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### Healthy Food Tips

**Fibrous foods.** Fiber helps the digestive system and lowers cholesterol. Look for food with "high in fiber" or "excellent source of fiber," as these products have at least 5 grams of fiber per serving.

**Omega-3 fats.** Omega-3 fats have been shown to benefit the heart. Fish such as salmon, tuna, mackerel and trout are good sources of omega fats and are low in saturated fat. **Sterols and stanols.** Plant sterols and stanols are cholesterol-lowering substances often added to products like margarine and salad dressings.

**Sodium.** Look for "low sodium" or "reduced sodium." This is especially important in processed and canned foods. If a food is labeled as "reduced" in sodium, it has 25 percent less salt than the regular product.

**Trans fats.** Eat trans fats sparingly, as they raise your bad cholesterol and lower your good cholesterol. Fried foods and processed foods that have a long shelf life are often loaded with them. The term "partially hydrogenated oil" on an ingredient's list indicates the food contains trans fats.

**Saturated fat** Butter, fatty cuts of red meat, and cheese are among foods with the highest amount of saturated fat--a main dietary cause of high blood cholesterol. Go for low-fat or non-fat dairy products, lean meats such as loin or round cuts, and margarine instead of butter.

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# Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

## From bars to spas, downtown looks better

**T**wenty-five downtown property owners, retailers and other business boosters filled the conference room of the Pleasanton Downtown Association last week, each with their own ideas for helping stressed-out shopkeepers and making Main Street more appealing to shoppers and restaurant diners during these tough economic times. Suggestions ranged from walking minstrels and accordion players on Friday and Saturday nights to lower rents to taking another look at a First Floor Retail Only ordinance to keep banks and others from leasing valuable space.

Chris Beratlis, a lifelong Pleasanton resident, rancher and businessman, was at this meeting of the PDA's Downtown Vitality Committee and said he's heard most of the recommendations before. In fact, it was the city's and PDA's work on the Downtown Specific Plan that governs the downtown district that energized him to become involved in the PDA in the late 1990s. He was against the First Floor Retail Only proposal then, a proposal that failed, and he still is. As a property owner, he believes they're the ones to decide who rents their buildings and, for years, he has championed putting restaurants and shops downtown. Beratlis owns many of the buildings along the west side of Main Street starting with Café Main and heading north to Alberto's. He also owns the building just north of the arroyo bridge that houses a Mexican restaurant and another that serves Thai food, which replaced a savings and loan association that used to be there.

Beratlis agrees that downtown entertainment would help lift the spirits in this troubled economy. It was a proposal of his when he was on the PDA board, but wasn't endorsed. He also agrees that rents should be lower. He's between \$1.43 per square foot and \$2 max on the rents he charges his tenants, compared to \$4 and \$4.50 that others charge. At \$4 a square foot, Beratlis believes property owners are just soaking their tenants dry, which is why there's been a high volume of turnover and now vacant store-

fronts downtown. The antique stores fled to cheaper sites on Stanley Boulevard; the empty Domus store has no prospects with one of the highest rents in the business district; new businesses that would like to move to downtown Pleasanton can't afford it. That's why Beratlis also doesn't favor opening the downtown to corporate chains, such as Crate & Barrel or a junior GAP, as some have suggested. They pay higher rents and force many of the mom and pop shops to close.

Beratlis also points out that our downtown is pretty good compared to the "old" days when downtown businesses were mostly carpet shops, a car dealer, more gas stations and, going way back, even a funeral home. Domus was a grocery store and Beratlis said small grocers are coming back. They might look at Domus if the rent could be reduced. Café Main was a linoleum store when Beratlis bought that property. Later it was a furniture store and then a real estate office before he decided that its best use would be a coffee shop. Roman took over and opened Coffee Beans and Bistro, with Baci's opening Café Main and offering more food late last year.

Of course, if downtown merchants really want sizzle on the street they could bring back the 13 or more bars that made downtown Pleasanton a bar-hopper's destination when the 50,000 troops stationed at Camp Parks came here during World War II. The bars stayed long after the war with their public "entertainment" consisting of barroom brawls on many weeknights. Beratlis had an office across from the Roundup and frequently saw scufflers being thrown out the front door. The bar burned down in the 1980s. Larry McCole's new building with the G. R. Doodlebug toy store now stands on the site at Angela and Main.

Today, spas, nail salons, law offices, a Realtor, gas station and even a dentist add to the unique mixture of building designs and uses that make downtown Pleasanton much different and still more appealing. It's a combination Beratlis believes will continue to succeed as business, with the PDA's help, rebounds. ■

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# Streetwise

**Q:** At what age do you think a child should receive their first cell phone?

Asked around Pleasanton



**Lisa Cole**

We gave our oldest son a cell phone when he turned 11 because he wanted to ride his bike to school. I wanted him to know that he could reach me at anytime. You have to look your child and your families' needs and base it upon that.

**Hannah Bennett**

I think it should be about the time when they start going out with friends alone or doing other things that don't involve their parents. I got my first phone for my 12th birthday. I was able to call (my parents) so they were able to know exactly where I was and what time I needed to be picked up.



**Darcy Van Valkenburgh**

I think once they reach high school, they should receive one because that is the time when they're more independent. They're not with their parents as much since they may be driving, so it's important to know where your children are at all times. I don't think teens are irresponsible, but I know this would be the criteria for my family once my children reach high school.



**Allison Okurowski**

Thirteen or 14. This is a hectic time because of carpools, sports and other activities. If I couldn't find one of my parents, I didn't worry because I could just call to see where they were or I could make other arrangements. I didn't get the texting plan on my phone until high school.



**Tiffany Schmidt**

I want to say 13, but it's tough for me to gauge because I don't think kids are responsible enough to handle a cell phone. It worries me because I've seen too many of them not looking when they cross the street because they are looking down at their phones as they text away. I think it just depends on how responsible your child can be to handle a phone, so it should be up to the parents to decide.



Have a Streetwise question? E-mail: [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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# Newsfront



## News Digest

### Scholarships for seniors

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### Seeking jewelry donations

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop is requesting donations of jewelry for their annual jewelry event, "Razzle/Dazzle" on March 13 and 14. Donations are accepted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays or 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The event will feature themed pieces, precious and semi-precious gems and more. All proceeds benefit ACS programs of research, education, service and advocacy. The Discovery Shop is located in the Mission Plaza Shopping Center at 1987A Santa Rita Road. Contact Monda Wiseman at 462-7374 for more information.

### Concert to benefit OHK

Eagle Scout and Foothill High School senior Julian Reisenhel is putting on a rock concert to help feed the hungry in the Tri-Valley through Open Heart Kitchen. The evening will include performances from Picture me Broken, featuring Layla Brooklyn; Dance My Heart, the Hillpeople and Aailed. The concert will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday at Valley Community Church, located at 4455 Del Valle Pkwy.

### Civil War lecture

The next installment of the Ed Kinney Lecture Series will look at how America was transformed by the Civil War. Presented by Gerald S. Henig, the lecture will take place at 7 p.m., March 19 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Admission is \$5 for museum members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for teachers and \$3 for students. Call 462-2766.

### Corrections

The Weekly desires to correct all significant errors. To request a correction, call the editor at (925) 600-0840 or e-mail: [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

## Scherer III scheduled to enter plea March 26

*Son charged in double murders of his parents in their Castlewood home last March*

by Janet Pelletier

Ernest Francis Scherer III asked for a public defender at his arraignment Feb. 26 on charges of double homicide with special circumstances.

Wearing red jail clothes and standing behind a glass enclosure, Scherer III, 30, appeared stoic as he was read the charges against him by Judge Robert McGuiness at the Wiley Manuel Courthouse in downtown Oakland.

At one point, when the judge read the second murder charge, naming his mother Charlene Abendroth, he appeared to shake his head. When the judge asked him if he had retained a lawyer, Scherer III said no and answered yes when asked if he would like a public defender.

If convicted of killing his mother and father, he could face the death penalty. The special circumstances are multiple murder and murder for financial gain. Scherer III, who was having financial problems, would

have been eligible to receive an inheritance valued at \$1.5 million upon turning 30 if his parents were deceased. He turned 30 on July 3, nearly three months after he allegedly killed Ernest Scherer Jr., 60, and Abendroth, 57, March 7 after they arrived home from a dinner at the Castlewood Country Club. They were discovered March 14 after a worker, acting on the request of the couple's daughter, discovered Scherer Jr.'s body, which was visible from a side window.

Authorities believe they were badly beaten and attacked with a sharp instrument.

Scherer III will be back in court March 26 at the Oakland courthouse, 661 Washington St., where he is scheduled to enter a plea. He is being held on a no-bail warrant at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. Lead investigator Sgt. Scott Dudek said the case is being handled in Oakland due to the courthouse's larger size and because of its high-profile nature. ■



Jay Fleischarth

### Nature's lawnmowers

This herd of goats seen at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park over the past few days has been hard at work. The animals belong to Goats R Us of Orinda, which contracts with the East Bay Regional Parks District, according to an EB Parks spokeswoman.

"It's an environmentally friendly, cost-effective way for weed abatement and fire fuel reduction," said spokeswoman Shelly Lewis.

## Planning Commission turns down condo conversion

*Owners of Vineyard Villa Mobile Park to appeal decision to the City Council*

by Janet Pelletier

The Planning Commission unanimously shot down a mobile home park owner's request to sell off the lots.

Dan Guggeneheim, who owns Vineyard Villa Mobile Home Park on Vineyard Avenue, was requesting approval to convert his 208-unit park into residential condominium units.

Currently, residents in the 30-acre

senior complex, which borders Hacienda Mobile Home Park, pay monthly rent on the land but own their mobile homes. The conversion would not have taken place for at least 10 years and renters would have been given the option of purchasing their air space or continue renting. The park, which has been under rent control stabilization, would have remained that way until the agreement ran out in 2017.

Currently, renters pay between

\$500 and \$912, depending on when they moved into the park, according to a city staff report. After the agreement runs out, the owner can raise the rents for low-income residents over a four-year span leading up to the conversion at 2-5 percent per year, in accordance with the consumer price index set by the state. For those who aren't considered low-income and don't want to

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## Rallying for schools

*Save Pleasanton Schools to gather Sunday to push for parcel tax*

by Emily West

School activists have joined to form Save Pleasanton Schools and will hold a rally Sunday to kick off a campaign to bring additional funds to education.

The school board was expected to approve the placement of a parcel tax measure on the ballot Thursday to help bear the brunt of an \$8.70-million shortfall stemming from the state's \$41.6-billion deficit. In order for a parcel tax to pass, it would need a two-thirds voter majority.

Parent and PTA Council President Joan Laursen is co-chair of the committee along with Tanya Ludden. While the PTA strongly advocates for reform at the state level, Laursen said Save Pleasanton Schools is strictly supporting a parcel tax.

Organizers hope to "fire up" a network of volunteers as well as gain donations at the rally, which is planned for 4 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy.

Laursen said she joined to cause to offer a fresh perspective to the issues as a PTA leader and mother of both a college student and middle school student.

"We are truly a grassroots organization," she said. "We're not hiring some expensive consultant. Our community likes to be talked to directly."

Currently, no one has come forward to start a committee to oppose a parcel tax measure. The majority of those speaking at school board meetings have expressed support for a parcel tax; however, there is a strong presence of those who say they're against it on the Pleasanton Weekly's online Town Square forum. It has also been said that

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## Pleasanton man buys billboard criticizing cell phone law

Grant Paulson said he's exploring petition drive to overturn hands-free rule

A billboard on the Peninsula, financed by a Pleasanton man, criticizes state Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, for authoring the law requiring California drivers to be hands-free with their cell phones while driving.

The billboard message, from Pleasanton resident Grant Paulson, reportedly cost \$10,000.

"Let's overturn this law in the next election and protect what rights we still have left," part of the billboard message reads, and includes a phone number to call.

Paulson, who runs a Pleasanton fire protection company, said he would like people to be free to choose to be hands-free while driving.

"You'll have the same accident by the same idiot if he can't drive," Paulson said of the hands-free law. He also thinks it's a distraction to "have something beeping in your



Veronica Weber/Palo Alto Online

A billboard near University Avenue on U.S. Highway 101 criticizes state Sen. Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto) for authoring the law requiring California drivers to be hands-free with their cell phones while driving.

ear" while driving.

Paulson said that the billboard, located off University Avenue and Highway 101 in Palo Alto, has generated both pro and con caller responses. He said he's exploring doing a petition drive to qualify a ballot measure to attempt to overturn the hands-free cell-phone law.

Simitian said the billboard gave him "a passing smile."

"The only worry I have is someone will be rear-ended while slowing down trying to read it, because of the small type," Simitian said.

The hands-free cell-phone law was passed to increase driver safety.

—Don Kazak

## Schools

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opponents could be intimidated to publicly say they don't support and/or can't afford a tax.

A gauge of how many would be

for or against the issue is tough to call, as the school board decided not to spend the money to survey the community on how they would vote.

"The two-thirds threshold is difficult," Laursen said. "It is difficult to convince the many people

who maybe aren't as aware in the community."

To learn more about Save Pleasanton Schools, visit [www.savepleasantonschools.org](http://www.savepleasantonschools.org).

Check [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com) for updates on the parcel tax measure. ■

## Germain case continued again; next court date March 25

Former tennis pro has plead not guilty to 16 charges of child molestation

by Emily West

Accused child molester Henry Germain was in court again Feb. 26, only to have the case be continued to March 25.

This is the second time the 62-year-old former tennis pro at Castlewood Country Club had a continuance granted by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Christine Moruza. He remains free on \$1.14 million bail since he was first arrested Sept. 2. He pleaded not guilty Jan. 9 to 16 charges of sex crimes against six female victims.



Henry Germain

Attorney Elizabeth Grossman, who represents Germain, had previously said she would file a formal demurrer, which would challenge the legitimacy of the charges.

Deputy District Attorney Susan Torrance said cases like these can take some time. While additional investigation details have not been released, she said this is a "very strong case."

There have been questions regarding the statute of limitations for the victims. In previous hearings, Grossman had said the alleged victims came forward with their information after the time allowed in the state of California, which is currently 10 years.

Sgt. Ray Kelly of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, which handled the investigation into Germain, said no more victims have come forward. Prior to December, about a half dozen alleged victims came forward, according to Kelly, saying they were abused by Germain back to the early 1980s when he worked as a tennis pro at the now closed Desert Club of La Quinta in Palm Desert, Calif. While Germain can't be charged from these alleged incidents, the victims can testify in court.

The next hearing will be at 9 a.m. March 25 in Department 704 at the Pleasanton courthouse on Stoneridge Drive. ■

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**Citizens of Pleasanton!** The next time you walk down Main Street think about this. Downtown's business district always has and always will rely mostly on Pleasanton citizens for success. Therefore, in the grand scheme of things, downtown really belongs to everyone. "It's a partnership." And with partnerships come responsibilities. In a recent letter to the Editor, real estate attorney and "free market" advocate Mr. Peter McDonald congratulates the Kolln building's new owner "for a splendid restoration." Now I certainly agree, and I've been a builder for forty years. And I certainly mean no disrespect to anyone, but partners, picture this. Lining Main Street with splendid buildings and then leasing them to 5 day, 9 to 5 automobile-oriented businesses might make Main Street a splendid backdrop for staged events, but it is a losing game plan if the partnership's goal is pedestrian vitality. It's like Billy Crystal impersonating Fernando Lamas, "It's not how you feel da-ling, its how you look and da-ling you look maw-va-lus, simple maw-va-las."

**In the real world,** once a revitalizing downtown (like ours) demonstrates solid signs of success (like ours did), without clear restrictions in place, low vitality automobile-oriented businesses (like banks) are likely to move in with offers to downtown property owners (like Kolln) of higher rents (like 4.25 vs. 2.00) than retail can "yet" support. Often the results are that low vitality automobile-oriented businesses locate along prime pedestrian routes, driving retailers out, interrupting the pedestrian environment continuum and diminishing downtown's draw to the community as a vibrant and competitive pedestrian retail center and social gathering place. Stores vacate, rents stagnate, and the revitalization process stalls.

**So partners,** before free market policies and the next real estate run up turn Main Street into a Norman Rockwell painting (only without the people), as you walk down Main Street think about this. You own the place! Do you want your downtown to look good, or to feel good? (So to speak). Then tell the partnership management team (City - 931-5001, PDA - 484-2199). It's simple.

**Now I've always believed** that it's not a real discussion without differing views. So I respectfully request that Mr. McDonald share with the partnership his views as to why free market policies are best for downtown's long-term pedestrian vitality and the partnership, "as a whole"? As PDA's Vitality Chairperson, and a member of the "Downtown Partnership's" management team, and single most driving force behind PDA's "official" free market policies over the years, Mr. McDonald's opinion would be most helpful to the partnership. And finally, I would like to thank Ms. Martina Harrison for stepping forward with her recent opinion letter regarding downtown. The entire partnership benefited from Ms. Harrison's time, knowledge, and insight.

—Robert W. Byrd

## Granting justice around the world

Mark Kirchgestner to report on mission work

Mark Kirchgestner works with International Justice Mission (IJM) to help secure justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other violent oppression.

Kirchgestner will report on the organization's work around the world at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 8 at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Drive. A more detailed presentation, "Release to the Captives," will be at noon. The public is welcome and there will be light refreshments at the noon session.

In 14 countries, IJM lawyers, investigators and other professionals partner with local officials to help rescue victims and ensure they receive care after being removed from the situ-

ation. The mission then helps prosecute the perpetrators and supports a functioning system of public justice.

IJM was founded in 1977 by former U.S. Justice Dept. lawyer Gary Haugen, who led the team investigating the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. The organization seeks to engender hope and transformation for those it serves and restore a witness of courage in places of oppressive violence. They help victims of oppression regardless of religion, ethnicity or gender.

For more information or directions, call 846-4436 or visit [www.centerpointechurch.info](http://www.centerpointechurch.info). To learn more about the International Justice Mission, visit [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org).

—Emily West

## Take Us Along



**Keeping it together:** Pegi O'Hair from Hearst Elementary School sent us this photo of Hearst staff with the Weekly having some fun in January, "knowing that some of them may be losing their jobs at the end of this year."

## Axis Health receives \$1.3M in federal funds

Money will allow health clinic to serve more patients

Axis Community Health has been awarded \$1.3 million in federal economic stimulus funds, joining 125 other community health centers in the country as recipients of the funding from the \$787-billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Axis, which provides medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to low-income residents, is receiving the money in the form of New Access Point grants, which is expected to create 5,500 jobs and provide services to 750,000 people. The grants are worth a total of \$155 million nationwide.

In California, Axis is among 12 community clinics to receive the grants. It is projected that the funding will enable the clinics to provide 80,890 additional people with medical care and create 600 new jobs.

"This is huge for us," said Axis CEO Sue Compton. "We have attempted to obtain federal funding in the past, but were disqualified because previous priorities were on clinics that were located in rural and border areas."

Compton said the funds couldn't come at a more crucial time.

"Clinics are bursting and we have a one month waiting list for most of our services," she said. "Because we are the only provider of primary care medical services in eastern Alameda County and the Tri-Valley area, more than 200 new residents are turning to us each month now for their medical care."

Over the next 24 months, Axis expects to serve an additional 4,000 patients and provide 21,000 more medical visits each year. This will also increase its capacity to provide mental health counseling (250 new clients, 6,000 more visits) and substance abuse services (500 clients, 15,000 visits). The current staff of 110 will be increased to approximately 175, Compton said.

Although details have yet to be finalized, Compton said she anticipates that Axis' clinics will be open six-to-seven days a week and at least five evenings per week. Additional hours will be available in behavioral health services as well.

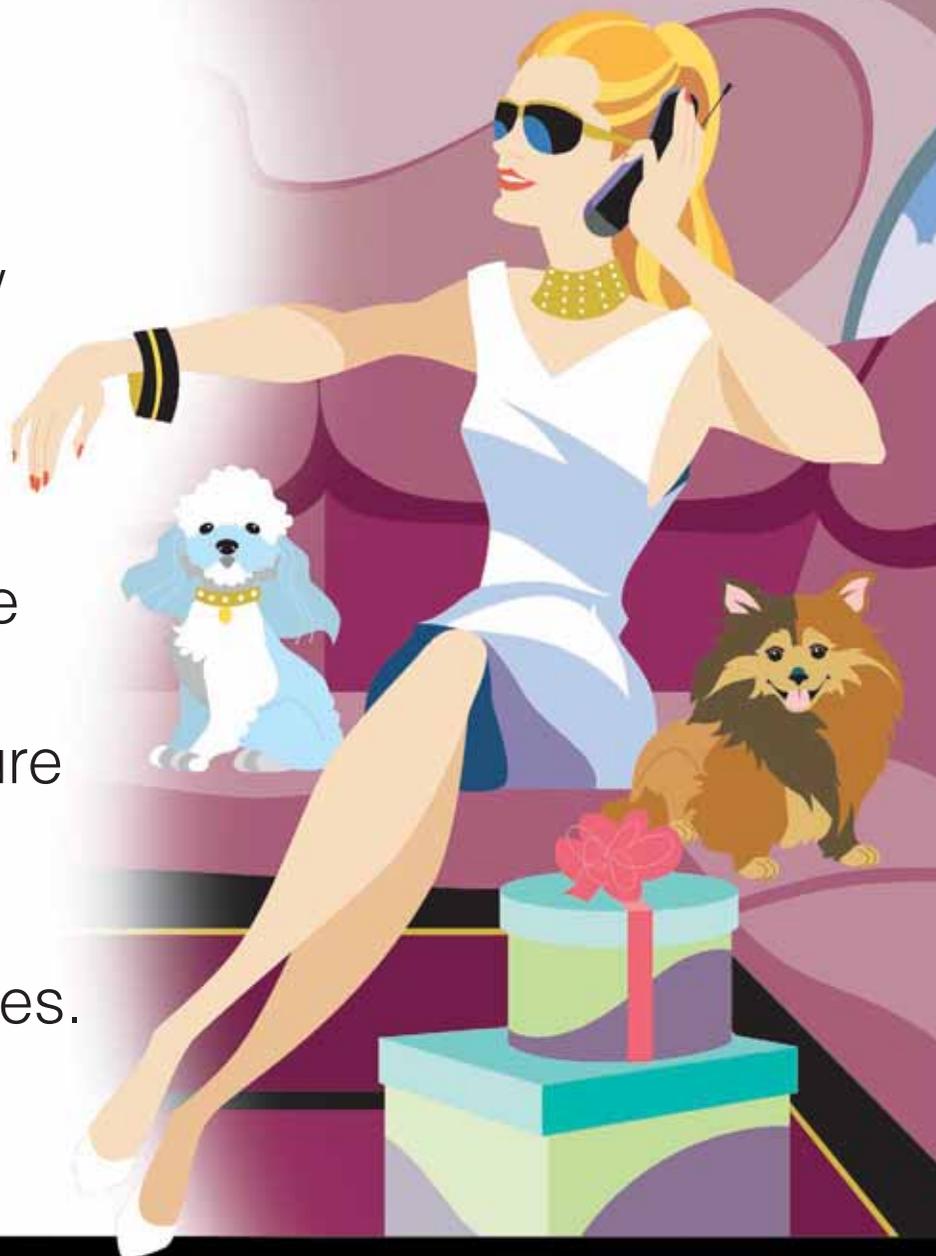
Axis, which operates facilities in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, celebrated the opening of its new behavioral health center on Owens Drive just two weeks ago and will open a women's clinic in Pleasanton this spring.

For more information about Axis, visit [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org).

—Janet Pelletier

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# Feed the hungry without leaving home

Youth volunteers to pick up food donations

About 1,000 youth volunteers from 80 Girl Scout troops, two 4-H clubs and eight youth ministry groups expect to collect 12 to 14 tons of food to feed hungry people in the area.

The seventh annual Youth Food Drive will be held—rain or shine—from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, Sunol, San Ramon, Alamo, Danville and Concord. Youth volunteers will distribute bags to about 30,000 homes, in addition to staffing drop-off stations.

David Bahr, director of the drive, said the group started because several non-Boy Scout youth organizations wanted to take part in collecting food. Accepted non-perishable items include canned food, dry food in boxes, items in glass containers, rice, nuts, beans, flour, soup mixes, sugar, peanut butter, dried fruit, pasta, drink mixes, coffee and boxed food.

Donations will benefit Tri-Valley Haven, Livermore; Church of Christ, Livermore; Interfaith Sharing, Tri-Valley; Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton; Showers of Blessings Ministries, Dublin; St.

Vincent De Paul Society, Livermore and Dublin; and Monument Crisis Center, Concord.

Households that receive bags are instructed to put the donations on the curb by 9 a.m. Saturday in order to be collected. Otherwise, there are several places to drop off non-perishable items at:

- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton
- Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton
- Tri-Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore
- St. Vincent De Paul, 1817 2nd St., Livermore
- St. Michael's Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore
- Showers of Blessings, 6930 Village Parkway, Dublin
- St. Raymond's Church, 11555 Shannon Ave., Dublin
- Greenbrook Elementary School, Harlan Ave. and St. Helena, Danville

To contact the Youth Food Drive, call 998-6513 or email youthfood-drive@comcast.net.

—Emily West

## Vineyard Villa

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purchase the lot, their rent could be raised to market levels, estimated at 20 percent a year for four years, the staff report states.

The commission voted 5-0 Feb. 25 to deny the proposal after the two and a half hour hearing. Much of their reasoning harkened back to a survey that was conducted by the owners' legal representation, Gilchrist & Rutter, to assess residents' level of support for the conversion.

The survey was conducted early last year in the form of a questionnaire sent to residents, asking them to answer with one of three options: support the conversion, decline to respond or not support. The city received 119 responses from the 208 units. Of those, 41 residents said they supported the switch to ownership, while 38 said they did not support it and 40 declined to respond.

Commissioner Anne Fox led the commission's discussion on the merits of the survey, saying she felt it left out important information such as the worth of the homes and homeowners' dues, had persuasive language and shouldn't be considered valid.

"I have some issues on whether it was a bonafide survey and also, whether there was support," Fox said. "If you look at the law, it says you should obtain a survey of support of residents and I don't consider 20 percent of 208 units to be a survey of support."

"My view is it doesn't take an awful lot to comply with the law and based on that, isn't this whole hearing tonight a sham?" said commissioner Arne Olson, eliciting applause from seniors in the Council Chambers.

Commissioners said they felt it would be difficult for a resident to say now whether they would support the sale of the lots in 10 or more years. Attorneys for Gilchrist & Rutter countered that the survey was required by the state to be conducted before any approval was made.

Six people spoke during the public comment portion of the hearing, four of them in support of the conversion and two against. The commission also received a number of letters and emails on the topic.

Gloria Robertson, who said she's lived in Vineyard Villa for 20 years, supported the proposal, said she thought the owner has been more than fair.

"It's a good opportunity to buy land if we want and when the time comes," she said. "I'm all in favor of it."

Art Moniz, a newer resident to the park, said the conversion is a bad idea.

"There will be residents who won't be able to get loans," Moniz said.

He added that residents who don't fall into the lower-income bracket that affords them state assistance will have a hard time purchasing the land. Qualifications for low-income status are \$46,000 or less for one individual, \$53,000 for two and \$66,000 for three.

Commissioner Jennifer Pearce said she didn't want to eliminate affordable rental housing for seniors.

"It's an important section of our community," she said. "By taking this away and making it an ownership situation, you're potentially doing a real disservice to not only these residents but the town as a whole."

The property owner has 15 days to appeal the commission's decision to the City Council. ■

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## Weddings

### Karen Loperena & Greg Cummings

Karen Loperena and Greg Cummings were married Jan. 17 in Grace Christian Church in San Luis Obispo, Calif. A reception followed at the San Luis Obispo Country Club.

Karen is the daughter of Bob and Gail Loperena, formerly Pleasanton residents for 17 years and now residing in Marina del Rey, Calif. She graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2004 and from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2008. She works in social services.

Greg is the son of Jeff and Diane



Cummings of Santa Rosa, Calif. He graduated from Montgomery High School in Santa Rosa in 2004 and from Biola Christian College in 2008. He is employed in sales.

The couple honeymooned in Fiji and live in San Luis Obispo.

## Obituaries

### Gerard (Jerry) Moliterno

Jerry Moliterno, 94, died peacefully in the presence of his family on March 1.

He was born July 21, 1914 in Hazelton, Pa., and lived in New York, New Jersey, Florida and for the past 13 years, in Brentwood.

He served his country during World War II in the Army Air Force as a private first class. For most of his life, he was self-employed, the sole proprietor of a machine repair company and a linen rental service.

He was the beloved husband of Peggy (Olga) Moliterno, married for 67 years, father of Arlene Thompson, father-in-law of Phillip Thompson of Pleasanton and grandfather to Taryn and Kristyn Thompson and Taryn's husband, Chris Flexhaug. He is also survived by sisters, Margie Moliterno and Rose Marie Wilkersin; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., followed by a gathering at the Thompson home. Eventual interment will be in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, Calif. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Moliterno Scholarship Fund, c/o Wells Fargo, 900 Main St., Ste. 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566.



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# Community Pulse

## Police Bulletin

### Alameda cop arrested in Pleasanton

A sergeant with the Alameda Police Department was arrested in Pleasanton recently after allegedly fraudulently obtaining prescription medication from the family of a deceased person, according to police.

Ronald R. Jones, 48, an administrative sergeant and a 26-year veteran of the department, was taken into custody this morning by agents from the California Department of Justice's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. He was arrested on charges of fraud, deceit and misrepresentation to obtain a controlled substance, according to Alameda police.

In January, following the death of a terminally ill Alameda resident, Jones allegedly told the resident's family that Alameda police offered a disposal service for

unwanted prescription medications, according to police. The department does not provide such a service, police said.

According to the internal police investigation, Jones removed the medications from the home without following proper procedures for evidence collection or disposal. There is no record of the medications being placed into evidence for destruction, police said.

Special Agent Michelle Gregory with the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement said the case could be part of a pattern by Jones.

Gregory said she does not yet know how many other such incidents Jones might have been involved in. Police said there is no indication any other members of the Alameda Police Department participated.

The investigation is being led by Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement to guarantee transparency, police said.

Alameda police Lt. Bill Scott said that he was unable to discuss the department's internal investigation.

Jones has been placed on paid administrative leave.

—Bay City News

## Police Report

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

### Feb. 23

#### •Drug/alcohol violations:

- 11:48 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue; public drunkenness

### Feb. 24

#### •Theft:

- 2:40 p.m. in the 7700 block of Highland Oaks Drive; grand theft
- 2:53 p.m. in the 4300 block of Fairlands Drive; identity theft

#### •Vehicular burglary:

- 7:28 a.m. in the 6100 block of Las Positas Boulevard
- 9:27 a.m. in the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 6:21 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive
- 9:16 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### •Vandalism:

- 10:46 a.m. in the 5500 block of Pleasant Hill Road; worth more than \$400
- 1:53 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; worth less than \$400

#### •Drug/alcohol violations:

- 12:41 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal and Pleasanton avenues; DUI
- 1:43 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue; controlled substance possession
- 3:21 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard and Bernal avenues; DUI
- 9:36 p.m. at the intersection of Hacienda and Owens drives; marijuana possession

### Feb. 25

#### •Theft:

- 10:27 a.m. in the 3100 block of Joanne Circle; petty theft
- 11:07 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; petty theft
- 1:23 p.m. in the 3400 block of Gravina Place; grand theft

#### •Vehicular burglary:

- 6:21 p.m. in the 4400 block of Cloverwood Lane

#### •Vandalism:

- 9:15 p.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### •Public drunkenness:

- 2:10 a.m. at the intersection of Spring and First streets

### Feb. 26

#### •Theft:

- 8:55 a.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue; petty theft
- 10:05 a.m. in the 3500 block of Milleford Court; identity theft

#### •Vehicular burglary:

- 7:20 a.m. in the 3400 block of Zion Canyon Court
- 7:44 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

#### •Vandalism:

- 2:24 a.m. in the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 8:22 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Black Avenue
- 8:29 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Trails Drive
- 8:38 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Trails Drive and National Park Road
- 8:46 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Inglewood Drive
- 9:46 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Inglewood Drive
- 12:29 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Northway Road
- 1:12 p.m. at the intersection of

West Las Positas Boulevard and Rockingham Road

-3:04 p.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

-9:27 p.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### •Drug violations:

- 9:34 p.m. in the 100 block of East Angela Street; paraphernalia possession, under the influence of a controlled substance, non-narcotic controlled substance possession

### Feb. 27

#### •Theft:

- 9:42 a.m. in the 3400 block of Gravina Place; grand theft
- 2:12 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 2:48 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement
- 3:05 p.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen vehicle

#### •Burglary:

- 4:27 a.m. in the 800 block of Rose Avenue

#### •Battery:

- 12:45 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
- 4:27 a.m. in the 800 block of Rose Avenue



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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 7:00 pm  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PDR 804/PCUP-233, Tom Kubo/William Wood Architects, Hana Japan**  
Application for design review approval to construct an approximately 6,000-square-foot building at 11991 Dublin Canyon Road for Hana Japan Steak House and for a conditional use permit to serve alcoholic beverages after 10:00 p.m.

### Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 7:00 pm  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and Preliminary Approval of Proposed Gift: "Moret Bench"
- Review and Recommendation to Accept Proposed Gift of Pastel Painting: "Century House"

### Library Commission

Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 6:00 pm  
Library Community Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us) to view the agenda for this meeting.

### Youth Commission

Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 6:00 pm  
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Discussion Regarding 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- Continued Discussion of Valley Teen Job and Community Service Fair
- Evaluation of Youth in Government Day
- Discussion Regarding the Book "Good to Great" by Jim Collins

### Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC)

Monday, March 9, 2009, at 6:00 pm  
Library Community Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Receive presentation on YMPIC Update Scope of Work, discuss and approve
- New YMPIC Member Appointment
- Youth in Government Day Approach to collect input on Master Plan from Youth
- Updated and approved YMPIC Operating procedures

### Draft Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan

Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 6:30 pm  
Veterans Memorial Building, Main Hall, 301 Main Street

The City of Pleasanton is seeking public input on the Draft Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan. The workshop will:

- Provide an overview of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan
- Discuss proposed pedestrian improvements
- Discuss prioritized list of bicycle & pedestrian projects
- Take public comments on the master plan

This master plan is funded by a grant from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). The development of the master plan is overseen by the City of Pleasanton Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The draft master plan document is available on the internet at: <http://pleasantonbikapedplan.webexone.com>. After entering the site, scroll down and select "Enter as a Guest" then select "Documents". For more information, please call Janis Stephen in the Community Development Department/Traffic Engineering Division at (925) 931-5671 or by email at: [jstephen@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:jstephen@ci.pleasanton.ca.us)

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LFPD seeks community volunteers interested in emergency preparedness to help present basic emergency preparedness training to 25% of our community. The 1-day presenters training session will provide "how-to" tips to effectively present the class. If you are a member of a business association, club, non-profit, or faith-based organization and enjoy giving presentations, you would be an ideal candidate.

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# Opinion

## Letters

### When is it our job to tell D.C. what to do?

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your Feb. 6 article ("Courting Washington," Cover Story, page 16) about our Tri-Valley mayors going to Washington "...to make sure this area gets its slice of the (stimulus) package..."

This is exactly what they should be doing to support and help their constituents. This is why we elected them to office.

It brought to mind, however, the time I spoke at a City Council meeting in 2006 to ask them "to do something about the war in Iraq." What they were to do was up to them, but one of the options was to petition our federal government. My goodness, how the council objected to that. It wasn't their job to tell Washington what to do, they said. Apparently, though, when it comes to money, it is. And there's just no money in a dead Marine. It's a shame that the local governments throughout our country don't take the lives of the thousands of Americans who were killed in Iraq as seriously as they take the money flowing into their coffers. If they did, more of our brothers and sisters would be alive today to get their slice of that package.

Fred Norman

### Preserve Pleasanton from cut-through traffic

Dear Editor,

On Feb. 24, our council was asked to decide whether to uphold its current promise to the residents of Pleasanton, or give in to the blackmail of Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. Currently, the city and the county have an agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) that the connection of Stoneridge Drive to 580/El Charro Road will only occur after regional traffic mitigations are in place.

Without regional traffic mitigations that will keep freeway commuter traffic on 580, Pleasanton's local arterials (Stoneridge Drive, West Las Positas Boulevard, Valley Avenue, Hopyard Road, Santa Rita Road, Foothill Boulevard and Dublin Canyon Road) will all become cut-through options for Central Valley commuters making their way to Silicon Valley and Oakland.

Haggerty is under pressure to solve 580 congestion and is willing to sacrifice Pleasanton's air quality and neighborhood quality of life. In an effort to punish Pleasanton, he has halted regional improvements to Highway 84, and has threatened to give the Staples Ranch property to either Dublin or Livermore. The lack of an Environmental Impact Report notwithstanding, Haggerty is attempting to force our council to vote to extend Stoneridge now. He is supported in this by the mayors of Dublin and Livermore, and some big money factions within our own city. Haggerty expects Pleasanton to bear this traffic burden alone; he expects no such sacrifice from either Dublin or Livermore.

Cindy Cook

### Council went back on Stoneridge promise

Dear Editor,

You misquoted me in your Feb. 27 story about the Stoneridge extension ("Stoneridge extension OK'd," News, page 5).

You wrote: "...and by a councilmember who has gone back on her word on the Stoneridge Drive issue." Sullivan was apparently referring to Hosterman, who at one time said Stoneridge Drive would be extended 'over my dead body.'"

What I actually said was that I was concerned about a City Council that has abandoned its commitment over the project. I was referring to the council as a whole, and not singling out Jennifer. This is a very unfair representation of what I said.

In addition, what seems to have been lost is that the council—on a

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## Editorial

### Ponderosa project a benefit to city

Ponderosa Homes is "shovel-ready"—the current buzzword—to start construction within the next few months of its multi-million-dollar, 110-home gated residential community for seniors in the Ironwood community. If the final mapping and permitting process go smoothly in City Hall, Ponderosa will have contractors and hundreds of workers preparing the 23-acre site and building the one- and two-story homes in July, a welcome sign in these troubling times when most new home construction has come to a halt. The first group of homes should be ready for buyers in late 2010. The project, which won the approval of the City Council in a 3-2 vote Feb. 17, has been in the planning stage for about nine years and was made possible when the Pleasanton school district, which had an option to buy the site, decided it no longer needed it nor could afford more property. It also will be Alameda County's first privately developed project of homes to be available at market price and restricted to at least one of the buyers being 55 years old or older. No children will be allowed to live in the development except in special cases and access will be limited to owners with a magnetic card to open the gate.

Besides bringing more senior housing to Pleasanton, Ponderosa also is filling a long-standing demand for market rate homes for seniors that offer more security. Those seeking homes at the site say they travel more frequently now that they're empty nesters and will appreciate having a security team to check on their homes while they're away. The project also includes a centrally-located recreational facility with a swimming pool and other outdoor activities and a community meeting room. Because those expected to move into the development have no school-age children and will travel occasionally, traffic flow into and out of the development will be one-tenth of what city traffic engineers had projected if a school had been built on the site, as once was proposed.

Just as significantly, this latest project wraps up Ponderosa's development of the Busch property, a development now largely completed on what used to be called the "Pumpkin Patch," a favorite place for kids to go when the Busch family opened up their farm to school children to pick the pumpkins the family had planted. Ponderosa, which originally asked to build 300 homes on the site, trimmed the number to the 175 single family homes now built, along with 16 duplexes and a 172-unit senior apartment project. Centerpointe Presbyterian Church recently completed the first phase of its major new church facility on a six-acre site at the corner of Busch Road and Valley Avenue, which is also a part of the Ironwood community.

It was rough sledding for Ponderosa during the early days of its development application. Neighbors objected to the size of the development and the traffic it might bring to their local streets. Protests grew angry at times and there was a widespread effort by those groups to force a referendum after the City Council approved the development. The City Council withdrew its approval, canceling the need for a referendum and, with the help of former mayors Ben Tarver and Tom Pico, Ponderosa executives and a new marketing team began holding a series of neighborhood meetings to develop a new plan that all could accept. In the end, at a council meeting in 2002, Ponderosa's current development plan was approved to the applause of city officials, neighbors and the home building firm. Today, that team effort to resolve differences over a proposed development is the model for other negotiations in Pleasanton and beyond. ■

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# Guest Opinion

## The bank as a utility company

by Gary Alt

The local impact from the breakdown of the financial system is painfully obvious. Our outstanding schools are facing a 9 percent budget cut next year.



Domus and the Pleasanton Hotel were longtime downtown anchors, and have recently vanished. Big companies in the Tri-Valley are laying off people or closing, such as Washington Mutual, Dublin Ford, EXPO Design Center and many others. Our idyllic community is bearing the brunt of a failed banking system that needs fixing.

The recent fallout highlights two distinct banking types: I call them utility banks and investment banks. Utility banks are a reliable and predictable source of money for consumers and businesses that drive economic growth. These banks provide consumer loans, business loans, construction loans, checking and savings accounts. Investment banks are a source of money for complex and higher risk needs such as mergers and acquisitions, hedge funds and other speculative ventures.

Utility banks need to be safe and predictable, and we should be able to rely on them as we do our

public utilities. Just as electricity and water are essential services for the health and welfare of our community, a reliable source of money is crucial for a stable economy. A stable banking system benefits more than businesses and schools: nonprofits such as Shepherd's Gate, Tri-Valley Haven, Rotary and the Museum on Main Street all rely heavily on financial donations from individuals. The reach of these nonprofits throughout our community is profound.

By allowing utility banks to also act as investment banks, congressional leaders from both parties failed to protect the underpinnings of our economy. We learned this lesson during the Great Depression, fixed the problem, and then decades later we removed this safeguard. After bank failures fueled the depression, the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933 outlawed commercial banks from engaging in investment banking. One benefit was that customer deposits weren't at risk of loss due to bad ventures of the investment banks, thereby increasing consumer confidence. In 1999, Glass-Steagall was repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. Since then we've seen an expansion craze by large banks. To continually boost profits, Citibank expanded into hedge funds, brokerage services, insurance, investment banking, credit cards, and loan underwriting standards were lost.

Had we separated utility banks from investment banks, and maintained quality banking standards, we wouldn't be facing these problems. It's time to structure commercial banks so they can be as reliable as electricity and water, to help fuel a healthy, growing economy. We also need to regulate investment banks so their risky ventures don't threaten the foundation of the entire global economy, let alone ours in the Tri-Valley.

Taxpayers are in a bind—we understand the need for a strong local economy, job market and housing market. I think most people understand the need for government to help stabilize the utility aspect of banking to protect deposits and to lend money to consumers and businesses. But we resent that Wall Street investment banks were not regulated or managed properly and we in Pleasanton are footing the bill and losing jobs because of that.

Everyone benefits from a utility banking system. Stable employment and housing are central to that. Just as important, our children who attend Pleasanton schools and those families receiving assistance from Tri-Valley nonprofits benefit too.

*Gary E.D. Alt is the co-founder of and managing partner with Willow Ridge Capital Advisors, a wealth advisory firm based in Pleasanton. He and his family have lived in Pleasanton since 1999.*

### Letters

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5-0 vote—agreed to the MOU and a separate process to determine the fate of the SDE. They did indeed go back on their promise to the community on Feb. 24. I wish someone would report that.

*Matt Sullivan  
(Pleasanton City Councilman)*

#### Counselors are important, support parcel tax

Dear Editor,

My husband and I have lived in Pleasanton for 21 years. Two years ago we transferred our sons into PUSD. We expected transition challenges. Yet the worst was a personal challenge. Halfway through the year, my husband was diagnosed with cancer.

I reached out to my son's counselor at Amador to discuss his academic transition. I'm not sure she will ever know how helpful she was. She provided support on various levels and when we were spending all our time at UCSF's cancer center she even offered to tell each of his teachers about my husband's diagnosis. It's tough enough to talk about this to one person but to have explained it to six or seven teachers would have

been gut-wrenching.

During this past semester while his counselor was on maternity leave the school psychologist just jumped in and helped in a variety of ways. I recognize that both of these individuals went well beyond any job description.

I understand layoffs, salary reductions, furloughs, etc. I'm having to implement them myself. Yet education is an area where our decisions have an everlasting impact. Short-sighted decisions are not acceptable. The purpose of my letter is to relay how important I feel the counselors are at the high school level. They do so much more than just academic counseling and without their support the last year would have been more difficult. I support the parcel tax and will do all I can to ensure it passes.

*Chris Peters*

#### Socialism won't lift people out of poverty

Dear Editor,

I read Ward Kanowsky's condescending and patronizing letter to Mike Duarte, ("Let's find some common ground," Letters, Feb. 13, page 9) and I also read both of Obama's books. Instead of the lofty empty rhetoric of Obama's speeches, I would quote the parts where he tells us that in college his friends of choice were Marxists, socialists,

and black power leaders. I also remember a television interview in 2001 where Obama laments that the civil rights movement did not go far enough; that African-Americans needed to be cared for under a socialistic system. I thought this was demeaning to those millions of African-Americans who have worked hard to get ahead and provide a better life for themselves and their children.

With a \$250-billion welfare package (handouts) in the stimulus bill, all the reforms that Clinton and the Republicans initiated in the 1990s will be rolled back, and once again generations of people, and their children will find it easier to be on welfare than to try to move up in the world. This dooms many to a life of poverty and lost potential. Does this also mean we will return to the welfare policy of paying people on welfare for each baby they have?

In response to Mr. Kanowsky's smug comments about finding "common ground," I have to say that the only common ground will be when people who are concerned about the left turn of our country just weeks after the inaugural, and who believe that socialism never lifted anyone out of poverty, band together to keep us from becoming as mediocre as much of the rest of the world.

*Susanna Gordon*

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Above: Megan Wiseman, 24, a student at Cal State East Bay, is one of four women representing the U.S. Women's Volo Team later this month in Bavagna, Italy. Here she is practicing at Campo di Bocce in Livermore. Right

# ON A ROLL!

Pleasanton, Livermore women off to Italy March 28 for world bocce championships

by Janet Pelletier

**M**eet Navina Bernardi, Salinna Grant, Tiffany Garland-Martini and Megan Wiseman. These four young women from Pleasanton and Livermore will be representing the United States March 28 in the World Bocce Championships in Bavagna, Italy.

They are the youngest women's team to ever represent the country for the ancient Italian sport. Practices are held twice a week at Campo di Bocce in Livermore, the unofficial mecca for bocce enthusiasts. The team is coached by Ben Musolf, who co-owns the restaurant and is an avid player himself.

"This is really the first time that the U.S. has had a women's youth group who will be competing on a youthful, athletic level, so it's really exciting," Musolf said.

The women earned their spots on the team after a grueling singles tryout held in November.

For Bernardi, the experience is one she knows she will never forget. At 14 years old, the Carondelet Catholic High School freshman is the youngest on the team.

"I come from an Italian family and remember lawn bowling growing up," she said. "What I like about the sport is that my 79-year-old grandpa and my 4-year-old cousin can play. Anybody can play this game."

Bernardi's entire family—mother, father and brother—plays the sport. Her brother Joey, 20, holds the record for shooting.

"I cannot wait to go to Italy," said her dad Dario Bernardi. "Our family is 100 percent Italian; my wife was born in northern Italy. We're hoping that some of our family members who live there are able to make

the drive to watch the competition."

Also hoping for some support is Garland-Martini, whose family also originates from Italy.

"It's a shock," Garland-Martini said of her reaction to being named to the team. "You always dream about playing for the U.S. and now I'm doing it."

A Pleasanton native, the 32-year-old said she got her start playing in leagues at Campo di Bocce over two years ago.

"My mom had a stroke and bocce for her was a great rehab," she said. She started playing more intensely soon after.

"What I really like about bocce is it's a sport where you can relax, drink wine and hang out with family and friends. I still play with my parents all the time."

And bocce truly is a sport for all ages. Coach Musolf said he can't really pinpoint a typical customer because it ranges, but if he had to narrow it down, it would be 25-55 years old.

"We have corporate team-building groups from major companies playing here, families, youths, people who come here for date night—it really is everybody," he said.

That may be surprising to those who aren't avid players. History shows that bocce was first documented in a painting in 5200 B.C. and grew in popularity in the Italian region. Bocce is now the second most popular sport in Italy next to soccer (or futbol) and the second most popular ball sport in the world.

Campo has played host to the 2006 North American Bocce Championships, the 2007 National Championships and will be holding the 2009 National Bocce Championships in June. In May, Campo will host

perhaps its biggest draw—the 11th annual John Madden and Steve Mariucci Battle of the Bay Charity Bocce Tournament. For the first time, the charity tournament will be televised live from Livermore on ESPN.

Bocce popularity in Pleasanton is pretty apparent. There are two courts in Ruby Hill's clubhouse where tournaments are frequently played, the Pleasanton Senior Center has courts and offers games for senior citizens and a court is even planned for the recently approved senior housing community at Ironwood off Valley Avenue and Busch Road.

But bocce is not just a sport for the "mature."

"People usually don't know a lot about bocce," Garland-Martini said. "Most people stereotype it as just an older-person game."

It's an image the team is hoping they can debunk in Italy, when they compete March 28-April 5.

During the multiple-days competition, the women will compete in four events, including speed shooting, doubles speed shooting, precision shooting and doubles Volo. The four will also be joined by four other Bay Area women who play on the Punto, Raffa, Volo team: Rena Harel, Maria Narayan, Debbie O'Sullivan and Colleen Randazzo, coached by John Ross. The American team is one of 16, among the likes of Italy, France, China and Algeria.

Those interested in seeing the women in action before they cross the Atlantic can stop by from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursdays at Campo di Bocce, 175 E. Vineyard Ave., Livermore. A sponsorship dinner for both teams will be held from 6-9 p.m. March 17. Cost is \$25. Email Musolf at benjamin@campdibocce.com. ■



Coach Ben Musolf, who co-owns the restaurant, is talking to a player about what they should prepare for the World Bocce Championships. If they win in Thailand.

## Did you know?

■ Bocce was first documented in a painting, which was discovered in an Egyptian tomb.

■ Bocce has evolved from a game played with flat rocks or even coconut shells to metal balls.

■ Bocce has been known by many names, including skittles and pentapins, and has seen several rule changes.

■ The popularity of bocce in California grew when it swept California in 1981, attracting many enthusiasts who have helped to build and play on structured courts.

Source: World Bocce League



Photos by Janet Pelletier

...nt, Tiffany Garland-Martini, 32, of Pleasanton throws a bocce ball in a game where the object is to hit another ball on the court.



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## Profiles of the U.S. Women's Volo team

### Navina Bernardi, 14, Pleasanton

Bernardi is relatively new to the game and is the youngest player on the team. Her family is from Italy and her father and brother both have competed on the national and international level. She was first introduced to bocce by her grandparents. Tennis is her first love.

### Salinna Grant, 24, Livermore

Grant's athletic career began with basketball at age 9. She then used her quickness and agility in track and field and softball. While playing collegiate basketball at Ohlone College in Fremont, she has received honorable mention and other player awards. She started playing bocce after she started working at Campo di Bocce in 2006. Since then, she has competed regionally and nationally, earning the bronze medal at the 2008 National Bocce Championships in Illinois. She attends Cal State East Bay.

### Tiffany Garland-Martini, 32, Pleasanton

As captain of the women's team representing the U.S., Garland-Martini plays a multitude of sports. She first played bocce two years ago and was on the team with Grant that won the bronze at the national championships.

### Megan Wiseman, 24, Livermore

Wiseman also won bronze at the national championships and has been an athlete all her life, excelling at soccer, softball, basketball and now bocce. She started playing bocce when she worked at Campo di Bocce. Her performance on the national level escalated her to the international level where she competed in the North American Bocce Championships in Toronto, Ontario, where her team earned the silver medal. She attends Cal State East Bay.

### Coach Ben Musolf

Musolf co-owns Campo di Bocce and has been an athlete all his life, playing soccer and hockey. He started playing bocce 11 years ago at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos. The need for athleticism and a chess-like strategy appealed to him about the sport. Musolf has played host to the national and international events and has coached the men's Volo team in Nice, France in 2003, earning a fifth-place finish in the world.



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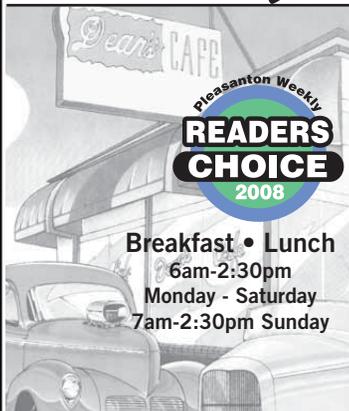
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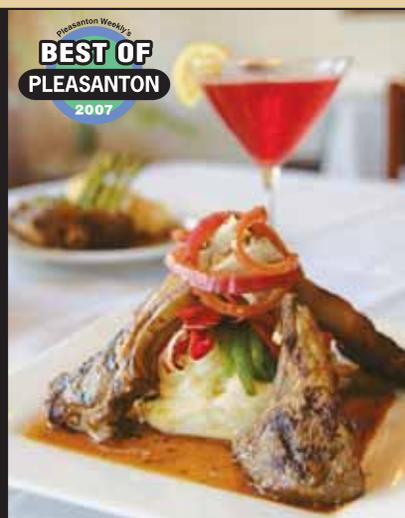
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# Sports

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## SRV stuns Falcons in soccer loss

In a stunning upset, the Foothill girls varsity soccer team's Cinderella season ended Saturday night.

San Ramon Valley High School clinched its fourth consecutive North Coast Section 3A (NCS) title (a record) when it beat the Lady Falcons in sudden death overtime, 4-3, at Dublin High School. Foothill's record is 21-1, 14-0 in East Bay Athletic League play. All season, the team only allowed five goals from opponents.

Through most of the game, the lead was maintained by Foothill. But San Ramon brought the game back to a tie, and in overtime, Foothill's season was finished when the Wolves' Allie Begin scored.

Foothill coach Ron Lambert said while he's proud of his team's accomplishments, he can't shake the feeling from Saturday's game that they got robbed.

Lambert said a goal the team scored early on was taken away by the referee and time was added to the play clock toward the end of the game with no explanation, allowing SRV's comeback.

It was deja vu for Lambert, who said something

similar happened last year against SRV.

"The referee never stopped the clock, but for some reason, he added time on the clock," Lambert said. "On videos from the game, you can even hear the fans counting down five, four, three, two, one and the game is still going on. It was like a momentum shift."

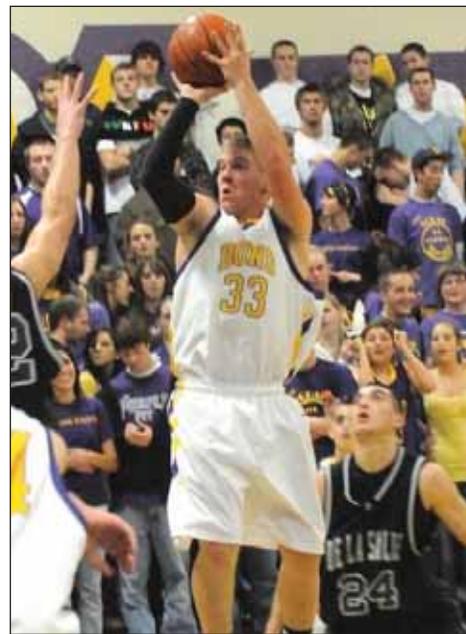
Lambert said after the game ended, the referee left without answering questions and was booed, which he said he didn't approve of, but couldn't control.

"I'm still trying to pinch myself over what happened," Lambert said. "We dominated the game hands-down, from start to regulation finish."

"I'm not discrediting San Ramon," he added. "They played hard. The referees are there to keep the game intact, not to take it away from anybody."

Lambert said while the loss will sting for a while, he is still very proud of the team.

"They had a hell of a year," he said. "We won league, which hasn't been done since '93, '94. It really was a dream team."



**Amador senior Scott David ends season on high note**

Senior Scott David ended his basketball career at Amador Valley High School on an exceptionally high note, going over the 1,000-point mark last week. His stats include 1,023 points and 492 rebounds. A two-sport athlete, he has worked hard in the classroom and on the court. Although he loves basketball, baseball is his future. He signed a letter of intent in November, accepting a baseball scholarship to Fresno State University.



**Foothill basketball girls finish season strong**

The Foothill Girls varsity basketball team had an amazing finish to their season two weeks ago.

The Lady Falcons made history, beating Amador Valley for the second time this season.

The last game of the season started with the Falcons coming out strong and aggressive in the first quarter with Emily Valenziano and Madison Craig both hitting three-pointers to end the quarter, Falcons 14, Dons 6. The Falcons were up by 12 points in the second, but the Dons sparked and the lead was cut to seven at the half. The Dons came out on fire in the third and the score was tied 31-31 at the end of the quarter. The fourth quarter started with Valenziano driving to the basket for a lay-up. Then Megan Clark and Valenziano hit back to back 3's and opened the door to a chance for a victory. With two steals from Craig and five rebounds from Anissa Mendez, the momentum kept going in Foothill's direction. Valenziano hit two clutch free throws and a beautiful assist to Jennifer Ong for an easy lay-up to seal the victory.

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# Calendar

## Auditions

**'Songs of Gratitude'** Tri-Valley YMCA is seeking performers for the "Songs of Gratitude" concert that will be held Saturday, May 16, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. For an application, contact Kris Farro at kfarro@ymcaeastbay.org or 475-6110.

## Classes

**'Passion for Creation: Ancient Wisdom for Today's World'** Rev. Steve Maynard will host a 4-week class based on Matthew Fox's "Passion for Creation: Ancient Wisdom for Today's World" from 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays starting March 10 or from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, both at Tri-Valley Unity's gathering place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. These classes are free, but registration is required; call 998-0038.

## Clubs

**'How to Brand Your Small Business'** Communication Arts Network will host Maria Niles of Consumer Pop Marketing at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 10, at Forli Ristorante, 3160 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Tickets are \$22, including lunch. Call 462-8083.

**Amador Valley Quilters Meeting** This club will host Cindy Needham from Superior Threads talking about "Thread Fact and Fiction" at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave.

**March Meeting of the LAVGC** Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will host Bill Grant, founder of the CA Garden Landscape Society, at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 12, at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. He will talk about "Why You Should Grow Tea Roses." Call 417-8809.

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club** Nancy O'Mally, Chief Assistant District Attorney for Alameda County, will speak about her efforts to fight human trafficking, domestic violence, and to provide community services to victims of crime from 7-9 p.m., Monday, March 16, IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. The public is invited. Call 831-8355.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern California** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California are planning meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at Agora Bistro, 443 Main St. Guests are welcome. Call 628-4463.

## Concerts

**Jazzed About Pets for VHS** An exciting evening of music featuring award-winning artist Craig Chaquico and guest comedian Mark Pitta will perform at Jazzed About Pets at 8 p.m., Friday, March 13, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$40-\$45. Call 373-6800.

**Pleasanton Chamber Players Annual Concert** Pleasanton Chamber Players presents "The Rise of German Romanticism" at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Tickets are \$15 in advance available at Towne Center Books and Ingram & Braun in Pleasanton; \$18 at the door; children are free. Call 455-5333.

## Events

**20th Annual Gem Faire** The

20th annual Gem Faire is set for March 13-15, at Alameda County Fairgrounds. Hours are from noon-7 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. General admission is \$5, valid for the entire weekend. Visit [www.gemfaire.com](http://www.gemfaire.com) or call (503) 252-8300.

**Pleasanton Ridge Fun Run** The Pleasanton Ridge Fun Run will have both a 5K and 10K starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 21, at the Foothill Road Staging Area. Walkers are welcome in the 5K. Cost is \$27 for 5K; \$30 for 10K, including a T-shirt. To register, visit [www.ebtrailrunners.com](http://www.ebtrailrunners.com).

**Pleasantonians 4 Peace** Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsors a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., the second Wednesday of the month. They will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Following the vigil is a peaceful march to City Hall. Contact Cathe Norman, 462-7495; Matt Sullivan, mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net.

**Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival Early Registration** Early registration and all contest entries must be post-marked by Saturday, March 7, for the Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival taking place April 4-5, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The festival will include workshops, contests, awards banquet, literary row, reception and fine arts exhibit. Call 931-5350.

**Seventh Annual Youth Food Drive** The seventh annual Youth Food Drive, rain or shine, will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, March 7, in Pleasanton, Livermore, Sunol, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and Alamo. Donations of non-perishable items go to local food pantries. Call 998-6513 or e-mail [youthfooddrive@comcast.net](mailto:youthfooddrive@comcast.net).

**Twin's Club Clothing and Equipment sale** Twin Valley Mother of Twin's Club will host a semi-annual children's clothing and equipment sale from 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Buying and selling is open to the public. Admission is \$1. Visit [www.tvmotc.org/cesale](http://www.tvmotc.org/cesale).

## Exhibits

**'Treasures of the Tri-Valley II: Tri-Valley on the Move'** Museum on Main will host the exhibit "Treasures of the Tri-Valley II: Tri-Valley on the Move" until March 7. The exhibit will feature items relating to transportation from local collectors. The museum is open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m., Sunday. Admission is a \$2 donation. Call 462-2766 or visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

## Film

**'Health, Money, and Fear' and 'Mom's Rising'** Two short documentaries will be shown from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. A short chat will follow the films. Cost is a \$3 donation. Call 462-3459.

## Holiday

**Family Purim Party** Tri-Valley Cultural Jew's will host a Family Purim Party from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 8, at Bothwell Center, 24668th St., Livermore. The party will feature

games and crafts, baking of the traditional three-cornered cookies, and a costume parade for everyone, people of all ages. Non-traditional and dual-culture families are welcome. Cost is \$5 per household for non-members. Call 485-1049.

## Kids & Teens

**'Music and Movement'** Andrea Gaspari kicks off the new year with rollicking movement and music fun for pre-schoolers (18 months-4 years old) from 3:30-4:15 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. These events are free, but registration is required by calling 931-3400, ext. 8.

**Hooray for Herps at the Library** Meet an array of reptiles and amphibians as the Oakland ZooMobile presents "Hooray for Herps!" at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 7, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Children from grades 2-8 will learn facts and dispel common myths about these creatures. Free tickets will be distributed at the Children's Desk a half an hour before the show. Call 931-3400.

**Video Games at the Library** Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to play Wii Sports and DDR, Guitar Hero and Rock Band from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 9, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. This event is free. Call 931-3404.

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## Live Music

Valley Concert Chorale to Perform

**Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle**  
Valley Concert Chorale to Perform Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton and at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 15, at First Presbyterian Church, Livermore. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door.

## On Stage

**'MacHomer'** "MacHomer" is a comedy melding of William Shakespeare's Macbeth with the television series, The Simpsons. It will show at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Tickets are \$25, \$30 and \$35 for adults; \$15, \$20 and \$25 for students. Call 931-3444 or visit [www.civictickets.org](http://www.civictickets.org).

**'Seussical'** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse) presents "Seussical" at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20-March 15, at Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309. For ticket information, call 462-2121 or visit [www.trivalleyrep.com](http://www.trivalleyrep.com).

## Political Notes

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Luncheon** Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will host its annual membership luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at Castlewood Country Club. Guest speakers include Lynne Leach and Lori Brandes. Cost is \$26. Reservations are required by March 6; call 846-0914.

## Scholarships

**Amador Valley Scholarships**  
Amador Valley Scholarships Inc. is awarding scholarships to graduating seniors from Amador, Foothill and Village high schools. Guidelines and applications are available at [www.amadorvalleyscholarshipsinc.org](http://www.amadorvalleyscholarshipsinc.org). Completed applications are due back to the scholarship coordinator at or before March 13.

**DHSAA Scholarship Drive** Dublin High alums are invited to join the DHS Alumni Association for its St. Patty's Day Scholarship Drive from 4-10 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at the Dublin Sports Pub, 7294 San Ramon Rd. Visit [www.dublinhighalums.org](http://www.dublinhighalums.org) or [www.myspace.com/dhsalums](http://www.myspace.com/dhsalums). Facebook:dhsalums

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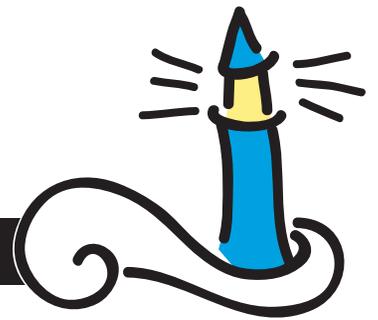
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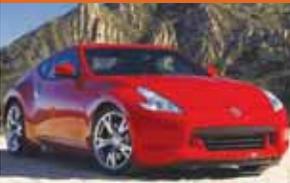
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OPEN SUN. 1-4

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3303 Camillo Ct., Ruby Hill, Pleasanton



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4141 W. Ruby Hill Dr., Pleasanton



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1809 Spumante Pl., Ruby Hill, Pleasanton



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### 7258 Huntswood Ct., Pleasanton

Over \$300k in backyard upgrades! Giant, 18,000+ sq. ft. lot w/ pool, spa, waterfall, outdoor kitchen and ridge views! 5100 sq. ft. w/ 6 bedrooms, 6ba, and only 5 years old! Incredible interior upgrading! Ideal family home with 2 downstairs bedrooms. \$1,895,000

### OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1-4 1062 Hearst, Pleasanton

Incredible Kottlinger Ranch Home on over 1/2 acre view lot backing to open space. Approx. 3300 sq. ft. with 5br, 2.5ba. Spectacular yard with pool, spa and waterfall. Once-in-a-lifetime location. \$1,365,000

### OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1-4 306 Neal St., Pleasanton

Amazing opportunity to live in the heart of Downtown. Large single-story home on over 20,000 sq. ft. lot with expansion possibilities. Approx. 2300 sq. ft. w/ 4br, 3ba. Hardwood floors throughout. Sideyard access. 2 blocks to Main St.! \$1,146,000

### COMING SOON

#### 4371 2nd St., Pleasanton

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### 15 Benjamin Ct., Pleasanton

This large 4br, 2.5ba home is ideally located just 1 block to Main St.! Upgraded and just 10 years old. Approx. \$699,000

### 4128 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton

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**4846 CENTRAL PKWY 439,000**



**PLEASANTON** - This home offers a unique combination of three (3) master suites with three (3) full baths. It also has a large yard and side yard. Kitchen and baths have been updated with granite and marble. Generous size downstairs bedroom w/ full bath. Light/bright and decorated & painted like a model home.  
**6038 CORTE ENCINAS \$610,000**



**DUBLIN** - Gorgeous home in The Courtyards at Dublin Ranch. This home is beautifully maintained and decorated. Lots of upgrades including 18" tile flooring, upgraded carpet and pad, custom window coverings, and gem of a backyard. This home is a must see!  
**3969 DERRYFIELD CT \$569,000**



**PLEASANTON** - Great Westside location for this 4 BR home w/ outstanding views of the Pleasanton Ridge. Upgraded baths, gleaming hardwood floors, lite/brite interior, large corner lot w/ SYA potential, resort living with pool and covered patio, great for entertaining. Sellers to credit \$6000 for pool re-surfacing.  
**4501 LAKEWOOD ST \$763,900**



**SAN RAMON** - Single level home in great San Ramon location. Newer kitchen, hardwood flooring, tile, updated baths, great stone work and newer driveway out front. Don't miss the finished attic play room. Rear yard has expansive deck, fruit trees, lawn and play area. Possible side yard access.  
**10033 SANTA ROSA AVE \$629,000**



**DUBLIN** - Beautiful Upgrades!!! Awesome kitchen with granite slab countertops, stainless steel appliances and cherry cabinets. Rich hardwood flooring downstairs and upgraded carpet upstairs. Neutral decorator paint and crown molding. Great landscaped yard. This is a great home at a phenomenal price!!!!  
**5008 SHAPLEIGH CT \$789,000**



**LIVERMORE** - You won't believe this home. Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom in a very desirable family park. This home looks practically new. Large kitchen, vaulted ceilings, AC, custom window valances, walk-in closet, dbl sink, washer/dryer, community pool/spa & much more. Washer/Dryer & Refrigerator are include  
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**LIVERMORE** - Great opportunity in a wonderful neighborhood. 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Easy access to freeway and downtown. Don't miss out!  
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**LIVERMORE**  
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**GREAT HOME!** **\$399,000**  
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**PEACEFUL/SPACIOUS** **\$1,249,900**  
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**3300 DYER RD.**  
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**2149 RHEEM DRIVE**  
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## SAN RAMON

**4270 CANYON CREST RD W**  
**CHARMING HOME** **\$725,000**  
 3 BR 2 BA living/family rms w/vaulted ceilings & fireplaces, bckyrd ovrlks greenbelt w/cov patio/spa 925.847.2200

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This gorgeous completely remodeled 5 bedroom, 3 full, 2 half bathroom, 5220 sq.ft. +/- custom home sits on one of the best view lots in Golden Eagle Estates. Cul-de-sac location, approximately 1 acre lot which includes a beautiful serene pool with breathtaking views of the valley. For more information visit [www.1531honeysuckle.com](http://www.1531honeysuckle.com). Offered at \$2,489,000



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**9146 Longview Drive, Pleasanton**  
 4bd/3.5ba colonial home nestled along the Pleasanton Ridge w/ views, privacy, a wine closet, and in-law suite w/ separate entry & driveway. Call for showing. Offered at \$1,250,000



**1831 Halcyon Court, Pleasanton**  
 Seller says bring **ALL** offers! 4bd/3ba, 2146+/- sq.ft. with full bd/ba downstairs, blocks from schools and parks. Offered at \$799,000



**OPEN SUN 1-4**

**2586 Skimmer Court, Pleasanton**  
 Beautifully remodeled 4bd/2.5ba, 2164+/-sq.ft. home w/ custom kitchen, hardwood floors, and pebble tech pool. Offered at \$875,000



**2822 Jones Gate Court, Pleasanton**  
 Extensively remodeled 3bd/2ba, 1800+/-sq.ft. home located on a secluded court in the "Gates" Offered at \$679,900



**COMING SOON**

**Court location with views in Rosepoint**  
 5bd/3ba 3200+/-sf completely remodeled with pool and spa. Call for private showing



**SOLD**

**4031 Schween Court, Pleasanton**  
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**8 GREY EAGLE COURT, PLEASANTON**  
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**2860 EL CAPITAN DRIVE, PLEASANTON**  
 Check out this updated single story home with three bedrooms, two baths, and approximately 1,140 square feet. Great starter home or investment property! Excellent condition! Lots of additional features including, new interior paint, new carpet and blinds throughout. Wilsonart wood flooring. New kitchen appliances. Central heat/air. Tile Roof. Private rear yard. Neighborhood park. **OFFERED AT \$549,500**

**PLEASANTON HEIGHTS**



**857 (UPPER) ABBIE STREET, PLEASANTON**  
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3	30,030	Two Story	SOLD!
4	20,300	Single Story	\$599,000

**OLDE TOWNE**



**SOLD**

**673 ABBIE STREET, PLEASANTON**  
 Premium secluded location in desirable Olde Towne on .30 acre lot. Walk to Downtown Pleasanton! Professionally landscaped, private rear yard with refinished decks and your own personal vineyard! Three bedrooms, two and a half baths. Approximately 2,000 square feet. Hardwood flooring. Newer roof. Three car garage. Excellent condition! **OFFERED AT \$899,500**

**SILVER OAKS ESTATES**



**SOLD**

**2474 SILVER OAKS LANE, PLEASANTON**  
 Brand new single level custom home. This premium .45 acre lot is surrounded by Oak studded open space. At the gateway to the Wine Country. Panoramic views of Mt. Diablo/the Valley. 4 bd/4.5 ba, formal office, plus/bonus room. Approx. 4,716 sq ft. Lg gourmet kitchen with granite slab/stainless steel appliances. Lg master suite with fireplace. Hardwood and marble flooring. Photovoltaic (5 kw) solar system. Professionally landscaped front yard. **OFFERED AT \$1,899,000**



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**PLEASANTON \$3,795,000**  
Gorgeous Mediterranean custom home. Private secluded location. Gourmet kitchen. Antique marble/hardwood floors. Private rear grounds—great for entertaining. In-ground pool/spa. Beautiful landscaping. 3752 Trener Drive

**UWE MAERCZ BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$3,499,000**  
8400+/-sf of luxury on golf course. 6bd/6.5ba, library, media room, spa retreat, tech room, gourmet kitchen. 1667 Via di Salerno

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**PLEASANTON \$2,399,000**  
French Country Custom, 5719 +/- sf, 5bd/4.5 ba, 2 staircases, hardwood floors, granite counters. Private Sport Court. Great view. 3477 Torlano Place

**DOUG BUENZ OPEN SUN 1-4**



**PLEASANTON \$1,749,500**  
Elegant 4bd, plus office & bonus room. 4.5 ba/2fp. Granite & stainless kitchen. Resort like private yard w/pool & waterfall. 9459 Blessing Drive

**DOUG BUENZ OPEN SAT/SUN 2-5**



**PLEASANTON \$1,729,000**  
Bridle Creek Area. 5 BR + Office, 5½ BTH, gourmet granite/cherry/stainless kitchen, .47 acre lot, luxurious master suite, & more! 5745 Hanifen Way

**MOXLEY TEAM BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$1,675,000**  
Sub dividable 1.67+/- acre lot. 5bd/3.5ba, 4196+/-sf main house. Lot split 43,856sf & 27,642 sf. Rare opportunity. 2215 Martin Ave

**BLAISE LOFLAND OPEN SUN 1-4**



**PLEASANTON \$1,649,000**  
Breathtaking panoramic views. .60acre+/- lot. 4508+/-sf home, 5bd + bonus/office. Gourmet kitchen, pool, outdoor BBQ, spa, waterfall. 8 Grey Eagle

**M. NOKES/D. BUENZ OPEN SAT/SUN 12-5**



**PLEASANTON \$1,329,000**  
1 of 4 New Homes Downtown Pleasanton. Stunning semi-custom 4bd + loft. Gourmet kitchen, old time covered front porch. Over \$62k in designer upgrades. 1624 Cindy Way

**KELLY KING OPEN SUN 1-4**



**LIVERMORE \$949,950**  
Gorgeous custom 4bd/2.5ba, fabulous schools in southside location. Large gourmet kitchen, over 300+/-sf living space. 2371 Vintage Lane

**DOUG BUENZ OPEN SUN 2-5**



**PLEASANTON \$929,000**  
West Side Pleasanton! 5BR, 3 BTH, 3 car garage, large private .23 acre lot, granite & stainless kitchen, and more! 5179 Muirwood Drive

**TIM MCGUIRE OPEN SUN 1-4**



**PLEASANTON \$875,000**  
4bd/2.5ba 2164+/-sf home on a court. Remodeled custom kitchen with granite, maple wood floors, updated baths. 9000+/-sf lot with pool. 2586 Skimmer Court

**MARK LAFFERTY BY APPOINTMENT**



**LIVERMORE \$779,950**  
Beautiful 5bd/3ba home with granite slab counter tops, cherry cabinets, new carpets & custom tile flooring. Go to www.570firenza.com. 570 Firenza St

**DEAN WAGERMAN BY APPOINTMENT**



**PLEASANTON \$599,999**  
Convenient to Bart & Freeway! 3bd/2.5ba. 2 car garage, Flagstone private patio. Eating area in kitchen. Formal dining. 3840 Florian

**KIM OTT BY APPOINTMENT**



**DANVILLE \$549,950**  
Cozy 4bd/2ba, slate entry/large LR, built in FP/3sky lights. Granite counters, gas stove. 120 El Portal

**SYLVIA DESIN OPEN SUN 1-4**



**LIVERMORE \$499,000**  
Darling 3bd/2ba home in Livermore desirable Somerset neighborhood. 1266+/-sf on 7714+/-sf corner lot. Plantation shutters, side yard access. 419 Tanager Rd

**JEFF RUDOLPH BY APPOINTMENT**



**SAN RAMON \$349,950**  
Beautifully upgraded 3bd/1.5ba, newer kitchen, granite counters, maple cabinets, crown molding, dual pane windows, hwd flooring. 2908 Fountainhead Dr

