saturday, April 14

- Petty theft on Fostoria Way at 2:23 p.m.
- Harass disturbance on Fostoria Cir. at 8:26 p.m.
- Residential burglary on Headland Ct. at 9:29 p.m.
- Party disturbance on W. El Pintado Rd. at 9:59 p.m. and 11:10 p.m.
- Party disturbance on Monaco Ct. at 11:32 p.m.

### Sunday, April 15

- Party disturbance on El Pintado Rd. at 12:13 a.m.
- Fight disturbance on Hartz Ave. at 12:38 a.m.
- Vandalism on Harlan Dr. at 9:42 a.m.
- Vandalism on McCauley Rd. at 10:44 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Silver Lake Dr. at 11:26 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Rubicon Cir. at 11:56 a.m.
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Source: Town of Danville

in the kitchen and the garage, popcorn in the microwave or oily stove," he said. "It happens more often than you think."

Exit signs in places such as basements, explaining, "Most people try to get out when they came in."

When disaster will strike," he said. "The bad thing about disasters is not preparing. It's very difficult to be prepared in this region."

Disaster resistant to mitigate damage and survive," he added.

Threats are not a big threat although the East Valley is in the San Francisco Bay Area, Chevron, AT&T and high schools who could be targets. Also, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, which studies weapons and studies microbial agents like plague and botulism, is in our area.

Family needs to plan to help survive the first 72 to 96 hours after a disaster. Government agencies can help the most: those who are injured.

East Valley fire district offers training to help residents prepare for disaster. Under the Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) program, someone will come to your door to help neighbors about how best to prepare.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) meet from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday nights to train people to be community helpers. Each series can accommodate 20 people. To sign up for PEP or CERT, call the fire district at 838-6697 or visit [www.srvfire.ca.gov](http://www.srvfire.ca.gov).

Over 200 people trained as community helpers—how to prepare for emergencies, extinguishers, light search and communications, light medical aid, etc.

Map has a map noting where the residents live.

People in Danville are helping their neighbors," Gilbert said.

He is coordinating with the county fire district to make plans for each neighborhood. A member of the staff of the fire district is going through 40-hour training. The district has already completed the training.

People have responsibility as disaster responders, from the clerk at the front desk to the manager," he said.

Emergency services they will help put plans in place as opening shelters, providing food and water, and ascertaining water needs.

After the disaster, there are lessons learned," he said.

In the Oakland Hills firestorm in 1991, he was sure that fire departments all over the area were pulling on their fire hydrants so they could help.

World Series Earthquake that struck on Oct. 17, 1989, just the third game between the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's, showed the importance of advance planning. The stadium was evacuated by the security forces.

ty that was there—because they had a plan," he recalled Gilbert.

"If we do have a plan and people have been trained in it, after the initial panic they will settle into their roles," he said. "It's best to get the community back on its feet. The infrastructure needs to get back online."

He said a big part of his role is communications systems, noting the increase in technologies available in the last few years. He's had to build two systems of disaster plans, one on computers and the other that is basically a binder and a No. 2 pencil in case Internet connections are lost.

The East Bay Regional Communication System project is seeking funds to make communications between Contra Costa and Alameda counties interoperable.

"Locally we're in good shape," Gilbert said. "We trade radios."

When disaster strikes, a hierarchy is followed in asking for help if the town finds the emergency is too big for its best-laid plans.

"If we are overwhelmed, we will ask the county," he explained. "If they are overwhelmed they ask the region, then the state, then the feds."

Gilbert said his stint as Danville police chief was a highlight of his career. Under his watch the police added school resource officers to the high school campuses, plus he standardized procedures for policing public events. He said although Danville is not a high crime area, it still has issues, such as dealing with the young population, that can keep the Police Department busy.

Gilbert's new role is similar to the one he had at the county Emergency Operations Center that was formed in February 1999 when the pipeline at Tosco exploded.

"Being a police officer, your initial reaction is to want to go to the scene because that is what police officers do," Gilbert explained. "But our responsibility was to coordinate the responses. We had first responders, police and fire, who responded directly to the scene, saving lives and preventing further injury. We were the people behind the scene."

"The most important thing is getting a situation resolved quickly with the least amount of injuries," he continued. "We want everything to be back to normal as quickly as possible. That's the role I'm going to play." ■



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## Showing they care

Rowan Branch uses executive skills  
to benefit children with medical problems

by Natalie O'Neill

**T**iny 2-week-old Blake Smith only weighed 5 pounds when he turned blue in his mother's arms.

Just days after coming home from the hospital after his birth, Blake suddenly started showing symptoms of what was later diagnosed as encephalitis, a swelling of the brain caused by a virus that can be fatal in infants.

"We rushed him to Children's Hospital Oakland and they saved his life," said his mother Kristina Smith, an Alamo resident.

Today Blake is 7 years old and Kristina, feeling a profound sense of gratitude, has helped the Danville-based Rowan Branch raise about \$378,000 for the hospital this year alone.

Last week, the group presented Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland with a \$250,000 check to fund improvements on diabetes research and treatment, along with supporting a youth diabetes summer camp. Ultimately the dollars are going toward finding a cure, Smith said.

The branch also gave \$100,000 earlier this year to fund general needs in the hospital.

The group is about 95 percent Danville, Alamo and Diablo women—many of whom have had similar life altering experiences with their children's health. They choose a new disorder or disease to focus on each year.

"Lots of people have compelling stories—and lots of people are incredibly grateful," Smith said.

One of those people is Alamo resident Sharon Burke, whose daughter Kathleen was misdiagnosed throughout her childhood until doctors at Children's Hospital Oakland properly diagnosed her at age 12 with cystic fibrosis, a hereditary disease that causes progressive disability.

"Our doctor was at a loss ... In a way I felt a sense of relief that I finally knew what was wrong," Burke said, explaining that her daughter was showing only some of the typical symptoms.

Kathleen had been underweight and malnourished, and the diagnosis helped them cope with the disease more effectively. The Rowan Branch later funded cystic fibrosis treatment, which partially went to teaching parents bio-feedback techniques about how to care for their children, including testing mucus buildup to prevent scarring of the lungs.

The Rowan Branch raises money by holding charity events like Gala des Enfants, a dinner dance and silent auction held each October and known around town both for being a blast and benefiting a good cause.

"A lot of fundraisers are deadly dull. But this is a party," Burke said.

As the biggest contributor of all 23 active branches for the nonprofit Children's Hospital Branches Inc., the Rowan Branch has been wildly successful in the past 10 years. It was founded in 1952 and has 75 members—all women.

"I have never met such smart, savvy people as I have at Rowan. Most of them are homemakers but I swear we could run a Fortune 500 company," Burke said, noting the teamwork and organization that goes into raising money.

The Rowan Branch was named after the rowan tree, and all other 23 fundraising branches are also named after trees, an idea that stemmed from the large oak tree that stands in the hospital's courtyard.

Endocrinology chief at Children's Hospital Oakland, Dr. Suruchi Bhatia, said this year's contributions would partly be used to "broaden the family education and support group meetings" for diabetes patients. The money will also help hire a research coordinator to get the latest news in the field to families with diabetes.

In the past 10 years, Rowan Branch has also helped pay



Barbara King-Hooper, a diabetes nurse educator at Children's Hospital Oakland, gives 10-year-old Hunter a lesson on using his insulin pump.

for an M.R.I. scanner at the hospital and for a machine that tests blood for sickle cell anemia, along with providing funds to translate materials into Spanish.

"When I was at the hospital, I met people who had driven three hours from Eureka to get there. We are so lucky to have them 25 minutes away," Burke said.

The youth diabetes summer camp is a getaway to give youths with the disease a chance to connect with each other. Some camp-goers live in inner city environments and could not afford to go without the donated funds.

"It's just a way for them to feel included—everybody is pricking fingers and taking blood. Some of it is talking about (the disease) but it's also just being a kid," Smith explained.

The hospital turns no child away and is in more need of equipment than many other local hospitals, in part because of the range of size and age of the patients they treat.

Burke noted that when Kathleen was getting treatment she noticed that blood pressure cuffs for testing ranged from the size of her index finger to that of an adult's wrist circumference.

In addition to Rowan's Gala des Enfants, a spring fashion show fundraiser will be put on this year at Round Hill Country Club featuring national clothing vendors. Tickets are going fast, Smith said.

"It's right before Mother's Day, and it's a fun, festive way of shopping for friends and family. It's a big to-do," she said. For more information, call Ellen Giagiari at 787-6174.

The check donated last week will be broken down as follows: \$100,000 will support a diabetes nurse educator and nutritionist; \$100,000 will go to a new diabetes clinical research specialist; and \$50,000 will go to an education program, diabetes summer camp and supplies for new patients.

To learn more about Rowan Branch or to become a business sponsor of this October's Gala des Enfants, contact Kristina Smith at 855-9217 or visit [www.rowanbranch.org](http://www.rowanbranch.org)

Other Rowan members who have had their children treated at the hospital include mothers of children who have nearly drowned, have had freak accidents, have been recently diagnosed with diabetes and have had open heart surgery.

"You never know when you're going to need them," Smith said. ■

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# The Pet Vet says...



BY DR. HEIDI STRAND

## So you wanna be a vet

**Q.** My 12-year old daughter really loves animals and thinks she wants to be a veterinarian. Are there places she can volunteer, and will this help her get into vet school? I've heard it's very difficult to get in.

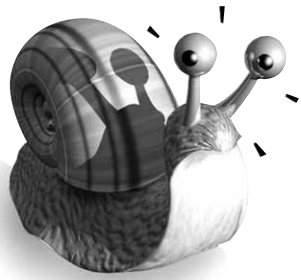
**A.** Last year UC Davis had 966 applicants to its School of Veterinary Medicine. It accepted only 139 of those applicants. So, yes, it's hard to get in.

In addition to grade point averages and GRE scores, the school considers veterinary experience when selecting applicants. To apply to UC Davis you are required to have 180 hours of veterinary experience. But applicants who are accepted have an average of 3,550 hours of hands-on experience in the field. You can work in a veterinary clinic, shelter, kennel, farm, ranch, aquarium, zoo, laboratory or wildlife museum. It can be volunteer or paid work. They just want you to have a real idea of what the veterinary profession is about.

At 12 years old, your daughter should be able to do volunteer work at one of these facilities with your assistance. You will have to attend training and will probably be asked to make a weekly commitment. This will give her good exposure to the

ups and downs of animal care. You may also consider becoming a foster family for a local animal shelter.

As she enters high school, getting good grades should be a priority, particularly in science. If her volunteer position has been successful she may be promoted to a part-time position. Or she may find part-time or summer work at a veterinary clinic, kennel, shelter or farm. You can also investigate summer enrichment programs in the sciences.



During undergraduate years, she will need to satisfy all the prerequisite courses for her desired veterinary school, as well as take the GRE or MCAT. In the meantime, start saving. The four-year veterinary school at UC Davis will set you back about \$160,000.

**Q.** I just rescued a 4-year-old shih tzu and we just found out she likes to eat snails. How can I stop her from eating snails?

**A.** Lots of dogs like to eat snails, but you should definitely keep your dog away from them. If she eats a snail that has ingested snail bait, it can be poisonous for her. I would recommend that you accompany her whenever she goes into the back yard and tell her "no" firmly when she tries to eat them. Distract her by offering a toy such as a ball to chase. She can be trained not to eat them if you are persistent.

Make sure you do not put out bait for the snails, as this could be potentially deadly for her. Check your garden center for non-toxic alternatives to cut down on the snail population in your yard.

—Dr. Heidi Strand is a veterinarian for the East Bay SPCA in Dublin. She has lived in the Tri-Valley for 10 years with her family and an assortment of four-legged friends. Questions can be mailed to 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville 94526; or e-mailed to [hstrand@eastbayspca.org](mailto:hstrand@eastbayspca.org). Her column runs every other week.

### OF NOTE

#### Cox is tops

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced last week that Realtor Pat Cox of the company's Danville office has been ranked in the top 1 percent of all Northern California agents for 2006. Cox outpaced nearly 4,300 Coldwell Banker sales associates from Lake Tahoe to Carmel to receive the honor.



"Pat has been a top performer throughout her career," said Evelyn Walker, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Danville manager. "Her unsurpassed skills and experience make her a leader in our industry."

In honor of her achievement, Cox was recognized at a special Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage event held at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco last month. She will also be extended an invitation to

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Top 1% Retreat that will take place at the Four Seasons Resort in Maui, Hawaii this fall.

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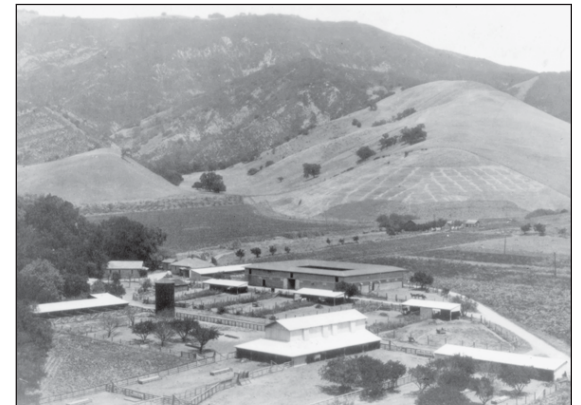
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# Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

## Blackhawk—The name, the ranch, the homes

by Beverly Lane



Blackhawk Ranch was established east of Danville in 1917, when Ansel M. Easton and his son-in-law William A. Ward purchased 1,250 acres of hilly terrain south of Mount Diablo. The barn surrounded a courtyard with lawn, which allow them to show registered Shire workhorses and purebred Shorthorn cattle.

"SAN RAMON VALLEY: ALAMO, DANVILLE, AND SAN RAMON"  
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a big yard" and the entire ranch went into the water district's service boundary.

Mr. Peterson said he sold Blackhawk because the county re-assessed the ranch as a potential subdivision, raising the taxes to \$100,000 a year. He decided not to go into the land development business himself and chose to sell it to one buyer, keeping 300 acres of the home and headquarters. After two years of discussions with Florida developer Ken Behring, a sale of 6,200 acres concluded in 1975.

Behring's Blackhawk Development Corp. envisioned a housing development of 4,800 dwelling units on 4,200 acres, the largest proposal to date in the county. From 1973 to 1976, no development proposal in the Bay Area received more newspaper headlines, with writers happily calling the debates "The Blackhawk Wars."

Charges were made of "leapfrog zoning," urban sprawl and potential destruction of the Mount Diablo foothills over the proposal. Opposition came from environmentalists, local activists and Diablo residents who organized as "Amigos de Diablo."

Overriding their staff recommendations, the Board of Supervisors approved the development for 4,800 homes in 1974. The Amigos collected signatures for a referendum, and a lawsuit was filed. Petition signature-gatherers were harassed as they collected signatures. Blackhawk Attorney Dan Van Voorhis said that his side was "attempting to clarify the situation by putting 'truth squads' on the street."

The referendum did not make it to the ballot and was dismissed by a Superior Court judge for several reasons. Blackhawk Development Corp. in turn sued Amigos members for slander, saying they had "maliciously conspired to delay" the project.

Blackhawk Corp. ultimately reduced the number of houses to 2,400 and dedicated 2,000 acres of open space to Mt. Diablo State Park by 1999. The first homes opened in 1979. More than 40 builders participated in the development, and two 18-hole golf courses, two clubhouses and several sports complexes are part of the gated community today known as Blackhawk. The Wars are no more.

Sources: Museum of the San Ramon Valley archives, Valley Pioneers 1974-9, interviews with Howard Peterson, Sue Watson, Tony Dehaesus.

Beverly Lane, a longtime Danville resident, is curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and co-author of "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon."

Today Blackhawk describes a country club in Danville which is celebrating a 25th anniversary in 2007. Both the name and the homes development have been linked to two "Blackhawk Wars," one in 1832 and one in 1974.

Originally the name came from a Sac and Fox Indian warrior of such intelligence and fierceness that the 1832 Black Hawk Indian Wars were named for him. Black Hawk led a war which resisted President Andrew Jackson's policy of relocating Indian tribes west of the Mississippi. The name was then given to a famous horse, called Black Hawk, which the pioneer Easton family brought to California during the 19th century. Their Hillsborough ranch was named for the horse.

Danville's Blackhawk Ranch was established in 1917 when Ansel Mills Easton and his son-in-law William Q. Ward purchased 1,250 acres from Robert N. Burgess, owner of the new Mount Diablo Country Club. Architect Louis Mulgardt designed a spacious showcase house for the families at the ranch where registered Shire workhorses and pure-bred Shorthorn cattle were raised.

When the ranch was sold to Raymond Force in 1934, it was used as a summer home where walnuts, Arabian horses and Hereford cattle were raised. Force enlarged the property by purchasing the adjacent Wilson, Freitas, Sousa, Frick and Goold properties. The Forces moved to the ranch in 1941, and Mrs. Force, an ardent gardener, planned and planted a beautiful garden and grounds. Force also used the land to test new versions of Caterpillar farm equipment and tractors, transporting the experimental vehicles under wraps so they could be tried out in secret.

After Force passed away, Howard Peterson, the owner of Peterson Tractor in San Leandro, bought the ranch. Peterson owned the Two-County Ranch on the boundary of Alameda and Contra Costa counties and had admired the Blackhawk for years.

One Saturday in the '60s Peterson learned the Blackhawk Ranch was available. In the habit of going north from his ranch to get his hair cut in Danville, he recalled that Bill Flett, of Geldermann Realtors, saw him in the barber shop and said to him, "Howard, how'd you like to buy the Blackhawk Ranch? It's up for sale." Peterson said he could hardly wait to get out of the barber chair.

He bought all 6,500 acres of the ranch in 1964, which included 140 acres of walnuts, 500 acres of hay, 1,000 head of beef cattle and seven acres of well-landscaped gardens. One year he sold 103 tons of walnuts to Diamond.

Peterson said he and his wife loved the ranch. They rebuilt the Easton-Ward house to create a beautiful ranch house with large picture windows looking in all directions. When EBMUD was expanding to the valley, Peterson convinced EBMUD that he simply "had

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# Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Clubs

### Danville-Alamo Garden Club

Danville-Alamo Garden Club monthly meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd. Local florist Eunice Venetta will be creating spring floral arrangements. This event is free. Call 837-4904.

## Concerts

### 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

### Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

The third annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is a free, self-guided tour showcasing 60 pesticide-free, water-conserving East Bay gardens from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 6. Registration deadline is April 25. Bringing Back the Natives Tour will also host private Select Tours Saturday, April 28 and May 5. Cost is \$40. Visit [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net)

### Child Abuse Prevention

Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley will be participating in the "Believe in the Blue" child abuse prevention project to boost awareness at the problem from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 21, at Lunardi's Market and Safeway in Danville and Alamo. 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 2-5 and October 3-6, 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).

### Cupid Pre-Dating

Cupid.com will host a pre-dating event, it's a fun and easy way for busy singles to meet from 6:30-10 p.m., Monday, April 23, Vic Stewart's, 850 South Broadway, Walnut Creek. Cost is \$35, \$39. Call (408) 849-4749 or visit [www.predating.com](http://www.predating.com).

### Eighth Annual Blackhawk 500

Blackhawk Plaza presents the eighth annual Blackhawk 500 starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 21, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Family members

are free with a uniformed scout. Call 736-2277 or visit [www.blackhawkmuseum.org](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.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.

### First Wednesday at the Library

First Wednesday will host Kay Payne on the topic of "To Love & to Cherish," a celebration of marriage presentation from 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, at the Danville Library, 400 Front St. This event is free, but seating is limited. Call 837-4889.

### Living Ship Day

The U.S.S. Hornet Museum will commemorate the "Doolittle Raid" from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at U.S.S. Hornet Museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda. Cost is \$6-14, parking is free. Call (510) 521-8448 or visit [www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org).

### Montevideo Elementary School Spring Luau Carnival

The Spring Luau Carnival will take place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, April 28, at Montevideo Elementary School, 13000 Broadmoor Dr., San Ramon. The day will include: carnival game booths, fun prizes, Fuddrucker's food, and Jamba Juice. Call 803-7450.

### Vineyards, Hills and Pathways of Stephen Sanfilippo

This showcase will feature Alamo resident Stephen Sanfilippo's art of vineyards, hills and pathways from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., April 7-30. Call 846-6015 or visit [www.stephensanfilippo.com](http://www.stephensanfilippo.com)

### World Affairs Council

World Affairs Council joins the Clarence Foundation in viewing a film of the Foundation's recent journey to Nairobi, Kenya from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 26, at PMI, 3003 Oak Creek Rd., Walnut Creek. Cost is \$10. Call (415) 293-4600, e-mail [registration@wacsf.org](mailto:registration@wacsf.org) or visit [www.itsyourworld.org](http://www.itsyourworld.org).

## Exhibits

### Slopes of Diablo Exhibit

The Slopes of Diablo exhibition is focused on the local landscape of Mt. Diablo which will run May 20-June 30. Artists who wish to participate should contact Betty Wells at 284-9179. A reception will be from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, May 20, at the Valley Art Gallery, 1661 Botelho Dr., Ste. 110, Walnut Creek. Reservations

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**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.museumsvr.org](http://www.museumsvr.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.

**'Brush With Life'** Friends of Civic Arts Education Foundation will feature Jeff Kaufman's "Brush With Life," the story of Edward and Danville resident Sonja Biberman, at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 29, at the Shadelands Auditorium, 111 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Tickets are a \$10 minimum donation. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Civic Arts Education Foundation Scholarship Program and the Clay Arts Guild Ceramics Program. Call 943-5846.

## Fundraisers

**Fashions with Flair** Danville Women's Club will host a luncheon and fashion show "Fashions with Flair" at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 10, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Cost is \$35. Proceeds will benefit Contra Costa Hospice. Call 837-7528 or 837-1165.

**Flea Market and Tack Sale** SonRise Equestrian Foundation is hosting a flea market and tack sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, at 352 La Questa Dr., Danville. Proceeds will benefit SonRise Equestrian Foundation. Donated items will be accepted from 4-8 p.m., Friday, April 20, call Cal at (510) 305-7164.

**Giant Book Sale** Friends of the Danville Library will host a Book Sale 9-10 a.m., Friday, April 20 for members only and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, April 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 21, and noon-3 p.m., Sunday April 22. Proceeds benefit the Danville Library. Call 837-4889.

**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).

**Lucy Store Opening Celebration** Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. celebrates the grand opening of a new retail store, Lucy from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, April 26, at Lucy, 402 Railroad Ave., Danville. Free gift bags and food. JLOEB will receive 10% of the open day. Visit [www.lucy.com](http://www.lucy.com).

**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).

**Seventh Annual Danville-Alamo AAUW Garden Tour** AAUW will host their seventh annual Danville-Alamo Garden Tour including eight different gardens from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 11-12. No children under 12 please. Cost is \$25 if post-marked by May 5th, \$30 thereafter. For questions or tickets after May 5th, call 837-0826 or visit [www.aauw-da.org](http://www.aauw-da.org).

**Tommy T's Comedy Fundraising** Join Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and Tommy T's for a night of comedy from 6-10 p.m., Sunday, April 22, at Tommy T's Comedy Club, 5104 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Huck Flynn will be the performer for the night show. Cost is \$20, plus two item minimum. Proceeds will benefit Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Call 397-4300 or visit [www.tommyts.com](http://www.tommyts.com).

## Health

**World School Free Seminar** World School of Massage will offer a free seminar called "Foot Freedom: My Feet Are Healthy" from 4:30-6 p.m., Thursday, April 26, at World School of Massage, 699 Peters Ave., Pleasanton. This event is free. Call 461-2533 or visit [www.worldschoolmassage.com](http://www.worldschoolmassage.com).

## Kids and Teens

**A Hard Day's Knight** Danville Library will host "A Hard Day's Knight" at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, at the Danville Library, Children's Reading Room, 400 Front St. The day will include magic and adventure of knighthood and swordplay! Call 837-4889.

**Cows in Blackhawk** The California Association of Museums will host "Cows in Blackhawk" from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The day will include finding out why there are so many Spanish names like "vaca" and "vaquero" and making microwave tortilla chips for a fun snack. Free with admission. Call 736-2277, ext. 238 or visit [www.blackhawkmuseum.org](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org).

**YMCA Activities** The San Ramon Valley YMCA hosts a number of activities including Adventure Guides/Princesses, Adventure Trailblazers, Youth Basketball, Youth Lacrosse and Youth Soccer for children of all ages. For information, call 831-1100 or visit [www.mdrymca.org](http://www.mdrymca.org).

## Lectures/ Workshops

**Historic Lecture Series** San Ramon Historic Foundation and San Ramon Valley Library Foundation will host

a Historic Lecture Series of six programs. Each program will start at 7 p.m., Thursdays, at various different locations. All programs are free, but donations are accepted. Call 973-3281.

**Panel Discussion About the Women of Afghanistan.** Danville-Alamo Branch of AAUW will present a panel discussion concerning the plight of women of Afghanistan from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Dr., Danville. This event is free, but reservations are required by April 18, call Martha at 736-8399.

**Plain Talk about Love and Sexuality** Ginny Luedeman, Christian Science healer and lecturer will host a spiritual approach that improves relationships with an interactive and honest discussion from 7:30-9 p.m., Friday, May 4, at Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. This event is free. Call 683-1519.

**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](http://www.acteva.com/go/valleystraighttalk).

**Sexual Harassment Prevention Training** Complete the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, April 24, by visiting [www.nchra.org](http://www.nchra.org). Cost is \$195 for members, \$245 for non-members. Call (415) 291-1992.

**The Environment: Should We Care?** San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church will host a community seminar titled "The Environment: Should We Care? Global Climate Change" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, at the Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Call 837-5243.

**World Affairs Council** Vulnerable Children and Families in the Urban Slums of Kenya with Marc Ross Manashil will host a viewing of Foundations recent journey to Kenya from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, April 26, at PMI, 3003 Oak Rd. and Wayne Dr., Walnut Creek. Call (415) 293-4600.

## Literary Events

**Project FiveFour07 with Tim Gunn** Rakestraw Books will host a fashion show and book signing to celebrate "Tim Gunn: A Guide to Quality, Taste, & Style" from 7-8:30 p.m., Friday, May 4, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. Judges for the show include Tim Gunn, Gina Pell and Carolyn Rovner. Cost is \$30. Proceeds will benefit The Princess Project. Call 837-7337 or visit [www.rakestraw-books.com](http://www.rakestraw-books.com).

## Live Music

**San Francisco Girl's Chorus** San Francisco Girl's Chorus returns to St. Timothy's to thrill you with its beautiful voices and incredible musicianship from 5-6 p.m., Sunday, April 22, at St. Timothy's Church, 1550 Diablo Rd., Danville. General admission tickets are \$18, \$12 seniors and students. Call 837-4993, ext. 15 or visit [www.saint-timothysdanville.org](http://www.saint-timothysdanville.org).

## Miscellaneous

**San Ramon Valley High School 40th Reunion** Attention Classes of 1967, 1968 and 1969! San Ramon Valley High School will hold a 40th High School Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 11. For information, Carol Stewart-Pierovich at 820-4628, Mike Miles at 938-0806 or Stephanie Brown-Myers at 837-0539.

**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

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WEEKEND PREVIEW



## Gentlemen, start your engines

Blackhawk Plaza presents the eighth annual Blackhawk 500 starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 21, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. See the exciting races and the innovative car designs, and participate in the numerous hands-on activities and challenging Museum Treasure Hunt. Family members are free with a uniformed Scout. Call 736-2277 or visit [www.blackhawkmuseum.org](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org).

2007-2008 classes are welcome to tour the school and meet the director and staff. Call 837-5401.

## On Stage

**'Wigged Out!'** Victoria's Hair on Stage has opened its doors for "Wigged Out!" which runs until June, at Victoria's Hair on Stage, 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Tickets are \$38. Call 855-SHOW (855-7469).

**Eugene O'Neill Playwrights' Theater Performances** Eugene O'Neill Playwrights' Theater at Tao House presents "This Is Not My Life" at 3 p.m., starting May 6 and "Now I Ask You" at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 20, at the Old Barn at Tao House. Call 820-1818.

**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.villagetheatre-shows.com](http://www.villagetheatre-shows.com) or the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St.

## Political Notes

**Regional Conference** of Contra Costa Republican Women Federated will host Charlie Self, Nathan Fletcher

and Pete Laurence for a Regional Conference from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Friday, April 27, at Oakhurst Country Club, 1001 Peacock Creek, Clayton. Cost is \$35, including lunch. Reservations are required by April 24; call 519-8753 or visit [www.yvrfw.org](http://www.yvrfw.org).

**San Ramon Valley Republican Women** San Ramon Valley Republican Women will host Barbara Simpson, KSFO Talk Radio's "Babe in the Bunker" from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. Cost is \$30. Call 837-6253 or visit [www.srvrwf.org](http://www.srvrwf.org).

## Recreation

**Intermediate Bike Ride** Steve Biggs will host an intermediate bike ride at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 21, meeting at Regency Gate, off of Marsh Creek. Rain cancels. Call 202-9133.

**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 Pine Hollow Middle School, Concord. Lunch is at Deer Flat. Cost is a \$4 car entry fee. Rain cancels. Call 820-3102.

**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.

## Support Groups

**Newly Formed Proactive Group for Women** A newly formed proactive group for women who have Fibromyalgia, CFS, CFIDS and chronic pain are inviting others to share in the latest research, medicines, doctors and many other ways to cope. The group meets from 12:30-2:30 p.m., every other Tuesday. For information, email [heidianne@hotmail.com](mailto:heidianne@hotmail.com).

**Overeaters Anonymous** The group offers a 12-step approach to issues around food, overeating, anorexia and bulimia. It meets from 7-8 p.m., every Tuesday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. No fees. Call Susie at 275-1391.

**Parkinson's Support Group** The Tri-Valley Parkinson's Network of Mount Diablo provides peer support from 10a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of every month, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Call Norman at 831-9940 or Jackie at 244-1231.

**PFLAG** The Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter of Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a support group that meets at 7:30 p.m., every third Monday at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Call 838-8632.

**SRV Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous** Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free 12-step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, undereating and bulimia. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the San Ramon Library, 100 Montgomery St. Call Gordon at 899-3117 or visit [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

**Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group** This group provides peer support for those affected by Parkinson's Disease and for their caregivers, families and friends. The group meets from 10 a.m.-noon, the second Saturday of each month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call Norman at 831-9940 or Jackie at 244-1231.

## Volunteering

**Bringing Back the Native Garden Tour** Bringing Back the Native Garden Tour needs volunteers Saturdays, April 28 and May 5. Volunteers will be rewarded with free, private tours of beautiful native gardens. For information, call (510) 236-9558 or visit [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net).

**CCI Volunteer Puppy Raising Program** Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) are looking for special volunteers interested in raising a CCI puppy for 15-18 months and are now accepting applications.

For information, call 1-800-572-BARK (2275) or visit [www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org).

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

**Contra Costa Academy of Fine Art** The academy seeks new volunteers and members to help with tasks ranging from bookkeeping to recruiting instructors. The group meets noon-1 p.m., the second Friday of the month at Richard's Art & Craft Store, 225 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call Beth Batchelor at 837-5654.

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

**Help Your Senior Neighbors** A lot of Danville seniors need rides to their appointments, stores or to special events. The Seniors' Club at Veterans Memorial Hall is looking for volunteers to provide rides on an "as-needed basis" on one or more Mondays a month. Call Jenn Overmoe at 314-3476 for more information.

**Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa** This organization is looking for volunteers to help serve in East Contra Costa County. Positions open are: men and women to provide companionship and practical support for terminally ill patients and families, licensed hair stylists and certified massage therapists. Call 887-5678 or e-mail [volunteers@hospicecc.org](mailto:volunteers@hospicecc.org).

**Hospice and Palliative Work at Bruns House** Hospice and Palliative Care of Contra Costa Bruns House In-Patient Hospice is looking for volunteers to fill two- to four-hour shifts during the weekdays and weekends. For an application, call 887-5678 or e-mail [volunteers@hospicecc.org](mailto:volunteers@hospicecc.org).

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

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

**Museum of the San Ramon Valley** The Museum of the San Ramon Valley welcomes volunteers and has a current need for greeters who give three hours one day a month to welcome visitors to the museum, register their attendance, and give them an introductory tour of the Waiting Room and the Museum Store. Call Carmen Curtis at 837-9781 or the museum at 837-3750.

**Rides for Seniors in Lafayette** Rides for Seniors, based in Lafayette,

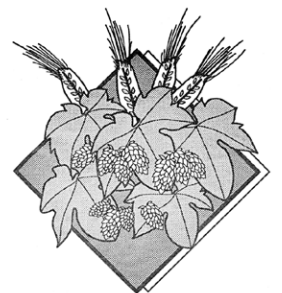
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**Search and Rescue** The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team needs volunteer members to respond to missing person incidents, disasters and other critical incidents. Team members are on call 24/7 year round. The program provides required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

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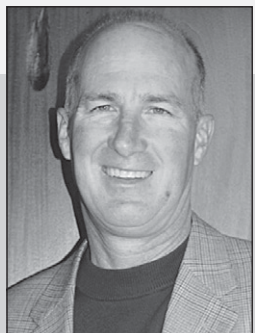
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## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during March 2007

Alamo	Danville	Walnut Creek
Total sales reported: 2	Total sales reported: 17	Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$1,425,000	Lowest sale reported: \$425,000	Lowest sale reported: \$318,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,999,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,599,000	Highest sale reported: \$3,999,500
Average sales reported: \$2,212,000	Average sales reported: \$1,011,647	Average sales reported: \$768,948

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

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### Alamo

**350 Matchem Court** Ness Trust to S. & T. Hawk for \$2,999,000  
**44 Stonecastle Court** C. & P. Judd to A. Giordano for \$1,425,000

### Danville

**1284 Ariel Drive** Shapell Industries to C. & L. Ferbet for \$1,275,000  
**3415 Blackhawk Meadow Drive** K. & B. Akey to M. & S. Nicholson for \$1,125,000  
**26 Bormio Court** J. & L. Patel to L. & J. Laflamme for \$1,161,000  
**4160 Buckingham Drive** Berry Trust to E. Hagele for \$1,058,000  
**2139 Carmenera Street** Lennar Homes to G. & G. Sanghera for \$973,000  
**1711 Cottswald Street** KB Homes to C. & M. Clasen for \$892,000  
**3042 Fostoria Circle** Lemr Trust to M. Seoane for \$425,000  
**1262 Greenbrook Drive** S. & S. McHugh to M. & S. Murphy for \$1,015,000  
**593 Indian Home Road** N. Swasey to A. Briggs for \$702,000  
**58 La Gonda Court** J. & K. Colonias to B. Alworth for \$1,599,000  
**102 Lomitas Drive** D. & H. Lombardo to G. & K. Franceschi for \$797,000  
**2410 Marsanne Street** Lennar Homes to S. Jafari for \$1,329,000  
**1609 North Clear Creek Place** R. Campo to K. Tompkins for \$725,000

**100 Rimini Court** Lennar Homes to M. & J. Patel for \$1,194,500

**925 Saddlehorn Court** Shapell Homes to J. & L. Tong for \$1,242,500

**271 St. Christopher Drive** Golden Trust to B. Motallebi for \$925,000

**175 Tivoli Lane** R. & K. Reed to S. Simkovic for \$760,000

### Walnut Creek

**1315 Alma Avenue #151** Alpine of Alma Development to U. Nwakuche for \$335,000

**1418 Carriage Drive F.** Murabito to T. Pham for \$782,000

**559 Club View Terrace** HWR Limited to J. Henderson for \$1,315,000

**589 Club View Terrace** HWR Limited to R. & J. Marsan for \$1,240,000

**1411 Creekside Drive #11** T. Holmes to S. & V. Laver for \$364,000

**1364 Elizabeth Court** M. & R. Thomas to J. & J. Crusier for \$799,000

**1949 Highridge Court** Kaye Trust to H. McArthur for \$719,000

**1273 Honey Trail** C. Dennis to J. Sullivan for \$505,000

**302 Kinross Drive** Green Trust to S. & S. Johnson for \$587,000

**328 Kinross Drive** D. Latif to T. & M. Madden for \$676,000

**211 Masters Court #4** Fairways 340 Limited to R. Riel for \$366,000

**341 Masters Court #4** Fairways 340 Limited to A. Kovich for \$3,999,500

**1857 Newell Avenue** Stockbridge Trust to R. & N. Jones for \$755,000

**303 Peppertree Road** M. & V. Dennison to T. & R. Wagner for \$1,010,000

**101 Player Court #4** Fairways 340 Limited to T. Hu for \$335,000

**1555 Ptarmigan Drive #1A** Smith Trust to Daniel Trust for \$345,000

**600 Rock Oak Road** S. & A. Fadda to C. & S. Madison for \$885,000

**3234 Rossmoor Parkway #3** P. Cannon to J. Wood for \$630,500

**2641 Saklan Indian Drive #2** Macdonald Trust to S. Vandagriff for \$452,000

**2088 San Miguel Drive** Ajo Trust to L. Hall for \$720,000

**333 Shady Glen Road** Siegel Trust to J. & K. Santos for \$725,000

**1600 Springbrook Road** Hogendorn Trust to E. Altamirano for \$775,000

**1446 Stanley Dollar Drive #1B** Shonkoff Trust to Chapman Trust for \$529,000

**3408 Sugarberry Lane** S. Cheng to J. Feinberg for \$815,000

**65 Sun Valley Drive** Fyock Trust to W. & L. Codde for \$612,500

**1860 Tice Creek Drive #1341** Kroll Trust to Morrow Trust for \$365,000

**1840 Tice Creek Drive #2136** Ohl Trust to Filby Trust for \$675,000

**3173 Wayside Plaza #114** C. Young to J. Vorzimer for \$318,000

**2494 Westcliffe Lane** J. Henderson to G. Cademarti for \$665,000

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## Alamo

### 2 Bedrooms

**206 Alamo Square** **\$779,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 838-4300

### 3 Bedrooms

**212 Austin Ln.** **\$1,474,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4022

### 4 Bedrooms

**46 Vista Ln.** **\$1,495,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 672-2499

**160 Camille Ct.** **\$1,699,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 285-1582

### 5 Bedrooms

**106 Romero Cir.** **\$1,859,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 487-2629

**306 Las Quebradas Ln.** **\$3,499,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 366-9555

## Blackhawk

### 4 Bedrooms

**34 Magnolia Pl.** **\$1,895,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 648-5346

## Danville

### 2 Bedrooms

**200 El Dorado Ave.** **\$450,000**  
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 997-0806

### 3 Bedrooms

**301 Vernal Dr.** **\$1,750,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 791-2600

**4053 Skylark Ln.** **\$599,990**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653

**1954 S. Forest Hill Pl.** **\$699,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 830-3999

**141 Lomitas Dr.** **\$799,000**  
Sat 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 786-3396

**263 W. El Pintado** **\$899,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 977-8965

**66 Stonington Ct.** **\$949,900**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4118

### 4 Bedrooms

**944 La Gonda Wy.** **\$1,050,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3337

**820 Feather River St.** **\$1,079,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 890-7443

**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

**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

**112 Lawnview Cir.** **\$619,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 837-7110

**206 Stetson Dr.** **\$869,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 838-4300

**34 Wiley Ct.** **\$889,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 858-5233

**585 Glasgow Cir.** **\$999,950**  
Sat 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 216-7092

### 5 Bedrooms

**145 Burgess Ct.** **\$1,049,900**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 838-4300

**809 Richard Ln.** **\$1,050,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4049

**881 El Pintado Rd.** **\$2,675,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4115

## Danville

### 7 Bedrooms

**1 Brooktree Dr.** **\$3,475,000**  
Sun 12-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 838-5700

## Diablo

### 3 Bedrooms

**130 El Nido Ct.** **\$1,995,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 648-5346

## San Ramon

### 2 Bedrooms

**3090 Lakemont Dr., #1** **\$599,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Pacific Union 314-4803

**218 Plumpointe Ln.** **\$618,888**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653

### 3 Bedrooms

**2857 Fountainhead Dr.** **\$489,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 785-8369

**3032 Bernard Ave.** **\$699,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 330-0579

**3069 Tahoe Pl.** **\$769,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165

**138 Cortona Dr.** **\$839,000**  
Sun 2-5 United CA Brokers 977-8977

### 4 Bedrooms

**1469 Allamere Dr.** **\$1,079,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4123

**310 Andros Dr.** **\$1,095,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4118

**4108 Liliac Ridge Rd.** **\$1,449,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 837-7110

**324 Winged Ter.** **\$899,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 314-1111

**213 Latera Ct.** **\$899,900**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653

### 5 Bedrooms

**100 Avalon Ct.** **\$1,238,000**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653

**2826 Bethany Rd.** **\$1,499,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 785-1386

**856 Springbrook Dr.** **\$844,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 482-4204

## Walnut Creek

### 2 Bedrooms

**2704 Oak Rd., #80** **\$331,500**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 963-0093

**646 Via Appia** **\$559,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 876-7089

**18 Iron Horse Ln.** **\$579,900**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 487-2629

### 4 Bedrooms

**3025 Ebano Dr.** **\$999,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 648-5331

## Dublin

### 3 Bedrooms

**7821 Oxbow Ln.** **\$548,500**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 984-3195

**3724 Central Pkwy.** **\$599,999**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2559

**7883 Sutton Ln.** **\$635,000**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653

**5142 Newington Ct.** **\$698,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165

## Dublin

### 4 Bedrooms

**8317 Creekside Dr.** **\$1,260,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3882

### 5 Bedrooms

**6133 Ledgewood Ter.** **\$1,245,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 997-0842

**5836 Turnberry Dr.** **\$1,999,988**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 583-1121

## Pleasanton

### 2 Bedrooms

**8188 Arroyo Dr., #2** **\$359,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 351-4994

### 4 Bedrooms

**8256 Regency Dr.** **\$1,795,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC - Louise Davis 426-3834

**871 Gray Fox Cr.** **\$1,799,950**  
Sun 1-4 Jackie Byerly 846-1234

**8335 Regency Dr.** **\$2,150,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3882

**3712 Crofters Ct.** **\$739,000**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653

**2770 Glen Isle Ct.** **\$869,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165

### 5 Bedrooms

**3116 Devereux Ct.** **\$1,749,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 337-2989

## Livermore

### 3 Bedrooms

**6157 St. Andrews** **\$599,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 455-7020

**217 Cobblestone Cmn.** **\$659,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 648-5346

**718 Wimbledon Ln.** **\$668,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC - Louise Davis 426-3834

### 4 Bedrooms

**4313 Chaucer Ct.** **\$899,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 484-0900

### 6 Bedrooms

**5582 Beck Ln.** **\$1,020,000**  
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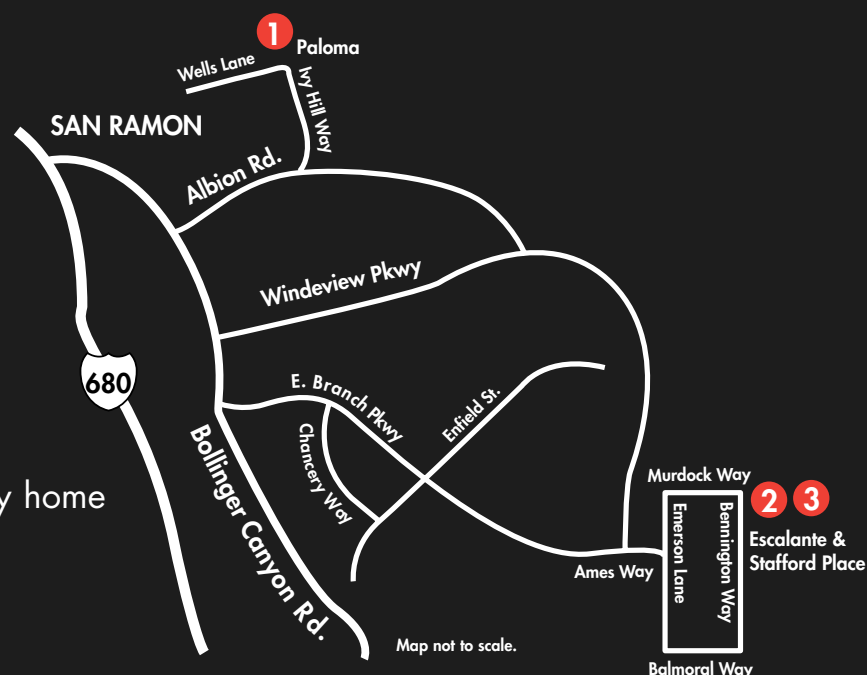
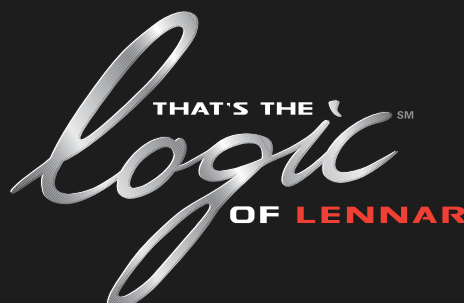
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