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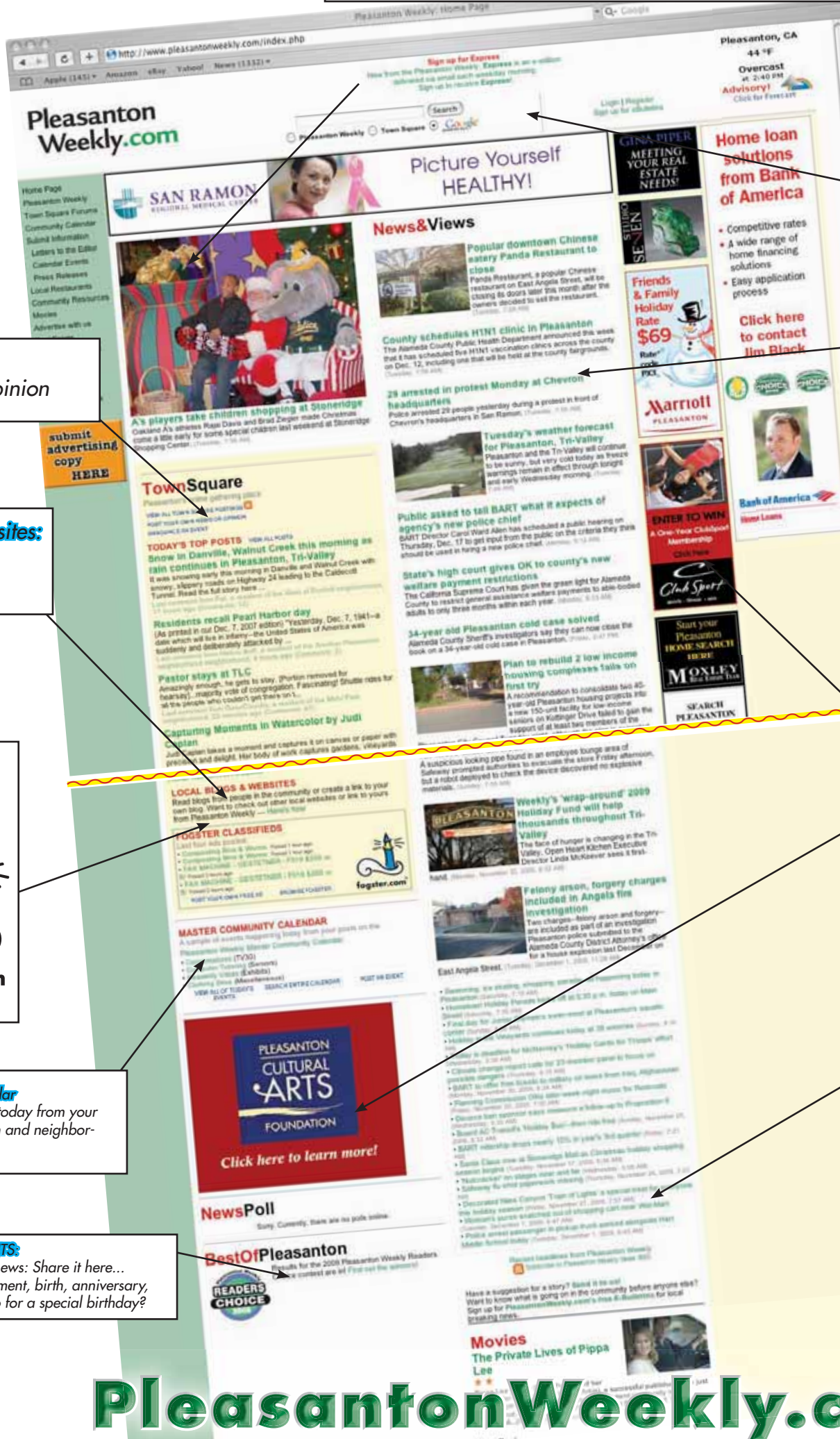
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Thorne launches re-election bid

Councilman Jerry Thorne has launched his re-election bid for a second four-year term in office, telling a crowd of supporters at an Alameda County Fairgrounds breakfast that he will continue his focus on improving the city's economic vitality. First elected to the council in 2005 to fill the seat vacated by Councilwoman Jennifer Hosterman, who had been elected mayor, Thorne won the most votes in his first four-year-term election the following year. Councilmembers are limited to no more than two four-year terms of office; so this will be Thorne's last if he's re-elected.

Thorne is the first of three incumbents on the council to hold a campaign/fundraiser rally in the municipal election slated for Nov. 2. Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, also elected for the first time in 2006, plans a re-election campaign announcement next month. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who held a fundraiser last November, has said all along that she plans to seek re-election, but has yet to schedule a public campaign announcement. The nomination period for the November election starts July 12 and runs through Aug. 6. That's when candidates must file petitions containing the signatures of at least 20 registered voters and pay a filing fee of \$25.

Still, with the critics becoming more vocal, Thorne decided to get started early and asked his campaign manager Kathy Narum to schedule the February breakfast. At last Tuesday's meeting, speakers opposed to the 51-home development called Oak Grove slammed the council majority for its continued support of the project, accusing the three of "stifling the voice of citizens" by placing the development referendum on the June 8 ballot. Faced with harsh criticism over his Oak Grove vote as well as his support for extending Stoneridge Drive to Livermore, Thorne decided to launch his re-election campaign early.

Thorne told supporters that he if re-elected, he will continue and even intensify his focus on fiscal restraint as well as on business retention and expansion. He is concerned that even as the economy improves, the city government will face a cautious financial future as Pleasanton nears build out and fewer development dollars come in. Life after build-out may not be as easy as some people think, Thorne said.

He wants to make the city more "business-friendly" to provide more jobs and protect jobs already here. That means improving the permitting process to make it easier and



less costly to open a business in Pleasanton and for the city and local business associations, such as the chamber and the Pleasanton Downtown Association, to do a better job of attracting small and medium-size businesses to the city. In a survey made over a 10-month period last year, Thorne found that that approvals for proposed construction projects averaged 22 days. By his count, that was 13 days for existing residential projects and 34 days for new residential and commercial projects. He wants those numbers to improve dramatically over the next couple of years and is asking that measuring tools be brought in to monitor it takes for a permit request to go through the system. He wants employees held accountable to achieving these goals and objectives.

Despite the weak economy, traffic continues to be a No. 1 public concern, Thorne found in another survey. He wants the Stoneridge extension built along with new developments planned for Staples Ranch. He's also been active in rounding up support from other cities and regional agencies to widen Hwy. 84 across Pigeon Pass into an expressway between I-680 and I-580. Work is under way at the Isabel Avenue/I-580 end of the roadway, but traffic congestion on the rest of the route during peak commute hours makes cutting through Pleasanton an attractive option for commuters. Longer range, Thorne is part of a regional transportation group that is pushing for a BART extension from its Pleasanton station east to Greenville Road. He's convinced that the roadway improvements in accord with the new General Plan adopted late last year and the BART extension could dramatically ease the traffic crunch on Pleasanton streets during the peak morning and evening commute times.

Thorne also wants to hike the fees charged to anyone who appeals decisions by city commissions. The appeals, most of which he thinks are politically motivated and unnecessary, bog down the workload of local government along with frivolous lawsuits that often are unsuccessful, but still delay projects. His is a tall order, but Thorne, a retired business executive, just might be the councilman to pull it off. ■

About the Cover

The Pleasanton City Council, from L-R: Matt Sullivan, Jerry Thorne, Jennifer Hosterman, Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Cindy McGovern, is pictured in the Council Chamber. Citing the national economy, Mayor Hosterman said the city is looking at every opportunity to cut costs. Photo by Joanne Hall.

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Streetwise

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What is your favorite sport to watch in the Winter Olympics and why?



Jason Johnston
Paramedic

Snowboarding, because I enjoy snowboarding myself and it is exciting to watch. The United States has some favorites to win so that makes it even more interesting to follow.

Gabriella Sanchez
Student

I like the ice skating. I think it's beautiful, and I like when they jump in the air and their skirts twirl. I went skating in San Francisco and Pleasanton this winter, so I tried skating backwards and things. When you see them it looks so easy but it's not.



Nicole Boshard
Floral Designer

Speed skating. Apolo Ohno is my favorite. It is an exciting sport and things can change very quickly in speed skating.

Bob Kruzner
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My favorite would definitely be downhill skiing. It's fast and it's just exciting to see them soar at lightning speeds and make the turns. I also like that watching the women and the men is pretty much the same. The speed and skill of both groups is incredible.



Megan Piper
Patient Services

Figure skating. Just the choreography and the sport of it look so pretty. I grew up doing a lot of dancing and I know how difficult it is on land - then they add ice and skates to the mix.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

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Open Heart Kitchen moves meal service in Livermore

Open Heart Kitchen, the only free hot meal service for the needy in the Tri-Valley, will temporarily move from Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, also in Livermore.

The move, effective Feb. 23, was prompted by a renovation that Asbury is undergoing. The service will temporarily be held at the usual time and days (noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays) at the new location of Holy Cross, located at 1020 Mocho St. Holy Cross Lutheran Church is accessible by the #10 and the #18 Wheels bus lines.

Open Heart Executive Director Linda McKeever said she expects the relocation to last about six months. The move has no effect on meal service in other regularly scheduled locations.

Collecting coats for the needy

Local Realtors Bob and Deb Cilk are in their ninth year of hosting the Have a Heart, Give a Coat drive. Through the end of February, the pair hopes to give away at least 150 coats to the less fortunate in Alameda County. They are also collecting blankets, hats, gloves and rain gear from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Northern California Brokers office, at 349 Main St. The effort began 10 years ago in trying to help families affected by broken levies outside Tracy. To learn more, call 487.8735.

Del Valle Fine Arts concert series

The Del Valle Fine Arts concert series present pianist Di Wu. She will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Bankhead Theater located at 2400 First St. in Livermore. Last year she was named one of the six finalists at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and in a 2008 musical America feature on young artists, she was called an up-and-coming talent. Tickets are \$20, \$25 and \$20; \$10 for college students when purchased that day; or free for high school students. Contact the box office at 373-6800 or www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

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Council places Oak Grove referendum on June 8 ballot

Voters to decide if 51-home hilltop project can be built

By JEB BING

Pleasanton voters will be asked to decide in June if the developers of a 51-custom home project at the end of Hearst Drive and atop Kottinger Ranch can proceed with their plans that the City Council approved more than two years ago.

The council, after three hours of deliberation Tuesday, voted 3-2 to send the proposal by developers Jennifer Lin and her brother Frederic to voters in a special referendum now scheduled during the statewide primary on June 8. The referendum, asking if the Oak Grove project should be approved, will be the only local issue on a ballot that will include

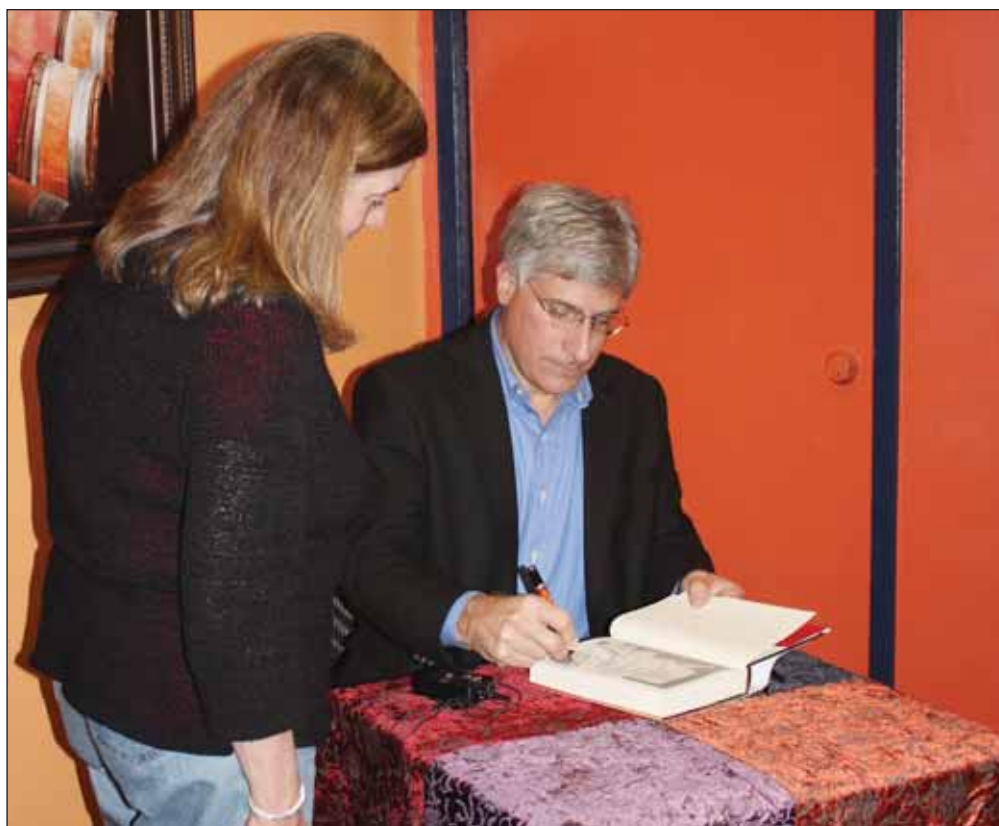
political party nominees for governor, State Assembly, the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Voting to place the Oak Grove issue on the ballot were Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and councilmembers Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne. Opposed were councilmembers Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan, who asked the council to vote to rescind its approval of the project based on petitions signed by as many as 5,000 registered voters in 2007 in opposition to Oak Grove. On that request, the council also voted down the Sullivan-McGovern bid 3-2.

The Lins, who acquired the hillside acre-

age in 1979 and developed Kottinger Ranch, at one time proposed an 18-hole public golf course and 98 homes on the hilltop site. That was rejected by voters in an earlier referendum. The current plan surfaced in the mid-1990s as a 98-home development without a golf course. In negotiations with city officials and staff, as well as civic organizations and the Kottinger Ranch Homeowners Association, the number of homes was whittled down to 51 with an agreement that 497 adjoining acres of the Lins' property would be given free of charge to the city of Pleasanton for trails, public parks, equestrian pathways and open

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JANET PELLETIER

Historical thriller author Steve Berry signs copies of his books at a reception Feb. 11 at Little Valley Winery.

Historical thriller author speaks in Pleasanton

Steve Berry tells his story of rejections and path to success at time of "The DaVinci Code"

By JANET PELLETIER

In Malcolm Gladwell's book "Outliers," the New Yorker columnist spends a good portion of it discussing how some fortunate people meet success by being in the right place at the right time.

Bestselling novelist Steve Berry can relate. An accomplished writer of historical thrillers in his own right, he'd faced years of rejection in the book publishing industry, until a then-unknown man named Dan Brown came along. Brown's first book, "The DaVinci Code," became an international success, spawning a Tom Hanks-starring blockbuster movie of the same title and later, a second book "Angels and Demons" and ensuing movie, also helmed by Hanks.

It was during that time that the publishing in-

dustry saw a resurgence in the historical thriller novel, something for which Berry had always had a passion. Today, he has over 10 million copies of his books in print in 50 countries.

Berry, who lives in Georgia, visited Pleasanton Feb. 11 to conduct a writer's workshop for about a dozen participants at Towne Center Books downtown and a reception at Little Valley Winery, where he spoke about his career and signed copies of his novels.

Judy Wheeler, who owns Towne Center Books, said Berry donated his speaking fee and time to conduct the four-hour writer session and reception.

The visit came together after Kathleen Antrim, a local thriller author and columnist for the San

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Union, Castlewood continuing talks

Hike in employee health care premiums appears major hurdle blocking settlement

By JEB BING

The union that represents an estimated 57 part and full-time hourly workers at Castlewood Country Club and Castlewood General Manager Jerry Jordan and his negotiating team resumed negotiations this week over a new three-year contract that the union earlier rejected.

The two sides called for a "cooling off period," avoiding a lockout that was scheduled to start Tuesday morning.

"While no collective bargaining agreement has been agreed to, some progress was made during negotiations Monday," said Nischit Hegde, a representative of Unite Here! Local 2850, the large Bay Area hotel and restaurant workers union that also covers Castlewood's unionized workforce of bartenders, kitchen helpers, waiters and other hourly employees.

"The lockout called by the Castlewood Country Club has been avoided and both parties have agreed to continue negotiating," she added. "There will be no action taken by the Unite Here! Local 2850 on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 8 a.m. (as scheduled)."

The union had planned to picket the country club Tuesday after it rejected what the country club called its final contract offer, which included a wage freeze and, for the first time, employee contributions to their own health plans for coverage beyond the individual employee.

The union's three-year contract with Castlewood expired in July 2008, but was extended by the club for another year. Despite numerous meetings between union representatives and Castlewood management, the two sides could not agree on a new contract, leading to management's decision to block employees from their jobs until the union signs the contract the club has imposed.

At last report, management and union representatives were scheduled to meet again yesterday.

"At the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, members pay a \$25,000 initiation fee and \$600 monthly membership fee to play

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Chinese New Year celebrated with a gala and carnival

CACC hosts seventh annual events on Amador Valley campus

Since the Tri-Valley Chinese Culture Day was introduced in 2004, it has grown to become the largest Chinese community event in the area, attracting more than 2,000 people. This year, the Chinese American Cooperation Council (CACC) is continuing the tradition as they celebrate the lunar New Year.

The events include an evening gala and a carnival where the entire community is invited to participate

in Chinese cultural heritage. Both will be held at the Amador Valley High School campus, located at 1155 Santa Rita Road.

The New Year gala will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Amador Theater and will include the popular stage show featuring modern and traditional performances celebrating the Year of the Tiger. The show will also have folk songs and dances, traditional instruments, ac-

robatic acts and martial arts performances.

Tickets are \$10 and \$15 and can be purchased by calling 828-5958.

The carnival is a free event with plenty of food and entertainment. Starting at 5 p.m. Feb. 27 in the school's gym, there will be food tasting and a potluck dinner where every household brings their favorite dish to share. From 5 to 7 p.m., there will also be a cooking contest. To pre-register for the contest, visit www.caccusa.org.

Besides tasty treats, there will also be vendor booths, kid's games and community performances until 9 p.m.

For details on the New Years events, contact newyear@cacc.usa or visit www.caccusa.org.

CACC was founded in Pleasanton



The Chinese American Cooperation Council hosts the seventh annual Tri-Valley Culture Day, with a gala Feb. 20 and a carnival Feb. 27. The stage show, pictured, is part of the gala and features traditional and modern dancing, folk songs and more.

in 2003 and seeks to promote cultural heritage and enhance friendship in the Chinese-American community. The non-profit organization also strives facilitate the cultural and business exchanges and cooperation between American and China.

CACC also offers a Chinese school that meets on Sundays from late August to early June, with six programs and more than 80 classes taught by instructors from China and the Bay Area.

—Emily West

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- 11 – 12: 50% off our oils and pasta sauces to go
- 11 – 1: 50% off pizza for dine in customers
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- 3 – 4: Wholesale representatives providing information and complimentary merchandise
- 3 – 7: Happy Hour with complimentary appetizers
- 5:30 – 9:30: Live indoor entertainment (piano and accordion)
- 6 – 8: Live indoor entertainment
- 9 – 10: 50% off pizza for dine in customers

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Francisco Examiner, discovered Berry would be attending the San Francisco Writers Conference Feb. 12 and thought she would approach him about stopping by Pleasanton while he was in town.

Despite 12 years and 85 rejections over five manuscripts, Berry kept at it.

"For me, it's been a slow, slow, steady process," he said. "It was not an overnight success. It's been an interesting journey for me. If I had a manuscript, I couldn't even give it away eight years ago. Now, (my books) are in 50 countries."

Some of Berry's New York Times bestselling thriller novels include "The Paris Vendetta," "The Charlemagne Pursuit," "The Venetian Betrayal," "The Templar Legacy," and "The Romanov Prophecy." He'll have a new book — "The

Emperor's Tomb" — coming out this November.

His books are said to be a mental adventure for those reading, but they're also a real life adventure for Berry while he's researching for each novel. To write a historical thriller, Berry said he has to almost get into character for inspiration, traveling to the setting of each book and taking detailed notes.

Upon being asked by an audience member how he keeps track of storyline ideas, he said it's relatively simple.

"I take a zillion photographs. Actually, it's my wife who takes a zillion photographs," he said.

Berry's wife Elizabeth is the executive director for Thrillerfest, the International Thriller Writer's yearly gathering in New York City.

While working on "The Venetian Betrayal," Berry said he

wanted to imagine how to break into St. Mark's tomb in Italy, so while visiting it with his wife, he tried to sneak his camera to take photos when they weren't allowed. Though it got the pair thrown out, he said it was worth it because the pictures were essential to having a good recollection of what it looked like. And besides that fact, several others were taking flash photos.

"I also buy guide books and every picture book I can find," he added. "I have about six shelves at home full of guide books from around the world and that's what I use when I go to write."

Proceeds from ticket sales of both the writer's workshop and reception benefitted the Museum On Main. The Berrys, who are passionate about history, launched History Matters to assist communities around the world with restoration and preservation. ■

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space.

It was that proposal that the council approved in a 4-1 vote in late 2007, with only McGovern opposed.

Former Councilwoman Kay Ayala then formed the "Save Pleasanton's Hills" citizens' coalition and during the Thanksgiving holiday period in 2007 obtained enough signatures to force a referendum to reverse the council's decision. Lawsuits by the Lins and countersuits by the citizens' coalition followed, with Ayala's group finally prevailing late last year. Last Tuesday, the council took up the issue again and made its decision to let the voters decide the outcome.

At times, Tuesday's meeting was cantankerous with several opponents of Oak Grove accusing Hosterman of favoring the project because its developers and associates had contributed to her election

campaign. Lee Fulton called the Lins' offer of a land grant to the city a "bribe" and urged the council to ignore it and kill the project.

Noting that the June balloting would cost the city up to \$79,000, Ayala called the referendum a waste of taxpayers' money since enough voters had already signed her petitions to likely vote the Oak Grove proposal down. Along with Sullivan and McGovern, she asked that if a referendum was going to be placed on a ballot, that it be considered in the General Election on Nov. 2. The three said that would give Oak Grove opponents more time to prepare their arguments for voting down the measure.

By placing the referendum on the June 8 ballot, the deadline for preparing direct arguments is now March 15, with rebuttal arguments due by March 25.

Sullivan said those dates place pressure on the citizens' group to prepare voter information on the issue, giving an "unfair" advantage

to the Oak Grove developers who have ample funds to print literature, send mailers and otherwise promote their development.

"If this goes in June, that's a huge advantage to the developer who has the staff and money to pump into the election, far outweighing what the citizens can do," Sullivan said. "Also, more people will be voting in November. That's the time to have it."

But Thorne disagreed.

"The November ballot will be chocked full of issues and candidates," he said. "If we want voters to focus on the facts of this issue, we don't want to mix this referendum with all of the state issues that voters will face on the November ballot."

Cook-Kallio, in supporting the June date for the referendum, also noted that municipal elections for the mayoral and two council positions will occur in November. By placing Oak Grove on the June ballot, it will keep the controversial issue out of those campaigns. ■

Amador Run for Relief raises \$22K for Haiti

More than 500 students and faculty members raised at least \$20 apiece

By JANET PELLETIER

They say that profound sorrow brings people together. It happened after 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and now, the earthquake in Haiti. That goodwill has also been translated locally at Amador Valley High School, where students and faculty came together and raised \$22,771 that will be donated to the ravaged nation, where most buildings and homes are uninhabitable.

The money was raised during the school's Run for Relief, held Feb. 3.

The idea for the run/walkathon was first started by Granada High School's P.E. department in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina devastated

the Gulf Coast, according to Amador P.E. teacher Tony Battilega. At that time, \$23,000 was raised and sent to a New Orleans school district. In 2007, Granada again held a Run for Relief to help out the Southern California fire victims, raising \$12,000 that was sent to a San Diego school district. And this year, Granada asked Amador to join in a third Run for Relief for Haiti.

Battilega said approximately 1,250 students, 50 staff members and 20 off-campus community members participated in the run/walk, which was held during P.E. classes all day long as well as after

school.

A total of 523 students and staff members earned a T-shirt by collecting at least \$20 in donations. Out of a total of 3,666 miles ran, two boys ran 26 laps in one session and one girl ran 48 laps in three sessions.

Teacher Elizabeth Stanley's sixth period P.E. class earned a pizza lunch for collecting the most money in a class period with more than \$1,700.

Battilega, who himself ran 41 laps (10 miles), said the school wants the money to directly aid the children in Haiti and is still deciding on a charity to support. ■

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on landscaped golf courses and sip wine in a gourmet dining room while the club's cooks, waiters, dishwashers and housekeepers work hard to serve them," Hegde said. "Now the club's managers (want to) push through a contract proposal that would make health care unaffordable for workers' families."

A union press release issued Monday also quoted a union member's concern over the lockout:

"I am very scared of the company's proposal because our family is very dependent on the medical insurance we receive from the company," Carlos Hernandez, a five-year dinner cook at the club was quoted as saying. "My wife had her gallbladder removed two weeks ago and without the surgery, I do not know what she would have done. If I had to pay \$739 a month for family medical insurance (as the club's new contract specifies), I would not be able to afford it and my wife and two children would lose coverage."

Hegde said Hernandez and his family are among the 57 dependents that would potentially lose their health coverage due to Castlewood's proposal.

However, 20 of the 57 members are employees with only single-rate health care plans. Castlewood has said it will continue covering workers in this category free of charge.

Hegde said Unite Here! Local 2850 workers have been negotiating with the company since last September and have offered management a reasonable contract proposal that would, according to Local 2850's calculations, reduce labor costs for the company by approximately 8 percent in the first

year, including a one-year wage freeze, an "extremely modest wage increase (just 10 cents an hour)" for the following year and an increase in worker's monthly insurance premiums for a cheaper plan with fewer benefits.

Hegde said the union has also filed an unfair labor practice charge against the club with the National Labor Relations Board, alleging intimidation. The claim states that Castlewood "has tried to scare its employees into quitting their jobs."

"Workers are scared," Hegde said.

She said one worker, Petra Medina, a Castlewood maintenance worker, told her that club managers said "that if we didn't accept the company's proposal, we will all be locked out."

"Nobody wants to let the club take away our families' health care, but a lot of my co-workers are terrified of ending up without a job in this economy if we fight back," Medina added.

But Steve Frietas, who's been a bartender at Castlewood for the last 16 years and was the union's shop steward for 10 years, said he talked management into backing away from a pay cut that it had initially proposed. 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.

He also said that although new health care premiums would increase according to the schedule, as they already have for the nonunion employees, Castlewood agreed to kick in \$40 a month for couples and \$80 a month for families for the Local 2850. 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.

Frietas told the Pleasanton Weekly that 34 of the union's 57 members have signed petitions he has distributed calling on Unite Here! Local 2850 to accept Castlewood's contract offer.

"These workers don't want to go on strike," Frietas said Wednesday. "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, they could continue working while they look for other jobs that offer more money or less expensive benefits, or both."

But he said he was rebuffed in his appeal to union leaders to sign the contract offer and that union leaders have now kicked him off their negotiating team.

Frietas, a Vietnam veteran with two Purple Hearts, added: "I'll be 62 next month and I've been at Castlewood for 16 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."

Castlewood is reportedly facing an operating budget shortfall and has tightened its benefits policies for both union and non-union employees. Sources reported that up to 70 memberships were canceled in recent weeks as members find themselves squeezed by the current economic downturn. ■

OF NOTE

Foothill student receives accolades

Abhiraj Chowdhury was re-

cently selected as a semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search, a semifinalist in Coca-Cola Scholars and a finalist in Elks Most Valu-



able Student award. Also named an Intel semifinalist was classmate Druthi Ghanta.

He has been commended by the U.S. Congress, governor of California and director of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for his adolescent obesity epidemiology research.

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Downtown and the secret society



"we spread manure the word"

Maybe you've noticed I've been trash talk'n the publicly funded Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) lately and you are wondering why. Well for me it's all about transparency, accountability, and trust. How many times have you heard PDA say, "We encourage citizen participation". Yet the truth is, not once in 5 years has PDA ever responded to a single suggestion, question, or anything else I've requested from its Board of Directors. And it is darn hard participating when you're discussing the issues at the bottom of a PDA trashcan. Apparently, if you are not a card-carrying member of the "Secret Society" (SS), then basically you're too stupid to live.

Did you know that two members appointed to the "Downtown Specific Plan" (DSP) Committee didn't even live in Pleasanton? They drove in from Danville to help write the rules you and I must live under today. Anyway, maybe you have also noticed that the same ones who just a short time ago were refusing to even discuss the projects they were touting are now out there saying things like, "maybe we shouldn't have done that" and "we won't do that again". And you know that's true, we won't do that again. Next time it's always something different and ka-ching, we won't do that again either.

One thing is for sure, the road to success does not pass through PDA, or DSP, or another committee driving the system toward a predetermined outcome. Success can only be found in two places --- Involvement and Support. Go downtown a little more often, support the businesses and events you want, reject bad ideas and embrace good ones, and be wary of self-servers selling "free market" and "fairness" when the lights are on while exchanging advantages when they're off and over time downtown can be any thing you decide.

Don't forget, if you decide not to decide then the SS will be more than willing to continue to decide for you. Now this is where I normally ask PDA to tell us where I go wrong, but all of a sudden, flash, all six of my brain cells lit up at the same time and it dawned on me, why would PDA want to break its perfect record of arrogance and disrespect.

—Robert W. Byrd

Opinion

LETTERS

HSAs — better care, a third of the cost

Dear Editor,

All of us, like Castlewood workers ("Labor dispute at Castlewood," News, Feb. 5, page 5), must demand self-managed, prefunded ~\$2,000 deductible, "Health Savings Acct." plans from unions, employers, insurers, Medicare and Medicaid, who impose two-thirds the cost, so hide this option to keep power and money.

We doctors charge less for better care without distant dictates. Boxer and McNERNEY caucuses are passing czar care bills this week that kill HSAs and patient power. Demand HSAs.

Howard F. Long

Parents need character education too

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton school district prides itself on its "Character Education Building" program. I wholeheartedly support their efforts. Unfortunately, parents don't always follow these ideals.

Feb. 4, I was parked on Valley Avenue when another mother tried to parallel park into the small

space in front of me. On her third attempt of backing in, and after I warned her each previous time by honking, she bumped into the front of my car. She immediately got defensive and said she hadn't touched my car and that she was a church-going woman. She then accused me of being racist and blaming her people for everything. She proceeded to get out of the car and when we looked at my car, I told her I didn't think there was any damage but that she should be careful in the future. She started wagging her finger in front of my face and threatening me. After that she spit in my face and as I was reeling from the shock of that, she hit me under the jaw. I quickly got back in my car, locked the door and called the police. When they arrived, she proceeded to deny much of what happened.

I haven't pressed charges and I'm not seeking revenge. I'm just shocked that a parent could harbor so much hatred and act so aggressively toward another parent, especially in public and in front of her own child's school. The same conduct from a student at school would surely get that child suspended. Good character training needs to start at the parent level to support and enforce what the district is trying to foster in the students.

Nancy Krakauer

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Here's a 'win-win' energy savings program for Pleasanton

Pleasanton homeowners who want to make their houses more energy efficient will soon be able to finance costly new solar roofs, water heaters, windows and even water saving devices with little money and up to 20 years to repay the costs through their property tax bills thanks to a new program called CaliforniaFIRST. The City Council voted to join the program Tuesday at the recommendation of Daniel Smith, the city's director of Operations Services, and City Manager Nelson Fialho. Both have been involved in regional discussions in developing the statewide sustainable energy financing pilot program that will provide homeowners up to \$20,000 in financing to retrofit their houses with new energy efficient devices and materials.

The state legislature passed urgency measure AB 811 in July 2008 which authorized county, regional and statewide agencies to develop large-scale sustainable energy financing programs. The idea is to spread the overhead and financing costs over a much larger market area, making the retrofit work more feasible. Alameda County was one of 14 counties to adopt the measure and all cities in the county are eligible to participate. Under the program, Pleasanton property owners, including businesses that own their own buildings, can borrow money from the program to install energy efficient improvements, such as lighting efficiency retrofits, heating and air conditioning system efficiency improvements, solar photovoltaic electrical systems and possibly weatherization and insulation improvements. Those who participate can have the cost of those improvements financed through "contractual assessments" on their property for up to 20 years in order to repay the loans.

The city of Pleasanton has a wealth of experience with assessment-type financings such as these, including financing a majority of the public infrastructure that supported the development of Stoneridge Mall, Hacienda Business Park and other business parks in the city. The benefit of the CaliforniaFIRST program for a property owner is that only those who choose to participate in the program will have assessments imposed on their property. In today's economic environment, there may be few attractive options for property owners to finance renewable energy, energy efficient and water efficient improvements. Even if financing can be obtained, most commercial loans must be paid in full if the homeowner sells the property. Under this new program, the life of the repayment option or assessment transfers with the property upon sale. The property owner can choose to pay off the assessment at any time.

Operations Director Smith said the CaliforniaFIRST program has an added advantage in that it not only provides incentives for homeowners to move forward on making their homes more energy efficient, but it also offers opportunities for the construction industry, where the unemployment rate in California now hovers above the 22 percent mark. In fact, the state legislature eyed the possibility of greater numbers of construction jobs when it voted to create CaliforniaFIRST. All of the costs of setting up the program and promoting it will be paid by stimulus funds from Alameda County so that there is no cost to the city of Pleasanton or to homeowners to sign up for the program. There's currently a 7 percent interest rate on the tax assessment financing and it's unclear at this time if the added assessment will be considered an added value to the property itself and thus be tax deductible. Still, it's a far less expensive way of financing major expenditures for the home to make it more efficient with the added benefit of reduced utility bills once the solar roof or other energy saving devices and materials are installed. Smith told the council that this is a "win-win." We agree. ■



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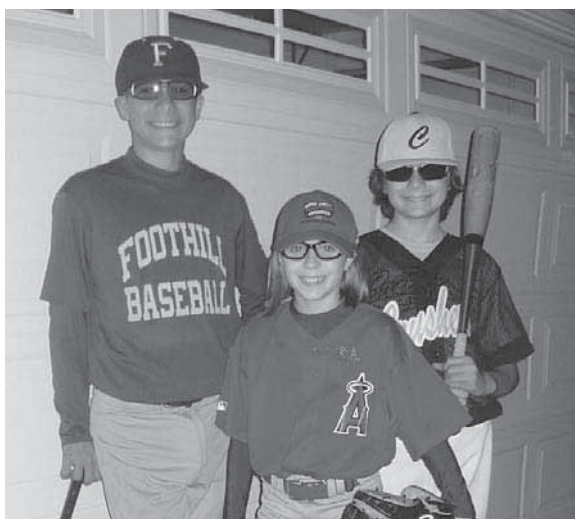
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POLICE REPORT

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

Feb. 9

Theft

- 10:35 a.m. in the 4100 block of First Street; grand theft
- 11:52 p.m. in the 1300 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft

Vandalism

- 7:14 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street
- 11:16 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Vervais Avenue

Public drunkenness

- 3:52 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue
- 9:05 p.m. in the 4100 block of Stanley Boulevard

Animal bite

- 3:39 p.m. in the 7600 block of Glenbrook Court

Feb. 10

Theft

- 3:01 p.m. in the 7800 block of Oak Creek Drive; identity theft
- 5:53 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
- 6:17 p.m. in the 3500 block of Pimlico Drive; identity theft

Burglary

- 8:38 a.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane; vehicular
- 12:56 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 10:49 a.m. in the 4100 block of Mohr Avenue; under the influence of a controlled substance, DUI, paraphernalia possession, non-narcotic controlled substance possession
- 7:12 p.m. in the 800 block of Rose Avenue; paraphernalia possession, non-narcotic controlled substance

possession

- 11:10 p.m. at the intersection of Reflections Drive and Stanley Boulevard; DUI, non-narcotic controlled substance possession, possession of counterfeit items

Truant

- 12:22 p.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Bernal Avenue

Feb. 11

Identity theft

- 5:18 p.m. in the 1000 block of Hancock Court

Burglary

- 8:01 a.m. in the 9200 block of Klemeston Drive

Vandalism

- 9:46 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue
- 9:53 a.m. in the 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road

- 4:26 p.m. in the 8000 block of Arroyo Drive

DUI

- 1:13 a.m. at the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Weymouth Court; public drunkenness

- 9:11 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Feb. 12

Petty theft

- 9:08 a.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:42 a.m. in the 4400 block of Holland Drive
- 6:36 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 7:57 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Identity theft

- 8:44 a.m. in the 5200 block of Armani Court; identity theft
- 1:13 p.m. in the 5800 block of Corte Margarita; identity theft

Grand theft

- 8:21 p.m. in the 5800 block of Corte Mente

Vandalism

- 5:10 p.m. in the 2900 block of Liberty Drive; threats

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:38 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

- 1:54 a.m. at the intersection of Northway and Harvest roads; DUI

- 10:42 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill and Dublin Canyon Road; DUI

- 11:16 p.m. in the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue; paraphernalia possession, controlled substance possession

Feb. 13

Theft

- 2:21 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft

- 11:33 a.m. in the 4200 block of Passeggi Court; grand theft

- 12:57 p.m. in the 1800 block of Brooktree Way

- 6:27 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

Burglary

- 9:00 a.m. in the 4100 block of Mohr Avenue

Vandalism

- 7:02 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

- 5:15 p.m. in the 3500 block of Yellowstone Court

DUI

- 1:36 a.m. in the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

- 1:56 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue

- 4:04 a.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive

Non-narcotic controlled substance possession

- 10:06 p.m. in the 5100 block of Johnson Drive

OBITUARIES

Stephen James Vasey

Stephen James Vasey died Jan. 19 at the age of 64.

Mr. Vasey was born Dec. 21, 1945 to the late James and Rowena Vasey and raised in Utah.

He came to Livermore in 1970 to work for Sandia National Laboratory where he retired in 2001.

He was retired from the United States Air Force and was a devoted member of St. Charles Church, Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sandia RASCALS. He was an avid golfer, golf instructor and hunter. He had a special way with animals and children. He composed wonderful stories for his grandchildren and touched the lives of many

people with his humor, generosity and compassion.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Monika Vasey; daughters, Lisa Vasey, Stephanie Moore and Diane Myers-Lipton; second mother, Billiejean Vasey; brothers, Jann Vasey, Gordon Lyon and Marty Lyon; 10 grandchildren and countless friends and family whom were blessed to know him. He was preceded in death by his sister, Trudy Lyon.

A service was scheduled to be held Jan. 23. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Charles Church 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore, C.A. 94550 or Hoofprints On The Heart, 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore, C.A. 94551.



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PAP 140 through PAP 144, Phil Benzel, Robert Miller, and Todd Briggs, Appellants (PDR 883 through PDR 887, Ponderosa Homes, Applicant)**

Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's Design Review approvals to construct five single family homes on five vacant lots located at 6120 Sanctuary Lane, 6136 Sanctuary Lane, 6168 Sanctuary Lane, 6184 Sanctuary Lane, and 6139 Sanctuary Lane, in the Happy Valley Specific Plan Area.

Committee on Energy and Environment

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Staff Report on Purchasing Policy
- Perspective Speakers for the Lecture Series
- Selection of Logo Design
- Climate Action Plan Update

Trails Ad Hoc Committee

Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Conference Room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and Prioritize Trail Projects
- Trails Project Status Report

GENERAL INFORMATION

Employment Opportunity

The Pleasanton Downtown Association seeks a self-motivated, visionary with great networking skills to serve as Executive Director to oversee the promotion and marketing of the City's vibrant Downtown. Please submit a resume and letter of interest to the following or online at: www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us by March 5, 2010.

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**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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WEDDINGS



Lauren McCarthy & Clark Fuller

Lauren Sue McCarthy and Clark Fuller were married Dec. 30 at Calippe Preserve Golf Course under a blue moon. A reception followed at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Lauren's bridal party consisted

of her daughter Katie McCarthy as maid of honor and Debby Cappadona and Linda Brophy as attendants. Kevin Libert stood as Clark's best man with Rob Wicks and Ryan Snow as groomsmen.

Lauren is the daughter of Barbara and Francis McCarthy of Palo Alto. She graduated from Palo Alto High School in 1975.

Clark is the son of Betty and Harry Fuller of Pleasanton. He graduated from Amador Valley High School.

The couple live in Pleasanton.

Jill Hocking & Garrett Perez

Jill Hocking and Garrett Perez were married Nov. 14 at Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon.

The bride is the daughter of Janet Hocking and Jim Hocking of Pleasanton. She was a 2000 graduate of Amador Valley High School and went on to graduate with a degree in business administration from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2004.

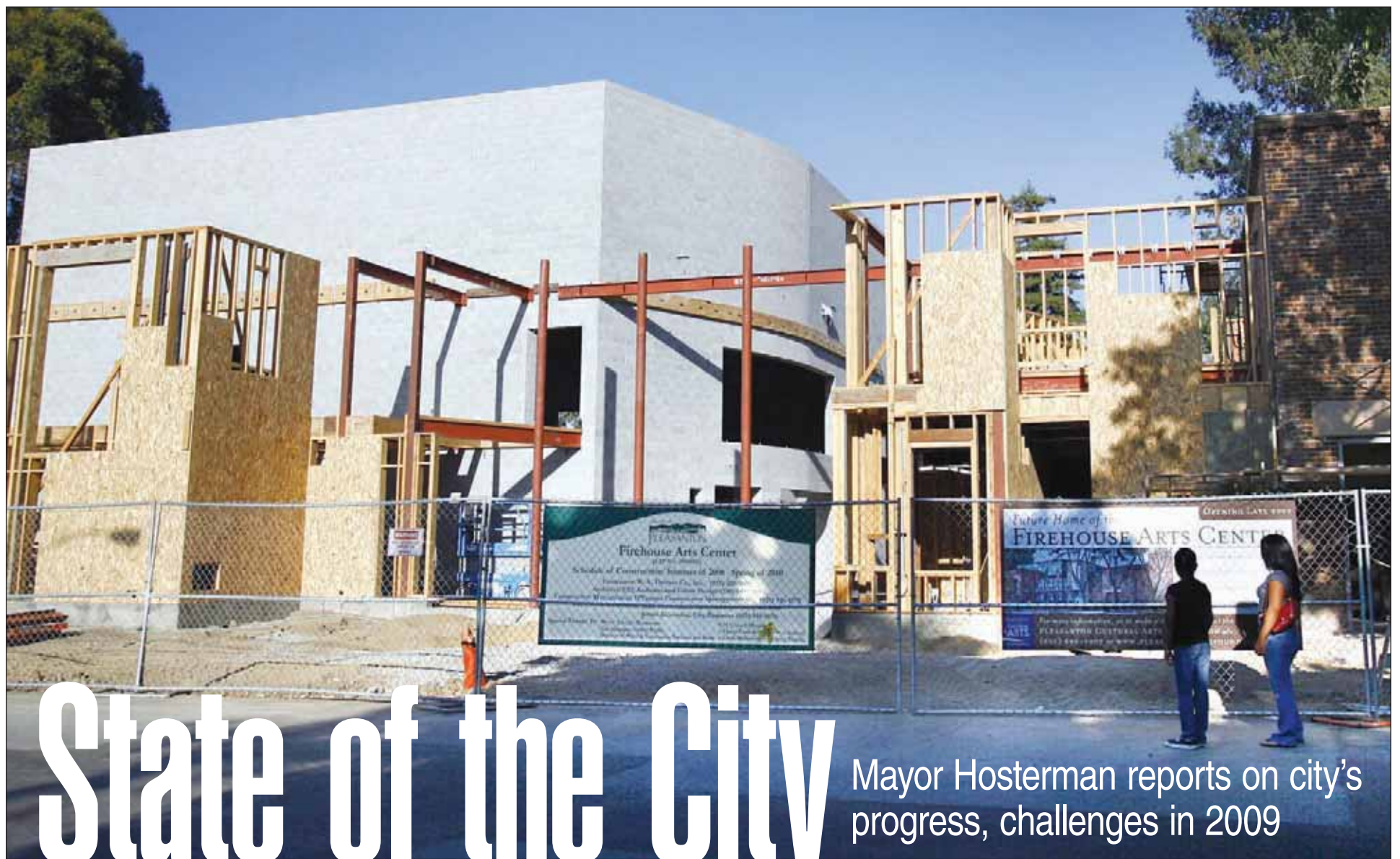
The groom is the son of Becky and Gary Perez of Porterville, Calif. He graduated from Monache High School in Porterville in 2000 and



received his degree in business administration from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2005.

The matron of honor was the sister of the bride, Julie Casler. The bridesmaids were Christine Leighty, Carrie Schwartz and Markee Perez. The best man was the best friend of the groom, Danny Prokosch and attendants were Jonathan Anderson, Michael Nelson and Evan Perez.

The couple honeymooned in Bora Bora. The couple work on the Peninsula and reside in Santa Clara.



DINO VOURNAS

By JEB BING

Despite the ongoing recession and severe budget shortfalls facing the state government and many California cities, Pleasanton's municipal government is weathering the economic storm without much difficulty — at least so far.

Describing the global economic crisis of 2008 as a “wake-up call,” Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said the city government “saddled up” and adapted to the uncertain and troubled economy, realigning its goals and municipal payroll, postponing major projects, imposing a hiring freeze on all but the most essential positions and holding off where it could on replacing vehicles and equipment purchases.

“Instead of the wake-up call we had in 2008, 2009 has been a call to action to respond to these dramatic changes,” Hosterman said in her “State of the City” report last Tuesday.

Speaking at a meeting hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at the Pleasanton Hilton Hotel, Hosterman said that by staying focused, the city has been able to navigate its way through the economic hardships without layoffs at City Hall or any major curtailment of city services and programs.

“Although the recession has had a major impact on the city's General Fund revenues, which have declined by \$7 million dollars over the past three years, we have found ways to adapt,” she explained. “For example, like most Americans, we are living within our means. This has been achieved by reducing General Fund costs and operating transfers. The General Fund finances most of our day-to-day services such as public safety, parks, library and street maintenance. Our

budgeted revenues this year are just over \$87 million dollars, short of the \$94-million peak we experienced in 2007-08.”

She said the city government has reduced its employee roster through reorganizations and attrition. Along with other California cities, Pleasanton is also evaluating its compensation structure in an effort to reduce labor costs.

“We are all doing more with less, becoming more efficient and reducing funding on capital projects until the economy improves,” she said.

“We are fortunate to be a city that still has options that many others do not,” she added. “This past year, the League of California Cities reported that more than 40 cities passed a resolution declaring a state of severe hardship. These

include some of our Northern California neighbors such as Palo Alto, Petaluma, Sebastopol, Millbrae, San Anselmo and South San Francisco, to name just a few.”

“These drastic cuts are across-the-board and in some cases, such as in Tracy and Stockton, may affect public safety with reductions in the police force,” Hosterman said. “Throughout the area, employee layoffs, hiring freezes, project delays, program reductions and many other severe changes have been necessary.”

Still, Pleasanton is not without concerns this year and in coming years as the state seeks to close its \$21-billion-plus budget deficit, partly by grabbing revenue from local

governments.

“State and county services have been impacted in ways most of us hadn't even considered,” Hosterman explained. “For example, the gas tax, which the state distributes to counties to fund road maintenance, is on the governor's list to be retracted and the effect could be devastating. If that proposal passes through the legislature, California drivers can expect more potholes, unruly vegetation on medians and roadsides, dirtier byways because of no street sweeping, and a slower response to emergencies such as mudslides.”

“Thinking of heading to the snow to take a break from all this bad news?” she asked her audience. “Watch the weather and plan your trip carefully because state budget cuts have limited snow removal on I-80 this winter during non-holiday periods. Caltrans has just under \$2 million to do \$4 million worth of work.”

Pleasanton residents and businesses are also feeling the pain. According to Hosterman, commercial vacancies are at a 20-percent peak. The real estate market has its hands tied because some buyers can't secure financing. Nor is the city immune to the global economic impacts and some in the city are among the growing legion of Americans whose primary job, Hosterman said, “is now to look for a job.”

“The job situation will erode further in the spring when the NUMMI plant closes, impacting Pleasanton and regional residents

who work at NUMMI, and those working for ancillary businesses that support the plant.”

So, how is Pleasanton going to survive the storm?

“By being resilient and continuing to tweak and adapt our plans as we progress toward our goals,” Hosterman answered. “Someone once said to write your goals in cement and your plans in the sand. The concept applies here.”

Our goals remain firm and we will adapt our plans as needed to meet them,” she explained. “My fellow city council members and I are totally committed to maintaining the high quality of life that our residents and businesses expect. We are equally bound to a conservative fiscal policy that helps to insulate Pleasanton from the perils of the global economy.”

She said these primary goals include maintaining excellent schools, a state-of-the-art infrastructure, multiple transportation options, clean streets, green parks and street medians, low crime statistics and environmental solutions for waste.

Citing the budget shortfall facing the Pleasanton school district, Hosterman said the community must come together to resolve the crisis. Reform for education spending at the state level is paramount to this effort and she urged everyone to join in supporting better state funding of schools.

Despite the challenging economic climate, Hosterman said the city had many accomplishments in 2009, including some continuing forward at this time. This includes the \$10-million Firehouse Performing Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton that is scheduled to open later this year.

“It will serve as a beautiful venue for entertainment and the arts that are compatible with and complementary to our historic downtown,” Hosterman said.



Mayor Jennifer Hosterman



JEB BING

Among accomplishments cited in Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's "State of the City" report were (left) the \$10-million Firehouse Performing Arts Center that is nearing completion in downtown Pleasanton, and (above) the \$7-million lighted baseball fields and sports complex in Bernal Community Park.

"We've also made great strides on the approval process for the Staples Ranch development," she added. "This signature project will result in a premier senior housing complex, an ice rink that will serve as a regional destination and retail opportunities that will help to bolster our fiscal sustainability."

The city also opened its 13-acre baseball sports complex in Bernal Community Park, "launching a 17-year effort that will result in an impressive recreational resource that is one-half the size of New York City's Central Park," Hosterman said. "Planning is now under way for Phase Two of what will ultimately be a fabulous amenity for ours and future generations to enjoy."

Alviso Adobe Community Park, now in its second year of operation, saw more than 60 class groups tour the facility last year to learn about the roots of the valley and its role in the region's history. More than 100 school groups are expected to visit the park this year.

Last summer, the city launched a free "Movies in the Park" program at DeLucchi Park, with hundreds turning out to enjoy movies under the stars.

And, given the state of the economy, Hosterman said it was no surprise that the Pleasanton Public Library broke all-time patronage records in 2009. The library parking lot also shared its space with a new activity, Hosterman said, when the city brought to the downtown area an outdoor Sharks holiday ice rink, which attracted several hundred skaters each day per day with daily skating lessons regularly sold out.

"Our significant efforts to improve regional transportation are also starting to pay off," Hosterman said. "Eastbound Interstate 580 High Occupancy Vehicle lanes and sections of State Route 84 improvements are under construction, and we have made a strong case to our partner agencies that completion of the widening of the southern section of SR 84 is critical to congestion management and relief in the entire corridor."

BART to Livermore also remains on the city's radar, Hosterman said as she reiterated Pleasanton's commitment to that project.

"We also look forward to having a voice in this vital project, and are pleased to have been invited to participate in that process," Hosterman said. "We were equally pleased to read that (Alameda County) Supervisor Scott Haggerty does not support a Chain of Lakes alignment for the proposed BART extension route."

Through the formation of the new Hacienda Task Force and the upcoming planning process, Hosterman said the city will explore the possibilities of transit-oriented development in ways that complement the environment of the Hacienda Business Park. The project has the potential to solve multiple issues facing Pleasanton and meet Pleasanton's goals of becoming a more sustainable city.

In her "State of the City" address, the mayor also emphasized the "dedicated substantial effort and

resources" her administration has placed on supporting Pleasanton-based businesses over the past year.

"Our small and medium-sized businesses are a critical segment of both the local and national economies," she said. "Working with our neighboring cities of Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon and the Alameda County Small Business Development Center, we hosted a series of Small Business Workshops that drew a broad audience. Participants learned about business plans, how to access capital, legal and business issues, marketing, and much more. We also implemented a number of business assistance programs, including Fee Deferral Programs that can facilitate construction during this period of severe credit constraint."

Among the city's other accomplishments in 2009, Hosterman reported, were:

Business:

A new supermarket — 99 Ranch Market — is moving into the former Levitz Furniture site in the Rose Pavilion, along with a new Carpetland store. Ross Stores, headquartered in the Carr America Center, posted impressive gains in 2009 and Safeway, one of the country's largest grocers with headquarters in Pleasanton, reported a 12-percent increase in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Public Safety:

Crime in Pleasanton was down 13 percent last year compared to 2008. Injury accidents were down by 8 percent. The rate of serious crimes that were solved last year was up by 30 percent.

Health:

Pleasanton joined with Dublin in sponsoring a mass H1N1 flu clinic at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, with more than 850 residents inoculated.

In partnership with the National League of Cities, the city launched a new discount prescription drug program that can be used to purchase prescriptions that are not covered by an insurance or Medicare prescription plan. The discount cards, available at the library, the Senior Center and the Parks and Community Services Department, offer an average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of prescription drugs.

Last fall, the library offered a free series on Diabetes Management, presented by the Alameda County Public Health's Diabetes Program. In light of the program's large turn-out, another class will be offered next summer.

"As you can see," Hosterman said, "the work of your city continues, even in these tough times. We are committed to weathering this storm and, in the process, continuing to provide the best services possible to our residents. If there is an up-side to the current economic challenge, it has been to refocus everyone's attention and foster a new way of thinking for both business and government." ■



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SPORTS DIGEST

Seahawks at Stockton C/B/A+ Meet

While attending the Stockton Swim Club C/B/A+ Meet Feb. 6-7, many new cuts were turned in by the Pleasanton Seahawks. In the Pre Senior group, five swimmers achieved 91 percent Lifetime Bests (LTB) with six new Junior Olympic (JO) cuts: Madison Burson — 100 percent (LTB) with new "A" time in the 100 breast; Analese Chinn — 100 percent LTB, new JO times in the 200 free/50 fly; Kayla Lindsay — 6/8 LTB, new JO time in the 50 free; Jeffrey Tang — 100 percent LTB with new JO times in the 50/100 free.

The Junior/Pre Junior groups delivered additional JO and Far Western (FW) cuts: Wolf Lachance made JOs in the 100/200 free; Kyle Oslund — 2/3 LTB with new JO times in the 400 IM/100 breast; Emma Kauffeld made JOs in the 50/100 free; Mike Yao made JO in the 50 free and FW in the 100 breast.

WCOGA gymnasts place first in all-around

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics had a proud day as their boy's team competed at the 2010 Stanford Open Jan. 29-31.

Both Christopher Turner, level 10, and Nikita Latman, level 9, took first place all-around for their age divisions. Also, competing at level 10, Travis Gollott placed fourth overall, and Alex Ganz placed sixth overall. The WCOGA level 10 boys took first place for the team award.

At level 5, there were four boys placing in the top 10 for overall individual effort: Scott Mackanic took second, Dominic Costa took fourth, Kiran Bhat took sixth, and Will Lavanakul took 10th. As a team, WCOGA boys level 5 earned fourth place.

Competing at level 4, Ryan Kobayashi was awarded the judge's award for the Most Enthusiastic Gymnast.

On Jan. 16, at the Vitaly Scherbo Gymnastics Invitational in Las Vegas, the level 5 boy's team took fifth place for the team award. In the "younger" division, Costa placed seventh overall and Lavanakul placed 10th. Mackanic, competing in the older division, placed second overall and took first in both floor and pommel.

At level 7, Jeremy Inchauspe finished 14th overall and placed 12th in P Bars.

Both Ganz and Gollott finished sixth overall competing at level 10. ■

CCOP 524B 5th graders end season on high note

The CCOP 524B 5th grade boy's basketball team ended its regular season with an impressive 32-22 win Feb. 14 over a tough St. Isidore 525B team. With this game and an important win over SMSC prior, CCOP ends the regular season with an 8-2 record, a first place standing in their division, and a playoff berth.

The game with St. Isidore was much like most games this year, with every CCOP player contributing with strong defense and unselfish offense. Team stats have improved game-to-game all year — with CCOP out-scoring its opponents 272 to 183 in 10 games.

The fifth grade CCOP team's front court led by Esteban Kovacs, Matt Reyes, Adam Jue, and Nicholas Wisgo combined with the back court offensive attack and defensive plays by Colby Gilbert, Luke DeWilde, John Harrington, and Tyler Moniz made it very tough for St. Isidore to stop CCOP from making perimeter plays and putting points on the board. The paint on both ends of the court was dominated by Spencer Shin, Brandon Fung and Danny Hanna with awesome rebounding, more points and great defense to seal the win for CCOP.



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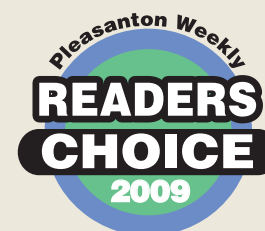
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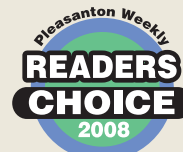
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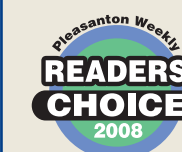
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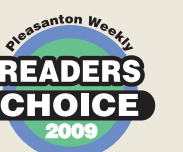
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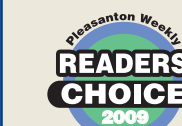
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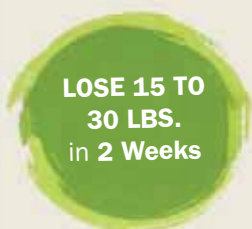
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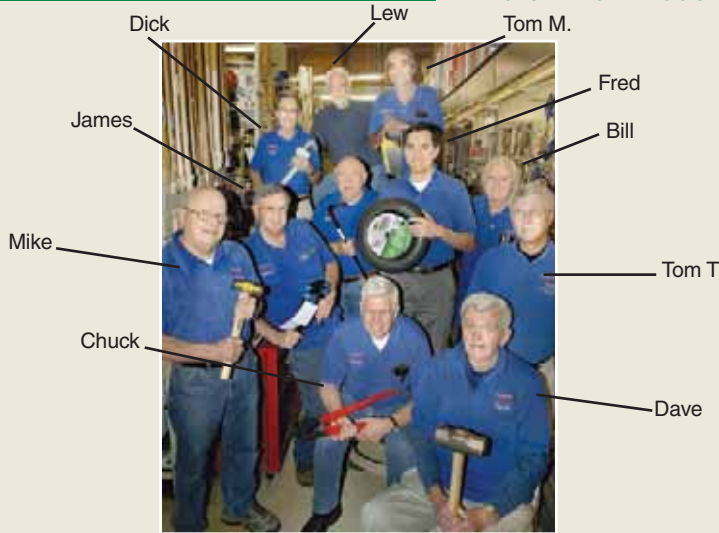
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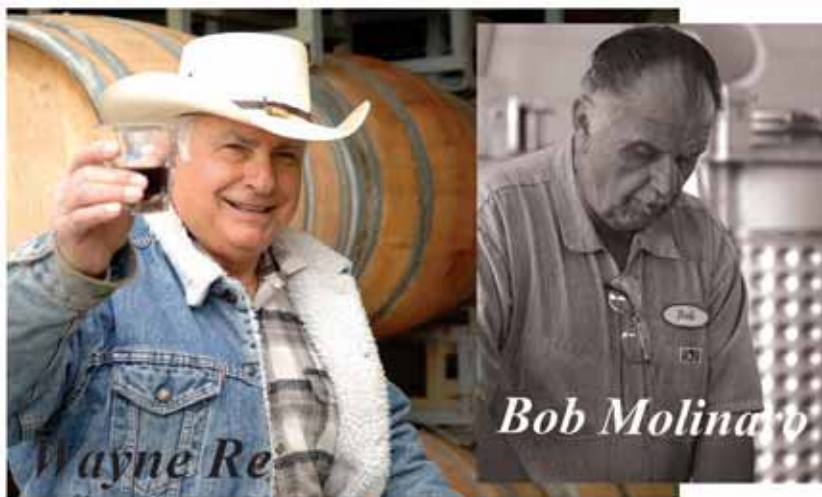
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CLEARING OUT CLUTTER

Organizer Emily Wilska to give tips at a workshop next week



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Having an orderly home isn't just for organized people, according to professional organizer Emily Wilska. It's about finding methods that work for the individual that allow them to take control over their belongings and spaces.

By Emily West

If a New Year's resolution to be organized has lost steam, consider trying again as spring and the ritual cleaning time approaches.

Organizer Emily Wilska said a common clean-up derailment has to do with lofty expectations that stem from the pages of popular magazines such as Real Simple or Martha Stewart.

"Anyone has the power and the ability to be organized," Wilska said. "It's simply a matter of finding the approach that works specifically for you. There are tons of different ways of going about it."

The San Francisco-based professional is speaking at the Dublin Library Feb. 27, where she plans to give people an overview and direction into a world clear of clutter.

"I hope to dispel some myths and for people to feel empowered," she said.

One such myth is that simply cleaning a space will solve the problem. A holistic approach, she said, is likely to leave lasting habits.

"I can go in and make a room look good, but if we don't address the systems and habits involved in keeping it up, things are going to return in a week, month or six weeks," she said.

The process, Wilska said, is identifying the overlying goal. More than just being organized, some people want a clean desktop while others want a particular room or space to be functional.

Once goals are established, the next step is to deal with the stuff, which Wilska said is the most popular complaint. Making decisions about items comes down to how meaningful they are to people.

"Rather than thinking 'do I need this' or 'it fits here,' when thinking about your space and your stuff, ask what actually deserves to be close to you," she said.

Even motivated people seem to have trouble making decisions over so many items. In deciding what goes and what stays, Wilska said people associate value based on thoughts of potentially needing it in the future, having once paid good money for it, wanting to use it but haven't found the time, or even feeling guilty for giving it up. By assigning real value to items, people find that they aren't in fact as valuable as they thought.

"People say, 'I haven't used this for six months, but it's taking up a huge chunk of my desktop,'" she said. "They then give themselves permission to take back the space. It's really liberating for them."

Emotion is a large part of the organization process, which is why many only relent after reaching a breaking point.

"They realized that their space, stuff, schedule, file drawer — whatever is feeling disorganized — add significant stress, particularly if they interact with it everyday," Wilska said. "Getting organized puts people back in control. We don't think of it as stuff having control over us, but often that is the case."

Whether the next action to regaining control is hiring a professional

or clearing out time to tackle it in a do-it-yourself fashion, Wilska reminds people that it's not about being perfect.

"The gospel of organizing," she said, "is that it's not just something that already organized people can do. I'm a strong believer that being organized can help almost everyone."

Wilska will offer a presentation at a free workshop held from 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Dublin library, located at 200 Civic Plaza. There she will give tips from her experience that she recently put into print: "Knack Organizing Your Home: Decluttering Solutions and Storage Ideas." For more information about the event, call 803-7286. ■

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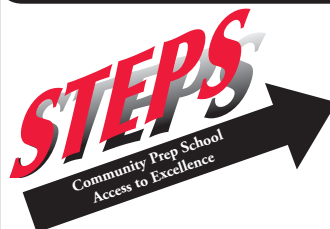
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"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" will be performed at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Feb. 19 through March 21 at the TVRT Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Ste. 309. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors 60 and older and \$20 for juniors under 18. To purchase, visit www.iloveyou.trivalleyrep.com, call 462-2121, or stop by the ticket office next to the theater in Ste. 307 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesdays or Fridays.

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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.

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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.

Fundraisers

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To benefit the Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, which directly helps people in the Tri-Valley living with cancer. The event is from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Feb. 19 at the San Ramon Golf Club. Includes dinner, dancing and auction. Tickets are \$75. Call 683-4804 or visit www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org.

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.

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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.

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.

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EARLY MUSIC CONCERTS AT LAS POSITAS COLLEGE Early Music at Las Positas College presents Judith Linsenber on recorder and Katherine Heater on harpsichord at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Las Positas College Library, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. The first concert of the 2010 season, features a solo recital of a Bach cello suite transcribed for recorder and other Baroque favorites. Tickets are \$15 or \$5 for students. Call 424-1209 or visit www.lpcearly-music.org.

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.civcartstickets.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.

RECRUITMENT GRANT AVAILABLE A \$500 recruitment grant from the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is available for a female student pursuing a career in education. Applicants must be a graduate of a high school in Pleasanton, Livermore or Dublin; be a full-time student of upper division or graduate standing as of fall 2010; and must have a good GPA. The deadline to apply is March 20. For information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Kathy Brooks, 1581 Oslo Ct., Livermore, CA, 94550.

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 BIMI 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.

PURIM AT BETH EMEK At 5:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., celebrate the triumph of loyalty over bigotry, the story of Esther will be read in Hebrew (admission free). At 7 p.m., Beth Emek will feature Purim Spiel with costumes, entertainment and homemade refreshments. Tickets are \$10. Both events are BYOB and for those over 21. Call 931-1055 or visit www.bethemek.org.

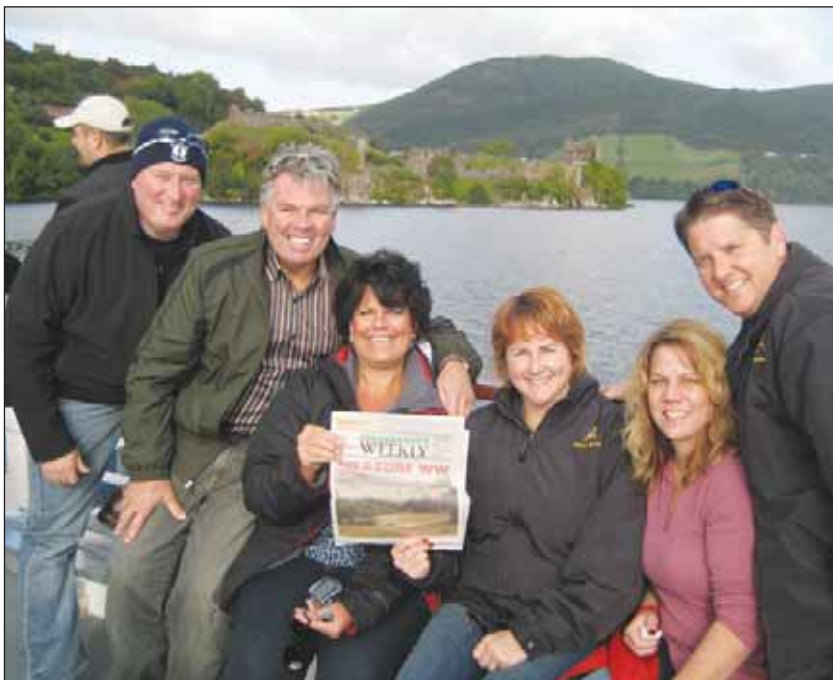
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TRI-VALLEY UNITY CHURCH "Looking for Love in all the Right Places" is the sermon topic is by guest speaker Dr. Richard Southern who speaks at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 at Tri-Valley Unity Church, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Call 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com. All are welcome. Ongoing classes and groups.

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Loch Ness Weekly

From L-R: Chris Seams, Steve Venema, Liz Venema, Cecile Seams, Jeanne Clegg and Randy Clegg took the Weekly along to Europe. After spending a long weekend at Oktoberfest in Munich, the boys met up with the ladies in Scotland. After playing golf at Turnberry, home of the 2009 British Open, they took a cruise on Loch Ness to Urquhart Castle pictured in the background. "No, we didn't see any monsters; we were too busy reading the Weekly!" reports Steve.

Honeymoon Weekly

Harvey and Marty Kameny took the Weekly along on their recent honeymoon cruise to Victoria, B.C. They were joined by their Pleasanton friends Bob and Joyce Shapiro, Jim and Cheryl Isaac and Jim and Dana Gulseth.





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J. Rockcliff Realtors is pleased to announce the association of Joel and Cindy Engel with the J. Rockcliff Realtors Pleasanton office. Joel and Cindy are ranked in the top 1% of area agents and have consistently achieved the highest level award that the Bay East Association of Realtors has to offer. They are well known and respected in the Real Estate community.

Cindy is a Broker Associate, Fine Homes International Certified Specialist, Relocation and Short Sale Specialist. She is a member of the Women's Council of Realtors and has received the Chairman's Circle honors for the highest sales volume at her former company. Prior to real estate, Cindy was Vice President of a major bank. A lifetime resident of Pleasanton and Livermore, Cindy is the chairperson for RGAS fundraiser for the Tri-Valley Schools.

Joel is the Past President of the Valley Marketing Association, former Sales Manager of Dutra Realty and Prudential California Realty and voted Most Professional Agent by his peers. Joel is the co-founder of "High Hopes" Golf Fundraiser benefiting Hope Hospice.

Joel and Cindy look forward to providing even greater service to their clients in the Tri-Valley. You can reach Joel at 925.251.2509, jengel@rockcliff.com and Cindy at 925.251.251, cengel@rockcliff.com.



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GOLDEN EAGLE ESTATE



8044 Golden Eagle Way PLEASANTON
Designer features throughout w/ extensive use of cherry wood, stone & more. Level park-like backyard, pool, spa, lrg grass area. Photos - www.8044GoldenEagle.com
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED



1515 HONEYSUCKLE CT PLEASANTON
Prestigious Golden Eagle Estates home! Beautifully appointed w/ 4 bd, 5 full ba, plus Library, Retreat & Bonus Room, 4892+/- sq.ft. w/ pool & spa on over an acre.
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

UPDATED



774 SYLVANER DR PLEASANTON
Huge family room with vaulted ceiling, kit cabinets/counters updated, French doors, 2 fireplaces, enormous yard, separate living & dining rooms. Possible side yard access.
Diane Sass 925.583.2168

ADORABLE



3546 Helen Dr PLEASANTON
light, bright, perfect for first time homebuyers! Two bedrooms, plus huge upstairs loft, could easily be 3rd bedroom. Kitchen remodeled, stainless steel, granite.
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

RUBY HILL ESTATE



655 EAST VINEYARD AVENUE LIVERMORE
Fabulous 20+ acre parcel w/ 8090 +/- sqft custom home. 14.8 acres of income producing Chardonnay grapes. Part of Ruby Hill Vineyard Estates.
Carol Cline, CRS 925.648.5415

GORGEOUS CUSTOM ESTATE



2801 GRAY FOX COURT PLEASANTON
Panoramic views, 1.91 acres of privacy. Resort-like backyard w/ pool, spa, swim up bar, barbeque, palm trees. See details: www.2801GrayFox.com
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

GOLF COURSE VIEWS



860 CASTLEWOOD PL PLEASANTON
Beautiful custom home built in 1996 by Sterling Builders. Located above the 18th green and 10th fairway of the Hill Course. 4 bed 3 bath, 4,300 sq. ft., approx 0.50 acres.
Bryan Craft 925.855.4141

REO/ BANK OWNED



2919 CHOCOLATE ST PLEASANTON
Gourmet kitchen, granite counter tops, spacious living room, valuted ceilings, located near schools and shopping. 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,920+/- sq. ft.
Joe Ledesma 925.251.2559

COURT LOCATION



4553 CARVER COURT PLEASANTON
METICULOUSLY maintained, light and bright home. Beautifully updated kitchen and baths, dual pane windows, vaulted skylights, french doors, perfect for entertaining!
Anne Athenour Martin 925.200.6764

VINES & HILLS GALORE



3615 CALDEIRA LIVERMORE
Custom built estate surrounded by your own Petite Sirah vineyard. Enjoy magnificent views filled with vines & hills galore.
Peggy Cortez 925.648.5454

DRAMATIC HOME!



833 PIEMONTE DRIVE PLEASANTON
Dramatic street presence! Huge gourmet kit, sauna, exercise rm, library, 4 fireplaces, 5-car garage. Incomparable 0.70 acres, pool, spa, outdoor kitchen & more.
Diane Gilfether 925.648.5443

DOWNTOWN



4524 2ND STREET PLEASANTON
Stunning remodel on desirable 2nd St. Walk to all that downtown Pleasanton has to offer. Custom Cherry Cab's. Granite Slab. S/S appliances. Harwood floors thru-out.
Todd E. Martinez 925.784.7000

WALK TO DOWNTOWN



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.
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

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.
Tonni Chandler 925.251.2556

REO/ BANK OWNED



3429 ASHBOURNE CIR SAN RAMON
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
David Azimi 925.251.2580

PRESERVE COMMUNITY



9663 CROSBY DRIVE PLEASANTON
This stunningly beautiful, totally custom home is located on the desirable West side of Pleasanton. The finest materials and workmanship.
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

CUSTOM HOME



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.
Michael Bowers 925.583.2196

WELL MAINTAINED



3771 PLATT CT N PLEASANTON
Fantastic opportunity for large, 4-bedroom home in established Pleasanton neighborhood. This property has been well-maintained, with an updated kitchen.
Greg Fielding 925.855.4029

TWO STUNNING ESTATES



MORGAN TERRITORY RD LIVERMORE
Two beautiful custom Estates on a 92 acres. Main house is a 4 bd, 3.5 ba, approx. 9378 sqft, 12 car garage. 2nd house is a 3 bd, 4 bath, approx. 3000sqft.
Taso Tsakos 925.648.4199

MR PICKLES



3059 HOPYARD RD PLEASANTON
Mr. Pickle's is a sandwich shop franchise w/ a "turn-key" package business opportunity. FF&E. employee hiring & training included. Avg monthly gross \$75K w/25% net.
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 5 BR 3 BA 1.4 level acres,pl/spa,covered/lighted arena w/sand ftng,5 stall barn w/pipe paddocks 925.847.2200



FREMONT
38744 CHERRY LANE
TOTALLY REMODELED! **\$699,000**
 3 BR 2 BA like brand new,1800 sf,granite counters,hrdwd flrs,recess lighting,baths w/granite/tile 925.847.2200



PLEASANTON
2528 LEONA PL
QUAINT COMMUNITY **\$1,095,000**
 4 BR 3 BA den/optional 4th bdrm,wonderful floorplan,granite counters/island,29,000 sf lot w/privacy 925.847.2200



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 Open **FRI/SAT/SUN 11 - 5** **145 COPPER RIDGE RD.**
CONDOS/TOWNHOUSES PRICES START IN HIGH \$200s
 1 & 2 bd condos/2 bd townhouses,vaulted ceilings avail,w/garages,gated,renovated/upgraded 925.847.2200

DUBLIN

5982 HILLBROOK PL
STYLISH/SOPHISTICATED **\$470,000**
 3 BR 3.5 BA Gourmet kitchen w/granite counters/island,SS appli,1 bed/bath on lower level,2 car garage 925.847.2200

4519 BRANNIGAN ST
HIGHLY UPGRADED **\$450,000**
 3 BR 2.5 BA Dublin Ranch Cottages Condo with premium cherry wood floors, light and bright. Too many upgrades to list. 925.847.2200

8899 BELLINA COMMONS
BEAUTIFULLY UPGRADED **\$399,900**
 3 BR 2.5 BA aprx. 1600 sf,2-car garage,built 2006, great commute loc, kitchen w/granite slab/island 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

21800 MINES RD
COUNTRY LIVING **\$375,000**
 2 BR 2 BA w/amenities!Bunk house w/1 updated bath/laundry area.Wood stove;3 generators,4 water tanks 925.847.2200

PLEASANTON

558 SANTEL COURT
GORGEOUS SINGLE STORY **\$1,640,000**
 4 BR 2 BA office + bonus rm,upgrd kit/opens to family room,pl/spa in backyard,court loc,hrdwd flrs 925.847.2200

1624 CINDY WAY
BEAUTIFUL HOME! **\$1,099,000**
 4 BR 3.5 BA gourmet eat-in kit w/cherry wd cabs,slab granite,SS appli,cntr island w/sink,3 car garage 925.847.2200

DESIRABLE COURT LOCATION

3 BR 2 BA w/pl/spa,open floor plan + office/den area, kitchen w/tile, backsplash, island, breakfast bar 925.847.2200

3655 VINEYARD AVE
VINTAGE CHARMER **\$499,900**
 2 BR 2 BA hrdwd flrs in living,hall & both beds, dual pane windows,mast w/walk-in, deck/covered patio 925.847.2200

2935 LIBERTY DR
GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! **\$460,350**
 2 BR 2 BA updated w/tile flrs, newer appli/inside laundry, light/bright, beautiful yard w/rear deck 925.847.2200

7835 CANYON MEADOWS CIRCLE, UNIT E
BEAUTIFUL HOME! **\$265,000**
 2 BR 2 BA top floor w/2 balconies/views! Great location! Fireplace, tile entry, large eating area in

kit 925.847.2200
3263 VINEYARD AVE., UNIT 54
GREAT LOCATION! **\$19,900**
 1 BR 1 BA covered driveway,great loc in prk,comm center has pool,spa,libraryMo space rent,\$875 925.847.2200

SAN RAMON

2140 CANYON CREST AVE
GORGEOUS! **\$775,000**
 4 BR 3 BA w/over 2800 sf & apx 8000 sf lot.Walk to elem sch!! Gourmet kitchen,backyard w/large patio 925.847.2200

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1436 IRONGATE CT. PLEASANTON IRONWOOD ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD

PENDING & NEVER WENT ON THE MARKET



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

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



5 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS 2,913SF.
 4,995SF. LOT COURT LOCATION,
 OFFICE & BONUS ROOM
\$880,000

LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE

COMING SOON



6 BEDROOMS, 6 BATHS 5,096SF.
 14,519SF. LOT. OPEN FLOOR PLAN,
 OFFICE AND BEDROOM DOWNSTAIRS!

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1839 BEGONIA CT. PLEASANTON CHARTER OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD

JUST LISTED



4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS 2,541SF.
 8,140SF. LOT. BEDROOM AND FULL BATH
 DOWNSTAIRS, 3 CAR GARAGE & POOL/SPA
\$945,000

5144 RAPPOLLA CT. PLEASANTON AVILA NEIGHBORHOOD

JUST LISTED OPEN SAT & SUN 1:30-4:30



3 BEDROOMS, 2.5 BATHS 1,482SF.
 2,141SF. LOT CENTRAL LOCATION,
 WOOD FLOORING, GRANITE KITCHEN
\$549,000

4022 FRANCISCO ST. PLEASANTON JENSEN/AMADOR NEIGHBORHOOD

OPEN SUN 1-4



3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS, CENTRAL AIR,
 NEW WINDOWS
\$505,000



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BRIDLE CREEK

OPEN 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, 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 SUN 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 \$1,495,000**

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**

HACIENDA MOBILE HOME PARK



3231 VINEYARD AVENUE #29, PLEASANTON

Newer mobile home built in 2004. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, approximately 1,300 square feet. Central heat and air, cathedral ceilings, separate dining room, dual glazed low E windows. Front porch, custom shed, covered driveway, extended 7/10 year warranty. Best priced newer mobile home available in Pleasanton. **OFFERED AT \$145,000**

GREY EAGLE ESTATES

SOLD



4 EAGLET COURT, PLEASANTON

Experience breathtaking panoramic views from this secluded hilltop home, located in the gated community of Grey Eagle Estates. This beautiful private estate (1.36 acre lot), features 5,460 square feet of living space with five bedrooms, AuPair/Guest Room (4th) and four and a half baths. Large downstairs bonus room and private office (5th). The remodeled gourmet kitchen and master bath. Extensive basement storage area and separate wine cellar. Marble and hardwood flooring. Separate pool house with pool/spa/waterfall/kitchen/bathroom. Tile roof. Four car garage. Don't miss this one! **SOLD FOR \$1,975,000**

BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD



827 SUNNY BROOK WAY, PLEASANTON

Single level in Bridle Creek on .26 acre premium view lot. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2001. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private rear yard with built in pool and spa. Beautifully landscaped. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding and plantation shutters. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. **SOLD FOR \$1,255,000**

CARLTON PLACE

SOLD



1312 CARLTON PLACE, LIVERMORE

Beautiful upgraded Livermore home located on premium .41 acre lot. Views of Mt. Diablo. Beautifully landscaped grounds, private rear yard with built in pool and spa. Four bedrooms, bonus area, private office, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,680 square feet. Upgraded kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Crown molding and plantation shutters. Bamboo wood floors and 20" custom tile flooring. Three car garage. Concrete tile roof. Minutes from Livermore Valley wineries. **SOLD FOR \$825,000**

SAN LEANDRO

SOLD



1307 WAYNE, PLEASANTON

Five bedroom, three bath home. Approximately 1,795 square feet. Great for larger family! Separate living and family rooms. Central heat. New carpet. Newer dual pane windows. Private rear yard with fruit trees, newer perimeter fencing and new rear deck. Two car garage*. **SOLD FOR \$430,000**

VENTANA HILLS

SOLD



1141 LUND RANCH ROAD, PLEASANTON

Don't miss this beautiful Gibson model in desirable Ventana Hills. Premium (.34 acre) lot backs to open space. Five bedrooms, fifth bedroom can be bonus, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,179 square feet. Upgraded kitchen with granite. Custom travertine tile flooring, new carpet throughout. Beautiful professionally landscaped grounds with Heritage Oak tree. In-ground pool and spa. Walk to neighborhood park and downtown! **SOLD FOR \$1,240,000**

PLEASANTON 900 Main Street



DOUG BUENZ SUN 1:00-4:00



8046 ROCKFORD PL \$1,690,000
Gorgeous luxury home in prestigious Oak Tree Farms! 6bd+bonus+Office,5.5ba, Sunny granite kitchen, gleaming floors, soaring vaulted ceilings, designer mural/limestone.

MARY JANE DEERING BY APPT



4023 OAK MANOR COURT \$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.

STASIA POIESZ SUN 1:00-4:00



5 RED FEATHER CT \$1,688,888
Beautiful recently remodeled 5+bd/ 4+ba home on 1+/- acre. Secluded by hills, 4400+/-sf of living space. 4 car garage. Contemporary home. Close to everything.

LINDA TRAUERIG SAT 1:00-4:00



727 VINEYARD TERRACE \$1,625,000
5bd/4ba,single story home on .50+/--acre located on the beautiful south side of Pleasanton. Also has gorgeous Carriage house with full kitchen/bath/laundry area.

BLAISE LOFLAND SUN 1:00-4:00



806 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY \$1,549,000
Highly upgraded Hillstar Model on premium .35 acre lot. Views of Pleasanton Ridge. Faces open space with beautiful grounds.



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DOUG BUENZ SUN 1:00-4:00



1075 SHADOW HILLS CT \$1,399,900
Rarely available luxury single story home with 5bd (5th bd currently an office), 4ba, granite/cherry/stainless kitchen with island, hardwood floors, plantation shutters.

CHRISTINE STARK BY APPT



3988 DYER RD \$1,150,000
This property features 4bd/2.5ba, 2400 +/-sf. plus large barn with loft on 7.8+/- level acres. Plenty of room for horses.

MAUREEN NOKES BY APPT



1608 CINDY WAY \$999,000
Price Reduced- New semi-custom 1 story 4bd/3ba home. 'Old World' quality craftsmanship and high-end upgrades. 'Barefoot Contessa' kitchen. Features 10,000'+ lot.

DAN GAMACHE, JR. BY APPT



1597 MAPLE LEAF DR. \$914,950
Beautiful Charter Oaks home in the heart of Pleasanton! 4bd/3ba, 2541+/-sf. Open floor plan/ home seems much larger. Great kitchen overlooking FR. Large loft for office.

MOXLEY TEAM SUN 1:00-4:00



3641 HUFF CT. \$880,000
Open floor plan features 5bd/3ba/bonus room(1bd/1ba downstairs),2913+/-sf, formal DR, FR has fireplace. Kitchen has granite slab counters with service island.

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



3185 W LAS POSITAS BLVD \$859,000
Expanded,remodeled, 4bd/3ba,2750+/-sf on 6412+/-sf lot. Maple/cherry/kitchen w/ granite counters,travertine backsplash, stainless appl., large island.

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



294 THRASHER AVE \$669,950
4bd/3.5ba. Features include granite counters , maple cabinets, stainless steel Appliances, wrap around porch, three car garage, au pair unit, & much much more

ANDY PORYES BY APPT



4603 TERRA GRANADA DR #2B \$499,950
Highly upgraded Rossmoor Condo with great views. Upper Montrose model, 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1577 SqFt. Granite Kitchen, walk in spa tub, crown moldings, garage.

DOUG BUENZ SUN 1:00-4:00



4356 VALLEY AVE \$429,500
Sharp, spacious townhome in the heart of Pleasanton! 2bd/2.5ba, Hardwood floors, upgraded kitchen, dramatic living room with vaulted ceilings and cozy fireplace.

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FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS available Saturday, February 27, 2010



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