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Around Pleasanton

by Jeb Bing

Mommy jewelry? Now I know!

I've never been a shopper for mommy jewelry, but maybe I'll start. There's a lot of demand for these personalized mini-tags and necklaces, making and selling them seem like a lot of fun and it's apparently a good way to pay the bills in these tough economic times. Just ask Erin Costello-Buck and her longtime close friend and neighbor Ali Sekany-Krebs. Both come from large Pleasanton families—the Costellos and Sekanys were well known in the 1990s at Amador Valley High School, where Ali graduated in 1995, although Erin broke the tradition by opting for Foothill, where she graduated in 1996. The two women then went to St. Mary's College, with Ali earning a degree in business and Erin in art. They married, moved to homes just a block apart in San Ramon and started families. Ali and her husband Brian, a financial planner with Waddell & Reed in Concord, have two children: Tanner, 4, and Tayler, 2. Erin and her husband Marques, who works for Old Republic Title Company on Main Street, have four: Branden, 8; Ashley, 6; Tyler, 4; and Sienna, 2. So you'd think these families would be settled in their neighborhood, busy with homemaking and school, except for the frequent trips they make to friends and family in Pleasanton. Not quite.

A fan of mommy jewelry, Erin didn't like what was being offered in local stores and knew she could do better. Capitalizing on Ali's business acumen, the two launched their own line of Swank Mommy Necklaces a year and a half ago and they've struck pay dirt, literally. Operating out of their homes, the two are taking more than 50 orders a day from as far as Australia and Canada with retailers calling to ask to sell their mommy jewelry in stores up and down the West Coast, in Texas and in the East. A colorful website features scores of different types of products ranging from a dime-size tag to a popular, versatile necklace with a silver birthstone disc that sells for

\$60. Celebrity Milla Jovovich has one with her daughter's name Ever personalized vertically, which is pictured on the website, and now her fiancé Paul has his own. It turns out that mommy jewelry is popular with men, too, though more in the form of dog tags that hang around the neck.

If you don't know much about mommy jewelry (I didn't), Erin and Ali also have turned to Facebook and Twitter to promote it. Just Googling the product brings up scores of firms and styles with Swank now a leader. Erin is so astounded by the success of what started as an idea that kept her awake at night that she sees similar opportunities for stay-at-home moms everywhere. Success found us, she exclaims, after downloading an email from a wedding party that wants special necklaces for their flower girls, all personalized with names, dates and the occasion. Celebrities including Brooke Burke and Kimberly Quaid are regular customers and several have talked about their unusual necklaces on Oprah. With orders pouring in, the two expect Ali's garage stock, where they design and make the jewelry, to be sold out before Mother's Day.

Erin's determination to follow through on her business concept no doubt came from her grandfather, Everett (Skip) Mohatt, the legendary civics teacher and coach at Amador who died last Nov. 21. An outspoken and award winning "We the People" teacher, Mr. Mohatt was known for his demands on students to do more than they ever thought possible. His wife Joyce took magazine stories about Erin and her new jewelry business to read to him in his hospital room in Auburn, and he quickly gave his granddaughter his customary thumbs up for a job well done. His endorsement was another important notch in the career achievements being enjoyed by Erin Costello-Buck and Ali Sekany-Krebs. For more information, check out www.swankmommy.com. ■

About the Cover

Hay and barricades were put out by the East Bay Regional Park District recently at the Pleasanton Ridge, in advance of a public meeting about future planning. The district said many single-track trails at the park were created illegally by mountain bikers and contribute to erosion. A rift between the district and bicyclists has been brewing for some time over what trails should be used. Photo courtesy of Chris Berattis Jr.

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Streetwise

Q: How do you get your news?

Asked at Starbucks



Kamrin Evans

I get my news from a variety of sources: Fox News, Bay Area Channel 11, MSN.com, KCBS Radio and The Valley Times. My favorite is Fox News because it's issue-specific and they offer various points of views on the issues that are being discussed.

Bill Kruer

I mainly get my news from the Internet. Some of my favorite news sites are The New York Times, CNN and AOL news. The Internet is very convenient and always has real-time news that I can access. I particularly enjoy reading the editorial section of The New York Times online and the business news interests me as well.



June Sockol

I usually watch TV news for about five minutes every day and lately I've been reading the daily online version of the Pleasanton Weekly. I like it because I can access it from my Blackberry every morning and read about the latest issues with Pleasanton schools. I currently have a child enrolled at Foothill and one at Lydiksen and the news about the teacher layoffs really concerns me.

Liz Rogers

I just moved here from Arizona so I'm not too familiar with the news stations yet. However, I've been receiving the Wall Street Journal on my driveway every morning for some reason (I don't subscribe to it) and I have been reading that a lot. I'm mainly concerned about the economy and all the job layoffs right now so I'm keeping up on that type of news lately.



Robert Evans

In the morning I'll watch KRON Channel 4 for about 15 minutes to get the latest weather and traffic reports. During the day, my homepage defaults to MSN so I'll scan through the bulleted headlines to keep updated on the latest news. At night I typically watch the network news versus local news because of the professionalism and balance it offers.

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

Compiled by Hillary Bessiere

Newsfront

News Digest

The sound of spring

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band presents "Spring Potpourri—By Request." The 34th annual spring concert begins at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at the Amador Theater, located at 1155 Santa Rita Road. Selections will be based on requests from band members and supporters, as well as audience favorites from years past. For details, visit www.pleasantonband.org or call 846-5897.

Helping Spanish speakers

Las Positas College is highlighting higher education opportunities for Spanish speakers at its third annual Learning to Triumph III/Aprendiendo a Triunfar III. Beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, the event includes presentations and workshops on immigration, English as a second language, science and photography, as well as offering supervised activities and child care. The free event includes lunch. For more information, contact Gilberto Victoria, counselor/international student advisor at 424-1477 or gvictoria@laspositascollege.edu.

Scholarships up for grabs

High school seniors in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore who plan to enroll in two- or four-year colleges this fall are invited to participate in a nonpartisan essay contest by the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated. Two winners will receive \$500 scholarships. Essays must be submitted by April 22 if mailed, or April 24 if emailed. Find complete instructions and rules at www.tri-valleyrepublicanwomen.org.

Volunteers needed

The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for volunteer drivers to transport seniors to medical appointments. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle and carry personal automobile liability insurance. Contact Jennifer Cullen at 931-5387 or ja.cullen@yahoo.com for more information.

Interested in helping at the Amador Theater? A volunteer orientation for new and return volunteers will be held at 7 p.m. April 7 in the lobby. RSVP to Larry Valenzin or Jane Onojafe at 931-3472 or lvalenzin@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Corrections

The videography company mentioned in "A Perfect Proposal" (Living, page 16, March 27) should have been called Studio VSM.

Lawsuit seeks to stop Staples Ranch development, Stoneridge Drive extension

Environmental groups claim roadway clouds earlier studies on land use

by Jeb Bing

Two environmental groups and a citizens' coalition called Safe Streets Pleasanton have asked the Alameda County Superior Court to halt a series of multi-million-dollar development projects on Pleasanton's northeast side until a revised Environmental Impact Report can be prepared, certified and approved.

At issue is an EIR certified Feb. 24 in a 3-2 vote by the City Council that in effect gave the go-ahead for the development of Staples Ranch, an unincorporated 124-acre parcel

currently owned by Alameda County at the southwest corner of I-580 and El Charro Road. Last month, after several years of public hearings, the council agreed to develop the land in concert with an agreement with the county and at the same time to allow the extension of Stoneridge Drive through Staples to connect to El Charro and Livermore.

In their suit, the San Francisco-based Center for Biological Diversity and Alameda Creek Alliance joined Safe Streets Pleasanton in arguing that the council's approval of the Stoneridge Drive extension violated

the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because that action was not part of the earlier EIR for the entire site development. They want all development stopped until a new EIR is prepared, circulated and certified that complies with CEQA.

Attorneys both for the city of Pleasanton and Alameda County heard the complaints by the two outside organizations and Pleasanton environmentalists Mark Emerson and Matt Morrison, a tax research specialist who is also active in the Sierra Club and at one time worked with proponents of the Staples

Ranch development in planning its approval. The attorneys then voted to certify the EIR. It will now be up to the court to decide who's right and if the Staples Ranch development can proceed.

City Atty. Michael Roush said once the lawsuit has been assigned to a Superior Court judge, it's likely there will be a series of case management studies to see what research is needed before a trial date can be set. He said he expects the case to be heard later this year.

In the meantime, plans by the four

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Motorcades from various law enforcement agencies such as Tracy, Brentwood, Manteca, Merced and Hanford head west on Interstate 580 last Friday, ahead of the funeral services, as LPPD members salute them. Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton police also participated.

Janet Pelletier

Man who supplied alcohol gets 3 months

Family of '06 Foothill grad Laurel Williams gives emotional testimony at court hearing

by Janet Pelletier

A 23-year-old man charged with buying and supplying alcohol to minors at a party in connection with the death of Laurel Williams pleaded no contest at the Pleasanton courthouse last week.

As part of a plea deal reached between the man, Paul Stonebarger of Brentwood, and the Williams family, Stonebarger will serve three months in county jail.

Williams, 19, was killed Oct. 20, 2007 in a drunken driving crash on Foothill Road. Her friend, Katie McKewon, now 20, who was behind the wheel, is serving a four-year sentence at Chowchilla State Prison for gross vehicular manslaughter and DUI causing great bodily injury.

Stonebarger had faced up to one year in jail for purchasing large quantities of alcohol at a Dublin liquor store for a house party attended by Williams and McKewon that was held in Pleasanton the night before the crash.

Friends and family members of Williams gave emotional testimony before Stonebarger's sentencing, saying their lives are forever changed.

"Nothing will bring back my best friend," said Stephanie Rodriguez. "I miss her more and more every day."

Rodriguez said she couldn't believe that Stonebarger "dropped Laurel and Katie off at their car when they were in no shape to drive."

Laurel Williams' cousin Kim Pace said she questions whether Stonebarger has any remorse for the role he played in Williams' death. She said he continues to live a party lifestyle.

"Actions speak louder than words," she said. "You were at a bar the same day you went to the first court hearing."

Judge Christine Moruza admonished Stonebarger, saying he bragged on his Facebook page about drinking and partying for his birthday in Las Vegas recently.

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Teachers agree to a 2-day layoff if parcel tax passes

Action to provide \$760,000 to restore certified, non-management positions

The Association of Pleasanton Teachers—the teachers' union—has announced that its members have voted by a two-thirds majority to ratify a tentative agreement negotiated with the Pleasanton Unified School District on a Memorandum of Understanding that would reduce the teacher work year by two days next year.

The announcement was made by Trevor Knaggs, president of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers.

Knaggs said the MOU is seen as one component of a larger plan to address the current budget crisis which recently forced the school board to approve nearly \$10 million in cuts to

programs and services in order to achieve a balanced budget.

The PUSD Board of Trustees will present a parcel tax to the voters on June 2, which, if passed would restore programs such as counseling services, reading specialists and Class Size Reduction. There are however, other services that will not be restored by the passage of the parcel tax. The Association's offer is intended to restore some of these services, simultaneously saving jobs and minimizing the impact of the budget crisis on their students, Knaggs said.

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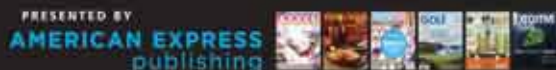
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Nearly 30,000 gather to remember Oakland police officers

Nearly 30,000 people gathered at the Oakland Coliseum Complex last Friday to pay homage to four police officers who were shot and killed by a 26-year-old ex-felon in the city March 21.

About 18,000 people filled the indoor Oracle Arena, where the service for the officers took place, and about another 10,000 watched it on a giant screen on the outdoor Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum next door.

Sgt. Mark Dunakin, 40, of Tracy; Sgt. Ervin Romans, 43, of Danville; Sgt. Daniel Sakai, 35, of Castro Valley; and Officer John Hege, 41, of Concord, were honored during the memorial.

During the ceremony, acting Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan praised the officers as "brave, heroic and peaceful men who did their jobs."

California Attorney General Jerry Brown, who formally served as Oakland's mayor, said "you can't find four more honorable people" than the four officers, and said they were "ready to die for what is right."

Police say the officers were killed by Oakland resident Lovelle Mixon, an ex-felon who was wanted on a no-bail warrant for allegedly violating his parole by failing to meet with his parole officer.

Mixon was killed at the end of his confrontation with police.

Before the funeral, members of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and local police saluted along Interstate 580 overcrossings Friday morning as the casket containing the body of Sgt. Dunakin and vehicles carrying his family passed through Livermore and Pleasanton, where he grew up, on the way to Oakland. Firefighters hung a giant American flag and saluted as law enforcement agencies from cities such as Tracy, Manteca, Hanford and Merced headed west on I-580 to Oracle Arena.

Friday afternoon, firefighters again saluted the procession, providing a "final" tribute from I-580 overpasses as the family headed home for a burial service.

At the arena, the coffins of the four fallen officers, draped in American flags, were brought in the arena's north entrance one-by-one. Each hearse received a motorcycle escort by police while their colleagues stood at attention and saluted the fallen men.

Father Jayson Landeza of St. Columba Catholic Church in Oakland, the master of ceremonies, read aloud a letter from President Obama.

Obama said, "I was deeply sad-

dened to learn of the tragic loss of these officers. Michelle and I hold their families in our hearts and prayers."

Gary Delagnes, president of the San Francisco Police Officer's Association, said the turnout was "unbelievable." Delagnes said an estimated 15,000 police officers were here from around the country, and that the 8,000 seats set aside in the arena for police had filled up long before the ceremony began.

These included a contingent of eight Pleasanton motorcycle officers from the department's traffic division with more Pleasanton officers also attending the service. Delagnes said between 400 and 500 San Francisco police officers, or roughly a quarter of the department's workforce, were attending the funeral.

"We're happy to be a part of this and we all felt like we're one family," he said.

Outside agencies were policing Oakland Friday to free up local officers for the funeral. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office took the lead in that effort, assisted by the California Highway Patrol and police from Berkeley, San Leandro and the East Bay Regional Park District.

—Jeb Bing, Janet Pelletier, Bay City News

Connecting cross-border fire departments



Corrine Mavridis, historian; Anne Richert, publicity; Fire Chief Bill Cody; and Alice Pryor, president.

As part of the 25th anniversary delegation visit last April, the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Organization was hosted for breakfast by the Tulancingo Fire Department. The Pleasanton and Tulancingo fire departments have had a close relationship since the beginning of the sister-ship. Twenty years ago, the then-Pleasanton Fire Department donated a fire truck to Tulancingo. Walt Wood and Mike Parsons drove the truck to the Mexican border where Tulancingo firemen waited to drive it the rest of the way to Tulancingo. Joquin Arcega, now a state senator in Mexico, was fire chief at the time.

In recognition of the anniversary, present Fire Chief Jesus (Chucho) Garcia presented Pleasanton with a model fire truck when the Tulancingo delegation was here in September. It was presented to Fire Chief Bill Cody March 23, and will be displayed at the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department on Nevada Street.

Congressman hosting art competition

Winner will be flown to Washington, D.C. to attend awards ceremony

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) announced the details of the 2009 11th Congressional District Art Competition.

The competition is part of the nationwide annual Congressional Art Competition intended to showcase the artistic talents and abilities of students in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.

Each member of Congress hosts a competition among high school students in his or her district. The winning artwork from each district is then featured in a display

in the busy corridor that connects the Cannon House Office Building with the U.S. Capitol, used daily by members of Congress and visitors to Washington, D.C.

In addition to having his or her artwork on display in Washington, D.C., the grand prize winner from the 11th District also will be flown, with a guest, to Washington, D.C., to attend an awards ceremony on June 24.

The contest is open to all high school students who reside in the 11th Congressional District.

Artwork is due by May 1, 2009.

There are additional guidelines and regulations on the artwork:

- Piece must be two-dimensional
- Each piece can be no larger than 30 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 4 inches deep, including the frame

Pieces can be submitted in several categories, including paintings, drawings, prints, and mixed media. For more information on the contest, contact Cheri Clasen in Rep. McNerney's Pleasanton office at 737-0727.

—Janet Pelletier

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"This is so ghastly inappropriate," Moruza said. "I'm just so stunned you would do that. It shows a complete lack of remorse. Someday, you'll be a man. You're not one right now."

The feelings of anger were visible in father Ken Williams, when he directed his testimony to Stonebarger, looking him in the eyes the entire time. Saying it's a struggle for him to get out of bed every day, Williams said Stonebarger may not have been the drunk driver, but he should have used better judgment in taking his daughter and McKewon to their car.

"It's kind of like you put the bullets in the gun," he said.

"You don't get it, man," he continued. "You're just trying to get by. Hopefully, you do get it someday."

Ken Williams said he hopes Stonebarger would take this tragedy and make something positive out of it by speaking to students in

high schools about his experiences. Stonebarger's attorney told the judge his client, who didn't speak at the hearing, would like to do that.

The most emotional testimony was made by Kathy Pace Williams, Laurel's mother, who brought framed photographs of her daughter.

She recalled favorite memories she and her only child shared.

"We would dance in front of the fireplace," she said through tears. "We'd cuddle on the couch."

Pace Williams said she'll never get the chance to see her daughter get married or have children.

When her daughter and Stonebarger first started dating, Pace Williams said "I told you you were carrying my precious cargo and don't give her any alcohol. You said she was your precious cargo, too."

She added that she plans to lobby in the State Assembly for tougher sentences for supplying to minors.

As part of Stonebarger's sentencing, he will be placed on pro-

bation for three years. If the terms of probation are violated, he could spend another 90 days in jail. Any car he operates is required to have an ignition interlock device for one year and he is required to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings twice a week for eight months. He will also pay a \$1,000 fine. Restitution for the Williams family and a woman driving an SUV who was also injured in the crash will be determined at a later date.

The Williams family will soon offer a \$2,000 scholarship for a Las Positas College student transferring to a four-year school through the newly-formed Laurel Alice Williams Foundation. There will also be a dinner and silent auction for the foundation and to honor Laurel Williams' 21st birthday, which would have been June 10, on June 5 at Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. A website for the foundation, www.laurelalicefoundation.org will be up shortly. In the meantime, questions can be sent to angelkisses4laurel@yahoo.com. ■

Stop and smell the roses

City's program naturalist tells where best places in town are to see wildflowers, wildlife

by Janet Pelletier

Take a glance at any hillside in Pleasanton and it will likely be a sea of tall green grasses, purple lupins and California poppies. It's springtime, one of the most visually appealing times of the year to be out exploring nature.

The city of Pleasanton's naturalist Eric Nicholas said some of the best places to see the wildflowers in bloom and wildlife are all located within miles of your home—Augustin-Bernal, Kottinger Creek, Shadow Cliffs, the Arroyo Mocho and Laurel Creek Park.

Augustin-Bernal Park, located off of Foothill Road and Golden Eagle Way, is a great place for those looking for a "nice, shady walk where there are beautiful oak trees," Nicholas said. Laurel Creek Park, located off of Foothill and Laurel Creek Road near The Preserve neighborhood, is another great hiking and biking locale with sweeping views. A parking lot for roughly 15 cars is located just off Laurel Creek.

A wealth of wildlife, particularly the avian variety, can be seen just about anywhere, Nicholas said.

"When you're going outdoors, you really want to think about your presence," he said. "How quiet you are will determine what you see. Use all your senses."

Creeks are another great place to see birds in action, Nicholas said.

"Creeks are creating corridors, transition zones in the city," he said. "They interconnect so wildlife is able to go from one place to another."

One newly-added corridor is a pond the city created on the Bernal property, where baseball fields are currently under construction. There, Nicholas said, you will be able to see blackneck stilts, cliff swallows, frogs, California newts and western toads.

At Shadow Cliffs, visitors may spot turtles, night herons, great blue herons, snowy egrets and the grey egret.

Last, but certainly not least, is the newly-opened Alviso Adobe Community Park, which is also becoming a bird habitat in its own right. That's impressive, Nicholas said, considering it was a construction site for more than a year prior.

Nicholas said a Lewis woodpecker has a nest inside the roof of the historic adobe.

Aside from the woodpecker, turkeys, falcons, deer, lizards and gray foxes have also made the park their home.

A site with a lot of history—home to dairies and the Ohlone Indians to be exact—the Alviso Adobe opened to the public in October. Nicholas, whose office is now located at the park, said he's been giving tours to mostly third and fourth-grade Pleasanton classes, but he hopes more people will come out to see what the park has to offer.

Located at 3465 Foothill Road, the park, which is a registered California Historical Landmark, includes a restored adobe, a replica milking barn and interpretive pathways. Nicholas has begun furnishing the adobe with period furniture. Some of the pieces include a trunk and desk donated by Bruce Takens, owner of the Meadowlark Dairy, who used to live in the adobe many years ago. Inside the kitchen of the home, you can see his name written in ink on some wood siding. Other antiques have been lent by a national archives group. Nicholas said he's looking for more pieces that will help illustrate the historic setting.

Nicholas said he tries to tailor his presentations to children based on what they're learning in school at the time. But with this being the first year of the park's opening, he's experimenting with programs to see what visitors enjoy.

"We really need to hook people into finding out about this park," he said. "A lot of people drive by on Foothill and they think it's someone's really cool horse ranch. A lot of people don't know where it is." ■



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Like mother, like daughter

Pleasanton Weekly hosts a look-alike contest for Mother's Day

In light of Mother's Day on May 10, the Pleasanton Weekly is celebrating the special bond between mothers and daughters with a contest. Moms and daughters sharing an uncanny resemblance are encouraged to enter the mother-daughter look-alike contest in hopes of winning a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Send digital photos to gallen@pleasantonweekly.com by Monday, April 20. Photos should be in a JPG format and at least 300 dpi and no larger than 1 MB. Photos

entered for previous contests are not eligible and only digital photos will be accepted.

Weekly staff will choose the finalists and readers will be able to vote on which mother and daughter in Pleasanton look most alike. The first place winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Faz restaurant and the second place winner will receive a \$30 gift certificate to Strizzi's.

Look for the winners in the May 8 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly.

—Emily West

Chamber endorses school Measure G

President Scott Raty calls board to find long-term, stable funding

At its regular meeting last Thursday, the Chamber of Commerce board of directors unanimously decided to support Measure G. Chamber board chair Laura Olson along with president/CEO Scott Raty said the decision came after several public forums between business leaders and district officials, as well as two months of research by the Chamber's economic development and government relations committee.

"The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce places a high priority on education and supports the Pleasanton Unified School District's goal to offer the high-

est quality education and learning environment possible," Olson said. "For this reason, education is a key component of 'Pleasanton 2015: A Community Vision,' the Chamber's local public policy agenda for sustaining a strong local economy and high quality of life."

Olson also noted that teachers and support staff is said to have made about \$2.3 million in cuts and concessions.

While the Chamber backs Measure G, Raty said the endorsement also challenges the Pleasanton Unified School District's board to address the long-term stability issues of school funding.

—Emily West

Staples

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developers are expected to move forward, with actual construction probably not starting until next year at the earliest. The four projects are:

- Hendrick Automotive Group, which wants to build a new auto mall on its 37-acre portion of Staples, next to the junction of I-580 and El Charro Road.

- Stoneridge Creek Pleasanton, a 45-acre senior continuing care community.

- Fremont Land, an 11-acre retail development, which would include various shops and also may include a food market, bank and restaurant.

- Sharks Ice Center, a two-story, four rink facility to be built by San Jose Arena Management, a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks, with the facility to occupy about 10 acres of a 17-acre public park that the Sharks would also develop for the city.

In their lawsuit, Emerson, who lives at 2058 Eilene Dr.,

and Morrison, who lives at 3575 Chippendale Ct., expressed concern over the impacts the Staples Ranch projects could have "on local biological resources, the health and well-being of nearby neighborhoods and future residents, as well as the quality of life for all Pleasanton residents."

"Mr. Morrison is also concerned by the city's failure to investigate, disclose, analyze and mitigate such impacts pursuant to CEQA's procedural and substantive requirements prior to certifying the Project EIR," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit also argues that the draft EIR the city prepared for the (Staples Ranch) project did not include the extension of Stoneridge Drive, although the City Council later voted to extend the roadway and include it in the overall development plan.

"The project, if completed and approved, may have significant traffic, air quality, noise and other impacts associated with through traffic on Stoneridge Drive and local neighborhoods that are locat-

ed along Stoneridge Drive that were not described, analyzed or mitigated in the public circulated draft EIR," the lawsuit states.

The groups ask the Superior Court to allow the Staples Ranch project to proceed "if and when the city rescinds the approvals challenged in this action; the city prepares, recirculates and certifies a legally adequate EIR for the project; and the city considers and decides whether the project should be approved based on its revised and recirculated EIR."

The lawsuit was filed by Kelly Franger, an attorney with the law firm of Lippe Gaffney Wagner, with offices in San Francisco and Sacramento.

Safe Streets Pleasanton and Friends of Pleasanton share the same website at <http://friendsofpleasanton.org>. Friends of Pleasanton is also a citizens' coalition and was active in supporting specific candidates in recent municipal and school district elections. For more information, contact safestreetpleasanton@yahoo.com. ■

Teachers

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According to the agreement, the teacher work year will be reduced by two days. The two-day reduction shall be achieved by reducing the previous three mandatory Staff Development Days to one day of mandatory staff development.

Knaggs said teachers "will be sacrificing" between \$652.00 and \$1,059 in salary in the concession depending on their position on the salary scale.

The agreement stipulates that for the 2009-2010 school year, teachers will report for service on Monday, Aug. 24. The day of staff development will be on Oct. 30. There will be no change to the number of instructional days for students.

Before agreeing to the concession, the teachers' union sought assurances that rendering service on 183 days would constitute a full year of service and would be reported as a full year. In addition,

it was stipulated by the association that the \$760,000 in savings to the school district that this concession will generate should be utilized to restore certificated non-management positions in addition to those restored by the parcel tax.

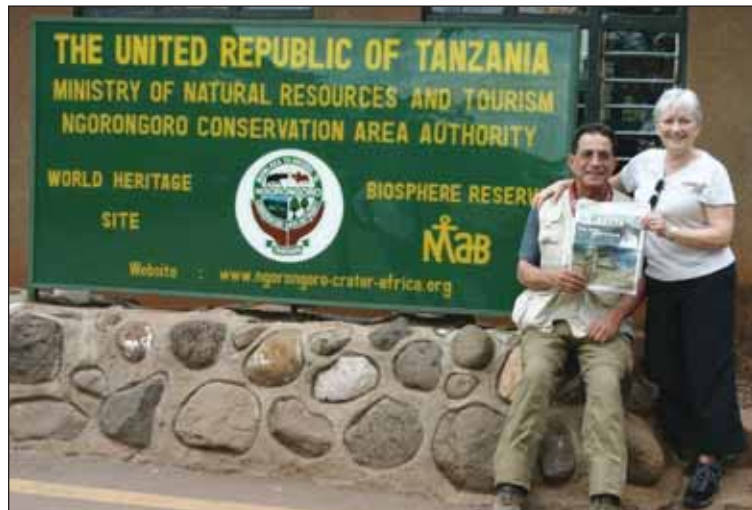
Because the MOU is part of a larger plan to resolve the budget crisis, Knaggs said that it would only be effective if the parcel tax is approved at the June 2 election. Otherwise, current contract language will prevail, he said.

Also, the agreement will only be effective for the 2009-10 school year. When it expires on June 11 2010, the current agreement regarding workdays and staff development will again take effect "unless the parties reach a new agreement," Knaggs said.

The Association of Pleasanton Teachers is associated with the 340,000-member California Teachers Association and the 3.2 million National Education Association.

—Jeb Bing

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Ashley and Diane Haddad traveled with the Weekly to Tanzania in East Africa. Here they are in front of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism.

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This Transportation Forum will feature the following presentations:

- **Active Transportation**
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Opinion

Editorial

The haves and the have-nots

Sitting side by side the other day at a joint meeting of the Pleasanton City Council and school board, City Manager Nelson Fialho and School Superintendent John Casey told very different stories about how they are handling the impact of the state budget crisis and the economic downturn on their two jurisdictions. Both have largely the same local taxpayer constituency and boundaries, and both are seeing revenue falling from their traditional resources. For Casey, the situation is critical. Ever since Prop. 13 reined in rising property taxes in 1978 and resulted in the state taking over the funding obligation for California schools, local districts have been increasingly dependent on Sacramento and state finances. In recent years, as state budget deficits soared, education funding has been in peril with significant cuts made last year and again now by a governor and legislature that simply can't find the will or the money to keep adequate tax dollars flowing to the classrooms. Casey said this year has been the worst in his 17 years as a school superintendent, with the state telling Pleasanton in the eighth month of its current budget year that it was cutting payments by \$4.1 million. Now, it's likely the state will force nearly \$10-million in downward adjustments for the district's proposed 2009-10 fiscal year budget, which must be balanced and approved by July 1.

Casey is hoping that voters will approve a \$233-a-year, four-year parcel tax in a special election called for June 2. That would keep class sizes small at no more than 20 students in kindergarten through third grade and in freshman English and mathematics classes in high school. It would also give the district sufficient funds for counseling services at the current level, as well as to maintain reading and math support programs, technology instruction and library hours. He's less optimistic about voter approval of a series of \$11 million in new borrowing and taxes at another special election that state has called on May 19. Polling forecasters say the only measure voters seem to favor in that election is one that would dock legislators their salaries if they are late again in passing the state's annual budget. Also uncertain is \$2.1 million that only a week ago was earmarked as a one-time federal stimulus fund for special education. Casey said this week that state officials are planning to divert those funds to Sacramento for state budget relief. Last month, the school district sent notices of possible layoff to 337 administrators, teachers and hourly employees, including some part-time. Since then, administrators and teachers have offered to "give back" two to three days of work in the coming year that could produce more than \$1 million in savings. Most frustrating, though, for the school district, students and parents, is the continuing uncertainty. After the May 19 and June 2 votes, at least we'll know how much money will be available to operate Pleasanton schools in the coming fiscal year—at least until the state determines again that it can't pay its bills without taking money out of classrooms.

For his part, City Manager Fialho was more positive. Sure, sales taxes, particularly those collected on new automobile sales and at Stoneridge Shopping Center, are lower than a year ago, but property taxes and assessments are holding up. In fact, Pleasanton is only one of three cities in Alameda County to see a slight growth in assessments this year, although the county assessor's office doubts that will happen in 2010.

As Fialho explained, fiscal decisions made years ago provided a budget reserve each year to use for emergencies or "rainy days." By curbing all but essential expenditures and new hires this year, along with a reduction in the reserve allocation, this year's \$100-million budget has been reduced by about 10 percent. Still, several hotels are seeking a deferment for the first time ever of the occupancy taxes due this year. If other tax revenue falls precipitously, or the state grabs local funds to help pay its bills, times could get tough for the local government as well as the school district, although local control of tax revenue and good fiscal planning so far is paying off for Pleasanton. ■

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Letters

Budget cuts will have effect on student athletes

Dear Editor,

As a member of the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), I was asked to chair the athletics sub committee. In the last few weeks I have been discussing the impact of the budget cuts with the administration at both Foothill and Amador Valley as well as district personnel.

On the list for cuts are coaches' stipends and athletic director partial stipend. Barring an economic miracle, these cuts will most definitely take place. Each of the school sites are presently looking into what the cost to the student-athletes will be as well as what creative ways they can help defray costs for needs-based student athletes.

The situation for PUSD student-athletes is far from unique. School districts up and down the state are trying to come to grips with how to pay for athletic programs. Some are even eliminating certain sports, and in some cases athletics entirely during these difficult times.

For planning purposes, my best guess, and it is my opinion only, is that student-athletes will be charged anywhere from \$150-300 to participate per sport. In addition there will also be transportation costs that will also vary sport by sport. For multi-sport athletes, these costs will become significant.

My purpose for bringing this to the public is to alert parents and student-athletes that the times have changed. Most of us with kids in club programs are used to paying for participation, in most cases much more than what the schools will ask. As a parent of two multi-sport athletes, I plan on asking my high school student athletes to participate to help pay. It is a lesson in responsibility that will help them understand anything worth wanting is worth paying for.

Al Cohen

Building community takes a village

Dear Editor,

It takes a village.

I have always believed in that statement. I have chosen to not have children and I have never had a problem paying taxes to support a school system that teaches other people's children. I believe the children of my community should be educated; that is what makes the world better. Right?

Well now the community I have chosen to live in needs more money to support the schools here, the schools where other people's children go to learn to make the world better. Are these the same people on my street with a couple of kids that attend school? Are these the same

people that now want me to pay out more money to educate these children? Are these the same people that had a sign in their yard during the last election to vote yes on Prop. 8?

Now my village wants me? Needs me? Now my second-class citizen status does not seem to matter? My money is good enough, but my relationship is not? I will pay my parcel tax. In fact, I would pay more than my village is asking because I do believe it takes a village and I am part of that village. Remember that next election, people of my village.

Margaret Fuquea

How much are administrators willing to give up?

Dear Editor,

I have a question for our school administrators.

How much are you giving back to the system? A lot of companies are having their employees take a temporary cut in pay (mine is 5 percent). How much are our administrators willing to give up to save a few teachers jobs? Seems like that would be a better plan than having more people out of work.

Bill Taylor

Less readers due to media bias

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the "Talking Points" article written by Gina Channell-Allen in your Feb. 20 edition, page 12.

The decline in the number of people reading newspaper is not because of a decrease in the number of qualified journalists, it is because of the injection of political opinions into the journalism that sours interest in reading the newspapers. Gina is right to a point; people are uninformed as far as the facts. If just facts were reported, people would read the paper. If what politicians are getting away was reported factually, people would read the paper. But when articles are censored at the editor's desk, the reader never gets the truth. What they get is information that fits in with the political bent of the newspaper.

The big mistake newspapers make is having a political face. People do not want to be spoon fed political positions. People want to read clean, clear facts that are not wrapped around the political opinion the newspaper seems to think we all need to adopt. People find other sources where the facts can be found.

So if newspapers want us readers to "do our due diligence" (which by the way is a choice on the reader's part, not an obligation), journalism needs to do the same by returning to factual presentation.

Phyllis Couper

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Speak for those who are too young to vote

Dear Editor,

I have heard about the economy crisis a million times and about the budget cuts but I never thought it would directly affect me or even my school, but it has. I learned that a lot of my favorite teachers will be receiving pink slips so that they can't return next year to teach.

Though I won't be going to the school next year, I really want students to have the great experience I had with these teachers. I'm also in the band program at our school, I play the alto saxophone, and it's a really great program. Sadly I have also heard that it might be dropped next year for students along with the teacher who I think is very good at his job. All my favorite teachers are getting dropped because most of them are young and haven't been teaching in the district for long. I feel very strongly about this and I want to be able to do something to help. When I talked to my parents about it they had said that a new tax has been presented to us.

This tax will help bring a lot of the teachers that I love and care about back to our teaching districts. I really want to be able to do something but I am too young to vote. So now I'm asking all of the adults out there who can, who can speak for all the kids who can't, that you vote yes so that

your kids, grandkids, and great grandkids can keep the teachers that have helped them through their learning experiences.

*Sabrina McGraw
eighth-grader at Pleasanton
Middle School*

2-hour downtown parking limit ridiculous

Dear Editor,

I noticed one of Pleasanton's finest marking left rear tires of cars parked on Main Street today at approximately 11:30 a.m. ostensibly to enforce the two-hour parking time limit. There were parking spots still available and I can only hope that this is not part of a new policy to help balance the budget. This is the first time I have noticed this being done in the last four years since I have lived here near downtown.

Can you imagine having lunch at a downtown restaurant followed by a cup of coffee with friends at Tully's only to find an expensive ticket on your car? I would be hard pressed to frequent downtown establishments if this were to happen to me. The Main Street merchants are already having a hard enough time as it is without patrons being nicked and dimed. It is very hard to enjoy downtown in under two hours. Luckily you can pull up one spot every two hours and be just fine. Isn't that ridiculous?

Bo Walle

Let's support Measure G

Dear Editor,

It seems we've been distracted from our decision over Measure G.

In a world where all discussions can be reduced to money, I suggest that folks ask their CPAs if the proposed school tax, Measure G, is tax deductible with the IRS. If we keep more of our school work force, they might spend some of their income in Pleasanton? Perhaps even downtown? If we maintain our services to Pleasanton children, we will continue to attract young families to purchase homes in Pleasanton directly because of the schools. Good reasons to vote for Measure G.

Or we can just vote for Measure G because we care about the future of our young people. I sure hope the folks in the states where my grandchildren live feel the same way. American children will have to compete globally. Let's joyfully support them.

Pat Griffin

Some flags downtown need fixing

Dear Editor,

An item for you to look into: the American flags on Main Street add a lot to the charm of Pleasanton. However, if we are going to have the image of an American hometown, and also honor our flag and nation, the flags have to be properly hung and displayed.

During a drive recently, I noticed

that probably 30 percent of the flags were wrapped around the standard or had come unhooked and were hanging in disrepair. Most problems were along south Main Street, but there are problems all along the street. If we are going to have the flags—and I hope we continue this fine tradition—they need to be cared for and maintained. They are not just the image of a hometown, but a symbol of our great country.

Alan Mode

TTFE decision should be applauded

Dear Editor,

The Taylor Family Foundation should truly be respected for foregoing this year's event in "recognition of the challenging economic climate facing many of its donors." Utilizing funds from 2008's Day in the Park and reducing expenses means to me that this organization is forward thinking and very caring. Having attended Day in the Park, I can truly state that they put on a fabulous event and have generous donors. I applaud TTFE.

Pat Walden

State to blame for PUSD situation

Dear Editor,

People like Richard Schwaninger, who have formed their opinions based on inaccurate assumptions, trouble me. In his letter published March 20, ("Isn't it time for all of

us to cut back," Letters, page 10) he made several assertions that are just plain false.

The district is not "asking for more," the district is trying to survive with less—the outcome of the parcel tax will simply determine how much less. Our school district is cutting \$5.2 million from the budget even if the tax passes. (The total shortfall for the district is estimated at \$9.7 million; the parcel tax would recoup only \$4.5 million.)

This is not a case of "sipping from the taxpayer fountain," as Mr. Schwaninger would have you believe; this is a case of the state forcing massive cuts to education, and it is about our choice to try and limit the negative impact on our schools.

Mr. Schwaninger stated, "remember, taxes never decrease or go away." Wrong—the parcel tax is a four-year proposition. Pleasanton is simply not immune to the impact of the statewide budget crisis, and it is worth 64 cents per day to support quality education, as well as to avoid a negative impact on our property values.

Remember that this situation was created by failure at the state level, not the district level. Livermore and Dublin have already passed a parcel tax. I can only hope that your readers will conduct independent research and consider the facts instead of being swayed by anti-tax propaganda, incomplete research, and emotional conclusions.

Mark Reimer

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Public Hearing:** Consider adoption of a resolution establishing fixed and uniform refuse collection and recycling service rates for residential and commercial customers and approval of curbside residential and commercial recycling programs
- **Public Hearing:** PAP 133/PMCC 2, Gilchrist & Rutter/Vineyard Villa – Consider an appeal of the Planning Commission’s denial of an application for a Vesting Tentative Map converting a 208 unit mobile home park located at 3263 Vineyard Avenue into residential condominium units
- Installation of a Solar Energy Project at the Operations Services Center
- **Public Hearing:** Consider Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Funding Allocations For Fiscal Year 2009
- Approve appointments to various Commissions/Committees

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPPD) invites the public to the following informational events:

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

April 1, 2009 through May 6, 2009 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LPPD - Training Tower, 3301 Busch Rd., Pleasanton
Enrollment Fee: \$50.00 Enroll at Livermore Adult Education, Call (925)606-4722 or www.livermoreadulted.org;

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ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

Community Pulse

Police Bulletin

Police seize 2 in stolen car near Amador Valley High

Police arrested two men in front of Amador Valley High School Monday morning after a nearby resident alerted them to a suspicious vehicle parked near the school.

Police said an observant Pleasanton resident noticed a suspicious vehicle parked on School Street across from the high school and reported it to the police department. A records check revealed the 1994 silver Volkswagen

Jetta was reported stolen in Concord March 21. As police set up a perimeter check area, two individuals left a home in the 4100 block of School Street, got into the stolen vehicle and drove toward Santa Rita Road.

Officers stopped the vehicle on Silver Street at which time the driver ran from the car onto the school campus. Officers already on the campus immediately seized the driver in front of the school.

Lt. Craig Eicher said the driver of the car, later identified as Kyle Rivas, 22, of Oakland, was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle and booked at Santa Rita jail. The car’s passenger, identified only as a 16-year-old male, did not attempt to flee and was also arrested.

Police Report

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

March 21

- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 12:37 a.m. in the 4500 block of Carver Court; underage drinking
 - 6:05 p.m. in the 300 block of Christina Court; public drunkenness, disturbing the peace
 - 7:43 p.m. at the intersection of Inspiration Terrace and Sanctuary Lane; paraphernalia possession
- Battery:
 - 12:37 a.m. in the 4500 block of Carver Court
 - 5:22 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

March 22

- Theft:
 - 3:10 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
 - 2:01 p.m. in the 9900 block of Longview Lane; identity theft
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 6:42 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle
- Vandalism:
 - 8:07 a.m. in the 3500 block of Mercato Court
 - 9:17 a.m. in the 1300 block of Via de Salerno
- Public drunkenness:
 - 1:10 a.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive
 - 2:31 a.m. in the 500 block of St. John Street

March 23

- Theft:
 - 1:16 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; petty theft
 - 6:16 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
 - 9:40 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court; grand theft, petty theft
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 11:44 a.m. in the 4100 block of Mohr Avenue
- Vandalism:
 - 7:01 a.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane
 - 8:09 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
 - 9:00 a.m. in the 4900 block of Bernal Avenue
 - 10:14 a.m. in the 1700 block of Greenwood Road
 - 8:00 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Paseo Santa Cruz
- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 12:18 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
 - 10:13 a.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue; marijuana possession
- Battery:
 - 1:23 p.m. in the 7000 block of Via Quito
- Disturbing the peace:
 - 5:01 p.m. in the 900 block of Palomino Drive

March 24

- Theft:
 - 9:05 a.m. in the 3300 block of Vermont Place; identity theft

- 3:08 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft
- 6:46 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- Controlled substance possession:
 - 6:29 p.m. in the 4800 block of Mason Street
- Battery:
 - 5:43 p.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

March 25

- Identity theft:
 - 10:39 a.m. in the 3100 block of Paseo Robles
 - 12:26 p.m. in the 1200 block of Piemonte Drive
- Burglary:
 - 12:21 a.m. in the 7900 block of Kentwood Way
 - 12:54 a.m. at the intersection of East Gate Way and Valley Avenue; vehicular
- Drug/alcohol violations:
 - 4:18 p.m. at the intersection of Golden Road and Calle Enrique; public drunkenness
 - 11:08 p.m. at the intersection of Quarry Lane and Valley Avenue; DUI

March 26

- Theft:
 - 6:59 a.m. in the 4800 block of Golden Road; stolen vehicle
 - 4:20 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 11:56 a.m. in the 3600 block of Dunsmuir Circle
- Vandalism:
 - 11:10 a.m. in the 1400 block of Harvest Road

March 27

- Theft:
 - 7:39 a.m. in the 4600 block of Ross Gate Way; stolen vehicle
 - 11:11 a.m. in the 200 block of Mission Drive; petty theft
 - 2:18 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; identity theft
 - 2:42 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; identity theft
 - 4:18 p.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; identity theft
 - 5:19 p.m. in the 3600 block of Virgin Islands Court; identity theft
 - 7:32 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; petty theft
- Vehicular burglary:
 - 7:44 a.m. in the 3300 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- Public drunkenness:
 - 9:37 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard

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Obituaries

Marvel Grosse

Marvel Grosse died March 26 at Valley Care Medical Center after suffering from congestive heart failure. She was 96.

Born in Aurora, Mo., she was one of eight children. She was an avid reader, intrigued by science and enjoyed the arts.

She had always wanted to donate her body to science and that has been accomplished. UCSF students will be study-

ing her brain, which is exactly what she wanted. Ms. Grosse is survived by her sister, Wilma Carpenter and niece Becky, both of Royce City, Texas; sister, Kaye McCluskey of Corvallis, Ore.; and daughter, Charli Hyden of Pleasanton. She spent her adult life in St. Louis, Mo., and after her husband passed away in 1992, came West to Pleasanton to be with her daughter.

She didn't want a service and that request will be honored. One of her greatest loves was animals, and she was graced with dogs and cats all of her life. Donations in her name may be made to Valley Humane Society; 3670 Nevada St.; Pleasanton CA 94566.

Weddings

Caroline Yu & John Vespi

Caroline Jan Yu and John Joseph Vespi were married on March 21 at their home in Pleasanton.

Caroline is the daughter of Rosendo (Ross) and Adelina Yu of Pleasanton. She graduated from Amador Valley High School and earned a bachelor's degree from UCLA and a master's degree from Columbia University. She is employed as a director of public relations for Oracle in Redwood Shores.

John is the son of Betty Vespi of Pleasanton and the late Julio Vespi of Little Falls, N.Y. John graduated from Little Falls High School and earned bachelor's and master's



degrees from Ithaca College and a master's degree from St. Mary's College. He is employed as a physical education teacher at Pine Valley Middle School in San Ramon.

Births

The following information on Pleasanton births was provided by ValleyCare Medical Center.

Jan. 30

Chi Dione and Tyson Lawrence, a girl

Christie and Aaron Anderer, a boy

Feb. 25

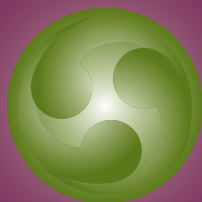
Gabrielle and Josh Richey, a boy

March 3

Carrie and Rob Glenn, boy

Thomas August Mantha

Thomas August Mantha was born at 7:49 a.m. March 11 at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton to Srikant and Christina Mantha and joins proud big sister Ashley. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Thomas' middle name is in honor of Christina's paternal grandfather.



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Man stabbed at his house by uninvited guest

A 22-year-old Pleasanton man is recovering, listed in stable condition, after sustaining three stab wounds Saturday at his house party.

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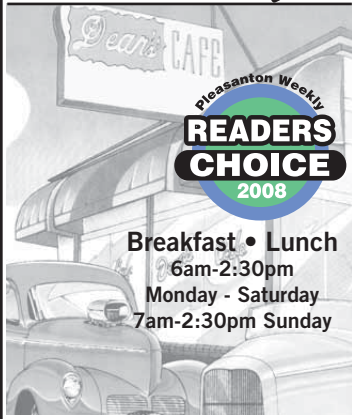
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At left, a cyclist traverses up a single-track trail at the Pleasanton Ridge where the East Bay Regional Park District has laid hay, signifying that the trail is illegal and should not be used. Mountain bikers, angered that it's a good thing for cyclists to be on separate paths from hikers and equestrians. The district counters that without the hay and barriers, bicyclists will continue creating their own trails, which causes erosion and other

ROUGH ROAD AHEAD?

Mountain bikers, park district clash over what trails at Pleasanton Ridge should be used for riding



John Escobar, assistant general manager for the East Bay Regional Park District, speaks to a large audience at a district-sponsored meeting at the Veterans Memorial Building downtown March 25. Many in the audience expressed frustrations with the district over land management at the Ridge.



Chris Berattis Jr.

The park district is restricting trails, say environmental impacts.



Janet Pelletier

A large crowd who gathered for the dis-
cussion were cyclists who voiced their

by Janet Pelletier

A rift that's been brewing for years between mountain bikers and the East Bay Regional Park District hit a boiling point last week when the two parties converged at a boisterous meeting detailing future plans for the Pleasanton Ridge.

Nearly 150 people attended a park district-sponsored meeting March 25 at the Veterans Memorial Building downtown. A large percentage of bicycle advocates, some of whom rode their bicycles to the meeting, didn't hold back on their frustrations with how the 5,000 acres of land at the Ridge are being managed.

At issue is what trails are authorized for mountain bike riders to use and how the park district should handle that. Included in the district's 30-mile trail system are 8-foot-wide bulldozed multi-use trails for hikers, equestrians and bicyclists. But there are also a number of narrow single-track trails that mountain bikers prefer for the challenge and opportunity to ride separately from other park users. Just days before last week's meeting, the park district laid hay and put up barriers on some of these single-track trails, a move that angered the cyclists.

Longtime Pleasanton resident and avid mountain biker Chris Berattis Jr. said those who ride their bikes on the challenging terrain at the Ridge often get a bad rap. He said cyclists, hikers (many of whom bring their dogs) and horseback riders all use the Ridge trails, but the parks district seems to want to force all three groups to use the same trails, rather than allowing cyclists to ride narrower trails.

"We're trying to make them understand that a single-track trail, something really narrow, is fun," he said. "It does spread out the crowds more because a lot of people use the park, and it's ultimately safer and endangers less animals because you're not building a fire road."

Berattis, who used to be on a city of Pleasanton mountain bike patrol in the 1990s, said mountain bikers who don't ride the fire roads know the Ridge better than most, enabling them to help in emergency situations, such as finding a lost person, dog or notifying parks officials of any hazards.

Both parties agree that an increasing number of park users are mountain bikers. Berattis said he believes they make up 50 percent of the users.

After giving a PowerPoint presentation on Measure WW, which was passed by voters last November and gives the park district more funding to acquire land and build trails, the meeting turned a little rowdy, with some audience members asking pointed questions about the district's management practices.

Some mountain bikers question that they're the only ones to blame for the creation of single-track trails. Ranchers contract with the parks district to offer cattle grazing on the upper portions of the Ridge, and Laura Comstock, interpretive parks manager for EB Parks, said cows do sometimes create narrow trails. But, she said, the land requires grazing and restrictions have been imposed on the amount that's done so as not to further contribute to erosion.

John Escobar, who is the assistant general manager for the park district, said he estimates that one-third of the trails system at the Ridge consists of "bootlegger" or unofficial trails, or in mountain biker terms, the single-track trails.

Escobar said the district put up the barriers and hay blocking the narrow trails so riders would know which trails were illegal and should not be used. But that incensed some in the audience.

"The problem isn't the barriers," one man said. "It's the symptom. All you have to do is embrace this constituency. You have to get a good development plan going."

Escobar countered that the district is just going by the law—that hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers must be on official trails. Not putting up barriers sends an unintentional message that it's okay for riders to go off the beaten path, he added. But, he said, that's not to say that things can't be changed down the road.

That's where future planning comes into play. Park district officials explained that they want to have the future of land management at the Ridge to be open and include all voices in the community. That's why they rented out the Vets Hall for last week's meeting.

A number of public meetings will be scheduled over the coming months—next a scoping meeting to hear different points of view, followed by the drafting of a plan, a revised draft plan and final approval. All in all, it could be an 18-month to two-year process, estimated Julie Bondurant, a senior park planner with EB Parks. The park district will soon embark on a Trails Survey, which consists of interviews given at the Ridge to see what users like and don't like.

Ayn Wieskamp, who is on the East Bay Regional Park District Board and whose region of influence covers the Ridge, said she and other board members are open to hearing the mountain bike community's concerns.

"There's a group, fairly small, who can't get past some stuff, but we're hoping that in this process they will—that we will honestly lay it out, that this is a new land use plan," she said. "There are opportunities to build real trails that are single-track, but (they) will be designed so that all users can use them."

Wieskamp said she's hopeful that the scoping meeting, where the public is encouraged to share its input on a land use plan, will be held in June, before many residents may go on summer vacations.

Of course, anything that will come out of the plan will have to go through environmental approvals certified by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

"We have to make sure that we're not hurting the habitat, whether it's creatures or plants," Wieskamp said. "I think we can build safe trails that will be good and exhilarating enough."

"I am a strong supporter of cyclists," she added. "I think they deserve that opportunity, but I expect them to discipline themselves, and mostly they do."

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The staff at the Weekly will choose the finalists, and readers will be able to vote on which mother and daughter in Pleasanton look most alike. First-place prize is a \$100 gift certificate for Faz restaurant; second-place prize is a \$30 gift certificate to Strizzi's.

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Photos of the 2009 winners will be published in the May 8 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly.



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Careers

Free Career Skills Workshop Volunteers at St. Clare's Episcopal Church will help participants write resumes, fill out forms, search job postings on-line and get the resources they need from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 18, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. Those able are asked to donate canned food to pass on to those who need it. Call 462-4802.

Civic Meetings

Town Hall on Measure G An informational Town Hall Meeting on Measure G will be held from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, at the Pope John Paul II Activity Center, 4005 Stoneridge Dr. The meeting is open to the public for questions and answers. Call 519-5310 or visit www.savepleasantonschools.org.

Classes

Basic Yoga Class Beth Fox instructs this yoga class that meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. No previous yoga experience necessary. Limited class supplies available. Fees are \$12 for drop-in or \$10 for pre-paid series. Inquire about seniors or students rates. Call 200-4060.

Free Diabetes Class Alameda County Public Health Diabetes Program will offer a free 7-week class to teach people how to manage their diabetes Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 16-July 28, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Open to all adults with Type 2 Diabetes or Pre Diabetes. Classes are ongoing; times and locations vary; call (510) 383-5185.

Google and Beyond Learn advanced Google search techniques and how to search the library's subscription databases from 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Saturday, April 4, at the Livermore Public Library-Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Access car repair manuals, search for health information, read articles from popular magazines and much more. This event is free. Call 373-5505.

Clubs

Amador Valley Quilters Meeting This club will host guest speaker Ellen Edith with a presentation called "Funny Story Quilts" from 1:30-4 p.m., Saturday, April 4, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Note this meeting is a week earlier than usual.

Daughters of the American Revolution This group meets on the second Saturday of every month in Pleasanton. Members are descended from patriots of the Revolutionary War. Prospective members are welcome. For information, call Susan at 699-4147.

Livermore Lioness Club The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at their regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. The Lioness Club is a service club, sponsored by the Livermore Lions Club, that helps many worthy causes in our community. Lioness main focus areas are women, children and family issues, in addition to helping the blind. Call 443-4543 for more information.

NARFE The Livermore Chapter 0397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meets at 11:30 a.m. for lunch; 12:30 p.m. for its meeting, 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.

Pleasanton Mothers Club The Pleasanton Mothers Club provides a social, supportive and educational outlet for moms and their families in the local community. They meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly. Call 927-2444 or visit www.pleasanton-mothersclub.org.

Quarterly Business Networking Social Join ClubSport and Tri-Valley Connection will meet and mingle with local business professionals from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30, at ClubSport Pleasanton, 7090 Johnson Dr. This event is free for ClubSport members; \$5 for guests. For reservations, call 463-2822, x570.

Socrates Cafe This club has an open discussion group following a Socratic format meeting from 7-9 p.m., on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at Peets Coffee, 5765 Valley Ave. Bring any subject, but do not bring agendas or causes. Visit www.digjassist.com/main/SocratesCafePleasanton.

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Pleasanton Community Band Spring Concert Pleasanton Community Concert Band Annual Spring Concert will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 5, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. The band will play selections including Concert Piece No. 2 for 2 Solo Clarinets, a tribute to Benny Goodman and other favorites. This concert is free. Call 846-9497 or visit www.pleasantonband.org.

Independent Film Festival at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Vine Cinema, 1722 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$8. Call 518-4436 or visit www.cain-diefilmfest.org.

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Brain Fitness Join Dr. John Ratey as he discusses exciting new insights into how physical and mental activity contribute to better brain function from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, at Las Positas College, Building 2500, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Cost is \$5, plus \$2 for parking. Call 424-1217.

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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 This festival will have activities that are open to the public including a fine arts exhibition by Pleasanton Art League, an authors' reception and book signing, and Literary Row from 1-2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5350.

Exhibits

Art Show: 'Recombinant' An exhibit of new paintings by Lisa Gentile will be featured until April 10 at Me & My Friend's Cafe, 4713 First St. Acrylic abstracts, diptychs, experimental watercolor on canvas will be featured. The cafe is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 518-4436.


Film

'Fields of Fuel' Amador Valley High School's STAND Club will be showing the film "Fields of Fuel" at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, at Amador Valley High School, Multi-Purpose Room, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. This event is free. E-mail amadoryouth4hr@yahoo.com.

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Spring Immunization Clinics for Children Scheduled Clinics open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care, will be offered from 9-11 a.m., April 4, May 2 and June 6, at Axis Community Health Clinic, 4361 Railroad Ave. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance; fee for some immunizations. Call 462-1755.

Holiday

Carden West School Spring Festival Annual Spring Festival at Carden West School promises to be fun for the whole family. There will be an egg hunt,

pancake breakfast, "The Easter Bunny" and "Clifford the Big Red Dog", crafts and activates for all ages from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, April 4, at Carden West School, 4576 Willow Rd. Cost is \$30 for a family; \$7 per person for families of 5 or more. Call 463-6060.

Easter Egg Hunt Living Vine Fellowship will host a special Easter service and Egg Hunt from 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, April 12, at the church, 4100 First St. Refreshments will be provided.

Easter Egg Hunt Tesla Vintners will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Kids will enjoy arts and crafts and a coloring contest with prizes; parents will sample wines and listen to live music. Cost is \$5 per child. Call 606-9463.

Secular Progressive Potluck Passover Seder Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will hold its community pot-

luck Passover seder from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Cost is \$10 for non-member adults (13+); kid-friendly. Visit www.tri-valleyculturaljews.org.

Kids & Teens

Theatrical Sneak Peek at the Library A children's theater preview at the Pleasanton Public Library as Pleasanton's Civic Arts Stage Company presents excerpts from "Ramona Quimby" at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. This event is free. Best suited for children 5 years and older. Call 931-3400, ext. 8.

Lectures/Workshops

Free Cisco VOIP Seminar Cisco Systems, and SoftNet Solutions, a Cisco Business Partner, present a free lunch-time seminar on how to cut costs in these tough economic times from noon-1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9, at Cisco's Pleasanton office, 5890 Owens Dr., 4th Floor. Space is limited and reservations are required by calling (408) 542-0888.

Live Music

Premier Vietnamese Musicians Award-winning "Breath of Asia" will perform using both traditional and modern instruments to present a mix of ancient and contemporary music from 2-3 p.m., Saturday, April 4, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. This event is free. Call 931-3400, ext. 8.

Miscellaneous

Free E-Waste and Unused/Expired Pharmaceutical Collection Event City of Pleasanton will host a free E-Waste collection from noon-5 p.m., Friday, April 17; 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, through Gate 12 off of Valley Ave. There will also be a free unused or expired pharmaceutical drug drop-off on Saturday, April 18, at the same location. Call 931-5500 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

On Stage

'Ramona Quimby' Amador Theater presents "Ramona Quimby" at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 and 24-25; and at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 19 and 26, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$14, \$18 and \$20 for adults; \$8, \$12 and \$16 for children and seniors, aged 62 and over. Call 931-3444.

'Working' Las Positas College presents a musical production, "Working," which is based on the book by Studs Terkel March 27-April 19, at 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. For information, call 424-1100.

Political Notes

Tri-Valley Republican Women Meeting This club will host guest speaker David Wolfe, Legislative Director of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9, at La Vite Restaurant, 3037-G Hopyard Rd. Cost is \$26 for members; \$30 for non-members. Reservations are required by April 5. Call 846-5944.



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Recruitment Grant Delta Kappa Gamma will award a recruitment grant to a women student pursuing a career in education for \$500. The student must be a graduate of high school in Livermore, Pleasanton or Dublin; full-time student of upper division or graduate standing as of Fall 2009; and must have a good GPA. Application deadline is May 20. For information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Kathy Brooks, 1581 Oslo Court, Livermore, CA 94550.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Scholarship Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will award college scholarships of \$500 each to two high school seniors who submit winning entries in a non-partisan essay contest by April 22. Winners will be announced May 1. Visit www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org.

Seniors

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Senior Health Fair Health professionals will be on hand to answer health and medical questions from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Ridge View Common, 5200 Case Ave. This event is free. Call 484-5131.

Spiritual

Agape Meal and Footwashing Remember the last supper with an agape meal of soup, bread, olives and cheese followed by Maundy Thursday liturgy with foot washing at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. Afterward, an all-night vigil begins in a 'Garden of Gethsemane' chapel. All are welcome. Call 462-4802.

Great Vigil of Easter Begin your celebration of Easter in the darkness of Holy Saturday, then watch as the glory of Christ's resurrection bursts into full light and glory from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. All are welcome. Call 462-4802.

New Meeting Location for Tri-Valley Unity Church This church meets at 10 a.m., every Sunday, now at 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. The theme for Palm Sunday (April 5) is "Preparing the Way: Becoming Willing to Accept God's Will for our Lives." Call 998-0038.

Procession of the Palms Celebrate Palm Sunday at St. Clare's Episcopal Church with a procession of the palms followed by Holy Eucharist from 10:15-11:15 a.m., Sunday, April 5, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. All are welcome. Call 462-4802.

Sports

Adult Bocce League Adult beginner and advanced bocce leagues are forming and team rosters are due by April 13. Games are played from 6-9:30 p.m., Wednesdays for beginners and Thursdays for advanced, played at Centennial Community Park. Cost is \$96 per team; \$5 non-residential fee. Fees and rosters are due at

time of registration. Call Delcea Wills at 931-3447.

Intermediate No-Drop Road Ride This is a moderate paced group road ride (15 - 18 mph) where riders warm up together and split into two distances from 8:30 a.m.-noon, every Saturday, meeting at Cyclepath, 337B Main St. Routes change weekly. Call 485-3218.

Support Groups TV30

Chinese Dinner in Pleasanton The Widows and Widowers of Northern California are hosting a Chinese dinner at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4, at Chinese Szechuan, 3059 Hopyard Rd., #G. Guests are welcome. Call 846-0111.

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support group with free child care meets from 10 a.m.-noon, on the second Saturday of every month, at Child Care Links, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 104. Respite/child care continues until 2 p.m., giving caregivers time to themselves. Lunch is provided to children. Call (510) 583-8026, ext. 15 or visit www.lincolncc.org/kinship.

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Living



photos by Emily West

Sunol Glen kindergarteners Hasan Abidi, Pali Martin, Joshua Huang and Maxwell Cunningham sample spinach they had planted. At the end of the year, the students will host a potluck using their crops.

Kindergarden

Sunol Glen School students glean lessons from the ground

by Emily West

Students at Sunol Glen School are getting their hands dirty in the name of education. The school, which houses kindergarten through eighth-grade programs for children in Sunol, now has a large garden thanks to several parent volunteers. It's not just about planting a seed and watching it grow.

Parent Jessica Fox, a conservation biologist, said the kindergarten class started a garden in the front of the school. The students would bring ideas of what to put in the garden, and Fox would ask them questions about habitat and what would belong there and the kids would figure out what to plant there. The hard work paid off as the garden was deemed an official wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation—a rare accomplishment for a school garden.

Now there is a larger garden in the back of the school, complete with several planter boxes, two picnic tables and access to a creek. In the future, the school hopes to add a frog pond and other amenities.

"This outdoor classroom will teach about recycling, compost, earth recycling and global ecological systems," Fox said.

In the creek, students will eventually do aquatic

ecology where they will test the water quality and see the affects of fertilizer runoff from farms.

On a recent trip to the garden, Becky Radulovich's kindergarten class sampled some spinach students had grown and planted some more vegetables to add to their growing garden. It was time to replenish the garden, as they had just harvested their crops to make stir fry.

"A lot of people have never had vegetables that have just been picked," Fox added. "It creates more appreciation for what you have on your dinner table. When you don't eat it and throw it out, it's not just that waste, but all that energy and water, everything that went into growing is wasted."

In addition to learning that seeds need soil, water, sun and air, the students are practicing important character traits.

"Working in the garden helps build teamwork and patience," Fox said. "Things grow at a certain speed. Working on a computer all the time and using cell phones gives a sense of immediate gratification. There's a natural timeline that kids will learn respect for."

They are reinforcing classroom subjects beyond science, such as splitting a seed in half to show division and getting inspiration from flowers for art class.



It's also come in handy to provide resources. For example, the third-graders are growing papyrus to make their own paper and the eighth-graders are growing flowers for their graduation ceremony. Towards the end of the year, the kindergarten will be able to host a potluck with their crops.

While the program is currently run by Fox and Beth Anne Bentley, they are hoping to pass off the responsibility. The school will be applying for a \$50,000-grant through the Altamont Education Advisory Board, which would fund a two-year teaching position that would provide the students with weekly classes.

"The kids really seem to be energized when they're out there," Fox said. "It's a different way of learning that they're not going to get by sitting inside." ■

Student teacher Tania DeRego helps Eric Simonson and Ellie Mendall water their newly-planted vegetable seeds.

Now Showing

Monsters Vs. Aliens

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Rated PG for sci-fi action, some crude humor and mild language
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In the case of *Monsters v. Aliens*—henceforth to be referred to as “*Monsters Vs. Aliens*”—we find in favor of monsters. Said monsters are the heroes of the latest Dreamworks Animation release, rendered in CGI and presented in 3D. With a little luck, the ruling will hold, and four-eyed, six-tentacled aliens will not be our masters forthwith.

The parties involved in this sci-fi-themed action comedy include Susan Murphy (voiced by Reese Witherspoon), whose transformation from a petite bride into a 50-foot-tall woman (alias *Ginormica*) we witness. Though no one else will go on record as to this point, Murphy stipulates the existence of four other government-sequestered monsters: lagoon creature *The Missing Link* (Will Arnett), insectoid mad scientist *Dr. Cockroach* (Hugh Laurie), blob *B.O.B.* (Seth Rogen) and the *Godzilla-meets-a-hamster* creature *Insectosaurus* (who roars anonymously).

Entered into evidence: footage of the fantastic five, as it were, doing battle with said four-eyed, six-tentacled alien overlord *Gallaxhar* (Rainn Wilson), whose nefarious intentions—to wit, world domination—this court denounces.

This court is most impressed by the testimony of government representatives General W.R. Monger (Kiefer Sutherland) and President Hathaway (Stephen Colbert, of course), though the gallery’s uproar was reserved for the introduction of

overwhelming audio-visual evidence in the form of flash, dazzle and pop-culture references. Though much of this evidence was inadmissible, the kids sure loved it.

The identity of the parties in the case has been called into question, with opposing counsel arguing that they appear to be “*Mars Attacks!*” and “*Men in Black*” rather than the named parties in the case “*Monsters v. Aliens*.” The prosecutorial evidence is compelling but not conclusive.

Prosecutors further suggested the “spot the reference” nature of the case threatens to make a mockery of ‘50s science-fiction tropes, like some sort of “*Mad*” magazine for parents (President Hathaway indeed bears a strong resemblance to a Dave Berg character), and went on to claim that even a child could recognize the ripped-off plot point (or as defense attorneys noted, “homage”) from “*The Wizard of Oz*.” Lastly, prosecutorial arguments insisted the case brought on significant fatigue rather than heartening encouragement.

However, this court ultimately finds in favor of those darn monsters. Why, they’re so cute (if not exactly cuddly). Especially that *B.O.B.*, who has no brain, but affirms, “Turns out, you don’t need one.” Delightful!

The most compelling argument is not the sci-fi hoo-ha or even the three-dimensionally protuberant, fast-paced imagery. Rather, the coup de grace comes in the form of *Ginormica*, a clever metaphor of figurative and literal female empowerment. Susan grows into herself by learning to embrace her powers, fly her freak flag, and proudly stand alongside her fellow defendants, who, in turn, defend us from alien invaders. Plus there’s lots of explosions. Case closed.

—Peter Canavese



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Softball league team highlights

Pleasanton Girls Softball League Micro Division (1st-2nd graders) Older's Landscaping Co. and Richert Lumber Co. played a hard fought game against one another on March 21. Abigail Fried, Ananya Goel and Jazmen Howe from Older's Landscaping Co. all excelled defensively and Rachel Lemmon, Peyton Pozzi and Samantha Krier shined at the plate.

Seahawks dominate at SR swim meet

In spite of the gusty downpours of wind over the weekend, the Pleasanton Seahawks turned in a blow up performance at the San Ramon Junior Olympics Swim Meet March 27-29. Many new Far Western cuts, best times, and strong swims were accomplished. Team members are Kayla Lindsay, Adrien Rooney, Maxime Rooney, Naomi Chan, Eva Chung, Hannah Folmar, Maggie Kauffeld, Rachel Knowles, Katie Woods, Regis Lachance, Jon Ong, Roshni Nair, Brian Lee, Kevin McLaughlin, Caleb Wang, Cassidy Booe, Kristine Doan, Chelsea Finn, Catherine Fong, Krissy Stroud, Natalie Wong, Caitlin Dourov, Tim McLaughlin, Pete Huang, Kyle Lindsay and Anna Parker.

Gymnastics team off to Regionals

The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy (WCOGA) Girl's Optional Team competed at the Level 8-10 Norcal State Championships March 27-29. All four of the competitors qualified to compete at Regionals which will be held in Sacramento April 17-19. The results are as follows: Level 8: 13 B Age Group: Katelyn Kleinheinz: Vault 9.15 (10th), Bars 9.2 (8th), Beam 9.1 (10th), Floor 9.05 (10th), AA 36.5 (8th); 14A Age Group: Stacia Sackett: Vault 9.025 (5th), Bars 9.25 (4th), Beam 8.575 (9th), Floor 9.025 (7th), AA 35.875 (6th).

Nationals top Rockies 12-11

The PFL AAA Division Nationals were fired up and ready to play last Saturday, edging out the Rockies 12-11. Every player made it to base and scored at least one run. Nationals also had 16 stolen bases to go with a season-high nine hits. Both pitching and hitting improved significantly as Nats pitchers struck out 12 batters but Nats batters only struck out 4 times. It was still a nail-biter that required a clutch grand slam by Griffin Dees late in the game and a courageous pitching effort by Jose Garcia to close out the win. Other notable efforts included Will Brendel going 2 for 2 with a key RBI, Ryan Wilson with a key sacrifice fly/RBI with Eric Shields tagging up. Bobby Fjerstad "took one for the team" getting hit by a pitch and stealing around to score our first run and punching an RBI single in the third.

Ballistic United off to the finals

Playing in the Norcal State Cup Bronze Division Quarter-finals, Ballistic United won a hard-fought game against Napa moving into the semifinals March 29 playing Athletico Santa Rosa with a solid performance winning 2-0. The team moves onto the finals which will be on Sunday, May 9. Outstanding team effort by Brandon Ruiz, Cody Hall, Danny Glascock, Graham Lindgren, Eric Rogstad, Oliver Castillo, David Busch, Thomas Janjigian, Connor Silcox, Eddie Castillo, Bruno Andres, Matt Klei and Nate Evans.

Warriors defeat Torados 7-5

The Warriors overran Pleasanton's Tornados 7-5 March 29. Goals were made by Michael Roeder, Devin Bell, Jake Ackman,



Twisters win weekend games

The Pleasanton Twisters girls U-15 lacrosse team battled hard for two back-to-back wins on March 28 in Davis. In the first game against El Dorado Hills, the Twisters won 15-2. Offensively, Lynnea Flaherty, Tori Larsen, and Evan Murphy led the team. On defense, Olivia Deutsschman, Haley Brodnick and Molly Grozier kept pressure around the crease and controlled El Dorado Hills drives to the goal. Lindsey Kail led the team with assists and turnovers. In the second game against Davis Crossfire, Pleasanton prevailed 11-8. Hannah Stapp, McKalee Mooney, Cambi Cukar, and Kira Ewanich led the team offensively, while on the other end of the field, the defense showed its determination with great plays by Madison Steele, Sabrina Ehlert, and Lexi Nicholas.

and Alex Acosta, with shots on the goal also made by Joseph Chacon, Justin Garcia, and Kevin Costello. Grounders were picked up by Jordan Cain, Devin Bell, Justin Gibson, Logan McHone, Alex Olguin and Andrew Natsch. Three faceoffs were won by Michael Roeder, and Conner "The Cyclone" McFarlane made 20 saves.

Amador girls divers earn 5th place

The Amador girls dive team earned fifth place out of 31 teams and the boys received 13th place out of 29 teams at the Monte Vista Invitational held March 28. Amador finished in seventh place out of 39 teams for their combined total with Campolindo coming in first and Monte Vista in fifth.

The dive team held their own amongst heavy competition in the 11 dive meet. The top two divers were Tyler Pullen, who came in fourth place out of 16 with a score of 459.05, and Alexa Hernandez, who came in 18th (out of 42 girls) with 343.25. Pullen, Hernandez, Emma Rigl and Marina Mihov have all now qualified for the NCS championships (a 275 qualifying score) that will take place in May. Tyler also qualified as an 'NCS Automatic' score.

The team also qualified all six relays for North Coast, thanks to the efforts of Natalie Wong, Tory Houston, Catherine Breed, Jenn Docto, Marie Schmidt, Lindsey Baxter, Rachel Miller, Eric Gates, Krishnan Rajagopalan, Jake Bahls, Scotty Arellano, Edward Zhang, Jason Cunningham, Jack Payan and Joey Silva. And the following swimmers qualify for North Coast indi-



Rage wins again

Pleasanton Rage U16 played in the Association Cup in Ripon March 21-22. On Saturday they faced Clovis Odyssey Eagles and in the sweet 16 round they won 4-0. In the quarter finals on Sunday, the team faced Elk Grove Kraze and tied 1-1 in regulation time.

vidually: Marie Schmidt, Natalie Wong, Tory Houston, Catherine Breed, Casey Coughlin,

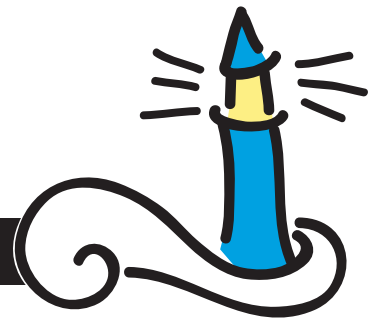
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5855 San Juan Way \$899,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty 397-4244

5 Bedrooms

827 Sunny Brook Way \$1,379,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 846-6500

1632 Cindy Way \$1,449,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors 785-7777

1436 Irongate Court \$1,485,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 621-4064

5862 Sunset Creek Court \$1,899,900
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 463-2000

3831 Antonini Way \$2,099,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty 980-0273

4141 W Ruby Hill Drive \$2,599,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty 202-6289

6918 Corte Mateo \$779,000
Sun 1-4 Remax Accord 209-7644

6 Bedrooms

1368 Royal Creek Court \$1,195,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 260-2508

1809 Spumante Pl \$3,699,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty 202-6289

SUNOL

3 Bedrooms

2559 Kilkare Road \$599,987
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Entry-level affordability up for California homes

Minimum income needed drops with housing prices

by Jeb Bing

The percentage of households that could afford to buy an entry-level home in California stood at 59 percent in the fourth quarter of 2008, compared with 33 percent for the same period a year ago, according to a report released recently by the California Association of Realtors.

CAR's "First Time Buyer Housing Affordability Index" measures the percentage of households that can afford to purchase an entry-level home in California. CAR also reported first-time buyer indexes for regions and select counties within the state. The Index is the most fundamental measure of housing well-being for first-time buyers in the state.

The minimum household income needed to purchase an entry-level home at \$248,030 in California in the fourth quarter of 2008 was \$48,900, based on an adjustable interest rate of 6.02 percent and assuming a 10 percent down payment. First-time buyers typically purchase a home equal to 85 per-

cent of the prevailing median price. The monthly payment including taxes and insurance was \$1,630 for the fourth quarter of 2008.

At \$48,900, the minimum qualifying income was 42 percent lower than a year earlier when households needed \$83,700 to qualify for a loan on an entry-level home. Recent decreases in home prices and mortgage rates have brought affordability into better alignment with income levels of the typical California households, where the median household income is \$59,160.

At 76 percent, the High Desert region was the most affordable area in the state. The San Luis Obispo County region was the least affordable in the state at 44 percent, followed by the Los Angeles County region at 46 percent.

The First-Time Buyer Housing Affordability Index also rose 6 percentage points in the fourth quarter of this year compared with the third quarter of 2008, due to a 14.1 percent decrease in the entry-level median home price. ■

Home Sales

This week's data represents homes sold during February 2009

Dublin

- 7760 Clifden Court** J. & M. Crenshaw to G. & M. Rayfield for \$1,200,000
- 8411 Cypress Court** Goldman Sachs to J. Lopez for \$394,000
- 3313 Monaghan Street** HSBC Bank to C. Bautista for \$380,000
- 5234 Persimmon Drive** JP Morgan Chase Bank to M. & N. Ting for \$771,000
- 5290 San Vicente Terrace** Countrywide Bank to G. Ly for \$550,000
- 4609 Sandyford Court** Osofsky Trust to C. & H. Kao for \$426,000

Livermore

- 2871 1st Street #901** Gsmp Mortgage to T. Villaluz for \$390,000
- 2119 Bluebell Drive** Morgan Stanley to G. Covington for \$295,000
- 2133 Bluffs Drive** S. & J. Mayo to J. & L. Coppock for \$669,000
- 1399 Buckhorn Creek Road** Arroyo Crossing to Arvio Trust for \$679,000
- 340 Cambridge Court** Deutsche Bank to G. Kubiak for \$376,000
- 1176 Crystal Circle** GMAC Mortgage to J. Delima for \$409,000
- 1213 Deep Creek Road** Arroyo Crossing to Elizarrey Trust for \$729,000
- 5275 Diane Lane** Indymac Bank to L. Baldwin for \$435,000
- 1100 Elaine Avenue** Downey Savings to A. & H. Giustino for \$395,000
- 6506 Forget Me Not** Countrywide Bank to J. McCall for \$311,000
- 601 Hemlock Court** M. Huckabone to E. Klein for \$420,000

- 1235 Hibiscus Way** Bank of New York to F. & S. Tenorio for \$318,000
- 2804 Mint Common** Shea Homes to Z. Liu for \$471,000
- 501 Rachelle Street** JP Morgan Chase Bank to P. Song for \$320,000
- 1948 Railroad Avenue #108** Bank of America to S. Mosleh for \$335,000
- 2169 Rivers Bend Circle** Arroyo Crossing to S. & A. Bhasin for \$950,000
- 1533 Spring Valley Common** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to J. Hoffman for \$225,000
- 2551 White Crane Circle** South Livermore Development to C. Orsini for \$957,500
- 2577 White Crane Circle** South Livermore Development to Kurtzer Trust for \$785,000

Pleasanton

- 2784 Calle De La Loma** T. & B. Benedetto to M. & N. Lee for \$890,000
- 4592 Carver Court** R. Guarino to J. & E. Stevenson for \$505,000
- 304 Happy Valley Road** Structured Asset Securities to M. & H. Lakhani for \$845,000
- 611 Merlot Court** Arlt Trust to Y. Lin for \$567,500
- 8148 Moller Ranch Drive** W. Kim to C. Wen for \$773,500
- 4985 Monaco Drive** Downey Savings to J. & E. Bousaba for \$915,000
- 3872 Stone Pointe Way** Washington Mutual Bank to L. Zeng for \$550,000
- 1653 Via Di Salerno** Calhoun Trust to K. & H. Karavadra for \$2,100,000

San Ramon

- 1436 Allanmere Drive** R. & R. Malladi to S. Mahabaleshwar for \$760,000

- 7259 Briza Loop** JP Morgan Chase Bank to P. Miller for \$453,000
- 182 Copper Ridge Road** Legacy Copper Ridge to T. Politzer for \$399,000
- 9048 Craydon Circle** Caton Trust to Malone Trust for \$200,000
- 3843 Crow Canyon Road** Deutsche Bank to R. Franco for \$299,500
- 10 Del Oro Court** J. & M. Pineda to I. Eleftheriadis for \$720,000
- 812 Dunstable Court** Centex Homes to U. Anqud for \$879,000
- 111 Eastridge Drive** Pacifica 235 East Ridge to L. Jones for \$285,000
- 715 Joree Lane** Wells Fargo Bank to J. Murillo for \$395,000
- 12924 Lawton Way** J. Zeno to R. Cuevas for \$525,000
- 142 Lyndhurst Place** Shaklee Corporation to J. & E. Flynn for \$1,250,000
- 5612 Lysander Way** Centex Homes to M. Kang for \$951,000
- 2118 Maidenhair Way** K. & M. Violich to D. & V. Gupta for \$603,000
- 9943 Mangos Drive** A. & M. Yakligian to E. Iversen for \$690,000
- 171 Norris Canyon Terrace #D** Option One Mortgage to D. & V. Hohl for \$270,000
- 207 Plumpointe Lane** E. Pineda-Yu to Jackson Tsai & Associates for \$439,000
- 13 Poppy Hills Lane** Downey Savings to M. Widener for \$520,000
- 3356 Sleeping Meadow Way** Centex Homes to S. & A. Iyer for \$847,500
- 348 South Overlook Drive #191** G. Todd to H. Cheung for \$420,000
- 5 Winterhaven Court** Naghipour Trust to J. & F. Winans for \$310,000



Prudential California Realty



DUBLIN - Beautifully maintained home with a nice private yard. Upgraded kitchen with island, open to family room. One bedroom and full bath downstairs. Home has a bonus room and loft used as office. Master is spacious with large bathroom and walk-in closet.

5513 APPLGATE WAY \$715,000



LIVERMORE - Lovely four bedroom single story with open floor plan. Decorative touches throughout. Newer neutral carpeting, wood flooring in family room, kitchen and adjoining nook. Crown moldings in dining with marble faced fireplace in living room. Possible side yard access with the removal of shed.

5828 ARLENE \$609,900



PLEASANTON - Beautiful single story home on large lot. Upgraded open kitchen with designer tile countertops and upgraded appliances. New carpet and newly refinished wood floors. Beautifully landscaped yard. Located in one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Pleasanton.

1808 ROSETREE \$705,000



PLEASANTON - Expanded Val Vista REO! 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and loft. Great for growing or large family. Lots of room to roam around! Updated Kitchen with breakfast bar. Hardwood floors. Tucked away on court location and close to Val Vista Park.

6788 MELODY CT. \$639,900



DANVILLE - Gated Estate Home with fully functional 30 x 40 sq.ft. shop, office/cabana & Guest House. Updated Kitchen, wine cellar, loft, slate and hardwood flooring, parklike yard with pool and custom patio. Guest house with kitchen, fireplace and separate entrance and parking. DON'T MISS SEEING THIS PROPERTY

16 HERMOSA CT \$2,100,000



PLEASANTON - Gorgeous end, corner unit**only 1 attached wall*** 1 story** No one above or below living space**No stairs** Granite kitchen**wood flooring** This is the popular floor plan that rarely comes on the market** Huge master suite**Inside laundry room**Huge Family Room

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2904 SOUTHWIND LN \$775,900



PLEASANTON - NEW LOOK with new interior paint, ceilings retextured and all new flooring makes this classic Birdland property a "must see". Ideal location within walking distance to Sports Park. Open, updated kitchen-family room combination leads to a gorgeous rear patio and lush gardens. Don't miss this one!

4898 WOODTHRUSH RD. \$725,000

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Desirable Bridle Creek

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862 SUMMIT CREEK LN \$1,425,000
 1 story "Greenbriar" in Desirable Bridle Creek. 5bd/4ba, appx 3300 sq ft on over 1/3 acre level, beautiful lawn & shrub landscaping, lights front/rear, spa, built-in gas bbq, crown moldings, island, sink, hot water, soap dispensers, butler pantry, wine room, 3 car garage, 8' doors, 2 fireplaces.
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Gorgeous Home

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 This home sits on a quiet court with lots of sunshine. Enjoy the private rose garden and awesome pool. Walk to schools, parks and downtown. Conveniently two bedroom downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs. New carpet, new paint, new roof & gutters. Award winning schools.
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2558 SECRETARIAT DR \$499,000
 Warm and inviting home, on a quiet street. Recently updated baths 3bed/2bath, fireplace, 1421 sq ft living space, on a 4752 sq ft lot, attached 2 car garage.
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Close to Downtown

PLEASANTON
3895 VINE ST \$339,000
 Privately located in the back of the complex close to downtown featuring: updated kitchen, remodeled bathrooms, two master suites upstairs. Includes 2 parking spaces, 1 garage assigned.
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Spectacular Home

DUBLIN
6036 KINGSMILL TERRACE \$1,700,000
 Spectacular home with hundreds of thousands in upgrades, including a PREMIUM lot in a desirable gated golf community! Cherry cabinetry, moldings, and upgraded stone and tiles throughout! Professional designer landscaping with custom outdoor pavilion & views of the golf course, hills, and Mt. Diablo!
DAVE BAUER 925.855.4040

Fantastic Home

DUBLIN
6140 LEDGEWOOD TER \$939,000
 Fantastic family home - court location! Many recent upgrades including exterior refinishing & paint, dual pane windows, bamboo flooring, crown molding & more. Some finishing touches needed. This semi-custom home has a nice layout, 3 car garage, big yard & backs to open area with trees and creek.
MINA NUGENT 925.251.2540

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MODEL PERFECT
 8653 FENWICK
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 3 BR 3 BA + office, 2034 sq.ft., single story, corner lot. Glass sun rm, 3 car garage, side access, RV pad 925.847.2200



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\$850,000
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SUSIE STEELE BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$2,489,000
Gorgeous 5bd/3full/2half bathrooms, bonus room. 5200+/-sf custom home in Golden Eagle Estates with stunning views over 1 acre w/pool. Every upgrade imaginable.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$2,195,000
5bd/4.5ba + guest house. Private home with views of city lights! Travertine/granite flooring, 4.5 garage. Backs to open space.

DOUG BUENZ OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,899,900
Elegant 2 story custom over 5400 +/-sf on 1/2 acre corner lot. 5bd/5ba w/office & bonus room. Dramatic upgrades, beautiful views. 5682 Sunset Creek Ct.

ANNI HAGFELDT BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,875,000
Stunning views from this custom home in desirable Kottinger Ranch. 5bd/4.5ba, on over 1/2 acre. Pool, bonus room - there is no other home like this one!

UWE MAERCZ BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,399,000
Gorgeous Ascona home in Ruby Hill! Immaculate and spacious 5bd/3ba on private cul-de-sac. Luxurious landscaping, close to clubhouse, backs up to open space with privacy galore!

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,379,000
Single level Bridle Creek. .26+/-acre premium view lot. Built by Greenbriar in 2001. 5bd/4ba, gourmet kitchen, granite, crown molding, plantation shutters. Beautifully landscaped.

M. NOKES/D. BUENZ OPEN SAT/SUN 1-5



PLEASANTON \$1,329,000
1 of 4 new homes in downtown Pleasanton! Stunning semi-custom 4 bd + loft, features 1st floor master bd, 10,000+ sf lot, covered front porch, 'Barefoot Contessa' kitchen and \$73,000 of upgrades. 1624 Cindy Way

MARK JAMES BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,249,000
Absolutely Gorgeous! 5bd/3ba/3car. Over 3000+/-sf home. Extensively remodeled. Sunset Magazine rear yard. Pool, spa, palapa. Just 2 blocks from downtown. 18,000+/-sf lot.

LINDA FUTRAL BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$1,099,000
Gorgeous custom estate, large custom suite on 1st level. Custom rock pool/spa/granite kitchen/stainless steel appliances/huge backyard/private lot.

MARY JANE DEERING OPEN SUN 1-4



CASTRO VALLEY \$928,000
5bd/3.5 ba in Five Canyons. Built in 1996, formal dining, Living Room & Family Room open to kitchen. 25219 Century Oaks Circle

KEVIN COLLINS BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$799,000
Private location across from wooded park with views of surrounding hills. 5bd/3ba, large landscaped yard, granite/stainless steel in kitchen. Gorgeous.

TIM MCGUIRE OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$799,000
Beautiful Holiday model on large lot. Court location, 4bd/2ba 2172+/-sf. Maple/granite kitchen, granite baths. 2140 Tanager Ct.

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$699,950
Gorgeous Del Prado home! Features include dual pane windows/plantation shutters/beautiful swimming pool/downstairs master has walk in closet/formal LR/DR/Central heat/air.

BRAD SLABAUGH OPEN SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$699,000
Rarely available court location in South Livermore. 5bd plus office. 13,800+/-sf lot. Pool/side yard access and 2nd garage/workshop. Must see! 2811 Pardee Place

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$560,000
3bd/2ba. Recently updated kitchen and bath with granite counters, newer cabinets, tile floors. Side yard access, large backyard on a court. 3375 Harpers Ferry Ct.

J. JONES/J. LIOTTA OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30



LIVERMORE \$519,000
Windmill Springs. 3bd/2.5ba, lagoon style pool, spa, outdoor speakers, Pergo floors, side access, 3 car garage, no HOA and more! 978 Dana Circle

