

## 'Tis the season

*Tri-Valley gets in the holiday spirit with concerts, ballets and more*

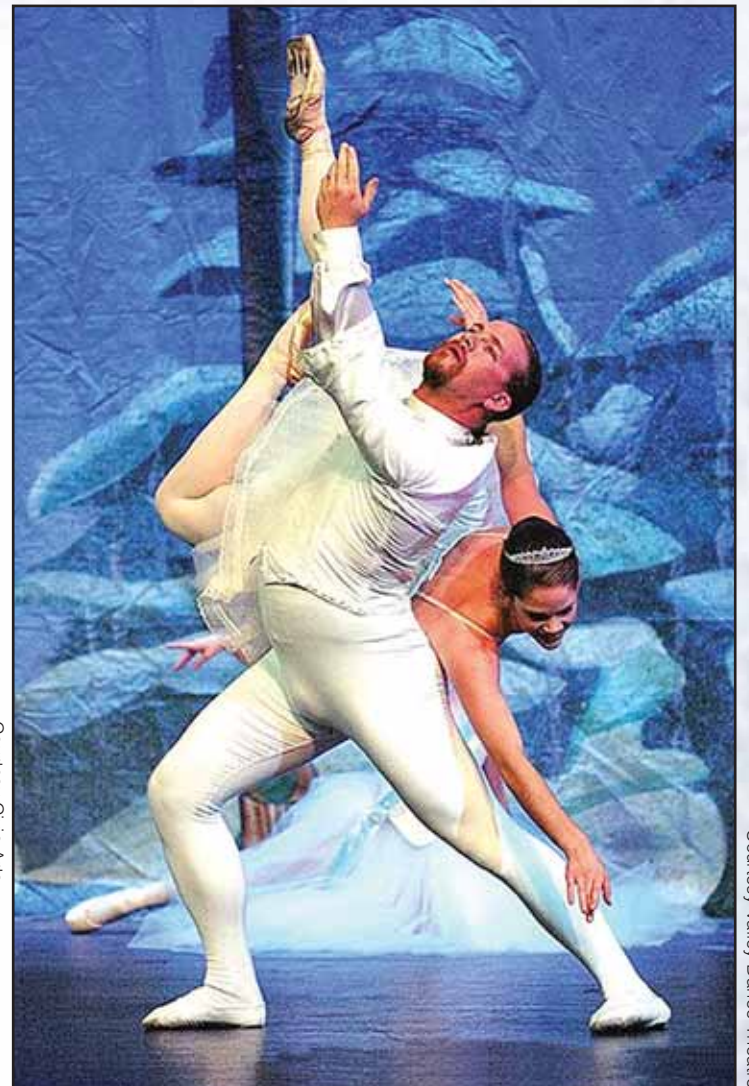
by Rebecca Guyon



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There's no denying it—the holiday season is in full swing and the Tri-Valley is bursting with Christmas spirit. From concerts to dances to plays, anyone can find something to keep themselves entertained and in a holiday mood throughout the entire season.

### Holiday concerts and sing-alongs

Christmas isn't complete without music and Pleasanton is full of holiday concerts and sing-alongs.

Valley Concert Chorale is putting on two holiday events—a Holiday Concert this weekend and a Sing-It-Yourself Messiah the next. The Holiday Concert features John Rutter's popular "Gloria" and Donald McCullough's new "Christmas Triptych" and con-

cludes with a traditional carol sing-along.

The Las Positas College Concert Choir is joining the Chorale for several selections in the concert. Shows are 8 p.m., tomorrow at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. and 3 p.m., Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L streets, Livermore. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$14 for seniors 62 and older in advance, \$20 for adults and \$17 for seniors at the door. Students 18 and younger are free when accompanied by an adult. The following week at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 15 is the Sing-It-Yourself Messiah. Community members can come and sing Handel's popular work with members of the Valley Concert Chorale. The event is also at the First Presbyterian Church and admission is \$10 per person.

Dancers from the Valley Dance Theatre (left and above) will perform the Tri-Valley's only full-length production of The Nutcracker next weekend. Jim Gamble's marionettes (above) perform The Nutcracker this weekend at the Amador Theatre.

Bring a score or borrow one for the evening.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band is holding its annual Holiday Concert 2 p.m., Sunday at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. The 91st Division Band will also perform, opening the show with some holiday music. After a 15 minute intermission, the Pleasanton Community Concert Band will take to the stage playing scores such as "Sleepers Wake," "And the Mountain Echoed: Gloria," "Battle of Trenton" and "Chanukah is Here." Then the two bands will play "A Christmas

Festival" and "Sleigh Ride" together. Admission is free. Call 846-5897 or visit [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org) for more information.

Next door, the city of Dublin is dedicating December's concert in the Dublin Winter Concert Series to the Fred McCarty Holiday Showcase. Local composer Fred McCarty will lead his band in a festive holiday concert adding a special country flair. The show is 2 p.m., Sunday at the Old St. Raymond's church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth 12 years old or younger. Call 833-6645 for more information.

### The Nutcracker

Several dance and theater companies are performing this traditional Christmas ballet about a girl whose nutcracker comes to life only to turn into a prince and take her to the land of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Today, puppets will bring this tale to life when puppeteer Jim Gamble and his wooden friends perform at the Amador Theater. Gamble traces the traditional ballet storyline, but with marionettes.

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# HOLIDAY SPARKLE 'tis the season

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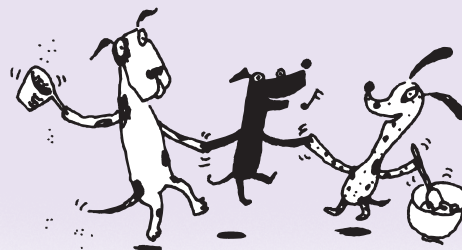
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## Holiday Home Tour benefits Valley Children's Museum

Decorating your home is half the fun of the holidays (well, maybe one-third of the fun after presents and feasts) and residents of Ruby Hill are opening their homes to show off their decorations and give others ideas for their own homes during the third annual Valley Children's Museum Holiday Home Tour. Homes will be on display from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday throughout the Ruby Hill neighborhood. Proceeds from the event benefit the Valley Children's Museum.

Each home on the tour will reflect the owner's unique decorating style. During the event, local children choirs will sing and guests can enjoy coffee, tea and other treats from local restaurants and caterers. Participants can also shop at a holiday gift boutique set up on site. Other activities include a silent auction and raffle. The tour of the homes culminates with a wine tasting at Tenuta Winery.

The Valley Children's Museum is a nonprofit



organization run by local volunteers committed to providing educational, play-based, interactive activities for children. Its mission is to spark

interest in life-long learning for children through playful exploration. Although not yet built, this past April the city of Dublin agreed to house the museum at the city's planned recreational and civic facilities in the Camp Parks area with help from corporate neighbor Sybase, Inc.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at [www.valleychildrensmuseum.org](http://www.valleychildrensmuseum.org) or by calling 461-6574. E-mail Linda, [linda@valleychildrensmuseum.org](mailto:linda@valleychildrensmuseum.org) for more information.

—Rebecca Guyon



Students from local schools performed holiday music during the Valley Children Museum's Holiday Tour last year and will do the same at this year's tour.

## Holiday Happenings

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The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$14 and \$18 for adults, \$6, \$10 and \$14 for children. Call 931-3444 or visit [www.civictartstickets.org](http://www.civictartstickets.org).

For those who cannot imagine "The Nutcracker" without the beautiful ballet, the Valley Dance Theatre, a nonprofit local ballet company, is performing the only full-length performance in the Tri-Valley this holiday season. Adding to the magic, the Livermore-Amador Symphony and Harmony Crossroads Chorus are providing live music for the ballet. Shows are 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dec. 16 and 17 and 7 p.m., Dec. 19 at Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors for reserved ground floor seats. Open balcony seating is \$15 for adults, \$13 for students and seniors. In addition to the performance, the company is holding a Sugar Plum Tea 5 p.m., Dec. 17 at the Valley Dance Theatre Studios, 2247B Second St., Livermore. Cost is \$25. Call 243-0927 for information and tickets or visit [www.valleydancetheatre.com](http://www.valleydancetheatre.com).

This weekend, Amador Valley High School senior Alison Manning will star in San Ramon Valley Dance Academy's "Impressions of The Nutcracker" as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Manning has danced many other roles in the production over the years from the Chinese Tea to Waltz of the Flowers, but



Alison Manning dances as the Sugar Plum Fairy in the San Ramon Valley Dance Academy's production of "Impressions of The Nutcracker"

taking on the central role of the Sugar Plum Fairy has been a dream come true for her. She is also joined on stage by another Pleasanton resident, her mother Jan Manning who is a teacher at the academy. Jan Manning is performing the role of Mother Ginger, a gingerbread house that dances in the Sugar Plum Fairy's court.

Manning's not the only Pleasanton senior to dance in a local performance of "The Nutcracker." Foothill senior Emily Astbury danced in the Diablo Ballet's performance last week in Walnut Creek. She danced in six previous "Nutcracker" performances with the Diablo Ballet and this was her last. Coincidentally, she was also

joined on stage with her mother Susan Astbury.

### Christmas Stories

A child's version of Charles Dickens' holiday classic "A Christmas Carol" is coming to the Pleasanton Public Library 2 p.m., Sunday. The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company out of San Diego will perform this play for children in first grade and older. Admission is free and tickets will be available at the children's desk 30 minutes before the show. Due to the popularity of the program, parents and younger children will not be admitted unless space becomes available. Call 931-3400, ext. 8 or visit the library's Web site at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library).

That same day the California Independent Film Festival Association is putting on a special showing of "A Christmas Story" at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore. "A Christmas Story" has become a modern day Christmas favorite, telling the story of little Ralphie who wants a Daisy Red-Ryder BB rifle for Christmas. Prior to the screening, there will be a Q&A session with Ian Petrella who plays Randy Parker, Ralphie's younger brother, and Scott Schwartz who plays Ralphie's friend Flick. The event is also a toy drive for local Livermore Children's Charity. Participants can drop off unwrapped toys at the Vine Cinema from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program starts at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 552-7335 or online at [www.caindiefest.com](http://www.caindiefest.com). ■

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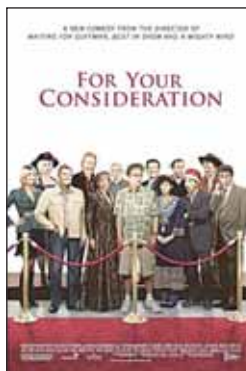
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### For Your Consideration

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Rating: PG-13 for language and adult themes  
1 hours, 26 minutes



Christopher Guest knows a good spoof when he sees one. Unfortunately he's seeing them in every conceivable nook and cranny, and his shtick is getting stale.

Ironically, Guest claims to be foregoing his flip mockumentary style in favor of a more linear narrative. You wouldn't know it based on his troop's overly familiar meanderings and character co-dependence.

"Consideration" touches on a topic that's rife with comic possibilities: the nauseating egos inherent in the film business. The project in question is a low-budget indie by the name of Home for Purim, an intimate drama about a Jewish family's troublesome reunion at the celebration of their dying matriarch's favorite holiday.

The Purim players are fringe celebs, a motley crew of wannabes and used-to-bes desperate for a break. One little mention on an obscure movie blog is all it takes to start tongues wagging over a rumor that faded personality Marilyn Hack (Catherine O'Hara) may be crafting an Oscar-worthy performance.

From bloggers' lips to cinema gods' ears, that tiny flame of thespian glory is fanned into a wildfire of publicity; suddenly everyone who is anyone is talking about Purim.

The buzz stimulates budding expectation, sparking interest at the top. Naturally the brass smells



big box office, with a few minor changes to broaden the film's appeal. Goodbye Purim, hello Thanksgiving!

Guest trots out the likely clichés with chaotic delight: the Ebert- and Roper-like film critics fiercely defending their cine-turfs; the Entertainment Tonight-ish hosts (Guest regulars Fred Willard and Jane Lynch) perpetuating hot water-cooler gossip; and the slick-as-oil studio head (Ricky Gervais as Sunfish Classics President Martin Gibb).

Despite a crack target comic and fluent performances by Guest's crew, "Consideration" has a been-there-done-that quality, a tired air of familiarity and distinct lack of sparkle.

Of course there are moments: the Purim theme sung around the holiday table; O'Hara's mystifying Hollywood transformation; and Willard gaily interviewing actors who have been snubbed by the Oscars. The marvelous O'Hara rises above the pack, her hopeful anticipation so palpable it hurts.

Guest is a gifted director with a devoted group of talent willing to take one for the team. He needs to move on.

—Jeanne Aufmuth

## Ready to Rent

### Clerks II

Rating: R for pervasive sexual and crude content  
Weinstein Company DVD - 1hr 37mins  
Director: Kevin Smith

"They're not gay. They're hobbits!"

—Clerks II

Kevin Smith's 1994 debut "Clerks" was (and still is) something of a hallowed credo for the 1990s' Generation X and Y-ers. Smith knew that his peers were high-jacked by pop-culture in the form of comics, movies and video games that were targeted in bucketfuls to children during the '70s and '80s. In consequence, "Star Wars" and its subsequent rip-offs, both in its movie and merchandise forms, seemed to foster a cultish movie mania in kids and a cross-breeding of the movie/comic/gaming-nerd and the everyman was born. Also, due to the advent of the VCR and Atari, this attribute could be perfected at home and thusly the orators of these new myths of pop-culture were schooled almost unknowingly until their knowledge became second-nature.

"Clerks" detailed a day-in-the-life of these grown twenty-somethings featuring convenience store clerks Dante (Brian O'Halloran) and his irritated video store neighbor Randal (Jeff Anderson) and their adventures in the limbo of suburbia. Dante couldn't commit to his future; Randal didn't care and both felt the sneaking pressures of an intimidating life filled with evil chewing gum salesmen, manic milk expiration-date seekers and customers, lots of annoying customers, interrupting their conversations of substance. They were classic slackers (which are essentially a modern, Americanized version of bohemians without the angst) and both represented a kind of cool that only youth could pull off. The beatniks had Jack Kerouac, the hippies Ken Kesey and Hunter Thompson and the children of the modern age had Dante and Randal to rally against the B.S. that surrounded them.

However, the wonderful "Clerks II" asks, quite cleverly, what happened to these characters? How would these icons have survived in the "real world?" The answer, for lack of better word, is both poignant and extremely funny. Both the Quick Stop and Video are still haunted by the (now) thirty-something Dante and Randal until a fire forces their migration to fast food haven Mooby's. It seems at first that Dante has fared better than his counterpart: he has a fiancée that adores him, a wedding in a few weeks and a job with his father-in-law at the end of the road. Randal, however, still lives with his mother and (still) emphatically defends "...the only trilogy" Star Wars against co-worker Elias, the teenage Tolkien dork whose naivety is painfully targeted.

What makes "Clerks II" so good is yes, its gross-out sense of humor, but now that humor really does mask the angst of time lost. There are some extremely funny moments (whose details I cannot describe in a family paper such as this one) such as Randal's argument with the hobbit lover and a bachelor's party that will make you look twice at fast food, but those are carefully balanced. I actually felt for both Dante and Randal because their situations are all too real: in a world of many choices, some actually prefer their familiar niche not because they are lazy, but because they are good at it. This space, luckily, is the wizard that grants Dante and Randal something they (and I) thought they would never achieve: an honorable sense of purpose.

—Joe Ramirez



# Sports

## Dream season comes to an end

*Foothill falls to Los Alamitos in state volleyball championship*

by Michael Miller

The magical Foothill High School girls' volleyball season came to an end last weekend when the Falcons fell to Los Alamitos (25-20, 25-19, 25-21) in the CIF Division 1 championship game.

When people think about volleyball in California, if not the entire United States, thoughts usually turn to Southern California. In fact, the last time a team from this league went to state was in 1991. This match provided an opportunity to turn attention to the highly skilled volleyball played in Northern California. For 38 matches, the Foothill girls knew only victory.

"We've never had a season like that before," Coach Dusty Collins said. "A 38-0 season doesn't come around too often."

Even though they had not lost a match all season, the Falcons came into the championship match as an underdog for the first time this season to the perennial power from Southern California. The defending state champion, Los Alamitos Griffins, has won the state match three of the last four years. The Griffins came into the match with only a 26-6 record, but were fresh off a win over La Costa Canyon of Carlsbad—the fifth nationally ranked team (by prepvolleyball.com) and had nine seniors with one championship already under their belts.

All-season Falcon opponents struggled to figure out how to beat the play of middle blockers and all-tournament athletes Felicia Willoughby (11 kills, six digs, two blocks) and Betsy Sedlak (nine kills, eight digs, one block). Los Alamitos, the deepest team the Falcons faced all season, was able to attack the pair in waves. The Falcon pair was held to a combined 16 kills in the three-game match. In fact, the entire Falcon team was held to only 25 kills for the match while the Griffins were able to pound away for 43 kills.

Injuries and fatigue were not the culprit, Collins said. Simply put, Foothill played well, but ran into a better team.

Other standout Falcons were Christy Payne (26 assists, six digs, one ace), Kara Strickland (six digs, five kills) and Alaynah Fiedler (four kills, four digs).

As for now, Collins said the team has taken some time to dwell on the season's impressive accomplishments rather than their loss.

### Lady Don soccer remains undefeated

The Lady Don soccer team entered the second week of pre-season play 3-0 by finishing off



Tony Avalar

Foothill's Betsy Sedlak, left, hits a spike past Los Alamitos' Greena Urango during the second game in the CIF division I State Volleyball Championship in San Jose. Foothill lost 3-0.

their third-straight shutout. The defensive efforts have been led by relentless play from Lindsey Ellison, Braelyn Fetch, Aryn Rayford, Michelle Avendano, and Nicole Garrity. The keepers, Laura Burton and Kelsey Baxter, have backstopped the defense by placing a wall in front of the Don net.

The offense scored eight goals in the three wins. The offense is led by Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick's three goals and Natalie Griffen's two assists. The playmakers are midfielders Christina Hernandez, Caitlin Harper, Sarah Steele and Marissa Fraticelli.

### Amador boys Cagers come back to take 3rd place

After dropping a 54-43 decision to tournament finalist Ocean View in their opening game, Amador Valley put together solid team efforts to win their next two games and take third place in the San Luis Obispo high school boy's basketball tournament.

In their second game, a 44-34 win was aided by Amador defense, who swarmed the 7-foot, 2-inch

Woodside Priory center like bees around the hive to prevent him from dominating the game.

In the consolation game, a fast start gave the Dons a 22-12 first quarter lead over Lompoc. The second quarter ended with the lead down to one at 33-32 at the half. The third quarter started with the Dons struggling as the Lompoc squad opened the second half with a 10-0 run. Down 42-34 with two minutes left in the third quarter, the Dons started their climb back into the game. Trailing 56-54 with 10 seconds left, Kevin Laue made one of two free throws to shrink the Lompoc lead to one. While a foul seemed to be the play needed to get the Dons back into the game, Shannon Riddell deflected a Lompoc pass that allowed Pat Mapes to gain possession for Amador Valley without committing a foul. Mapes made a short shot to give the Dons the lead and the victory 57-56.

Kyle Carbine led the Dons with 18 points and Pat Nelson was named to the All-Tournament Team for Amador.

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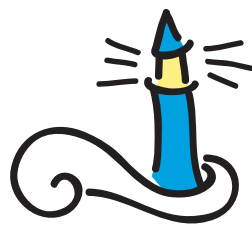
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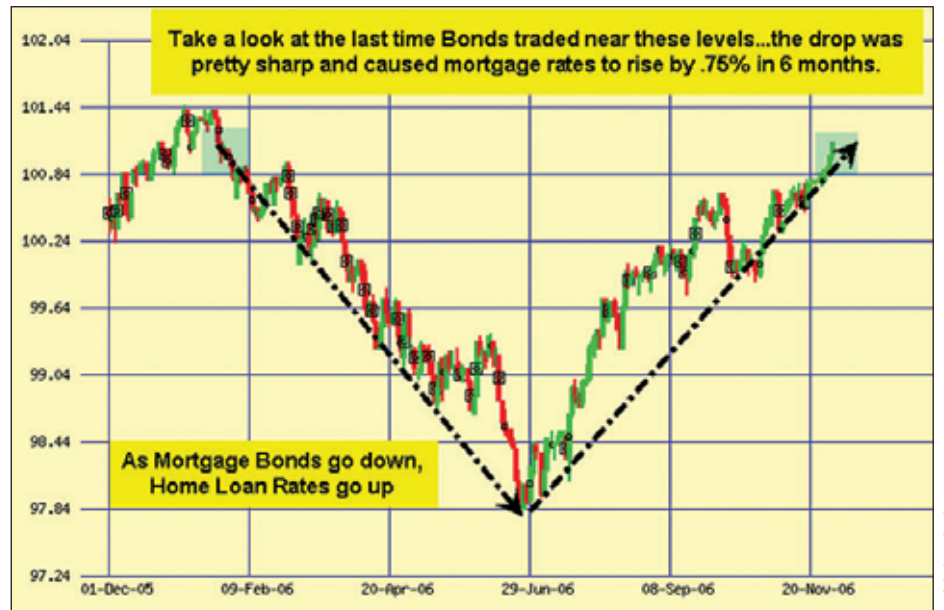


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## Analysts await Jobs Report, Fed interest rate numbers

Global group sees federal fund rate dropping to 4%

by Jeb Bing



Dave Walden

This chart shows improvement in bonds and home loan rates have gained in recent months following low levels in June. There is still some room to go before the bonds are back to their January high when traders believe, history will repeat itself with rates falling again.



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Following a period of economic growth, analysts at a global research firm are predicting an economic slowdown in 2007 in much of the U.S. if the current slump in home sales continues.

The impact, however, would be much less on both coasts, including the Bay Area, where housing prices remain strong despite a recent softness in overall sales.

And, it the forecast could change if home mortgage interest rates hold steady or continue to drop, as buyers have seen in recent weeks.

The new report by UBS Wealth Management Research, a global financial firm, addressed worldwide prospects, with its analysts expecting slower U.S. growth than most other economic forecasters.

"While the world's other major economies will be affected by slower growth in the U.S., their own domestic demand should continue to drive global growth overall," the UBS Global Outlook report stated.

The report pointed out that annualized quarterly growth in residential investment in the third quarter dropped to 17.4 percent in the U.S. The forecast call for growth of 2 percent for the next few quarters.

Tri-Valley Realtors believe, however, that the market here will do much better. At recent meetings of the Valley Marketing Association, a Realtors group, they have reported that a correction in the real estate market has already materialized with little or

no impact to the local economy.

Dave Walden, a Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist in Pleasanton, said forecasters are awaiting today's Jobs Report before firming up their predictions for interest rates and the housing market in 2007.

"Economists are looking for the formation of 115,000 new jobs and hourly earnings to increase by 0.3 percent for the month of November," he said.

"On a technical level, bonds have been on a nice strong trend higher since the end of June, meaning home loan rates have moved much lower," Walden added. "Remember, that as bond prices go higher or improve, home loan rates, which are hand-in-hand with bonds, go lower and improve."

"But if the Jobs Report today is a real stinker and shows very weak employment, this would be good for bonds and home loan rates, and we could see more improvement, moving closer to and perhaps breaking those past historic levels," he explained. "On the contrary if the report is strong, bonds may well begin a retreat and home loan rates could worsen slightly."

In its research report, UBS predicts that the Fed will cut the federal funds rate over the next few quarters, for a total 1.25 percentage point reduction to 4 percent by the close of 2007. According to UBS, that could cushion the flagging economy it forecasts for the U.S. and renew momentum "in good time." ■

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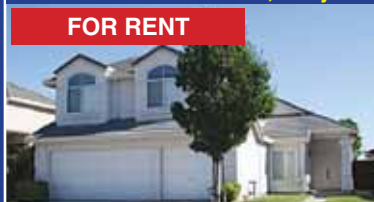
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Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-2508  
**3856 Promenade Wy.** \$699,950  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 577-2600  
**4719 Golden Rd.** \$729,000  
Sun 1-4 Allied Brokers 846-3755  
**3509 Arbor Ct.** \$775,000  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 484-0900

### 4 Bedrooms

- 439 Cabonia Ct.** \$1,224,999  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4165  
**127 Monaco Ct.** \$1,285,000  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111  
**4444 1st St.** \$1,289,000  
Sun 1-4 Investment RE 963-0569  
**3955 Churchill Dr.** \$749,000  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4300  
**6304 Singletree Wy.** \$749,950  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436  
**1613 Orchard Wy.** \$809,000  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 462-7653  
**2717 Laramie Gate Cir.** \$929,000  
Sat/Sun 2-4 Assist 2 Sell 200-2602  
**4428 Sutter Gate** \$949,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3813  
**6716 Corte del Vista** \$980,000  
Sat/Sun 12-4 Help-U-Sell 484-2206

## San Ramon

### 3 Bedrooms

- 1407 Dawn Ct.** \$599,000  
Sat/Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker 640-8283  
**7912 Persica Ct.** \$675,000  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200  
**1094 Vista Pointe Cir.** \$710,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4128

- 2516 McLaren Ln.** \$738,900  
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 735-7653

### 4 Bedrooms

- 604 Vine Hill Ln.** \$1,155,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822  
**7 Henry Ranch Rd.** \$1,425,000  
Sun 1-4 Empire 623-6234  
**2794 Marsh Dr.** \$650,000  
Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker 362-2058  
**116 Claremont Crest Ct.** \$779,000  
Sun 2-4 Re/Max 510-501-2439  
**120 Claremont Crest Ct.** \$799,999  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 788-6155  
**3 Lobelia Ln.** \$849,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 251-2500  
**1923 Hollyview Dr.** \$949,500  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452  
**48 Mainprice Ct.** \$949,500  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452  
**2433 Wildhorse Dr.** \$974,900  
Sun 1-4 Intero 323-8051

### 5 Bedrooms

- 642 Dromana Ct.** \$1,095,000  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452  
**301 Adelaide Hills Ct.** \$1,099,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 785-1386  
**16 Pine Valley Pl.** \$1,434,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 648-5342  
**1424 Allanmere Dr.** \$990,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 785-1386

## Alamo

### 3 Bedrooms

- 134 Canyon Vista Pl.** \$1,050,000  
Sun 1-4 Blackhawk RE 736-6000

### 4 Bedrooms

- 46 Vista Ln.** \$1,595,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 672-2499

## Blackhawk

### 3 Bedrooms

- 11 Deer Meadow Ct.** \$1,199,000  
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 736-4155

## Danville

### 4 Bedrooms

- 140 Soda Pl.** \$1,059,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4125  
**11 Jillian Wy.** \$1,699,900  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 818-4078  
**1763 St. Helena Dr.** \$849,995  
Sun 1:30-4 Coldwell Banker 785-9372  
**21 Ocho Rios Pl.** \$999,000  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 791-2513

### 5 Bedrooms

- 126 Bormio Ct.** \$1,250,000  
Sun 12-3 Intero 984-1945  
**254 San Rey Pl.** \$1,299,900  
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 463-6113  
**112 Laurelwood Dr.** \$2,049,950  
Sun 1-4 Intero 977-8965  
**124 Victoria Pl.** \$2,279,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 785-1386  
**246 Stetson Dr.** \$879,000  
Sun 1-4:30 Prudential CA 876-5554  
**1390 Brookside Dr.** \$959,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 736-1666

### 6 Bedrooms

- 586 Zephyr Cir.** \$1,049,000  
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4123

## Feds keep conforming loans at \$417,000

Hurts buyers in areas where prices are rising, including Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

The Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight office, citing dropping home prices in many parts of the country, has decided against increasing the Conforming Loan limit from its current \$417,000.

Realtors expect the decision will hurt buyers who are seeking mortgages for homes in the Tri-Valley and, especially, Pleasanton, where the median price for housing now is at the \$900,000 level.

Director James B. Lockhart of the Enterprise Oversight office, which has had control of this responsibility since 2004, said the conforming loan limit applies to single-

family mortgages purchased by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the Enterprises).

The conforming loan limit determines the maximum size of a mortgage that an Enterprise can buy or guarantee. By law the maximum conforming loan limit is based on the October-to-October change in the average house price in the Monthly Interest Rate Survey (MIRS) of the Federal Housing Finance Board (FHFB).

The FHFB reported the decline in the average price was \$501, or 0.16 percent, from \$306,759 in October 2005 to \$306,258 in October

2006. This is the first decline in the MIRS since 1992-93.

Lockhart announced Nov.15 that he would keep the limit at 2006 levels if there was a decrease in October-to-October house prices and would defer that decline for one year.

"This amount is in keeping with the Enterprise Oversight Office's recent announcement of an orderly and transparent process for any downward adjustment," said Lockhart. "We made this decision so as not to disrupt the end-of-the-year pipeline of mortgages or the market for mortgage-backed securities." ■

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**Home sale of the week**



**2647 Lin Gate Ct., Pleasanton – \$775,000**

Recently renovated 3bd/2ba home with a large corner lot located on a quiet interior court within in the "Gates" neighborhood. This home features an upgraded kitchen and baths, vaulted ceilings, newer windows and doors and side yard access for RV parking  
Sold by Tim McGuire, Alain Pinel Realtors, Pleasanton

**Sales at a Glance**

Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Total sales reported: 9	Total sales reported: 12	Total sales reported: 15	Total sales reported: 42
Lowest sale reported: \$513,000	Lowest sale reported: \$350,000	Lowest sale reported: \$390,000	Lowest sale reported: \$280,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,678,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,175,000	Highest sale reported: \$963,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,675,000
Average sales reported: \$823,333	Average sales reported: \$649,500	Average sales reported: \$620,300	Average sales reported: \$808,404

**Home Sales**

This week's data represents homes sold during November 2006

**Pleasanton**

- 6880 Calle Altamira** Rief Trust to R. & C. Ways for \$940,000
- 5439 Cameo Court** Cartus Financial to G. Winter for \$589,000
- 29 Colby Court** K. Uota to D. & T. Gribschaw for \$685,000
- 1461 Irongate Drive** Ponderosa Homes to T. & L. Norton for \$1,678,000
- 414 Mavis Drive** J. & R. Hon to M. Moyers for \$760,000
- 2375 Meadowlark Drive** M. & T. McGill to K. Li for \$850,000
- 3687 Old Santa Rita Road #3** Xchange Solutions to Rasap Franklin Limited for \$513,000
- 1923 Rheem Drive** Odisho Trust to M. Lam for \$700,000
- 5125 Venice Court S.** Subramanian to J. Li for \$695,000

**Dublin**

- 7679 Arbor Creek Circle** S. Leontie to C. Young for \$350,000
- 6135 Bridgestone Circle K.** & R. Kassekert to T. Ojo for \$745,000
- 7909 Cranford Lane** Yuen Trust to D. & D. O'Sullivan for \$520,000
- 7239 Cronin Circle C.** Aparicio to J. Caulfield for \$465,000
- 7874 Diana Lane** W. Clark to E. Fisher for \$635,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #204** S. Andish to J. Frazier for \$640,000
- 5511 Old Westbury Way K.** & S. Digness to S. Choi for \$725,000
- 5098 Piper Glen Terrace** M. Yama to A. Miazada for \$1,175,000
- 8701 Putnam Court** Aj Trust to P. Ho for \$670,000
- 6445 Sherwood Place B.** Bader to S. Montgomery for \$515,000
- 3897 Silvera Ranch Drive** Pfeiffer Ranch Investors to A. Bustos for \$915,000
- 6953 Stagecoach Road #B E.** Abrams to M. Castellanos for \$439,000

**Livermore**

- 512 Anna Maria Street** T. & D. Wagner to A. Engelhardt for \$619,000
- 1531 Bluebell Court** Godfrey Trust to D. Gray for \$570,000
- 2208 Broadmoor Street** New Pacific Fi Limited to J. Ybarra for \$619,000
- 337 Chris Common #36 C.** Hozspodar to R. Guyton for \$390,000
- 2129 Del Monte Street #27 J.** & J. Weinz to I. & T. Aguirre for \$611,500
- 2415 Detert Street** Meritage Homes to K. & J. Rief for \$963,000
- 1589 Elm Street C.** Abrahamson to J. & M. Knowlton for \$570,000
- 640 North Livermore Avenue** V. Vasquez to D. Ahuero for \$523,000
- 2515 Palm Avenue F. & K.** Stclair to D. Vaughn for \$650,000
- 2048 Pinot Court S. & L.** Cranford to J. Bradley for \$525,000
- 1304 Rebecca Drive** D. & L. Jacobs to J. & L. Paulo for \$785,000
- 1038 Roxanne Street** M. & B. McBurney to W. Burk for \$599,000
- 5914 Running Hills Avenue** R. Zamora to C. Banda for \$570,000
- 67 Snowball Court** K. & T. Williamson to T. & N. Taylor for \$725,000
- 5472 Starflower Way J.** & L. Paulo to J. Ortega for \$585,000

**San Ramon**

- 122 Alisma Court** Sirva Relocation to M. & P. Bafan for \$996,000
- 1425 Allanmere Drive** B. & A. Moore to J. & M. Enriquez for \$950,000
- 2227 Ashbourne Drive** Woertz Trust to Leabman Trust for \$1,675,000
- 9815 Belladonna Drive L.** & J. Stallings to N. Salud for \$710,000
- 450 Bollinger Canyon Lane** #193 Siena Hills Limited to D. Hicks for \$460,000
- 450 Bollinger Canyon Lane** #290 Siena Hills Limited to M. Caras for \$330,000
- 450 Bollinger Canyon Lane** #292 Siena Hills Limited to M.

- Baccay for \$340,000
- 7367 Briza Loop** K. Hoffmann to Bigman Trust for \$665,000
- 9635 Camassia Way** J. Lu to R. Desmarreau for \$750,000
- 1424 Cedarwood Loop** Shapell Industries to J. & S. Lao for \$650,500
- 6051 Dalton Way** Centex Homes to G. Shin for \$689,000
- 6053 Dalton Way** Centex Homes to R. Cornelius for \$575,000
- 2690 Deerwood Drive** Richmond American Homes to S. Bhatia for \$748,500
- 624 Dromana Court** T. & G. Morales to O. & V. Tolentino for \$1,175,000
- 216 Eastridge Drive** Pacifica 235 East Ridge to L. Miller for \$370,000
- 3 Elmwood Drive** R. & J. Hess to M. & K. Austin for \$726,000
- 2108 Feathermint Drive** R. & S. Lacy to P. & S. Wong for \$1,565,000
- 3360 Glencoe Circle** Lennar Homes to S. & P. Messier for \$1,055,500
- 3183 Hastings Way** Lennar Homes to P. & J. Hong for \$1,055,500
- 3822 Highbury Way** Lennar Homes to K. & M. Lum for \$852,000
- 3830 Highbury Way** Lennar Homes to J. & I. Harbove for \$920,000
- 3838 Highbury Way** Lennar Homes to R. & D. Newport for \$848,000
- 7009 Honeycastle Drive** Shapell Homes to L. Zhen for \$1,046,000
- 7015 Honeycastle Drive** Shapell Homes to P. & C. Villareal for \$1,122,000
- 7021 Honeycastle Drive** Shapell Homes to J. Trinh for \$1,117,000
- 824 Jade Crest Drive** Cartus Financial to M. & K. Thompson for \$1,100,000
- 2275 Keats Lane** Brookfield Saville to E. Hsia for \$808,500
- 723 Lakemont Place #1** J. Zhang to C. Pappas for \$509,000
- 154 Meadowood Circle** R. & K. Fidani to V. Rodriguez for \$645,000
- 430 Melrose Court S.** Swepston to S. Bhatia for \$1,625,000

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795 SUNNY BROOK WAY, PLEASANTON  
OFFERED AT \$1,675,000

Another Bridle Creek Beauty  
This single story home has 5 bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms, and is stunning! With approximately 3300 +/- of living space this home has it all, including granite slab countertops and backsplash, hardwood, travertine and carpeting throughout, highly upgraded lighting, upgraded bathrooms, large closets and more. The beautiful backyard is fabulous for entertaining, has wonderful views of the Pleasanton Hills, and is located in one of the best neighborhoods in Pleasanton., listed at \$1,675,000



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**3 LOBELIA LANE \$849,000**  
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**Pending Sale**



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### Upgraded Home

**OPEN SUN 1-4**



**2398 BAY MEADOWS CIRCLE PLEASANTON • OFFERED AT \$639,500**  
Upgraded home! Three bedrooms, two baths. Approximately 1,421 square feet. Remodeled kitchen with granite countertops, maple cabinets, new appliances, and custom tile flooring. Upgraded bathrooms with new granite-topped vanities. New six-panel doors with polished nickel hardware. Newer carpet, upgraded baseboards, paint, and fixtures throughout. Beautifully landscaped with new lawn and newer fencing with privacy lattice.



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**A Great Value! 5 bd, 3 ba, approx. 2500 sqft. on cul-de-sac. \$859,000**



**Luxury 3Bed, 2Bth remodeled single story. \$839,900.**



**Awesome Setting! Custom 5 bd, 4 1/2 ba plus bonus room. \$1,999,950**



**Parkside single story 3 Bed, 2 Bth with 3 car garage. \$739,000**



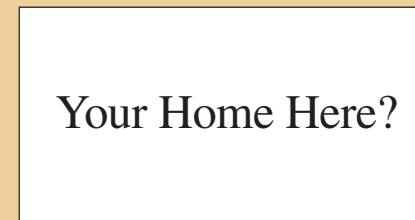
**Just Listed! Charming remodeled 3 bd, 2 ba plus bonus room/office \$719,000**



**Prime location! 4 bd plus bonus room, 3 ba, interior lot, 3 car gar. \$1,019,000**



**Sparkling Pool! 5 bd, 2 1/2 ba, cul-de-sac, remodeled throughout. \$1,025,000**



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**UWE MAERCZ BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$6,999,000**  
Spectacular formal French Estate on the 8th fairway. 6bd/7ba/2 partial baths, 12,500+/-sf under roof, all on .74+/-acre lot. Music room, triple staircase, magnificent Oak tree/backyard/boat storage.

**LINDA TRaurig BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$2,100,000**  
Beautiful 6bd/4 full bath/2 half bath custom home with quick access to the main gate in Ruby Hill. One large bedroom on first floor. This home is located on a .40+/-acre and on the 4th fairway.

**KAT GASKINS BY APPOINTMENT**



**LIVERMORE \$1,295,000**  
Beautiful 4bd/3.5ba, 3916+/-sf home on a premium corner lot on a cul-de-sac! Neighborhood vineyards, views and close to parks. Gourmet kitchen/huge FR. Fully landscaped! 4 car garage!

**KRIS MOXLEY BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$1,200,000**  
2 lots with ability to merge total .30+/- acres. 2 homes, one: 2 bedroom/1 bath main house built in 1908 with a full basement. Other home built in 1920. Property backs to Creek.

**MARK JAMES BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$998,000**  
Gorgeous Ponderosa 4bd/3ba (1bd/1ba down), 2634+/-sf home has soaring ceilings, spacious rooms and a great location close to school, park, shopping and easy access to Hwy 680. Large patio/arbor.

**DOUGLAS BUENZ BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$839,900**  
Gorgeous single story 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1890+/-sf, with cherry and stain-less kitchen, extensive hardwood floors, remodeled baths, and prime cul-de-sac location with private yard and spa.

**TIM MCGUIRE OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30**



**PLEASANTON \$809,000**  
Charming 4bd/2ba single story home surrounded by young families just a block from Aquatic Center pool and park and Harvest Park middle school. Recently painted. 1613 Orchard Way

**TIM MCGUIRE BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$799,950**  
Lowest priced per square foot in Pleasanton. Custom home with 3bd/3ba plus office. Large lot, pool, no near neighbors. Near schools as well as Hwy 680 freeway access.

**MICHAEL TESSARO BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$749,900**  
Reduced \$50,000 Now \$25K less than purchase price. "The Gates" 1 story home. 3bd/2ba, 1614+/-sf home. Hardwood flooring, FR off kitchen, freshly painted interior, plantation shutters and large lot.

**ESTHER BECKER BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$675,000**  
Location, location, location...this great 3 bedroom, 3 bath duet is located across from Danbury Park. Larger nicely landscaped rear yard, updated baths, kitchen with tile counters/newer appliances.

**BLAISE LOFLAND OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



**PLEASANTON \$639,500**  
Beautifully upgraded! 3bd/2ba. Remodeled kitchen/baths with granite. Custom tile flooring. New fixtures. New carpet and interior paint. Beautifully landscaped. 2398 Bay Meadows Circle

**KRIS MOXLEY OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



**PLEASANTON \$639,500**  
3 bedrooms, 2 baths 1,350+/-sf. Updated flooring, appliances, and bathrooms. Permitted sun room is 18'x12'+/-. Dual Pane windows, newer roof, A/C. Close to schools, shopping. 4024 Fairlands Dr

**MAUREEN NOKES BY APPOINTMENT**



**DUBLIN \$639,000**  
Charming 3bd/2ba single level home. Remodeled kitchen with Corian, oak cabinets, appliances. A/C. Fenced paved parking for multi-vehicles. Close to town.

**MAUREEN NOKES BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$595,000**  
Lowest priced home in Pleasanton! Lovely single level 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Private yard with spa/covered deck, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, 2 car garage. No HOA dues.

**SALLY MARTIN BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$569,000**  
Coveted single story. 3bd/2ba, 1,488+/-sf. End Unit. Private court entrance viewed from kitchen and 3rd bd. Outdoor atrium adjacent to expansive LR and dining area. High ceilings. Cute patio.

**BARRACLOUGH & DAVIS OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4**



**PLEASANTON \$379,000**  
2bd/2ba, 1029+/-sf Condo near downtown Pleasanton. This roomy Condo has newer carpet and doors, ceiling fans and recessed lighting. 3399 Norton Way #1



# 612 Paradise Valley Court S ~ Danville



*Fabulous Upgraded Scottsdale Model - 4 Bedroom 2.5 Baths,  
Approx. 2,137 sq.ft. - Excellent Location! Premium Lot - Backs to Open Space!  
Gorgeous Professional Landscape with Flagstone Patio  
Gated Community with Pool  
Easy Commute, Near Shopping - Great Schools.*



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## PLEASANTON



**GREAT LOCATION** 3BD/3BA, incredible custom kitchen and bar, oversized family room, backyard with fantastic pool and spa with waterfalls

925.426.3880

\$1,375,000

## DANVILLE



**CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN** 3BD/2BA, gorgeous hardwood floors, dual pane windows, plantation shutters, tile roof, updated kitchen, lush backyard

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\$960,000

## SAN RAMON



**ONE YEAR NEW HOME** 3BD/2½BA, gourmet kitchen with island, granite countertops, maple floors & cabinetry, master has dual walk-in closets

925.426.3880

\$769,800

## DUBLIN



**UPDATED CAPE COD MODEL** 4BD/2BA, new paint, carpet, laminate, oven cooktop, dual pane windows, newer furnace and central a/c, lots of storage

925.426.3880

\$738,500

## SAN RAMON



**ALL THE UPGRADES** 3BD/3BA, very quiet area, huge office downstairs, lots of windows, huge master tub, steps away from pool

925.426.3880

\$649,950

## PLEASANTON



**SO MANY UPGRADES** 3BD/2BA, dual pane windows, gorgeous wood cabinets and upgraded hardware, recessed lighting, this is a must see

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\$639,950

## HAYWARD



**HOME SWEET HOME** 3BD/1½BA, new laminate wood floors, new kitchen with oak cabinets, Corian countertops, stainless steel appliances and much more

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\$559,000

## BRENTWOOD



**WONDERFUL CUSTOM HOME** 4BD/2BA, ¼ acre lot, completely landscaped, side yard access, vaulted ceilings, ready to move in

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\$549,000

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