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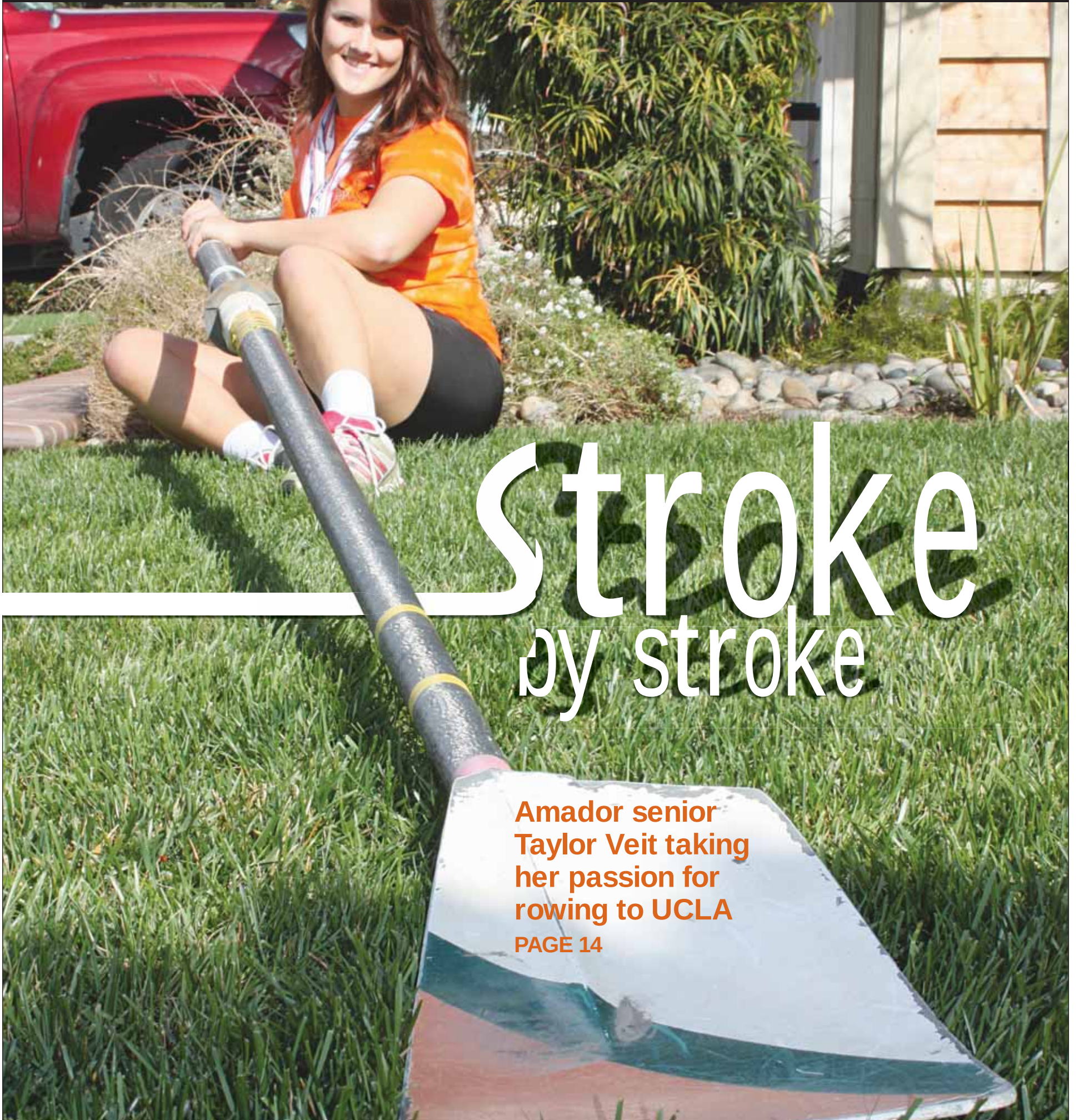
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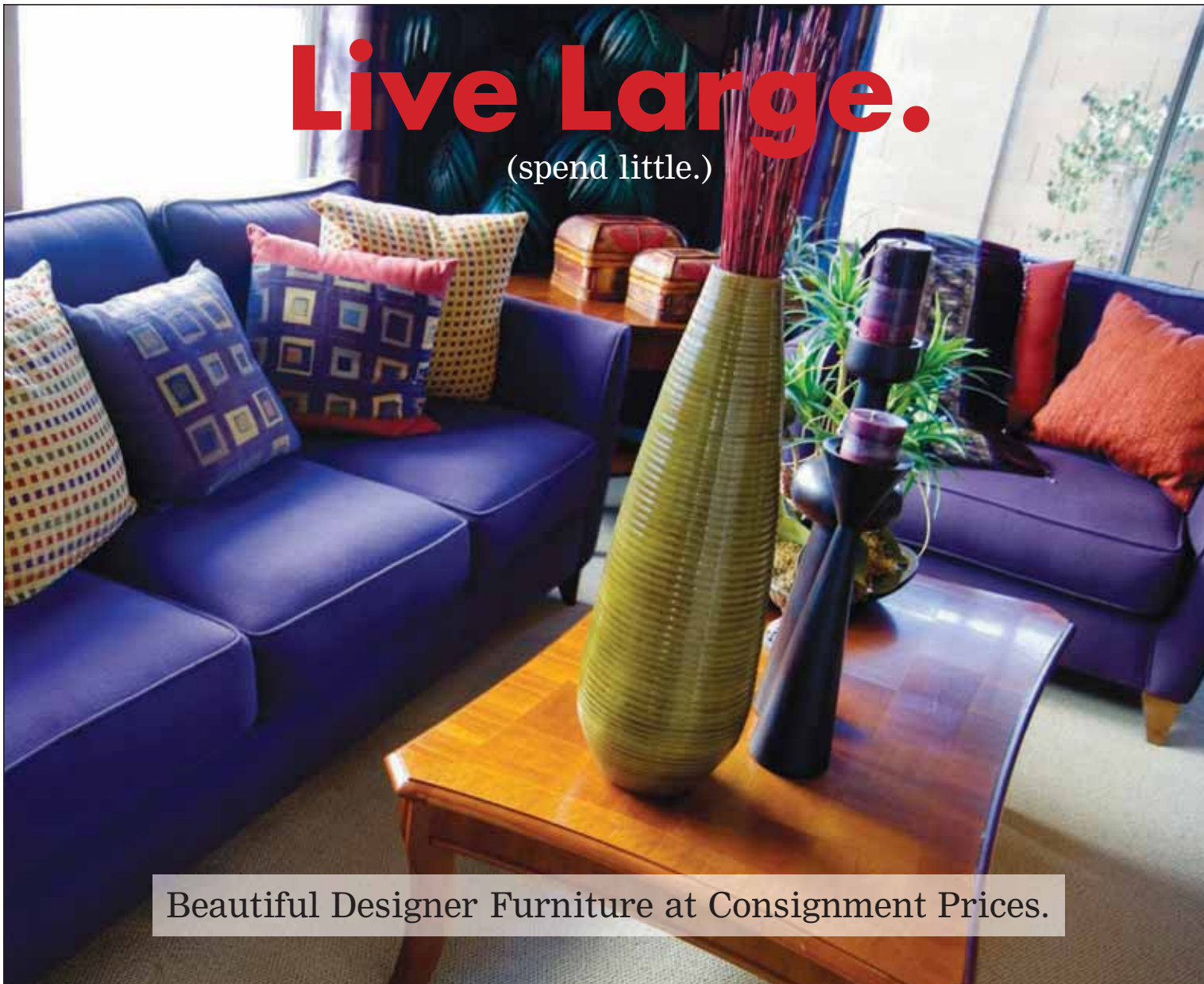
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Union vs. management: the Castlewood story

The serene winter-green fairways of its golf courses and stately clubhouse belie a festering management-labor union dispute now under way at Castlewood Country Club that is changing the long-standing cooperative accord in the workforce. Here's the situation so far.

Bartenders, kitchen helpers, waiters and other hourly full-time and part-time employees at Castlewood have long been represented by the Bay Area hotel and restaurant workers union, now named Unite Here! Local 2850. Over the years, management and the union have agreed on contracts, ranging from one to three years in length. The last three-year contract expired in July 2008 just as the recessionary economy was buffeting all businesses and organizations, including Castlewood where some members were opting out for financial reasons and Castlewood, itself, was facing a budget deficit. Then, instead of initiating a new contract proposal 60 days in advance as customary, Oakland-based union president Wei-Ling Shuber never submitted one. Surprised, Castlewood simply extended the current contract for another year, waiting until last August to start negotiating a new one.

In the meantime, the economy, Castlewood's own revenue and its membership rolls had continued to fall. Castlewood notified its 110 office, clerical and other nonunion personnel that health care benefits would cost more. The club agreed to continue covering health care costs for individual policies, but posted sharp increases for dependent coverage. Management then met with Local 2850's negotiators, outlining the same changes that would affect union employees. In the new contract, monthly costs for the Single-Plus-One plan (employee plus one dependent) would now cost \$366.93 with a family policy to cost \$739.08. The club also asked union workers to take a 15 percent pay cut and said it planned to freeze wages for the foreseeable future.

In their ongoing negotiations, union workers at Castlewood who serve as shop stewards won some concessions. Steve Frietas, who's been a bartender at Castlewood for the last 12 years and was the union's shop steward for 10 years, said he talked management into backing away from a pay cut. Wages would still be frozen for the year, but would stay the same.

Management also agreed to wage increases of 10 cents an hour in the second year, 30 cents in the third year of a new three-year contract.

Although new health care premiums would increase according to the schedule, as they already had for the nonunion employees, Castlewood agreed to kick in \$40 a month for couples and \$80 a month for families. Management also agreed to lower to 28 hours the work week required to qualify for Castlewood-sponsored health care from the 32 hours it had proposed, which meant more part-time employees would continue to be eligible for the benefit.

On Dec. 7, before a meeting with management, Frietas showed his two-page compromise to Union President Shuber, who, according to Frietas, refused to read it and who then told Castlewood management that Local 2850 could not accept its contract offer. She said her members, who earn an average of \$12.50 an hour, couldn't afford the high health care premiums and, in fact, needed more money. She also rejected the wage freeze and said the proposed increases in years two and three were inadequate.

On Dec. 22, Castlewood management said their contract proposal was final. They told Shuber that if her union members want to walk out, Castlewood would continue operations with temporary employees which the country club is allowed to hire.

For Frietas, it's a dilemma. He has polled union workers at Castlewood and found that a majority do not want to go on strike. They are willing to accept the club's contract offer in order to keep their jobs. Even if they find they can't afford the higher health care premiums, Frietas says they could continue working while they look for other jobs that offer more money or less expensive benefits, or both. He's been rebuffed in his appeal to Shuber to allow a straw vote to see if there's agreement among the Castlewood workers to accept the club's final offer. He's also heard from some managers that Castlewood is planning to lock out the union workers as early as this week if there's no contract.

Frietas, a Vietnam veteran with two Purple Hearts, added: "I'll be 62 next month and I've been at Castlewood for 12 years. This is a country club, not a hotel or big restaurant where employee relations can be strained. We're like family here. We don't want to be unemployed; we don't want to be locked out without income for two or three months. Our union leaders should listen to us, too." ■

## About the Cover

Taylor Veit, a senior at Amador Valley High School, rows for the Oakland Strokes. Being out on the water makes her forget about all of her daily stresses. She will soon be headed to UCLA in the fall after being offered a scholarship there. Photo by Janet Pelletier. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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# Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN

## Who is your favorite president and why?



**John Vespi**  
*Middle School Teacher*

President Lincoln because he had the strength and courage to follow his heart knowing his actions would be unpopular. He did what others couldn't do, even during troubled times, and he had the strength of character to lead our country in the right direction.

**Celeste Richard Bissell**  
*Retired*

I'd say Harry Truman. He was strong and independent. He did what was right and he didn't very much care whether or not people liked it at the time.



**David Dahr**  
*Registered Nurse, Youth Service Program Director*

Ronald Reagan was the last decent president we had because he was able to direct the activities of the talented group he surrounded himself with. He was great not because of his individual skills, but because he could manage that group that could manage the country.

**Donna Raabe**  
*Retired*

My favorite president is President Barack Obama. I think he has done a great job so far and he has only been in office one year. He will do a lot in the next three.



**Andrew Westman**  
*Designer*

I thought Clinton was pretty great because he played saxophone. That was something that displayed him as a person instead of some larger-than-life political figure on the other side of the TV. He was a man of the people.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

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# Newsfront

## DIGEST

### Presidents Day observances

In light of the Presidents Day holiday, city offices and the post office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15. The Wheels bus system will operate on a Saturday schedule.

### Cultural exchange for students

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association has again started the process of finding and approving high school students to participate in the summer exchange program. Students from Tulancingo will be hosted here for four weeks by the Pleasanton students chosen, and then the students will head to Mexico to spend four weeks there. Families with students interested should call Rita Galvin at 249-1885 for information and application forms. Forms are due March 3. For details, visit [www.ptscaexchange.org](http://www.ptscaexchange.org).

### Ready to take the plunge?

The Special Olympics is back with its Polar Plunge, a fundraiser that has more than 200 people jumping in the San Francisco Bay in the middle of winter to raise money for a good cause. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Feb. 27 at Crissy Field, and is followed by a costume parade at noon. To learn more visit [www.sonc.org/polarplunge](http://www.sonc.org/polarplunge) or call 944-0594, ext. 232.

### Blankets for Vets

Operation Blanket is an effort from Sears to support homeless veterans. Through Feb. 18, they encourage donations of gently used blankets at all locations, including the one at Stoneridge Shopping Center. In return, donors will receive a coupon for each blanket given.

### LPC seeks anthology submissions

Tri-Valley residents are invited to submit literary materials and artwork for publication in the Las Posias College Literary Anthology. Fiction stories up to 5,000 words or poetry submissions up to 10 poems per person will be accepted until Feb. 15. Artwork and photography, limited to 10 submissions per person, will be accepted through March 1. All submissions should include the author or artist's name and contact information. Email entries to [lpcanthology@yahoo.com](mailto:lpcanthology@yahoo.com). For more information, contact Richard Dry at [rdry@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:rdry@laspositascollege.edu).

## Nob Hill closing its Pleasanton supermarket

Leaves city with 6 major food markets, but more coming

By JEB BING

Pleasanton's Nob Hill Foods supermarket at 3112 Santa Rita Rd. will close next month, leaving Trader Joe's as the city's only major food store in the northeast section of the city.

Pamela Ott, the city's economic development manager, said the Nob Hill store manager "indicated that the company had determined to close the Pleasanton store."

"He and other employees are being transferred to nearby company stores (Raley's, etc.)," she said. "We're already working with brokers to identify a new tenant."

When it closes, Nob Hill Foods will leave the city with six major food stores: Gene's Fine Foods, Lucky, Raley's, Safeway, Smart & Final and Trader Joe's.

Work is under way on what will now be the city's seventh supermarket, 99 Ranch Market, at the site of the former old Levitz furniture store in the Rose Pavilion. Part of an Asian American supermarket chain based in Buena Park, Calif., 99 Ranch has 28 stores, primarily in California, with other stores in Georgia, Nevada and Washington. It is also considered a Taiwanese-American market because of the considerable

amount of products imported from Taiwan.

Fresh & Easy, a British-owned grocery similar in size and marketing focus to Trader Joe's, plans to open its first store in the area later this year, also in the Rose Pavilion in the space once occupied by Express Fitness.

In addition, Safeway, with its corporate headquarters in Pleasanton, has plans awaiting approval before the city Planning Commission to build a large Safeway Lifestyle store at Bernal and Valley avenues, across from the fairgrounds.

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EMILY WEST

Pleasanton Unified School District's science specialists donned "Got Science?" T-shirts as they presented their day-to-day responsibilities to the board of trustees.

## PTA Council circulating petition

Statewide initiative seeks change in super majority for parcel tax

By EMILY WEST

While the budget challenges facing the school district is holding steady for now, a petition to lower the super majority requirement for a parcel tax is picking up steam.

Jeff Bowser, chair of the legislative committee for the Pleasanton PTA Council, officially kicked off the petition effort in Pleasanton as he spoke to the school board at Tuesday night's meeting. Passed through the crowd, it was signed by about 100 people.

One million signatures are needed across the state in order for it to be placed on the November ballot. The effort was started by a group of people from San Carlos after a try for a constitutional amendment (SCA 6) "died," according to Bowser. It has been endorsed by the California PTA.

If passed, the new initiative would change school parcel tax requirements to only need 55 percent of the votes. In order to qualify for the change, the tax would need to be approved by two-thirds of the governing body, be for \$250 or less, offer a senior exemption and include a

citizens audit and oversight committee.

Measure G, the most recent parcel tax attempt that failed in June, would have met the criteria this new initiative proposes and would have passed with the new majority, with 67 percent of the voters in favor.

"It's a chance for us to take control of school funding locally," Bowser said. "This initiative would allow local districts to do this with a lower threshold. Look at Measure G, had a 64 percent success, but needed 67. Clearly a majority of the voters approved it. [The initiative] would make it easier to implement the will of the voters."

To learn more about the Californians for Improved School Funding, visit [www.improved-schoolfunding.com](http://www.improved-schoolfunding.com). The petition must be signed in person, which can be done by contacting Bowser at [jeffbowser@att.net](mailto:jeffbowser@att.net) or downloading a form from the website.

Bowser said they haven't yet developed an overall strategy on how to get the petition to be widely circulated through the city, but would likely seek volunteers through the PTA organizations. ■

## Blood drives held in biggest time of need

To-be-annual event starts Thursday at library

By EMILY WEST

Whether it be because of illness or travel, donating blood isn't very popular in winter or the summer. This is of concern for the American Red Cross as their supply is limited and need is growing.

Andy Zyla, account manager with Red Cross, said the local donations typically are used locally. With the storms on the East Coast, however, the organization has a national network in place that could be utilized if necessary.

Sponsored by the Police Officers' Association, the to-be-annual blood drives will be held in the winter and the summer, with the first blood drive will be held from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The second drive of the year is scheduled for July 29.

"One pint of blood is used for about three patients," Zyla said. "It's one pint, one hour and helping to save the lives of up to three people. How could one hour of your time be more effective?"

The hope is to bring in around 50 to 60 donors as well as raise awareness and visibility to bring in new donors throughout the year at the Red Cross location near Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Prospective donors should call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code PLEASANTON925) to make an appointment. Donors should be well rested, have consumed plenty of fluids and had a healthy meal and bring photo ID.

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## Dublin Toyota continues pedal repairs

Prius recall for brakes added by auto giant this week

It's been a trying time for auto giant Toyota and specifically, local dealerships who are tasked with replacing parts in vehicles as part of a massive recall announced late last month and the suspension of sales on affected models.

At Dublin Toyota, general manager Lance Tenwolde said the dealership is doing everything it can to assist customers in replacing accelerator pedals, which were the subject of the recall, and said to possibly stick, leading to runaway acceleration.

A manager at the local dealership said approximately 30,000 vehicles have been brought in across the Bay Area region since the recall was announced and none have been found to have had a faulty accelerator pedal.

Dublin Toyota and other dealers are also facing a global recall of the Prius - the hybrid electric car which has become the leader of the green motoring revolution.

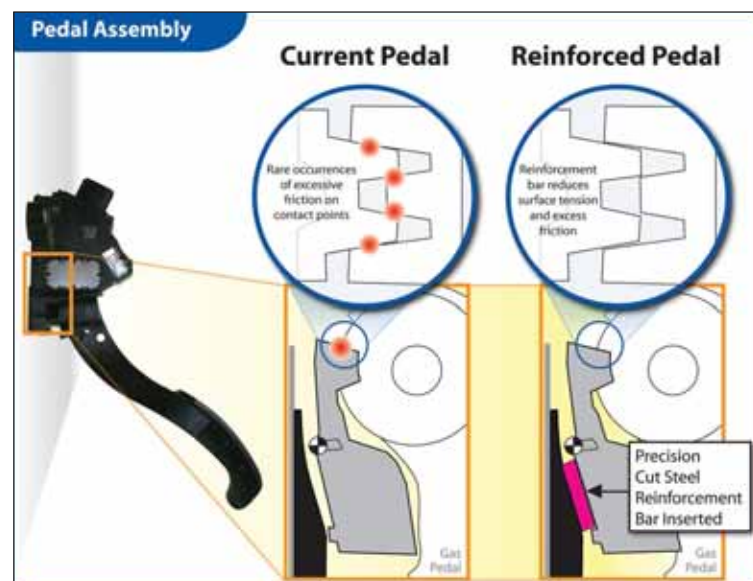
The Times of London reported Monday that in a deepening of the crisis at the world's largest car manufacturer, Toyota will this week warn 300,000 Prius owners - 3,500 of them in the UK - that the brakes on their car may fail in icy conditions or on bumpy surfaces.

"The news follows hard on last month's recall of 8 million Toyotas over fears of accelerator pedal defects in several models," the Times reports. "In Britain, the owners of 180,000 Toyotas have been told that their cars may have problems which lawyers in the U.S. claim have led to 19 deaths."

Already, before the latest Prius warning, Dublin Toyota has been working late into the night to repair possibly faulty accelerators.

"We have extended hours already, but the way we're looking at this, if we have people waiting, we're going to continue through the night," he said Thursday afternoon. "We're already open until 10 o'clock at night anyway."

The dealership received its first shipments of the replacement pedals five days ago. Workers there are also repairing models listed in an earlier Toyota recall where floor



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A look at how the accelerator pedals are being fixed.

mats can possibly interfere with the pedals.

"Unfortunately we just ran out of parts again, so we're waiting for Toyota to ship us some more," Tenwolde said, adding that he's asking customers for their patience.

Toyota first announced the recall Jan. 21, affecting 2.3 million vehicles: 2009 and 2010 Matrixes, 2005-2010 Avalons, 2007-2010 Tundras, 2008-2010 Sequoias, 2010 Highlanders; and certain 2007-2010 Camrys, 2009-2010 RAV4s and 2009-2010 Corollas. Last Friday, the auto manufacturer suspended sales of those models.

"It was about 30 percent of our inventory overall," Tenwolde said. "Since then, I think we've already repaired most of the Corollas, so I think we're almost back in business with the pedals, just not the floor mat issue."

Tenwolde acknowledged the recall has taken its toll on sales, but said no company is immune to recalls and Toyota has a solid reputation.

"I've been with Toyota for 23 years, so this is kind of a first for us, something of this caliber," he said. "But Toyota, every time they have a situation where they've run into

a recall, they've done a really good job with it. I don't think they'll let the public down now."

Detailed information and answers to questions about the recall are available at [www.toyota.com/recall](http://www.toyota.com/recall) or by calling a customer service line set up specifically for the recall, 1-800-331-4331.

Toyota said in the event the accelerator pedal sticks, the vehicle can be controlled by firmly pumping and pressing the brakes. The brakes should not be pumped repeatedly because it could deplete vacuum assist, according to Toyota, requiring stronger brake pedal pressure. The vehicle should be driven to the nearest safe location, the engine shut off and a Toyota dealer contacted for assistance.

Separate from the sticking pedals, Toyota has also recalled vehicle models which may have floor mats that can trap the gas pedal. That recall was announced Nov. 25 and affects the following Lexus and Toyota models: 2007-2010 Camry, 2005-2010 Avalon, 2004-2009 Prius, 2005-2010 Tacoma, 2007-2010 Tundra, 2007-2010 ES 350, 2006-2010 IS 250 and 2006-2010 IS 350.

—Janet Pelletier

## Pleasanton's only Hollywood Video closing

Santa Rita store a victim of parent company's bankruptcy filing, competition from Netflix, Redbox

By JANET PELLETIER

Hollywood Video, a staple in the Amador Village Shopping Center on Santa Rita Road, is closing.

Signs announcing storewide closing sales have been posted

An employee who answered the phone Monday said the announcement was made last Monday and that the store has been given up to two months before it will shutter its doors for good.

The closure is one of some 800 Hollywood Video's parent company, Movie Gallery, is expected to carry out across the nation. In the

East Bay, other locations closing include Castro Valley, Walnut Creek, Concord, Pittsburg and Oakley.

According to a report from Reuters, Movie Gallery has filed for bankruptcy, the second time in three years. The first bankruptcy came in 2007, when the company reportedly was unable to sustain the debt it took on in an \$850-million acquisition of rival Hollywood Entertainment in 2005, as it agreed to assume \$350 million of Hollywood Entertainment's borrowings.

The way people rent movies has evolved from rental chain models

such as Hollywood and Blockbuster, which closed a store on Sunol Boulevard in 2007 due to lack of sales. Competitors like Los Gatos-based Netflix, which offers rentals by mail with pre-paid postage for returns, and Coinstar's Redbox, which offers kiosks in grocery and drug stores, have risen in popularity.

In addition, more and more people are using digital video recording devices and online streaming services and thus, are finding less time for traditional movie rentals. ■

## Council to consider Oak Grove plan Tuesday

Must choose between rescinding its OK or asking voters to decide

By JEB BING

Remember Oak Grove?

The 51-home development and gift to the city of 496 acres proposed on land owned by developers Jennifer Lin and her brother Frederic in the city's southeast hills is back on the City Council's agenda Tuesday night, more than two years after the council approved the project in a 4-1 vote.

After that approval, a "Save Pleasanton's Hills" citizens' coalition led by former Councilwoman Kay Ayala group circulated petitions to overturn the council's action. Court suits followed and were resolved late last year in the Ayala group's favor.

Tuesday night, the council will decide if it wants to rescind its approval, thereby scuttling the project, or send it to voters in the form of a referendum. If that happens, it's likely the issue will be on the ballot next Nov. 2 as part of the General Election. The cost to taxpayers for the public referendum is estimated at \$79,000.

At stake is the plan approved by the council to allow the Lins to develop 51 large-size custom home lots at on 77 acres of property they own atop Kottinger Ranch, a community they also developed. As part of that development agreement, the Lins also agreed to give to the city of Pleasanton 496 wooded hilltop acres that they own adjacent to the

housing project, which the city officials said they would use for trails, picnic areas and as open space.

If ever approved, the land grant, the largest Pleasanton has ever been offered. It would also fit into an overall plan to acquire 2,000 acres or more across the southeast hills of the city as open space, similar to the acreage to the west now under the control of the East Bay Regional Park District and Pleasanton.

The Lins have faced public adversity before. In the 1990s, a City Council approved their plan for 98 homes alongside an 18-hole championship public golf course. Some homeowners, including those who had just moved into Kottinger Ranch, moved quickly to overturn that council's decision. They were successful with some thinking that their action locked up the land forever.

However, the Lins who own the property have pointed out that the city's General Plan allows them to build 98 homes on the land.

Since their Oak Grove proposal, voters have approved two measures restricting development on hillside lots. It's unclear if these new regulations, however, would block the Oak Grove development if the council, which approved the project before the hillside restrictions went into effect, sends the issue to voters and it's eventually approved on Nov. 2. ■

## Fundraiser under way to help cancer-stricken dad take family to Disneyland

Community's help sought to help pay medical bills, cost of Valentine's Day trip

By JEB BING

A fundraiser is under way to fly cancer patient Geoff Haskell, 35, and his family to Disneyland Sunday on a four-day trip before he undergoes an extremely intensive round of chemotherapy later this month.

Haskell, formerly the youth pastor at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer that has now spread to his liver. He left his church position to begin a career in medical supply sales and was in that job less than six months when he was diagnosed with cancer. He also has been a volunteer chaplain with the Pleasanton Police Department and an assistant baseball coach at Foothill High School, where his wife Kendra is a tennis coach.

Mike Serrano, who is leading the fundraising effort, said Geoff and Kendra Haskell and their three children-- Kate, Matthew, and Emily--moved to Pleasanton five years ago. Kendra had been a teacher at

Walnut Grove Elementary School until she lost her job last year.

"We thought it would be fun for us as friends of the Haskells to give the family their first trip to Disneyland, 'where dreams do come true' as a magical, fun-filled vacation before this next round of chemotherapy," Serrano said. "We are hoping to raise \$4,200. The cost of the flight, hotel, transportation and passes is \$3,200. The rest would go for food, fun and souvenirs."

All funds collected will go for the trip with any excess funds to be deposited into the Haskell Family Fund.

The members of Pleasanton Valley Club held a concert fundraiser with the Bell Brothers Band last summer to benefit the family and raised over \$20,000 to help pay the cost of medical treatments, according to Deb Cilk of United California Brokers.

For more information about how to contribute to the Haskells, contact Mike Serrano at 915-4835. ■



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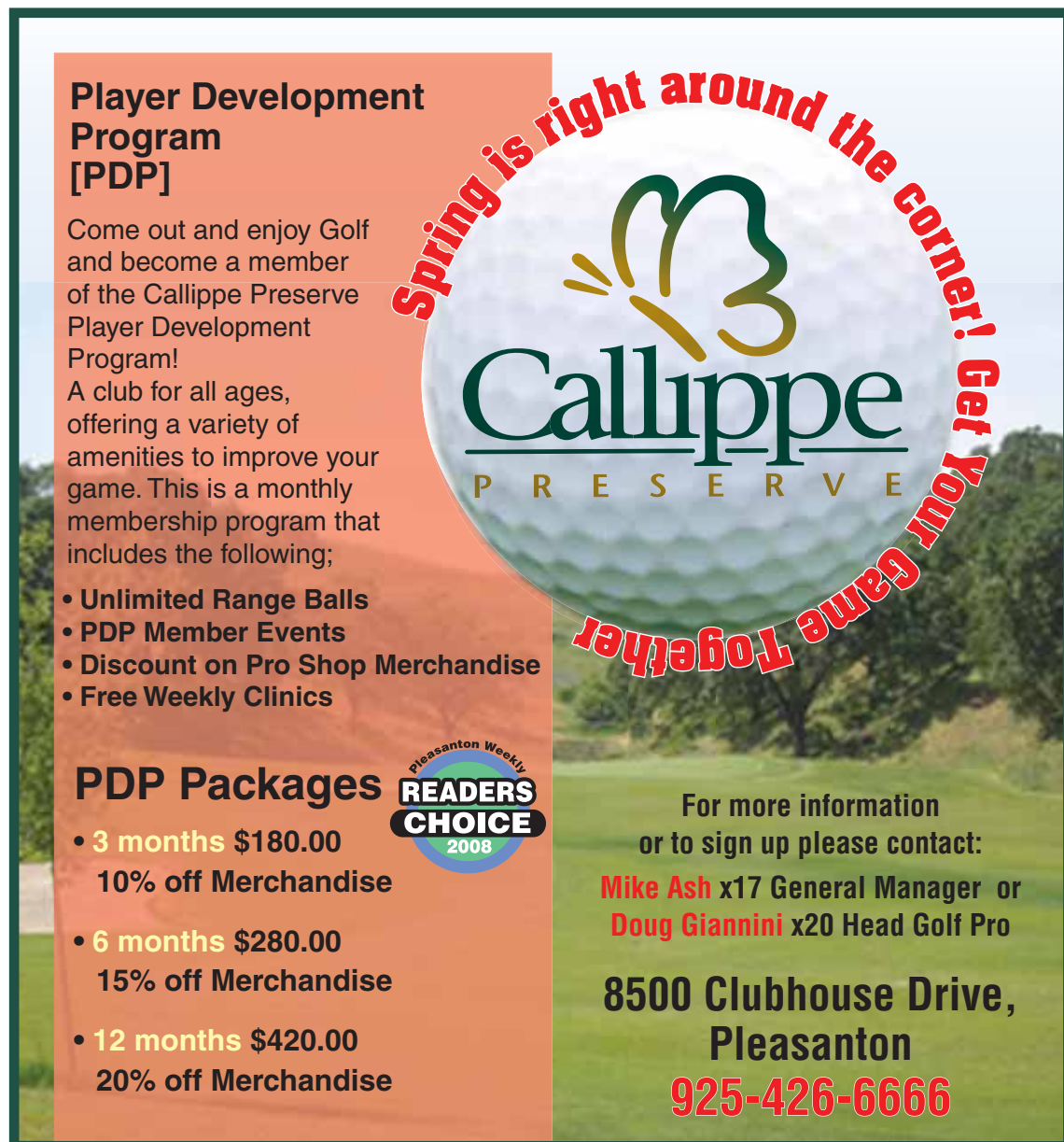
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**No tea for you:** After 10 days in Paris, Christine Steiner met her daughters Fiona and Debbie Pearson and granddaughters Seneca and Danielle outside of Buckingham Palace, with the Weekly of course. Unfortunately, Christine reports the Queen was not available for afternoon tea. Blimey!



**Lord of the Weekly:** Linda and Bill Evans toured Malahide Castle in Dublin, Ireland with the Weekly on Thanksgiving Day. The castle is more than 1,000 years old and was continuously occupied by the Talbot family for more than 800 years, until the last Lord Talbot died in 1973, Bill reports.

### Del Valle Fine Arts Presents:



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**Tickets:** \$30, \$25, \$20. Available at LVPAC Box Office, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Open Tue-Sat, noon to 6 pm; on performance days, open two hours prior to performance. 925/373-6800. [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org). Free youth tickets and reduced-price student rush tickets available on day of performance.

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**Future Concerts:** 3/26/10-Los Angeles Guitar Quartet; 4/17/10-Parisii String Quartet



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## Amador Valley finishes 2nd, Foothill 3rd in statewide 'We the People' competition

Arcadia High new California champion after series of Amador wins

By JEB BING

Amador Valley High School and Foothill High School took second and fourth places in the state finals in Sacramento of the 2010 "We the People" competition.

Arcadia (Calif.) High School captured first place with Irvington High School in Fremont coming in third. Centennial High in Bakersfield finished fifth.

Amador won in the statewide competition last year, the eighth year that Amador competition civics teams had won state championships and competed in the national contest. The school fielded teams in the nationals in 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008 and last year. In 1995, Amador won the national championship.

The Irvington High "We the People" team, coached by history teacher and Pleasanton City Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, has finished first, third and fourth in previous state competitions.

More than 300 students from 12 California high schools participated in the academic competition last Friday, which tested their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Arcadia High School now advances to the We the People National Finals, to be held starting April 24 in Washington, D.C.

Kari Coppinger, spokeswoman for the program, said students demonstrated their understanding of the Constitution before a simulated congressional committee consisting of constitutional scholars, lawyers, civic educators and government leaders who judged the classes' performances. The judges tested the students' comprehension of the six units of the "We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution" text.

The winning school was recognized at an awards banquet in Sacramento, where other participating schools also were honored for their achievements.

Awards were presented to the schools with the highest non-finalist score in each of the six units of the text.

- Unit 1 (The Philosophical and Historical Foundations of the American Political System): Galileo Academy of Science & Technology, San Francisco;
- Unit 2 (How the Framers Created the Constitution): Calvin Christian High School, Escondido
- Unit 3 (How Changes in the Constitution Have Furthered the Ideals of the Declaration of Independence): Martin Luther King Jr. High School, Riverside;
- Unit 4 (How the Values and Principles Embodied in the Constitution Shaped American Institu-

tions and Practices): Foothill High School, Bakersfield;

- Unit 5 (The Rights That the Bill of Rights Protects): Monta Vista High School, Cupertino, and,
- Unit 6 (Twenty-first Century Challenges to American Constitutional Democracy): Arvin High School, Arvin

Implemented nationwide in upper elementary, middle and high schools, the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program has reached more than 30 million students and 81,000 teachers since its inception in 1987, Coppinger said. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Education for Democracy Act approved by Congress and directed by the Center for Civic Education.

According to Coppinger, independent research shows that high school students who participated in the We the People program scored significantly higher on a test of political knowledge than their peers. We the People classes scored 30 percent higher than matched comparison government classes on a comprehensive test that measured understanding of core values and principles of democracy, constitutional limits on governmental institutions, and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. ■

## Cancer healing therapy foundation aids 12 through donated funds

Applications being accepted for 2010 grants; fundraiser slated for Feb. 19

By JANET PELLETIER

Twelve cancer patients living in the Tri-Valley have been granted funds for complementary treatments such as acupuncture, acupressure, massages and deep breathing meditation as the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation marks its first full year in operation.

The Pleasanton-based foundation, started by resident and ovarian cancer survivor Sandra Wing, has gifted funds from grants it was awarded by the Kaiser and Symington foundations as well as \$40,000 that was generated from fundraisers and individual donations.

Grantees included a Pleasanton woman with stage three ovarian cancer who received massage therapy before and after each traditional cancer treatment to reduce body

aches and fatigue; a Dublin breast cancer patient who received acupuncture to alleviate muscle and bone pain caused by chemotherapy; a Livermore patient who received acupuncture treatments to improve neuropathy, which is a side effect of chemo that includes tingling, numbness and pain in the extremities; and a San Ramon patient with stage four colon cancer who used guided imagery and massage therapy and massage therapy to learn how to relax to reduce pain.

This year, Wing said the foundation has a goal to award grants to 40 cancer patients. The therapy treatments are given as financial aid to patients for care that is not covered by insurance. They are meant to be a complement to the traditional treatments of chemo and radiation.

To be eligible for a grant, which can range up to \$1,000, the applicant must be diagnosed with cancer, be under the care of a physician, be receiving chemo or radiation; live in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon or Danville; and may not have medical insurance which covers complementary services they desire. Applicants can apply online at [www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org](http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org) or call 866-862-7270.

The foundation will hold its annual fundraiser, Ragin Cajun, a Mardi-Gras-themed event, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Feb. 19 at San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Firecrest Lane, San Ramon. A buffet dinner will be available as well as live music and a live and silent auction. Cost is \$75, with \$50 from each ticket to helping people living with cancer. ■

## NOB HILL

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Those plans are on hold, however, until 2011 at the earliest.

Raley's recently completed a major renovation and upgrading of its supermarket on Sunol Bou-

levard. However, the Sacramento-based company, which also owns 133 other stores under the Raley's, Bel Air Markets, Nob Hill Foods and Food Source banners in northern California and Nevada, said at the time that it had no plans to

modernize its Nob Hill supermarket in Pleasanton.

Gene's, a privately-owned, family-operated store at 2803 Hopyard Rd., also recently completed a major upgrade of its Pleasanton store. ■

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### County fair a winner, but could it be more?

The Alameda County Fair won 52 awards at the recent Western Fair Association's convention and with good reason. The Pleasanton fair is recognized as the fastest growing fair in America and for the fifth year received more industry awards than any other fair in the U.S. or Canada at the WFA's 87th Annual Achievement Awards Convention in Reno. In addition, last summer's 2009 fair, which enjoyed a record turnout of 434,919 patrons for its 17-day event, received 23 first place honors, 19 second place, eight third place and two honorable mentions awards. Among the fair's 23 first place awards were top honors for its community outreach program, emergency plans, conservation program, children's program, fair promotions and customer service training.

Alameda Fair's CEO Rick Pickering said that winning such awards brings positive recognition to Alameda County as well as Pleasanton. Clearly, the Alameda Fair has become a flagship in its industry and will continue to be a leader in promoting strong community involvement. In recognition of his personal leadership, Pickering was elected to serve a second term as chairman of the California Fair Alliance (CFA). CFA represents the interests and legislative activity of more than 80 fairs in California. The Alameda County Fair also received International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) awards for its 2009 fair marketing programs and continues to be ranked in the Top 50 fairs in the U.S.

According to [www.carnivalwarehouse.com](http://www.carnivalwarehouse.com), which covers carnivals, fairs and other events, the Alameda County Fair, with a 21.5 percent increase in attendance, is the fastest growing fair in America, outpacing the top 50 fairs for 2009. Recently released attendance numbers from fairs across the country show that the Alameda County Fair is now ranked 41st on the list of the Top 50 North American Fairs. This is the highest ranking in history for the Alameda County Fair. Of particular note, 19 of the fairs larger than the one here in Pleasanton are state fairs. Unlike those, however, the Alameda fair is operated by the nonprofit fair association, without any tax funding from government.

Over the past five years, the Alameda County Fair has been host to more than 2.5 million fairgoers, 30,000 part-time employees and hundreds of thousands of exhibitors, artists, performers and participators, many from Pleasanton. In fact, the fairgrounds, centrally located in Pleasanton, is one of the city's great assets, offering numerous weekend events and attracting thousands of visitors to the fairgrounds and Pleasanton, many for the first time. Unfortunately, despite all of its activities and exhibits, it's not a major tax revenue source for Pleasanton. Big ticket items, such as RV and boat sales, are generally handled in the dealers' home towns. Taxes, if there are any in those locations, are paid locally, not to Pleasanton.

As popular as the county fair and other events are, the fairgrounds stands empty much of the time. Except for a public nine-hole golf course, the site and its buildings are fenced off. With Pleasanton now developing its Bernal community park across from the fairgrounds, we'd like to see the fairgrounds better integrated into the community, possibly with an upgraded and expanded amphitheater that could offer regular outdoor shows, much like the Concord pavilion. A hotel and small convention center to attract professional and sales meetings could add to the weekday use of the fairgrounds and its spacious parking lots. Pedestrian overpasses could link the fairgrounds to sports fields and garden pathways across a rebuilt, more attractive Bernal Avenue, which could wind its way through the area. The Alameda County Fair generates a lot of traffic and awards for its 17-day run each year. Just imagine the possibilities if much of the fencing came down and the fairgrounds became a major event center for all of the community it's in. ■

## GUEST OPINION



By AL COHEN

### Wheels of progress move slowly

A couple of months ago, I resigned from the Pleasanton school district's Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) due to a growing frustration that this was an ineffective committee. The assumption I had, after being asked to join by a school board member, is that the committee was in need of parents with business experience. I was amongst several parents with corporate backgrounds that came on board for the '09-10 school year. Of that group, several no longer attend meetings or have resigned.

When several parents expressed our frustration with the BAC to a board member, we were told to go to the school board meeting and propose the same issues we had at the BAC meeting so that there was a public record. This recommendation in itself spoke volumes as to the effectiveness of this committee. The reality is that the BAC is given the role of ambassador to the community to carry the message that comes down from the district and the school board. It is given a Hobson's choice of cuts that there is simply no good answer.

In my last meeting back in the fall, I had suggested several potential revenue enhancing ideas to the committee. I had mentioned: 1) selling of non-core assets (such as the Neal property in Ruby Hill). This is standard practice in the corporate world to refocus your business; and 2) looking at increasing revenues from the school facility use by clubs and other groups during non-school hours. These were just illustrative ideas since we had no real picture of how revenue is generated beyond taxes.

At that time the mention of a sub-committee for revenue was brought up. I volunteered to join and never received any info that I had asked for. As stated, I have since resigned due to a great frustration with the glacial pace of this committee. Recently I spoke with a member of the BAC and he stated that they just decided at the meeting held a few weeks ago to get this sub-committee organized and appoint a facilitator.

I have spent more than 30 years in business and 10 years as a volunteer at various school sites in PUSD. The difference in sense of urgency is astounding. I have heard board members state that you can't run schools like a business. I don't particularly agree (that is a subject for another time perhaps), but at least show a sense of urgency when it comes to thinking outside the box. Be open-minded and allow non-traditional thinking to be encouraged. Think of different scenarios other than cut expenses and initiate a parcel tax. What would it hurt to convene some business minds and see if there are things that can be done so we don't have to layoff teachers, custodians and counselors?

The outlook for the next several years looks grim. I encourage all parents to get involved. The schools are paid for by our tax dollars for the primary service of educating our children. My experience at the school sites working with teachers and administrators gives me comfort that they are doing the best they can given the situation.

*Al Cohen is on the AVHS School Site Council and was previously on the Harvest Park School Site Council and Walnut Grove School Site Council.*



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## OBITUARIES

### Cengiz (James) Gulek

Cengiz (James) Gulek died Jan. 17 in Long Beach with his younger sister Gulay by his side after losing his brief battle with cancer. He was 41.

Mr. Gulek was born Feb. 1, 1968 in the town of Meric, Turkey. He attended Bosphorus University for his undergraduate and master's degrees.

He came to the United States of America in 1994 on scholarship and attended Boston College where he received his Educational Doctorate degree. He pursued his passion for teaching at St. Mary's College, where he helped other students along the path to earning their Educational Doctorate degrees.

While working at the Pleasanton Unified School District as the director of assessment, he proudly became a U.S. citizen. Mr. Gulek shared his love of dancing by organizing a Turkish folk dancing group made up of students from UC Berkeley and Stanford University. He organized an international



dance festival in Pleasanton at the Amador Theater and then took his dancers to the International Dance Festival in San Francisco where they received top honors. Mr. Gulek was a very special and unique person with a zest for life; he made friends wherever he went. He was most recently working in Long Beach as the assistant superintendent of assessment and evaluation.

He is survived by his mother and many beloved family members in Turkey and Germany; he will truly be missed by friends, co-workers and family from all corners of the world. Services will be held in Turkey.

### Beatrice J. Backer

Beatrice J. Backer, a longtime resident of Pleasanton and Livermore, died Feb. 1 at the age of 94.

Mrs. Backer was born Sept. 16, 1915 and is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She will be missed greatly.

### Max William Biggs

Max William Biggs died Jan. 14 with his family by his side at the age of 89.

Dr. Biggs was born Aug. 4, 1920 in Cleveland, Ohio. He grew up near Akron, Ohio and graduated from

Stowe High School. He graduated from Depauw University, where he majored in chemistry and exhibited his superb athletic skills, playing collegiate football, basketball and baseball. In his junior year, he was named All-State-Indiana in basketball.



He attended Harvard Medical School earning his M.D. in 1945. He was in the U.S. Navy at the time, and during his internship at the University of Chicago, he met the soon-to-be Mrs. Biggs, Joanne, to whom he was married for 62 years. After his naval service, he and Joanne moved to San Francisco, where he was a resident at Stanford University. He furthered his education, acquiring a Ph.D. in medical physics from UC Berkeley in 1954. Dr. Biggs was a medical director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 1955-1980. His passion was medical research and he continued his research on melanoma at UCSF long after his retirement.

He lived in Pleasanton for the past 54 years. A member of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, he strongly supported music and arts in the schools.

Dr. Biggs was an accomplished sailor and crewed on numerous transpacific and Mexican yacht races. He sailed his own boat, the Hibiscus, a Lapworth 36, from San Francisco to Tahiti via the Marquesas islands and back through the Hawaiian islands. He was never happier than when he was sailing on San Francisco Bay wearing his foul weather gear, keeling over in the wind and cold, salt water splashing his face. He will be missed for his intelligent approach to life and acute sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; children, Paula, Blake and Will; four grandchildren, Alison and Barry Biggs and Carmen and Robert Tebbe.

Donations in his memory may be made to PCAC, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, P.O. Box 1298, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

## BIRTHS



### Ella Leilani and Elaina Nani Barros

Dan and Miya Barros are pleased to announce the arrival of their identical twin girls, Ella Leilani

and Elaina Nani. The babies were born Dec. 4, each weighing 4 pounds, 13 ounces. The girls are home now and enjoying getting to know their big brothers Trevor, 5, and Travis, 3.



### Ezra David Swenson

Ezra David Swenson was born at 9:53 a.m. Dec. 17 to parents William and Jessica Swenson. Ezra weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. The Swensons live in Pleasanton, as do Jessica's parents and grandmother.

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

#### Dec. 23

Christina and Matthew Gaidos, a boy

#### Dec. 31

Elizabeth and Festus Kpenkaan, a boy

#### Jan. 10

Karla Martinez, a girl

#### Jan. 11

Xiaoting Meng and Lu Sun, a girl

#### Jan. 17

Faith and Casey McQuaid, a girl

#### Jan. 18

Madhuri and Alok Kumar, a girl

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Bicyclist injured on Kilcare Road

The California Highway Patrol is still investigating a collision between a bicyclist and a car that happened around 1:30 p.m. Feb. 4 on Kilcare Road, just north of Foothill Road in unincorporated Alameda County near Sunol.

The bicyclist suffered major injuries and was airlifted from the scene to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, according to Officer Steve Creel, who said the bicyclist's condition was unknown. The initial investigation, he said, shows the bicyclist making a right-hand turn and drifting on the curve into the opposing lane before crashing with a Ford Mustang.

## POLICE REPORT

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

### Feb. 1

#### Burglary

- 8:37 a.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive
- 8:37 a.m. in the 4400 block of Willow Road
- 9:43 a.m. in the 4400 block of Willow Road
- 10:05 a.m. in the 5100 block of Johnson Drive
- 8:28 p.m. in the 200 block of Birch Creek Drive

#### Vandalism

- 11:25 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 5:08 p.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive; using a minor to deal drugs to minors
- 7:28 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; DUI

### Feb. 2

#### Forgery

- 8:32 a.m. in the 3300 block of Medallion Court
- 5:12 a.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

#### Burglary

- 6:47 a.m. in the 800 block of Independence Court

#### Vandalism

- 5:30 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Old Santa Rita Road
- 9:51 a.m. at the intersection of Ironwood Drive and Cornerstone Court
- 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Ironwood Drive and Cornerstone Court
- 2:41 p.m. in the 1000 block of Harvest Circle
- 5:37 p.m. at the intersection of Yolanda Court and Vineyard Avenue

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 5:01 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue; DUI
- 8:36 p.m. in the 5700 block of Johnson Drive; public drunkenness

### Feb. 3

#### Theft

- 8:55 a.m. in the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 6:48 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft, grand theft

#### Burglary

- 4:28 p.m. in the 8500 block of Lupine Court

#### Riding bicycle intoxicated

- 7:23 p.m. in the 100 block of Main Street

#### Public drunkenness

- 11:24 p.m. in the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue

### Feb. 4

#### Theft

- 7:23 a.m. in the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; identity theft
- 8:25 a.m. in the 400 block of Mission Drive; stolen vehicle
- 2:54 p.m. in the 3700 block of Ashwood Drive; identity theft
- 2:58 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street; identity theft
- 3:23 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:53 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 9:16 p.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive; stolen vehicle

#### Burglary

- 11:18 a.m. in the 4900 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Vandalism

- 4:56 p.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### DUI

- 1:59 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Hansen Drive
- 5:56 p.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Battery

- 2:44 p.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue
- 3:38 p.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue

### Feb. 5

#### Theft

- 12:06 p.m. in the 3100 block of Devereux Court; identity theft
- 1:08 p.m. in the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 4:57 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen vehicle
- 5:43 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue
- 6:03 p.m. in the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 6:12 p.m. in the 1 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 6:37 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Vandalism

- 9:29 a.m. in the 6399 block of Inglewood Drive
- 2:33 p.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:09 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

#### DUI

- 12:03 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road
- 1:58 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Villa de los Milagros

- 8:09 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

#### Public drunkenness

- 9:12 p.m. in the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Robbery

- 4:52 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; battery

#### Truant

- 12:11 a.m. at the intersection of First Street and Kottinger Drive

### Feb. 6

#### Vehicular burglary

- 12:57 p.m. in the 8100 block of Canyon Creek Circle

#### Vandalism

- 7:29 a.m. at the intersection of Mirador and Barbara drives

#### DUI

- 12:03 a.m. at the intersection of Valley and Bernal avenues
- 8:13 p.m. in the 3900 block of Valley Avenue

#### Paraphernalia possession

- 7:26 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Trails Drive and Mammoth Cave Court

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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Accept the City Clerk's Certification of the Referendum Petition for Ordinance No. 1961 Regarding the Oak Grove Development, Consider Options for the Petition and Related Election Procedures
- Approve the Principles of Agreement between the City, Kottinger Place Task Force and the Pleasanton Gardens Board of Directors regarding a recommendation to continue the development process for a new low income senior development at 240 Kottinger Drive
- Public Hearing: Adopt resolution authorizing the City of Pleasanton to participate in the CaliforniaFirst program offered by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority

### Housing Commission

Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Proposed Modification to the Affordable Housing Plan for an Addition to Civic Square Apartments
- Recommendation Regarding the Allocation of Federal HOME funds and Lower Income Housing Funds Related to the Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Applications
- Appointment of New Officers (Chairperson and Vice Chairperson) for 2010
- Approval of Updated Procurement Policy for Kottinger Place

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BY JANET PELLETIER

## OLYMPIC-BOUND

Female athletes with Pleasanton connections — a bobsledder and an alpine skier — head to Vancouver

Emily Azevedo, who will compete in the women's bobsled event Feb. 23 at Whistler, is seen in the two far left photos, first pushing the bobsled and then acting as brakeman. Hailey Duke skis in slalom at far right and above that is seen as a youngster learning the sport she'd come to love with her dad, Larry.



The Olympics are the holy grail for aspiring athletes, a chance to represent their home country on the world stage. And among the millions around the world watching the games live and in person will be a Pleasanton grandmother and an Amador Valley High School math teacher.

Connie Duke, who's lived in the Tri-Valley for over a half century, says her granddaughter Hailey Duke "skied in the womb." Next week, Hailey will be competing in slalom skiing as part of a powerhouse team that includes Lindsey Vonn.

Connie Duke will travel with her son, Larry and daughter-in-law Jane to watch Hailey, who will compete in the slalom event Feb. 26.

Just the sight of her granddaughter's name in lights gets her emotional, as when Hailey qualified for the Olympics at the World Cup recently.

"When I saw her up in Aspen for the World Cup event, they had the big TV screen on one side and on the other side they had the names," Connie Duke said. "It said Hailey Duke from U.S.A. and I thought, my granddaughter is representing the United States. It brought tears to my eyes."

"Both of my parents were ski instructors in Sun Valley and I started when I was about 2 and I've been skiing ever since," Hailey Duke said by phone from Idaho as she prepared to leave for Vancouver.

"Just being able to play in the snow and be outside is what I love. You can't really replace the feeling you get when you ski," the 23-year-old said, adding that the best word to describe her feelings about going to the Olympics is "stoked."

Though she had skied all her life, Duke's first athletic passion was tae kwon do, as her father created pro-

grams in the university system in Boise. After getting her black belt, she realized skiing was her true calling. Several awards later, she moved to Park City, Utah, where she was selected to ski for the U.S. ski team, which took her all over Europe. The team spends six weeks each year training in Austria.

Amber Azevedo is also pumped for the Olympic Games, where her sister will try for a medal in women's bobsledding. Azevedo, who teaches geometry and intermediate algebra at Amador, has been for weeks telling her students, which she considers family, about her headline-making sibling.

"As soon as I found out, I sent an email to all my students," she said. "They were thrilled. I would show them little clips of my sister and they would think that they knew her, too."

Emily Azevedo's foray into bobsledding is an interesting story of drive meeting opportunity. The 26-year-old had graduated from UC Davis with a degree in exercise biology, where she held the 100-hurdle record and was captain of the track and field team.

"When she graduated, it happened to be an Olympic year that year and she saw a bobsled girl who had a track background," Amber Azevedo said. "So, she filed her times and information to the Olympic Training Center and they told her to come out and try out."

She's spent the past few months in Europe as part of Team USA, where she made the all-important call to her family.

"She called us from her last race in Switzerland and she was bawling and was so excited to tell us," Amber

Azevedo said. "All of the drama and effort and pain that she'd been going through — she was just relieved that it had been worth it."

"You can't beat it. It's something that goes unappreciated by a lot of us athletes that you're doing what you do, and sometimes you forget you're doing it for your country," Emily Azevedo said of her Olympic pursuit.

"I can't even imagine what it's going to be like walking during opening ceremonies."

While bobsledding isn't for the faint of heart — they go 90 miles per hour down a narrow, icy track — Azevedo said she was able to get over the fear factor and now relishes in the adrenaline rush.

"It takes a while to get used to just figuring out what the pressure's like to each corner, each curve," she said while on a break at the Olympic Training Center in San Diego County. "But once I got to know each track, I got a better feeling of what was to come and it was less scary."

She'll be competing alongside partner Bree Schaaf Feb. 23. In women's bobsled, which officially entered the Olympics in 2002, it's a two-person team consisting of a driver and a brakeman. Men compete in both two- and four-person disciplines.

The Azevedos are originally from Chico, where Emily and Amber's parents live. Azevedo trains in Lake Placid, N.Y. and Denver in addition to Southern California.

"My whole family is going to Vancouver," Amber Azevedo said. "A couple of my cousins are coming from Livermore. We've already made hats and talked about making shirts, so we're going all out." ■



Azevedo



Duke

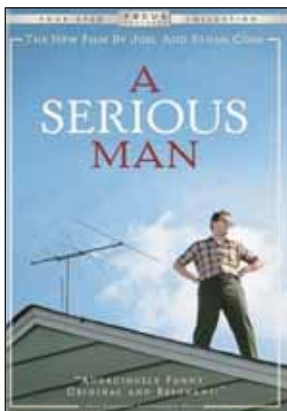
# READY TO RENT

REVIEWS OF NEW DVD RELEASES

By JOE RAMIREZ

## A Serious Man

Universal Home Video DVD & Blu-Ray  
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Directors: Joel and Ethan Coen



It's God, ultimately, who pulls the strings in the Coen brothers' "A Serious Man." Who else should the culprit be for the princes of manipulation? In the Coen universe of small-time men at the whim of big-time forces, there is no other omnipotence than the force of the almighty for men to contend with; you can struggle, but that's about all the room you're allowed. "A Serious Man" is also the most distilled of their movies, reeking of serious manipulation so you can feel the storyboards being shuffled away with each passing moment, as if the movie itself were the act of exorcising in order to move onto the next project. Alfred Hitchcock, whose MO can be felt cellularly in their work, once said he enjoyed the process of preproduction, but found the actual filming tedious. "A Serious Man" captures both that tedium and occasional perverse joy of watching the carefully constructed suffering inflicted upon the main character in hopes of coaxing a smile onto our faces. It's sanitized schadenfreude for the indieplex crowd.

The Coen brothers are in a unique position, after winning Academy Awards for best picture and director for "No Country for Old Men," to create whatever they want and "A Serious Man" is only one representation of that privilege. The irony here, however, is that the Coens have experienced such liberties all along. They are unique, for better or worse, in that they can work with both big and low budgets, and their proficiency is admirable (14 movies in the last 25 years) with a large cult classic status to brag of in their resumes. The Coens also are one of our most respected exports, a strange franchise of "indie" and American — indieplex — that can be sent to Cannes and argued over in the safety of bistros and cafes and quickly forgotten.

"A Serious Man," however, may be one of their most esoteric, a guaranteed head scratcher for armchair critics. It opens with a Jewish fairy tale detailing the story of a couple's encounter with a dybbuk — an evil spirit — who's guaranteed to bring bad luck for those who cross its path. This leads us literally down a long canal that we quickly discover is an ear canal with a headphone stuffed into it, blasting Jefferson Airplane's "Somebody to Love." The ear belongs to the teenage Danny Gopnik (Aaron Wolf) whose tunes are drowning out Jewish day school. It is Danny's father Larry (Michael Stuhlbarg in pitch-perfect neurosis), however, who has a sinking feeling that his life is imploding. His wife is leaving, a student may be blackmailing him, the Columbia record club keeps calling and his brother-in-law occupies the bathroom around-the-clock. Larry begins to feel cursed, or more so, tested by God, and has no way to escape.

What gives "A Serious Man" its weird lingering is the mixture of the Coen's acidic humor with the impending sense of doom that neutralizes it. Larry is a schlep because he cannot see the signs against him and Stuhlbarg plays him as all nerves, blinding him to his predicament. Who steals the movie is actor Fred Melamed as Larry's rival, Sy Ableman, who seems to know that Larry is a cursed man and can only offer nothing but paternalistic condolence. It is the Academy Award nominated script, however, that reminds us that Joel and Ethan Coen are two of our most gifted writers, whose structured prose is ultimately the real star. ■



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# NOSE TO GLASS



By DON COLMAN

## Don't let price fool you

The more wine that I drink, the more I believe I can taste the difference between cheap and expensive wine. What I often forget is that price does not always determine the quality of the wine. Case in point: this past weekend, my wife and I got together with our usual wine loving friends and had a couple of bottles to share. What transpired was a little disturbing for all of us.

When it came time to open the second bottle for the night, I sarcastically pulled out a bottle of wine which was given to me as a "gag." I never had any intention of drinking it. The wine was the 2005 Martha Stewart Cabernet Sauvignon (it turns out it cost \$1.97). We all laughed at the thought of trying such a horrid bottle — when it hit me. We had four experienced wine drinkers in the room; let's see if we could identify which wine was cheap and which was expensive. I decided to tilt the odds in my favor and compare it to an ultimate "snob" wine from a vintage

that ranks as one of the best of all time. The competitor: a 2005 French Bordeaux (I am purposely leaving the name out — however it cost \$32).

We did a complete blind taste test, not even I knew which was in my glass. All four of us looked, sniffed, swirled, slurped and puckered our way through the wine trying to determine which one we liked better and more importantly, which was the Martha Stewart wine. And now for the disturbing part of the story, all four of us ended up selecting Martha Stewart's wine as the best and all thought it was more expensive. We all agreed it was smoother, more flavorful and, most importantly, easier to drink.

To quote the late Paul Harvey: "and now for the rest of the story." Martha Stewart's Cabernet Sauvignon was a good wine. I would not classify it as great — however, it certainly was better than the other wine we compared it to. Just to reassert our ability to distinguish great wine, and rebuild some of our egos, we pulled out a 2003 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon to drink next — perhaps it was the price, but more likely it was the wine,

there was a huge difference between these two bottles of wine (phew!).

In retrospect, it simply might have been the case that we were comparing two wines which should never have been tasted side by side; in fact you could say it would be like comparing two sons: you should never do it. Or perhaps it was that we liked the fruit forward nature of California wines to the earthy flavor of old world wines. Whatever the reason, it served as a lesson to all of us — don't be fooled by the price.

The disclaimer: It is possible, that the 2005 French Bordeaux had turned or was corked — we will have to try another bottle to see if that was true, although I must confess — I simply don't think that was the case. More likely, all too often, we allow our wallet to determine what a great wine is. To that end, I will continue my quest to find the best possible wine and the cheapest price.

At least we will have fun trying. Until next time, cheers!

Don Colman lives in the East Bay and writes a wine blog at [www.nosetoglass.com](http://www.nosetoglass.com).

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# Stroke by

## Amador senior Taylor Veit taking her

For the majority of Amador Valley and Foothill seniors, life is pretty simple right now. It's their final semester of high school, where school is mixed in with plenty of sleep, as well as a busy social calendar. They grudgingly get up for school each morning, but thoughts of sleeping in on the weekend are the carrot at the end of the motivational stick.

Then there's Amador senior Taylor Veit, who is far from your average senior and her weekly schedule — weekends included — would make the majority of teenagers in Pleasanton wince.

In less than two years, Veit was taken the world of competitive rowing by storm, going from a complete novice to a person who's earned a scholarship to the University of California, Los Angeles.

And it's taken a complete change of lifestyle, along with plenty of sacrifice.

"I used to be a person who slept in, but not now. I'm an early bird," Veit said.

To be successful in any sport, obviously it takes a tremendous commitment, but rowing takes it to a whole other level.

During the school week, Veit starts school at Amador at 7 a.m. each day, which means she's up around 6 a.m. After getting out of school at 2 p.m., Veit rushes home to change, then heads out to Oakland where she trains with her club team, the Oakland Strokes.

By the time practice is over, she finally gets back to Pleasanton around 7:30, where it's time for dinner and homework. If everything goes according to plan, it's lights out at 10 p.m. before she's up early starting everything over again the next day.

At least she's got the weekends to relax, right? Wrong.

On Saturday, practice starts at 6:45 a.m. and runs until 11 in the morning, followed by another practice Sunday morning.

Once the season gets going, the weekends are full of competitions in places like San Diego, Long Beach, Sacramento and home on the Oakland Estuary.

This is Veit's schedule pretty much throughout the year.

The typical teenage life of worrying about what happens next on "Jersey Shore" or some other teen-flavored reality show get lost in the shuffle. Then again, it's probably a good thing.

"Being an athlete, you really have to be on top of things," Veit said. "It's all about being really organized and having a set schedule."

Getting started in rowing came about rather innocently for Veit. It was the summer before her junior year when her family went on vacation to Florida.

While visiting an aunt in Florida who is a competitive rower in the Master's division, Veit tried a rowing machine at the boathouse where her aunt's club trains. The result was like a fish — or boat — taking to water.

"After just a couple strokes, she told me I was a natural," Veit said. "She told me I should take up rowing."

Once back from Florida, Veit enrolled in a rowing camp put on by the Strokes and she was hooked.

"I really liked it," explained Veit, who played soccer growing up, then tried volleyball in high school. "I liked the other sports I had played, but they weren't the same as rowing. It was something different, but I felt it was the sport for me."



Taylor Veit, in tie-dyed shirt, rows with the Oakland Strokes. Her goal is to row for UCLA, a program which has won several national titles.

**"When you cross the (finish) line, it's an amazing feeling. You're so exhausted, but it's a glorious feeling."**

**Taylor Veit,**  
who will row for UCLA in the fall

# stroke

BY DENNIS MILLER

## passion for rowing to UCLA



ERIK VEIT

er typical weekday begins at 6 a.m. and end 10 p.m. She'll row

880 with so little time behind the wheel.

"My mom went with me a couple of times, then I got used to it," said Veit. "It's made it a lot easier."

If you've ever watched rowing during the Olympics, you see the physical toll which it takes on the athletes. At the junior level, they race 2K (about 1.5 miles), which takes six to eight minutes, depending on the quality of the team.

There's no time to rest as it's physically taxing from start to finish.

"There's no substitutes, no time outs," Veit said. "When we have 250 meters left, we're giving it everything we've got. When you cross the (finish) line, it's an amazing feeling. You're so exhausted, but it's a glorious feeling."

But the physically exhausting nature of the sport aside, being out on the water has a soothing effect on Veit.

"When I'm on the water, it's a different feeling," she said. "It's relaxing and nice. When I'm rowing, that's the only thing I'm thinking about. All things that happen in school or anywhere else, I can just forget about and row."

In just 18 months, Veit's abilities have made some noise in the rowing community.

Still battling back from an injury, Veit is working towards a spot on the Strokes varsity 8-boat for the upcoming season. Her commitment, along with her potential, was very attractive to UCLA who offered a scholarship.

"She's got a solid resume," said UCLA coach Amy Fuller Kearney. "In rowing, we recruit a lot on potential and Taylor has all the right attributes. Making that commute to practice each day shows the commitment we're looking for."

Kearney was quick to point out rowing is a sport where the college programs are willing to bring in people with little or no experience, then mold the athlete into a championship caliber rower.

"We look for the right body type, the right attitude — how devoted and determined they are," explained Kearney, who is a three-time USA Olympian and in her ninth year at UCLA.

What the Bruins' staff is looking for seems to fit right in with how Veit is approaching next year's college season.

"You tell yourself where you want to be and what you're going to do to get there," Veit said. "You have to show them you can do it."

A big plus for Veit in attending UCLA, a program which has won several national titles and is also among the elite in both the PAC-10 and the nation each season, is the school doesn't put a ton of pressure on freshmen.

"We really try not to expect anything (from the freshmen)," Kearney said. "We like to think of ourselves as facilitators. We say here's your goal and here's what we can do (to help). We give them what they need and watch what they can do."

After going from never having been on a rowing team to earning a college scholarship in less than two years, there seems to be no limit for Veit. Maybe some day Pleasantonians will see her in the Olympics?

"I just like to think about things as they are happening," Veit said. "I will row for four years at college because I like it and that's what I want to do. If I work hard enough, maybe after college I can think about something like the Olympics. I just want to keep working hard." ■

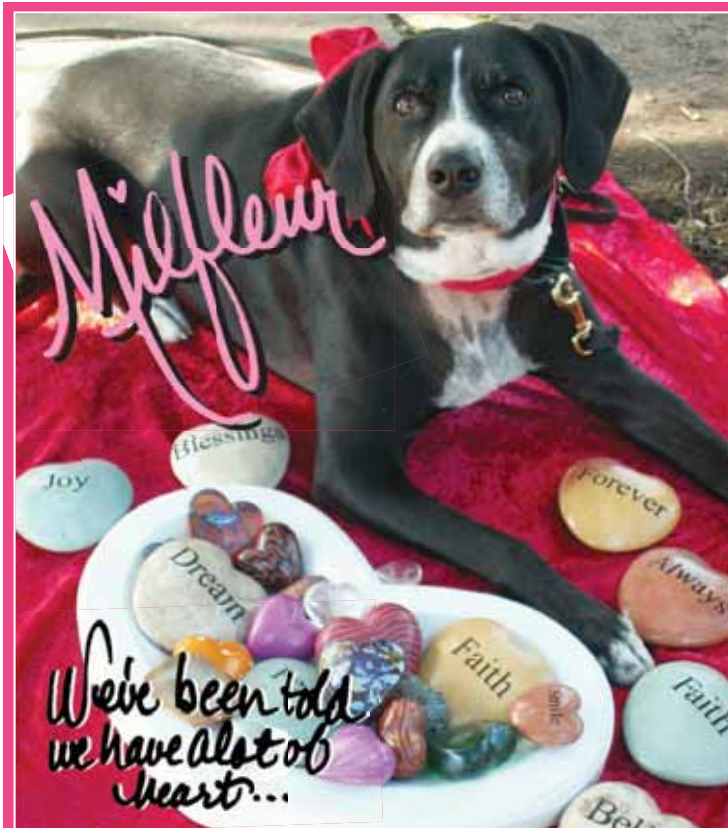
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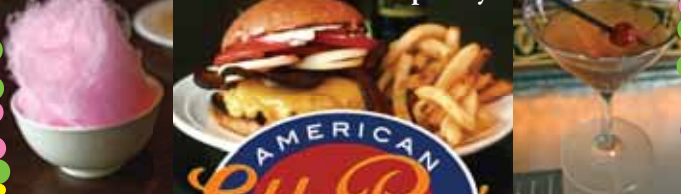
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**PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB**

The Pleasanton Library's Adult Book Club meets from 7 to 8 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month except December at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. If you enjoy reading and talking about books, join our group. For more information visit [www.pleasantonlibrarybookclub.wordpress.com](http://www.pleasantonlibrarybookclub.wordpress.com). Call 931-3400 ext. 7.

# Classes

**'MARRIAGE BUILT TO LAST'** This series, featuring quarterback Kurt Warner and his wife Brenda, starts Feb. 21 at Centerville Church, 3410 Cornerstone Ct. The six-week series, designed by pastor, author and radio host Chip Ingram, will run from 4 to 6 p.m. each Sunday. Childcare for children birth through sixth grade is available. Registration is required through [www.centerpointchurch.info](http://www.centerpointchurch.info) or by calling 846-4436. The cost is \$76 for a couple including childcare, or \$16 per couple without.

## YOGA BASICS COMMUNITY CLASS

Beth Fox, certified yoga instructor, teaches Yoga Basics, a yoga class that is open to the public and meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays

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**BUSINESS BUILDER NETWORKING A** breakfast meeting is held at 7 a.m., on the first and third Wednesday of every month, at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. This group of business persons are dedicated to enhancing careers through exchange of social/professional contacts. Each occupation is represented once. The First two meetings free. Call 829-5620.

**CAREER NETWORKING EVENT FOR EXECUTIVES** Executives are invited to a Breakfast Career Networking meeting for mid- and senior-management from 7:30-9:30 a.m., on the third Tuesday of every month, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Cost is \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members if pre-registered; \$35 at the door. Call 218-1868.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN  
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A vertical poster for a Mardi Gras event. The top section has a decorative border of colorful beads. The text is in various fonts and colors: 'Mardi Gras' in large purple letters, 'Feb. 16th 6-10PM' in blue, 'Start Collecting Your Beads' in green script, 'Celebrate our 14th Anniversary' in black, 'Music • Beads • Live Music 7-10PM' in black, and 'Dave Crimmen (Rockabilly)' in black. A horizontal line separates this from the bottom section, which has a yellow background and features 'Live Music Every Friday & Saturday' in red script, 'Fri. 2/12...South 46 (Tribute Allman Brothers)' in black, and 'Sat. 2/13...New Audio Jetz (High energy rock & roll)' in black. At the bottom is the Main St. Brewery logo and the text 'PLEASANTON'S ONLY BREW-PUB!'. To the right of the poster is a photograph of food: a plate of french fries with a purple banner 'FAT TUESDAY FEB. 16TH' and a red circle with 'Try our Lunch Specials!'. Below the food is a black box with the phone number '462-8218 • 830 Main St.' and the website 'www.mainstbrewery.com'.

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The logo for Main St. Brewery. It features a stylized fire truck in the center. Above the truck, the word 'PLEASANTON' is written in an arc. Below the truck, the words 'MAIN ST.' and 'BREWERY' are written on either side.

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A photograph of food. At the top, a plate of french fries is shown with a purple banner that reads 'FAT TUESDAY FEB. 16TH'. Below the fries, there is a glass of a light-colored beverage. In the foreground, there is a white bowl containing a salad with tomatoes, onions, and other ingredients. A red circle with a black border is overlaid on the image, containing the text 'Try our Lunch Specials!'.

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### EAST BAY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION

The East Bay Executives Association is a non-profit organization for helping businesses network the other businesses. It meets at 7:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays monthly at Shari's, 3360 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley. Call 600-7342.

**KIWANIS CLUB** The Kiwanis Club meets at 11:45 a.m. Fridays at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. For information, call 1-800-Kiwanis.

**NORMAN SOLOMON: AFGHANISTAN** TriValley Democratic Club presents Norman Solomon, media critic and author, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. In August and September, Solomon visited Kabul, Afghanistan. He will discuss his visit and U.S. policy in the region and his experiences. Call 451-4303 or visit [www.trivalleydems.com](http://www.trivalleydems.com).

## Concerts

**FROM GABRIELI TO COPLAND** The joyful concert by the Pacific Chamber Symphony's brass section featuring works from Giovanni Gabrieli to Bach, Joplin and Copland. It will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$26 to \$38. Visit [www.pacificchambersymphony.org](http://www.pacificchambersymphony.org).

**HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT** The concert is from 1 to 6 p.m. Feb. 21 at La Bodega Cafe, 11984 Main St., Sunol. Bands performing are Georgi and the Rough Week, Top Secret, and Out of Shape and Sound. Bunjo's Comedy Club will provide comedians. A \$10 cash donation is requested and will benefit [www.savethechild.org](http://www.savethechild.org). For

details, visit [www.georgiandtheroughweek.com](http://www.georgiandtheroughweek.com).

## Events

**"LIVE OUT LOUD" DECA CHARITY TALENT SHOW** Foothill DECA is hosting a charity talent show from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 16 in the multipurpose room of Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road. All proceeds will go to support disaster relief in Haiti through the American Red Cross International Response Fund-Haiti Relief. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Call 461-0425.

### A SMORGASBORD OF JEWISH COMEDY

Headlined by Samson Koletkar, the world's only Indian Jewish comedian, the event is at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Bunjo's Comedy Club, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Also appearing will be David Kleinberg (The Old Jew), Kenny Altman (The Gay Jew), Carrie Gilbert (The Not So Nice Jewish Girl) and Joe Nguyen (The Vietnamese Jew). Your host for the evening is John DeKoven (The Republican Jew). Call 264-4413 or visit [www.bunjoscomedy.com](http://www.bunjoscomedy.com).

**BARK AND BREW** Murphy's Paw, 410 Main St., hosts another Bark and Brew from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 19. Come down with your canine companion and enjoy an evening with the dogs. Sample beers from Ale Industries and benefit the Molly Inspires Foundation. Event is free, donations encouraged. Call 600-8925 or visit [www.murphyspaw.com](http://www.murphyspaw.com).

**CAMPANA JAZZ FESTIVAL** The 35th Annual Campana Jazz Festival will from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road. It will feature 38 ensembles from 20 schools, with over 700 participating students performing in big band, combo and vocal divisions. Admission is \$10, or \$8 for seniors and students and includes all performances and two awards concerts. Call 918-0893 or visit [www.amadormusic.org](http://www.amadormusic.org).

### EIGHTH ANNUAL YOUTH FOOD DRIVE

The drive will be held, rain or shine, on March 6 in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Sunol, San Ramon, Alamo, Danville, Walnut Creek, Concord, Moraga, Orinda, Lafayette and Pleasant Hill for Alameda and Contra Costa county food banks. Place bags by 9 a.m. to be seen from street. Call 998-6513 or visit [www.youthservice-council.com](http://www.youthservice-council.com).

**HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON** The Widowed Men and Women of

Northern California would host a Happy Hour gathering from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Pleasanton Sheraton. RSVP to Lorraine at 846-5695 by Feb. 16.

### INDIAN DANCE GRADUATION — SHREE SHARMA

Shree Sharma, a resident of Pleasanton, will be performing Arangetram (graduation ceremony) for a classical Indian dance known as Bharatnatyam from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at Castro Valley High School, 19501 Redwood Road. About 300 people are expected to attend. For invitations, contact Anu Sharma at 510-551-8676.

### LUNCH AND BUNGO IN PLEASANTON

The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California host lunch in a restaurant and Bunko at Barbara's in Pleasanton starting at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 20. RSVP to Barbara at 426-8876 by Feb. 17.

### MARDI GRAS AT THE BOTHWELL

Experience a New Orleans "French Quarter" atmosphere from 5 to 10 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. The evening features a street-style party featuring Big Money in Gumbo. All proceeds benefit the Bothwell Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 or \$25. Call 373-6800 or visit [www.bothwellartscenter.org](http://www.bothwellartscenter.org).

### NOVKEPS ANNUAL CRAB FEED

This event is from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Aahmes Shrine Events Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. Includes pasta, salad, bread, no-host bar, raffle prizes and country-western dancing to live music by Country Flavor. Tickets are \$40. Call 447-7619.

### THOMAS COYNE WINERY WINTER OPEN HOUSE

The Thomas Coyne historical tasting room will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 13-15 at 51 E. Vallecitos Road. They will release the 2003 Syrah, Livermore Valley Detjens Farms and 2006 Chateau Bellevue Syrah Estate Reserve. Bottle Your Own Wine is back, with Vino Tinto Barato for \$5.50 or \$6 without a bottle. Call 373-6541 or visit [www.thomas-coynewinery.com](http://www.thomas-coynewinery.com).

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The dinner includes Elliston champagne and hors d'oeuvres along with a self-guided tour of the first two floors of the historic mansion, followed by a five-course meal with wine pairings. It is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at 463 Kilcare Road, Sunol. Cost is \$85. Call 862-



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## Film

### 'ARISTIDE AND THE ENDLESS

**REVOLUTION'** This film about the former president of Haiti and the Haitians will be shown at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. The program will begin with a 22 minute Danish comedy, "This Charming Man." Meet and greet begins at 6:30, refreshments are served, wheelchair access, and a short discussion follows the film. No cost, but a \$3 donation is encouraged. Call 462-3459.

**JEWISH CULTURAL FILM SERIES** The Tri-Valley Jewish Film Series presents three foreign films at the Vine Theater, 1722 First St., Livermore. "Eli and Ben" is at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 21, "Inside Out" is at 7:15 p.m. Feb. 21 and "A Matter of Size" is at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25. Tickets are \$11 or \$10 in advance. Call 462-7279 or visit [www.eastbayjewishfilm.org](http://www.eastbayjewishfilm.org).

## Fundraisers

**BINGO BASH** This Italian Catholic Federation Fundraiser is from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at 372 Maple St., Livermore. It will benefit Children's Hospital-Oakland, Cooley's Anemia Research and Scholarship Fund. Event includes bingo, dancing, entertainment and refreshments for purchase. Cost is \$10 for games of 10. Call Rose, 846-4227.

**VALENTINE RAFFLE** Tri-Valley Unity is sponsoring a sweetheart raffle of baskets containing unique presents and services. Items include free coaching, hypnotherapy, and spa services, chocolates, wines, hand-made afghans, blankets, original art and more. Join us for the 10 a.m. service on Feb. 14 at 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, which will include the Clarewood Singers and refreshments; or just for the raffle at 11:30. You don't have to be present to win. Tickets are \$1 each, \$10 for 12, or \$20 for 25. Visit [www.TriValleyUnity.com](http://www.TriValleyUnity.com). Call Ruth Kellogg at 828-8470.

## Health

### DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT SERIES

A four-part class on how to manage Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. starting Feb. 4 at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. Barbara Reis, RD, diabetes educator, will present the classes, featuring diabetes overview, healthy eating, exercise and complications. Medicare will reimburse. Call 275-6018 or visit [www.oursanramonhospital.com](http://www.oursanramonhospital.com).

### GET YOUR METABOLISM BALANCED

Learn to get your metabolism healthy and balanced at the Holistic Moms Network meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 15 at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave. Presented by Christine Hardy, certified nutrition educator. Free to first-time visitors and members. Call 519-3003 or visit [www.holisticmoms.org](http://www.holisticmoms.org).

### REACHING ACROSS CULTURES

Reaching Across Cultures for early detection of breast cancer is a free, educational workshop Feb. 16 hosted by physicians to break down cultural barriers that prevent south east

Asian women from obtaining preventive care. Registered participants will receive a boxed lunch. Email Mary Prishtina, [mpriшти@valleycare.com](mailto:mpriшти@valleycare.com).

## Holiday

### VALENTINE'S DAY AT RM WINERY

Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore, will have wine and chocolate tasting from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Feb. 14. The first 75 people will also get a free rose. Cost is \$5. Call 443-1998 or visit [www.rmwinery.com](http://www.rmwinery.com).

## Kids & Teens

### BUSY BEES PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Busy Bees, 4300 Mirador Drive, hosts a Valentine's-themed open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 13. It includes crafts, games, snacks and tours of the campus. Current parents and future parents are invited. Call 249-9000.

### CARDEN WEST SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Open House during open enrollment for preschool, elementary and middle school for 2010-11 school year is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 17 at 4576 Willow Road. Parents of prospective students may tour the school any Wednesday or Saturday morning from 10 am-12 noon. Elementary students may choose to spend a day at school. Call 463-6060.

## Lectures/Workshops

### BEST TIME FOR POETIC INSPIRATION

At the next meeting of the California Writers Club — Tri-Valley Branch, Ronnie Holland, Dublin's poet laureate, will share. Group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 20 at Oasis Grille, 780 Main St. Cost is \$21 for members or \$27 for non-members. For reservations, call 462-7495. Visit [www.trivalleywriters.org](http://www.trivalleywriters.org).

### TRI-VALLEY VEGETARIAN FREE

LECTURE Tri-Valley Vegetarian

Free Lecture is from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 20 at a private residence in Pleasanton. Guest speaker Dr. Steven Blake will discuss healing medicine. Refreshments served after the lecture. Participation is open to everyone. Call Lisa at 989-1811 for address and to RSVP. Visit [www.ThriveHolistic.com/vegsociety.html](http://www.ThriveHolistic.com/vegsociety.html).

## Live Music

**CHRIS BRADLEY'S JAZZ BAND** Enjoy live jazz music from the 20s, 30s and 40s from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Sunol Jazz Cafe, 11986 Main St. Cover is \$5.

### YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

In keeping with this year's new festival format, vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles, ages 18 and under, will perform in a themed production called "Unique." Show is at 8 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Amador Theater. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. Call 931-3444 or visit [www.civartstickets.org](http://www.civartstickets.org).

## Scholarships

### LPD AAUW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Local Scholarship Foundation of the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of AAUW is now accepting applications. Applicants must be women who live, or have gone to high school, in the branch cities, be an undergraduate planning to attend a four-year college in fall 2010. Applications are due April 1. Call Joan at 484-0602.

## Seniors

### DAY TRIPPERS — JELLY BELLY/

**ANHEUSER BUSCH** Day Trippers will tour the Jelly Belly Plant, have lunch at Mimi's Cafe and then go to the Anheuser Busch Brewery. Group will meet at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 17 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$52 for residents or \$55 for non-residents. Call 931-5372.

### MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE

Spend an evening dining and dancing to the sounds of live band, Smoothsounds, from 5:45 to 9 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Tickets are \$32 for residents or \$35 for non-residents. Reservations and payment can be made by Feb. 12. Call 931-5365 or visit [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

## Spiritual

### 'SEE THE DAY APPROACHING' WORLD

**MISSION'S CONFERENCE** Lighthouse Baptist Church hosts the annual World Mission's Conference and International Dinner from Feb. 19-21. Host speaker will be Dr. Don Sisk, who was chairman for BIML and in 2003, became the chairman of missions at West Coast Baptist College. Highlighted missionary families will be the Van De Kemps from Malta and the Schultzs from Tanzania. Call 846-7220 or visit [www.atthelighthouse.com](http://www.atthelighthouse.com).

## Support Groups

### TRI-VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 13 in cafeteria room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. This organization can help people adjust to vision loss. All are welcome. Call Carl at 449-9362.



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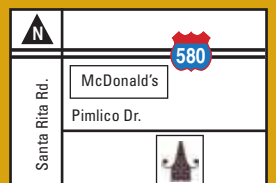
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# Sports

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## U13 boys overpower Newark in first round of State Cup

The Ballistic United U13 boys soccer team had an outstanding first round State Cup performance Jan. 30.

In their first game, Ballistic faced Newark and pounded the goal for a 6-0 victory. Stephen Dougherty, (two goals) Jared Siegel, Cameron Casby, Salvador Morales, Ben Smedley, all scored for Ballistic. In the next game Ballistic again came out hard against a very physical San Ramon team and came away with a 6-0 victory. Daniel Payne, Justin Taylor, Matt Powell, Erik Johnson, Jared Siegel, Stephen Dougherty all found the back of the net for Ballistic. In the final match on Sunday Ballistic faced a very hard fought battle against PAC, which ended in a 0-0 tie. Ballistic had a few scoring chances, however they were unable to score. However the defense for Ballistic of Alex Lee, Daniel Rodriguez, Collin Alexander, Collin Richardson, Omid Eibagi, Alex Krause, Blaz Perko, Brad Pilkington, kept PAC from scoring. Ballistic did not surrender a goal the entire tournament. Goalie Jordan Ott had several amazing saves throughout the entire tournament, especially in the final game against PAC. It was great team effort by all the players. The team now advances to the round of 16, and will play on Saturday.

past the goal line. The first half ended locked at one apiece. The second half started with the BUSC team taking little time to score the go ahead goal at the second minute off a strong left footed strike from Mason Picone, assisted by Lucas Warzyniak. The boys continued to play hard and demonstrated great ball control, having 14 instances of five consecutive pass sets during the match with one set having nine successful consecutive passes. Oakland tied the match at the 15th minute with a strike from thirty feet out in front of the BUSC goal. Regulation time ended tied 2-2. The match proceeded with a sudden death 10-minute overtime period. Again, both teams came out hot, trying to end the match with a quick score. BUSC controlled the ball in Oakland's end of the pitch much of the time but at the seventh minute of overtime Oakland scored the winning goal with a flurry of shots directly in front of the Ballistic goal.

## Seahawks add to team records in San Ramon

Although the skies were a gloomy gray, the Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) put on a sparkling performance, achieving many new cuts and lifetime best times at the San Ramon (SRVLA) CBA+ Meet Jan. 16 and 17.

Adding to the PLS All Time Top Ten were Eva Chung, Jon Ong, Lillian Sun, and Katie Woods. New Pacific Recognition Times (PRT): Eva Chung, Lillian Sun. New Far Western Cuts: Eva Chung, Annalisa Parker, Lillian Sun, Katie Woods, Jonathan Ong, RJ Scott.

New Junior Olympic (JO) Cuts: Samantha Howell, Emma Kauffeld, Adrien Rooney, Michael Yao, Hannah Folmar, Maggie Kauffeld, Moriah Simonds, Alex Gilchrist, Kyle Oslund, Emily Saccullo. New 'A' Times: Victoria Luo, Lily Hu, Resha Panda, Michelle Wang, Heather Chandler, Audrick Antonio, Wolfgang LaChance, Michael Martin, Timothy Yao, Bridget Booe, Madison Burson, Analese Chinn, Matt Huo, Parth Subramanian, Jeffrey Tang, Jeffrey Wang, Elise Cox, Bernadine Martin, Theresa Martin. New 'B' Times: Kyle Kenny, Alexander Luo, Tanaya Gondhalekar, Nja Zuniga, Sabrena Cornwell, Nicolai Cardinale, Cody Chang, Rishith Kodali Frankie Lin, Arnold Chan, Joseph Ding, Danny Lin, Collin Oslund. The team achieved over 80 Lifetime Best Times including Duhita Gondhalekar, Sophia Bueche, Calvin Chui, Ysabel Thorn, Navneedh Maudgalya, Ray Ohhashi, Shilpa Krish, and Jae Williams.

On Jan. 2, seven Seahawks were awarded "most outstanding" in Pacific Swimming in their respective age groups for 2009. Those awarded include: Rachel Knowles - 11 year old Short Course (SC), 12 year old Long Course (LC); Allison Brown - 15 year old LC; Catherine Breed - 15 year old SC, 16 year old SC and LC; Katrina Anderson - 18 year old LC; Nick Silverthorn - 12 year old SC, 13 year old SC and LC; Bryan Hughes - 13 year old SC, 14 year old SC and LC; Andrew Seitz - 16 year old SC. ■

## SPORTS DIGEST

### Rage U14 Orange reach 'Elite 8'

The Rage U14 Orange beat the Diablo Crossfire 2-0 Jan. 17 in a "Sweet 16" game of CYSA's Associa-

tion Cup. After a scoreless first half and both teams defenses dominating play, Rage midfielder Erica Goldhawk sent an arching pass toward the goal where Courtney Seams scored on a goalie misplay. Goalie Nikki Costello held the lead with a diving shot block. RAGE midfielder Rebecca Dumanski sealed the win with a late goal shot. RAGE defense was lead by Katie Oross and Olivia Deutschman. Sunday in the "Elite 8" quarterfinals Elk Grove Cyclones scored first into the upper corner. In the second half Rage tied the score on a Courtney header from an Ariel Gershman assist. Claire Hickel and Katie made two breakaway stops to hold the tie. The Rage defense held until five minutes remaining when Elk Grove scored on a breakaway play.

### BUSC U13 Select lose in OT to Jack London

The BUSC U13 Div III Select team lost in the sweet 16 round of the CYSA Association Cup to the Jack London Oakland team 3-2 in an exciting sudden death overtime match.

Both teams played a tough physical game with the Oakland team seeming to have the advantage in age and physical stature. Oakland scored first at the 15th minute of the first half, even though BUSC had outshot them up to that point in the match. The Ballistic team answered back with their own goal at the 28th minute. Brian Kinnee scored on a free kick several feet outside the goal box and wide right. He drove the ball high and deep into the left side of the goal, driving the keeper back

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## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during January 2010

# Dublin

**Total sales reported:** 5  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$310,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$665,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$503,000

Livermore

**Total sales reported:** 12  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$240,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,155,000

**Average sales reported: \$541,250**

# Pleasanton

**Total sales reported:** 11  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$415,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,615,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$878,045

# San Ramon

**Total sales reported:** 16  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$140,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,383,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$694,687

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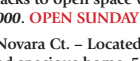




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## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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**1 BEDROOMS**  
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**4 BEDROOMS**  
**6593 Spruce Lane** **\$547,000**  
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# Pleasanton

| 4 BEDROOMS                  |                 |                    |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
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| Sun 1-4                     | Blaise Lofland  | 846-6500           |
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| Sun 1-4                          | Alain Pinel Realtors       | 251-1111         |
| <b>589 Burger Court</b>          |                            | <b>\$860,000</b> |
| Sun 1-4                          | Jim Lavey - Allied Brokers | 846-3755         |

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>3424 Gravina Place</b>      | <b>\$1,220,000</b> |
| Sun 1-4 Prudential CA          | 858-4198           |
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| <b>806 Sycamore Creek Way</b>  | <b>\$1,549,000</b> |
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**4 BEDROOMS**  
**9973 Mangos Drive** **\$675,000**  
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## HOME SALES

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**3385 Dublin Boulevard #213** Indymac Mortgage  
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**4503 Sandyford Court** Homesales to A. Nichols  
for \$390,000

**7688 Topaz Circle** K. & J. Prakash to W. Yu for  
\$665,000

**6767 Tory Way** K. & J. Pierce to J. & D. Guerra for  
\$495,000

**11986 West Vomic Road** C. Downing to T. & U.  
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## Livermore

**1842 3rd Street** Silva Trust to C. Gordon for \$285,000

**742 Catalina Drive** Bank of America to Z. Tariq for \$425,000

**1644 El Padro Drive** A. Bohart to G. Underwood for \$360,000

**870 Keystone Way** Bank of New York to D. Caldwell for \$420,000

**2887 Lagiss Court** W. Zhou to P. & S. McAlinden for \$1,155,000

**2150 Mars Road** Medinas Trust to L. Kefalas-Boukis for \$450,000

**27 Meritage Common #105** R. Nassab to K. Robison for \$240,000

**943 Padua Way** J. & J. Marasco to K. & D. Kirschenmann for \$725,000

**2144 Tuscany Circle** C. Miller to D. & N. Kurtzer for \$850,000

**1252 Vienna Street** Magni Trust to N. Mar for \$480,000

**552 Windermere Circle** M. & K. Nem to M. Mahiques for \$645,000

**1366 Winding Stream Drive** M. & L. Veatch to C. & D. Willis for \$460,000

# Pleasanton

**3440 Ashton Court** A. & N. Guillory to K. & S.  
Kim for \$1,290,000

**23 Castledown Road** R. Miskel to R. & J. Lamkin  
for \$700,000

**557 East Angela Street** Filbert Trust to K. & J.  
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**4368 Fairlands Drive** J. & A. Madden to N. Zhu  
for \$415,000

**4817 Funston Gate Court** C. & M. Galbreath to  
B. Ishaug for \$680,000

**1062 Hearst Drive** Froelich Trust to L. Li for  
\$1,242,500

**3436 Isle Royal Court** D. Elmer to S. & R.  
Redding for \$530,000

**2729 Labacca Court** Chandler Trust to N. & J.  
Byrd for \$923,000

**7709 Paseo Santa Cruz** R. Harshman to D.  
Fletcher for \$688,000

**7967 Riviera Court** Forney Trust to Sweeney  
Trust for \$825,000

**880 Summit Creek Lane** G. Perkins to H. Petty  
for \$1,615,000

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**12273 Alcosta Boulevard** T. Nguyen to R. & Y. Martinez for \$760,000

**9431 Alcosta Boulevard** King Trust to E. Lagace for \$515,000

**708 Ardleigh Court** Galigher Trust to H. Lou for \$1,383,000

**600 Argyle Court** W. Dirven to X. Wang for \$781,000

**101 Avocado Court** D. & J. Bennett to A. Seaberg for \$533,500

**2932 Bailey Way** Centex Homes to D. Zhou for \$866,500

**9936 Broadmoor Drive** Hong Trust to K. Hong for \$375,000

**6330 Byron Lane** D. & C. Garb to K. Shao for \$615,000

**2887 Fieldview Terrace** S. Shirikian to D. Radtke for \$855,000

**4000 Greenwich Drive** J. & M. Lightell to B. & L. Vereen for \$737,000

**1374 Kellybrook Way** Hui Trust to D. Kumar for \$730,000

**3030 Lakemont Drive #4** J. & M. Clent to W. Xu for \$440,000

**3882 Mandy Way** T. Gil-Mendonca to A. Rangwala for \$1,006,000

**140 Reflections Way #16** Wells Fargo Bank to G. Venturino for \$140,000

**3658 Stonehenge Way** V. Gong to R. Desroches for \$953,000

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**833 PIEMONTE DRIVE PLEASANTON**  
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**4524 2ND STREET PLEASANTON**  
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**3911 VINEYARD AVE PLEASANTON**  
Contemporary living. One the the most upgraded homes you'll find for the price. Hand scraped hickory flooring, crown molding, maple cabinetry, granite counters.  
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#### GARDEN-LIKE SETTING



**847 DIVISION ST UNIT A PLEASANTON**  
Completely updated in 06! Maple stain kitchen cabinets, granite counter tops, stainless appliances, bamboo hardwood style flooring & MORE! Walk to Downtown.  
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This property is warm & inviting. Gated Community, built in stainless steel. Refrig, easy access to freeway, school, parks and malls. Pool is in need of completion  
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This stunningly beautiful, totally custom home is located on the desirable West side of Pleasanton. The finest materials and workmanship.  
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**850 CONCORD STREET PLEASANTON**  
Entertain pool-side in park-like yard. Granite kitchen, newer windows throughout and remodeled marble master bath. Detached garage with lots of parking.  
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**3771 PLATT CT N PLEASANTON**  
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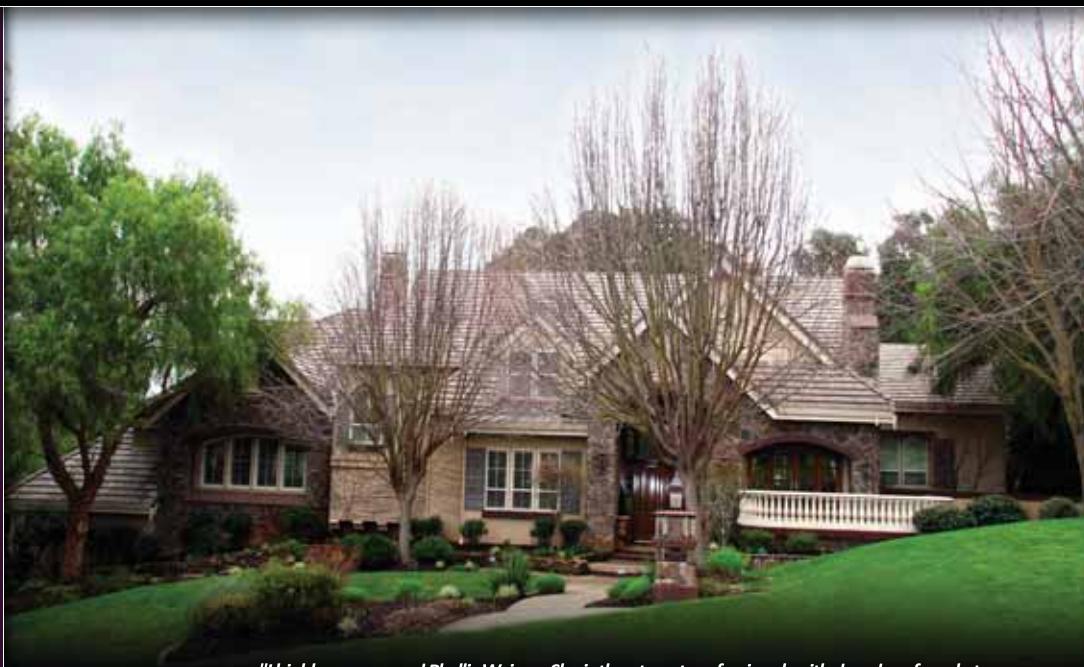
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## JUST LISTED!

One of the finest homes in one of most prestigious neighborhoods in Pleasanton; Golden Eagle Estates, this beautiful English Country Manor features 5 spacious bedrooms with the Master Suite on the main level, four and a half baths, gleaming cherry wood paneled Library, workout room and workshop and a 5 car garage.

Elegantly and thoughtfully appointed with extensive use of cherry wood, wood trim and moldings, granite, natural stone and unique ceiling treatments.

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1436 IRONGATE CT. PLEASANTON  
IRONWOOD ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD

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5 BEDROOMS, 4.5 BATHS 4,205SF.  
10,722SF. LOT COURT LOCATION,  
OPEN FLOOR PLAN & BONUS ROOM  
\$1,375,000

3641 HUFF CT. PLEASANTON  
STONERIDGE ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD

COMING SOON



5 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS 2,913SF.  
4,995SF. LOT COURT LOCATION,  
OFFICE & BONUS ROOM

4371 ENTRADA DR. PLEASANTON  
DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

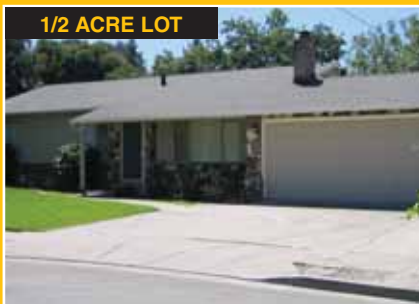


3 BEDROOMS, 2.5 BATHS 1,828SF.  
6,734SF. LOT  
UPDATED TOP TO BOTTOM!  
\$729,000

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383 CHRISTINA CT. PLEASANTON  
DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

1/2 ACRE LOT



3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS 1,204SF.  
1/2 ACRE LOT SINGLE LEVEL, AC,  
COURT LOCATION  
\$699,000

5144 RAPPOLLA CT. PLEASANTON  
AVILA NEIGHBORHOOD

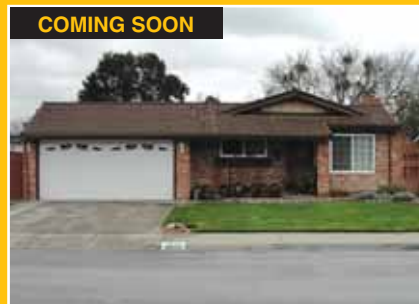
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3 BEDROOMS, 2.5 BATHS 1,482SF.  
2,141SF. LOT CENTRAL LOCATION,  
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NEW LISTING - OPEN SUN 1-4



3185 W. Las Positas Blvd.

4bd/3ba home, 2750+/-sq.ft on 6412+/-sq.ft lot, with pool/spa.  
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BUYERS NEEDS

. Young Family with 2 children seeks 3bd/2ba+, 1500sf+ in Birdland/Pleasanton Valley  
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## BRIDLE CREEK

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



### 806 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON

Highly upgraded Hillstar Model on premium .35 acre lot. Expansive views of Pleasanton Ridge. Faces open space. Highly upgraded with beautiful front and rear grounds. Includes in-ground pool and spa. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2002. Five bedrooms, plus guest suite and bonus room, 4.5 bathrooms. Approximately 4,455 square feet. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding, plantation shutters, and custom built-ins. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park.

**OFFERED AT \$1,549,000**

## THE PRESERVE

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



### 6229 DETJEN COURT, PLEASANTON

Wow! Beautiful and priced to sell. This upgraded home in the desirable Preserve community on a private .68 acre (29,506 square foot) estate lot. This beautifully landscaped property backs to open space. Enjoy the views of the surrounding open land and the quiet court location. Four bedrooms, bonus room, private office, 4.5 baths, approximate total square footage 4,689. Fully integrated home sound system with individual multi-source, multi-zone audio selection key pads. Furniture negotiable.

**OFFERED AT \$1,519,000**

## VENTANA HILLS

PENDING



### 925 SHERMAN WAY, PLEASANTON

Don't miss this Gibson model in desirable Ventana Hills. Five bedrooms, 5th is bonus, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,179 square feet. Lot size is 9452 (.21 acre lot), with large side yards. Located on quiet street. Private rear yard backs to single level home. New carpet throughout. New exterior paint. Three fireplaces. Walk to great neighborhood park and Main Street Downtown Pleasanton!

**OFFERED AT \$1,095,000**

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## The latest from The 680 Blog

### Pleasanton Market Update - Inventory Up Modestly

The Pleasanton real estate market saw an increase in inventory and sales of single family homes across the board in January. The market usually picks up as we enter a new year and we're still at historically low inventory levels, but it was nice to see the downward trend finally broken. The biggest inventory gains were seen in the \$1 million - \$2 million homes segment, while over 75% of pending sales were in the under \$1 million market segment, further tightening that segment.

Total inventory of single family homes for sale in January increased for the first time in nine months. Homes for sale increased 13% or 12 units, from 90 in December to 102 in January. A modest increase compared to last year, when inventory increased 20% (39 units) in January. The 102 units for sale represented about two months of inventory, which is indicative of a pretty strong market. Pending sales of single family homes increased more substantially, from 35 homes in

December to 49 in January, an increase of 40%. Here's a look at the activity over the past 15 months.

Single family homes priced under \$1 million made up about half the inventory in Pleasanton in January, and over 75% of the pending sales. There were 49 single family homes in this segment at the end of January. That's up only 2 units. Pending sales increased eight units to 37, a 28% increase over December. This segment of the market is very tight, with just over one month of inventory.

The inventory of homes in the \$1 million - \$2 million price >>Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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OPEN SUN 1-4



Newer luxury 5 BR, 4 BTH single story home on prime .31 Acre cul-de-sac lot with hardwood floors, granite/cherry/stainless kit, and more!  
**\$1,399,900**  
1075 Shadow Hills Ct

COMING SOON



Fabulous luxury home featuring 6 BR plus bonus room & office, 5 1/2 BTHS, granite & stainless kitchen, dramatic living areas, and private .41 Acre lot with sparkling pool!  
**\$1,699,000**

COMING SOON



Spacious upgraded home in West Pleasanton on cul-de-sac. 4 BR, 3 BTH with upgraded granite kitchen, new carpeting, and a prime location backing to greenbelt with views of the ridge  
**\$838,800**

JUST LISTED



Luxury 2 BR, 2 1/2 BTH townhouse with hardwood floors, upgraded designer kitchen, vaulted ceiling, dramatic living room with fireplace, private yard with patio, and 2 car garage.  
**\$429,500**

JUST SOLD



Fabulous 4 BR, 2 1/2 BTH home with remodeled granite kitchen, hardwood floors, and prime cul-de-sac lot with sparkling pool!  
**\$737,500**

OPEN SUN 1-4



Spacious 1 BR condo in luxury complex shows like a model! Granite kitchen, designer paint and carpeting, spacious living room with cozy fireplace, and private patio backs to creek with no rear neighbors! **\$215,000**  
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SUSIE STEELE BY APPOINTMENT



**1531 HONEYSUCKLE CT. \$2,199,000**  
Stunning Custom Home in Golden Eagle Estates nestled on 1 acre+/- featuring a backyard paradise with a pool backing to open space and incredible views of the TriValley. Reduced! Truly a showstopper! 5bd 3(2)ba

ANNI HAGFELDT BY APPOINTMENT



**4222 REMILLARD CT. \$1,699,999**  
Beautiful 5bd/4.5ba custom home in desirable Kottlinger Ranch. Updated kitchen, granite counters, new appliances, panoramic views, large backyard, swimming pool, outdoor BBQ & more! MUST SEE!

MARY JANE DEERING BY APPT



**4023 OAK MANOR CT \$1,690,000**  
Gated private one acre lot with views of SF Bay, bridges! Prestigious Greenbrier 5500+/- sqft remodeled single story 4 bd in main house + 1 bd, 1 ba guest house. Pool, gazebo 4 car garage. Gorgeous!

DOUG BUENZ SUN 1:00-4:00



**1075 SHADOW HILLS CT \$1,399,900**  
Rarely available luxury single story home with 5 BR (5th BR currently an office), 4 BTHs, granite/cherry/stainless kitchen with island, hardwood floors, plantation shutters, designer berber carpeting

MAUREEN NOKES BY APPOINTMENT



**1608 CINDY WAY \$1,099,000**  
Price Reduced- New semi-custom 1 story 4bd/3ba home. 'Old World' quality craftsmanship and high-end upgrades. 'Barefoot Contessa' kitchen. Location features a 10,000'+ lot and 10 minute walk to town.



Moxley Team BY APPOINTMENT



**383 CHRISTINA CT. \$699,000**  
3BD,2B, 1,204SF home on 21,000 SF lot. Possible second home on lot or possibility to sub-divide lot. Close to freeways and downtown Pleasanton.

MARK LAFFERTY SUN 1:00-4:00



**294 THRASHER AVE \$669,950**  
Four bedrooms with 3.5 baths. Features include granite counters, maple cabinets, stainless steel Appliances, wrap around porch, three car garage, au pair unit, & much much more.

SUE MCKINLEY BY APPOINTMENT



**5760 DICHONDRA PL \$625,000**  
Single Story Court Location Newark home w/HUGE DETACHED IN-LAW/OFFICE (RENTAL UNIT) & FULL BTH! 4 Br 2 Ba +/-1704 sq. ft.9500 sq ft PREMIUM LOT! Fresh paint, newer carpets; large kitchen eating area

KEVIN COLLINS BY APPOINTMENT



**4311 COLGATE WAY \$499,900**  
Mostly original, hardwood floors, 2003+/- sf, large corner lot, two fireplaces, currently 4 bd/2.5 ba easily converted back to 5 bd.

KIM OTT/KIM RICHARDS SAT 1:30-4:30



**34218 GANNON TER \$439,950**  
Light and bright, this cute single story home has open floor plan. Visit www.34218GannonTerrace.com for more information.

DOUG BUENZ BY APPOINTMENT



**4356 VALLEY AVENUE \$429,500**  
Sharp, spacious townhome in the heart of Pleasanton! Hardwood floors, upgraded kitchen, dramatic living room with vaulted ceilings and cozy fireplace, luxurious master suite

MARY JANE DEERING SUN 1:30-4:30



**7848 GATE WAY \$396,000**  
Remodeled & Updated! Gated. All new kitchen with slab granite, hardwood floors, 3 bd 2.5 ba 1482 sqft, fireplace, walk-in closet in master, 2 car garage, 2 story town home. Pool. Just beautiful!

JOY SCHMIDT BY APPOINTMENT



**3719 DUBLIN BLVD \$289,000**  
Darling & Spacious! 1243+/-sf, 1 bedroom plus loft in the Villas Dublin Ranch. Gas fireplace, granite counters, attached garage.

DOUG BUENZ SUN 1:00-4:00



**6953 STAGECOACH RD \$215,000**  
The one you've been waiting for. Sharp condo in Alamo Creek in model condition! Granite kitchen, designer carpet & paint, built-in office/dining area, and more! Extremely private

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