

## Wouldn't you like a doctor on call?

'Boutique' medical trend offers personal service > **page 20**

Vol. II, Number 52 • April 27, 2007

www.DanvilleWeekly.com

### More music, laughs onstage

Role Players stage successful Sondheim musical  
> **page 23**

# Danville

W E E K L Y

### Senior survey results are in

Danville commission recommends fulltime program coordinator  
> **page 5**

...ce to homes in Danville, Blackhawk, Diablo

**A LOOK AT  
WONDERFUL WAYS  
TO SPEND THE LONG  
SUMMER DAYS**

**SUMMER  
FUN**

**PAGE 16**



**Experience Comfort**



**We'll Pay Your Sales Tax through 5/7/07**

**ZERO GRAVITY RECLINER TO FEEL LIKE YOU'RE FLOATING ON A CLOUD**



**THE ULTIMATE OFFICE CHAIR LOADED WITH COMFORT FEATURES FOR HEAVENLY SITTING**

**RELAX THE BACK**  
*feel better, work better, live better*

**Pleasanton**  
6070 Johnson Dr., Suite C (in the Home Depot Center)  
**925-463-2225**  
Mon-Fri 10-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 12-5

**Walnut Creek**  
1501 N. California Blvd. (at Bonanza St.)  
**925-935-5300**  
Mon-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-5

**No payments, No interest for 12 months!**  
On approved credit  
[www.relaxtheback.com](http://www.relaxtheback.com)

*Get Ready for Summer!*

**DETOX YOUR BODY!**  
AS A BONUS, you will LOSE 15 to 30 lbs of fat in 2 weeks

**FREE Body Composition Analysis**

It will bring you increased energy, mental clarity and balance to your entire system!


*Hear what others are saying:*

- ✓ "The easiest thing you can do to lose weight and feel better..."
- ✓ "I feel 20 years younger..."
- ✓ "Feeling great and more energetic than ever..."
- ✓ "Life changing experience... no more anti-depressant pills"

**Tahara**  
Detox Weight Loss Center

**Call for a FREE Consultation today!**

**(925) 249-9642**  
4725 First Street #270  
Downtown Pleasanton  
[www.taharacenter.com](http://www.taharacenter.com)






**Construction Financing Seminar**

Los Positas College  
Wednesday, May 23, 2007  
6:30 ~ 8:00 P.M.

Call Sandy, Chris & Stephen at Team009 at 925.449.1275  
or register at [www.lospositascollege.edu/communityed](http://www.lospositascollege.edu/communityed)

**FIRST HORIZON**  
All Things Financial®

Equal Housing Lender

All loans subject to approval. Certain restrictions may apply. © 2007 First Horizon National Corporation.

# Streetwise

ASKED AT DANVILLE LIBRARY

## Q: What's the best or worst thing you do for the environment?



I volunteer teaching children about animals. I was an Oakland Zoo docent and I talk about species, habitat and why they might be endangered. The kids really get into it. They're so bright. They're gonna be the ones to come up with a solution to fix what we've ruined. I have to work on driving less, maybe bicycle more.

**Allyn Lee**  
*volunteer teacher*



I try not to use the air conditioning in my car—even when it's hot. The emissions in the AC aren't good and it saves gas. What do I do that's bad? I sometimes throw my cigarette butts on the ground. I feel really bad about it. I don't smoke that much, only when I'm studying or out at night.

**Joe Kuvetakis**  
*pharmaceutical sales*



Well, I have a compost pile. I think about not wasting things. But I did buy a Mini instead of a Prius.

**Gerry LaTorraca**  
*retired geophysicist*



I unplug unused electronics when I leave the house. I read somewhere they still use electricity even when they're off. And bad: I don't always buy organic food. In non-organic food they use pesticides that get into the earth and release emissions. I go to school for fashion but my critical thinking teacher was big on the environment.

**Shelley Fontaine**  
*student*



I have a long commute—35 miles from Pittsburg to Pleasanton. I know gas is, well, it's getting up there. But I always recycle.

**Lisa Lawlor**  
*hair stylist*

compiled by Natalie O'Neill

### ABOUT THE COVER

Danville Spring Break Camp at Hap Magee Ranch Park was a blast for campers (l-r) Ryan Strauss, 5, and Ryan Christensen, 7, and they have more fun to look forward to this summer. Photo by Jordan M. Doronila. Cover design by Shannon Corey.

Vol. II, Number 52

The Danville Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville, CA 94526; (925) 837-8300. Mailed at Standard Postage Rate. The Danville Weekly is mailed free to homes and apartments in Danville, Blackhawk, Diablo and Alamo. Voluntary subscriptions at \$30 per year (\$50 for two years) are welcome from local residents. Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$50 per year. © 2007 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

**YEARLY COLOR • EASY CARE • LOW WATER**

**REFRESH YOUR YARD**  
LET OUR EXTERIOR DESIGNERS CREATE A MASTER PLAN THAT IS BOTH BEAUTIFUL AND FUNCTIONAL

Tuscan Beauty	French Courtyard
Oriental Elegance	River Lagoon
Mediterranean	Country Estate
Manicured Serenity	Tropical Paradise

**BIG DOG Landscape Design**

FREE CONSULTATION 324.0729

**PLANT SELECTION • LIGHTING • CONCRETE • MASONRY • PATIOS**

## What's on your to-do list?

- add canned lighting
- hang pendant lights
- new door & hardware
- new wood trim
- add cable jack
- hang flat screen TV
- new cabinetry
- slab granite tops
- tile flooring
- texture walls
- paint throughout

Call **KENNETH JAMES INC.**  
Interior & Construction | Quality Interiors & Bath

[www.kennethjamesinc.com](http://www.kennethjamesinc.com)  
**925.648.7632**  
Danville, CA Lic. #646670

Reach our loyal readers  
and your potential  
customers by advertising  
in Info Danville

# info Danville

**Publishing**  
August 24, 2007

Advertising Deadlines  
**Ad Space Reservation: May 31**  
**Ad Copy: June 21**

Call today for more information  
**(925) 837-8300**

**Danville WEEKLY**

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“ Do you think I am interested in taking a computer class and confusing myself? ”

No. I am not.

—Betty Joyce, 75, saying the Senior Survey shouldn't have included people in their 50s because their interests differ from those in their 70s. See story, page 5.

**Host a teen from France or Spain**

Edu-Culture International, a nonprofit exchange organization, is bringing high school students from France and Spain to Danville this summer, and the coordinators are looking for host families. The students speak English, are fully insured and bring their own spending money.

“This is an exciting opportunity for your family to learn about another culture, building lifelong friendships in the process,” said organizer Dawn Garlieb.

Hosts will provide a bed in a shared or private room, meals and transportation to daily planned activities. Two groups will be visiting Danville: June 29-July 29 and July 7-July 31. For information, call Garlieb at 552-8017.

**Blue Star Moms collecting next week**

The Blue Star Moms will be collecting items next weekend for its annual 4th of July Care Package Mailing to the troops. This year's theme will be “A Hero's Picnic.”

The Moms will be at the Danville Veterans Building, 400 Hartz Ave. at the corner of Prospect, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 5. Operation Postcard will also be available for people to send a note to the troops.

Visit [www.bluestarmoms.org](http://www.bluestarmoms.org) to view some thank you messages or to see a list of suggested items to donate.

**Trustees pass gift policy**

Trustees OK'd the new policy at their last meeting regarding employees accepting gifts in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. Board members Joan Buchanan, Bill Clarkson and Rachel Hurd voted in favor of the policy. Trustee Greg Marvel said he supported the concept but voted “no” because the draft was not strict enough, he said. Board President Paul Gardner was absent.

The policy delineates how district employees and board members can accept gifts. It states that the acceptance of cash in any amount for personal use is prohibited. Cash may only be accepted for school or district purposes. Employees and trustees cannot accept gifts that cumulatively exceed \$390 in a calendar year from a single source.

For information, call the district human resources department at 552-2923.

**Fun with fashion at Rakestraw**

Tim Gunn, one of the flamboyant fashion aficionados from the popular TV Show “Project Runway,” will share insights from his new book at Rakestraw Books at 7 p.m., Friday, May 4.

Gunn is promoting “Tim Gunn: A Guide to Quality, Taste & Style” at a fashion event called “Project FiveFour07” at Rakestraw, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. He discusses aspects of creating and maintaining personal style, how to dress for various occasions, how to shop (from designer to chain to vintage stores), and more. The event will have a dozen up-and-coming designers recently graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in San Francisco. Each designer will present one gown in a runway show to be judged by a panel of celebrity judges, including Carolyn Rovner, fashion editor of Diablo magazine.

Tickets are \$30 and benefit the Princess Project, which provides prom dresses and accessories to high school girls who cannot otherwise afford them. For information, call 837-7337.

“Wow's are a reality... at Kitchens of Diablo!”

Bentwood  
KITCHENS

Kitchens of *Diablo*

680 San Ramon Valley Blvd.  
Sycamore Square (across from the Livery)  
Danville • 925-831-9500  
10am-5pm Monday-Saturday  
[www.kitchensofdiablo.com](http://www.kitchensofdiablo.com)  
Contractors Lic. #322951

SAN FRANCISCO  
**CIGAR**  
& Gifts

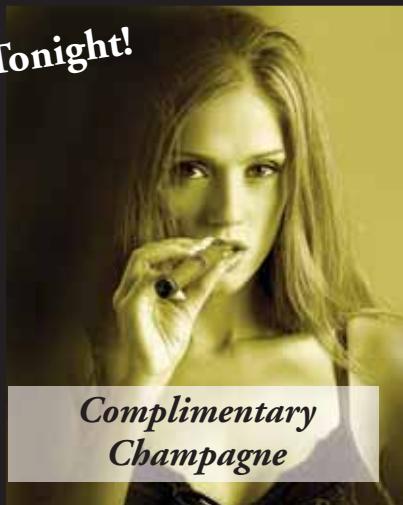
Everything Must Go!  
Store Closing Soon

25% - 75% OFF  
FINAL MARKDOWN

All Cigars 50% OFF

(Up to \$5.00 per cigar)

Tonight!



Complimentary  
Champagne

April 27th from 5 pm - 9 pm

Cigars & Cigar Accessories  
Custom Prints & Memorabilia  
Leroy Neiman Art  
Fine Men's Apparel  
Men's Gifts & Fine Furnishings

4469 Railroad Ave • Pleasanton, CA  
(Behind Meadowlark Dairy at Neal Avenue)

925 461-3565

[www.cigarandgifts.com](http://www.cigarandgifts.com)

Up-to-date news  
about Danville  
every day

Danville  
WEEKLY.COM

## Survey shows older folks leave Danville for recreation

*Town hopes to have program coordinator, facility for seniors*

by **Natalie O'Neill**

The future looks brighter for Danville seniors. Older adults may get a full time senior-only program coordinator—and a centralized facility—as part of the town's effort to improve recreation for the demographic.

As a response to a senior needs assessment taken by a professional research team, the Parks and Leisure Services Commission recommended last week that short term improvements begin. About 40 seniors attended the town hall meeting, where they heard survey results and gave emotionally charged feedback.

"Modest though it was, it was quite a tectonic shift when compared to what we have had in the past," said Chris Panton, who is part of the Danville Senior Alliance and a liaison to the town.

Results from a senior needs assessment, conducted by BW

Research Partnership, showed the majority of residents 55 and older involved in recreation activities sought them outside the town. About 500 Danville residents were surveyed by phone.

"What's surprising is how many seniors are going out of town," said Josh Williams, a representative from BW Research, told the commission.

The reason for this, some seniors say, is because there has been no centralized senior center or staff that identifies with them. In addition, they hope the activities they have asked for will be provided—like the widely requested lunch hour for socializing, eating and doing "nothing in particular."

Outspoken senior spokeswoman Linda Stolow told the commission that even with the survey complete, it's important to listen to what vocal seniors say they want and need.

"It's easy to get caught up in the numbers and forget about the people," she said.

"This town does a lot for soccer and swimming. Now it's time to do

► Continued on page 7



## Trash becomes art for Earth Day

Third-grader David Lindersmith (front, right), first-grader Nicole Johnson, and third-grader Jason Herrero view artwork composed of recyclable materials in the multipurpose room at Alamo Elementary School last Friday. The students created the artwork in celebration of Earth Day, which was April 22, using discarded items such as empty plastic bottles and old boxes to make their creations. Earth Day was first celebrated April 22, 1970, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, because millions of Americans were concerned over the deterioration of the planet.

## Alamo may fund Iron Horse trailhead upkeep

*EBMUD shifts responsibility back to county after completing pipeline improvements*

by **Natalie O'Neill**

Alamo R-7A Parks and Recreation Committee may take on the job of maintaining two Alamo staging areas along the Iron Horse Trail.

"When we talk about what R-7A's charter is, that's really part of it," committee member Marianne Sasso said.

Landscape and amenity improvements were previously the responsibility of East Bay Municipal Utilities District. But now, with pipeline improvements complete, the weight is shifted to the county—which is asking the committee to help fund the upkeep.

Staging areas in Alamo have a parking lot, maps, benches and fountains and are popular trail-

heads. East Bay Regional Park District is also a partner in operating this trail facility.

"I describe the Iron Horse Trail as the largest park in Alamo," said committee chairman Steve Mick.

The county staff has been monitoring the trail from Danville to the Walnut Creek city limits since 2004, when the committee, which was then made up of entirely dif-

ferent members, recommended that it do so.

The committee checked with Assistant Town Manager Marcia Somers, who attended the meeting, to compare what Danville does at its staging areas. She noted that the town does develop and maintain trail staging areas within Danville.

"We would like to either be involved or take over the posi-

tion," said committee member Tom Mathews.

Looking at the issue, along with how the budget has been divided in the past quarter, some Alamo residents said they think too much money is going to county projects and staff. They say not enough is staying close to home.

► Continued on page 8

## Asian mental health pros discuss Virginia tragedy

*Panel agrees cultural stigma must end against mental illness*

by **Dolores Fox Ciardelli**

Everyone was shocked about the Virginia Tech killings, but many Asians were also upset to learn the perpetrator was Korean, said nine Asian mental health experts assembled Saturday to "debrief" and hear from the Asian-American community.

The panel concluded it is vital to raise awareness of mental illness; increase mental health education; and to fight the cultural stigma

of mental illness in the Asian-American community.

"Asian Americans wait until they are in crisis to seek help, not when they are in the preventive stage," said Chia-Chia Chien, founder of the Culture to Culture Foundation, who assembled the panel at the Alamo Women's Club. "How can we seek help if we don't know much about mental health?"

The foundation's programs include the Chinese American Mental Health network and the Contra Costa Chinese Helpline.

"I wanted a conversation to share information with the community through bi-cultural mental health professionals," added Chien, an

Alamo resident and a retired mental health clinician. "I just called them yesterday to share their clinical perspectives."

"This individual was severely mentally ill and needed a tremendous amount of services," said Frederick Y. Huang, a psychiatrist from San Francisco. "He is an indication that other people are suffering."

"This sensationalizes what mental illness looks like," he added. "My agenda is to encourage people to seek professional care."

Having depression should be as easy to admit as having a headache,

► Continued on page 6



Chinese American Mental Health Network founder Chia-Chia Chien leads off a discussion by nine mental health professionals on the Virginia Tech tragedy and its impact on the Asian American community.

## Evening farmers market returning

On May 10, farmers from around Northern and Central California will once again bring their farm's fresh fruits and vegetables to downtown Danville for the grand opening of the 2007 season of the Thursday Danville Certified Farmers' Market. The grand opening will include a ribbon cutting with Danville Town Council and Chamber of Commerce members, kids' Mothers Day crafts and activities, and live music performed by "Big Dog and the Bite."

"The community is anxious for the market to open as one of the vital elements of the Thursday night Downtown Danville event schedule," said Max Timms,

the market manager with the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association.

The market will operate from 4-8 p.m. each Thursday from May 10 through Aug. 16 in the town parking lot at the corner of Railroad and Prospect, the same location as the Saturday market.

The new market will provide farm-fresh products for residents who might be unable to shop at the Saturday market.

In addition to the opening night activities, special events have been planned for every Thursday throughout the summer season. These events include recycling awareness, a seniors

night, transportation night, emergency awareness and the Summer Solstice Health Fair. In addition three special Kid's Nights are planned for the first Thursday of each month.

The Thursday Danville Farmers' Market is a partnership between the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association, which operates the market, and the Town of Danville, the market's sponsor. In addition to providing the region's best selection of the season's freshest and best fruits and vegetables, the market will also offer live music, fresh cut flowers, nuts, baked breads, barbecue, kettle corn and prepared foods. ■

## Asian

► Continued from page 5

one doctor said. Also, they said, people often do not have insight into their own problems and need family members and friends to make them find help.

One doctor said many Asians are against using medication.

"Resilience can be a virtue of Asian people but they suffer a lot," she said. Or they will accept medication from their primary care doctor only, because that is less shameful than taking it from a psychiatrist.

Also, it was noted that parents need to spend time with their children and pay attention to them when they are young. Immigrant parents work hard and are busy, and might miss making a connection to their children.

"I wonder how well the parents could connect with the kid," said psychologist Eddie Yu-Wai Chiu, of the Asian Family Institute, a clinic of Richmond Area Multi-Services. "We have to help children learn how to solve conflicts, how to handle their own hatred. Movies, videogames, music are educating our children to solve conflicts in a violent way."

He also noted that in the Asian culture it is OK to be quiet, to be alone and not express anger. "Sometimes we overlook signs of depression," he said.

"Bullying is a big problem," said Julie Xie, a licensed education psychologist who works in the

Fremont Unified School District. "Seventy-five percent of children bullied or were bullied."

"It's almost human nature, the strong will pick on the weak," she said, so students need to be given better social skills. "We must teach them to trust themselves and stand up for themselves."

She also lamented the shortage of counselors in the schools.

"We serve three to four times as many children as recommended," she said.

"One in five students will experience serious mental health issues," she added. "It's very important for the school to provide help to protect our children."

Someone asked how much help gunman Cho Seung-Hui would have needed to have become mentally healthy.

At the point of the killings, he was psychotic, one panelist answered. With such mental illness, it is important to begin treatments early and it could entail a lifetime of treatment. "But we can control the symptoms and he would function well," she said.

ChunYu Pu, who has a psychotherapy practice in Cupertino, spoke of an awakening after the Virginia incident. She highlighted the urgent need for early mental health intervention; for family members and teachers to give support; for primary care doctors to help detect problems; the need to strengthen school counseling services; and the need to implement inpatient care and crisis intervention. She also said the community

must be made aware of the services.

"Mental health is as important as physical health," she said, "and policy makers and funding entities need to seriously look at it."

"In the Asian culture, parents think through education we can make it in this society," said another psychologist. "Yes, that's true, but mental health is just as important."

"There were not only 32 victims, but the murderer was a victim of the stigma of mental illness," said Xiu Lowe, a mental health professional on the board of the Chinese American Mental Health Network. "A Stanford student recently killed herself and the parents were totally in denial. It's time to wake up."

"I joined the whole world to ask, 'How did this thing happen?'" said C. Paul Yang, an associate clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry at UCSF. "We're facing this danger everyday; we need to pay attention."

"This tragedy is a chance to evoke compassion," he continued, "to make the earth a better place to live."

The Chinese American Mental Health Network was begun because statistics show Asian American women have the highest suicide rate among women over age 65 as well as the second highest among women 15 to 24, and that nearly one out of two Asian-Americans will have difficulty accessing mental health treatment because they cannot find services that meet their linguistic needs.

For more information, call Chien at 831-9988. ■

OPEN TO PUBLIC • ONE STOP SHOPPING

**\$175 Granite Countertop**

Granite Countertops  
Porcelain • Ceramic  
Slate • Granite • Travertine  
Limestone • Marble  
Glass Tile • Mosaic • Medallion  
**Installation Available at discounted rate**

# TILE OUTLET

ALWAYS IN STOCK

925.828.0506

Mon-Sat • 9am-5pm

6355 Scarlett Ct., #7, **Dublin** (off Dublin Blvd. next to Honda)



## Still feel pain?

Acupuncture, Acupressure, & herbs  
**Most patients feel a significant difference after just one treatment!**



**Lily W. He, L. Ac.**  
Three-generation practitioner

**Matthew W. Lu, L. Ac.**  
20 year's experience of practice

- Pain Treatment
- Hypertension
- Stress Management
- Rash & Allergies

- Stomachache
- Insomnia
- Women's Problems
- Other Chronic Diseases

**FREE Consultation call:**  
925-855-1885 or 925-285-6026  
790 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Ste. 225  
Danville, CA 94526

Most Insurance Accepted

**Coupon Good for 20% Off First Service**

## Adoption Faire!

Saturday, May 5th

East County  
Animal Shelter (ECAS)  
4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin

1:30-5:00 p.m.

Free hot dogs & soft drinks!

Brought to you by:

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue**  
Giving Them Another Chance

### AT THE FAIRE:

☆ Meet a professional dog trainer who will offer advice on dog behavior & experienced volunteers who know the personalities of the shelter pets.

☆ Buy low-cost spay/neuter certificates.



**Adopt a dog & receive FREE:**  
✓ Dog bed, leash & collar  
✓ **3 in-home professional dog training classes** (\$180+ value)

**Adopt a cat & receive FREE:**  
✓ Goodie bag w/toys, handmade kitty blanket & adoption advice!



**We look forward to seeing you there!**

For more information contact Sue at (408) 202-6708 (c) or visit: [www.tvr.org](http://www.tvr.org)

TURN YOUR UNWANTED JEWELRY...

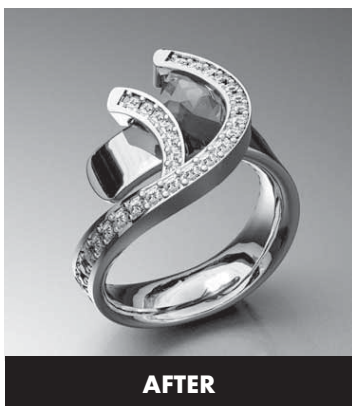
...INTO A SPECTACULAR NEW PIECE!



BEFORE

**JewelSmiths**  
Design • Restyle • Restore

181 Market Place  
San Ramon  
925-830-9130  
[www.jewelsmiths.com](http://www.jewelsmiths.com)



AFTER

# 12% Interest

- Secured by Real Estate
- Interest Paid Monthly
- IRA, 401K Approved
- 1st and 2nd Mortgages
- Licensed Broker for 25 years



INVESTMENT & LOAN  
**925-838-8313**

Licensed by the California Department of Real Estate  
License Number 01485821

05-026

# Danville Town Council studies mail-in ballot options

*Assembly considering option to permit all-mail elections*

by **Jordan M. Doronila**

In a recent study session, the Danville Town Council discussed a state bill that would allow Californians to conduct any election by mail. After consulting, the majority of council members supported the idea that mail election ballots could be useful.

But the council would make that decision. "We believe having an option is a good tool," said Councilman Newell Arnerich. "It's another option for the right circum-

stance."

"They did send (a letter) supporting the bill," said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo.

State Assemblyman Jared Huffman (D., Marin) recently introduced the measure that would permit an all-mail ballot election as an option in a city.

Huffman's staff members said voter participation is at an all-time low, and at the same time, more Californians are turning to voting by mail as an absentee. Additionally, they said conducting mail elections would cut costs of elections in counties, resulting in significant savings to taxpayers.

Voting by mail through absentee ballots is quickly becoming the

preferred choice among California voters, said Danville town staff.

In the November election, approximately 54 percent of Danville voters cast absentee ballots; countywide, it was 52 percent, staff said.

In Orinda, the number of absentee ballots has exceeded 60 percent, according to a letter to Danville from Mayor Steven Glazer, who has sent letters throughout California requesting that cities and towns support Huffman's bill.

Danville holds consolidation elections, which include local, state and federal candidates and issues, said Calabrigo.

Another option could be to use mail ballots for special elections

on issues such as improving lighting and landscaping in town, said Arnerich.

Calabrigo said Danville has never conducted special elections because there is at least one general consolidation election every calendar year.

The Danville council members had varied opinions.

"I'm for it," said Councilman Mike Doyle. "You get people voting. We are going to get more and more people to take advantage of it."

"People are dying every day for the right to vote," he added. "People (here) just don't do it. And they complain that government is not going right."

Councilwoman Candace

Andersen said she has not taken a position on it and said she was absent during the council's study session.

"I have to read both sides about it," she said. "It could be a serious potential for fraud in a mail ballot. That has me a little concerned. I'm keeping my options open."

Councilwoman Karen Stepper said she has serious issues with the bill.

"I don't agree with it because there are still too many questions down the road," she said. "I think we have so many concerns with the identification of the voter."

She said she feels those who make the effort to go to polling places on Election Day are more educated on the issues. ■

## Seniors

► Continued from page 5

something for seniors—talk about the 'S' words," she said.

Commission member Kevin Donovan may have hit the nail on the head, many seniors said, when he acknowledged the need for a town staff member who would do more than just coordinate programs.

"One thing that hit me hard was that instead of a program coordinator we may need a senior advocate and coordinator," Donovan said.

If the funds are approved as they currently are proposed, \$60,000 will go toward hiring a fulltime senior-only programmer.

"This should not be an entry level position, but a person with proven experience who can develop programs, manage the center and who is a 'wow' with the seniors," Panton said.

Twenty-one percent of Danville residents are 55 and older, according to the most recent census. Less than 10 percent of the total 2005-06

park and recreation expenditures went to programs for seniors.

The survey showed the majority of seniors requested entertainment like concerts or plays, fitness and classes, a gathering place, day trips and computer classes.

Betty Joyce, 75, told the commission the survey should not have included residents in their 50s. These people are not seniors and are not interested in the same things as residents in their 70s, she said.

"Do you think I am interested in taking a computer class and confusing myself? No. I am not," she said.

Town Manager Joe Calabrigo acknowledged there was not a consensus among seniors about the results of the survey, but said he viewed it as a strong starting point.

"What pleases me is that the issue was raised six months ago and we said we'd have (the needs assessment) wrapped up by April. ... We'll continue to fine-tune it. Now I have to go back to the office and find the money for (improvements)," Calabrigo said after the meeting.



Parks and Leisure Services Commission Chairman Kent Rezowalli notes that results of the senior survey are "a lot to think about," as a room of 40 seniors listens.

Joyce also pointed out that \$250,000 of the town's budget has gone to the Dog Park at Hap Magee Ranch Park, while the improvements to the senior programs are estimated at \$140,000.

"Seniors are important, and we are more important than a dog," she said, prompting the room to erupt in applause.

Money for extended programs, facilities and staff would draw from

the town's general fund and would not pull from existing programs, Danville Assistant Town Manager Marcia Somers said.

In October a group of seniors approached the Town Council citing reasons they were displeased with the recreation services the town offered them. In response, the town held workshops in January to understand senior priorities. At these meetings seniors voiced they

wanted a meeting place that is easily accessible.

Last week some seniors were upset that the town proposed Hap Magee Ranch Park for a multi-use senior facility.

"When seniors say they want a central location, they mean central—not stuck out on the Alamo border," Panton said.

BW Research currently estimates that about 10,300 seniors live in Danville, a number that was taken from the amount of senior residents registered to vote.

The senior population is expected to grow significantly in the next 10 years, as the aging baby boomer generation reaches its 60s.

Communication was also pinpointed as a way to improve senior recreation. Funds will now go toward increasing the quality, production and distribution of the Silver Streak newsletter.

"I think it's a positive step forward. I want to see us catch up with Walnut Creek and San Ramon," Stolow said. ■

Contact Natalie O'Neill at [noneill@danvilleweekly.com](mailto:noneill@danvilleweekly.com)



## Happy Thursdays are back! Kicks off May 3rd

Enjoy the cozy ambience on our vine draped patio or the contemporary bar/lounge area every Thursday evening.

- Happy Hour all night
- Live music
- \$5.00 small plates
- Specialty cocktails



44 Church Street, Danville  
925.820.7200 [www.bridgesdanville.com](http://www.bridgesdanville.com)



The Danville Weekly and The Pleasanton Weekly  
are sponsoring

## “Publicity 101”

A seminar for non-profits that want to know how to publicize their organization. Attendees will learn: how to write a press release; what constitutes “news”; when to send information; how to take a photo for the newspaper; who to contact when you have a story idea. Staff members will be on hand to answer questions.

The free 90-minute seminar will be held on two dates in two locations to accommodate most schedules:

**Thursday, May 3**  
**5:30 to 7 p.m.**  
Danville Weekly office,  
315 Diablo Road, Ste. 100, Danville

**Monday, May 14**  
**5:30 to 7 p.m.**  
Pleasanton Weekly office,  
5506 Sunol Blvd., Ste. 100, Pleasanton

Up to two representatives from the non-profit can attend. Register by calling 600-0840 and giving the representative's name, daytime phone number, and which location is preferred. Seating is limited.

## School lunch prices take a hike

*Increases will support higher costs of labor*

by Jordan M. Doronila

Food prices are going up in schools in the San Ramon Valley.

Trustees gave their approval earlier this month to increase meal prices in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. The prices are rising due to the increased operation cost in the district's child nutrition department, which prepares and serves lunch daily to students.

“(It’s) mostly due to labor cost, which include wages and benefits for child nutrition staff,” said John Hillmon Sr., director of the district's Custodial Operations Child Nutrition Department. “We review our price structure annually; however, we have not raised the price every year.”

“I believe the last increase was about three to four years ago,” he added.

The price of lunch in elementary schools will increase from \$2.80 in 2006-07 to \$3 for 2007-08. In middle schools, the price will go

from \$3 to \$3.50; and in high schools, meal prices will be \$3.50 next school year.

Adult meals remain at \$3.75, and milk and juice also are staying at 50 cents each.

The nutrition department employs the services of Sodexo Inc. to serve as consultants to its food service program. Approximately 19 elementary schools are serviced by a production kitchen at California High School, which prepares and delivers food. The secondary schools cook their own food onsite.

“Raising the cost of lunch service allows ... the program to continue our mission, which is to provide the best possible service and highest quality food to our students,” Hillmon said.

“We will continue to work with our school community to provide our students with nutritious meals at an affordable price,” he added. ■

Contact Jordan M. Doronila at [jdoronila@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:jdoronila@DanvilleWeekly.com)



Outdoorsy Alamo walkers check a hiking map and enjoy exercise near the Iron Horse Trail staging area at Rudgear Road on a sunny morning.

NATALIE ONIILL

## Danville's online neighborhood [www.DanvilleWeekly.com](http://www.DanvilleWeekly.com)

- Daily News Updates
- Interactive Community Calendar
- Local Blogs
- Viewer Polls
- Restaurant Reviews
- Local Weather
- Movie Showtimes
- Links to other useful sites

Introducing  
**TownSquare**  
An online forum to  
**Discuss Community Issues**  
**Ask other readers for advice**  
**Report a sports score**  
**Review a movie or restaurant**



## Alamo

► Continued from page 5

Former R-7A member Vicki Koc said part of the problem is the committee needs to focus more on projects that help the schools and go directly to the community.

“You have come off to the public as totally anti-school,” Koc told the committee. “You don’t seem to want to maintain what’s already here. ... They are not school parks; they are community parks.”

Members of R-7A responded that they had recently agreed to contribute \$200,000 to fund a pool at San Ramon Valley High School and that this is a project that helps the school.

Mick added they had not

decreased any close-to-home funds knowingly, and other members noted they dedicate money to park and recreation-related groups that request their help.

“I haven’t seen anyone from the school district come here and ask us for money,” Sasso said.

The committee agreed that it needs to discuss the issue at a future meeting, dedicated entirely to its budget. The committee has an anticipated budget of about \$700,000 annually.

“It would be a good use of our time,” Mick said.

To date, no figure has been calculated for the cost of staging area improvements and maintenance.

Parks and Recreation Committee meetings are at 4:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Hap Magee Ranch Park. ■

# What a trip: From hell to healing

Christian Scientists hosting speaker on spiritual approach to relationships

by Jordan M. Doronila

Ginny Luedeman sought answers on her acid trip as her mind suffered a raging chimera in the 1960s.

"I was in a panic. The whole room was spinning," she said. "My little boy was in the room. He was screaming. I was negligent. There was a lot of music. It was such an insane period of time."

During her overdose on LSD, Luedeman opened the Bible and came across the writing: "Thou shall not commit adultery."

And she closed it.

"There must be some message from God," she recalled thinking. "I'm not alone here. I realized there is some presence in this existence other than me. I said, 'If you will help me, I will do anything you want me to do.' I kept listening to new ideas."

After reading the biblical citation three times, her acid trip suddenly stopped, Luedeman said.

"It felt like love," she said, when the frenzy quelled. "It was a wonderful feeling of love."

She heard about Mary Baker Eddy from the mother of her boyfriend at the time and delved into her writings regarding Christian Science, which is the study and practice of the universal and practical system of spiritual, prayer-based healing.

"I didn't have much vocabulary," Luedeman said. "I was reading, and I got ideas about life and I began to apply these thoughts to myself."

"I started changing," she added. "I was stepping out of a dark place and into a place that was brighter."

Now, more than 40 years later, she works in Oregon as a Christian

Science healer, writing informative articles about spiritual issues and sharing her perspectives, derived from her life challenges. She plans to share her insights in Danville next week in a lecture entitled "Plain Talk about Love and Sexuality: A Spiritual Approach that Improves Relationships."

The talk is sponsored by the Christian Science Church in Danville. Luedeman said she wants to share what she learned from her life so others can make better choices.

"Ginny is an interesting person," said Mary Kuhl, the event organizer. "She heals people and goes around lecturing."

Luedeman will talk about the spiritual view of love and where sexuality fits in this context, and the power of forgiveness. She will also share her perspective on how practical spirituality makes relationships better, how to find a lasting sense of love and how to overcome loneliness and fear.

Luedeman—originally from the state of Washington—moved approximately 16 to 20 times up and down the coast. She said this was due to her unstable family life, especially living with her alcoholic father. In the 1960s, she was a hard rock singer whose group, the Morning Glory, played in a concert with the Grateful Dead.

She joined the rock scene because it was her way of surviving, she said. Also, at 17, she had a little boy.

"It seemed it was wonderful and it was pretty horrific," Luedeman said about the rock scene. "There was so much going on in the drug scene. It was a form of insanity

without much structure."

She signed a \$25,000 deal to record music with her band, and she recalled signing many autographs.

"I thought it was too much," she said. "There was a feeling of being on slippery ground."

Luedeman said she knew musical giants Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix.

"He was crashing mentally and physically," she added. "He would break his guitars. I watched so many people crash."

She said the rock scene contains a huge mixture of brilliance and sexual promiscuity.

"You've got to keep the stuff that's good and redeemable and you've got to wipe out the (things that are destructive) in our society," she said.

Despite her troubles during her youth, her belief in God and Christian Science transformed her into a whole and healthier spiritual being, she said.

She has been married for 37 years, and her family includes six children, none with the same two biological parents.

For more than 30 years, she has been in the full-time healing practice of Christian Science. She has given talks across the country, and she has seen the power of divine love in the lives of many people.

"I'm struggling on how we can make a difference," she said.

"We've got to get back to unity," she said. "We've got to find solutions and progress, instead of tearing apart the planet."

The free event will take place at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 4, at the Veterans Memorial Building on Hartz Avenue. For more information, call Mary Kuhl at 683-1519 or visit Luedeman's Web site at [www.ginnyl.com](http://www.ginnyl.com). ■



Ginny Luedeman



## In search of pandas

Chris and Bea Cheung remembered their Weekly when they visited Long Lake in Jiuzhaigou National Park in Sichuan Province, China. They also visited the Panda Bear Reserve.



## Pursuing higher education

The Danville Weekly visited the campus of Moscow University in August with Danville residents Karen Nickel-Creusere and Melville Creusere.

Take Us Along on your travels and send photos to [Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com) or 315 Diablo Road, Danville 94596.



**SPRING SPECIAL**  
**\$2.00 per ft. off**  
 (Expires 6-02-07)

- ✓ Personal Service
- ✓ Same Day Estimates
- ✓ 10 Year Warranty on Kick Boards and Posts

Fences . Decks . Arbors  
 Retaining Walls . Repairs

## C & J FENCING

Family owned and operated

**925.355.1380**



CA License #868917

## Our Summer Program Will Help Your Child:

- **Overcome Attention Problems**
- **Defeat Dyslexia**
- **Advance In School One Full Year!**



Ali Hashemian  
Director

Using techniques developed by leading scientists and professionals, our program improves reading, math and science skills. It benefits students from first grade to college who struggle with all types of learning challenges, including those with ADD/ADHD, autism, Asperger's Disorder, dyslexia and other learning disorders.

### Our Program Improves Attention & Memory, As Well As Learning Skills, Speed, Accuracy & Comprehension - Guaranteed!

- Individualized Program
- Cognitive Skills Training
- Auditory Integration Training
- Visual Integration Training
- Sensory Integration Training
- Reading Remediation
- New Program Starts Weekly

Call For A Free Screening Assessment



Locations in Walnut Creek,  
Pleasanton & Fremont

925.280.9100 [www.drugfreeadd.com](http://www.drugfreeadd.com)

Some treatments are considered alternative or complementary. Providers are not licensed as healing arts practitioners, nor are they required to be.

# Plan To Be Safe This Summer!

Visit us today. We have everything you need to prepare and protect your family this summer. Be safe anywhere-- at home, at the beach, in the pool, on the road or on vacation.

- Earthquake, fire and emergency supplies
- For homes, cars and camps
- For families, kids and pets

**BUY ANY OF OUR HOME KITS AND GET A SINGLE PERSON, 3-DAY SURVIVAL KIT FOR YOUR CAR OR OFFICE - FREE!**

**DON'T LET NOT BEING PREPARED BE YOUR FAULT!**

**YOUR SAFETYPLACE**  
EARTHQUAKE & SAFETY SUPPLIES™

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK  
7197 Village Parkway, Dublin  
(at Amador Valley Blvd.)  
829.0350

[www.YOURSAFETYPLACE.COM](http://www.YOURSAFETYPLACE.COM)

Hours: 10-8 Mon-Sat, 12-5 Sun

# Diablo Views

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## Remember Afghanistan?

Each week in Safeway, I place items into my cart without much thought to price. At the same moment, women in other parts of the world are wondering how they can feed their children.

A presentation Saturday about women in Afghanistan brought home this fact. In that war-torn country, widows often have as many as seven children and, although it costs only \$25 per month to support a family, the money is hard to come by.

"People with families live in shacks, in tents, and the winter in Kabul is really brutal," said Hanifa Tokhi, who works in the Fremont school district to help Afghan families adjust to America. Her family was granted political asylum in the United States after the Russians invaded in 1978. "We were not a rich country, but we had freedom, and people all had a room to go to and be warm, before the Russian invasion," she said.

The Danville-Alamo branch of the American Association of University Women hosted the event at the Shadow Hills Cabana. Edna Mitchell, a retired professor from Mills College who worked on a USAID project in Kabul, had addressed the group last year about Afghanistan and when asked to return, she put together the panel. It included Melanie Gadener, head of the Foundation for Self-Reliance, which works with Afghan war widows; two local Afghan women who are advisors to the foundation; and two educators from the Afghan Friends Network who had just returned from a teacher-training mission.

Shahla Arsalala was a well-educated teacher in Afghanistan. "I immigrated after the Russians came and the execution of my father, who was a general in the Afghan army," she said. "My family left with two suitcases." When her husband died of cancer and left her a widow with three children, she felt sorry for herself, she said. But when she thought of the widows in Afghanistan with large families and no means of support, she rallied to help the others.

Shahla said that after 9/11, much attention was focused on the Afghan community, and she gave presentations to help people understand that all Afghans were not terrorists. "I'm very protective of our people, and their dignity," she said. When Shahla visited Afghanistan in 2003, she brought back squares women had stitched for an Afghan Freedom Quilt, which will be on display at the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles from July 17-22.

Next the educators spoke—Marianne O'Grady and Elsie De Laere, who is the Amnesty International specialist in Afghanistan. Still jetlagged, they told about their latest visit, during which they gave training to 130 teachers who gathered in rural Ghazni Province. The school building is used for primary grades in the morning, middle school in the afternoon, and high school in the evening, with 80 to 100 students in each classroom. If someone can read and write, he or she might be the designated teacher, the women said, because after 30 years of war and Taliban rule there were no schools and no teachers trained.

The two gave lessons on the skeleton and the digestive system but also taught about early child development, said Elsie. "They were absolutely fascinated," she said

because the teachers were only familiar with learning by rote. "This was revolutionary to them."

The two women are surrounded by police guards during their stays and sometimes literally locked into their tiny room together for hours at a time for their own safety. Elsie met with the family of a man who had been beheaded by the Taliban, and she said people urged her to ask Amnesty International to do more to let the world know about Taliban brutality. Its members are not Afghan, she said. They recruit, in Pakistan, young boys who have no families.

After the fascinating two-hour presentation, we all enjoyed a wonderful Afghan meal made by two women in Fremont who had recently immigrated. "It was an honor to make it for you," Melanie told us, explaining that the women wanted to use their skills.

"We were not a rich country, but we had freedom, and people all had a room to go to and be warm, before the Russian invasion."

— Hanifa Tokhi

Melanie said she had just spent a day with the Afghan ambassador in Washington, D.C., who said the violence had increased fourfold in 2006 compared to the previous year, and there was a 600 percent increase in suicide attacks. "His message was: We need to help Afghanistan build its human capital," Melanie reported. "Once women in Afghanistan have the means to earn an income, things will change for the better. Our focus is education, education, education."

The Foundation for Self-Reliance began a grants program for this purpose. Women are awarded \$25 each month for a year and they report regularly on what steps they have taken toward being able to support themselves. For more information, call (510) 797-4600 or visit [www.e-fsr.org](http://www.e-fsr.org). A donation of \$25 per month can support a family in Afghanistan even if it can't buy much at Safeway.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli can be e-mailed at [editor@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:editor@DanvilleWeekly.com).

### Learn more about Afghanistan

**What:** "East Meets West: Awakening to the Challenges of Little Kabul"

**Who:** Speakers on Islam in America, multiculturalism in America, and violence and reform in Afghanistan, and more, in a panel moderated by Melanie Gadener, executive director of Foundation for Self-Reliance

**Where:** Golden Peacock Restaurant, 3681 Peralta Blvd., Fremont

**When:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 23

**Cost:** Free but RSVP because seats are limited; light lunch will be served

**Information:** Call Foundation for Self-Reliance at (510) 797-4660 or visit [e-fsr.org](http://e-fsr.org)

**PUBLISHER**  
Gina Channell-Allen

**EDITORIAL**  
**Editor**

Dolores Fox Ciardelli

**Staff Reporters**

Jordan M. Doronila

Natalie O'Neill

**Sports Writer**

Rachel McMurdie

**Contributors**

Geoff Gillette

Beverly Lane

Jacqui Love Marshall

Katharine O'Hara

Heidi Strand

Christina Straw

**ART & PRODUCTION**

**Art Director/**

**Operations Manager**

Shannon Corey

**Assistant Design Director**

Ben Ho

**Designers**

Trina Cannon

Manuel Valenzuela

**ADVERTISING**

**Advertising Manager**

Mary Hantos

**Advertising**

**Account Executive**

Leslie Mooldyk

**General and Real Estate**

**Account Executive**

Terry Bertolini

**Classified Advertising**

Susan Thomas

**BUSINESS**

**Office Manager**

Amory Foreman

**Ad Services**

Sandy Lee

Susan Thomas

**Business Associate**

Lisa Oefelein

**Circulation Manager**

Bob Lampkin

**How to reach the Weekly**

315 Diablo Road, Suite 100

Danville, CA 94526

Phone: (925) 837-8300

Fax: (925) 837-2278

Editorial e-mail:

Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com

Calendar@DanvilleWeekly.com

Display Sales e-mail:

sales@PleasantonWeekly.com

Classifieds Sales e-mail:

Ads@DanvilleWeekly.com

Circulation e-mail:

circulation@DanvilleWeekly.com

The Danville Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Publishing Co., 315 Diablo Road, Suite 100, Danville, CA 94526; (925) 837-8300.

Mailed at Standard Postage Rate. The Danville Weekly is mailed free to homes and apartments in Danville, Blackhawk, Diablo and Alamo. Voluntary subscriptions at \$30 per year (\$50 for two years) are welcome from local residents.

Subscription rate for businesses and for residents of other communities is \$50/year.

© 2007 by Embarcadero Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

**EDITORIAL • THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY**

**Decisions, decisions**

Being a member of the Town Council is not always easy, especially when it means coming to a decision that will make some residents unhappy. We want to commend the council for unanimously deciding to develop the 15-acre Weber property, despite the vocal objections by neighbors. In this case, the development is consistent with the Danville General Plan, which is succeeding in shaping a well-planned city, and the town's environmental studies showed no negative impact.

The neighbors pointed to environmental problems and flood concerns but also said they didn't want to lose their open space. Over the last 25 years, ranchlands have disappeared, changing the landscape for all of us. But this is a suburban area, not rural, no matter how much we might like both the convenience of urban amenities and the beauty of open space. Unfortunately, when we buy a home next to farmland, we know it will probably be developed at some point. Fortunately, we have dedicated open space very close to us including much of Mount Diablo.

The organization of the neighbors was impressive as they banded together to fight the development. Such dedication is needed for other community causes, such as the Danville Aquatic Center being planned at San Ramon Valley High School, not to mention Save Mount Diablo. Town events also need volunteers, such as the International Children's Film Festival coming up in May and the Primo's Run for Education. Help is always needed at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and the Thursday evening Farmers Market that starts May 10. Currently the Contra Costa Clean Water Program is looking for volunteers to help with a creek sampling project in Danville.

Many council and commission members get their start when they begin to follow changes in their own neighborhoods. There are plenty of other ways for these residents to fight for the betterment of their community. Then everyone will be a winner.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Everyone has right to worship**

Dear Editor:

I really love your newspaper and look forward to it every week. However, I was extremely disturbed to see the rantings of Michael Arata in your "Perspective" section. We have been given a respite in this community since the Valley Citizen has stopped production and thankfully his standing column is no longer.

I am proud to be a part of a community that St. Timothy's calls home, and regardless of how people feel, homosexuality is real and these people have every right to worship and be welcomed into any religious community they wish.

I applaud the Rev. Trapani for her support and the Danville Weekly for publishing such a wonderful article about St. Timothy's. It restores my faith in mankind when all else seems to be crumbling around us.

*Alyson Colton, Danville*

**Superb school coverage**

Dear Editor:

Your coverage of our local school district has been superb. The feature article on Joan Buchanan, arguably the greatest contributor, was outstanding. My work with her as adviser, while I served four years as member of the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee (MACOC) until this past February, confirms

**Guest Opinion**

BY B. LYNN GOODWIN

**Underbelly**

Curled quietly in a corner of Norris Hall, I am a voiceless witness to the massacre at Virginia Tech. I have no hands, no feet, and no power. I am a snake.

In the midst of violence, you don't think or process. You see yellow flames at the end of a long, metal stick. The noise blasts you off your feet, if you are lucky enough to have feet. Maybe you wonder why a shoulder or a thigh is burning and when you spilled nail polish on your shirt or paint on your pants.

I slithered through blood, alive. Cho Seung-Hui was not after me. His targets were humans. Some would say that he and I have much in common, but they are not looking beneath the surface. Even snakes are God's creatures.

My ancestors got a bad rap in the Garden of Eden. Well, who doesn't have an evil relative or at least a quirky aunt? I am not responsible for my past. I, personally, am not a symbol of evil, nor was Cho a symbol of all mental illness.

As I slithered through the blood spilled on the floor of the classroom that day, I'll admit my first thought was of me. If they find all this blood on me, will it be used as evidence in a court of law? When I slid next to the muscle-bound arm of an engineering student, flopped across the pool of blood darkening the carpet, something shifted. He wasn't cold yet, but he wasn't warm either. As the life drained out of him, I understood "earthly remains" in a new way.

Breath is life. A heartbeat is life. A heart, mind, and soul are all life, and life is fragile, sustained by air and a pumping heart and blood that stays within its vessels. Blood is meant for the body, not for rivers across a classroom. Blood has boundaries.

I slithered into the hall and

watched as shiny black shoes and tan pants raced past. Wails of sirens. Wails of people. The ratta-tat-tat of gunfire bounces through every brain, drowning out cell phones and cries. It haunts survivors. My slimy underbelly mixes with blood, and I feel the presence of dead ones. We are equally bewildered.

Going to sleep is a peaceful way out. You cannot watch yourself do it, so I watch your eyes close and your muscles relax. I watch your breathing slow until it stops. I want to reach out and wrap my body around yours, knowing you will not scream, "Repulsive thing" or flail.

I see the course of history altered as one life after another is snuffed out. Roommates will not make it home. Faculty positions will need to be filled. Children will not be born. The ripple effect is amazing.

Thirty-three dead, including the sniper.

In Baghdad two days later, 199 people were killed "in a series of roadside bombings." Over six times more people died there, a world away, but the daily death toll flowed past numb ears. It is a familiar refrain.

"How many were Americans?" someone asked.

"Who cares?" I wanted to say. Labels don't matter. Death is too frequent and familiar, wherever it occurs. Even a snake like me has to wonder what Cho's mental illness taught the terrorists about the soft underbelly of America.

*B. Lynn Goodwin, a Danville resident, writes reviews and author interviews for Writer Advice, www.writeradvice.com, and has been published in the Danville Weekly and other local newspapers, Hip Mama, Staying Sane When You're Dieting, Dramatics Magazine and numerous e-zines.*

Senate Appropriations Committee, and likewise bipartisan, is elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2010. Superintendent Robert Kessler and the trustees stances against homophobia and domestic violence round out why I think our district's great.

STAND!, the largest domestic violence agency in the county, has as its Joie De Vivre Gala theme this year, "Dancing with the Stars." Although last year's STAND! fundraiser had a different theme, some named my mystery partner and I the winning dancers. I'll enjoy competing against Latin Champion Anna Trebunskaya and NFL's Jerry Rice this year!

*Ralph Hoffmann, Danville*



**FARMERS**  
Mona Torres Agency

**More Options. More Discounts.**

Even if you've checked us out in the past  
—you need to look again!

Auto – Life – Home – Business



**Mona Torres**  
**925.284.7908**  
P.O. Box 453  
Alamo, CA 94597

[mtorres@farmersagent.com](mailto:mtorres@farmersagent.com)



# Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Casing the coffee leads to unrelated arrest

Danville police arrested a 22-year-old man for allegedly carrying burglary tools and violating his probation, near Starbucks Coffee on Hartz Avenue and Prospect last week.

Police said a witness saw Danville resident John Hirtzel walking away from Starbucks carrying a pound of stolen coffee at 5 p.m., Friday, April 20, and called them. Officer Mike Ireland responded to the call, heard the suspect's description, and found Hirtzel still near Starbucks, said police Sgt. Troy Craig.

Ireland made contact with him and found he did not have possession of the stolen coffee. However, upon further investigation, he found Hirtzel carried

a bag filled with shaved keys, crowbars, window punching tools and lock picks. Shaved keys are ground down so they can fit into locks, Craig said.

Also, police found broken glass inside the bag, which may have accumulated from burglaries. Craig said police are investigating if the man is connected with any burglaries in Danville.

Hirtzel also violated his probation, which was for his involvement in grand theft and burglary, Craig said.

Hirtzel did not steal the coffee although he told police he thought about taking it but decided not to, police said.

"Alert citizens brought suspicious behavior to our attention," said Craig.

—Jordan M. Doronila

## POLICE LOG

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

### Sunday, April 15

- Party disturbance on Heritage Park Dr. at 12:05 a.m.
- Party disturbance on El Pintado Rd. at 1:11 a.m. and 2:54 a.m.
- Party disturbance on Diablo Rd. and Green Valley Rd. at 3:10 a.m.
- Defrauding innkeeper on Camino Ramon at 5:41 a.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on Camino Tassajara and Conejo Dr. at 9:43 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Blackhawk Plaza and Camino Tassajara at 9:57 a.m.
- Burglary on Del Amigo Rd. at 11:45 a.m.
- Fight disturbance on Skycrest Dr. at 8:09 p.m.
- Court order violation on Ilo Ln. at 8:13 p.m.
- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Fontaine Dr. at 11:20 p.m.

### Monday, April 16

- Auto burglary on Wembly Dr. at 7:09 a.m.
- Petty theft on Pinecone Dr. at 8:29 a.m.
- Vandalism on Rio Del Ct. at 9:23 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Matteson Ct. at 9:59 a.m.
- Trespassing on Holbrook Pl. at 7:49 p.m.

- Identity theft on Western Star Pl. at 9:48 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 17

- Warrant on Valley Crest Ln. at 8:36 a.m.
- Identity theft on Gardner Pl. at 8:42 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Glen Rd. at 9:46 a.m.
- Drugs violation on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 12:02 p.m.
- Vandalism on northbound I-680 and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 2:34 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Blemer Rd. at 3:08 p.m.
- Identity theft on St. Regis Dr. at 3:49 p.m.
- Drugs violation on Crow Canyon Rd. at 4:16 p.m.
- Warrant on Abigail Cir. at 9:36 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 18

- Auto burglary on Morninghome Rd. at 7:13 a.m.
- Commercial burglary on Railroad Ave. at 8:39 a.m.
- Grand theft on Morris Ranch Rd. at 9:53 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Mackenzie Pl. at 10:04 a.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Front St. and Hartz Way at 10:15 a.m.
- Grand theft on Diamond Ct. at 10:33 a.m.
- Warrant on Abigail Cir. at 9:16 p.m.
- Unwanted guest disturbance on Hartz Ave. at 10:14 p.m.

### Thursday, April 19

- Threats disturbance on Diablo Rd. at 8:17 a.m.
- Grand theft on W. El Pintado Rd. at 11:58 a.m.
- Auto burglary on Lawrence Rd. at 1:34 p.m.
- Obtaining forged prescription drugs on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 2:51 p.m.
- Petty theft on Holbrook Dr. at 4:46 p.m.
- Drugs violation on San Ramon Valley Blvd. at 5:29 p.m.
- Petty theft on Fostoria Way at 7:52 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on northbound I-680 on ramp and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 8:33 p.m.

### Friday, April 20

- Drugs violation on Danville Blvd. and Del Amigo Rd. at 1:13 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Railroad Ave. at 2:49 p.m.
- Petty theft on Railroad Ave. at 4:52 p.m.
- Accident, major injuries, on northbound I-680 on ramp and Sycamore Valley Rd. at 10:07 p.m.
- Felony driving under the influence (DUI), arrest, on northbound I-680 on ramp at 10:45 p.m.
- Drunk in public on Hartz Ave. at 11:08 p.m.
- Promiscuous shooting on Old Farm Rd. at 11:42 p.m.

### Saturday, April 21

- Misdemeanor hit-and-run on Hartz Ave. at 12:20 a.m.
- Identity theft on Diablo Rd. at 10:08 a.m.
- Vandalism on Tuscany Way at 12:09 p.m.
- Petty theft on Crow Canyon Rd. at 1:47 p.m.
- Commercial burglary on Diablo Rd. at 1:50 p.m.
- Auto burglary on Rubicon Cir. at 3:27 p.m.
- Accident, property damage, on Railroad Ave. at 6:06 p.m.

## We need a graphic designer

The Pleasanton Weekly and the Danville Weekly is currently seeking a **Graphic Designer** to help produce our Tri-Valley community newspapers. The position will be approximately 36 hours per week and will include benefits.

Responsibilities will involve both editorial and advertising design. Must have Mac experience, basic production skills and a good design portfolio. InDesign, Photoshop knowledge is required, Web/Flash experience a bonus. Candidate should be able to work under tight deadlines in a busy environment with attention to detail. Guaranteed to work hard—but also have fun in a small office with a dedicated staff.

Please e-mail your resume to Shannon Corey, Art Director, at: [scorey@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:scorey@pleasantonweekly.com)



WRITE NOW!



Emerson School, Palo Alto  
Hacienda School, Pleasanton

## Summer Writing & Computer Camps

Grade 2-8

Week 1 - **Expository Writing** - focuses on the preparation of prose forms used in school assignments and the processes of selecting a topic, outlining the content, establishing a style, and writing mechanics (word choice, spelling, sentence structure, etc.).

Week 2 - **Creative Writing** - concentrates on a variety of forms (e.g., stories, poems, plays) with emphases on point of view, character, setting, action or plot, and writing mechanics as well as authentic self expression.

**NEW!** Week 3 - **Presentation Techniques** - will develop students' public speaking and analytical skills for a variety of purposes (e.g., class presentations, debates) using of age-appropriate supporting tools (e.g., handouts, posters, overhead projections, props, PowerPoint).

**NEW!** Week 4 - **Computer IQ Booster** - will address three capabilities:

- Introduction to computer use and MS Word (G 2-3);
- Essential Software—MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint (G 4-5);
- Problem Solving with six computer models (G 6-8).

	Emerson School Palo Alto, 650-424-1267	Hacienda School Pleasanton, 925-485-5750
Expository Writing	7/9-7/13	7/23-7/27
Creative Writing	7/16-7/20	7/30-8/3
Presentation Skills	7/23-7/27	8/6-8/10
Computer Booster	7/30-8/3	8/13-8/17

[writing@headsup.org](mailto:writing@headsup.org), [www.headsup.org](http://www.headsup.org)



Compassionate therapy  
for change, helping  
you move from merely  
surviving to thriving.

## DR. SARA DENMAN

Licensed Psychologist | PSY19808

Areas of Dr. Denman's expertise include, but are not limited to:  
parenting challenges, eating issues, substance abuse,  
anxiety, depression, past and present trauma, life changes,  
and all forms of PTSD including Veterans.

145 East Prospect Ave Ste 218 | Danville | 925-648-4941

# Transitions

OBITUARIES • BIRTHS • WEDDINGS

## Ross Melvin Pike

Ross Melvin Pike, a resident of Danville, passed away March 22 at the age of 55.

He was born July 30, 1951, in California, graduated from Ygnacio Valley High School in Walnut Creek, and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served for three years as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne division. After that, he worked in the facility maintenance industry and was a managing partner at Diversified Maintenance Services.

When Ross proposed to Merri, his wife of 27 years, he promised to "show her the world" and he did: He traveled to all seven continents, 50 states, and more than 35 countries and was planning a trip to China.

He is survived by Merri; his children Billy and Kerri; his parents Fern and George Pike; three granddaughters; brothers Carl and George Junior; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held March 31 at the Danville 2nd LDS Ward in Danville. The family requests donations to the American Heart Association or Huntington's Disease of America.

## Lillian W. Yonke

Danville resident Lillian W. Yonke died March 23 at the age of 92. She was born Nov. 10, 1914.

She was the beloved mother of Mark R. Yonke, and mother-in-law of Carol A. Yonke of Danville; grandmother of Mark V. Yonke and Troy R. Yonke

of Richmond; step-grandmother of Dona Lavery of Empire, and Paul Schmidt of Georgia; step-greatmother of Johnna, Amber, John, Tyler, and Mackenzie; sisters Grace Heimlick of Livermore and Gladys Garbarino of Dublin. She was preceded in death by husband, Rudolph F. Yonke, and son Gary W. Yonke.

Services were private. Donations are suggested to the Cancer Society.

## Veronica 'Ruth' Foley

Veronica "Ruth" Foley, a resident of Danville, died Mar. 23 at the age of 86.

She was born to John Patrick and Veronica Foley in Brooklyn, NY, on June 16, 1920.

She worked as a traffic manager for coffee and tea importers, and for many years was with Henry P. Thompson working on Wall Street. She relocated to the Bay Area with her extended family in 1972. Once in California, she joined ACLI Intl., continuing to work in coffee and tea importing and living in Moraga. In 2003, she moved to Diablo Lodge in Danville and joined the parish at St. Isidore Catholic Church.

She was predeceased by her brother John Gilbert Foley and sister-in-law, Grace Foley. She is survived by her nieces and nephew; and grand-nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Isidore Catholic Church on March 29. The family requests that friends contribute to the social service charity of their choice.

## Karel Newman

Karel Newman, a Danville resident, died March 26 at the age of 79 after a protracted illness. He was born Feb. 5, 1928.

He left his home in the Czechoslovak Republic in 1948, worked his way across post-war Europe, moved to Australia, and finally immigrated with his young family to the United States in 1956. After briefly working in retail sales, he chose to focus on real estate. He gained further education at UC Berkeley and Oregon State University and founded his first real estate office in 1971, eventually expanding his firm to six offices serving all parts of Contra Costa County. He retired from residential real estate in 1982 and from commercial real estate in 2002.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Eliska; sons David and Karel; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 31 at the Oak Park Hills Chapel of Walnut Creek. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society: Hope Lodge, 636 W Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

Casa Madrid in Pleasanton is open for dinner Monday through Sunday. Incorrect information was published in the Danville Weekly's Dining Out Guide on April 13.

Trusted Brands Since 1976

Kitchen & Bath



Grohe  
Hans Grohe  
Toto  
Rohl



**RICHERT**  
LUMBER & HARDWARE



5505 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton • 925 846 5040

## Are you paying too much for COBRA?

Or do you just need individual or group health coverage at affordable rates?  
Call today to save money!



## Charlene Beasley

Lic#0C26292

Beasley Insurance Services

925-803-9799

www.beasleyinsurance.com

Plans  
as low as  
**\$39<sup>00</sup>** per month



\*Based on HealthNet PPO-HSA plan for singles age 19-29

Free Quote go to [www.beasleyinsurance.com](http://www.beasleyinsurance.com)

*Gifts Work Giving*

*New in Danville*

**Cottage Jewel**

125-D Railroad Ave  
Danville  
(925) 837-2664  
Tues-Sat 10-5ish

SILVER SPECIAL  
Sat-April 28th  
Tea Cup Sale  
May 7-12 &  
Mothers Day Treats

# Junior Golf Camps

## Summer 2007

For program dates and camp rates or more information log onto  
[www.thebridgesgolf.com](http://www.thebridgesgolf.com) OR [www.systemgolf.com](http://www.systemgolf.com)

925.735.4253

**THE BRIDGES**  
GOLF CLUB

The Bridges Golf Club • 9000 S. Gale Ridge Road • San Ramon

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

## PLACE AN AD

- ONLINE**  
fogster.com
- E-MAIL**  
ads@fogster.com
- PHONE**  
(925) 600-0840

Fogster.com is a unique Web site offering FREE postings from communities throughout the Bay Area and an opportunity for your ad to appear in the Pleasanton/Danville Weekly.

Now you can log on to fogster.com, day or night and get your ad started immediately online. Most listings are free print ad in our Peninsula newspapers with the option of photos and additional lines. Exempt are Business Services and Employment ads, which include a web listing charge. Home services and Mind & Body Services, require contact with a Customer Sales Representative.

So, the next time you have an item to sell, barter, give away or buy, get the perfect combination: print ads in your local newspapers, reaching more than 35,000 readers, and unlimited free Web postings reaching hundreds of thousands additional people!

## INDEX

- BULLETIN BOARD  
100-155
- FOR SALE  
200-270
- KIDS STUFF  
330-355
- JOBS  
510-585
- BUSINESS SERVICES  
600-690
- HOME SERVICES  
700-799
- FOR RENT/  
FOR SALE  
REAL ESTATE  
801-860

The publisher waives any and all claims or consequential damages due to errors. Embarcadero Publishing Co. cannot assume responsibility for the claims or performance of its advertisers. Embarcadero Publishing Co. reserves the right to refuse, edit or reclassify any ad solely at its discretion without prior notice.

## Bulletin Board

### 115 Announcements

**\$22,000 - Change a Life...**  
Become a California Surrogate! If you're already a parent, healthy, a nonsmoker, 23-39, You could become a surrogate! 1-800-877-4438. www.SurrogateWeb.com (Cal-SCAN)

**Considering Adoption?**  
We match Birthmothers with Families nationwide. Living Expenses Paid. Toll Free 24/7 Abby's One True Gift Adoptions. 1-866-459-3369. (Cal-SCAN)

**Gun, Knife & Hunting Show**  
at Boomtown Reno's Outdoor Events Area, May 11-13th. \$6 admission, Military Free. Call 1-800-648-3790 Exit 4 off I-80. (Cal-SCAN)

**Pregnant?**  
Considering Adoption? Childless, financially secure, educated couple needs your help! Expenses paid. Call Brad & Frank (ask for Erin/Adam). 1-800-841-0804. (AAN CAN)

**Workshop: a RUSSIAN APPROACH**  
A RUSSIAN APPROACH TO THE EVOLUTION OF CONSCIOUSNESS: DATE: Sunday, April 29, 2007 Dr. Natalia Shareyko, M.D. will demonstrate the training used at the Institute of Biosensory Psychology in Saint Petersburg www.fmbpr.org

**133 Music Lessons**  
**HARP LESSONS FOR ALL AGES**  
*Try something new for Spring!*  
**Call Bennetta Heaton**  
**(925) 820-1169**  
~ located in Danville ~

**LEARN TO SING & PERFORM!**  
Voice Studio of Cherie Michael  
**Call 925-462-4419**  
for further information and to reserve your weekly lessons.

### 135 Group Activities



**Singles Party in East Bay**  
Monthly Singles Parties. Fri. April 27, Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Ln Pleasant Hill 7:30pm-12pm. To get invited, call 925-937-4744 or visit <http://www.PGuild.com>

### 150 Volunteers

Host Families needed  
Meals on Wheels Drivers

## For Sale

### 201 Autos/Trucks/Parts

**\$500 Police Impounds**  
Cars from \$500! Tax Reps, US Marshal and IRS Sales! Cars, Trucks, SUVs, Toyotas, Hondas, Chevys, more! For Listings Call 1-800-298-4150 ext. C107. (AAN CAN)

Acura 2002 RSX Type-S - \$12500  
BMW 2002 530i - 26,000



**BMW 2003 X5 3.0i**  
Call 925-858-3538

**Donate Vehicle**  
running or not accepted! Free Towing. Tax Deductible. Noahs Arc - Support No Kill Shelters, Animal Rights, Research to Advance Veterinary Treatments/Cures. 1-866-912-GIVE. (Cal-SCAN)

**Donate your Car:**  
Children's Cancer Fund! Help Save A Child's Life Through Research & Support! It's Fast, Easy & Tax Deductible. Please Call Today 1-800-252-0615. (Cal-SCAN)



**Ford 1998 Expedition**  
Eddie Bauer Exped.4WD.V8,109K mi.Excl.condition in&out.Runs extremely well,great for road trips or anywhere. Power everything+Tow pkg. Tan leather inte.in beautiful cond. Call Cheryl 916-354-0788or 916-690-2377



**Mercedes-Benz 2003 E500**  
40k m. 925-858-3538  
Pace Arrow 1989 Motor Home - \$15,000.  
Toyota 1990 4 runner - \$2800



**Toyota 1998 Supra**  
Contact me asap for more details. face-muia2@earthlink.net

### 210 Garage/Estate Sales

**Multi-Family**  
Saturday April 28 8am - 3pm  
2463-64-68 Via De Los Milagros  
Lots of stuff!

Pleasanton, 3025 Staples Ranch Dr., Sat. 4/28, 8-?

**Pleasanton, 6869 Inglewood Ct., 4/28/07 8-3**  
Many household items, some furniture items. Too many items to list.

### 215 Collectibles & Antiques

Blue Delft pitcher - \$59  
Coffee Mill, Pepper Mill & Spice - \$89  
Garantied Forged Grinder - \$39  
Vintage Basketball Posters - \$3

### 240 Furnishings/Household items

10 seater dining room - \$1350

6 seater dinette - \$450  
Candles - \$15  
Complete Living room set - \$1350  
Crystal Bowl - \$12  
Marble table set - \$650



**Massage Chair-Moving-Must Sell**  
Shiatsu/heat massage & mp3 music on headphones. 408-712-3394

### 245 Miscellaneous

**\$9 Prescription Eyeglasses**  
Custom made to your prescription, stylish plastic or metal frame, Highindex, UV protection, anticratch lens, case, lenscloth for only \$9. Also available: Rimless, Titanium, Children's, Bifocals, Progressives, Suntints, ARcoating, etc. [Http://ZENNOPTICAL.COM](http://ZENNOPTICAL.COM) (AAN CAN)

**DIRECTV**  
Satellite Television, FREE Equipment, FREE 4 Room Installation, FREE HD or DVR Receiver Upgrade w/rebate. Packages from \$29.99/mo. Call 800-380-8939. (AAN CAN)

**Electric Wheelchair**  
2006 Jet3 Ultra Power Chair. \$1500 - Original cost \$2990. Like new. 925-846-6484

**Power Wheelchairs and Scooters**  
at little or no cost to seniors/disabled with Medicare, MediCal or Insurance. Free Delivery, Training and Warranty. ProHealth Mobility. 1-877-740-4900. [www.ProHealthMobility.com](http://www.ProHealthMobility.com) (Cal-SCAN)

Stamping and Scrapbook  
wholesale Louis Vuitton Gucci Fe - \$69

### 250 Musical Instruments

Yamaha Portable Grand DGX-500 --- \$400

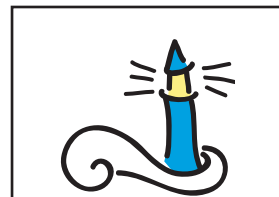
## Kid's Stuff

### 330 Child Care Offered

**Child Care**  
Immediate openings for child care ages 1 to 4yrs 925-417-0331 contact Dee.

### 340 Child Care Wanted

Honest Loving Nanny Needed  
**P/T Nanny Needed**  
Fremont. 2 kids. 2 or 3 days/wk. Must be experienced, physically fit, CPR trained, clean driving, and references. Will do background check. 510-364-4636



**fogster.com**

## Mind & Body

### 450 Personal Growth

**Practical Philosophy**  
Who am I? How can I be happy? How can I reduce stress and still be effective? The Practical Philosophy Course offers an effective approach to meeting these great questions of life. It takes the master philosophies of East & West and examines how they can be put to immediate, practical use. The result is happiness and freedom from the small and binding circles of habitual existence. Term begins April 21st 2007 - Fee:\$175 for ten weekly sessions Classes at The University of Phoenix, 7901 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. (925)828-8695 [www.practicalphilosopher.org](http://www.practicalphilosopher.org) Come to the first session as our guest The School of Practical Philosophy

### 455 Personal Training

**TriValleyTrainer.com** (dublin/pleasanton/livermore)



### WOMENS FITNESS BOOT CAMP CLASSES

Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, LOOSE WEIGHT, GAIN STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE! Fun, motivated classes, One hour a day. NO MATTER YOUR FITNESS LEVEL - YOU CAN TRAIN LIKE AN ATHLETE, MOVE LIKE AN ATHLETE AND LOOK LIKE AN ATHLETE. WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW! 925-457-4587 [www.ContraCostaBootCamp.com](http://www.ContraCostaBootCamp.com)

## Jobs

### 500 Help Wanted

**Ambitious? Tired of Trading Time 4 \$**  
Earn Executive Level Income w/o the stress. Call 800-470-4876.

**Electrical Apprenticeships**  
Openings in all aspects of electrical work. Paid training, benefits, and advancement opportunities. High school grads, ages 17-34. Paid relocation expenses. Call 1-800-345-6289. (Cal-SCAN)

**Foremen to Lead Utility Pole**  
Inspection Field Crews. Outdoor physical work, many entry-level positions, \$14/hr. paid training, \$20.32/hr. plus performance bonuses after promotion, per diem when traveling, company truck and union benefit package. Must have strong leadership skills, good driving history and be able to travel throughout California. Email resume to Recruiter25@osmose.com or fax 1-800-519-3526. [www.OsmoseUtilities.com](http://www.OsmoseUtilities.com) EOE M/F/D/V (Cal-SCAN)

**Front Desk Position for Great Multitasker!**  
Front Desk position in very busy Pleasanton chiropractic office. Multitasking & great people skills a must. P/T M,Tu,Th 1-7 or close, Fri. 1-5. Fax resume 925-846-7355.

**HOUSECLEANERS NEEDED**  
Good Wages ~ Weekly Pay  
Ideal Hours ~ Paid Mileage  
Car, CDL & insurance are necessary  
Call Merry Maids / Pleasanton  
**(925) 462-0991**

**Jobs Jobs Jobs!**  
California Army National Guard. No experience. Will pay to train; High school Jr./Sr. & Grads/Non-Grads/GED. May qualify for \$10,000 BONUS. Call 1-800-GO-GUARD. (Cal-SCAN)

**NANNIES NEEDED!!!**  
Awesome Positions! No Fee!  
\$13-18/hr  
**A Nanny Connection**  
925-743-0587  
[www.nannyconnection.com](http://www.nannyconnection.com)

### 550 Business Opportunities

**\$700-\$800K Free Cash Grants**  
2007! Personal bills, School, Business/Housing. Approx. \$49 billion unclaimed 2005! Almost Everyone Qualifies! Live Operators Listings 1-800-592-0362 Ext. 235. (AAN CAN)

**1000 Envelopes = \$5000**  
Receive \$5 for every envelope stuffed with our sales material. Guaranteed! Free information: 24 hour recording 1-800-785-7076. (AAN CAN)

**A Cash Cow!!**  
30 Vending Machines/You Approve Each Location. Entire Business - \$10,970. 1.800.VENDING (1.800.836.3464). [www.1800Vending.com](http://www.1800Vending.com) (Cal-SCAN)

**All Cash Candy Route.**  
Do you earn \$800 a day? 30 machines and candy for \$9,995. MultiVend LLC, 880 Grand Blvd., Deer Park, NY. 1-888-625-2405. (Cal-SCAN)

**Make \$150/Hour**  
Get Paid Cash for Your Opinion! Earn \$5 to \$75 to fill our simple surveys online. Start NOW! <http://www.paidchoice.com> (AAN CAN)

**Movie Extras, Actors, Models**  
Make \$100-\$300/day. No Experience Required, Meet celebrities, Full Time/Part Time, All looks needed! Call Now! 1-800-556-6103 extension 528. (AAN CAN)

**Online Travel Business**  
60% comm - no selling - Great Opp. 925-321-4774

**Post Office Jobs Available**  
Avg. Pay \$20/hour or \$57K Annually including Federal Benefits and OT. Paid Training, Vacations. PT/FT. 1-800-584-1775 Ext. 4401 USWA (AAN CAN)

**Start Your Own**  
Landscape Curbing Business- High Demand. Low Overheads. High Profit. Training Available. Priced from \$12,000. 1-800-667-5372. [www.EdgeMaster.net](http://www.EdgeMaster.net) (Cal-SCAN)

**Stem Cells Breakthrough**  
for Great Health. Patented Natural Product. Perfect Timing, Perfect Opportunity. Unlimited Income Potential. Distributors Wanted. Help Yourself and Others. [www.LifeCenter.KTOStemTech.com](http://www.LifeCenter.KTOStemTech.com) [www.LifeCenter.StemTechHealth.com](http://www.LifeCenter.StemTechHealth.com) 1-800-705-8096 (Cal-SCAN)

### 560 Employment Information

**Bartenders**  
Looking for part/full time bartenders. Several positions available. No experience required. With hourly wages and tips make up to \$300 per shift. Call (800) 806-0082 ext. 200. (AAN CAN)

**Cool Travel Job**  
One Month Paid Training! \$500 Sign On Bonus Must be free to travel & Start Today. 1-800-735-7409. (AAN CAN)

**Data Entry**  
Work From Anywhere. Flexible Hours, PC Required. Excellent Career Opportunity. Serious Inquiries 1-800-344-9636, ext. 475. (AAN CAN)

**Driver-CDL A Teams**  
Refrigerated / Van- West to East. Dedicated Run. 20,000 miles per month. Full benefits PLUS \$4,000 Sign-on Bonus!!! \* CALL NOW- 866-557-0071 \* (Cal-SCAN)



**Driver:**  
DRIVER: Don't Just Start Your Career, Start It Right! Company Sponsored CDL training in 3 weeks. Must be 21. Have CDL? Tuition Reimbursement! wgreen@crst.com 1-800-781-2778. (Cal-SCAN)

**Driver:**  
EXPERIENCED & Trainees Needed. Earn up to \$40k+ next year. No experience required. \$0 down. CDL Training Available. Central Refrigerated 1-800-727-5865 x4779. (Cal-SCAN)

**Driver:**  
TAKE CARE of your Family. Join ours. Consistent miles, regional and dedicated runs. Company paid Commercial Drivers License training. www.SwiftTruckingJobs.com 1-866-476-6828. EOE. (Cal-SCAN)

**Drivers...ASAP!**  
21 CDL Drivers Needed. \* 36-43cpm/\$1.20 \* Sign-on Bonus. \$0 Lease New Trucks. Only 3 months OTR req'd. 1-800-635-8669. (Cal-SCAN) 1-866-476-6828. EOE. (Cal-SCAN)

**Earn Extra Income**  
Assembling CD cases from Home. Start Immediately. No Experience Necessary. 1-800-405-7619 ext. 150 <http://www.easywork-greatpay.com> (AAN CAN)

**Flatbed-Drivers**  
New Pay Package. 1 Yr. Exp. \$1,000 Sign-On Bonus. Rider & Pet Policy. Late Model Kenworths. School graduates accepted. Class A CDL Required. 1-866-728-0120. [www.DavisTransport.com](http://www.DavisTransport.com) (Cal-SCAN)

**Government Jobs**  
GOVERNMENT JOBS. Benefits/Paid Training. Work available in areas like Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Wildlife & More! 1-800-320-9353 x2001. (AAN CAN)

**Movie Extras, Actors, Models**  
Make \$100-\$300/day. No Exp. Req., FT/PT All looks needed! 1-800-799-6215 (AAN CAN)

**Sales - \$40K and Up**  
Loan Counselors needed immediately. See [HOTJOBS.com](http://HOTJOBS.com) for job & company profile. Performant Financial Corporation

**Truck Drivers.**  
Now Hiring Beginners. No CDL Needed. Great Pay & Benefits. Get Your CDL. 1-800-387-1243. (Cal-SCAN)

**Business Services**

**604 Adult Care Offered**

**Sylvie (RN) and Rebecca** will find the professional caregiver who matches your needs.  
*We will help YOU stay in YOUR home with maximum independence.*  
❖ R-S PROCARE ❖  
**HOME HEALTH SERVICES**  
Sylvie (925) 890-7424  
Rebecca (925) 788-2503

**605 Antiques & Art Restoration**

"A Labor of Love"  
**Antique Furniture Restoration & Repair**  
925-462-0383  
Impeccable Quality & Integrity of Workmanship

  
**fogster.com**

**615 Computers**

Computer Help  
**Tri-Valley PC MEDIC**  
2006 Diablo Magazine "Best of the East Bay"  
**Ken Cook**  
*"I Make House Calls!"*  
Tune-up/Repair/Upgrade/Training  
More info/rates: <http://come.to/pc-medic>  
M-F 8a-8p / Wknds & Hols 9a-6p  
Lic #011068 - PCC, PDA & BBB  
Call 485-9040 or 989-7722

**624 Financial**

**\$700-\$800K Free Cash Grants**  
\*\*2007\*\* Never Repay! Personal/Medical Bills, School, New Business/Home etc., Live Operators! Avoid Deadlines! Listings, call 1-800-270-1213 Ext. 232. (AAN CAN)

**Credit Repair**  
We Legally Remove Collections, Repo's, Bankruptcies, Medical, Judgments, others etc. Raise credit scores! Honest. No Gimmicks. Member Better Business Bureau. www.USLCR.com 1-888-687-1300, 1-888-687-1400. (Cal-SCAN)

**628 Graphics**

**Sign Painting**  
*Hand-painted and vinyl lettering*  
Vehicles, wood, windows, murals, banners and more.  
**Art Works for You**  
Melissa  
925-580-2810  
Pleasanton

**645 Office/Home Business Services**

**Display Advertising.**  
Reach over 3 million Californians. 140 community newspapers. Cost \$1800 for a 3.75"x2" display ad (that works out to about \$12.86 per newspaper). Call (916) 288-6019 [displayad@cnpa.com](mailto:displayad@cnpa.com) (Cal-SCAN)

**Reach Over 6 Million**  
Californians! 240 newspapers statewide. Classified \$550 for a 25-word ad. Call (916) 288-6019 [classad@cnpa.com](mailto:classad@cnpa.com) (Cal-SCAN)

**650 Pet Care/Grooming/Training**

**659 Sewing/Tailoring**

**Custom Designed Sewing Work**  
Draperies, Bedding, Pillows, Cushions, Embroidery, Alterations and More! References available.  
Contact Lina, 925-249-1298

**695 Tours & Travel**

**T-Bone Getaways**  
at Boomtown Casino & Hotel Reno. 2 Nights and 2 Complete T-bone dinners including 2 domestic beers starting at \$99. Call 1-877-726-6686. (AAN CAN)

**Shop Local Sell Local**

**Furry Friends**  
Pet Sitting Services  
Trained professional, daily visits, basic home care, reliable & caring.  
—Serving Pleasanton / Livermore Only—  
Call **Monika Harris 417-0424**  
Registered Veterinary Nurse

**Home Services**

**715 Cleaning Services**

**A+ / ISABEL'S HOUSECLEANING**  
Local business since 1980  
Residential is our specialty  
925-846-9603

**Dee's Special Services**  
Housecleaning—Organization—Shopping  
Call 925-719-5690

**E.C. CLEANING SERVICE**  
Res/Com ~ 10 Yrs Local Exp  
Move In/Out, Weekly/Bi-Weekly  
Licensed-Insured-Exc. Refs  
*"We do windows and power wash!"*  
925-339-6411 or 640-3845

**ED'S CLEANING SERVICE**  
Commercial / Residential  
Carpets, floors, upholstery & window cleaning.  
European Job at an American Price!  
Call 925-609-7822

**Johnny's Pond & Aquarium Service**  
\*Free Estimates  
\*Great Cleaning  
\*Fair Prices  
Call 510-909-7453 (cell)

**MERRY MAIDS**  
"Relax - It's Done"  
We are insured, bonded & tailored to meet your needs.  
925-462-0991

**719 Remodeling/Additions**

**JUST CROWN MOULDING**  
(925)216-8163  
Trim Installation  
Contractor Lic. # 805208

**REMODELING CONTRACTOR**  
Additions, bathrooms, windows, doors, interior trim, whole house.  
A+Refs-Insured-Lic# 503716  
Dan (925) 575-1892

**726 Decor & Drapery**

**Changing Spaces**  
One-Day Interior Redesign  
Color Consultation, Decorating and Staging  
925.998.7747 ■ [jilldenton.com](http://jilldenton.com)

**737 Fences & Gates**

**Borg Redwood Fences**  
Fences • Decks • Retaining Walls  
Arbors • Heritage Vinyl Fencing  
**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL**  
"Unsurpassed Quality at Reasonable Prices"  
Insurance Work  
426-9620  
[www.borgfence.com](http://www.borgfence.com)  
Fully insured P.L. & P.D. • State Lic. #717163 **FREE Estimates**

**741 Flooring/Carpeting**

**A+ CARPET CARE**  
Carpet Cleaning, Upholstery, Tile & Grout Restoration  
(925) 462-3306  
Call for free estimate

**748 Gardening/Landscaping**

**VALLEY GREEN LANDSCAPING**  
Cement, Brickwork, Sod & Sprinkler Installation, Fence & Deck Repair, Waterfalls and Fountains  
~ All driveways \$8 sq ft ~  
Call 925-285-3891  
licensed & bonded  
[www.valleygreenlandscaping.com](http://www.valleygreenlandscaping.com)

**757 Handyman/Repairs**

**Pleasanton Home Repair & Mntnce**  
Full Service Residential/Commercial Repairs and Maintenance Dependable ~ 30 Yrs Exp  
Call 925-577-0542  
\* Pleasanton Area Only \*  
Local Ref-City Lic#040421  
email: ss1177@comcast.net

**768 Moving Assistance**

**MOVING?**  
Free Estimates from Multiple Moving Companies.  
~ Save up to 68% ~  
Your Moving Advocate  
Move Auditors 925-825-5222  
[www.moveauditor.com](http://www.moveauditor.com)

**771 Painting/Wallpaper**

Quality Interior & Exterior  
**PAINTING**  
by **CAMBRIDGE**  
925-462-0655  
\* Spring Special \*  
10% Off  
Lic # 747906

**PAINT COLOR CONSULTATIONS**  
We'll help you select the perfect colors for your home.  
**Changing Spaces**  
by **Jill Denton**  
[jilldenton.com](http://jilldenton.com) 925-998-7747

**775 Asphalt/Concrete**

**DANVILLE CONCRETE**  
Stamped Concrete, Patio, Sidewalk, Driveway, Pool Deck, Retaining Wall.  
Any concrete finishing  
(925) 736-8042

**790 Roofing**

**ATTENTION HOME OWNERS!**  
\* Are you 100% waterproof?  
\* Do you have dry rot?  
\* Are you in need of roof repair?  
We can save you **BIG MONEY - don't delay!**  
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL  
32 Years Expert Roofing  
~ Family Owned & Operated ~  
FREE EST/ SENIOR DISCOUNTS  
**Real Estate Inspection \$150 until 06/2007**  
Leak Detection / Tile / Gutters  
Skylights / Fire-safe Wood  
Shingles & Shakes

**ALTAMONT ROOFING DESIGNS**  
925-460-0500  
925-339-4084  
Member BBB Lic# 360176

**Real Estate**

**801 Apartments/Condos/Studios**

**PA: 1BR/1BA**  
LOCATION! Available 4/28. Sparkling clean, pool, laundry, bike to Stanford. \$1195/mo. N/P. Call Maria (650)493-9576

San Ramon, 3 BR/2 BA - \$1750/mo

**803 Duplex**

Pleasanton, 2 BR/1 BA - \$1400/mont

**809 Shared Housing/Rooms**

**Home Near Hacienda Business Park**  
Full kitchen privileges washer & dryer 1/3 utilities \$600 per month 925-484-3937

**825 Homes/Condos for Sale**

**Danville, 4 BR/2.5 BA**  
VIEWS, VIEWS, VIEWS! Great Location-Nearly 1/2 Acre Private w/Gated Driveway. 4 Bedrms, 2.5 Ba Remodeled Home- Wood Burning Fireplace, Dual Pane Windows, Plush Carpet, Tile & Stone Floors, Remodeled Kitchen & Baths, Great Location nr Hwy 680, Downtown Danville, Alamo & Walnut Creek. Enjoy Danville's Award Winning School Dist, Many Parks, Restaurants, & Trails. Call Today - Carolyn Davidson Agnt. Coldwell Banker RE (925) 831-3337.

Danville, 4 BR/3 BA - \$1,235,000  
Dublin, 2 BR/2.5 BA - \$599,950

**Orinda, 1 BR/1 BA**  
TIRED OF RENTING? Great Opportunity to buy a Remodeled 1 Bedroom/1 Bath Condo with Walk-in Closet, Patio, & Private Garage. GREAT COMMUTE LOCATION - Walk to BART or Approx. 1/2 Hour drive to SF Financial District. Low homeowner dues cover heating, water, garbage and more! Call now C Davidson Agt. CBRE (925) 831-3337

Pleasanton, 3 BR/2.5 BA - \$664,900



**Pleasanton, 4 BR/4+ BA**  
Open Sun. 1-4 PM. Go to [www.871grayfox.com](http://www.871grayfox.com) to "see and hear" a 49-image slide show and print a 2-page sales flyer. 4 oversized bedrooms incl. cabana bath & sauna. Quiet, secluded, prestigious Foxbrough Estates. Contact Jackie at (925) 846-1234.

San Ramon, 1 BR/1 BA - \$369000

San Ramon, 2 BR/2 BA - \$459,000

San Ramon, 4 BR/3 BA - \$1,129,900

San Ramon, 4 BR/3 BA - \$1,129,900

Tracy, 4 BR/3.5 BA - \$799,000

www.williamsteam.net/livermore, 5+ BR/3 BA - \$918,000

**830 Commercial/Income Property**

**NEW WAREHOUSE W/ OFFICE**  
2200 sqft \$2200/mo  
Contact Brad (510)851-6647

**840 Vacation Rentals/Time Shares**

**Kauai, HI Golf Resort Condo**  
Beautiful Cliffs Golf Resort Condo in Kauai, Hawaii Ocean Views + Office & DSL connection 2BD,2BA located in Princeville Resort,Rate: \$850 per week,Please email us at "cliffs5307@yahoo.com"

**PINE CREST**  
Rustic cabin by the lake  
Call 925-837-2870

**T-Bone Getaways**  
at Boomtown Casino & Hotel Reno. 2 Nights and 2 complete T-bone dinners including 2 domestic beers starting at \$99. Call 1-877-726-6686. (Cal-SCAN)

**Timeshare!!!**  
PAYING TOO MUCH 4 maintenance fees and taxes? Call today to sell/rent your timeshare for cash. 1-800-882-0296 [www.VPResales.com](http://www.VPResales.com) (Cal-SCAN)

**845 Out of Area**

**A Rare Find New Mexico**  
Lake Access Retreat - 10 acres - \$25,900. Priced For Quick Sale. Incredible setting, including frequently running Pecos River, views and diverse topography. Limited availability. Excellent financing. Call NML&R, Inc. 1-888-204-9760. (Cal-SCAN)

**Arizona's - Best Bargain**  
36AC - \$59,900. Perfect for private retreat. Endless views, beautiful setting w/fresh mountain air. Abundant wildlife. Secluded with good access. Financing available. Call AZLR 1-877-301-5263. (Cal-SCAN)

**Western New Mexico**  
20 acres \$49,990. Scenic region, tall trees, views, wildlife, borders BLM, electricity. Horseback riding, hiking, hunting. Perfect for ranch, getaway, or retirement. 100% financing. Call 1-866-365-4122. (Cal-SCAN)

**850 Acreage/Lots/Storage**

**1st Time Offered**  
40 acres - \$39,900; 80 acres - \$69,900. Near Moses Lake, WA. 300 days of sunshine. Mix of rolling hills and rock outcroppings. Excellent views, private gravel roads, ground water and easy access! Financing available. Call WALR 1-866-585-5687. (Cal-SCAN)

**Colorado Ranch Sale 35 AC**  
\$36,900. Easy Access, Sunset views. All utilities, surveyed. Financing available. Call Owner today! 1-866-696-5263 x2592. (Cal-SCAN)

**Fish Lake Valley, NV**  
10 ac Trout Stream \$59,900. Endless Recreational Opportunities. Spectacular views of Eastern slope of snowcapped White Mountains. Within looming presence of Nevada's highest peak and range. Cool, clear year round Rainbow Trout Creek. Call today! Won't last! Call 1-877-349-0822. (Cal-SCAN)

**Lakefront Bargain!**  
35 acres - \$139,900. 980' Shoreline. Wooded property, rolling to lake w/ beautiful water views. Ideal location on 53,000 acre lake. Private lake docks, directly adjoins to 1.5 million acre Nat'l Forest. Short drive to Branson, MO. Great terms. 1-of-a-Kind! Call now 1-800-319-3967 x654. [www.OaksLanding.com](http://www.OaksLanding.com) (Cal-SCAN)

**Owners Sacrifice.**  
35 acres - was \$59,900. NOW \$56,900. 90 minutes from Salt Lake City in SW Wyoming. Recreational paradise. Stunning setting with amazing views. Surrounded by gov't land. EZ Terms. Call Utah Ranches, LLC. 1-888-703-5263. (Cal-SCAN)

**855 Real Estate Services**

**UCB Real Estate**



**Ed Antenucci**  
owner/broker  
Buying, Selling or Investing?  
Let's Talk, I'll Listen!  
Real estate advisor with over 22 years experience & over 3,700 homes sold!  
**(925) 351-8686**  
[ed@homeinsider.com](mailto:ed@homeinsider.com)

**Bank Foreclosures**  
Homes from \$10,000! 1-3 bedroom available! HUD, Repos, REOs, etc. These homes must sell! For Listings Call 1-800-425-1620 ext. H107. (AAN CAN)

**fogster.com**

# Junior Tennis Camp 2007



## TENNIS CAMP:

The Tennis Camp will be divided into levels of ability and age groups. The tennis professionals will demonstrate and teach proper stroke techniques on every element of the game daily. We will also be putting together these same strokes into match play situations. The camp is designed to make each junior ready for our camp singles and doubles tournaments at the end of each two week session.

Trophies will be awarded to the singles and doubles finalist and champion of each session.

**Cost: \$425 per session**

**Camp runs each weekday from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**Recommended for ages 6-14 years old.**

**Limited space available**

## TENNIS CAMP AND TOURNAMENT TRAINING CAMP DATES:

Session I	June 18	-	June 29
Session II	July 2	-	July 13 (not July 4th)
Session III	July 16	-	July 27
Session IV	July 30	-	August 10
Session V	August 13	-	August 24

### Tennis Camp and Tournament Training Camp

will be held at

**San Ramon Valley High School**  
140 Love Lane, Danville

## JOHN SUTTER

A native San Franciscan, John has been a tennis director and head tennis professional in the San Francisco Bay Area for the past 25 years. John has also coached numerous juniors to high rankings in the Northern California, as well as the national level. John's motivational style and passion for tennis is a perfect fit for all ages and abilities of junior tennis. Personal accomplishments:

- ATP World Ranked
- Ranked #3 nationally NCAA
- Northern California ranking in Men's Open
- Ranked #1 in Men's 35's
- Player of the year Far Western Conference

## TOURNAMENT TRAINING CAMP:

The tournament training camp will run 12:00 Noon to 3:00 pm daily. In order to participate in this program, you must be playing high school tennis, NCTA tournaments, or have a Northern California Junior Ranking.

This program will work on advanced techniques, intense drilling, footwork, conditioning, strategy, point play, and match play. If you want to work hard and improve your game, sign up now!

**Sign up every two weeks.**

**Cost: \$50 per day.**

**Tuesday and Thursday:**  
\$200 per two-week period

**Mon., Wed., and Friday:**  
\$300 per two-week period

**Monday through Friday:**  
\$450 per two-week period

**CALL 925-820-3369  
TO SIGN UP NOW!**

# NOW ENROLLING SUMMER CAMP!



*Success for every child,  
every day.*

4576 Willow Road, Pleasanton  
In Hacienda Business Park  
**(925) 463-6060**  
[www.cardenwest.org](http://www.cardenwest.org)

Kindergarten-5th Grade

**June 11-Aug. 24th**

**8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Extended Care Available

- Art • Music • Dance
- Spanish • Mandarin • Tutoring
- Cheerleading • Soccer
- Robotics & Engineering
- Field Trips • Presentations

*Our fully licensed pre-school operates year-round accepting children ages 18 months to 5 years old.*



**ART, SCIENCE, OUTDOORS & FUN**  
for Kids Entering K-5th Grades



**High Caliber Staff** who are enthusiastic & experienced educators. Maximum camper to staff ratio of 8:1; 6:1 for Kindergartners.

**Compelling Art, Science and Outdoor Programming** plus exciting camp traditions that promote learning, creativity, and fun!

**New Location in Alamo!** San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, week long sessions from 7/2-8/3

**ENROLL NOW - Sessions Filling Up!**

A program developed with



Enroll at [www.campgalileo.com](http://www.campgalileo.com) or call 800-854-3684

## DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

- Commercial & Residential
- Full Landscape Service
- Existing Landscape Removal
- Sprinkler System (New & Repair)
- Drainage Systems
- Concrete-stamped, Color
- Driveway, Walkways, Patios
- Retaining Walls, Block Walls
- Sod Lawn • Planting
- Accent Lighting

# San Ramon Valley

## LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE



## FULL MAINTENANCE SERVICE

- Residential
- Associations
- Commercial
- Condos
- One-time Service
- Aeration
- Dethatching
- Pruning
- Weeding
- Hauling
- Pressure Washing

Sign up  
today & receive  
**5% off**  
landscaping  
service

Visit us at  
[www.srvlandscape.com](http://www.srvlandscape.com)

**(925) 339-5758**

Sign up for  
maintenance and  
receive  
**FREE**  
**AERATION**

# SUMMER FUN

## A look at wonderful ways to spend the long summer days

by Dolores Fox Ciardelli  
photos by Jordan M. Doronila

**T**he longer, sunnier days are a sign: It's time to make summer plans. A glance at the pamphlets in the Danville Public Library shows that one could find something different to do everyday for months just in the San Francisco Bay Area, although most families use at least a week or two of school vacation time for traveling to see what else is out there.

A popular option is sending children to camps, either in other areas or a short drive away. Camps range from specialties—soccer, tennis, music and science—to old-fashioned living-in-the-great-outdoors experiences.

Locally day camps are run by the Town of Danville, Parks & Recreation of Alamo, the YMCA of the San Ramon Valley, churches, Scouts and private schools and companies. Camp Galileo has expanded this year with its art, science and outdoor adventures and will hold a camp at the Alamo/Danville San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church. Alamo Parks & Recreation posts its classes at [www.alamore.org](http://www.alamore.org).

Slightly farther afield are camps at other Bay Area cities and parks, such as the East Bay Regional Park District recreational opportunities in kayaking, bass fishing, fly fishing and more at Sunol and other region-

al parks. At Tilden Nature Area, the Park District offers Tilden Little Farm Weeks for ages 8-11, and a Nature Adventure Camp for ages 9-12. Its Activity Guide was sent to most residents, plus it is at the library, or visit [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

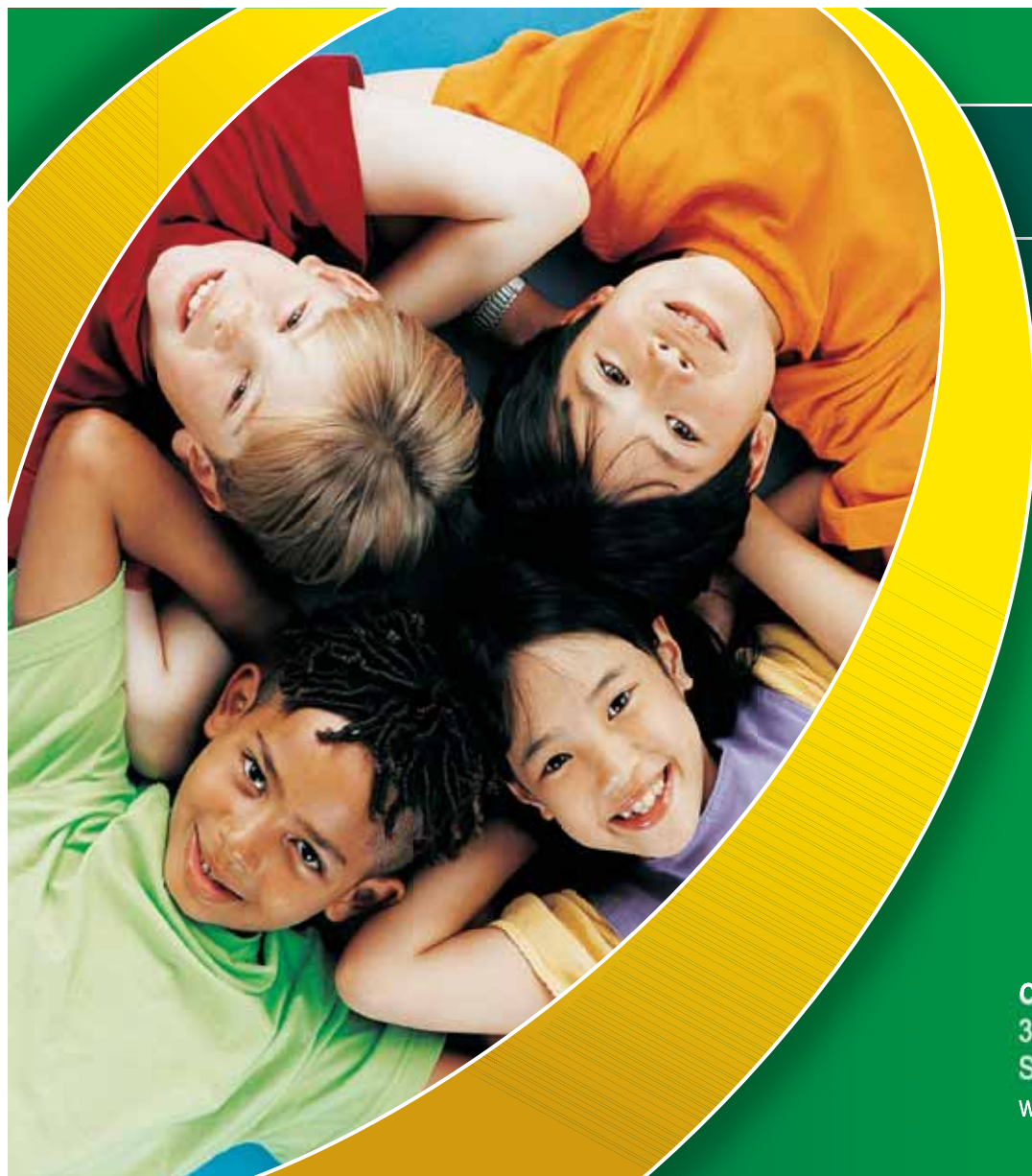
The Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek also has extensive programs, including Wild Times science camps from Dinomania to Animal Habitats, classes and trips for children and for families; visit [www.wildlife-museum.org](http://www.wildlife-museum.org) or call 935-1978.



### Time to swim

It's time to sign kids up for swimming lessons. Danville and Alamo hold their aquatics program at the Monte Vista Community Pool, with classes for ages 3 and up for all abilities, including semi-private lessons for children and adults. Aquatots is for ages 6 months to 4 years with an adult, and the class emphasizes water enjoyment. There is also recreational swimming at the pool, plus lap swimming and Family Fun Nights planned for Friday evenings with Pirate Night on July 20; a Luau Party, Aug. 3; and Surf's Up, Aug. 17.

► Continued on page 19



## IMAGINE...

*the possibilities!*

San Ramon's finest health club and resort is now accepting registration for Summer Camps.

*Camps include:  
Specialty Sports Camp  
(soccer, dance, tennis and basketball)  
Science Camps and so much more.*

*Open to Member and Non-Members  
For more information visit:  
[www.clubsportsr.com/summercamp](http://www.clubsportsr.com/summercamp)*

**ClubSport of San Ramon**  
350 Bollinger Canyon Lane  
San Ramon, (925) 735-8500  
[www.clubsportsr.com](http://www.clubsportsr.com)



*Outdoor Living Begins Here!*



Del Coronado  
From the Designer Wrought Iron collection

Create a beautiful backyard experience with our unique and stylish collections of patio furniture by Brown Jordan, OW Lee and Alumont.



**Introducing Viking Ultra-Premium Gas Grills and Grill Carts**

Viking outdoor products offer everything you expect to find in a kitchen except the walls.

Closed Mondays

R&M

the place for fine gifts, patio and garden furniture, spas, barbeque islands and a quality nursery.



**Pool, Patio & Gardens**  
Family owned since 1983

6780 Marsh Creek Road, Clayton • 672-0207

Victoria's Hair On Stage in Downtown Danville  
Presents the Outrageous Musical Comedy.....

Best Show Ever



**WIGGED OUT!**

Saturdays Through June 23

shhhhhh....

It's a Secret!

Victoria's Hair On Stage  
520 San Ramon Valley Blvd.  
Downtown Danville  
www.wiggedout.org

For tickets call (925) 855-SHOW

Victoria's Hair On Stage in Downtown Danville  
Full Hair, Nail and Skin Care  
Massage Therapy & Day Spa - Spray Tanning  
(925) 838-2848

Housewares • Toys • Giftware • Books • Candles • Jewelry • Dishes • Soaps • Games • Home Decor • Housewares • Toys • Giftware • Books • Dishes • Soaps • Games • Gadgets • Decorative Pillows • Towels • Stationary • Home Decor • Housewares • Toys • Giftware • Books • Candles

**Mother's Day... We have gifts**

Choose from Kenneth Cole Wallets, Crystal, French Soaps, Handbags & Jewelry. Just come in with this ad and get a FREE scented soy votive candle.

**\$10 off**  
any sale over \$50.00  
Valid through 5-11-07

**IMAGINE... Your Favorite Brand Names 40%-80% OFF Everyday!**

**Rick's Picks**  
great deals everyday!

Mon-Sat: 10am-6pm  
Sun 11am-5pm  
375 Hartz Ave.  
Downtown Danville  
(across from Starbucks)  
**837-DEAL**

**Planning on Remodeling?**  
MAKE YOUR HOME YOUR DREAM.  
From Conception to Construction to Completion,  
We Can Handle It All.

**S&J PROPERTIES**

**WE SPECIALIZE IN AND CAN INTEGRATE ALL OF THESE AREAS:**

- Design & Engineering
- Additions
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms
- Show Garages
- Flooring
- Windows
- Media Systems
- Crown Molding
- Landscape
- Stone & Tile

**Jim Long - General Partner**  
Office: 925.820.2924 - Cell: 925.575.0183  
Fax: 925.736.5174 - Email: jimlong427@aol.com

Take the stress and concern out of your renovations. We use our own skilled in-house remodeling team to provide you with superior quality and exceptional turnaround.

**Call Today! 925-575-0183**

General Contractors Lic. #867991 Class B

**Town of Danville activities**

The Town of Danville is offering theme camps focusing on acting, dancing, surfing, soccer and science. It is also bringing back its popular Little Peanuts, Little Acorn and Danville Day Camps with a new themed approach, plus offers soccer and other sports camps, parent participation toddler camp, Show Biz Kids Summer Theatre Training, visual arts and more. As throughout the year, the town offers dance lessons for ages 2-1/2 to 6. The town is again sponsoring a Family Campout at Oak Hill Park on July 28-29, with check-in at 3 p.m., to include swimming at the Monte Vista pool, crafts and family games, and a movie under the stars. Visit [www.ci.danville.ca.us](http://www.ci.danville.ca.us).

**San Ramon Regional YMCA camps**

The Y is offering camps at Alamo Elementary School. Team Explore will offer campers grades one through three some serious exploration, with one-week sessions featuring swimming and a local field trip. Team Adventure is for fourth- through six-graders, also with swimming and visiting summer hot spots and camping out with friends. It promises the campers will be able to challenge themselves daily. Team Extreme is geared to young adults entering grades seven through nine. The San Ramon Valley YMCA offers specialty camps, too, at Alamo Elementary, including chess, magic, equestrian, magic, super science, ultimate sports, drama and more. Visit [www.mdrymca.org](http://www.mdrymca.org).

**School district enrichment**

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District offers a Summer Enrichment Program with week-long, multi-week and month-long courses, including a middle school math camp. For information, look for Summer Programs at [www.srvusd.net](http://www.srvusd.net).



**Summer at the library**

The Danville Public Library's summer program is "Get a Clue @ Your Library," a summer of intrigue and suspense with exciting prizes as readers unravel the mysteries behind great books. The program runs June 11-Aug. 20. The Kids Reading program is for ages 2 through fifth-graders, while Teen Reading targets student in grades six through 12. Those over 18 also can read and enter a chance to win a Booklover's Bag of goodies. For more information, call 837-4889, visit [ccplib.org](http://ccplib.org)—or drop in at the library, 400 Front St.

**And there's more**

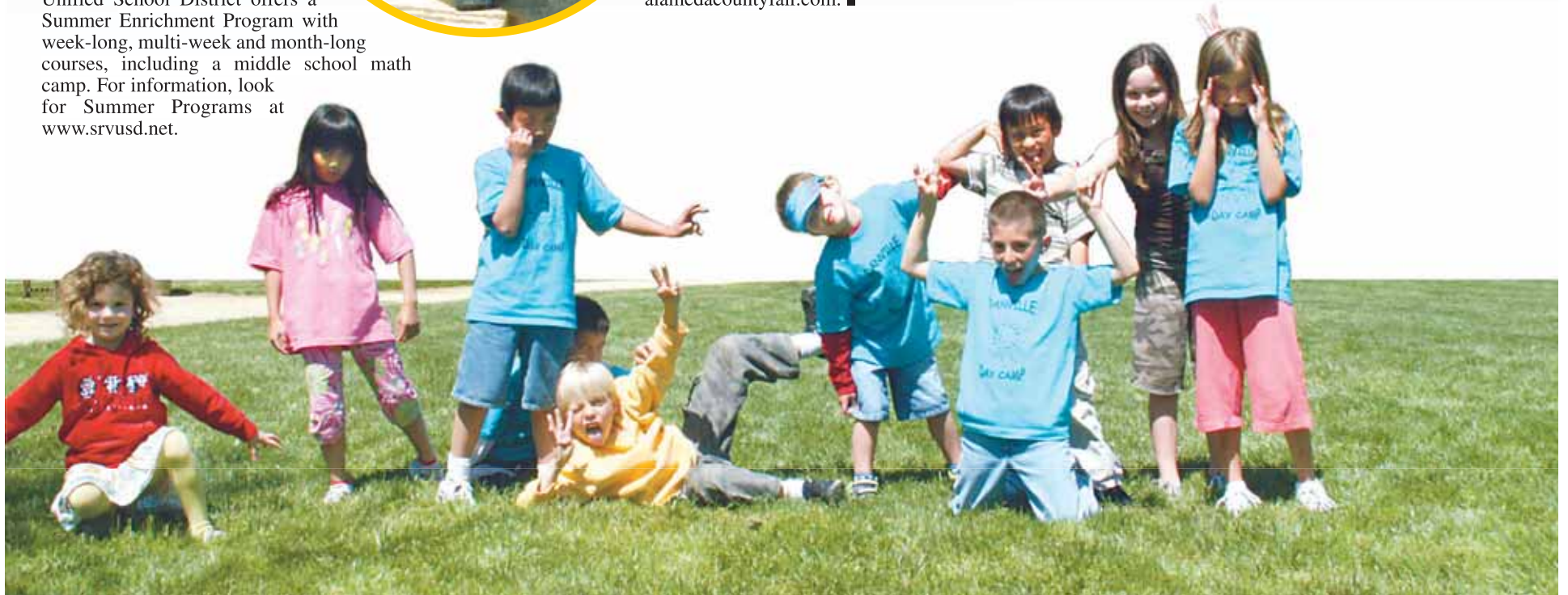
Other fun family adventures in Danville include the Fine Arts Faire on June 23-24; the Kiwanis Fourth of July Parade; Hot Summer Nights Car Shows on July 16 and 26, and Aug. 9 and 23; and Moonlight Movies on the Town Green, 8:15-10 p.m. in front of the library, featuring "Cats and Dogs" on July 13, and "Curious George" on Aug. 10. The town also offers trail walks at 8 a.m. on the second Saturday of July, August and September, starting at the Community Center, 400 Front St.

**Meet me at the fair**

While planning your summer, don't forget about the fair. The Contra Costa County Fair takes place May 31-June 3 at the fairgrounds in Antioch. Visit [www.ccfair.org](http://www.ccfair.org) to find out about daily activities. The Alameda County Fair runs June 22-July 8 at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton; for more information, go to [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com). ■

**Enjoy concerts with a picnic**

- Town of Danville 22nd annual Music In the Park concert series, from 6-8 p.m. Saturdays at Oak Hill Park on Stone Valley Road
  - July 7** - The Sun Kings (Beatles Tribute)
  - July 21** - The Best Intentions (Motown)
  - Aug. 4** - Mic Gillette/Jon Smith Project (Blues/R&B)
  - Aug. 18** - Zydeco Flames (Cajun)
- Alamo Parks & Recreation 2007 Summer Concert Series, 6:30-8:30 Fridays at Livorna Park, Livorna Road and Miranda Avenue
  - June 29** - Boothill (Country at its Best)
  - July 13** - Silicon Valley Houserockers (Get Ready to Boogie)
  - July 20** - Pan Exstasy (Reggae & Caribbean Sounds)
  - Aug. 3** - 256 (Classic Rock & Party Tunes)
- Blackhawk Plaza Summer Concert Series, from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays, July 20-Aug. 24
  - July 20** - Pride and Joy
  - July 27** - Aja Vu (Steely Dan Tribute)
  - Aug. 3** - Chicago Tribute Authority
  - Aug. 10** - Tony Lindsay
  - Aug. 17** - Tainted Love
  - Aug. 24** - Super Diamond (Neil Diamond Tribute)
- Summer Nights at the Livery, Thursdays, Aug. 9 and 23



*Pamper My Party*

Let the Spa come to you!  
 MASSAGE • SKIN • TEA • CATERING



- Bridal Showers • Mother's Parties
- Birthday Parties • Baby Showers
- Graduation Parties • Ladies Night "In"
- Announcement Parties
- Housewarming Parties
- Client Appreciation • Meetings
- Holiday Parties • Anniversaries
- Couples • Social Events • Celebrations
- Gift Certificates Available

[WWW.PAMPERMYPARTY.COM](http://WWW.PAMPERMYPARTY.COM) (925)575-0831

**MAKE YOUR DREAM KITCHEN... COME TRUE.**

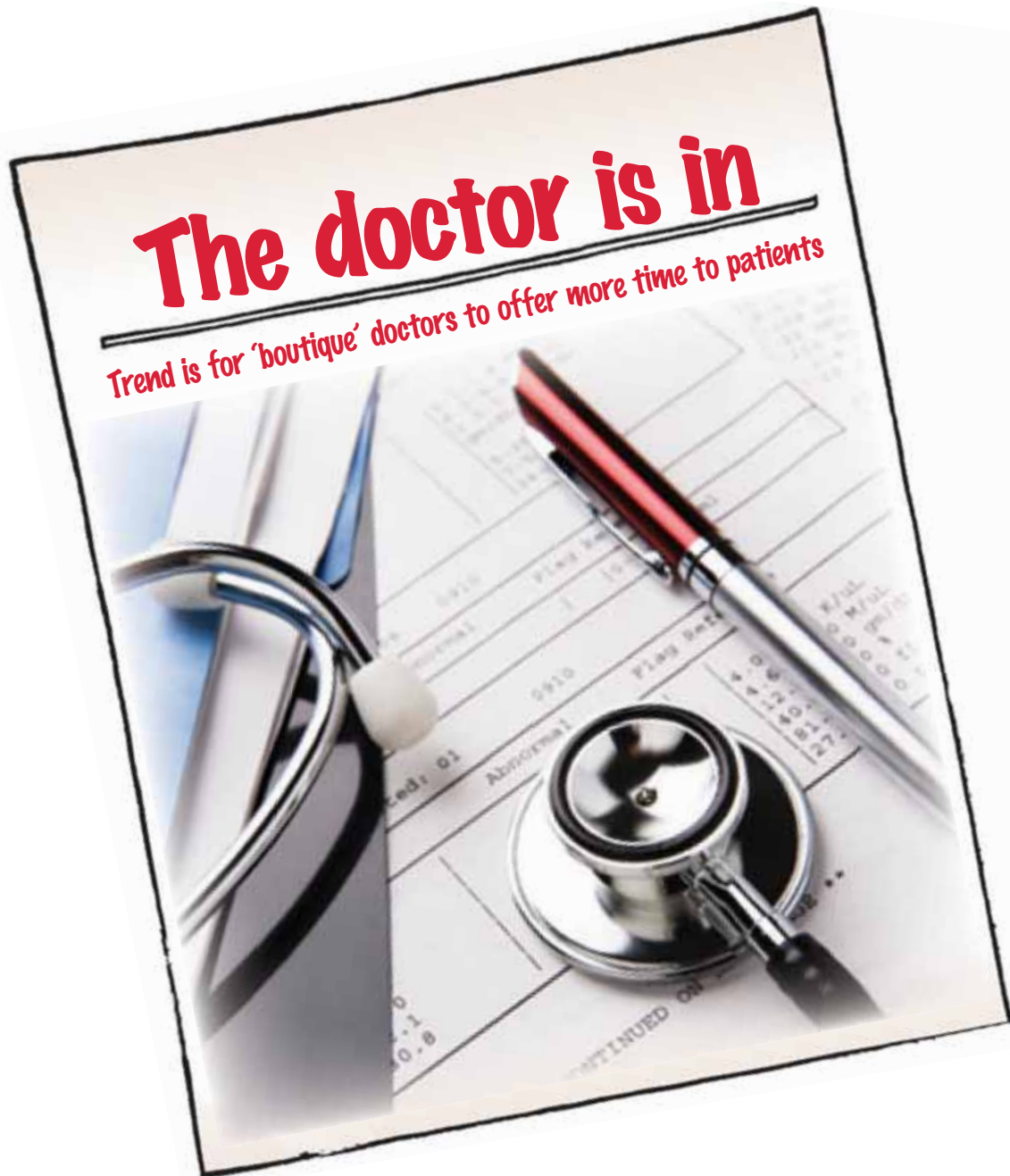


**CALL US TODAY!**  
**925 825 6651**  
 or visit us at:  
[www.shiemanconstruction.com](http://www.shiemanconstruction.com)  
 Specializing in Kitchens, Bathrooms, and Additions  
 1985 Maybelle Drive  
 Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Shieman Construction is committed to the highest quality of customer service. It is our priority to complete each project in an accurate, expedient fashion. Allow us the opportunity to make your dream kitchen come true.



CSBL# 583359



by Christina Straw

**Y**ou're out of time. You dashed out of a busy workday to sit in an uncomfortable waiting room chair but your time is up. You've waited for almost an hour and the attendant at the front desk can only apologize and tell you that the doctor should be free momentarily.

Frustrated, angry and needing to get back to work, you tell her you'll call to reschedule.

If this scenario sounds all too familiar, you're not alone. Unfortunately long wait times and limited face time with doctors isn't a trend that's fading anytime soon. In fact, it seems to be here to stay.

And you're not the only one who's dissatisfied.

"I was always in a hurried state when seeing patients and felt I wasn't doing an adequate job, particularly for those who had a lot of medical problems," Dr. Donald Parsons, a primary care physician, explained in his office in Danville.

Fed up with not being able to provide more attention per patient, Parsons started a practice that focuses on personalized healthcare and longer appointment times with each person.

"My practice is about giving the most time to patients," Parsons said. "I'm scheduling patients for about 30 minutes so I'm able to spend the time and look into all of their health problems at once."

Parsons has been practicing since 1979, focusing on internal medicine and infectious disease. He's been in practice in the East Bay for the last 10 years. Since he started his "concierge" practice last March allotting more time, he has received great feedback from his patients.

"Now I'm seeing eight to 10 patients a day and can take more time. Before I was seeing an average of 20 and not spending enough time with each," Parsons said.

#### No waiting time for patients

"Concierge" or "boutique" medicine is a shift in primary care in which doctors charge their patients for more individualized and personalized service beyond today's typical doctor's office visit.

Considered the pioneer of concierge medicine or, as he refers to it, "highly attentive medicine," Dr. Howard Marion launched MD2 in 1996 in Seattle, Wash. Marion, former physician to the Seattle SuperSonics, opened his office with fellow colleague Dr. Scott Hall. Marion enjoyed the personalized service he gave to the players and wondered why everyday people could not also have a personal physician.

Doctors who practice concierge medicine generally care for fewer total patients (100 to 800 per doctor) vs. the few thousand that traditional practitioners see every year. Annual fees can range from \$100 to \$15,000 a year per patient and can include additional services such as guaranteed same day or next day appointments, house calls, scheduling and referrals to other physicians and after hours access to doctors via phone.

Payments and insurance coverage varies by doctor. Some concierge doctors charge lower retainer fees and in cases where patients need more complex tests and examinations (X-rays, CT scans), individuals are expected to be responsible for insurance reimbursement.

MDVIP, a Boca Raton, Fla.-based company, helps doctors across the country convert their traditional practices to the concierge model. It also helps find the right doctor

for patients interested in and willing to pay for internal medicine and preventative care that cannot be given in a traditional medical setting. MDVIP currently has 29 doctors throughout California.

#### Critics of concierge

Critics are wary that concierge medicine will polarize healthcare in the United States.

"Concierge care is like a new country club for the rich," said U.S. Rep. Pete Stark (D., 13th District), at a joint economic committee hearing in Congress, according to a New York Times article in 2005. "The danger is that if a large number of doctors choose to open up these types of practices, the health care system will become even more inequitable than it is today."

"Doctor Is In—For a Price," an article on sfgate.com, quoted Dr. Gordon Shiff, a founder of Physicians for a National Health Program, as saying: "Many of the things that doctors are saying they'll do under concierge medicine should already be expected by patients. It shouldn't be an extra privilege that you have to pay for."

"If medicine is a public service and we're here to take care of everyone, you don't limit yourself to people who have money," he added. "Most people expect to be treated based on need, not how much money they have."

In a world where customer service has shifted from man to machine and people spend more and more time navigating the maze of de-personalization, concierge medicine seems like the perfect answer to rushed appointments and long wait times.

"The most frequent complaint I hear from patients is how long it took to get their first pre-natal appointment," said Danville resident Joanne Vecce, a labor and delivery nurse with Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Walnut Creek. "You have to navigate an automated system every time you call in. It can be frustrating."

"Doctors will hardly spend time with you anymore," said Vicki Hughes, another Danville resident. "It feels rushed and impersonal."

When asked if she would consider concierge as an alternative, Hughes said, "I'd love to, but with a husband and two kids, I don't really think it's affordable."

#### What next?

Questions are being raised about concierge medicine, but are doctors really to blame in wanting to provide better service to the patient in a world where models of practice in traditional medicine won't be improving anytime soon? And with a transition to this new model are doctors targeting a level of clientele who can afford their services or are they simply wanting to improve their job satisfaction?

In a world where people can fly coach, business, first class or by private plane; and can choose to sit in the VIP box or enjoy the game in the bleachers; concierge medicine is more often being offered as an alternative as well. ■



Dr. Donald Parsons began his concierge practice so he would have time to focus on patients and look into all of their health problems at once.

CHRISTINA STRAW



## The spices of life

In my opinion, three things make for good cooking—fresh ingredients, good pots/utensils and a knack for seasoning. (OK, a great stove is a wonderful asset, too.) Many cooks can provide the best of equipment and ingredients but are hesitant to cultivate their seasoning knowledge and skills. So, as I did with ethnic cooking last year, this season I'll offer a series on spices over the next few months.

This week's column will provide an overview of spices in general; future pieces will focus on specific spices or families of spices. If you have a specific spice you'd like to know more about or use more often, please let me know via e-mail.

I can't even imagine food without spices and herbs. However, seasoning with herbs and spices means enhancing and complimenting your dishes, not overwhelming the flavor of the food you serve. Let's begin with some background on herbs and spices.

### The history of spices

Spices have been a major component in man's history. The spice trade began around 2000 BC throughout the Middle East with cinnamon, Indonesian cinnamon and pepper. In ancient and medieval times, spices were among the most valuable items of trade. Controlling trade routes and spice-producing countries spurred many of the explorations of the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries. Marco Polo's trip to China in the late 1200s revealed the spice trade in those lands, and other Europeans sailed off in search of spices. Portuguese navigator Vasco Da Gama sailed to India in 1499 to circumvent the high spice prices in Venice. Similarly, Christopher Columbus brought back from the New World many of its previously unknown spices. Between the Silk Road and the navigational sea routes, the spice trade flourished. In fact, by the 1800s, some of the earliest American millionaires became rich through spice trading businesses.

### Spice or herb?

Spices are dried buds, seeds, roots, fruit or bark, used to flavor foods. Herbs are leaves of low-growing green plants which are used for seasonings. Herbs are used fresh, dried or ground into a powder. And, although the common seasoning, salt, is often considered a spice, it is a natural mineral.

Many spices and herbs also have qualities that make them useful in medicine, cosmetics, food preservation, perfumes, sacred rituals and as vegetables themselves. For example, ginger is used medicinally and sage is used in cleansing rituals, while garlic and fennel can be used as vegetables as well as for seasoning. Many herbs and spices are used in folk medicine. Today, more and more researchers are exploring the potential medical benefits of certain spices and herbs.

Seasoning blends are spice-herb mixtures. Examples of seasoning blends are chili powder (red pepper, cumin, oregano, salt, and garlic powder); curry powder (coriander, turmeric, cumin, fenugreek seed, white pepper, allspice, yellow mustard, red pepper, and ginger); garam masala and bouquet garni.

Condiments are liquid blends of herbs and spices, such as catsup, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, tabasco sauce, and specialty vinegars.

### Storing spices

Whole herbs and spices will last much longer than crushed or ground varieties. Many cooks buy them whole, then crush or grind as needed. Herbs and spices can be crushed with a mortar and pestle, smashing them between two cloths, or with the back of a spoon

in a cup. Some chefs believe that grinding them in a coffee or spice grinder releases their volatile oils: A fine grind producing delicate flavors; a coarse grind, strong bursts of texture and taste. To further enhance flavor: Roast the whole spices in a dry skillet over medium heat, being careful not to burn them.

When stored properly, dried herbs and ground spices should retain their flavor for a year; whole spices should last three to five years. Check your pantry of herbs and spices for freshness at least once a year. If no aroma is detected after crushing, the seasoning needs to be replaced. To ensure freshness, I suggest buying small quantities instead of the cost-saving economy containers. What good is a gallon of stale paprika?

Store all seasonings in cool, moisture-free places in air-tight containers. Use clean, dry spoons for measuring. Avoid sunlight or heat sources (e.g. stove, dishwasher). Heat, humidity and excessive light will accelerate dryness, causing spices and herbs to lose flavor quickly.

### The art of seasoning

Using spices and herbs in cooking helps in the preparation of finely tuned gourmet dishes or ethnic/cultural meals. By reducing levels of fat, sugar and sodium, herbs and spices can also be used to cut calories and improve the dietary content in your cooking. However, there is an art to seasoning with herbs and spices—learning how much to use and how to combine flavors can make all the difference between a tasty dish and an outstanding one. Use strong, pungent spices in small amounts; more delicate seasoning can be used in greater amounts. And while the herb or spice should not overpower the flavor, cultural preferences will influence your decision on use.

Cooking spices for too long can result in too strong or too harsh flavors. For best results, crush the herbs just before adding to your dish. With long-cooking dishes, such as stews and soups, add herbs and spices an hour or less before serving. Unless the recipe specifically calls for it, don't use more than three herbs and spices in any one dish. Indian recipes are an exception to this rule, as they often require five or more different spices in a dish.

To experiment with seasoning and further hone your skills, consider these steps:

1. Start with a tested recipe. After it has been prepared, decide if more or less seasoning is needed for the next time. What would you do differently?
2. Prepare the dish again, being more creative in your seasoning. Spice companies suggest 1/4 teaspoon (a pinch) of spice per pound of meat or pint of liquid when creating recipes. Only use 1/8 teaspoon of stronger seasonings. A guiding principle: It is easier to add more than to try to "fix" a dish after adding too much.
3. More than one herb or spice can be used in a recipe. When creating your own recipe, start with one or two choices. As you gain experience in cooking with herbs and spices, taste will spur you on to add other spices or substitute alternatives.
4. Try to strike a balance between art and science in your cooking. Begin by learning the use and flavoring of one or two herbs and spices and how they enhance certain dishes; then explore with others. Look for new ideas and recipes and expand your repertoire of seasonings and their uses.

*Jacqui lives in Danville with her pug, Nina Simone, and volumes of cookbooks and recipes. Her column runs every other week. E-mail her at [jllovermarshall@yahoo.com](mailto:jllovermarshall@yahoo.com).*



## Tired of Overcrowded Gyms? We Offer an Exclusive One-on-One Personal Training Facility

- STRENGTH & POWER DEVELOPMENT
- LIFESTYLE & WEIGHT MANAGEMENT
- BOXING FITNESS WORKOUTS
- CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS
- SPORT-SPECIFIC TRAINING
- PERSONAL DEFENSE TRAINING

**Barry E. Anderson**, Fitness Director  
NSCA Certified Strength and  
Conditioning Specialist  
B.A. Degree from Harvard University  
ACE Certified Personal Trainer



**925-867-3488**

3120-D Crow Canyon Road  
[HealthandFitnessPlus.net](http://HealthandFitnessPlus.net)



The market may be constantly  
changing, but you're in it  
for the long haul.  
So am I.

JOHNNA FOSCALINA

Whether  
you're funding your  
primary residence,  
your vacation home,  
or your investment  
properties, experience  
counts. Count on Johnna.

925.831.1950 office  
925.330.4259 direct

[WWW.JOHNNAS.COM](http://WWW.JOHNNAS.COM)  
[JFOSCALINA@AOL.COM](mailto:JFOSCALINA@AOL.COM)

**Johnna Foscilina**  
Your Lending Leader since 1990



**Diablo Funding Group**  
CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST BROKERAGE FIRM

ALASKA | ARIZONA | CALIFORNIA | COLORADO | FLORIDA  
| HAWAII | IDAHO | ILLINOIS | INDIANA KANSAS | MISSOURI | NEVADA  
| NEW MEXICO | OKLAHOMA | OREGON | TEXAS | WASHINGTON

License # 01067631



**PROTECT YOURSELF**

**PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES**

**GAIN PEACE OF MIND**

**Robert J. Silverman**  
Attorney At Law

**Wills, Trusts, Probate**

**BERDING & WEIL LLP**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**Alamo**  
(925) 838-2090

Call now for a free consultation

rsilverman@berding-weil.com

Emphasis in Estate Planning

Real Estate & Business Transactions

**Smog King**  
Every two years...  
You just gotta' do it.

**\$20 OFF**  
In & out in 20 minutes

All Smogs Including:

- DMV Renewal
- Test Only
- RV's
- Gross Polluters

State of California LICENSED  
**SMOG CHECK**  
TEST ONLY

3440-D Stanley Blvd. Pleasanton 925-846-7664  
19 Beta Ct. San Ramon 925-820-5665

Hours: Mon-Sat 8-6

**AJ DESIGN**



*Agnes Gordon*

- HOME STAGING
- INTERIOR DESIGN
- REDESIGN & COLOR CONSULTATION

AGGIEG@SBCGLOBAL.NET

131 BENJAMIN LANE  
DANVILLE  
925-858-2365

*Elegant and Relaxing  
Personalized Professional  
Nail Care*



**Bollinger Canyon location**

*Bollinger Nail Salon*

**BOLLINGER NAIL SALON LOCATIONS**

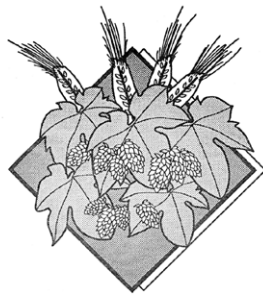
**San Ramon - Bollinger Canyon Road**  
18080 San Ramon Valley Blvd . . . (925) 830-9700

**San Ramon - Crow Canyon Road**  
2441 San Ramon Valley Blvd . . . . (925) 838-6300

**Pleasant Hill**  
1420 Contra Costa Blvd . . . . . (925) 680 8600

**Walnut Creek**  
1661 Mt. Diablo Blvd. . . . . (925) 938-2500


*Host a Party—For birthdays, bridal showers or friends who want to have a unique and fun get together, arrange a private party at Bollinger Nail Salon.*



**THE HOPYARD**  
AMERICAN ALEHOUSE & GRILL


*Neighborhood Brewpub*

**30 BEERS ON TAP**  
Huge Outdoor Patio!



**San Ramon**  
(925) 277-9600  
470 Market Place  
[www.hopyard.com](http://www.hopyard.com)

**Presenting the Past**  
BY BEVERLY LANE



**Setting the tone for Blackhawk**

When the families of Ansel M. Easton and his son-in-law William A. Ward moved to Blackhawk Ranch in 1917, they commissioned architect Louis Mulgardt to design this spacious house for them, at a cost of \$50,000.

MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY ARCHIVES



**Rotary names Valley Teen Idol 2007**

Kate Creamer, 18, an Alamo resident, won the Valley Teen Idol 2007 contest held by the Rotary Club of San Ramon Valley last Saturday night.

COURTESY ROTARY CLUB OF SRV

Kate Creamer, 18, a student at Diablo Valley College, has been selected as Valley Teen Idol 2007 by the Rotary Club of San Ramon Valley. Creamer graduated from Freedom High School in Brentwood and lives with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. C. Stephen Johnson of Alamo.

Creamer's prizes were a check for \$1,000, a recording session, a trophy and a certificate. Second and third place winners received \$500 and \$250.

"I started performing when I was 8 years old," Creamer said. "When I get on stage, it's like I'm not myself and something takes over me. I get out of my box."

This second annual contest was open to performers ages 13 to 19. Judges, who heard the contestants sing a 60-second a cappella performance, included some people from the music industry.

"It's a fun way for kids to express themselves and to utilize their talent," said Debora Killeen, the founder of the event. "There's so much hidden talent out there."

Tickets for the Teen Idol gala competition were \$65, with proceeds going to Rotary activities, which include providing scholarships to students, helping out with international projects and assisting the elderly. ■

## Role Players 'Putting It Together' with pizzazz

New production explores love issues to Sondheim's toe-tapping music

by Natalie O'Neill

In life, a serious discussion with a lover about your passionless relationship would never take place in the form of song. With the conversation backed up by a punchy piano, it would be hard to keep a straight face.

But that's exactly what makes Stephen Sondheim's musical "Putting It Together" fascinating. It allows for an amusing and unexpectedly emotionally rich avenue for exploring those same old issues.

The musical, put on by Danville Role Players Ensemble, follows two couples—one young and one old—as they bask in both the magnificence and the monotony of love.

"Could I bury my rage/ With a boy half your age/ In the grass? Bet your ass," belts a delightfully cynical Marcia Hetzler, who plays the "The Older Woman," in her solo "Could I leave you?"

As the older couple copes with their dying sex life and struggles to fill the communication void with ideas like "a country house," or "getting a dog," they are juxtaposed with a young couple's carnal attraction, blissful infatuation and overall optimism. As one love is fading away, another is freshly born and flourishing.

Set at an all-night black tie party, the musical numbers are pasted carefully together from 14 of Sondheim's past productions to form an entirely new plot. The new characters struggle with their own internal conflicts, separate from past musicals.

Sondheim, who is arguably the leading writer of musicals in the last 50 years, breaks through gender stereotypes in his portrayals of both couples. He seems to note that having a wandering eye, a fear of commitment and feelings of jealousy are two-way streets—not limited to just "the cheating husband" or "the clingy girlfriend."

Hetzler's believable portrayal of a sarcastic, burnt out wife was honest and sharp, prompting laughs in songs like "Ladies Who Lunch," a hilariously fake toast to wealthy and passive debutante women. Her enchanting voice, which possesses an almost an opera-like quality packs as much power as her character's bitterness.

"Here's to the girls who just watch/Aren't they the best/When they get depressed/It's a bottle of Scotch," she wails, displaying what seems to be a competitive feeling toward the women upon whom her husband's wandering eye has fallen.

True, a couple of songs that celebrate love, like "Unworthy of Your Love" from "Assassins" (1990), borderline on cliché—with overused phrases like, "I would swim oceans, I would move mountains, I would do anything for you." But the play glides quickly enough around overly-mushy sentiments and, in a blink, it is back onto the frankness of relationship dynamics. The audience doesn't miss a beat.

Credit, in part goes to Director Kathryn G. McCarty of Role Players, who secures the solidity and believ-



ability of the plot by adding subtle nuances in staging. This both foreshadows conflicts and ties them up resolutely.

Moving from light humor into complicated feelings puts this Role Player's production more into the category of "dramedy," than perhaps most audience members and musical fans are used to seeing.

The play doesn't fit neatly into one compartment—romance, drama or comedy—and that's what keeps it from falling into the formula romantic comedies are often trapped inside.

As the play so cleverly points out in the end, taking a risk and being in it for the long haul are what love and relationships are all about.

Whether you're a play-goer who enjoys delving into the psychology of love or just tapping your foot to a song, Role Players production of "Putting It Together" is an avenue worth exploring.

Other cast members include Lillian Askew as "The Younger Woman," William Giammona as "The Younger Man," John Hetzler as "The Older Man," and Mark Enea as "The Observer." Production staff includes Musical Director Joan Cifarelli, Choreographer Renae Klein, Stage Manager Dale Rosen, Props/Assistant Stage Manager Lisa Cambra, Set/Lighting Designer Mike Maio, Master Carpenter Loren Hoselton, Spotlight Operator/Crew Joel Stefani and publicity by Pat and Chris Kenber.

The production runs through May 12. Tickets are \$24 for adults; \$22 for seniors and students; \$18 on Thursdays; and can be purchased at [www.danvilletheatre.com](http://www.danvilletheatre.com) or by call 314-3400. ■



Exercising the social way at Shboom's in San Ramon are Weight Loss Challengers and friends (l-r) Diana Schabert, Jim Sturla, Bob Clafin, Stevie Sturla, Roxanne Clafin and Catie Jennings.

He said he went to restaurants often but would only eat half a meal.

The Weight Loss Challenge is the brainchild of Alamo executive Debbie Carmel who last year determined to get into better shape and decided to apply the "it takes a village" philosophy and include as many others as she could recruit. She also found sponsors,

Trusted Brands Since 1976

Decking

Redwood  
TimberTech  
Ipe Decking  
Trex



**RICHERT**  
LUMBER & HARDWARE



5505 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton • 925 846 5040

Where Resale is always Upscale!!

**SNICKERDOODLES**

CHILDREN'S & MATERNITY CONSIGNMENT

So much to See! So much to Buy!

**50% OFF Sale!!**

We offer the best  
Gymboree, Gap, Janie & Jack & Boutique Brands!

How to consign:  
Please, bring in one basket full  
at a time! 50/50 Split  
Call first to confirm space

**442 Hartz Avenue  
Danville, 94526  
Tuesday-Saturday 10-5  
925.820.4956**



PAID ADVERTISEMENT

## College financial planning night presented at Pleasanton Public Library!

Pleasanton—A free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students at the Pleasanton City Library 400 Old Bernal Street, Saturday May 5th at 1:15 and Sunday May 13th at 1:30.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good of a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or UC school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 parents make when planning for college. Everyone is welcome to attend, but the class is ideally suited for parents of high school sophomores and juniors.

The class is being taught by Len Dempsy, college planning expert. Seating is free, but limited by the size of the room, and previous classes have filled up. To reserve your seat, call the recorded message line at 925-218-0611, 24 hours a day. Or visit [WWW.ADVANCEDCOLLEGEPLANNINGCOM](http://WWW.ADVANCEDCOLLEGEPLANNINGCOM) for more info.

## Weight loss works

Dynamic Alamo group fetes biggest 'losers'

by Dolores Fox Giardelli

The second annual Weight Loss Challenge concluded last month with Greg Brown, who lost 13 pounds, being recognized as the winner/loser at the Biggest Loser Luncheon held at Round Hill Country Club.

"It took over a month to see any significant loss, very slow going," said Brown, who lost 6.86 percent of his body weight. "However, during the last two weeks—real progress."

He said the exercise was crucial: He worked the treadmill at sponsor Bally's for a half hour about three times a week, then did floor exercises and machines for another hour, plus he walked on the other days.

"I stayed away from all white foods—potatoes, bread, rice, pasta—and no fast foods, fried foods, pizza, pastries, sugar-filled soft drink, etc., yet I did not feel deprived," Brown added. "I ate meat, vegetables, salads, fruit, low carb yogurt and, of course, drank red wine. Also drank plenty of water."

► Continued on page 24

# The 411



BY KATHARINE O'HARA

## Demeaning language creates a forum

by Katharine O'Hara

In light of the recent scandal involving radio talk show host Don Imus and his highly offensive reference to the Rutgers women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos," it seems only appropriate to explore the nature of an issue that may be at the root of the Imus controversy—the derogatory language and vulgar nature of hip-hop culture.

Don Imus' abhorrent comments were certainly worthy of the consequences he has and will continue to face (Imus' radio show, Imus in the Morning, was canceled by both MSNBC and CBS), but at the same time, is it right that as Americans we hold a double standard? It is America who is appalled at Imus' remarks, yet did it ever register that it is America whose warm embrace of the demeaning hip-hop culture is quite possibly responsible for desensitizing him to the point that he felt his remarks might have been humorously well received? Perhaps it is necessary to note that we may be holding Don Imus to a higher standard than we are willing to hold ourselves to by permitting the widespread consumption of music that portrays disgusting and degrading images.

As responsible as Imus is for his offensive and deplorable comments so, too, is our society for openly accepting and adopting aspects of the hip-hop culture, which openly denigrate the female gender, casually and often referring to women as "bitches" and "hos." Rap artists who make equally as or more demeaning remarks than Imus are embraced and financially appreciated, further encouraged rather than held accountable. Widely respected rap icon Snoop Dogg even appeared at the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards accompanied by two women wearing dog collars around their necks and attached to leashes. Because of America's open and continued toleration of this despicable behavior, the public becomes desensitized to the flip-pant use of demeaning language, and internalizes these degrading terms. It is hardly surprising, yet nonetheless offensive, that before long, suburban, white, teenage males—or 66-year-old men for that matter—think it is OK to refer to

girls as "bitches" or "hos."

The issue is not exclusive to males: I am disgusted all too often when I hear girls at school referring to their fellow female friends as "slut," "bitch," "whore" or the like. I begin to wonder if their friends realize that the dictionary definition of a slut is "a dirty, slovenly woman" or that they are being defined as "malicious, unpleasant and selfish" when addressed as a bitch. I can't help but attribute the casual use of these words to the widespread exposure and support of the same language used in rap music. It makes me cringe and quite sad, to say the least, to think that each time one of these girls tolerates being pinned with one of these abominable titles—whether by rap artists, or even her friends—she is in a way forsaking her identity as a strong, independent and respectable woman.

As many have pointed fingers at rap music amid this controversy, many members of the hip-hop community are speaking out. Rather than blaming hip-hop for Imus' comments, "pointing at the conditions that create these words from the rappers should be our No. 1 concern," said Def Jam records founder, Russell Simmons. He argues that hip-hop merely reflects the injustices of society, notably poverty, which have afflicted many rap artists, and these injustices must be explored before blaming those rappers who merely portray them. However, it is important to note that it is not as if hip-hop artists simply describe their afflictions or rap about the deplorable misogyny that afflicts many black women. Rather, it seems many of them glorify this situation. To write off the offensive language in rap songs as artistic expression absolves rappers of any accountability for their offenses.

Though these rappers cannot be excused, Simmons does make an important point. There is no denying that rap music is offensive, but it is absolutely necessary to explore the reasons why the offenders feel the need to offend. It is through hip-hop that the consequence of the sin of slavery is readily apparent. Most likely a result of the emasculating nature of slavery, the male African-American psyche was severely damaged, and men

were left feeling utterly powerless with a need to somehow reassert their control. Unfortunately, this need presumably resulted in the degrading treatment of women that pervades modern day hip-hop culture.

On another note, one might wonder why it is only now that the American public has taken offense at such racist and sexist comments when rap artists have been allowed and even encouraged to use the same dehumanizing language for decades. It is reasonable to assume that seeing the faces of the women Imus was referring to rather than listening to the general and blind references made in many rap songs, brought the issue to a more personal level, evoking a greater sense of shock and outrage. It is time for women to say "no" to the denigration of their race, regardless of who is saying it. Once women do this in a public forum, the blind shots rappers make toward the female gender will be taken as personal offense on a wider level. As a country, it is time to think about what we are willing to accept.

We must take this whole issue above simply firing and denouncing offenders like Imus to a level of personal unrest and offense, and continue to discuss and push these issues until significant changes are made.

"The object was not to bring Imus down, it was to lift women up ... We must lift everyone above this name-calling and this denigration that we've accepted. It is a hole in America's soul," remarked Reverend Al Sharpton, the aggressive civil rights activist at the forefront of those pushing for Imus to be fired from his radio positions.

In the end, it is Don Imus we should thank for bringing about this forum to discuss issues that have been overlooked for far too long in a country such as our own, whose greatness is based on the freedom, tolerance and equality it boasts.

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

activities as well as exercising and nutrition advice.

Saz Ahern took second place by losing 12.5 pounds, which was 6.54 percent of her body weight. She credits the Weight Loss Challenge, which prompted her to watch her diet and do more exercise.

"I feel so good and it is so fun to be able to wear clothes that I have not worn in a long time," Ahern said.

The third-place loser was Jayne

Parise, who lost 12.5 pounds, 6.35 percent of her body weight.

"I decided not to diet but instead make a life style change," said Parise. "I started with making sure I always eat breakfast and removed all desserts and snacks from the house. I still have desserts, snacks and of course wine, just not every day. My next goal is to include exercise into my daily program. I am correcting one bad habit at a time." ■

## Weight loss

► Continued from page 23

people and business who contributed to make her events successful.

Last year Carmel had one volunteer and 39 challengers; this year 109 challengers signed up to compete and others helped her with the administrative details. The Challenge included fun social

Trusted Brands Since 1976

Our Name Brand Products



Baldwin • Kohler • Toto • Lutron  
Grohe • Trex • ToroPenofin • Halo  
Makita • Bosch • Velux • Moen  
Nutone • Anderson • Marvin  
Stanley • American Standard  
Rohl • In Sink Erator • Dremel  
Closetmaid • Kahrs • Hansgrohe  
Timbertech • Swanstone • Blanco  
Kwikset • Skill • Rainbird • Skill  
Minwax • Malibu... & more



**RICHERT**  
LUMBER & HARDWARE



5505 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton • 925 846 5040

IS YOUR BATHROOM IN NEED OF REPAIR?



We Specialize in Kitchens and Baths

## Lamorinda Home Repair

Repairs and Remodeling • Residential & Commercial

FREE ESTIMATES  
CALL US! WE CAN HELP

**313-8956**

All Phases Of Home  
Construction and Repair

There is no reason to call the  
electrician, plumber & carpenter.  
Our technicians can do it all  
and at a lower cost.

16 years in the Contra Costa  
area. Your single source for  
quality home repair.

- Windows
- Doors
- Skylights
- Tile
- Dry Rot
- Decks
- Retaining Walls
- Fences
- Baths/Kitchens
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- General Repairs

BONDED LIC. #578751 • INSURED

**STAND!**

Against Domestic Violence SM

## 25th Annual Joie De Vivre Gala "Dancing with the Stars"

Mistress of Ceremonies  
Cheryl Jennings  
Emmy Award winning  
Anchor, ABC7 News

Saturday, May 5, 2007  
5:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.  
Diablo Country Club  
1700 Clubhouse Road  
Diablo, California

Featuring professional ballroom  
dancers:

Magdalena,  
Phillip & Asako  
Daniele & Cecilia  
from

HoneymoonDance-performing sizzling  
and exciting ballroom dances.



TICKETS NOW ON SALE AT WWW.STANDAGAINSTDV.ORG

Silent/live auction with live music and dancing!

For sponsorship or ticket sales contact 925-603-0138 or [oscarr@standagainstdv.org](mailto:oscarr@standagainstdv.org)

STAND! Against Domestic Violence has been in existence for 30 years and is the largest domestic violence agency in Contra Costa County. Services include 24-Hour Toll-Free Crisis Line, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Legal Assistance, Counseling, Support Groups, Batterer's Treatment Program, Speaker's Bureau and Youth Programs. STAND! provides services to over 12,000 families, women and children each program year.

STAND! Against Domestic Violence leads the community in ending domestic violence and rebuilding lives!

## AT THE MOVIES



## Fracture

**Rated: R for language and some violent content. 1 hour, 52 minutes.**

★ ★ ★ ★

Director Gregory Hoblit's elegant thriller could be titled "The People vs. Hannibal Lecter." Playing a clever district attorney with a 97 percent conviction rate, Ryan Gosling shows off his acting chops and matches wits with Anthony Hopkins. The "Half Nelson" Oscar nominee holds his own against the steely-eyed Brit, whose structural engineer confesses to shooting his wife in what seems to be a slam-dunk case. The tension escalates as the pair face-off in terrific, restrained performances.

Screenwriters Daniel Pyne ("The Manchurian Candidate") and Glenn Gers ("My Brother's Keeper") have crafted a clever, cerebral narrative. Ted Crawford (Hopkins) trails his wife (Embeth Davidtz) to Santa Monica's Miramar Hotel, where she's having a no-last-names affair with Rob Nunally (Billy Burke). Later Crawford confronts his wife in their stylish home, gunning her down in cold blood. He confesses, Willy Beachum (Gosling) gets the open-and-shut case, and then things get interesting. Crawford changes his plea to not guilty and the prosecutor starts scratching his head when the gun confiscated at the crime scene proves not to be the murder weapon.

Everyone knows Crawford committed the crime. But can the young D.A. get a conviction and make him do the time? Moral dilemmas crop up, pitting law against justice. The issues surrounding this black-and-white case are colored in convincing shades of gray.

In a memorable scene, Hoblit ("Primal Fear") puts these cool-headed, calculating adversaries in a claustrophobic holding room and lets the camera run. The dialogue snaps. A cat-and-mouse interrogation takes place, each man looking for the fracture or weak spot in the other. Gosling and Hopkins skillfully use glances and voices to convey the intelligence behind their poker-faced facades.

The pleasures of the storytelling keep Willy Beachum, and the viewer, a half step behind Crawford—just enough to get oh-so-close to cracking the case, only to suffer disappointing setbacks and experience shocking new developments. The crime plot plays fair, and the subplot adds complexity: Beachum planned to leave his low-paying public service position for a lucrative corporate job. When Crawford humiliates and toys with him in the courtroom, the young hotshot refuses to listen to his boss (David Strathairn) and walk away from the case.

There's not a fava bean or bottle of Chianti in sight. But if you like your thrillers served chilled, "Fracture" won't disappoint.

—Susan Tavernetti

Paid Advertisement

## Here's How To Lock In Your Monthly Mortgage Payment

**FREE Recorded Message Reveals How Much Cash You Can Save Every Month 1-800-707-2607 Ext. 1**

**SPECIAL** - Are your house payments going up because you have an Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Could you be overpaying on your mortgage and not even know it?

Many homeowners are finding that with increasing interest rates their payments on their adjustable rate

mortgages are going up.

Today there are many mortgage plans that allow homeowners to lock in their interest rate while still keeping payments low.

A FREE Recorded Message answers a lot of the questions you have about refinancing, and gives you information about a FREE Refinance HomeLoanFinder Service that shows you:

- How to calculate how much extra interest you're paying on your mortgage every month.

- Exactly where to find home loans that will save you thousands of dollars in interest.

- Where to find loans that can both lower your monthly mortgage payments and give you cash back.

- How to refinance your mortgage with no out-of-pocket costs to you. You can get all the details in a FREE Recorded Message by calling 1-800-707-2607 ext.1 or call Lucrezia Mota and Gail Reilly direct at 743-1506.

## Lower Your House Payment with our "One Month ARM" (with Great New Pricing!)

- Minimum Payment at 1% (APR 5.830%)
- Vacation Homes also at 1%
- 40 Year Term Available for Really Low Payment
- "Lowest Margins"
- "Stated Income" at no extra cost
- Loan Amounts up to 7 Million
- Life Cap of 9.95%

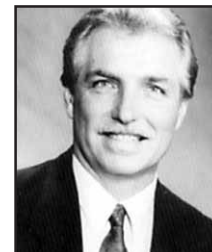
Example	30 year	40 years
Loan Amount	\$500,000	
1st Year Monthly Payment	\$1,608	\$1,264
2nd Year Max Monthly Payment	\$1,728	\$1,358
3rd Year Max Monthly Payment	\$1,857	\$1,460
4th Year Max Monthly Payment	\$1,996	\$1,569
5th Year Max Monthly Payment	\$2,145	\$1,686

### \*Equity Lines to \$750,000\*

Perfect for consolidating your 1st and 2nd mortgages, remove PMI, Cash-out to pay off debts, college funds, or the purchase of a second home.



**Laura Ryan**  
925.225.7644  
laura.ryan@wamu.net



**Harry Osmus**  
925.225.7647  
harry.osmus@wamu.net



## Washington Mutual

5800 Stoneridge Mall Road • Pleasanton, CA 94588

Offer applies only to the 1-Month Option ARM. The interest rate/APR may increase after the first month. The interest rate may change more frequently than the minimum payment amount. The minimum payment is always the lowest payment that can be made each month. Making the minimum payment each month can result in negative amortization. All payment options are not available each month. In addition, on 15-year loans, only up to three payment options are available. Interest that accrues between the date of closing and the month preceding the month in which your first payment is due will be based on the higher of the start rates or the fully indexed rate. APR is effective 4/05/06. The APR and 1.000% start rate are available only to borrowers with FICO scores equal to or greater than 720. Different start rates and APRs may apply to borrowers with different credit profiles. The APR and 1.000% start rate are also only available on purchase money and non-cash-out refinance loans secured by 1-2 unit owner-occupied properties with terms of 15 and 30 years. Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratios of up to 70% (purchase money and non-cash out refinance) and loan amounts of up to \$1.5 million. Additional limitations and restrictions may apply. Higher rates may apply 1-Month Option ARMs with different parameters. Rates and terms are subject to change without notice. Alternative pricing options may be available. Ask a Washington Mutual loan consultant for details. Typical financing examples of a \$200,000 loan with an LTV of 70% and pre-paid finance charges of \$3,607.29, a starting interest rate of 1.000%, Index of 4.011%, a Margin of 1.875% and a fully Indexed Rate of 5.886%. On a 30-year loan the APR would be 5.982 and the 360 minimum monthly payments would vary from \$643.28 to \$1,374.20. On a 15-year loan the APR would be 6.052% and the 180 minimum monthly payments would vary from \$1,196.99 to \$1,891.35. Washington Mutual has loan offices and accepts application in: Washington Mutual Bank- many states; Washington Mutual Bank, doing business as Washington Mutual Bank, FA- many states; and Washington Mutual Banks fsb- ID, MT, UT.



## We make solar power easy

THE NEW VALUE FRONTIER



**FREE SOLAR POWER SEMINAR:**  
"Learn how to eliminate your electric bill"

**Tennis and Community Park**  
5801 Valley Ave. Pleasanton, CA 94566

**April 28, 2007**  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **RSVP to amonge@Akeena.net**

**For a FREE Site evaluation, go to [www.akeena.net](http://www.akeena.net) or call 888-Akeena8 that's 888-253-3628**

## Sharks excel at Far Westerns

Crow Canyon Sharks, USA Swim Team excelled at the Far Western Championship held at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in Pleasanton earlier this month. More than 140 teams competed at the four-day meet, from California, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Oklahoma, Virginia, Idaho and Maryland.

The Sharks placed fifth overall, with a total of 243 points, earning 39 top eight finishes in individual and relay events, and seven first-place finishes.

A highlight of the event was Madison White, who hit the wall in 59.24 seconds in the 100 backstroke, breaking the USA Pacific Swim record made by Amanda Sims in 2002.

The Sharks individual top eight finishes were as follows:

**Callie Klein:** 200 Backstroke - 5th; 100 Backstroke - 8th

**Taylor Munk:** 400 IM - 3rd; 200 IM - 5th; 500 Free - 5th; 200 Backstroke - 6th; 200 Free - 7th

**Taylor Nanfria:** 1650 Free - 1st; 1000 Free - 4th; 200 Breast - 6th; 500 Free - 6th;



The Sharks 11-12-year-old girls 200 Free relay team of Madison White, Lexi Troup, Alexa Cavallo and Vanesa Johnson finished first in the Far Western Championship with a time of 1.44.06.

**400 IM - 7th**

**Lexi Troup:** 400 IM-3rd; 100 Backstroke-6th; 50 Backstroke-6th; 100 Fly-6th; 200 IM-6th; 100 IM-7th; 50 Fly-8th

**Madison White:** 50 Backstroke-1st; 100 Backstroke-1st; 200 Backstroke-1st; 200 Free-3rd; 100 IM-3rd; 200 IM-3rd

**Alexa Cavallo:** 200 Backstroke-5th

**Shailla Yoder:** 100 Breast-5th

**Kerstyn Colonias:** 200 Breast-2nd

**Olivia Alva:** 100 Breast-8th

**Page Bradley:** 200 IM-2nd; 200 Fly-2nd; 100 Breast-4th

**David Morgan:** 50 Free-2nd

The 11-12-year-old girls 200 Free relay team of Madison White, Lexi Troup, Alexa Cavallo and Vanesa Johnson finished first with a time of 1.44.06, missing the record of 1.43.95. ■



## Arsenal at the top

Arsenal clinched the San Ramon Sports Indoor Soccer League U8 Championship on April 1, coached by Ken Wise (left), Luis Andrade (right) and Todd Soderman. The team, with players from Sycamore Valley Elementary, Greenbrook Elementary and Golden View Elementary, beat the Thunder to win the title. Players were (back row, l-r) Max Miller, Brendan Cindric, Tyler Brooks, Eric Wood and Jake Bennett; (front row) Colton Andrade, Evan Wise, Joe Sprinkle, Bryce Buettner, Cameron Atkinson and Noah Soderman. The boys have been playing together for the last two years.

## Wolves upset snaps Mustang lacrosse winning streak

San Ramon ends cross-town rival's 23-game EBAL run

by Rachel McMurdie

In a game that rocked the local boys lacrosse status quo, San Ramon Valley High School finally earned a win over rival Monte Vista on Tuesday night last week.

The 13-4 upset put an end to Monte Vista's undefeated league record, which it has held since the beginning of the East Bay Athletic League's inaugural season in 2004. Those 23-game wins included eight wins over the Wolves, two of which were decided by just one goal.

This time, the Wolves wouldn't

leave anything to chance. San Ramon Valley (10-4, 6-0 EBAL) put four quick goals into the net after Monte Vista had tied it at 1-1, and started the second half with a 7-2 lead. The Mustangs (10-23, 5-1 EBAL) drove for a comeback in the second half, but each time the Wolves had an answer. San Ramon Valley won 14 of the game's 18 faceoffs, and after each of Monte Vista's four goals, the Wolves put in a goal of their own less than a minute later.

### Girls Lacrosse

Allie Van Dorn scored five goals in San Ramon Valley's 15-8 girls lacrosse win over Granada last Friday. Alyssa Lempesis added three

more goals to the Wolves' score. Casey Bowels and Jessie Esteban added another two each. With their first league win, the Wolves move to a 1-5 EBAL record.

### Baseball

Stephen Cunha's homerun set up the Mustangs on their way to a 3-1 baseball win over Amador Valley last Friday. The Dons (11-7, 1-5 EBAL) scored first, taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Monte Vista, kept quiet through the first four innings, tied the score in the fifth and took control, scoring again in the fifth and sixth. Starting pitcher Chip Tengler, who had a 1.4 ERA, recorded the win with the Mustangs.

With the win, the Mustangs (10-

6, 2-2 EBAL) move to a third-place tie with San Ramon Valley (9-7, 2-2) in the race for the East Bay Athletic League title.

San Ramon Valley earned a win over Granada on Friday in a 13-7 win.

### Softball

San Ramon Valley girls softball team couldn't muster their bats against California's Krista Miller. The Grizzlies' pitcher allowed just two hits and struck out six in their 2-0 win over the Wolves. San Ramon Valley (12-4, 3-1 EBAL) came into the game ranked No. 2 in the East Bay, but the game quickly soured for the Wolves when Mariah Nisbet's

second-inning triple drove into the left, scoring two Cal players.

Across town, Monte Vista (7-10, 0-5 EBAL) struggled against Livermore, losing 0-5 to the Cowboys. ■

E-mail photos to Editor@DanvilleWeekly.com.

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### Thursday-Saturday, April 26-28

**Boys' Tennis:** EBAL Tournament

**Girl's Golf:** Monte Vista at San Ramon Valley, 3 p.m.

**Boys' Volleyball:** Monte Vista at Amador, 6 p.m.

**Boys' Golf:** San Ramon Valley vs. Monte Vista, 3:30 p.m.

**Track and Field:** San Ramon Valley at Foothill, 4 p.m.

#### Friday, April 27

**Baseball:** Monte Vista vs. Foothill, 3:45 p.m.; San Ramon Valley vs. Amador, 3:45 p.m.

**Swimming and Diving:** Monte Vista at Clayton Valley; San Ramon Valley at Foothill, 3:45 p.m.

**Boys' Lacrosse:** Monte Vista at Amador, 7 p.m.; San Ramon Valley at Livermore, 7 p.m.

**Girl's Lacrosse:** Monte Vista vs. Amador, 7 p.m.; San Ramon Valley vs. Livermore, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 28

**Track and Field:** Sacramento Meet of Champions at Sacramento City College

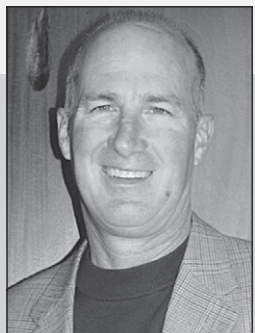
#### Monday, April 30

**Girl's Golf:** EBAL Tournament

**AMC** — Since 1968  
Alameda Mortgage Corporation

- A LOCAL DIRECT LENDER
- FAST DECISIONS
- PURCHASE/REFINANCE
- OUT OF STATE LENDING

- LOANS FOR EVERY NEED
- STATED INCOME/INT. ONLY
- HUD APPROVED LENDER
- PERSONALIZED SERVICE



Andrew Karleskind



Patricia Szabo



Eric Karleskind



Corina Wuest

Thousands of satisfied customers throughout California!

780 San Ramon Valley Blvd.  
2nd floor  
Danville  
925-855-7131

# Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY • POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT WWW.DANVILLEWEEKLY.COM

## Art

### Alamo-Danville Artists' Society

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

**Artists' Flea Market** The Artists' Flea Market, sponsored by the Pleasanton Art League is 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at DeLucchi Park, First Street at Neal in downtown Pleasanton. Find new and used art supplies, equipment, discounted artwork and more bargains.

### Entries Needed for Youth Art

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

### Solo Art Exhibit Celebrating

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

## Auditions

### Valley Concert Chorale Auditions

The Chorale is looking for experienced singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing challenging music come from 7-9 p.m., Monday, May 21, at First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L streets, Livermore. For an appointment, call 462-2405.

## Author Visit

**Children's Author Day** The Polka Dot Attic will host "Children's Author Day" with seven children's authors, including Elisa Kleven on Saturday, May 12, at the Polka Dot Attic, 411 Hartz Ave., Danville. Call 838-8004.

## Clubs

**Alamo Cribbage Club** The club plays cribbage for fun. It meets at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday at the Safeway conference room, 200 Alamo Plaza, Alamo. Call 935-3325.

**Alamo Rotary** The Alamo Rotary

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

### Alamo Women's Club Federated

The club meets on most Wednesdays at its clubhouse, 1401 Danville Blvd. It holds a business meeting and tea the second Wednesday at noon; meets for Mah Jong at 10:30 a.m. the third Wednesday; and holds a luncheon with program at noon the fourth Wednesday. For information, call 552-9733.

### Alamo-Danville Newcomers' Club

This club is open to new and long-time women residents of Alamo and Danville interested in making new friends in the area. Their Prospective Member Coffee is held the fourth Thursday of the month, and a monthly luncheon on the second Tuesday. Call 775-3233 or visit [www.alamodanvilnewcomers.com](http://www.alamodanvilnewcomers.com).

### Amador Valley Quilters Silent

**Auction** This annual fundraising event allows members to bring home "gently used" tools, books and notions, or rebuild their fabric stash from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Visit [www.amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org).

**Danville AM Toastmasters Club** The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at Father Nature's, 178 E. Prospect Ave. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Dave Miklasevich at 899-1543 or [dmik210@yahoo.com](mailto:dmik210@yahoo.com) or [www.danvilleamtoastmasters.org](http://www.danvilleamtoastmasters.org).

**Danville Lions Club** The Danville Lions Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Join us as our guest to learn the contribution you can make as a Lion. For information, call President Ted Fichter at 227-6617.

### Danville Mid-day Referral Group,

**BNI** Danville Mid-day Referral Group, a chapter of Business Network International, meets from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., every Wednesday, at Louka's, 267 Hartz Ave., Danville. Call Fran Bates at 363-4327 or e-mail [franbates@marykay.com](mailto:franbates@marykay.com).

### Danville PM Toastmaster Club

**#1785** The club meets from 7:30-9 p.m., every Wednesday, at DVC, San Ramon Campus, Room 217, 3150 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon. Guests are welcome. For information call Debra Elmore at 934-3113 or visit [www.danvilletoastmasters1785.com](http://www.danvilletoastmasters1785.com).

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

### 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.

### Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary

The Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary Club meets for breakfast at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Join them for great fellowship and make a difference in your community and the world. Call Scott at 743-8449.

### Diablo Diggers Dance Club

The Diablo Diggers Dance Club meets five times a year for dinner and dancing with a live band in the Danville or Walnut Creek area. The club is looking for a few new members, couples only. For information, call 938-0316.

### Diablo Singles Dance Club

**Diablo Singles Dance Club** Diablo Singles Dance Club dances regularly the last Wednesday of the month from 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Arts Education Building, corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. The cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. All are welcome. Call 837-2851.

### Diablo Valley Fly Fisherman

This club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Heather Farm Lakeside Room, 301 N. San Carlos, Walnut Creek. Guests are welcome. For information, visit [www.diablovalleyflyfish.org](http://www.diablovalleyflyfish.org).

### Diablo Valley Networking Group

Come join this dynamic team of business professionals to network and promote your business at 7:30 a.m., every Tuesday at Father Nature's restaurant on Prospect Avenue in Danville. For information, e-mail [Coach2Excel@aol.com](mailto:Coach2Excel@aol.com).

### Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild

The Diablo Valley Quilters' Guild meets at 7 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Guests are welcome (\$2 donation). Annual membership fee is \$30 (\$20 for seniors 65+). For information, call Dianne at 837-1863.

### Diablo Valley Single Parents

This group meets at 6:30 p.m., on various days each month, and at different locations in the valley. Visit [www.yahoo.com/dv\\_sp](http://www.yahoo.com/dv_sp).

### Diablo View Toastmasters

This chapter meets from 7:55-9 a.m., every Tuesday, at the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Novice and veteran speakers meet to develop speaking skills. Guests are welcome. Call Josh Taves at 791-2233.

### eWomen Network Accelerated

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

### Exchange Club of San Ramon

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

### Friends of the Danville Library

Friends of the Danville Library are renewing annual memberships and recruiting new members to help support, raise funds and sponsor programs for the Danville library. There are many benefits of being a Friend including merchant discounts, volunteer opportunities and preview of book sales. Dues and donations are

## WEEKEND PREVIEW



### Creating a heritage for future generations

Danville quilter Virginia Standley hangs a quilt for the Amador Valley Quilters guild as they prepare for the show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton this weekend. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 28; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, April 29. Admission for both days is \$8; for seniors and students, \$6. Parking is \$8. The show will have 400-plus quilts on display; demonstrations of quilting techniques; and vendors. At the Country Store, guild members will sell handmade items including quilts.

tax deductible. Application forms are at the library, 400 Front St. Call 837-4455.

### Homeowner/Homebuyer Book

**Club** The Homeowner/Homebuyer Book Club is a place to learn, share and discuss. It meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month, at 3223 Crow Canyon Road, second floor Conference room, San Ramon. Call 397-2093.

### Kiwanis San Ramon Valley

The San Ramon Valley Kiwanis meets from noon-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo. Meeting includes a guest speaker and lunch. For information, visit its Web site at [www.kiwanis-srv.org](http://www.kiwanis-srv.org).

### Pleasanton DeMolay

This Pleasanton chapter of DeMolay is an organization for young men between the ages of 12-21. They meet at 7:30 p.m., the first and third Tuesdays of every month at the Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Road. For information, contact Ken Varallo at 455-8586 or [raptors2@comcast.net](mailto:raptors2@comcast.net).

### Porsche Club of America, Diablo

**Region** This club is for owners and enthusiasts of all Porsches. It meets at 8 a.m., every Saturday for breakfast at Denny's, 803 Camino Ramon, Danville. For information, visit [www.pca.org/dia](http://www.pca.org/dia).

### San Ramon Valley Genealogical

**Society** The society meets at 10 a.m., every third Tuesday of the month, except August and December, at the LDS Church, 2449 Stone Valley Road. Guest speaker at every meeting. All welcome. For information, call Ed at 299-0881.

### San Ramon Valley Rotary Club

This club meets for dinner at 7 p.m., every Wednesday, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Guests are welcome. The club offers a great way to make new friends while making a difference in your community. Call Bill at 838-9110.

### Tri-Valley Writers Association

This club exists to inform, educate, and have fun and is open to anyone interested in the craft of writing. The club meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at Girasole Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Contact Steve Workman at 485-1011 or [skworkman@aol.com](mailto:skworkman@aol.com).

### Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post

**75** The organization meets every second Thursday of the month at Danville Veteran's Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville. For information, call Post Commander Mac McCuskey at 837-2740 or visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

## Concerts

### Diablo Symphony Orchestra

Brazzissimo, a Bay Area brass ensemble, Joyce Johnson Hamilton and the Diablo Symphony will be in concert at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at the Leshler Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$12, \$20, \$22. Call 943-7469 or visit [www.leshercenter.org](http://www.leshercenter.org).

## Events

### 'Ferrari' Blackhawk Museum presents

"Ferrari" with Ed Gilbertson and Patrick Ottis from 10:15 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 12, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and children under six and active military personnel or free. Call 736-2280 or visit [www.blackhawkmuseum.org](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org).

### Adoption Faire At East County

**Animal Shelter** Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will host an Adoption Faire from 1:30-5 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. The day will include: a professional dog trainer, low-cost spay/neuter certificates, free training sessions and accessories to dog adopters; free goodie baskets to cat adopters. Free hot dogs for all. Visit [www.tvr.org](http://www.tvr.org).

### Art Made Easy

A community reception will be celebrating "Art Made Easy" from 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 30, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. A student art exhibit is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday, May 1-3, and from 9 a.m.-noon, Friday, May 4. This event is free. Call 931-5340.

### Bringing Back the Natives Garden

**Tour** The third annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour is a free, self-guided tour showcasing 60 pes-

Selling Quality Products ... Since 1976



## Moulding

**Crisp Detailing**

**Carefully Primed**

**Interior & Exterior**

**We will Load it**



5505 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton • 925 846 5040



Sunol Blvd Exit  
1/4 Mile East  
CLOSED SUNDAYS

# Special *Stickley* Sale



As the largest Stickley dealer in northern California, Flegel's offers exceptional savings during our Stickley Sale, on now!

*Flegel's*

Fine Furniture & Interior Design

San Ramon	300 Market Place	925.806.0430
San Rafael	1654 Second Street	415.454.0502
Menlo Park	870 Santa Cruz Ave.	650.326.9661

[www.flegels.com](http://www.flegels.com)

ticide-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)

**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).

**Farmers Market** The Danville Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Saturday, at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, at the corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues. Call 825-9090 or visit [www.pcfma.com](http://www.pcfma.com).

**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.

**Fourth Annual Antique Road Show** Blackhawk Museum Guild presents the fourth annual Antique Road Show from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, May 20, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Items will be verbally appraised for a donation of \$15 per item. Proceeds will benefit the Museum's Children's Education and Transportation Fund. Call 736-2280.

**LIVE! at the Livery** Danville Livery, Forbes Mill Steakhouse, Luna Loca, Patrick David's Restaurant and Ristorante Piatti will host "LIVE! at the Livery" from 5-8 p.m., May 10-31, at Danville Livery & Mercantile, Sycamore Valley Rd. West & San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville. Cost is \$5, including a free souvenir wine glass. Proceeds benefit the Discover Danville Association. Visit [www.danvil-livery.com](http://www.danvil-livery.com).

**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.

**San Ramon Art and Wind Festival** The City of San Ramon and Chevron will host the 19 annual Art and Wind Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday-Monday, May 27-28, at Central Park,

12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. There will be over 200 arts and crafts booths, 3 stages of live entertainment, interactive kid zone and a Hot Air Balloon launch at 6 a.m., Monday, May 28. Call 973-3200 or visit [www.artandwind.com](http://www.artandwind.com).

**Sheep Shearing Day** San Ramon Historic Foundation will host a Sheep Shearing Day from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 12. Enjoy the kids craft area, the farm and a turn around the May Pole. Food will be available for purchase. Admission is \$3. Call 973-3281.

**Spring Fest** Town of Danville will host Spring Fest from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front St. The day will include performances, face painting and more! Call 314-3400.

**Street Smarts Skate Nights** City of San Ramon and Golden Skate present Street Smarts Skate Nights from 6:30-9 p.m., the third Wednesday of the month, at Golden Skate, 2701 Hooper Drive, San Ramon. Admission is \$8 including skates, \$4 for in-line skates and parents skate for free. Call 820-2520 or 973-2655.

**Tour of the Blackhawk Museum** Blackhawk Museum sponsors a docent-led tour of the museum's Renowned Exhibitions at 2 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. The tour is free with admission. For information, call 736-2280.

**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)

## Exhibits

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

**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 are required, call 947-3535 or e-mail [smdinfo@savemount-diablo.org](mailto:smdinfo@savemount-diablo.org).

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

## Film

**'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

**12th Annual Spring to Success Luncheon** Wardrobe for Opportunity will host its 12th annual Spring to Success Luncheon from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, May 11, at San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Dr. Cost is \$80. Proceeds benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity. Call (510) 463-4100, ext. 11 or visit [www.wardrobe.org/events.html](http://www.wardrobe.org/events.html).

**14th Annual Greater Danville Open Golf Tournament** Danville Rotary Club will host the 14th annual Greater Danville Open Golf Tournament starting at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 4, at Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville. Cost is \$225 per player. Proceeds will benefit community based youth activities. Call 837-3716.

**Annual "Day At The Races"** Youth Homes Auxiliary will host the "Day at the Races" from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 10, at Golden Gate Fields, 1100 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley. Tickets are \$30. Gates open at 11:00 a.m., with the first race at 12:45 p.m. and the last race is over by 4:30 p.m. Call 938-4148 or visit [www.youthhomes.org](http://www.youthhomes.org).

**Annual Kitchen and Garden Tour** Glenbrook and John Baldwin

## ROLE PLAYERS ENSEMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

April 20 - May 12, 2007. The Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Danville

*Sondheim's Stunning Musical Review*

**Putting It Together**

**It's a hit!**



*It's smashing—the vocal talent, set and costumes are all extraordinary.* Joe, Danville

*I'm going to tell my friends - and I'm coming back.* Nancy, San Ramon.

Good seats available, but going fast

**Directed by**  
Kathryn G. McCarty

**Music and Lyrics by**  
Stephen Sondheim

Presented in Association with the Town of Danville

Tickets \$18 - \$24  
online at [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com)  
or at The Community Center,  
420 Front St, Danville  
or call  
(925) 314-3400; 314-3463  
Thursday Bargain night \$18.  
Group rates: \$15

## Jumpstart Your Life

Jumpstart Medicine offers a medically supervised weight loss program individually designed for men and women. Looking to lose weight safely and quickly. On average, our patients lose 2 to 5 pounds per week over the course of 12 weeks. Most patients feel great, have no cravings, and stay highly motivated due to quick results which they can see and feel.

How much do you want to lose?

Walnut Creek • San Ramon • 925-277-1123 • [www.jumpstartmedicine.com](http://www.jumpstartmedicine.com)

## The UPS Store

### Sycamore Square Danville, CA

Your Home Office Away From Home

- Shipping
- Mailbox Rentals
- Color Copies
- Business Services
- Corporate Accounts
- Notary Services
- Packaging Services
- Passport/ID Photos
- Shredding Services

**Products and Service Guide**  
Inquire about our free monthly special offer

**696 San Ramon Valley Blvd.**  
Danville, CA 94526  
**Phone: (925) 838-0052**  
**Fax: (925) 838-4630**

## See and be seen at...

"A Contemporary American Steakhouse"

**Mother's Day Champagne Brunch**  
10:00am - 2pm

- Omelet Station • California "Raw" Bar
- Prime Rib, Leg of Lamb and Roast Turkey
- Scrumptious Desserts
- Lots More!... "An Epicurean Extravaganza"

**Dinner 5:00pm-8:00pm**  
Regular menu with specials "Just for Mom"

Make Your Reservations Now!  
2410 San Ramon Valley Blvd. (925) 838-5678  
[www.bighorngrill.com](http://www.bighorngrill.com)

Elementary schools will host their annual Kitchen and Garden Tour from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, May 6. Enjoy catered foods and a mini silent auction and drawing. Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Call 743-9823.

**Devil Mountain Run** Devil Mountain Run will be from 9-11 a.m., Sunday, May 6, at Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot (between Andronico's and the Museum of the San Ramon Valley). Proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital Oakland. Call (415) 759-2690.

**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.

**Leo Brien Memorial Golf Tournament** This foundation will

host its 10th annual Memorial Golf Tournament from 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Monday, June 4, at the Diablo Country Club, 1700 Club House Rd. The day will include golf, cocktail hour, dinner, awards and a raffle and silent auction. Cost is \$300 for golf and dinner, \$60 for dinner only. Call 648-2781 or visit [www.leobrienfoundation.com](http://www.leobrienfoundation.com).

**Personal Sanctuaries Garden Tour** Personal Sanctuaries will host the second annual Garden Tour from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 18-19, in the Danville and Alamo areas. Advance tickets are \$25, \$30 at the door. Proceeds will benefit UCSF Breast Cancer Research. The event will include a silent auction and tea party, and there will be a book signing with Susan Vreeland at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 19. Visit [www.personal-sanctuaries.blogspot.com](http://www.personal-sanctuaries.blogspot.com).

**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).

**Thrift Shop Promotions** Assistance League of Diablo Valley's primary fundraiser will feature Men's Aloha Shirts, (May 8-12), Vintage Hats, Purses and Clothing (May 15-19), Bathing Suits and Bridal Wear (May 22-29), at The Way Side Inn Thrift Shop & Costume Rental, 3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette. The shop hours are from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 838-0075.

**Tour of Lafayette's Kitchens** Lafayette Juniors presents the Eighth Annual Tour of Lafayette's Kitchens from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 19. This year's tour showcases six exquisite kitchens and homes. Tickets are \$35, with an optional gourmet luncheon for \$12 extra. Proceeds will benefit Community Violence Solutions. Call 385-0381 or visit [www.lafayette-juniors.org](http://www.lafayette-juniors.org).

**Trip to Oliver Ranch Sculpture Park** Bedford Gallery will host a trip to Oliver Ranch Sculpture Park which includes 2 1/2 hour walking tour followed by a wine and picnic lunch from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 5, meeting at Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Cost is \$100. Proceeds will benefit the gallery's exhibits and programs. Call 295-1418.

## Health

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

**Breast Health Seminar** World School of Massage will offer a free

seminar called "Breast Health: Lymph Loving!" from 4:30-6 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, at World School Massage, 699 Peters Ave., Pleasanton. Participants will leave with self-care techniques. Call 461-2533 or visit [www.world-schoolmassage.com](http://www.world-schoolmassage.com).

**Chi Kung Class** The Wellness Community will host Chi Kung class for cancer patients and their caregivers from 9:30-10:45 a.m., Tuesdays, until Aug. 8, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Comfortable clothing and socks are a must. Call 933-0107.

**Open Gym** Town of Danville is offering Adult Open Gym from 7:30-9:15 a.m., Saturdays, and High School Open Gym, 6-8 p.m., Sundays, both at Los Cerritos Middle School Community Gym, 968 Blemer Road, Danville. Discounted pass cards are \$4 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Call 314-3386.

**Post Treatment Breast Cancer Program** This 10-week workshop is for women who are at least 3 weeks past treatment for breast cancer which runs from May 9-July 18, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Designed to aid in recovery from both the physical and emotional effects of cancer more fully and quickly. Call 933-0107.

**Safe, Natural Solutions for Allergies** Come to this class to find more approaches for hayfever symptoms and other allergies for the allergy season from 7:15-9 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, at San Ramon Community Center, Room 102. Cost is \$15. Call 639-8183.

**World School's Free Foot Seminar** World School of Massage will offer a free seminar called "Foot Freedom: My Feet Are Healthy" from 4:30-6 p.m., Thursday, May 10, at World School Massage, 699 Peters Ave., Pleasanton. This class offers a chance to give well-deserved attention to the participants feet. Call 461-2533 or visit [www.worldschoolmassage.com](http://www.worldschoolmassage.com).

**Yoga Classes** The Diablo Yoga Center offers community classes (taught by student teachers), from 4-5 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, at the Diablo Yoga Center, 125A Town and Country Drive, for \$8 per class. For information, visit [www.diabloyogacenter.com](http://www.diabloyogacenter.com).

## Holiday

**Special Tea for Moms** English Rose Tea Room will host a special Mother's Day Tea with three different times at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at The English Rose, 163 Neal St., Pleasanton. The menu will include the usual traditional afternoon tea and special treats. Cost is \$25. Call 462-6233.

## Kids and Teens

**'Alice in Wonderland'** Civic Arts Education's Junior Theatre presents "Alice in Wonderland" with many Alamo performers at 7 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 11-12, at Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$11-13. Call 943-7469 or visit [www.dlra.org](http://www.dlra.org).

**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).

**Mt. Diablo Junior Rangers Program** Junior Ranger Program is for kids, ages 7-12, to study Mt. Diablo State Park from 1-4 p.m., starting April 28, meeting at Mt. Diablo State Park. Each session includes educational topics and a hike. Participants earn their Junior Ranger Certificate at completion. Cost is park admission only. Preregistration is required, call 362-8697 or visit [www.mdia.org](http://www.mdia.org).

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

## Lectures/ Workshops

**Employment and Disability Rights for People with Cancer** Learn about the different laws that protect people with cancer in the workplace from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, May 10, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients and their caregivers. Call 933-0107.

**Health Savings Accounts 101** Controlling health care costs is the number one concern among employers; how is your company addressing this issue? This workshop is from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, at Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Cost is \$30 for members, \$50 for nonmembers. Call (415) 291-1992 or visit [www.nchra.org](http://www.nchra.org).

**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.

**Integrative Oncology** The Wellness Community will host "Integrative Oncology" from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, at The Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Learn about complementary therapies

## Senior Homecare by Angels

Select Your Caregiver!



We know it isn't easy to invite someone into your home to provide homecare.

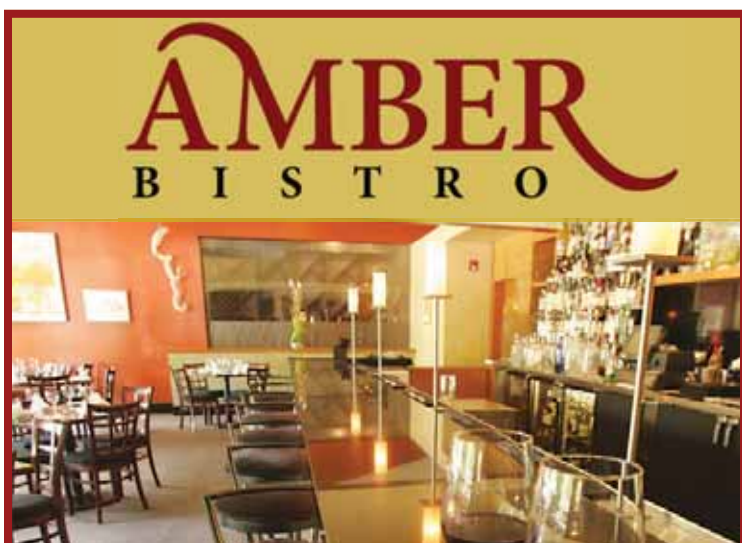
At Visiting Angels®, character matters in our caregivers!

Up to 24 hour care. Hygiene assistance, meals, light housework, companionship.

Our caregivers are thoroughly screened.



925-552-6500  
[www.jmhomecare.com](http://www.jmhomecare.com)



Join us for brunch or dinner on Sunday, May 13th. Celebrate Mother's Day while enjoying an elegant meal in our beautiful dining room.

Brunch - 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dinner - 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

RSVP (925) 552-5238

500 Hartz Avenue, Danville • [www.amberbistro.com](http://www.amberbistro.com)

## SUMMER FUN 2007

**St. Mary's Athletic Summer Camps**  
38 Years of Excellence/Moraga, CA  
Boys & Girls Overnight & Day Camps  
All Sport • Soccer • Baseball • Basketball • Softball  
LaCrosse • Volleyball • Golf • Rowing • Tennis • Rugby

Register Online Today!

[www.SMCGAELS.COM](http://www.SMCGAELS.COM)

(925) 631-4FUN

Saint Mary's was one of the first institutions in Northern California to offer overnight and day camps, specializing in athletics.

## Diablo Mountain Sports and Recreation

High Adventure Overnight Camps (Ages 9-18)  
Skateboard Camps  
Football Basic Skills Camp (Ages 6-12)  
Traditional and Adventure Day Camps  
Windsurfing Summer Day Camp (Ages 8-18)

Summer Adventure for ages 3-18

<http://diablosports.org> • 925.952.4450  
<http://walnutcreeksportsleague.com>

PET OF THE WEEK



CATHERINE RUSH

**Kitten season**

Are you interested in becoming a foster parent for a local animal rescue organization? This time of year animal shelters are preparing to care for everything from pregnant cats to orphaned newborn kittens in need of bottle feeding. Foster homes also provide care to kittens, like the ones pictured here, that just need a few weeks of foster care to prepare them for adoption. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, check out the Web sites of the following three local animal rescue organizations in the Tri-Valley area: Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, [www.tvlar.org](http://www.tvlar.org); Valley Humane Society, [www.valleyhumanesociety.org](http://www.valleyhumanesociety.org); and Tri-Valley SPCA, [www.eastbayspca.org](http://www.eastbayspca.org). Each Web site lists the organizations' requirements for volunteers and prospective foster families. Committed foster parents save lives and fostering can be a very rewarding volunteer experience.

when receiving chemotherapy, radiation or hormonal therapies. This event is free to cancer patients and their caregivers. Call 933-0107.

**Kids Circle and Teen Talk** The Wellness Community will host "When Mom or Dad has Cancer" from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. School-age children can participate in fun activities to help them express themselves with their concerns. Parents meet concurrently. Call 933-0107.

**Law of Attraction** Mike Dooley will present "Law of Attraction" where you will learn how to access and harness a power from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at Unity Church, 1187 Franklin St., San Francisco. Cost is \$125 through May 1, \$150 at the door if space available. Visit [www.mikedooleysf.com](http://www.mikedooleysf.com).

**NCHRA Tri Valley: HSA's 101** NCHRA Tri Valley will host HSA's 101 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. It will include reviewing the basics and trends in Health Savings Accounts. Cost is \$30 for members, \$50 for nonmembers. Call 809-3522 or visit [www.nchra.org/chapters](http://www.nchra.org/chapters).

**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.

**Publicity 101** The Danville Weekly and Pleasanton Weekly will host "Publicity 101" from 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, May 3, at the Danville Weekly, 315 Diablo Rd. and on Monday, May 14, at the Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100. Reservations are required, call 600-0840.

**Radiant Well-Being** This workshop is for people who have completed cancer treatment and are interested in discovering the next step in the journey meeting from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at the Wellness Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. This event is free to cancer patients and their caregivers. Call 933-0107.

**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. Tickets are \$20. Visit [www.acteva.com/go/valleystraighttalk](http://www.acteva.com/go/valleystraighttalk).

**Literary Events**

**First Wednesday Programs** The Friends of the Danville Library and the Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley sponsor First Wednesday programs in the Mt. Diablo Room of the Danville Library, 400 Front St., at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, October through May, with the exception of January. The program is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Call 938-7323.

**Library Book Discussions** The discussion group meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of every month from September through May at the Mt. Diablo room of the Danville Library, 400 Front St. Everyone is welcome.

**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.rakestrawbooks.com](http://www.rakestrawbooks.com).

**Live Music**

**Annual Spring Concert** Young Artists Symphony Orchestra presents an afternoon of Gershwin, Brahms and more from 2:30-5 p.m., Sunday, May 13, at San Ramon Valley High School Performing Arts Center, 140 Love Lane, Danville. This event is free. Call 381-9581.

**Antioch Collegiate Jazz Festival** Grammy winner Christian McBride headlines with ensembles from CSU East Bay, CSU Fresno, San Jose State and University of the Pacific from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at El Campanil Theatre, 602 W. 2nd St., Antioch. Tickets are \$35, \$25, \$20.00 or \$15.00. Call 757-9500 or visit [www.antiochmusic.org](http://www.antiochmusic.org).

**Miscellaneous**

**Host Families Needed** Edu-Culture International (ECI) is looking for host families for students from France and Spain this summer from June 29-July 29 and July 7-July 31. Host families provide room, board and a loving environment. Students are fully insured and bring their own spending money. For information, e-mail Dawn at [garlieb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:garlieb@sbcglobal.net).

**Wine Tasting Party** Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery will host a Wine Tasting Party from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery, 400 Main St., Pleasanton. The night will include a viewing of art, variety of wines and specialty French appetizers. Cost is \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door. Call 945-8340 or visit [www.winesocials.com](http://www.winesocials.com).

**On Stage**

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

**'How The Other Half Loves'** Center REPeritory Company presents "How The Other Half Loves" from May 17-June 16, at the Center REPeritory Company, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$14-38. Call 943-7469 or visit [www.dlrca.org](http://www.dlrca.org).

**'This Is Not My Life'** Eugene O'Neill Foundation presents "This Is Not My Life" at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 6, in the Old Barn, Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House. Tickets are \$25, including transportation; they are on sale at the Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Call 820-1818.

**'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, through 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.

**Recreation**

**Beginner and Intermediate Bike Ride** Nick Maufe will host a 10-mile bike ride through Mt. Diablo's beautiful Pine Canyon at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 28, meeting at Shell Ridge Trailhead, at the end of Sutherland in Walnut Creek. Call 719-2504 or email [nick-maufe@hotmail.com](mailto:nick-maufe@hotmail.com).

**Beginner and Intermediate Bike Ride** Mel Corcoran will host a ride to Borgess Ranch and loop back via Shell Ridge from 9-10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 12, meeting at Macedo Ranch Staging Area, north end of Green Valley Rd., Alamo. Rain Cancels. Call 820-9737 or email [mel-corcoran@yahoo.com](mailto:mel-corcoran@yahoo.com).

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

**Brushy Peak Regional Preserve** Ron Brown and Mike Portnoff will lead a moderate hike of the Brushy Peak Regional Preserve at 9 a.m.,

Wednesday, May 2, meeting at the Orinda Community Center. Hiking boots required; bring water and lunch. Call 376-8708 or 934-3569.

**Falls Loop Trail** Join Sharon Walters to celebrate spring with a beautiful hike to the waterfalls of Mt. Diablo from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 12, meeting at MDSP Donner Creek and Back Creek, Clayton. Carpool will meet at 8:15 a.m., at Green Valley Elementary, Green Valley Rd., Danville. Heavy rain cancels. Call 820-3102.

**Hike Leader Workshop** Ever wonder how to lead a hike or help show a public access to special places? SMD Board member, Don deFremery, will lead a hike leader workshop from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 19, at Macedo Ranch Staging Area, north end of Green Valley Rd., Alamo. This event is free, but donations are accepted. Rain or shine. Call 947-3535.

**Intermediate Bike Ride** Howard Royer will lead an intermediate 14-mile bike ride of the south-east section of Mt. Diablo State Park at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 5, meeting at Finley Road. Call 519-2121 or email [hjroyer@comcast.net](mailto:hjroyer@comcast.net).

**Intermediate Bike Ride** Drew Berkett will lead a three hour mountain bike loop ride to Shell Ridge from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 5, meeting at Macedo Ranch Staging Area, north end of Green Valley Rd., Alamo. Bring water and a snack. Rain cancels. Email [d\\_berkett@hotmail.com](mailto:d_berkett@hotmail.com).

**Intermediate/Advanced Bike Ride** Alex Corbishley will host an advanced 18-mile bike ride to Juniper Campground on Sunday, June 16, meeting at MDSP-Macedo Ranch Staging Area, north end of Green Valley Rd., Alamo. Email [b\\_aero@hotmail.com](mailto:b_aero@hotmail.com)

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

**Morgan Red Corral** Join A.C. Weber to view Morgan Red Corral and then embark on a 3-hour hike along Highland Ridge Trail and Tassajara Creek Trail on Saturday, April 28. Heavy rain cancels. Email [aloyusiusWeber@comcast.net](mailto:aloyusiusWeber@comcast.net).

**Mt. Diablo: A Rise Above the Rest** Discover Mt. Diablo 's unique geology and history through a tour lead by Vince Anibale of the park's visitor cen-

ter from noon-12:45 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at Mt. Diablo State Park Visitors Center. Call 837-6119 or email [vanibale@parks.ca.gov](mailto:vanibale@parks.ca.gov)

**Mt. Olympia and Eagle Peak Hike** Steve Bakaley will lead a beautiful 10-15 mile hike to Mt Olympia and Eagle Peak from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, May 5, meeting at Mitchell Canyon Staging Area, Clayton. Wear light-colored clothes and long pants; bring lunch and water. Cost is \$3 for parking. Carpool will meet at 8:15 a.m., at Walnut Creek Bart. Call 945-8205.

**Seniors**

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

**Buzz Sessions** Town of Danville presents Buzz Sessions for seniors from 1-2:30 p.m., each fourth Tuesday of the month, at Danville Library, Mt. Diablo Room, 400 Front St. These events are free, but register to reserve your place by calling 314-3400.

**Danville Senior Citizens Club** The club meets from 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., every Monday at the Danville Veterans' Memorial Hall, 400 Hartz Ave., for line dancing exercise, bingo, mah jong and more. Membership is just \$12 a year. Call Fran Britt at 743-4026.

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

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

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

**Senior Sneaker Trips** Town of



**HOMESTEAD**  
MORTGAGE INCOME FUND, LLC

**EARNING**  
**10.70% APY\***

**Increase your monthly investment income!**  
We're accepting 401K, IRA, Pension, Savings & Investment  
Monies into our mortgage secured income fund.  
(\$20K min. investment)

Contact David Belleville  
Please call for more information  
**408-350-1713**

\*Past return is not a guarantee of future performance (2006 compounded return)  
Available to qualified California residents only

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

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

**Valley Oak Respite Center Activities for Seniors** Valley Oak Respite provides an interactive program for frail seniors and those afflicted with Alzheimer's or related dementias and physical disabilities, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 1936 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. The cost is \$25 per session, which includes a morning snack and beverage; participants should bring a bag lunch. For information or an application, call Carmen McCarthy at 945-8040.

## Spiritual

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

**Mother's Day Retreat** San Damiano Retreat invites mothers to the annual Mother's Day Retreat from 4 p.m.-11 a.m., the weekend of May 11-13, at San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. The theme is "Lessons &

Graces of Motherhood." Cost is \$190 private room, \$160 shared room. Call 837-9141 or visit [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org).

## Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

**Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymus** Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? There is a solution to weight and diet obsession. This effective 12-step program has proven results. There are no dues,

fees or weigh-ins. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m., every Wednesday, at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. For a complete listing of East Bay meetings, call 600-6028 or visit [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

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

**Man to Man Prostate Cancer** San Ramon Regional Medical Center offers "Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group" from 7:30-9 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month, at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building, West Day Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road. Call 933-0107.

**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 [heidianen@hotmail.com](mailto:heidianen@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

**Bedford Gallery Guild** The Bedford Gallery Guild is looking for volunteers to donate time at the art gallery in the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts. No prior art knowledge required. Contact Susan Helms at 837-0716 or [sjhelms1@prodigy.net](mailto:sjhelms1@prodigy.net)

**Blackhawk Museum Docent Training** If you are interested in becoming a much appreciated part of the Blackhawk Museum family while contributing to your community, making new friends, learning new things, and having fun, become a docent! Call 736-2280, ext. 238.

**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 email [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 email [volunteers@hospicecc.org](mailto:volunteers@hospicecc.org).

**info**  
Danville



## Reach our loyal readers and your potential customers by advertising in Info Danville

### advertising has its rewards...

**local.** Take your message to your customer. Reach local readers with a vested interest in Danville... that includes your business!

**a sound investment.** Targeted to the residents of Danville. Mailed delivery. Editorially supported with factual and life-style information that serves our reader (your customer) for an entire year.

**user-friendly.** Readers can easily locate an advertiser's message via an Advertising Index—organized by category.

**online.** Your business will also have an online presence at [www.DestinationDanville.com](http://www.DestinationDanville.com) for 3 months.

### distribution

More than 16,000 magazine-styled copies of Info Danville will be mailed to readers' homes. 1,000 additional copies will be available at local retailers, businesses, real estate offices, and included with new resident welcome packets.

**Publishing**  
**August 24, 2007**

Advertising Deadlines  
**Ad Space Reservation: May 31**  
**Ad Copy: June 21**

**Call today for more information**  
**(925) 837-8300**

**Danville**  
W E E K L Y

# www. The Combs Team .com



Nancy P. Combs

Professionals You Can  
Count on!

Call Joe and Nancy  
925-989-6086



Joe Combs

Visit [www.thecombsteam.com](http://www.thecombsteam.com)

## Executive Living and Country Charm



Virtual Tour is on our Website

Pending in 4 Days!

Fabulously updated 4 bedroom 3 bath executive home situated on nearly one half acre level lot in a beautiful neighborhood near Black Hawk. Soaring ceilings, large windows and hardwood flooring. Large formal living and dining rooms. Magnificent granite and stainless kitchen flows naturally into the large family room. Outdoor living area includes a pool, gazebo, greenhouse and a private irrigation well. Side entry 3 stall garage. New roof, carpeting and fresh paint.  
Pricing available upon request

Read Joe and Nancy's Real Estate  
Column in Alive East Bay Magazine



# Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during March 2007

### Alamo

Total sales reported: 4  
Lowest sale reported: \$775,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,950,000  
Average sales reported: \$1,366,000

### Danville

Total sales reported: 27  
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000  
Highest sale reported: \$2,350,000  
Average sales reported: \$886,037

### Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 23  
Lowest sale reported: \$289,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,360,000  
Average sales reported: \$752,326

## HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

This week's data represents homes sold during March 2007

### Alamo

**1574 Alamo Way M.** Hamadanyan to P. & L. Rago for \$1,950,000  
**1154 Danville Boulevard** Gretz Trust to V. Lofquist for \$839,000  
**1878 Las Trampas Road** Etheridge Trust to A. Kerachi for \$1,900,000  
**1050 Livorna Road R.** Rantfl to B. & T. Traynor for \$775,000

### Danville

**2127 Carmenera Street** Lennar Homes to J. & K. Calvert for \$965,000  
**2133 Carmenera Street** Lennar Homes to Q. Zhou for \$1,038,000  
**1724 Cottswald Street KB** Homes to N. & G. Fuentes for \$942,500  
**1740 Cottswald Street KB** Homes to M. & T. Steele for \$929,000  
**228 Cypress Hills Court** Pedigo Trust to R. & B. Biatek for \$1,099,000  
**940 Eagle Ridge Drive** Pallack Trust to E. Anderson for \$2,350,000  
**128 Esther Lane J. & J.** Russell to C. & M. Garcia for \$925,000  
**9002 Falcon Street T.** Baum to K. & S. O'Connor for \$580,000  
**3069 Fostoria Circle J.** Hill to A. Osborn for \$400,000  
**3087 Fostoria Circle J.** Braucht to S. & E. Davies for \$415,000  
**1157 Greenbrook Drive N. & P.** Warnock to Nelson Trust for \$970,000  
**118 Heritage Park Drive V.** Zarenejad to A. & N. Ras for \$640,000

**189 Hope Lane** Golden State Foreclosure to G. & E. Summer for \$625,000  
**577 La Gonda Way S. & L.** Silva to S. Hooper for \$900,000  
**154 Lawnview Circle D.** Phillips to J. & N. Pera for \$587,000  
**108 Leafield Road R.** Bogle to M. & D. McRae for \$1,476,000  
**2402 Marsanne Street** Lennar Homes to R. Franco for \$1,252,000  
**3101 Martingale Drive** Ponderosa Homes to J. & S. Yu for \$1,024,000  
**1525 Peters Ranch Road** A. Nair to J. Benziger for \$774,000  
**414 Pinecone Drive** Harvey Trust to B. & K. Greenhouse for \$712,500  
**1857 Ridgeland Circle J.** Benziger to G. & I. Minevich for \$700,000  
**1018 River Rock Lane S. & S.** Hilferty to Lamantia Trust for \$775,000  
**1160 Shady Creek Place R.** & K. Kumnick to M. Letasse for \$734,000  
**2126 Shoshone Circle R.** Lorenz to L. & R. Banuelos for \$705,000  
**2127 Shoshone Circle** Beltz Trust to G. & N. Allen for \$710,000  
**685 Silver Lake Drive** Beem Trust to Kurtzman Trust for \$700,000  
**317 Windchime Drive** Busch Properties to M. & B. Nicco for \$995,000

### Walnut Creek

**1315 Alma Avenue #264** Alpine of Alma Development to N. Mofrad for \$520,000  
**1895 Apollo Court L.** Dellas to T. Wolfe for \$620,000  
**904 Beech Drive G.** Nagle to B. Melian for \$660,000

**112 Camino Posada M.** Michelitch to G. Lewis for \$761,000  
**1734 Cape Court E. & M.** Cox to M. Cromwell for \$820,000  
**324 Conifer Court** Dorsey Trust to H. Woo for \$765,000  
**2278 Gladwin Drive M.** Young to D. Hicks for \$769,000  
**108 Golden Hill Place** Grote Trust to R. & R. Pawlo for \$963,000  
**197 Greenwood Circle A. & S.** Fernandez to G. & T. Perry for \$665,000  
**21 Haven Lane** Weske Trust to S. Schimberg for \$929,000  
**1669 Holland Drive** Zagelow Trust to R. Lindley for \$775,000  
**874 Holly Hill Drive** Armstrong Trust to A. Adams for \$870,000  
**1280 Honey Trail M.** McLeod to S. Saunders for \$510,000  
**21 Maple Lane D. & C.** Fuhman to Stolz Trust for \$786,000  
**2738 Oak Road #172 S.** Kong to B. Sons for \$289,000  
**1796 Pomar Way** Davis Trust to E. & C. Henriksen for \$425,000  
**3324 Ptarmigan Drive #1C** Lee Trust to P. & C. Scully for \$622,500  
**319 Ridgestone Court** Cartus Financial to J. & T. Mattingly for \$1,360,000  
**2160 San Luis Road J. & R.** Simanek to G. Liu for \$750,000  
**2663 Sandpiper Court P. & J.** Cho to H. & G. Ostadsharif for \$735,000  
**318 Summit Road R.** Bamdad to R. Howe for \$1,070,000  
**581 Timberleaf Court S. & T.** Weir to W. Robinson for \$1,250,000  
**1945 Trinity Avenue #5** Yount Trust to J. Rodriguez for \$389,000



*This Property is Great  
for Investors or 1st Time Buyers!*



OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-4  
1454 Wharton Way D, Concord



2 bedroom, 2 bath, beautifully upgraded with hardwood floors, designer paints, granite & stainless kitchen, updated bathrooms with jacuzzi tub & travertine tile, backs to open space. Has a spacious 2 car garage and is located near the walking trail.



Judy Bradley  
510 410-6311



Bob Gibbs  
925 984-3992



Debbie Gibbs  
925 389-6751

We offer the most comprehensive Real Estate Services for both buyers and sellers in the industry and we are here to serve you. Call us for a **Free** Market Analysis and home selling consultation. Ask us about our 17 point marketing plan which will assure that you get top dollar for your home!!!



Up-to-date news about  
Danville every day

Danville  
WEEKLY.COM

# OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

To list your home in the Danville Weekly Open Home Guide, please email: [OpenHomes@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:OpenHomes@DanvilleWeekly.com)

## Alamo

### 3 Bedrooms

**20 Kemline Ct.** **\$1,475,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 997-5120  
**301 Vernal Dr.** **\$1,750,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 791-2600

### 4 Bedrooms

**291 Davey Crockett Ct.** **\$1,395,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 858-5233  
**46 Vista Ln.** **\$1,495,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 672-2499

### 5 Bedrooms

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

## Blackhawk

### 4 Bedrooms

**132 Blackhawk Club Ct.** **\$2,295,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 997-5120

## Danville

### 2 Bedrooms

**2123 Myrtle Beach** **\$669,950**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

### 3 Bedrooms

**320 Garden Creek Pl.** **\$559,900**  
Sat/Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker 640-8283  
**4053 Skylark Ln.** **\$599,990**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653  
**8201 Mallard St.** **\$649,500**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452  
**1954 S. Forest Hill Pl.** **\$699,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 830-3999  
**141 Lomitas Dr.** **\$799,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4123  
**263 W. El Pintado** **\$899,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 977-8965  
**66 Stonington Ct.** **\$949,900**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4118  
**162 Lawnview Cir.** **\$559,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 482-4204

### 4 Bedrooms

**4372 Mansfield Dr.** **\$1,019,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 980-4816  
**213 Monte Carlo Wy.** **\$1,050,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 997-0842  
**309 Greenbrook Dr.** **\$1,059,000**  
Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell 339-3500  
**718 St. George Rd.** **\$1,375,000**  
Sun 1-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 451-7287  
**371 Montair Dr.** **\$1,449,000**  
Sun 1-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 858-5233  
**129 Sunhaven Rd.** **\$1,639,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-1666  
**30 Toyon Ter.** **\$1,799,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 787-8205  
**34 Wiley Ct.** **\$889,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 858-5233

### 5 Bedrooms

**510 Zenith Ridge Dr.** **\$1,149,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 791-2557  
**234 Viewpointe Dr.** **\$1,249,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 876-7089

## Diablo

### 4 Bedrooms

**2233 Caballo Ranchero** **\$1,975,000**  
Sun 2-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 998-8262

## San Ramon

### 3 Bedrooms

**2857 Fountainhead Dr.** **\$489,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 785-8369  
**1504 Dawn Ct.** **\$599,000**

Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 586-5456  
**3032 Bernard Ave.** **\$699,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 330-0579  
**20 Terraced Hills Cir.** **\$709,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 324-4400  
**106 Belle Meade Pl.** **\$715,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 997-8001  
**3069 Tahoe Pl.** **\$769,950**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165

### 4 Bedrooms

**1469 Allanmere Dr.** **\$1,079,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4123  
**23 Stow Ct.** **\$1,129,900**  
Sun 1-4 Wayside Park Realty 698-1853  
**9541 Broadmoor Dr.** **\$868,500**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA- 463-9500  
**324 Winged Ter.** **\$899,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 209-7498  
**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  
**2380 Avalon Wy.** **\$1,249,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 785-1386  
**2826 Bethany Rd.** **\$1,499,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 785-1386

## Walnut Creek

### 2 Bedrooms

**646 Via Appia** **\$569,000**  
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

### 2 Bedrooms

**4329 Fitzwilliam St.** **\$430,000**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential 570-4405  
**7380 Cronin Cr.** **\$449,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 989-4994  
**4353 Fitzwilliam St.** **\$542,000**  
Sat 2-5 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 924-0444  
**4187 Clarinbridge Cr.** **\$569,950**  
Sun 1-4 Better Homes Realty 413-9116

### 3 Bedrooms

**7821 Oxbow Ln.** **\$548,500**  
Sat 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 984-3195  
**7310 Croy Ln.** **\$579,900**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653  
**7855 Gardella Dr.** **\$615,000**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653  
**11711 Betlen Dr.** **\$728,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3882

### 4 Bedrooms

**11151 Brittany Ln.** **\$1,250,000**  
Sat 12-4 Help-U-Sell PV 462-5950  
**11385 Bloomington Wy.** **\$885,000**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA- 463-9500

### 5 Bedrooms

**11296 Rothschild Ct.** **\$1,199,000**  
Sun 12-4 Help-U-Sell PV 462-5950  
**6133 Ledgewood Ter.** **\$1,245,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 997-0842  
**5943 Annandale Wy.** **\$2,075,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 455-7036  
**5636 Cedar Crest Ter.** **\$949,950**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 922-9822

## Pleasanton

### 3 Bedrooms

**6804 Payne Ct.** **\$724,950**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

**1466 Ridge Wood Rd.** **\$759,999**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3882  
**2756 Curry St.** **\$775,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 315-8751  
**4547 E Dorado Ct.** **\$849,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 462-7653

### 4 Bedrooms

**415 Abbie St.** **\$1,000,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787  
**3144 Joanne Cr.** **\$1,100,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 200-3165  
**6799 Paseo San Leon** **\$1,100,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA- 463-9500  
**3116 Devereux Ct.** **\$1,749,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 872-1416  
**4688 Ross Gate Wy.** **\$835,000**  
Sat 1-4 Sun 2-5 Prudential 463-6178  
**584 Tawny Dr.** **\$849,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 462-7653  
**2770 Glen Isle Ct.** **\$869,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165  
**2423 Crestline Rd.** **\$929,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 462-7653

### 5 Bedrooms

**7233 Hickorywood Ln.** **\$1,459,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 200-0827  
**4742 Arlene Pl.** **\$1,479,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 963-8322  
**863 Sunset Creek Ln.** **\$1,729,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 846-6500  
**959 Summit Creek Ct.** **\$1,735,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787  
**8256 Regency Dr.** **\$1,795,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC - Louise Davis 426-3834

**576 Sycamore Creek Wy.** **\$1,839,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 846-6500  
**1124 Piemonte Dr.** **\$2,499,000**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential 249-6836  
**4233 Mairmont Dr.** **\$959,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Help-U-Sell PV 462-5950

### 6 Bedrooms

**5544 Paseo Navarro** **\$975,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4301

## Livermore

### 3 Bedrooms

**4134 Sugar Pine Wy.** **\$515,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787  
**521 Swan Drive** **\$585,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 621-4048  
**6157 Saint Andrews Wy.** **\$599,000**  
Sun 2:30-4:30 Hometown GMAC 455-7020  
**4740 Kimberley Cmn.** **\$629,000**  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653  
**1548 Calle Del Rey** **\$639,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell 200-2602

### 4 Bedrooms

**436 Asbury Ct.** **\$659,000**  
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 963-8800  
**1236 Winding Stream Ct.** **\$710,000**  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 918-2912

### 5 Bedrooms

**3041 Talinga Dr.** **\$1,299,900**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 583-1121

LIST YOUR OPEN HOME HERE!

## OPEN HOME GUIDE FORM

LIST YOUR OPEN HOME HERE

	City	
# of Bedrooms	Street Address	\$ Price of property
Day, Date & Time Open	Agent Name Real Estate Agency	Phone Number

DEADLINE IS TUESDAY 10 A.M.

FAX TO: (925) 837-2278

OR E-MAIL TO :

[OpenHomes@DanvilleWeekly.com](mailto:OpenHomes@DanvilleWeekly.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Space available  
only basis

Danville  
WEEKLY



**Coming Soon!**

*44 Tennis Club Dr.*  
Danville



**Seldom Available & Much Sought After...**

*"Tennis Villas of Blackhawk"*

**A** must see! **Elegant & stunning, over 3,000 sq ft, semi-custom home.** Remodeled from top to bottom w/ top of the line materials including: Gourmet kitchen w/ custom cabinetry, slab granite counter tops & top-line appliances. "Andersen" windows & doors. Enclosed courtyard w/ Tuscan inspired, hand painted mural & tile flooring. 126 Bottle custom wine closet. Spectacular master suite features: Vaulted ceilings, custom cherry wood cabinetry, travertine counter tops w/ dual sinks, "Grohe" fixtures, heated tile floor & huge walk-in closet. Premium lot w/ breathtaking views, slate patio & built in Bar-b-que center w/ side burner & refrigerator. So much more!

**This one will go fast so contact Tom or Kathy for your private showing.**

**Offered at \$1,369,000**



**Kathy McNichols**  
(925) 200-7200



**Tom Ivarson**  
(925) 200-3600



Just 2 hours from Bay Area located on the shores of magnificent Lake Don Pedro, Ranches from 42-92 acres with spectacular views of the Lake and beyond to Yosemite. Prices start from \$595,000 (5 available)

Danville 925 648 2077 - Johnny Campbell  
Jamestown 209 984 0777 - Pat Bruno



**344 Cliffside Dr. Danville**

Nestled in the Desirable Westside of Danville, this Exquisite custom estate is located on an acre flat lot and perfect in every way. Incredible attention to architectural detail and custom finishes. This lovely home features 5 bedrooms 4.5 baths, 3 fireplaces, game/media room, and a separate detached guest house. Gorgeous Pool/Spa with out door fireplace, grill and fire pit make this home an entertainer's delight, awesome views of Mt. Diablo. A MUST SEE!

**Call for details or for an appointment today**



**Delores Gragg**  
Realtor

925.462.2222 Office  
925.989.6500 Cell

Visit  
[www.deloresgragg.com](http://www.deloresgragg.com)  
for additional photos  
and virtual tours  
of these homes



# J. Rockcliff



REALTORS

THE EAST BAY'S PREMIER  
REAL ESTATE COMPANY.



### DANVILLE

**Majestic Mount Diablo Views \$3,475,000**

Exquisite creekside estate on a park-like one acre setting. This home boasts 7 bedrooms, 7.5 bathrooms, library, au pair/guest suite and more.

**Mary Bonham & Chris Campbell 925.997.1787**



### BLACKHAWK

**Gorgeous Blackhawk Estate! \$2,295,000**

Spacious floor plan with large kitchen-family room combo, big enough for a pool table. Very large, open foyer. 4 large bedrooms plus library.

**Julie Whitmer 925.997.5120**



### ALAMO

**Spectacular Westside Rancher \$1,859,000**

Rebuilt and expanded to 3500+/-sf with 5bd, 4ba, 3-car garage on one-half+/-acre flat lot. Hardwood floors, slab granite counters.

**Teresa McKinney 925.487.2629**



### SAN RAMON

**Best Street in The Bridges \$1,449,950**

Fantastic fairway Bridges home with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, highly upgraded and on the best street! Fabulous Mt. Diablo views!

**Joyce, Glen & Monica 925.855.4075**



### ALAMO

**Alamo Gen on One-Half Acre Lot \$1,395,000**

Fabulous location, fabulous lot, conveniently located to schools and park. Updated 4 bedrooms, 3 baths with 2500+/-sf.

**Ralph Sessa 925.858.5233**



### DANVILLE

**Vista Tassajara \$1,249,000**

Largest floor plan in Vista Tassajara with 5 bedrooms, 3 baths and 3491+/-sf. 5th bedroom can be used as a bonus room. Large premium lot.

**Karlyn Hunt 925.876.7089**



### SAN RAMON

**Move-In Ready! \$1,079,000**

Gorgeous, 3-years new with tons of upgrades. 4 bedrooms plus library & bonus area. Stunning kitchen and lots of built-ins. Tile roof, 3-car garage.

**Loraine Ward 925.855.4123**



### DANVILLE

**Beautiful Family Home \$1,050,000**

5bd, 3ba, 2689+/-sf, 3-car garage. Newer carpet, paint & doors. 4 bedrooms up, one down w/full bath. One-third+/-acre level lot. Side yard access.

**Pam Gaya 925.855.4049**



### DANVILLE

**Single Level-Bettencourt Ranch \$1,019,950**

4bd, 2ba, 2442+/-sf on one-quarter+/-acre. New paint, flooring and fixtures. Cozy brick fireplace. Quiet, secluded, private.

**John Fischer 925.980.4816**

Walnut Creek  
1700 N. Main St.  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
925.280.8500

Orinda  
89 Davis Rd., Ste. 100  
Orinda, CA 94563  
925.253.7000

Danville  
15 Railroad Ave.  
Danville, CA 94526  
925.855.4000

Blackhawk  
4105 Blackhawk Plaza Circle  
Danville, CA 94506  
925.648.5300

Pleasanton  
5075 Hopyard Rd., #110  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
925.251.2500



WWW.ROCKCLIFF.COM

