

The Festival of Lights



by Rebecca Guyon

Jewish families begin eight-day celebration of Chanukah

Today marks the first day of Chanukah, the Jewish holiday of lights that lasts for eight days, ending this year on Dec. 23. After sundown tonight, Jewish families light the first candle on the menorah, break bread and exchange small gifts commemorating the event.

Around the Tri-Valley, the Chabad of the Tri-Valley organized large menorah ceremonies at Hacienda Crossings in front of the Regal Cinema and at the Stoneridge Shopping Center, in addition to hosting traditional Chanukah lighting ceremonies within its congregation. A 9-foot menorah went up in front of the movie theater last week and a lighting ceremony is scheduled for tomorrow, Dec. 16 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Down the street at Stoneridge, another 9-foot menorah will be lit Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. with festivities happening from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The menorah is part of the second annual "Chanukah Wonderland" located in the shopping center. In the "Chanukah Wonderland," children can take photos with "Judah the Maccabee," get their face painted and make numerous holiday crafts.

Congregation Beth Emek will also host Chanukah lighting ceremonies starting tonight and continuing throughout the holiday's eight days.

The Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a new organization for people who are culturally Jewish but do not identify with the religion, is hosting a Chanukah brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. The event will include singing, dancing, crafts, a candle lighting ceremony and lots of latkes, said Judith Seid, founder of the organization.

"Chanukah is a really important holiday for cultural Jews because it celebrates our nationality and history and doesn't have a large religious component," Seid said. "It's



Rabbi Raleigh Resnick (far right) celebrates Chanukah with members of his congregation, Chabad of the Tri-Valley.

about taking fate into your own hands and making a difference in the world."

The history and rituals of Chanukah celebrate the victory of the Jews, led by the Maccabees, against Greek persecution and religious oppression. After the victory, the Jews returned to their Temple, which had been decimated and filled with pagan statues, and rededicated it. But, in the Temple they only found one flask of oil with which to light the eternal flame. Although there was only enough oil for one day, the flame stayed lit for eight days, enough time for more oil to be pressed and keep the flame going. The holiday commemorates the victory and the miracle of the oil. That's why Chanukah is

known as the Festival of Lights and the word literally means rededication in Hebrew.

For the eight days, Jewish families light a candle on the menorah each night, symbolizing the eight days the oil stayed lit, and read blessings during the lighting. Small gifts are exchanged, usually dreidels—clay tops—and gelt—chocolate coins wrapped in gold. Traditional Chanukah foods include latkes, fried potato pancakes, and sufganiot, or doughnuts. Foods cooked in oil contribute to honoring the miracle of the oil.

Resnick said he enjoys celebrating the usual Chanukah traditions with his family, but also makes a point of giving out menorahs and candles to families who do not have

them. Sharing the holiday is a major aspect of Chanukah, he said.

"Chanukah was made with the intent of publicizing the miracle to point that in Jewish lore, if you don't have someone else seated to light the menorah with you, you haven't fulfilled the tradition," Resnick explained. "Part of participating is you share the miracle and the light with someone else."

In fact, Resnick said the importance of sharing Chanukah is what really sets it apart from other Jewish holidays.

"We have Passover in the spring, and then we have Rosh Hashana, the harvest festival, but Chanukah is the only holiday we have where we say fight the badness and add light to world," Resnick said. "It's an important message, which is why we do public celebrations. I think that's why it's gained popularity. You'll find menorahs in front of the White House, the Kremlin and big menorahs publicly displayed all over the world."

Seid agreed that Chanukah is a fun holiday and important, even though it does not carry the same religious weight as Passover or Rosh Hashana.

"You need a cheerful light holiday at the darkest part of the year," she said. "It's a wonderful holiday in terms of celebrating history, nationality and culture." ■

LEARN MORE

For a complete history of Chanukah and information on Chanukah celebrations, visit www.JewishTriValley.com and click on the Chanukah link.

For information on the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews and how to join, visit www.Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org or e-mail CulturalJews@aol.com.

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Casino Royale

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Rated: PG-13 for violent action, torture and some nudity. 2 hours, 24 minutes.

The verdict is in: The deliciously brooding Daniel Craig is an edgy and eclectic James Bond, deftly grabbing the reins from uber-Bond Sean Connery.

No gimmicky nuclear warheads, extreme heli-skiing or Pierce Brosnan's namby-pambies. This 007 is all business: hungry, raw and willing to lay it down for queen and country.

This go-around, James is tackling the money man for the world's most notorious terrorists. Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen) is a criminal mastermind with an unquenchable thirst for hard currency. A series of explosive events lead Bond and the creepy Le Chiffre to face off in a high-rollers poker showdown at the luxurious Casino Royale in posh Montenegro.

Aiding Bond in his quest to vanquish evil is British treasury agent Vesper Lynd (Eva Green), a brainy beauty who will shape Bond's heart and his future with calculated charm.

The action kicks off with a chase sequence during which Bond acrobatically pursues a mad suicide bomber through the industrialized construction of Madagascar to the Nambutu Embassy, wielding his weapon with dexterous masculinity. From Africa



to Lake Como, Prague to the Bahamas, the beat is positively heart-pounding.

Craig is a glove fit for the iconic M16 agent, darker and more fallible than his predecessors. Charismatic and resourceful, the pugilist-faced, sculpted-bodied Craig goes from swimwear to tuxedo to a bullet between the eyes with sultry versatility.

Craig's chemistry with Green is intriguing, more playful than sexy. The real sparks fly between Craig and Judi Dench, who reprises her role as 007's steely superior M. Their anxious exchanges are razor-sharp, verbal foreplay at its most fluid. Dench is gifted with screenplay writer Paul Haggis' plum lines, a clever volley of bloody cheek and high-minded rebukes.

The body count is high, courtesy of Bond's overdeveloped trigger finger and overextended ego. Sexual liaisons are kept at a minimum in order to fully develop 007's fundamental penchant for women as disposable pleasures rather than meaningful pursuits.

In the film's only serious misstep, James and Vesper turn to a tenuous love affair that feels insincere and meticulously manufactured.

But Craig is so thoroughly bad-ass, so sociopathically tenacious that his every move is box-office gold. "Casino" is pure testosterone pleasure.

—Jeanne Aufmuth

Ready to Rent

The Devil Wears Prada

Fox Home Video DVD – 1hr 49mins
Director: David Frankel

Every once in a while I see a movie whose category mistakenly falls under the insulting and misleading term of "women's film." Insulting because it creates a negative sexual stereotype whose stigma's stench can keep a man away because it does not involve blood and guts (when I know for most women the site of a bare-chested Brad Pitt covered in anything is enough of a draw across gender lines). Misleading because it limits the aesthetic experience of the movie due to its (usually) bigoted marketing and demographics. Alfred Hitchcock is one good example whose genre, suspense and horror, is perceived as being geared toward men, but whose stories really appeal to women who can't figure out the men they love ("Suspicion") or detail men who really cannot decipher the women they obsess over ("Vertigo" or even "Psycho"). These are two huge selling bylines on the cover of any Cosmo or Vogue.

However, there is a film that comes along every once in a while that really tosses me into the gender divide and "The Devil Wears Prada" is that pitcher. Now, I don't mind a good action film because most of the time they are really comedies with the physical humor taken too far; it only bothers me when the violence is suspiciously and gratuitously voyeuristic and the experience ultimately comes across as nihilistic. In the same breath, I don't mind a good period piece or love story or comedy as long as the dramatics are engaging and the movie is true to its one purpose—entertaining me in a dimensional fashion. You know a good movie when you feel excited, when you feel some part of yourself wanting to renew the experience again or even living vicariously through someone who has yet to see it.

Again, "The Devil Wears Prada" is not that movie and I can only blame my personal prejudices which

run deep. The movie is a Cinderella story in a time for women who, in my poor opinion, need to overhaul their Cinderella stories. It traces the rise of Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), a very bright and very real college graduate who gets a job at Runway Magazine (based on real life Vogue) working under the evil Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep) who quickly becomes Andy's nemesis. Andy is an insult to her coworkers because, one, she does not wear designer clothes and two, she's not a petty snob and the movie is actually quite compelling up until this point because of Andy's resistance.

Unfortunately, "The Devil Wears Prada" takes an awful turn toward its middle and follows through with the most typical Hollywood compromised trash that I actually felt disgusted at its end. What tries to come off as bittersweet as we witness Andy's join' to beat em' philosophy, actually is depressingly conformist with designer clothes as the spoils. Now, I'm not a woman. However, I developed as one in the womb until a series of hormones changed my cell structures, so I feel I have something to say about this. It's depressing to watch Andy be incredibly intimidated by her sociopath boss and corporate culture, only to embrace some of their ideals and walk away "changed for the better." I guess "The Devil Wears Prada" is a good film to the point where it gets me going, but, its message is bleak and manipulative, giving the OK for women to sell themselves out for a nice dress while dismissing any morning-after doubts about losing your credibility.

—Joe Ramirez





Deck the halls

Find the most extravagant Christmas decorations around town

Lani Allen

With all the beautiful Christmas displays in Pleasanton, many families get in a festive mood this time of year by touring the city. Almost everyone puts up holiday lights and wreaths of some sort, but some households really get into the spirit, turning their front yards into full holiday displays.

Despite the bright lights, it's not always easy to find these amazing homes, which is why Livermore resident Alex Dourov founded Lights of the Valley, a Web site devoted to chronicling the best Christmas decorations in the area, eight years ago.

The site maintains lists of nicely decorated homes, along with photos of the homes and a map for how to get there, with consent from the home owners, for Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and many more with cities as far away as Stockton and Manteca. According to the site, Santa will even be stopping by some of the homes before the big Christmas day.

The Senior Center also provides a tour of the best lights in the city. The tour took place on Thursday and participants were treated to sites on Walnut Drive, better known around town as Candy Cane Lane, Hearst Drive and Vintage Hills. Of course, the tour also went by "Bob's World," the home on Calle Reynoso known for its extravagant decorations, and

"Bob's World 2" on Chelsea Court.

"Bob's been doing it for at least 20 years, adding to it each year," said Michelle Tonowski, the Paratransit driver for the Senior Center tour who has organized the route for the past 13 years. "Now a lot of homes around him do decorations as well. He actually does almost every holiday, but of course Christmas is his big one."

Tonowski said many Pleasanton households go beyond the usual lights.

"One house had polar bears once, and that was cool. They were like the reindeer that move, but they were polar bears," she said. "On Hearst they have different Christmas flags and some homes have beautiful trees that fill the cathedral ceilings and are framed in the windows. People are in awe of the huge trees."

Whatever your taste in decorations, there are plenty of sites around Pleasanton to keep you in the holiday spirit.

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Sports

Falcon football season ends

Team falls 33-7 in NCS 4A championship game

by Michael Miller

Coming into last Saturday's game against the Spartans from De La Salle, the Foothill Falcons knew they would have their work cut out for themselves. De La Salle came into the game unbeaten in 165 games and 163 wins against Northern California teams since 1992. The Spartans had won 40 straight NCS playoff games and were ranked No. 1 by USA Today and No. 3 by MaxPreps.com in their respective national high school football rankings. During another strong season for the De La Salle offense, the team averaged 403 yards per game during the regular season and topped that off with nearly 900 more yards of offense in two NCS playoff games.

However, the Falcons were not about to give up without a fight. The Falcons lived and played exactly as prescribed by Coach Matt Sweeney's philosophy, "the team that wins the battle along the line of scrimmage, the team that has the more physical players, will win." Sweeney's 21st season as head coach was highlighted by a sensational defense that held teams to only 179 yards per game during the regular season. While the defense overwhelmed opponents, the offense showed unbelievable balance gaining more than 1,400 yards both rushing and passing. Rob Andrews was the leading rusher with 700 yards and 15 touchdowns; Jordan Johnson had 50 catches and 702 yards receiving to go with his 10 TD receptions.

The question facing the Falcons was whether their defense could handle the relentless pressure from the Spartan offense. Was the 323 yards per game that the Falcon defense allowed in its two playoff wins, both struggles, an ominous sign of what would happen against the powerhouse from Concord?

In the first quarter the Spartans took a 7-0 lead on a 5-yard TD run from Tim Maupin. Not to be denied, the Falcons fought back with special teams leading the charge. Johnny Millard blocked a De La Salle punt giving the Foothill offense the ball at the Spartan 2-yard line. Rob Andrews rewarded

the effort with a 1-yard TD run to tie the game. From there the Spartans took over the game scoring two touchdowns in less than two minutes to take a 19-7 halftime lead. After a scoreless third quarter, the Spartans added two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to make the final score 33-7, giving De La Salle their 15th-straight NCS 4A title.

Amador girl's soccer continues to roll

The Amador Valley Girls Soccer Team continued to string together wins and entered league play this week with a record of 6-0-1. The four-game road trip to Santa Barbara would have to be labeled a huge success as the team returned to Pleasanton with wins against Carpinteria (6-0), San Marcus (1-0) and Dos Pueblo (3-2), and a tie against host Santa Barbara (0-0). The highlight certainly was the sloppy field 1-0 win over defending CIF Champions San Marcus.

The Dons were inspired by the return of injured senior co-captain Liz Lewis and allowed only two goals during the trip. Lindsey Ellison, Michelle Avendano and Nicole Garrity led the defense. Goalies Kelsey Baxter and Laura Burton continued their strong start to the season and have now allowed only two goals through seven games. Midfielders Cassidy Fitzpatrick, Christina Hernandez, Sarah Steele and Marisa Fraticelli, as they have in every game, controlled the pace of the game.

Amador Basketball Classic

Started in 1961, the Amador Basketball Classic is the longest continuous running eight-team basketball tournament in California. Jason Kidd, when he was at St. Joseph, and Leon Powe, at Oakland Tech, are just two of the local high school stars that have played in the tournament. Two teams, Merced and Cordova, have been coming to the Tournament for nearly 20 years.

The field for the 45th tournament was strong once again. All but Lincoln Stockton (replaced by Lincoln-San Francisco) returned from last year's field. The returning teams were Merced; Ygnacio Valley, coached by Pleasanton native Mike Hansen; defending ABC Champion Oakland Skyline;

Terra Linda, who finished 24-4 last season; Rancho Cordova; and local power Hayward.

In their first round game against Merced, Amador took a 17-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back as they cruised to a 74-41 victory. The Dons put the game out of reach in the third quarter outscoring the Bears 24-3. Amador displayed excellent team basketball on both offense and defense. The passing was sharp, leading to several easy baskets and open-look jumpers. The defense was intense and caused several Merced turnovers that allowed Amador to score in transition. Fourteen different Dons players scored in the game, led by Shannon Riddell with 15.

In the semi-final game Amador defeated Lincoln-SF 76-40. The Dons used an 18-2 second quarter to break the game open. As they did in the first round, the Amador defense and passing game paved the way to victory. Michael VanderHorst scored 15 points to lead the Dons including a highlight reel 23-foot hook shot that was tossed at the basket as he was saving a ball from going out of bounds. Nick Vuoto added 13 points and Matt Juillerat recorded six assists in the win.

The Amador boys varsity ended its run through the ABC Tournament field with a hard-fought 54-43 loss to Terra Linda-San Rafael in the finals on Saturday night. The Dons played solid team basketball to take the runner-up spot in the 45th ABC annual tournament. Mark Warren and Mike VanderHorst were named to the All-Tournament team.

Amador Valley frosh girls win championship

The Amador Valley freshman girl's basketball team slipped past Carondelet in the championship game 31-28 to win the Cougar Classic tournament last week. Chelsea Luther and Kelsey Martin were both named to the all-tournament team. Britannia Bloom was selected the tournament's most valuable player.

Foothill boys basketball wins West Coast Classic

The Falcon boys varsity basketball team will enter league play 6-0 this week after winning the prestigious West Coast Classic

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boys basketball tournament. The Falcons earned their way to the championship game with wins over McClymonds (57-38) and Berkeley (75-73).

Saturday's championship game against Valley Christian was a dog fight with neither team leading by more than five points through the first three quarters. Leading 47-44 entering the fourth quarter, the Falcons put the pedal to the metal in pushing the lead to 10 with two minutes remaining in the game before settling for an eight-point win, 74-66.

Ryan Dadrass, who scored 17 points in the final game, was named tournament MVP. Steven Pratt was also named to the all-tournament team.

Seahawks swim to great times at home meet

Although the weather was variable, the performances were not. More than 160 Seahawks swimmers participated in the first home meet of the season and swam to outstanding times. The following young swimmers took the home pool advantage to place or swim best times:

Analese Chinn, 8, swam to second place in the 25 Free and 25 Back, and third place in the 50 Back (all best times).

Eva Chung, 9, swam all new best times to place first in the 100 IM, 50 Free, 100 Breast; and third in the 50 Back and 50 Fly.

Madeleine Dierickse, 6, swam all new best times.

Akul Goyal, 8, swam to third place in the 25 Breast.

Lily Gribbel, 8, had a great time this weekend, swimming to first in the 25 Back, 25 Breast, 50 Back, and 25 Free. She also capped it off with second place wins in the 50 Free and 50 Fly.

Regis Lachance, 8, knew only the #2: taking second in the 25 Breast, 50 Back, and 25 Free.

Wolfgang Lachance, 6, placed third in the 25 Breast.

Aaron Li, 7, swam to first place in the 25 Breast.

Jasmine Lin, 8, placed first in the 50 Free.

Kayla Lindsay, 8, had some great swims, placing first in the 50 Free and 50 Fly, and second in the 25 Back.

Vickie Luo, 5, swam all new best times.

Rishab Nair, 7, took second in the 25 Back.

Nadia Nguyen, 8, swam to second in the 25 Breast and 25 Free (all new best times).

Jonathan Ong, 9, swam all new best times.

Annalisa Parker, 9, placed first in the 50 Back and 100 Back.

Adrien Rooney, 7, swam to second in the 50 Back and 25 Free, and third in the 50 Free and 25 Back.

Maxime Rooney, 8, actually took first place in all of his events: 50 Free, 50 Fly, 25 Back, 25 Breast, 50 Back, and 25 Free.

RJ Scott, 9, took second in the 100 Back, and 3rd in the 100 IM.

Annalise Stevenson, 9, swam all new best times.

Blake Tucker, 7, took third in the 50 Free and 25 Back.

Nicholas Tucker, 9, placed first in the 100 50 Back and 100 IM, and 3rd in the 200 Free.

Michelle Wang, 7, swam all new best times.

Brody West, 8, placed first in the 25 and 50 Back, and took 3rd in the 25 Free. ■

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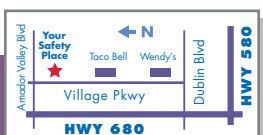
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Home sales could recover from cyclical-low in new year

Real estate economist looks for 'sluggish expansion' nationally

by Jeb Bing

Existing-home sales are expected to rise gradually in 2007 from current levels, with annual totals comparable to 2006, while new-home sales will continue to slide, according to the latest forecast by the National Association of Realtors.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said there are mixed conditions around the U.S. In a report prepared by NAR spokesman Walter Molony, Lereah said:

Roughly three-quarters of the country will experience a sluggish expansion in 2007, while other areas should continue to contract for at least part of the year. Most of the correction in home prices is behind us, but general gains in value next year will be modest by historical standards.

"Buyers, especially first-time buyers, with the combined benefits of seller flexibility and an unexpected drop in mortgage interest rates, have a window of opportunity. These conditions will persist in many areas until early spring when inventory supplies are likely to become more balanced."

According to the NAR, existing-home sales, finishing a the third-best year on record, are projected for 2006 at 6.47 million nationally, a decline of 8.6 percent. In 2007, they're expected to rise steadily from the current cyclical low and reach an annual total of 6.40 million, which would be 1.0 percent lower than this year's total.

"However, by the fourth quarter of 2007, existing-home sales will be 4.6 percent higher than the current quarter," Lereah said.

New-home sales in 2006 are expected to fall 17.7 percent to 1.06 million, still the fourth highest total on record, before sliding an additional 9.4 percent in 2007 to 957,000. Much of the contraction in the new housing

market results from cuts in builder construction to support pricing for current inventories. In addition, high construction costs in many areas are minimizing potential profits.

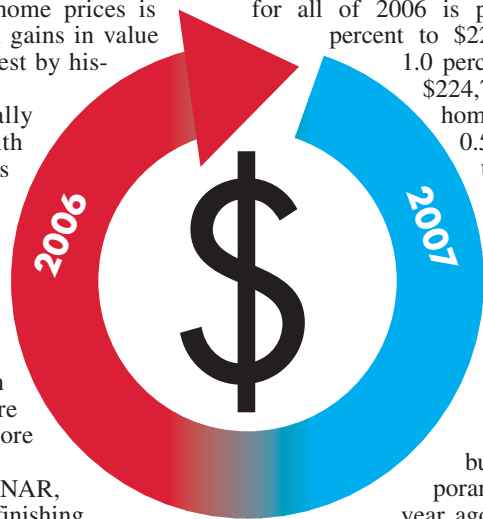
Total housing starts for 2006 are likely to drop 12.3 percent to 1.82 million units, with another 15.1 percent decline in 2007 to 1.54 million.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is forecast to gradually increase to 6.7 percent by the fourth quarter of 2007. Last week, Freddie Mac reported the 30-year fixed rate dropped to 6.11 percent.

The national median existing-home price for all of 2006 is projected to rise 1.4 percent to \$222,600, with another 1.0 percent gain next year to \$224,700. The median new-home price should ease by 0.5 percent to \$239,700 this year, then rise by 0.8 percent in 2007 to \$241,700.

"Keep in mind that overall home prices were still appreciating at double digit rates in the first quarter of this year," Lereah said. "Prices in this buyer's market are temporarily a little below a year ago when we were in a strong seller's market. This correction is one of the factors drawing buyers into the current market, but most sellers are still seeing very healthy long-term gains."

Lereah said the country's unemployment rate is expected to be 4.8 percent in 2007, after averaging an estimated 4.6 percent this year. Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, is forecast to be 3.4 percent for 2006 and 2.3 percent in 2007, while growth in the U.S. Gross Domestic Product is likely to be 3.3 percent for all of this year and 2.3 percent in 2007. Inflation-adjusted disposable personal income is projected to grow 2.6 percent for 2006 and 3.5 percent next year. ■



Low interest rates prompt buyer, refinancing push

Mortgage planner says clients have saved \$9,000 by lowering rates

by Jeb Bing

With the Feds leaving the federal funds rate at 5.25 percent this week, Tri-Valley Realtors and mortgage brokers are recommending that homeowners and buyers consider buying or refinancing.

The decision by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and other policy makers to leave Fed-controlled interest rates unchanged for their fourth consecutive meeting was based in part on their views that there has been a substantial cooling in the housing market nationwide, analysts said.

Inman News, a national online real estate service, said it was the first time the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee used the word "substantial" to describe the current housing slowdown.

"In spite of the Fed's decision to hold rates steady, long term interest rates, including home loan rates, have fallen to their lowest levels of the year," said David Walden, a Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist with

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Total sales reported: 15	Total sales reported: 9	Total sales reported: 15	Total sales reported: 43
Lowest sale reported: \$450,000	Lowest sale reported: \$540,000	Lowest sale reported: \$355,000	Lowest sale reported: \$285,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,600,000	Highest sale reported: \$928,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,551,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,852,500
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4 Bedrooms

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Sun 1-4 Blackhawk RE 683-6058

Danville

2 Bedrooms

4032 Skylark Ln. **\$534,500**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

3 Bedrooms

619 Contada Cir. **\$1,025,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4134

663 Sheri Ln. **\$1,180,000**
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 734-5076

653 Doral Dr. **\$749,000**
Sun 1-4 ERA Golden Hills 519-5740

42 Casablanca St. **\$759,000**
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4072

4 Bedrooms

84 Stowbridge **\$1,039,900**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

55 Paraiso Ct. **\$1,095,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3326

11 Jillian Wy. **\$1,699,900**
Sun 1-4 Intero 818-4078

307 Valle Vista **\$924,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3390

21 Ocho Rios Pl. **\$999,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 791-2513

5 Bedrooms

124 Victoria Pl. **\$2,219,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4112

Home Sales

This week's data represents homes sold during November 2006

Pleasanton

4336 1st Street J. Francisco to S. Corey for \$679,000

5098 Blackbird Way D. & A. Carmichael to V. & A. Lopez for \$853,000

6064 Corte Montanas V. Adams to D. & A. Pistone for \$595,000

7865 Flagstone Drive Kelly Trust to M. & S. Watts for \$800,000

4181 Georgis Place D. Naas to E. Bagaoisan for \$535,000

889 Hopkins Way J. Sandschulte to D. & K. Tenney for \$1,150,000

7357 Joshua Circle M. Maffeo to P. Theodorou for \$675,000

964 Mingoia Street Centex Homes to Hardman Trust for \$1,446,000

795 Neal Place T. & K. Pico to C. & N. Wellman for \$900,000

4249 Sheldon Circle S. Leo to C. Louie for \$504,000

1325 Stone Canyon Court Ponderosa Homes to D. & A. Banker for \$1,600,000

441 Trebbiano Place C. & N. Ponder to J. & J. Lackey for \$1,175,000

7246 Valley View Court C. Perkins to P. Paluri for \$549,000

3081 Yuma Way M. McFadden to A. Paisal for \$470,500

3110 Zuni Way C. & M. Noon to M. Mendoza for \$450,000

Dublin

7518 Calle Verde Road P. Meyer to D. Yarmlak for \$685,000

8750 Galindo Drive Mahood Trust to A. Sims for \$590,000

7995 Jade Circle Wasik Trust to K. Gabrielson for \$760,000

10842 McPeak Lane J. & K. Halpern to C. Gholamshahi for \$589,000

3830 Silvera Ranch Drive Pfeiffer Ranch Investors to J. Deshpande for \$928,000

11676 Silvergate Drive W. & J. Sandberg to A. & E. Duncaif for \$641,000

6718 Tory Way Mchaney Trust to S. Gregory for \$540,000

4325 Westport Way W. Chen to K. Kaniga for \$770,000

11428 Winding Trail Lane J. Jordan to M. & C. Kersten for \$555,000

Livermore

568 Alameda Drive M. Westernoff to R. & D. Anolin for \$595,000

1024 Bucknell Court D. & J. Riele to R. Rossi for \$580,000

797 Catalina Drive T. Martinelli to M. & R. Smith for \$665,000

2847 Cellars Drive Livermore Corners to Nighswonger Trust for \$1,275,000

675 Cindy Lane R. Looney to G. & L. Sena for \$585,000

2551 Cowan Way Meritage Homes to B. & M. Reyes for \$1,070,000

2575 Cowan Way Meritage Homes to D. & L. Huffman for \$1,102,500

3183 Danielle Court S. Santangelo to R. Popli for \$1,551,000

2949 Danielle Lane W. & J. McFarlane to J. & R. Vella for \$1,285,000

3468 Madeira Way P. Sanchez to M. Garcia for \$550,000

1172 Marlys Common L. Morgensen to L. Dotson for \$549,000

705 Newbury Street H. Tsuchiya to M. Kinsella for \$870,000

2145 Park Street D. Mello to C. Adelan for \$450,000

503 Ridgecrest Circle J. & R. Hiramoto to R. & E. Yee for \$765,000

1400 Spring Valley Common D. & C. Fields to A. Bertsch for \$355,000

San Ramon

533 Adriatic Court D. Slack to W. & S. Borduin for \$850,000

1400 Allannmere Drive C. Lee to R. & M. Sundaram for \$925,000

3849 Aragon Lane J. & G. Swann to M. & M. Estephan for \$895,000

2188 Arlington Way Brookfield Saville to E. & C. Ocampo for \$834,500

3306 Barons Lane Brookfield Emory to D. & L. Miller for \$843,500

3318 Barons Lane Brookfield Emory to A. & R. Ratcliff for \$869,000

450 Bollinger Canyon Lane #289 Siena Hills Limited to C. Moretti for \$330,000

Refinancing

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Diversified Capital Funding in Pleasanton. "You may qualify for a reduction in interest payments," Walden stated in a message to home owners.

"At the end of each year, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac release their maximum loan limits for the coming year," Walden said. "These limits identify the maximum amount you can borrow while still qualifying for conforming loan products, which offer lower rates than alternative loan programs."

But while many in the real estate industry had been concerned that these limits would be lowered as property values in many areas of the country have been declining, these two organizations decided that conforming loan limits will remain unchanged for the remainder of this year and throughout 2007.

That means that the loan limits for first home loans will hold firm at:

- \$417,000 for home loans on one-family properties;
- \$533,850 for home loans on two-family properties;
- \$645,300 for home loans on three-family

properties; and

- \$801,950 for home loans on four-family properties.

"In other words, if your current home loan initially closed with a jumbo/non-conforming interest rate or with a rate higher than 6.50 percent, a review of your financial situation is in order," Walden said.

That applies also to those with a home equity line of credit with a balance on it, an adjustable rate mortgage that is scheduled to reset in 2007 and for those with more than \$10,000 in revolving credit card debt.

"Many of my clients discovered that they were spending nearly \$9,000 a year which we were able to put back into their pockets," Walden said.

While home loan rates are at their lowest levels of the year, interest rates are volatile and can increase quickly," he said.

"Ben Bernanke stated this week that the core inflation rate remains uncomfortably high and the Federal Reserve is prepared to act quickly if future developments warrant," Walden added. "So it's important to act now." ■

21 Cali Court, Pleasanton



Downtown Pleasanton!

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Ground Level Unit - 2 bed, 2 bath, Central Air, dual pane windows, one car garage, pool, spa, club house, close to freeway but quite. Call Joe or Glorian for a private showing. Asking \$437,888.

IN PLEASANTON

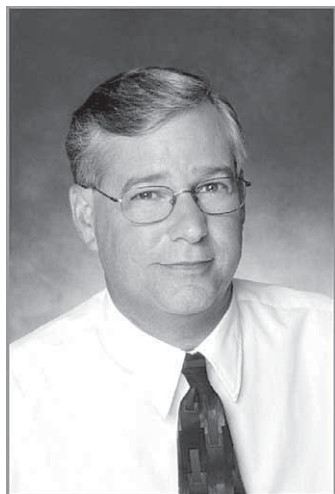
Walk to downtown. Close to everything. Gorgeous kitchen with Oak cabinets and granite counters, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, pool and spa, large lot and on a court. Asking \$824,950

IN DUBLIN

West side location. 3 bedroom 2 bath with extra large lot and fantastic kitchen. Located on a court. Asking \$699,950
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7558 May Way, San Ramon

Offered at \$850,000

CHARM, CHARACTER, ROMANTIC - 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Updated kitchen with dining nook & large garden window. Teak flooring in entry & kitchen. Large family room looks out to lush yard, surround sound, custom cabinets around gas fireplace, built-in aquarium. Formal living room with gas fireplace leading to large dining room with French doors to an East wing patio for outdoor leisure entertaining. Very spacious indoor laundry room. Upstairs laundry chute. Huge romantic backyard with 4 patios each with their own focal point. Approx. 2274 sq-ft. Lot approx. 7600 sq-ft.



3934 Tamworth Court, Dublin

Offered at \$680,000

\$5,000 CREDIT TO BUYER WITH ACCEPTED OFFER. Beautifully decorated single family home. Each room is artfully decorated with a touch of Paris. Tile floors in entry, kitchen & dining area. Custom paint colors. Master bedroom & bedroom #3 have ceiling fans. Inside laundry. Spacious patio great for entertaining. Two-car tandem garage. Easy access to I-580. Close to BART, schools, park & shopping. Approx. 1535 sq-ft.



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Bridle Creek



OPEN SUN 1-4

576 SYCAMORE CREEK
WAY, PLEASANTON
OFFERED AT \$1,869,000

Beautiful Bridle Creek home on .34 acre lot with professional landscaping and in-ground pool/spa. Popular large Avalon model with five bedrooms, formal office, loft area and 5.5 bathrooms. Approximately 4476 square feet plus approx. Plus 400 square foot guest house/casita. Gourmet kitchen

with granite slab counters and maple cabinets. Close to Downtown Pleasanton and Castlewood Country Club. Great house, great price!

Vintage Heights



Just Closed!

833 "UPPER" MONTEVINO
DR, PLEASANTON
OFFERED AT \$1,400,000

Panoramic views and newer in ground swimming pool/spa included in this private .25 acre lot. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab counters, custom cabinets, stainless steel appliances and hardwood floors. Newer dual pane windows throughout. New carpeting. Recently pro-

professionally re-landscaped. Viewing balconies. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3475 square feet, bonus room/2nd master option (4th). Beautiful exterior with extensive brickwork. Adjacent to Livermore Valley wine country and just a few minutes to Ruby Hill Country club. Memberships available.

Upgraded Home



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-

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SUSIE STEELE BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$2,750,000
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BLAISE LOFLAND OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,869,000
Beautiful home on .34+/-acre lot with professional landscaping and in-ground pool/spa. Popular Avalon model, 5bd/5.5ba formal office, loft area. 4436+/-sf plus 400+/-sf guest house. 576 Sycamore Creek Way

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 BY APPOINTMENT



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 with updated bath and Kitchen.

ROSEMARY DUTRA BY APPOINTMENT



DUBLIN \$799,000
Beautiful bright 4bd/2.5ba Creekside home! Huge master with 2 walk-in closets, hardwood floors in entry, LR and DR with tile in the kitchen. Built-in TV center and interior freshly painted.

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 BY APPOINTMENT



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

MAUREEN NOKES BY APPOINTMENT



DUBLIN \$623,950
Charming 3bd/2ba single level home. Remodeled kitchen with Corian, oak cabinets, appliances. A/C. Fenced paved parking for multi-vehicles. Close to town.

KRIS MOXLEY OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$620,000
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, Community Cabana Club. 4024 Fairlands Dr

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.

LINDA TRAUIG BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$589,000
Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathrooms, 1535+/-sf. Everything is new, new kitchen, new bathrooms, new hardwood floors downstairs, new carpeting, and much more. Great location!

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 SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$379,000
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