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Sales  
To appreciate my wife more.



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To be nicer to Blake's wife so I can go out with her friends.



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To try not to spend all of my income at Me and Emmi.

**Susie Kim**  
High Tech Burrito  
To try and get my driver's license and purchase a new car.



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To graduate from college as fast as possible so I can make money and buy extravagant things.



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*Compiled by Tyler Bierbower*

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### Juno

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Rated: PG-13 for language and sexuality.  
1 hour, 32 minutes.

Ellen Page adds sparkling notes to this quirky teen indie about growing up the hard way.

Only a grating, in-your-face score mars the cinematic escape as Juno MacGuff (Page) and semi-squeeze Paulie Bleeker (Michael Cera) do the nasty and Juno finds herself (surprise, surprise) with child.

As she's only a child herself, Juno needs to come clean with her dad (J.K. Simmons) and uptight stepmom (Allison Janney). The 'rents have a 3-year-old named Liberty Bell, which offers plenty of insight into the family dynamic.

Next step is locating a brace of proper adoptive parents. Tucked into the latest issue of Penny Saver, alongside an ad for exotic birds, is the perfect pair of desperately seeking "baby-starved wing nuts." Not exactly the edgy, graphic-designing, rocking-out-on-a-bass-guitar guardians Juno had in mind, but beggars can't be choosers.

The eager adoptees (Jennifer Garner as Vanessa and Jason Bateman as Mark) take a meeting with

Juno and her dad, toting along their lawyer to hammer out the terms of an "open" adoption. Juno balks, preferring to kick it "Old-Testament style," metaphorically dropping the tot in a wicker basket and floating it down the river amongst the reeds (i.e., a "closed" adoption).

As the months progress, an expanding Juno handles the situation in her own inestimable fashion, developing an awkward crush on Mark that could threaten the future of his marriage and Juno's best-laid plans.

Quirky is tricky business, toeing a razor-thin line between amusing and the absurd. Director Jason Reitman ("Thank You for Smoking") relies on the fresh antics of his leading lady to get the job done with idiosyncratic flair. Page is magnificent, even while throwing out the quips at gabby, exaggerated warp-speed.

The scripting is invigorating, but if I'm to be perfectly honest (and that's why they pay me the big bucks), a touch overwritten by ex-stripper-cum-It Scribe Diablo Cody. As such it still manages to support both the humor and the pathos of an ill-equipped teen facing a monumental choice.

Sweet, sassy and satisfying.

—Jeanne Aufmuth



### I Am Legend

★★★

Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence.  
1 hour, 40 minutes.

Daniel Day-Lewis, Sean Penn, Denzel Washington, Tom Hanks.

If someone had told you 15 years ago that "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" would eventually be recognized alongside these phenomenal actors as one of the best in the business, you would have laughed yourself right to the funny farm. But that is exactly what has happened, a point made clear by Will Smith's Oscar-caliber performance in the otherwise imperfect "I Am Legend."

The film is based on Richard Matheson's novel of the same name, which was previously brought to the big screen with 1964's "The Last Man on Earth" starring Vincent Price and 1971's "The Omega Man" starring Charlton Heston. In the current movie, Smith plays Robert Neville, a New York-based military scientist who appears to be the sole survivor of a massive viral outbreak. Neville strolls the abandoned and decrepit streets of New York alongside his German shepherd, Sam, hunting wild deer and initiating one-sided dialogue with mannequins at the local video store.

But Neville is not alone. The few people who weren't killed by the virus mutated into pale, gangly, hairless creatures that thirst on blood and come out only at night in order to avoid the scorching sun. They are The Infected. While Neville sends out endless radio messages to lure other possible survivors, he uses his own immune blood on infected lab rats in hopes of developing a cure for the devastating illness.

Smith has come a long way since his days as DJ Jazzy Jeff's partner in hip hop. His riveting performance as Neville is filled with raw emotion and sprinkled with humor. In one memorable scene, he stands beside a female mannequin and tearfully pleads for her to speak to him. "Please say hello to me," he repeats to no avail. He desperately longs for the sound of another human voice and an end to the mindless screams and grunts of The Infected.

The Infected are like vicious albino vampires, and the film's first glimpse of them is absolutely horrific. When Neville chases Sam into a pitch-black building with a rifle and a flashlight, he quickly becomes overwhelmed by fear, and the audience can't help but be terrified alongside him. But once

The Infected are seen outside the cover of darkness, the CGI effects used to create them are apparent, pulling viewers out of the moment and diluting the fear factor. The Infected also bellow and leap around to the point of irritation.

Other special effects are fantastic, such as when a lioness attacks a wayward deer or (during a flashback) when the Brooklyn Bridge is ripped apart by a helicopter's missile. The digitally enhanced sets of a New York devoid of human activity are excellent. Weeds poke through the neglected streets; buildings are ghostly husks; and posters for movies not yet made (a promo for a Batman/Superman film hangs in Times Square) high-

light a sense of time and place.

"I Am Legend" is far from a feel-good film; it's a familiar (for fans of Stephen King's "The Stand" or Heston's "Omega Man") post-apocalyptic adventure rife with chills and hopelessness. Smith brings a sympathetic human quality to the picture, but don't expect to skip around afterward whistling show tunes. In fact, if you see the film on your own or go to an empty home afterward, you may feel exactly like Robert Neville does.



# Hello 2008

*There are several ways to ring in the New Year around Pleasanton*

by Emily Atwood

It's out with the old and in with the New Year Monday night. For those looking to ring in 2008 in and around Pleasanton, don't fret. There are plenty of fun ways to say goodbye to 2007 without going too far.

### The Pleasanton Hotel

Early and late birds are in for a treat at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Those wanting to be out past their bedtime should consider the Early New Year's Eve Dinner. Menu options include crab and lobster bisque, bacon wrapped stuffed filet mignon and white chocolate raspberry cheesecake. It's \$49 per person plus gratuity and tax. Parties may be seated from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Late night party goers can look forward to a night of fun, with seatings starting at 8:30 p.m. The night includes a four course gourmet dinner, party favors, a DJ on one dance floor and a live band on the other, and of course champagne to toast in the new year. The cost is \$175 per couple plus gratuity and tax. Reserve your spot by calling 846-8106. Visit [www.pleasantonhotel.com](http://www.pleasantonhotel.com) for details.

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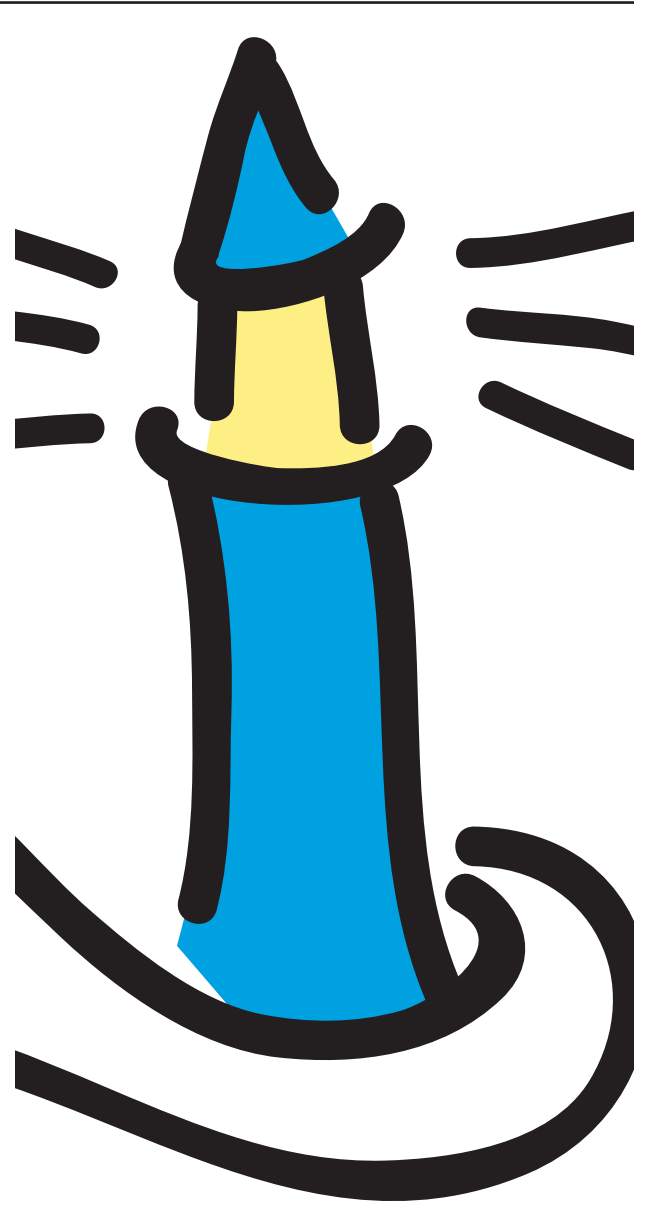
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# Dining Out

## American

### Vic's All Star Kitchen

201 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 484-0789. Vic's delivers a starry mix of American food, fast service and a cheery atmosphere. Owner Vic Malatesta teamed his love of sports with his passion for good food to create a solid dining experience. Vic's is open daily 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Evening banquets and daytime catering are available.

### Bridges

44 Church St., Danville, 820-7200. Executive Chef Kevin Gin interprets California-American cuisine with

European and Asian influences with expansive lunch and dinner menus. Add dessert, wine and cocktails and you have Bridges' casual fine dining experience. Visit [www.bridgesdanville.com](http://www.bridgesdanville.com) for event and private party details.

### Pleasanton Hotel Restaurant

855 Main St., Pleasanton, 846-8106. Executive Chef Neil Marquis offers exciting contemporary American cooking at lunch and dinner, featuring a wide selection of fresh fish entrees. Also offering our famous Sunday Champagne Buffet Brunch full bar and patio service. Visit us at [www.pleasantonhotel.com](http://www.pleasantonhotel.com) for menus and private party and catering details.

### Zorn's Restaurant

3015 Hopyard Road, 462-0994. Located in the Hopyard Village Shopping Center, Zorn's serves breakfast all day. Open seven days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with breakfast and lunch specials. Dine in or take out. Catering also available.

## Asian-Pacific

### Mahalo Grille

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## Barbecue

### Red Smoke Grill

4501 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 734-0307. Home of the Tri Tip and Blue, Red Smoke Grill was voted best take out food by Pleasanton Weekly readers in 2006. Dine in or take out rotisserie chicken, ribs, prawns, salads and tri tip, or pulled pork sandwiches. Relax with a beer or a bottle of wine. Visit [www.redsmokegrill.com](http://www.redsmokegrill.com).

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## Italian

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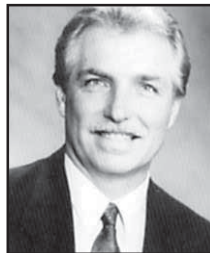
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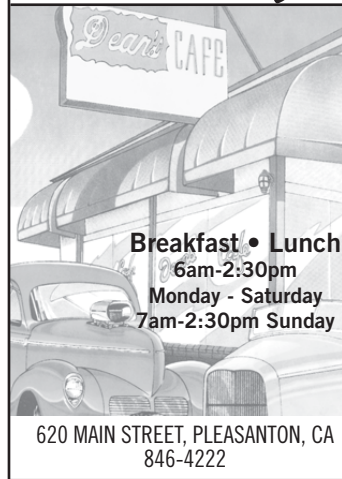
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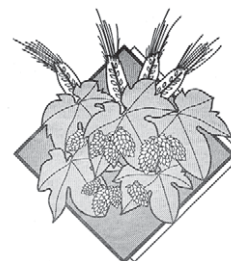
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# Calendar

## Book Clubs

**Great Books of Pleasanton** The Great Books of Pleasanton book club meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie at 846-1658.

**New Non-fiction Book Club** Kathryn Tournat leads a new non-fiction book club at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Discuss "Carved in Sand: When Attention Fails and Memory Fades in Midlife" by Cathryn Jakobson Ramin. Refreshments are served. Call 846-8826.

## Civic Meetings

**City Council** The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Housing Commission** The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Human Services Commission** The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Parks & Recreation Commission** The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**Planning Commission** The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**School Board** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

**Youth Commission** The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

## Classes

**Basic Yoga Class** Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Beth Fox, certified yoga instructor, will teach a yoga basics class in Lynnwood United Methodist Church's multipurpose room, 4444 Black Ave. The class is \$12, open to the public and is appropriate for all levels of experience. Call 846-0221 or visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

## Clubs

**Boutique Textile Art** Create home accessories, wearable art or soft sculpture. Learn how to piece, applique and embroider ideas into art from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Class is free. Bring fabric scraps, a yard of unbleached muslin, sharp scissors and dressmaker pins.

**CommArt Meeting** CommArt meets from 11:45 to 1:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Mudd's Restaurant in San Ramon. Tickets are \$20 cash, which includes lunch. The organization is for professionals interested in networking in arts and communications industries. Call 462-8083.

**Daughters of the British Empire** Come for a friendly "cuppa" and a chat with your sister Brits in the local chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month in Pleasanton. Call 875-0828 or 494-1273. Visit [www.dbenca.org](http://www.dbenca.org) or [www.dbesociety.org](http://www.dbesociety.org).

**Everything Poetry** This poetry work-group meets from 9 to 11 a.m. the first Saturday of the month to critique poetry and the third Saturday for a workshop pertaining to an aspect of poetry business at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Bring 10 copies of a poem.

**Garden Club Meeting** The January meeting of the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 8 at Walnut Grove School, 1991 Harvest Road. Bobbi Feyerabend, owner of Feyerabend and Madden in Emeryville, will talk about garden structures. Call Sally, 417-8809.

**Local Writers Meet for Support and Learning** The California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch meets the at 11:30 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at Oasis Grill, 780 Main St., to support experienced and aspiring writers in learning about their craft and sharing their work. Anyone who is curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Call Kathy Urban, 296-0447 or visit [www.trivalleywriters.com](http://www.trivalleywriters.com).

**MOPS- Mothers Of Pre Schoolers** If you have children from birth to 6 years old, come join us and be refreshed, equipped and encouraged. MOPS meets from 9-11 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month through

May 2008 at 7106 Johnson Drive. Enjoy breakfast, crafts and speakers. The cost is \$60 per semester. Call Silvia, 560-1411.

**NARFE** The Livermore Chapter 0397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meets at 12:30 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at Emil Villa's Restaurant at the corner of Pacific and S. Livermore avenues in Livermore. Call 484-0813 or 846-7167.

**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 Marie Calendar's 1101 S. California Blvd., Walnut Creek and at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Strizzi's 3456 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Visit [www.pca.org/dia](http://www.pca.org/dia).

**Toastmasters** Pleasanton Community Toastmasters holds meetings Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 4530 Sandalwood Drive. Learn the art of public speaking in a fun-filled supportive environment. Call Bobbi at 846-8654 or visit [pleasantontoastmasters.com](http://pleasantontoastmasters.com).

**Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network** The group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. Dads and children are welcome. See [www.holisticmoms.org](http://www.holisticmoms.org).

**Tri-Valley Homebrewing Club** Want to meet other brewers and advance your brewing techniques? Mad Zymurgists of the Tri-Valley meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. We

## Calendar Spotlight



### Wicker Vault plays Bosco's in Sunol

Wicker Vault will be playing their exciting mix of classic rock, country, pop standards (and requests) at Bosco's Bones and Brew, 11922 Main St., Sunol at 8 p.m. Jan. 11 and 12. The band is comprised of Angela (vocals), Dave (bass and vocals) and Mike (guitar). Visit [www.wickervault.com](http://www.wickervault.com) for more information.



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welcome brewers of all levels of expertise, and have sponsorship from Hoptech in Dublin. See [www.madymurgists.org](http://www.madymurgists.org) for more info and location of the next meeting.

**Tri-Valley Wood Carvers** Tri-Valley Wood Carvers meet each Tuesday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, wood

shop room, from 12 to 4 p.m. The regular business meeting is held the second Saturday of the month, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call Ken Morgan, 462-6586.

**TwinValley Mothers of Twins Meeting** Join us for our monthly Twin

Valley Mother of Twins meeting, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin. Our goal is to provide support, information and friendship to Mothers of Multiples. Roundtable question and answer time is at 6:30 p.m.; dads are

encouraged to attend the roundtable. Call DeAnna at 948-0004 or visit [www.tvmotc.com](http://www.tvmotc.com).

**Wendy Tokuda to speak at Alpha Chapter Meeting** Wendy Tokuda of Channel 5 news, will speak on her project "Students Rising Above," Jan. 12 at the Castlewood Country Club. Meet and greet with open bar is at 11 a.m., noon lunch and Tokuda to speak at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$20. RSVP by Jan. 8. Call Joan at 462-1976.

**New Year's Eve on the USS Hornet** Celebrate New Year's Eve on the historic aircraft carrier USS Hornet berthed at the former Alameda Naval Air Station from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Enjoy live music, party favors, midnight countdown and a spectacular view of the San Francisco skyline. Call 510-521-8448 ext. 282 or visit [www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org). Tickets are \$50-98.

**The Mother Bear Project** Knit This, Purl That owner Beth Spisak has a goal of sending 100 teddy bears to needy children by December. She seeks knitters and crocheters who want to participate by purchasing an inexpensive pattern from The Mother Bear Project and completing a bear by December. Call 249-9276 or visit [www.yourknittingplace.com](http://www.yourknittingplace.com).

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue 3rd Annual Crab Feed** Join us from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, for a fun evening of all-you-can-eat crab, salad, pasta, French bread and dessert. A no host bar is available. Enjoy live and silent auctions and 50-50 raffle. Raffle tickets are \$1, winner need not be present. All proceeds go towards helping homeless animals. Tickets are \$45 if purchased by Jan. 10, or \$50 afterwards. Visit [www.tvar.org](http://www.tvar.org).

## Events

**Vella's Locker Room Raider Legends Signings** Raider players will be holding signings from 1 to 3 p.m. on the following dates at Vella's Locker Room, 3052 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley: Dec. 22 Jeff Barnes, Dec. 29 Hall Of Fame Raider Legend. A free raffle held each session. Call 510-727-0750. 1-3 p.m.

## Exhibits

**Colors! Judy Seidel and Tivol Studios Art Show** Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St., will have an art show featuring artists Judy Seidel and Jane Tivol. The exhibit runs from Nov. 17 to Dec. 29. Call 485-1183.

## Fundraisers

**GourMade Cook for a Cause** In December, GourMade Cookery will be donating proceeds of its sales to support Open Heart Kitchen. Five percent of sales of every December menu item sold will be donated. To register for a session or place an order visit [www.gourmadecookery.com](http://www.gourmadecookery.com) or call 846-4774.

## Kids & Teens

**Abbie 4-H Meeting** 4-H is a nationwide youth organization for ages 5 to 19 that helps young people gain citizenship, leadership and life skills, and participate in community service. The Abbie 4-H club has numerous animal, non-animal and leadership projects. It meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Mohr Elementary School, 3300 Dennis Drive. Visit [www.abbie4h.org](http://www.abbie4h.org).

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## Lectures/ Workshops

**Kids' Haiku Workshop** Kids ages 7-11 are invited to join Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer for an introductory workshop in traditional and modern haiku. It will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 5 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Reservations are required. Call 846-8826.

## Live Music

**Pride of the Pacific Chorus - Come Sing!** Drop by the chorus rehearsal Dec. 5 and make a joyful noise. We are a new women's a cappella chorus and we would love to have you join us. We rehearse at 7:30 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Call 209-830-7444 or visit [prideofthepacific.org](http://prideofthepacific.org).

## Miscellaneous

**Free The Cat Campaign** For a limited time, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will offer no-fee adoptions of all adult cats. Strict adoption criteria will still apply. Adoptions are held at Pleasanton Farmers Market (9:30 to 1 p.m. Saturdays), Dublin Pet Food Express (2 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays) and Dublin PetSmart (weekdays during regular business hours and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays). Call 803-7043 or visit [www.tvr.org](http://www.tvr.org).

## On Stage

**The Big Fat Year End Kiss Off Comedy Show XV** Stand up comedy headliners and improv wizards Johnny Steele, Jim Short, Steven Kravitz, Debi Durst, Mike Bossier and Arthur Gaus join Will Durst at 8 p.m. Dec. 28 for the Big Fat Year End Kiss Off Comedy Show XV at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$15-25. Call 415-820-9628.

## Recreation

**World Walk to Wellness 2008** The World Walk to Wellness will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Pleasanton Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Drive. Open to all ages, the self-guided walk around the park is about 5,000 steps (2.15 miles). A 20-minute, 2,000-step walk led by Mr. Pedometer at noon. Call 226-0888 or visit <http://walking10000.org>.

## Seniors

**Computer Tutoring** One-on-one computer tutoring is available every day at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The tutor works with you on topics where you need help. No formal program to follow, just help where you need it. Internet, Office applications, picture editing, etc. Call 931-5365 to set up an appointment. The cost is \$1.50 for residents and \$2 for non-residents.

**Day Trippers LLNL Tour** Join other seniors on a tour of Lawrence Livermore National Lab and lunch at Zephyr Bar & Grill from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 24. Security release forms must be completed by each participant by Jan. 3. Call 931-5365. Tickets are \$53 for residents or \$58 for non-residents.

**Gujarati Dinner** Tri Valley Gujarati Seniors holds monthly meetings with varied themes. Interested Gujarati Seniors are welcome to attend as guests. For additional information, call 846-3521. 6:30-9:30 p.m. None

**PC Users Group** The PC User Group meets monthly at 10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353

Sunol Blvd. You don't need to be an expert to attend, we have all skills levels in our meetings. The usual Senior Center charges apply. The cost is \$1.50 or \$2.00.

## Spiritual

**Special Services** Guest Speaker Bob Hardy will give a message on "The Winds of Change" and communion will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Dec. 30 at Tri-Valley Unity Church, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. A Burning Bowl Service will also be held at 7 p.m., where the past year is released and intentions set for the new year.

**Peace Meditation** A one-hour silent meditation on peace will take place on the second Saturday of the month at Downtown Yoga, 220B Division St. No talking--just sitting. No political affiliation or religious denomination. Free to all. Call 819-9983.

**Tri-Valley Unity Church** Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call 829-2733 or visit [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

**Worship Service** The Fountain Community Church, 4455 Stoneridge Drive, holds a worship service at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. It's a place

to connect with God and people. Upbeat contemporary worship and challenging messages. Call 600-8182 or visit [www.fountaincc.org](http://www.fountaincc.org).

## Sports

**Pleasanton Rage Winter Academy** Come have fun and continue to work on your soccer skills through the winter months from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays at Val Vista Soccer Complex. Pleasanton Girls Soccer will be hosting an academy for U8-U10 girls soccer players. Details can be found at [http://www.pleasantonrage.org/docs/Youth\\_Academy07.pdf](http://www.pleasantonrage.org/docs/Youth_Academy07.pdf). The cost is \$100.

**Ryan Gordon Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Game** The fifth annual Ryan Gordon Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Game will be held Dec. 29 at Foothill High School. Men and women who graduated from the '70s to 2000s are invited to play. The public is invited to watch the women's match at 4 p.m. and the men's match at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for students. Contact Curt at 426-1540 or [curtgordon@comcast.net](mailto:curtgordon@comcast.net) for details.

**Saturday Morning Beginner Road Ride** This weekly no-drop ride is for those new to cycling, who haven't been on their bike for a while or just want to ride at a slower pace. Rides

depart at 9 a.m. from Cyclepath, 337-B Main St., and will generally be 10 to 15 mph, 20 miles and no more than 2 hours. E-mail [rides@cyclepath.com](mailto:rides@cyclepath.com) if you plan to attend. free

**Sunday Morning Group Ride** Join cyclists of all levels for this friendly, no-drop ride. Routes vary weekly (25-55 miles) and last approximately

two hours. We meet at 8:30 a.m. at Cyclepath, 337-B Main St., to determine our route and fill tires for a 9:00 a.m. departure. Riders warm up together and split into smaller groups based on skill level. Call 485-3218.

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## Support Groups

**Cancer Support Group** A free support group for people with cancer and their loved ones. Facilitated by The Wellness Community. The group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call 933-0107 or visit [www.twc-bayarea.org](http://www.twc-bayarea.org).

**ClutterLess (CL) Self Help Group** Is clutter stressing you out? We are a self help support group for those with difficulty disposing of stuff. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not just an organizing issue. If you are ready to change your life, just come to the meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church Rm. 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Call 297-9246 or 846-5060 Box 2. Visit [www.clutterless.org](http://www.clutterless.org) or email

[clutterlesspleasanton@hotmail.com](mailto:clutterlesspleasanton@hotmail.com). The group is free, however \$2 to \$5 donation appreciated.

**Crohns and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group** This support group meets the third Thursday of every month at the ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Ste. 270. Walk-ins are welcome. Feel free to bring a guest. No meeting in December. Call 462-6764 or 846-4653.

**East Bay Cancer Support Group** The East Bay Cancer Support group is an independent, non-profit, non-sectarian organization serving cancer patients, caregivers and the bereaved at Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley. All services are provided free of charge. For scheduled meeting times, please call (510) 889-8766 or visit [www.ebcancersupport.org](http://www.ebcancersupport.org).

**Grief Share** Are you looking for com-

munity, understanding and support? If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. The grief support group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Drive, Dublin. It is \$35.00, with scholarships available. Call 560-6202 or register at [www.dublinvcc.org](http://www.dublinvcc.org).

**Manspeak** This weekly men's group meets 8 to 9:30 p.m. Monday nights at Kiva Counseling Group, 11740 Dublin Blvd., Suite 202 in Dublin, and is designed to create a community between men to resolve problems, form friendships, and understand and improve relationships. It provides a source of support for personal growth and change in a safe environment so we can become aware of our own emotional habits and attitudes. The cost is \$30 per session or \$100 per

month. Call 485-9370 or visit [www.kivaspirit.org](http://www.kivaspirit.org) for details.

**Pleasanton Military Families** Pleasanton Military Families, a support group for families of service members, meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month. The group includes families who have loved ones serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and in the Global War on Terrorism. Meetings are held at a different group member's home each month. Call Chris Miller for information on the placement of a yellow streamer for the military person on Main Street and for information on the group, 730-1604.

**Stress and Pain Management Strategies and Support** Learn how to use visualization, relaxation techniques and new ways of thinking (cognitive restructuring) to help reduce stress levels and down-regulate pain. Share experiences and ideas in a supportive, caring environment. Free classes are held from 11 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of each month at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270. Facilitated by Betty Runnels, M.A., Counseling Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy. Call 734-3315 or email [bettyrunnels@earthlink.net](mailto:bettyrunnels@earthlink.net).

**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 the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 831-9940 or email [jackiebard@pacbell.net](mailto:jackiebard@pacbell.net).

**Vision Support Group** Individuals with low vision, and their loved ones, are invited to join us on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Join us for low vision information, speakers, resources, discussions, and day trips. No reservations are required. Nominal

fees may apply. Call 931-5369.

## Volunteering

**Blankets for Kids** Blankets For Kids, founded by Pleasanton resident Jo Molz, makes and distributes soft fleece blankets to at-risk, abused and neglected children in the Tri-Valley, Alameda County and even Los Angeles. The easy-to-make blankets are constructed of a soft fleece material with pleasant designs. Volunteers have made more than 10,000 blankets for distribution since the organization began. Those interested in volunteering, or donating money or fleece to the nonprofit organization call Jo, 846-6155.

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue** Do you love animals? Become a volunteer or a Foster with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. Orientations are held at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month. Registration is not required to attend the orientation. Call 803-7043 or visit [www.tvr.org](http://www.tvr.org).

## TV30

**An Evening at Bankhead Theater** TV30 will air "An Evening at the Bankhead Theater" on Channel 30 through Jan. 1. The program features highlights of the gala opening night at the Bankhead Theater at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Airs every day at 8 p.m., weekdays at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Also webcast at [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org).

**Cindy Russell's Fairy Tale Wedding** TV30's "Cindy Russell's Fairy Tale Wedding" airing on Channel 30 through December. It's an inspirational story about Livermore resident who makes her dreams come true in spite of terminal cancer. It airs everyday at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and Fri., Sat. and Sun. at 9:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9 p.m.



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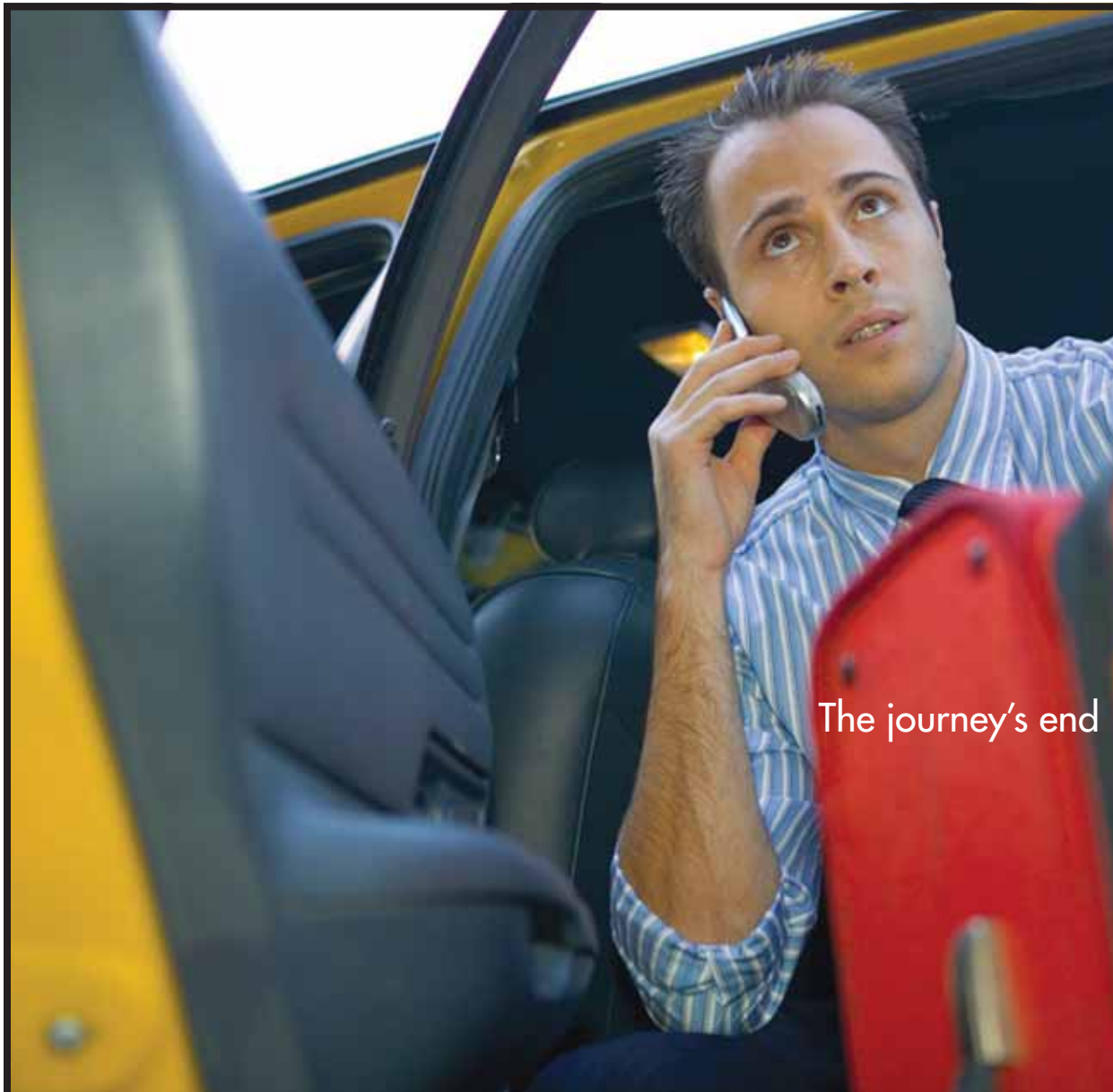
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# Real Estate

## Home sale of the week



### 1940 Palmer Drive Pleasanton – \$1,085,000

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## Sales at a Glance

Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Total sales reported: 15	Total sales reported: 5	Total sales reported: 12	Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000	Lowest sale reported: \$392,000	Lowest sale reported: \$230,000	Lowest sale reported: \$398,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,840,000	Highest sale reported: \$880,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,925,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,601,000
Average sales reported: \$1,183,667	Average sales reported: \$654,300	Average sales reported: \$608,250	Average sales reported: \$866,625

## Home Sales

This week's data represents homes sold during November 2007

### Pleasanton

- 4726 Arlene Place** R. & M. Reddy to N. & M. Shah for \$1,325,000
- 1125 Autumn Court** K. Haney to G. & S. Wooten for \$1,079,000
- 5525 Baldwin Way** A. Bryant to G. & L. Romin for \$550,000
- 4908 Blackbird Way** J. Atkinson to J. Chen for \$775,000
- 6929 Corte Mateo** V. & S. Hernandez to E. & K. Carluen for \$850,000
- 4325 Diavila Avenue** M. & D. Townsley to Y. Zhou for \$690,000
- 1335 Germano Way** S. Jan to Kaul Trust for \$2,650,000
- 5639 Hansen Drive** D. Bernhard to R. & S. Olson for \$664,000
- 1739 Laguna Creek Lane** B. & M. Stapleton to B. Wei for \$1,680,000
- 3375 Norton Way #18** S. Rafailov to O. Rafailov for \$400,000
- 5116 Orsini Court** Prudential Relocation to T. George for \$587,000
- 3368 Sandstone Court** Ponderosa Homes to H. Cho for \$1,333,000
- 7455 Stonedale Drive** W. Elkins to Parejo Trust for \$492,000
- 4228 West Ruby Hill Drive** Mele Trust to Sophie Trust for \$2,840,000
- 1724 Zenato Place** Sophie Trust to Kelley Trust for \$1,840,000

### Dublin

- 8771 Augusta Court** R. & J. Cowen to E. Monaghan for \$620,000
- 7987 Bellina Street** Braddock & Logan to M. Chan for

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- 5402 Blackstone Way** J. & R. Matta to T. Chen for \$880,000
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard** #207 J. Angeles to J. Wei for \$392,000
- 4940 Thorndike Lane** Lennar Homes to H. Sonata for \$855,000
- 2317 6th Street** B. Bunshah to Livermore Valley Investments for \$425,000
- 1820 Baywood Common** D. Wilmore to Responsible Asset Management for \$595,000
- 303 Charlotte Common** T. & T. Graham to J. Tang for \$545,000
- 759 Hattan Drive** Home Equity Loan to A. & E. Nusom for \$475,000
- 1533 Hollyhock Street** S. Kotik to P. Alfaro for \$478,000
- 1258 Kings River Road** Arroyo Crossing to J. & L. Rosburg for \$886,000
- 49 Meritage Common #201** Long Beach Mortgage to H. Tran for \$405,000
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- 842 North Street** K. Cheung to C. & L. Rosa for \$365,000
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- 101 Twin Oaks Lane** LOWT Properties to Bonnington Trust for \$1,925,000

### San Ramon

- 116 Alvo Court** Brookfield

### Saville to W. & T. Chan for \$882,000

- 2870 Ascot Drive** GRP Loan to J. Carson for \$760,000
- 429 Bridle Court** Davidson Homes to J. & K. Harrington for \$1,601,000
- 7085 Briza Loop** J. & J. Rhee to Y. Zhai for \$657,500
- 9815 Broadmoor Drive** H. Gamer to J. Sathri for \$715,000
- 3114 Browntail Way** Shapell Homes to S. Duan for \$760,000
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- 6373 Byron Lane** Centex Homes to R. & U. Samavedam for \$640,000
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- 3121 Cedarwood Loop** Shapell Industries to S. Muck for \$736,000
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- 5109 Holborn Way** Centex Homes to S. & M. Rao for \$1,317,500
- 159 Paddington Court** Brookfield Campton to D. Pineda for \$814,500
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711 Camino Amigo, Danville	\$1,624,500	
2001 Eilene Dr, Pleasanton	\$773,000	
4444 First St, Pleasanton	\$1,170,000	
12587 Foothill Rd, Sunol	\$1,399,000	
7258 Huntswood Ct, Pleasanton	\$1,875,000	Buyer/Seller
3648 Kamp Dr, Pleasanton	\$582,000	
2426 Kobio St, Livermore	\$1,237,000	
1739 Laguna Creek Lane, Pleasanton	\$1,680,000	
951 Mingoia, Pleasanton	\$1,559,000	Rep Buyer
4500 Mirador Dr, Pleasanton	\$1,123,600	
49 Miranda Ct, Alamo	\$1,155,000	Rep Buyer
3466 Old Foothill Rd, Pleasanton	\$1,736,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
3143 Persimmon Circle, Pleasanton	\$721,600	
4239 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton (PEND.)	\$1,889,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
125 Ray Street, Pleasanton	\$537,000	
4190 Rennellwood, Pleasanton	\$627,000	
1262 Summer Court, Pleasanton	\$820,000	Rep Buyer
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4304 Second St, Pleasanton	\$1,100,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
4307 Second St, Pleasanton	\$815,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
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1594 Calle Santiago, Pleasanton	\$480,000	Rep Buyer
1224 Chianti Ct, Pleasanton	\$1,033,000	
447 Del Sol, Pleasanton	\$775,000	
843 Division St, Pleasanton	\$375,000	
815 Division St, Pleasanton	\$422,000	
4444 First St, Pleasanton	\$1,005,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
4238 First St, Pleasanton	\$919,000	
560 Neal, Pleasanton	\$850,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
1067 Nolan, Pleasanton	\$1,040,000	
2080 Olivia Ct, Pleasanton	\$676,000	
2062 Park, Pleasanton	\$525,000	
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418 Rose St, Pleasanton	\$850,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
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4453 Second St, Pleasanton	\$785,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
4332 Second St, Pleasanton	\$1,072,500	
4304 Second St, Pleasanton	\$825,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
1956 Sixth St, Livermore	\$724,000	Rep Buyer
4653 Third St, Pleasanton	\$1,075,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
344 Trenton Cir, Pleasanton	\$732,500	
2725 Vernazza, Livermore	\$1,330,000	
2539 Willowren Way, Pleasanton	\$827,000	Rep Buyer
350 Wood #205, Livermore	\$507,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
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