

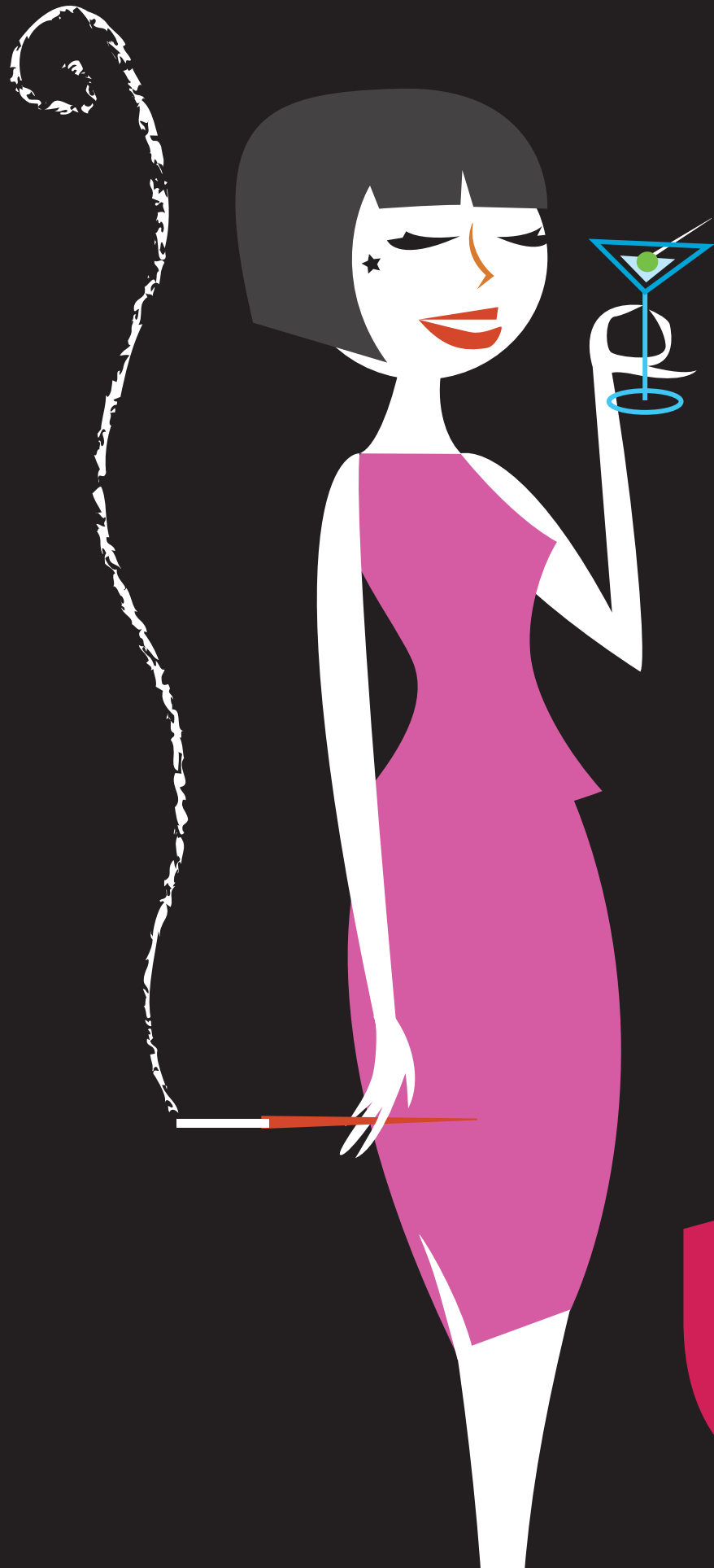
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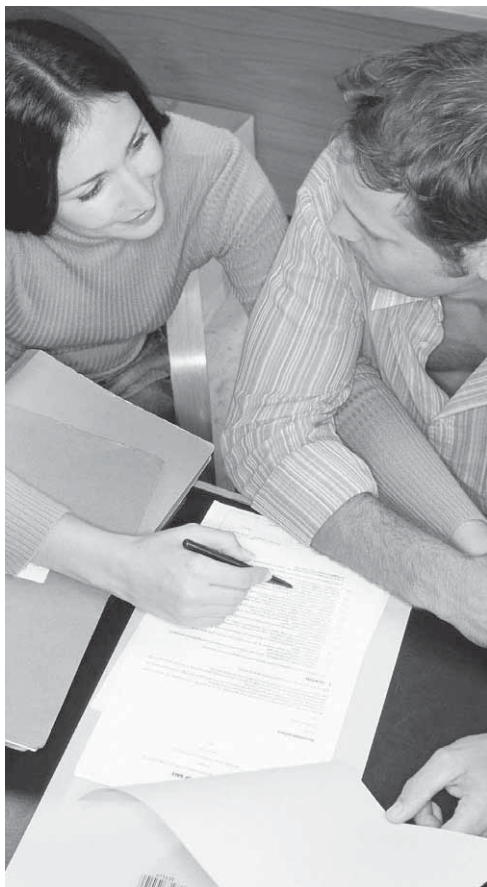
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Downtown needs our help

We keep hearing that the recession is on the wane and to measure the sales reports of several of the major department store chains, holiday sales were indeed favorable. Business also picked up in downtown Pleasanton, but not by much and only at certain stores. Others didn't make it, including the Stork's Nest and Euphoria. The once popular Thriving Ink and Your Stage Toys closed their retail outlets earlier. What surprised me, too, is that as I visited the shops and a few restaurants over the holidays, I ran into a number of Pleasanton friends. But this happened when I was at Hacienda Crossings in Dublin, at the Livery in Danville, in downtown Walnut Creek and even at Nordstrom and Macy's in San Francisco. These are folks who said they go to downtown Pleasanton for First Wednesday street parties, Concerts in the Park and a few other times, but they don't think of our downtown as a having a sufficient mix of retail business that they find in these other locations.

Some of you may remember Craig Scharton, who was the executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association in the mid to late 1990s and was responsible for starting the First Wednesday parties in 1998. Downtown was facing tough times then and Scharton pressed for changes. He suggested that property owners fill some of their first floor building spaces with retail stores that would appeal to a wide variety of shoppers, even chain stores such as Crate & Barrel, Restoration Hardware, Ann Taylor Jr. or other regional and national chains that would add to the mix of smaller business on Main Street. Burlingame has done this in its downtown where the sidewalks are crowded on many Saturdays and Sundays. Banks, real estate offices, dentists and law offices are often the preferred tenants for property owners because they pay their rent on time and generally stay put. But in terms of appealing to shoppers, they don't. These are businesses, too, that seldom open on Saturdays or nights and never on Sundays.

Corporate-owned stores that also have deep pockets for advertising. Scharton says promotions by just one of these larger retailers can support at least a dozen nearby stores that don't have large or sufficient marketing budgets. Scharton believes Pleasanton should consider again a first-floor retail-only ordinance that would require property owners with incentives to rent their ground floor spaces to retail busi-

nesses. A Downtown Specific Plan, which was adopted by the City Council in 2002 but without the controversial First Floor Retail only provision.

This same issue is now being debated by city planners as rezoning plans proceed for an 800-unit, high density affordable housing development near the Bart station in Hacienda Business Park. Some on the City Council and Planning Commission are insisting that ground floor — particularly corner ground floor spaces — be reserved for retailers. The developers, who have experience at building this type of housing, argue that there's already too much vacant retail space in the area and these corner units will sit empty, possibly for years, and become neighborhood eyesores.

That's the problem with imposing a similar regulation downtown, where an empty Domus and vacant lot where the old Union Jack tavern used to stand are causing would-be shoppers to pause before parking their cars and heading to the shops. Property owners need tenants and if there aren't any retailers able to afford or wanting the space, another bank, real estate office or title company suits them fine.

Merchants here are seeing a steady decrease in day-trippers to downtown. Residents seem to be the only ones supporting businesses here and even that isn't saying much. Shoppers used to fill Main Street between noon and 3 p.m., during and right after lunch. The peak now is 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Downtown also is becoming less of a retail environment. Take a close look at the PDA website and you'll see that there are 80 personal care places in the downtown and only 25 retail stores. Businesses that have been here for more than 10 years seem to be weathering this well, but newer businesses aren't, as we saw with Stork's Nest, Thriving Ink and Doodlebug before that.

The city of Pleasanton, its economic development arm and the PDA are working with merchants to boost business. A Danville consulting firm's promotion didn't work; a committee to add more nighttime entertainment in the downtown area to make Pleasanton more of a night-life destination has merit, but lacks the week-day, weekend, daytime attraction merchants need. The 2002 Downtown Specific Plan suggested promotions that still sound good: more mini-plazas attractively designed for small public gatherings, similar but larger than Tully's plaza, more places to grab a sandwich after events at the Firehouse Arts Center and more parking. That a better mix and more retailing would help reinvigorate downtown Pleasanton to make it a regional destination for shoppers. ■

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Do you think congressmen should have security people?



Becky Ferrari
Student

No, I don't. Crazy people will always be with us, and I don't think it is particularly politically motivated. I think they have enough perks as it is.

Susan Weiglein
Stay-at-home mom

I don't know. At public appearances, I absolutely think they should be protected, but where does that start or end? The money to finance that will have to come from somewhere, so even though I'd like to see them have security, it would all depend on how it is funded. And presidents have been shot at despite tight security, so there is only so much we can do.



John Green
Driver

I think they should. Because of what happened in Tucson, it makes sense for them to protect themselves in any way necessary. I feel like they should pay a portion of the cost. They are getting paid for their service, and if they would like security I think they should be responsible for at least part of it. Taxpayers shouldn't be expected to foot the whole bill.

Mairi Wohlgemuth
Teacher

I don't think they should have security, because I don't believe it would make a difference. They are at risk anyway – look at the Reagan assassination attempt.



Mike Shaffer
Police officer

No, I don't believe they need security, unless they want to pay for it themselves out of their own budget. They are just regular American citizens.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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The workshop schedule is:
■ 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at Granada High School in Livermore;
■ 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at Dublin High School; and
■ 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Livermore High School.

For more information, email the Las Positas College Financial Aid Office at lpcfinaid@laspositascollege.edu.

PDA office relocating

The office of the Pleasanton Downtown Association is moving next week to 4725 First St., Suite 200, from its location in the 800 block of Main Street.

In 1984, the City Council created the association, recognizing that the downtown, which is home to more than 575 businesses, is a special area. The group organizes First Wednesday street fairs, summer Concerts in the Park and other events throughout the year. Next on its agenda is the Wine Stroll scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Feb. 3, a chance for people to sip, nibble, shop and stroll downtown Pleasanton.

Fashion show benefit

The Charity Fashion Show on Thursday, presented by Esteem Productions, will benefit the Taylor Family Foundation, which provides summer camps and other activities for severely ill children.

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The event is from 7-10 p.m. at the Sapphire Restaurant and Lounge, 2300 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The price of admission includes a drawing ticket and a complimentary glass of champagne. Besides a "Catwalk Fashion Show" that will showcase local boutiques, the event will include a silent auction. Buy tickets at www.EsteemProductions.net. To learn more about the Taylor Family Foundation, visit www.ttf.org.

Shapiro, Dronkers dubbed for Legacy Awards

Honors to be given at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast

The Tri-Valley YMCA will present Legacy Awards to three exceptional Tri-Valley leaders and one visionary program at the 11th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Jan. 24 at the Pleasanton Marriott.

This year's awardees are:

■ Bob Shapiro, business leader and Pleasanton resident, Team Leader for Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty in Pleasanton/Livermore. Shapiro was chosen for demonstrating a generous concern for others and a spirit of service in many capacities including as a director for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the board of the Pleasanton Foundation, volunteer for the Tri-Valley YMCA, the Las Positas College Foundation, the Sandra Wing Healing Foundation, the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, and his

leadership in various community service efforts through Keller Williams Tri-Valley Real Estate "Red Day."

■ Roy Dronkers, business leader, a Realtor with Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty and a resident of Pleasanton. He was selected for his passion in connecting people and mentoring as shown by his membership in the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, as a past board member of the Bay East Association of Realtors, as founder of an annual Realtor charity fundraiser that has raised \$184,000 for Tri-Valley agencies since 2007, as past co-chair of Operation Care, and

as a regular participant at Pleasanton Downtown Association meetings.

■ Janet Lockhart, community leader,



Bob Shapiro



Janet Lockhart



Roy Dronkers

er, best known for her service to the city of Dublin as Mayor from 2001 to 2008. Prior to that, she served on its City Council and on the Board of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce including as its president in 1995. She is a founding member of Dublin Partners in Education

and presently its executive director. She also serves as vice president of the Las Positas College Foundation Board and as a board member for the School of Imagination.

■ Campus Change Network (education leader) at Las Positas College is a collection of employees dedicated to creating access, inclusiveness and equity through dialogue, reflection and action at Las Positas College. They approach their journey toward social justice with conviction, courage and compassion. Campus Change Network exemplifies the inclusion and diversity principals of Martin Luther King Jr., noted the organizers.

For ticket information for the Fellowship Breakfast, contact Marilyn Casper at 475-6108 or mcasper@ymcaeastbay.org. ■

Alameda County earns state recognition

Programs help teens throughout region

By JEB BING

Alameda County has received three top awards from the California State Association of Counties in its annual awards program for 2010.

The county's New Beginnings Initiative for At-Risk Youth, a public-private partnership with the Aramark Corp. food service company, received a CSAC Challenge Award.

The initiative provides paid jobs at three Fresh Start Cafes to foster youths and youths who have been in the juvenile justice system.

Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator, said the county also received two merit awards from the CSAC for special programs. They were:

■ The Teen, Senior and Computer Gadget Connection, a program led

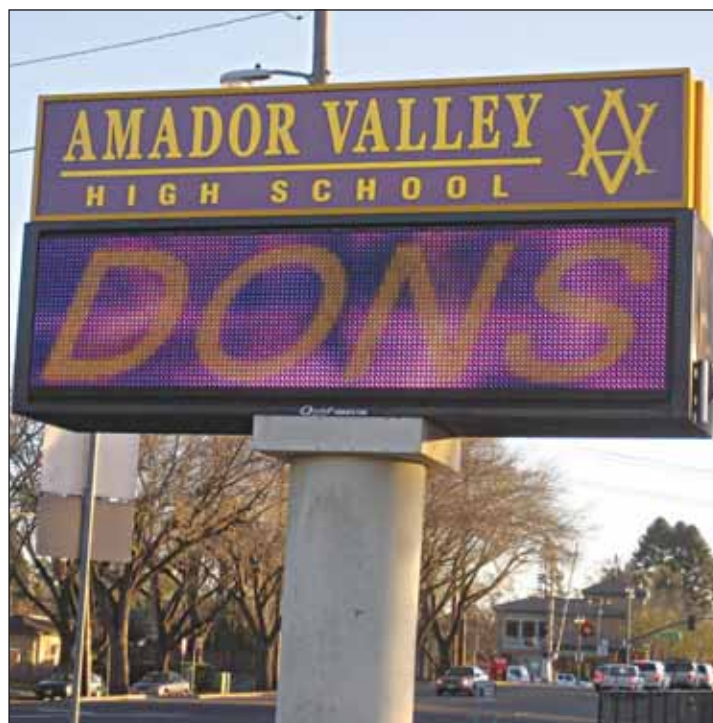
by the Alameda County Library that helps local teens earn school-required volunteer credits by teaching seniors basic computer skills.

■ Youth Uprising, a one-stop center created by Alameda County to provide youth and young adults with tools in health and wellness, arts and expression, leadership development, life skills and career and education programs.

"These awards are a gratifying tribute to Alameda County's commitment to youth and our ongoing efforts to find ways to help young people contribute to the richness of our community," Muranishi said.

Aki Nakao, director of Alameda County's General Services Agency and a key player in launching the three Fresh Start Cafes, said: "These

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JEB BING

Flashing at Amador

This multi-color, animated sign now stands in front of Amador Valley High School, replacing an old one that lacked visuals and was difficult to keep updated. A gift of the Amador Boosters Club, this new sign shows the date, time, sports schedules and school messages for everyone driving by the school on Santa Rita Road. A smaller, but similar sign has also been installed near the school library's entrance.

Schools cope with student mental health issues

Depression, drugs, alcohol and stress blamed

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people 15 to 24 in the U.S., second only to auto accidents. With recent suicides in young adults from Pleasanton, it's become clear that it's not always "someone else's kid" that's in danger.

On any given day, an ambulance will pull up at one of Pleasanton's high schools, out of sight of others, to protect the identity of a student deemed at risk of harming himself or another, what police call a "5150."

It's no surprise, then, that Pleasanton schools are doing all they can to be both proactive and preventative, in the words of Kevin Johnson, the district's senior director of pupil services.

"There are some students, as there are adults in the community, that are dealing with depression issues and we want to help," Johnson said.

More ambulances are being called these days, but Johnson said that's chiefly because of a heightened

awareness about the risk to students.

"If we have any concern about any student being potentially harmful to themselves or others, we'll call the police," he said, explaining that the police, not the schools, make the determination.

But Johnson said the school district doesn't want to wait for a student to get to the point where he or she needs intervention from the Police Department.

"We have all kinds of different counseling groups," he said, "to deal with specific issues."

That can run from alcohol and drug issues to self-destructive behavior to teen depression, and even conflicts with a teen's parents or friends.

"We have seen a rise in students seeking counseling help, both in the form of individual and group counseling at the high schools," said Jennifer Friesen, a counselor at Foothill High School. "I believe this is the result of a combination of factors — students are more stressed than

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San Ramon 'fiscally sound' despite lower revenues

Mayor Abram Wilson gives his final 'State of the City' address

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

San Ramon is in remarkably good shape, especially compared to some other California cities, according to Mayor Abram Wilson who, because of term limits, is serving his final year as the city's mayor.

"The city of San Ramon is financially sound," Wilson told a crowd of more than 100 in his annual state of the city speech at the San Ramon Golf Club.

But that doesn't mean things are perfect, he said.

"Let there be no question in anyone's mind that the next two to three years won't be a challenge," Wilson said. "We don't live in a vacuum."

But with an unemployment rate of 4.6 percent, he said, "San Ramon does not have the same nightmares that other cities have."

Despite that low unemployment rate, the median income in the city has dropped, from \$137,700 annually to hold steady at \$111,600 for the last two years.

Wilson, who brought the crowd to applause several times during his speech, quoted his parents, saying, "Romance without finance just won't make it."

"San Ramon has always had a realistic budget," he said, even though the 2010-11 budget drew \$2.1 mil-



GLENN WOHLTMANN

San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson draws applause in his last "State of the City" address Tuesday after eight years as mayor.

lion from its reserves. That's because San Ramon spent \$37.6 million while collecting \$35.5 in revenues, a three-year low, down from \$41.1 million in 2008-09. Expenditures are also down, although not as much, from \$39 million in 2008-09 to the current \$37.6 million.

Wilson outlined a number of steps the city has taken to keep itself solvent in troubled economic times. For instance, while other localities are beginning to worry about pensions liabilities that continue to

grow, San Ramon solved its problem with a \$17.6 million bond issue.

"We continue to look constantly about how to bring expenditures down," Wilson said, comparing the bond with a mortgage that will ultimately be paid off, as opposed to paying the minimum payment on a credit card, which he implied is how other cities are dealing with pensions.

Also regarding pensions, he said, "We're making sure there's no spiking when people retire."

Wilson drew applause when he talked about the city's AAA bond rating and San Ramon's certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting.

Regarding expenditures, he pointed out that more than 27 percent of San Ramon's budget is spent on police; that percentage has increased steadily over the last three years.

"What good is a community if you don't feel safe?" he asked the crowd. Crime in San Ramon is down 3 percent from 2009-10, he said.

Public service expenditures have been cut to 22.6 percent of the city's budget and spending on parks and community services is down "1.2 percent in the last three years," Wilson said. Although the city already has 54 parks totaling 359 acres, it's

set to open a "Park and Bark" — combination park-and-ride facility and dog park — this year.

The city has had a hiring freeze since 2008 and a pay freeze since last year; with budget problems continuing, it may consider furloughs and salary reductions in the future.

It's also taken a legal step to keep the state from raiding its coffers, by encumbering funds — essentially earmarking them for departments rather than leaving that money in its general fund.

San Ramon has replaced its incandescent street lighting with LED lights, which will save the city money and has an added benefit, according to Wilson, who said, "When you look up, you can see the stars."

The city also expects to save 15 to 30 percent on its water bills after bringing a new computer system online.

Wilson's speech also highlighted:

- A 30 to 50-year partnership with schools, collaborating on after-school programs, and sharing use of the Dougherty Valley Theater and gyms;

- City lights volunteers. With 1,800 volunteers contributing 18,000 hours of services, Wilson said they've saved San Ramon \$375,000;

- The city's new traffic light system, which should mean fewer red lights for drivers on Crow Canyon and Bollinger Canyon roads;

- Work on San Ramon's downtown;
- Collaboration with Contra Costa County and Diablo Valley College on library services, giving San Ramon the highest circulation in

the county; and

- The city's climate action plan, which Wilson said is a model for other cities.

Wilson also defended some hot-button issues. Regarding the North Camino Ramon Specific Plan, which has come under fire by some slow-growth advocates and at least one small business owner, he said, "Let me go on the record and say we support all the businesses in San Ramon," explaining the NCRSP "is just a plan" so development doesn't happen haphazardly.

He said the city may consider reenacting Ordinance 197, which blocks development on San Ramon's hills, after the defeat of Measure W, which city officials said would have given them — not the county — control over development. Wilson raised the possibility that Measure W could be reintroduced in the future.

The mayor also again defended the salary of retiring City Manager Herb Moniz, who made nearly \$359,700 last year, with help from resident activist Roz Rogoff, who prepared a chart comparing Moniz's salary with other city managers and concluding that the city manager costs about \$5.69 per resident per year, considerably less than Danville, at \$10.58 annually per resident but more than Tracy, at \$5.22 a year.

In closing, Wilson noted he terms out this year.

"This is my last 'State of the City' (address) as mayor," he said. "It's been a great eight years."

That brought the crowd to its feet for a standing ovation. ■

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Baby anteater born at San Francisco Zoo

Officials say anteaters eat 30,000 ants a day

The San Francisco Zoo is welcoming the first giant anteater born at the zoo in a decade.

This could be good news for local homeowners who are complaining about an infestation of ants coming into kitchens and other parts of homes. But zoo officials say that while anteaters in the wild can consume 30,000 ants a day, the proud anteater parents and their newborn will stay in the San Francisco zoo.

The 2-year-old mother is a first-

time mom. The father, 12-year-old Angelo, also fathered the zoo's last giant anteater, born in 2001. The new baby will ride on its mother's back for about one year.

Adult anteaters can grow up to 8 feet long, not including their tail, according to the zoo.

The anteater family will not be on display while the pair adjusts to the new baby. Zoo officials will notify the public when the anteaters are on exhibit again.

—Bay City News

COUNTY

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awards recognize three areas where our county has created effective partnerships with other agencies and individuals to address important needs in our community."

New Beginnings provides a much-needed boost in the lives of at-risk youths — those who have been in the juvenile justice system and those who are transitioning away from foster care — by providing paid jobs and vocational training to prepare them for productive lives as adults, Nakao explained.

Currently, there are three Fresh Start Cafes: at the Alameda County Recorder's Office in Oakland, the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center in San Leandro and at the Castro Valley Library.

Alameda County Auditor Patrick O'Connell, who oversees operations at the Recorder's Office on Madison Street in Oakland, says the café there has made this hub of activity more pleasant for customers to do business.

"The Café provides a much needed opportunity for respite and refreshment for the people from all over our county who come to our building to do business," O'Connell said. "The fact that it helps young people in transition causes customers to support the Café with even more enthusiasm."

Officials at the Alameda County Library said that the Computer Gadget Connection program is helping to bridge a generation gap and provide important skills to people of all ages.

Teen volunteers in the program parlay training in library services and basic computers into teaching older adults a wide range of computer and Internet skills, according to Muranishi. The program has become so successful that at any given time there are up to a dozen trained teens and a waiting list of seniors wanting their assistance. Teens gain an understanding of the important role of teaching, and participating seniors learn in a comfortable setting that fosters accomplishment and self-esteem.

Youth Uprising, located in a 25,000-square-foot building in East Oakland, grew out of challenges faced by Alameda County following racial unrest in 2005 at Oakland's Castlemont High School. County officials responded by bringing together a coalition of community-based organizations that led to the creation of this one-stop center adjacent to the school that provides youth and young adults:

- Comprehensive health and wellness education;
- Arts and expression;
- Leadership development; and
- Life skills and career and education programs.

Today, Youth Uprising involves more than 5,100 members from eight cities in the county. In surveys of Youth Uprising participants, more than 77 percent said the program helped develop long-term career paths and 81 percent felt more hopeful about their lives.

The \$1.8 million program is jointly funded by the county and various philanthropic, individual donors, and community foundations. ■

SCHOOLS

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ever with pressure to succeed, over-scheduling, and the economy."

Sheryl Pacheco, head counselor at Amador Valley High, agreed that the economy is a big stressor on teens right now.

"The current economic situation that our state and country is in is causing a lot of stress on families financially, and in turn is causing additional mental and emotional stress," Pacheco said. "We have been seeing more students needing to receive free lunch services and students who aren't able to afford even the basic school supplies such as paper, binders (and) backpacks."

Friesen said at Foothill, as at Amador Valley, every student has an assigned counselor.

"We also have two part-time counselors that focus more specifically on social/emotional counseling, working with individual students, groups on specific topics, like divorce or stress, and education through classroom presentations," she said. "We take referrals from

"If we have any concern about any student being potentially harmful to themselves or others, we'll call the police."

Kevin Johnson,
District's Senior Director
of Pupil Services

teachers and parents, and students come in to see us on their own. We have an open door policy, so any student who needs to be seen can see a counselor the same day for any emotional issue."

Hopefully well before things reach a crisis stage that leads to a call to police, students are now being offered counseling options both inside the school and in the community, away from the eyes of other students.

"We've really focused on counseling and the mental health component," Johnson said. "We're be-

coming more proactive and I think a good sign is people are, at times, seeking help for issues rather than being in denial of them."

Part of the schools being proactive comes from an increase in the counselor-to-student ratio, according to Pacheco.

"Counselors have been able to be more proactive by introducing ourselves, meeting with students, and making connections with them," she said. "When students are dealing with a difficult issue they feel more comfortable seeking out their counselor and sharing with them what is going on and how they are feeling. We are also able to more quickly identify students who need help and support than we have been able to in years past, due to the lower student-to-counselor ratios."

While there's still a stigma about seeking help, the district is addressing that, too. Johnson likens it to any other kind of health issue.

"The message we're sending is if an individual has a physical issue, if they break their arm, they seek help," he said. ■



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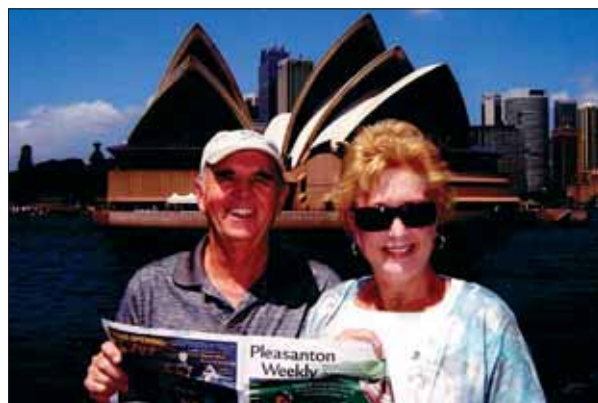
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Cultural vacation:

Tom and Claire Fields relax with their Weekly near the Sydney Opera House on the harbor after they attended the ballet in the renowned theater.

LETTERS

More walks planned

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publicizing the World Walk to Wellness Fair held Jan. 8 at the Pleasanton library. Nearly two dozen organizations had booths promoting methods of staying well in 2011, organized by Senior Librarian Penny Johnson. Special thanks to the teen volunteers who helped.

Dozens of people chose to take a loop walk on Main Street with one of the "Walk with Me" leaders: Ward Belding; Pamela and Jim Ott; Joan Laursen; Gary Winter; Ron Sutton; Joanie Fields; Jerry and Sandi Thorne; and Cheryl Cook-Kallio. We were pleased to present to Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation \$1,300 worth of donations, including matching funds from ACCUSPLIT, for a total of over \$6,000 raised by World Walk to Wellness for grants to local schools.

Our planning team had expected

to increase the group walks from one per year to one per month in 2011. However, several people have said they would like more opportunities to keep moving. We have a 3.5-mile arroyo walk with Dolores Bengtson planned for Feb. 26, but before then, to keep people on track with New Year's Resolutions, we will host walks exploring some of the 47 city parks.

Meet Mr. Pedometer at 9 a.m. tomorrow at Mission Hills Park, 600 Junipero, south of Bernal Avenue and east of Sunol Boulevard. We will do loop walks, beginning near the children's play equipment. The following Saturday we will cross town to Moller Park, located at 5500 Pleasant Hill Road, off Stoneridge Drive. These events are free of charge, but donations to PPIE would be gladly accepted.

W. Ron Sutton (aka "Mr. Pedometer"), president of ACCUSPLIT and World Walk to Wellness Founder

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Write a Letter to the Editor at Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com or put your opinion on Town Square at www.PleasantonWeekly.com.

Letters must be 250 words or less.

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Thanks for your generosity

Contributions coupled with matching funds for the Pleasanton Weekly 2010 Holiday Fund soared to more than \$145,000 this week, far surpassing our goal of \$100,000 and raising to nearly \$30,000 the amount each of this year's five beneficiaries will receive to meet the growing needs of their organizations.

The Holiday Fund campaign, which wraps up today, has provided nearly \$1 million in donations to nonprofits in the Tri-Valley, including more than \$400,000 last year to help fund a special jobs program in corroboration with regional, county and other funding sources. That program, managed by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, was able to put more than 200 managers and professionals who had lost their jobs back to work in meaningful, long-term positions.

Again this year, the Tri-Valley Community Foundation has provided \$50,000 in matching funds for the eighth annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. The five nonprofits that will benefit are Axis Community Health, Hope Hospice, Open Heart Kitchen, Valley Humane Society and the Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center at ValleyCare Health Systems.

Axis Community Health: Provides medical, mental health, addiction counseling and health education services to more than 20,000 patients and clients each year, regardless of their ability to pay. An estimated 70 percent have no medical insurance or are underinsured, including some that have recently lost their jobs and health benefits. Call 462-1755 or visit www.axishealth.org.

Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center at ValleyCare: The ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, established in 1991, offers free access to easy to understand, up-to-date health and medical information. Open to the public, the library is located in the ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270, Pleasanton. The center is named for Ryan Comer, a star baseball player at Amador Valley High School who died of a rare form of pediatric cancer known as rhabdomyosarcoma in 1991 at age 17.

Hope Hospice: Hospice care is unique because it works to not only meet the needs of those at the end of life but also supports the emotional and spiritual needs of the family as well. Hope Hospice care is provided regardless of the ability to pay and relies on contributions such as those raised by the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

Open Heart Kitchen: As the only nonprofit free soup kitchen in the Tri-Valley area, this service provides nutritious meals for low-income people in the area at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton, Holy Cross Lutheran and Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Livermore, and CrossWinds Church in Dublin. Visit www.openheartkitchen.org or call 580-1616.

Valley Humane Society: This nonprofit group's mission is to teach responsible pet ownership. It assists in rescuing and placing abandoned or injured animals and operates an adoption center on Nevada Street in Pleasanton. It does not euthanize unless health problems dictate. Call 426-8656.

Unlike most other fundraising drives by individual organizations, the Holiday Fund has no administrative expenses or other overhead. The Pleasanton Weekly donates all the support services so all of the money raised will go to these local nonprofit groups. In addition, all funds are held in trust by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation and are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Contributions will continue to be accepted through Jan. 31. Checks should be made payable to Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and sent or delivered to: The Holiday Fund, Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566. ■



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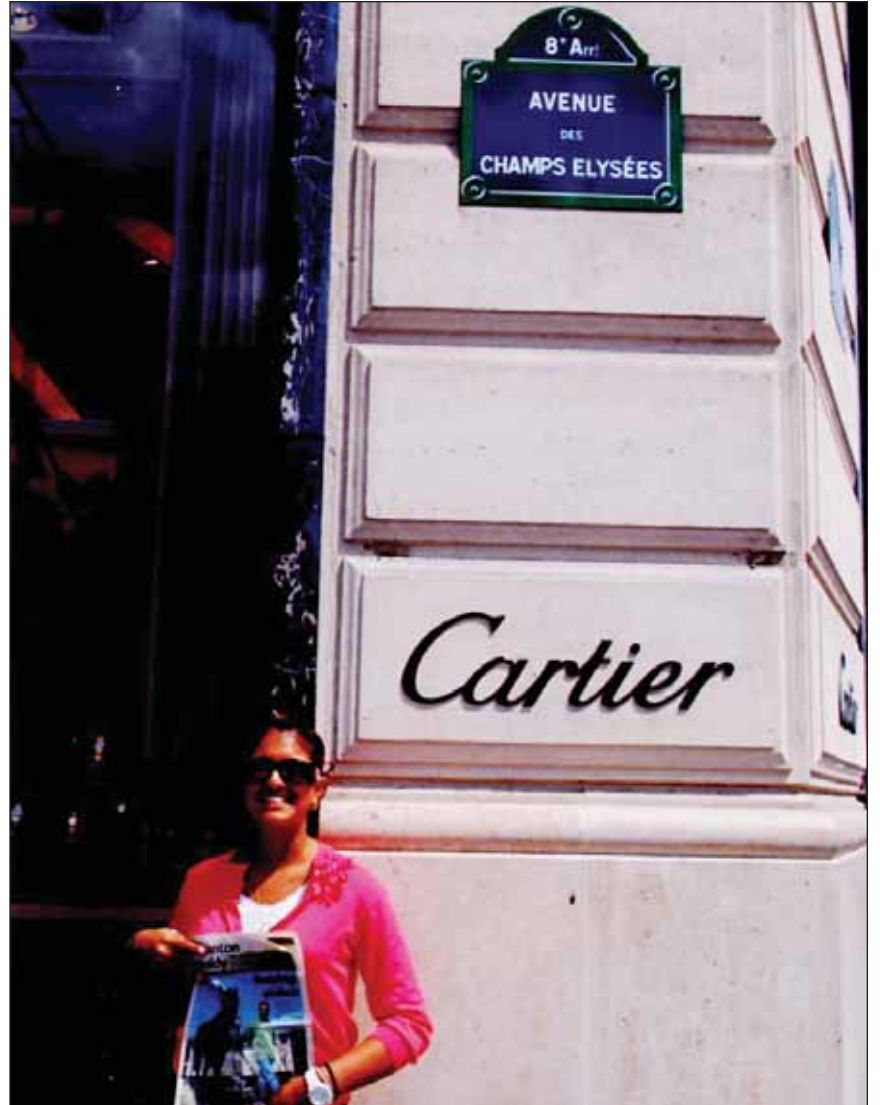
Final test: Matt Clifton and Suzy Elling stop for a photo at the 8,800-foot summit of Thunder Mountain in the El Dorado National Forest overlooking Silver Lake. "I guess Matt figured if I could climb a mountain with him and the Pleasanton Weekly I was worth marrying because he proposed a week later!" wrote Suzy.



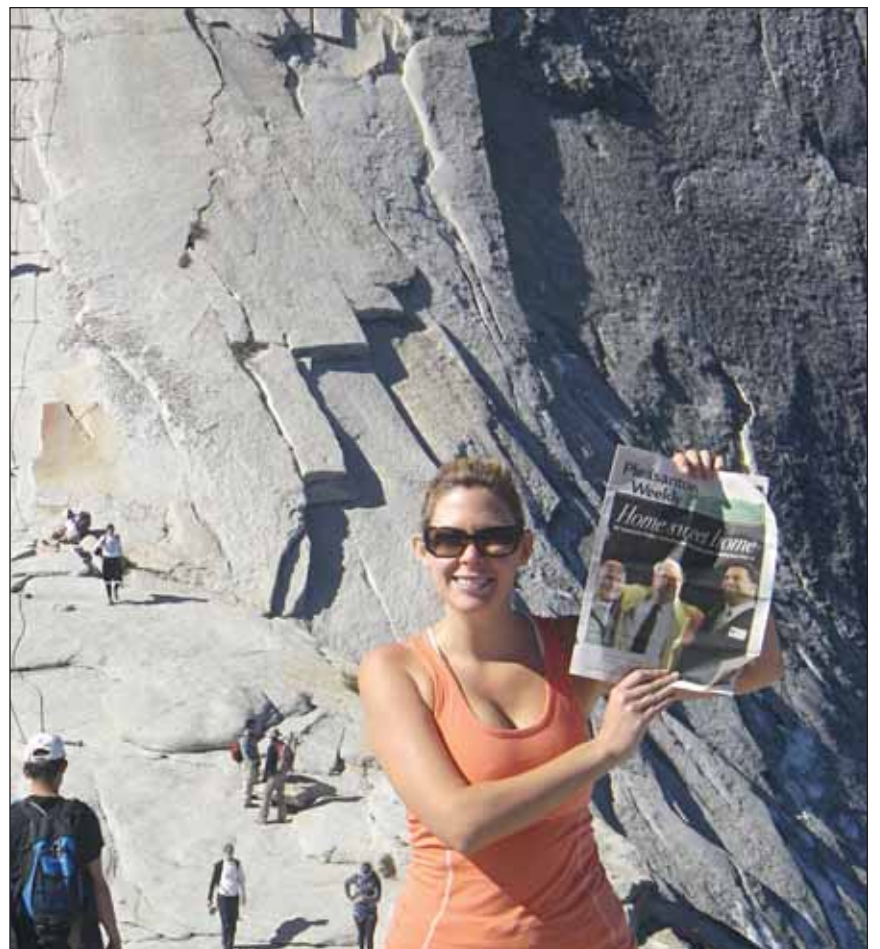
Wakeboarding fun: Three Amador Valley students, Nichol Schroeder, Dana Syriani and Hannah Millerick, and Rocky the super dog enjoy themselves on New Melones Lake in the late summer of 2009. Dad Robert Schroeder said everyone had a great time wakeboarding, tubing and reading the Weekly.



Family vacation: Tom and Helen Changras of Pleasanton share their Weekly with their adopted family, Dora Alicia Canedo and two of her three daughters and her granddaughter, Sofia, at the Hotel Pueblo Bonito in Mazatlan.



Ooh la la: Kim Spencer reads her Weekly while dreaming of the goodies inside Cartier on the Champs Elysees during her trip to Paris in September 2009.



Half Dome adventure: Kelley Domino of Pleasanton's Birdland neighborhood displays her Weekly after completing a hike in Yosemite in October 2009, on an annual Ladies Camping and Hiking Trip. She completed the 17-mile Half Dome round trip in 10-1/2 hours, she reported.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Lou Patton Strunk

Pleasanton resident Nancy Lou Patton Strunk died Dec. 12 surrounded by her family, a little over a month after she was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. She was 74.

She was born June 17, 1936, in Atlanta, Ga., where she lived until she graduated from high school. She met her husband-to-be, Harold K. "Hal" Strunk as a 15-year-old sophomore in high school when she went to a fraternity social with a long-time friend



and Hal's fraternity brother. They married at Peachtree Methodist Church a week after Nancy graduated from high school and celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in 2010.

They lived in Southern California for a number of years and settled in Pleasanton in 1972, saying they knew it was the right place when they went to Dean's Café downtown and had a hearty breakfast. Ms. Strunk worked part-time at UCLA and as a library assistant at Dublin High School. She and her husband traveled widely, visiting 24 countries during their life together including a photo safari to Kenya that fulfilled a life-long dream of hers. They lived for five years in Saudi Arabia when Hal was a Hospital Administrator

for the Saudi military. Ms. Strunk was a member of the Centerpointe Presbyterian Church since 1973 and volunteered at the annual Vacation Bible School, as well as serving for years on the Mission Committee. She also was a member of the Livermore-Amador Valley Assistance League.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, retired Navy Capt. Harold K. "Hal" Strunk of Pleasanton; children Karen Pearson (Roy) of Discovery Bay, Melanie Adams (Douglas) of Rancho Murietta, and Wayne Strunk of Sacramento; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A Celebration of her Life will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 22 at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church in Pleasanton. Gifts may be made in her memory to the Centerpointe Church Building Fund, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton 94566.

Teri Lynn Allen (Cavestri)

Teri Lynn Allen (Cavestri) died in her home in Seaside, Ore., at the age of 58 on Dec. 18 after fighting cancer for three months.



She was born in Pleasanton on May 9, 1952, to Marjorie and Anthony Cavestri. She grew up in Pleasanton and moved to Seaside shortly after she was married in 1976. She worked for the Clatsop County Planning Department for 33 years before retiring in 2008 and was well known for her hard work and devotion to the planning department as well as her husband's plumbing business. She loved to spend time with her family, and support her children in athletics; she never missed a game and was involved for years with the SHS booster club. She also enjoyed gardening, camping, sewing and

cooking.

Ms. Allen was predeceased by her mother Marjorie Cavestri of Pleasanton. She is survived by her husband Vaughn Allen of Seaside; son and daughter, Brian and Beth Allen, currently residing in Portland; father Tony Cavestri and brother Bruce Cavestri of Pleasanton; and other family and many friends. A celebration of her life was held Jan. 4 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Seaside. Contributions may be sent to Providence St. Vincent Medical Center or the American Cancer Society.

Ann Veronica Cocksedge

Ann Veronica Cocksedge, a resident of Pleasanton for more than 40 years, died Jan. 7 at the age of 76 with her family at her side.

She was born July 19, 1934. She was an RN and graduated from St. Mary's College in London and attended UCSF. She worked in her profession for more than 50 years at Eden Hospital, St. Rose Hospital, John George Hospital and Pleasanton Convalescent Hospital. Ms. Cocksedge loved her heritage, the outdoors and travel. She belonged to the Daughters of the British Empire, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Island Yacht Club, Loners on Wheels and Allegro Vacation Club.

She is survived by her children Clare (Jeff) Wood, Graham (Connie) Cocksedge, Roger (Margaret) Cocksedge, and Ann (Scott) Davis; and three grandchildren. A Memorial Mass was celebrated Jan. 11 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Donations may be made to the American Red Cross or the Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton.

Bernice "Bea" Margaret Loundagin

Pleasanton resident Bernice "Bea" Margaret Loundagin died Jan. 7 at

the age of 85.

She was born Jan. 30, 1925, in Milwaukee, Wis. She married Robert "Nick" Loundagin, and they enjoyed over 50 years of marriage together, living in several locations over the years and finally retiring in Port Angeles, Wash. After Nick's death, Bernice moved to Pleasanton to be near her family. She lived in Ridge View Commons, where she made many friends.

She is survived by her daughter Kathy Torres and son-in-law Albert; four grandchildren and their wives, and three great-grandchildren.

Giovanni Zampierin

Giovanni Zampierin, a resident of Pleasanton, died Jan. 9 at the age of 84 after a 14-month battle with lung cancer.



He was born in Bassano del Grappa, Italy, on Jan. 7, 1927. He worked as a tool and die maker in Italy, Canada and Campbell, Calif. He met his wife, Emma, while they both were immigrating to the United States in 1958. They married in 1959 and spent 52 loving years together. They lived primarily in San Jose before moving to Pleasanton in 1997 where Mr. Zampierin became an avid bocce player at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife Emma Zampierin; sons Paul (Patty) and David (Jenn) Zampierin; and four grandchildren. A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4157 First St., Pleasanton. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, followed immediately by a reception at the church hall. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin 94568-3024.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Lauren Smith and Matt Hendrickson

Lauren Smith (Amador Valley High School, class of 2002) and Matt Hendrickson (Granada High School, class of 1987) became engaged in May. Lauren's parents are Kim and Jerry Smith of Pleasanton. Matt's parents are Dianne Masluk of Livermore and Jo-L Hendrickson of Danville.

Lauren is employed as an account supervisor at Anderson DDB in San Francisco. Matt is the VP of Marketing at ConnectSolutions in Emeryville. They both live in San Francisco and met while out with friends, enjoying Fleet Week festivities. After two years of dating, Matt surprised Lauren with a ring under a waterfall at the end of a hike along the Napali Coast Trail in



Kauai, Hawaii.

They plan to celebrate their wedding with close family and friends on June 25 in Yountville.

BIRTHS



Avery Marie Hilton

Avery Marie Hilton was born at 2:42 p.m. Dec. 17 to Zachary and Katie Hilton of Pleasanton. She weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

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POLICE BULLETIN & LOG

POLICE BULLETIN

Resident interrupts burglary attempt

Pleasanton police are looking for a man who may be responsible for several burglaries in the area near the Pleasanton Sports and Recreation Park, following a break-in attempt Monday.

The man rang the doorbell of a home on Cheryl Circle around 10:30 a.m. and the occupant, who was home, opted not to answer it, a police report said. Minutes later, while he was in his second-floor bedroom, a screen from the bedroom window was removed and

the resident confronted the would-be burglar at the window. The suspect jumped to the ground and fled on foot, onto Arthur Drive toward Hopyard Road.

Police set up a perimeter, but despite helicopter and K-9 assistance, the man was not found. The suspect is described as a white male adult in his early 20s, with short blond hair and a medium build. He was last seen wearing a black sweatshirt and blue jeans, and was wearing white socks on his hands as gloves.

The burglary is similar to others in that vicinity in recent months, the report said. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 931-5100 and use case No. 11-01477 as a reference.

Police are also reminding people to lock doors and windows and to remember to set burglar alarms when leaving home, as well as reporting suspicious activity.

POLICE REPORT

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

Jan. 3

Theft

- 10:43 a.m. in the 200 block of Rocky Creek Place; petty theft
- 4:58 p.m. in the 470 block of Mason Street; grand theft
- 5:20 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 6:27 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft
- 7:35 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 10:54 p.m. in the 3200 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; grand theft

Burglary

- 8:18 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 9:43 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Road
- 10:46 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Road

Battery

- 11:35 a.m. in the 700 block of Rose Avenue

Threats

- 7:07 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1 a.m. at the intersection of Mohr Avenue and Santa Rita Road; DUI
- 2:11 a.m. near the intersection of Hopyard Road and Interstate 580; DUI
- 2:13 a.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; DUI
- 4:10 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Gate 2 of the Alameda County Fairgrounds; possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell

Jan. 4

Theft

- 8:55 a.m. in the 700 block of St. Michael Circle; petty theft
- 11:31 a.m. in the 1700 block of Germano Way; identity theft
- 5:19 p.m. in the 2100 block of

Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

- 6:41 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft

Burglary

- 12:32 p.m. in the 4500 block of Lincate Drive

Vandalism

- 12:15 p.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

DUI

- 1:44 a.m. in the first block of California Avenue

Jan. 5

Theft

- 8:58 a.m. in the 8200 block of Regency Drive; identity theft
- 3:55 p.m. in the 6800 block of Calle Altamira; identity theft
- 5:01 p.m. in the 2500 block of Willowren Way; identity theft
- 5:23 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; grand theft

Burglary

- 10:05 a.m. in the 240 block of Raven Road

Perjury

- 8:45 a.m. in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Vandalism

- 10:31 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

Automotive burglary

- 2:35 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Jan. 6

Theft

- 12:49 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 1:16 p.m. in the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue; petty theft
- 1:48 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue; theft
- 2:59 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Vandalism

- 7:54 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
- 2:33 p.m. at the intersection of Laguna Creek Lane and W. Lagoon Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:32 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Ray Street; pub-

lic drunkenness

- 11:30 p.m. at the intersection of Rosedale Court and Springdale Avenue; DUI

Jan. 7

Petty theft

- 6:50 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Jan. 8

Theft

- 9:32 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; theft
- 9:51 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft

Threats

- 12:48 p.m. in the 400 block of Angela Street

Drug/alcohol violations

- 7:31 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; underage alcohol possession, possession of fake identification
- 9:52 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive, marijuana possession

Jan. 9

Theft of services

- 2:11 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Battery

- 1:18 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, January 18, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of the city's strategy for managing personnel costs
- Introduction of a Tentative Agreement between the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton City Employees Association/AFSCME Local 955 for a term ending March 31, 2013
- Introduction of a resolution amending the Management and Confidential Employee Compensation and Benefit Plan to require department heads, management and confidential employees to contribute to CalPERS pension costs
- Continued to February 15, 2011 – Public Hearing: PAP 149, David & Stephanie Persin (PADR-2090, Rodney & Trina Lopez), Appeal of the Planning Commission decision approving an Administrative Design Review to construct an approximately 80 sq. ft. single-story addition and an approximately 1,038 sq. ft. second story addition to the existing residence located at 6114 Homer Court
- Public Hearing: PRZ-56, Ed Churka, Consider the introduction of an ordinance to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to allow basement self-storage for the public in commercial buildings as permitted uses within the Downtown Central Commercial Zoning District

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, January 20, 2011 @ 7:30 a.m.
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- City Sewer Capacity Allocation Program Criteria

Housing Commission

- The January 20th Housing Commission meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011.

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

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

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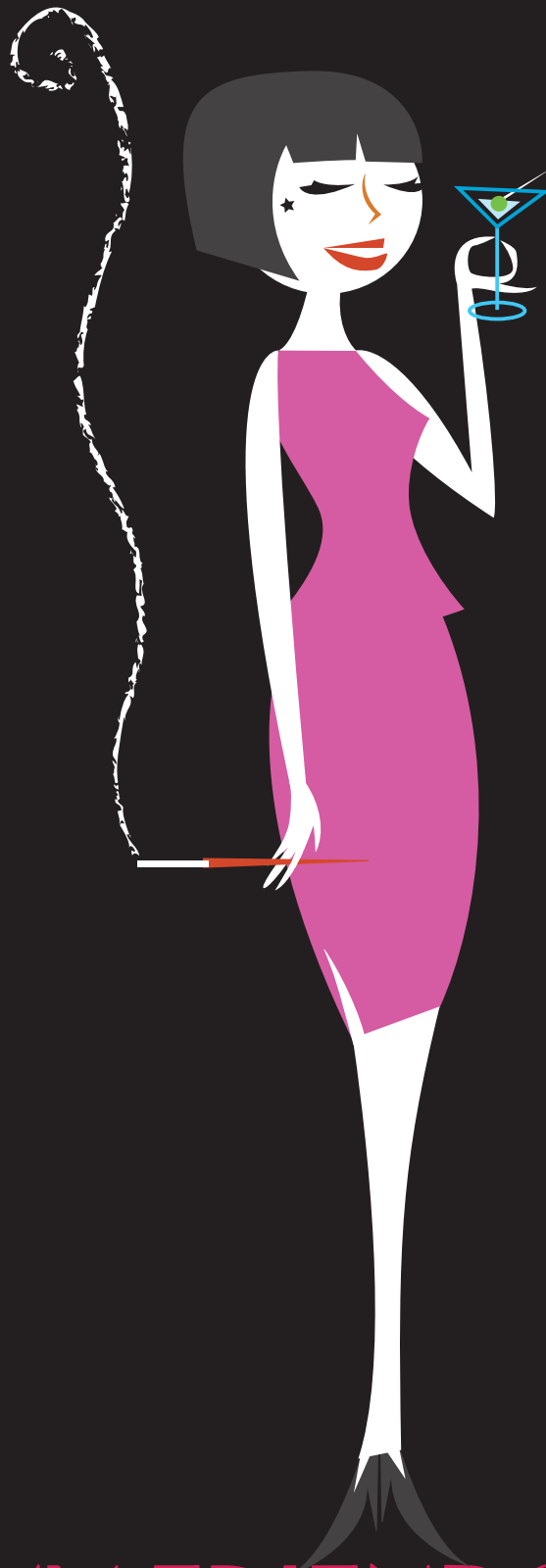
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MY FRIENDS?

New pro troupe
to present thought-
provoking musical at
Firehouse Arts Center

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

What good is sitting alone in Pleasanton? You can visit the Kit Kat Klub, aka the Firehouse Arts Center, right in the heart of downtown.

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, a professional company formed a year ago, is bringing the edgy, thought-provoking musical to town the last two weekends of this month.

"Cabaret" has everything for a good night of adult entertainment, pointed out director David Judson.

"The play is a visual candy store, a sensory experience for adults," said Judson. "It's lowbrow and highbrow, with sizzle and eye candy that males and females will appreciate."

The show is set in Berlin in 1931 when the party is quietly growing stronger. The plot focuses on an English cabaret performer named Sally Bowles, who works at the seedy Kit Kat Klub and her friendship with Cliff Bradshaw, a young American writer. A subplot involves their German boss, the club's house owner and the Jewish fruit vendor who is her suitor.

The action will begin in the lobby with a Kit Kat girl or two in attendance. Wine will be poured by the Valley Winery, and patrons can continue to sip on beverages inside the theater, for a cabaret experience.

The onstage Kit Kat Klub has three small tables and the sides that seat two or three audience members. For \$50, including the ticket, patrons can be part of the scene and imbibe in sparkling wine and truffles during the performance.

The intimate theater is perfect for the show, Judson noted, which is the 1998 Broadway version of "Cabaret" that won 10 Tony awards. The original production played on Broadway in 1966.

"There are incredible Tony-award-winning songs and talented professional actors," he said.

Tryouts took place five months ago because professional actors are in demand, he explained. More than 100 auditioned for the 18-20 parts.

"We have two-and-a-half weeks of rehearsal, so we're on — boom!" Judson said.

The master of ceremonies in the Kit Kat Klub is played by the audience on edge, reflecting the situation in Berlin at that time. The diabolical character is played by Gabriel Grilli, and Judson said they have been negotiating back and forth with emails for weeks about interpreting this central role.

"I steer him and give him a springboard to be the amazing actor he is," Judson added.

"Film is a director's medium; actors do what the director says," he explained. "Onstage, the director has the vision but it's a collaborative work with the actors' interpretation."

Brandy Collazo plays Sally. Pat Parr, co-artistic director with Pacific Coast Repertory, is the music director and choreography is by Joy Sherratt.

Judson, a member of the Actors' Equity Association, said he's been acting all his life. He has a master's degree in fine arts and acting from UC Davis and earned his teaching credential at Saint Mary's College. He teaches drama at Castro Valley High and does production work at that city's Center for the Arts.

"My dream was to start a professional theater company," he said.

His first choice of location was Pleasanton where he's lived for 14 years, his wife Kristie has her own practice, and their three children attend school: Holly, 11, at Harvest Park Middle School; Holly, 9, and Holly, 7, at Pleasanton Elementary.





AMY KING

Director David Judson and choreographer Joy Sherratt rehearse a "Cabaret" scene with the girls from the Kit Kat Klub for the production that plays the last two weekends in January at the Firehouse Arts Center. At left, Brandy Collazo, a member of Actors' Equity Association, is in character as Sally Bowles (photo by Wally Allert).



AMY KING

Brandy Collazo rehearses for her role as Sally Bowles. At right, Gabriel Grilli, a member of Actors' Equity Association, prepares to play the diabolical Master of Ceremonies. He and director David Judson have spent weeks interpreting his central role.

6, at Alisal Elementary.

The Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre was formed with the mission "to celebrate human life, imagination and fantasy through professional, emotionally engaging, inspiring and visually stunning theater in the Tri-Valley region." The team presented clips of its work to the city of Pleasanton as plans for the Firehouse Arts Center opening progressed.

"We were not looking for a theater group, David came to me," said Rob Vogt, the city's theater supervisor.

After a formal presentation, including budgets, the city decided to give the group a shot.

"We discussed it in-house and realized it would nicely complement our Civic Arts Stage Company, which is more of a children's theater, family productions," recalled Vogt. "We wanted more adult fare."

He noted that the performance at the Firehouse Arts Center's opening gala was well received.

"That's another reason we decided to give this a shot," Vogt said, adding, "Pacific Coast gives the audience the opportunity to see professional theater."

"We're a smart, professional company and we treat our audience with respect," Judson said. "Part of our mission is to connect with youth in the form of apprenticeships so our technical crew will have Las Positas College students."

"I'm betting there are professionals out in the community who want to be involved," he added. "We are here for the city, not for ourselves. If someone has stage management, lighting experience, let's talk."

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre is bringing in \$20,000 worth of microphones for the production; \$10,000 in lighting equipment; and another \$10,000 worth of set materials, said Judson.

"We're enhancing the theater to the best of our ability," he said. "The designer has done a lot of shows and is doing it for affordable prices."

Sizzling entertainment

What: "Cabaret"

Who: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre

Where: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton

When: 8 p.m. Jan. 21, 22, 27, 28, 29; 2 p.m. Jan. 23, 30

Tickets: \$17-\$32

Call: 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org

Special events: To sit at an onstage table, call Pat Parr at (510) 889-9148.

"I think the musical they chose will do well in that small space," Vogt said.

The backdrop and storyline of "Cabaret" are disturbing, Judson noted, as well as sizzling, and the show opens with a mirror, for self-reflection.

"Most of the issues from 1929-30 are still relevant: persecution, discrimination, acceptance, tolerance," he said. "It's challenging material. It invites conversation."

Judson hopes the audience will exit the Firehouse on a high from an enjoyable night of song and dance but ready to continue on to a downtown restaurant to discuss the many concerns raised.

"Have things been fixed since 1931? We're not saying what's right or wrong but asking the questions," Judson said. "Art is meant to generate conversation."

He is hoping "Cabaret" will attract patrons who may not normally go to live theater and that theater-goers will patronize downtown businesses before and after the show. Restaurants are advertising specials in the program.

"The cool thing about the city is the businesses are coming together around our production," Judson said.

From "Willkommen" to "Auf Wiedersehen," the evening offers great promise. ■

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Auditions

'THE SOUND OF MUSIC' Auditions for Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's "The Sound of Music" will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, and 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21, at the Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane #303. Call-backs, by invitation only, are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and Feb. 24. Prepare a brief song (16-32 bars); bring sheet music (accompanist provided); and a picture and resume, stapled together. No Tapes, no a capella. Be prepared to dance. Call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.com.

Author Visits

NOVELIST ZOE FERRARIS Novelist Zoe Ferraris offers up a literary page-turner and a fascinating portrait of contemporary Saudi Arabia. Loosely inspired by Ferraris's own life in Jeddah with the Saudi-Palestinian family of her then husband, "Finding Nouf" asks how would a male detective investigate a woman's murder in a country where men and women are forbidden to converse? She will be speaking at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call 931-3405 or visit www.zoeferraris.com.

Classes

ART STUDIO FOR ALL MEDIA Can't find space to do your art? Drop in from 12:30-3:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. It offers space for artists and crafts projects. Open sessions are designed for individuals to work independently in a creative and friendly environment. Cost is \$1.25 activity fee. Call 556-4511 or visit www.dublin.ca.gov.

WOMEN'S FINANCIAL SEMINAR A panel of four experts in the area of financial planning will host this seminar from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 22, at Valley Medical Center, 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd., Room 2W. The primary focus will be the preservation of income and estate planning using a question/answer format. Open to the public. Call 484-3321.

Clubs

THE HUMAN SIDE OF AFGHANISTAN The TriValley Democratic Club is presenting Budd Mackenzie, who, inspired by the work of Greg Mortenson, founded Trust in Education. The lawyer and former president of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce will speak to the challenges of providing educational needs in Afghanistan as part of the nonprofit organization that he and his neighbors created. The meeting is from 8-9 p.m., Monday, Jan. 17, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Call 918-2433 or visit www.trivalleydems.com/Calendar.htm.

TRI-VALLEY EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION Established in 1984, the Tri-Valley Executives' Association helps business owners and managers develop resourceful relationships

in a fun and progressive format. The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201-A Main St. Membership is open to businesses that are not in competition with a current member of the association. Call 736-4522 or visit www.trivalleyexecs.com.

Concerts

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COLLABORATIVE MUSIC To celebrate the International Day of Collaborative Music, acclaimed pianist Mark Anderson's New World Music Academy will hold an open house with performances from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at Hart Middle School, corner of West Las Positas Blvd. and Willow Rd. Free concerts will be given by Anderson, instructors and guest artists. Contact www.newworldmusicacademy.com.

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN WITH HART CABARET SERIES Vocalists Chelsea Nenni and Zachary Franczak perform songs from "The Sound of Music," "The King and I," "Oklahoma," "Carousel" and "South Pacific" at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$15-\$25 for adults, \$15 for children, and \$22 for seniors. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Events

ALL STARS - FEATURING MARK ZHANG Bunjo's All Star Show features four to six of the most hilarious stand-up comics from the Bay Area and beyond. The show is from 7:30-9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, at Bunjo's Comedy Lounge, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Cost \$10 plus two-item minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit www.bunjoscomedy.com.

FITNESS AND HEALTH FAIR A free fitness and health fair will offer activities from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at Iron Horse Nutrition, 4270 Rosewood Dr. Vendors from top supplement companies will offer advice and free samples. Free chair massage, nutritional advice, and more. Call 737-0398 or visit www.ironhorsenutrition.com.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING MIXER Girls Night Out is holding a 2011 Kick Off party and mixer from 5:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, at TGIF's, 3999 Santa Rita Rd. Its mission statement is: "To provide an opportunity where women empower each other in a 'fun' and 'informal' setting for the sake of camaraderie and business development." Cost \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. RSVP by Jan. 18 to gnoners@gmail.com.

HAPPY HOUR The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California would like everyone to join them for Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Sheraton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd. Cost is choice of menu item and beverage. RSVP to Marge by Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 828-5124 or email hskoog@comcast.net.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB CRAB FEED Pleasanton Lions Club is

hosting a casino night and dancing from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Crab will be served at 7:30 p.m. No host bar opens at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and includes parking. Contact Steve Grimes at 484-3524 or Greg Aynsworth at 336-6069.

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsors a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. The group reflects on the human and monetary costs of the war, honors veterans who have sacrificed, and visualizes ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. They plan to continue this monthly event as long as necessary. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

POLISH DANCING Enjoy the traditional dances and music of Poland with dancers in vibrant, museum-quality costumes when Lowiczanie Polish Dance Ensemble of San Francisco makes its first visit to town. Dancing is from 3-3:45 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. All ages welcome. Call 931-3400, ext. 8, or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/.

RAGIN' CAJUN Mardi Gras fundraiser event from 6:30-11 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11, at Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave. Music, dancing, buffet dinner, silent auction and more to benefit people with cancer through the Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. Tickets \$75. Call (866) 862-7270 or visit www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org.

TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITIES AGAINST A RADIOACTIVE ENVIRONMENT Tri-Valley CAREs was founded in 1983 in Livermore by concerned neighbors living around the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, one of two locations where all US nuclear weapons are designed. Monthly meeting will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Call 443-7148 or visit www.trivalleycares.org.

Exhibits

"THE HORSE, OF COURSE!" Alviso Adobe Community Park is open daily from dawn to dusk, now through Jan. 31. The Horse of Course! exhibit is located in the Dairy Barn on the property, where visitors are welcome to take park self guided tours Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The park buildings are closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, and city of Pleasanton holidays. Call 931-3483 or email enicholas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

THE LOOK OF JAZZ Talented Bay Area artists are featured in an exhibit that celebrates the jazz music genre and how it inspires visual artists. The exhibit is from noon-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 29 through Feb. 22, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444

Railroad Ave. Suggested donation is \$2; free to theater ticket holders. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

TRI-VALLEY TOYBOX COMES TO MUSEUM Toy aficionados will share their collections at the third "Treasures of the Tri-Valley" exhibit from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays, from Nov. 10 through Jan. 30, at Museum on Main, 603 Main St. There will be toy-making crafts and opportunities to meet the collectors. Call 462-2766 or e-mail education@museumonmain.org.

Film

'THE GOOD SOLDIER' What happens when a soldier returns from a conflict; does he/she get the support needed? These questions and more are asked of five veterans from five different conflicts in this moving 79-minute documentary. Meet and greet potluck starts at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Suggested donation \$3. Call 462-3459.

Fundraisers

TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE'S 6TH ANNUAL CLAWS FOR PAWS The TVAR crab feed is from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, at Shannon Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin, with all the crab you can eat plus Caesar salad, pasta, french bread, dessert and coffee or tea. No-host bar available. Also drawings for baskets, silent auction, along with a kindle drawing. Tickets are \$45. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvvar.org.

Health

ART FOR THE HEART ValleyCare is sponsoring a free art therapy program for cancer patients and their loved ones. A local artist from Lilly Oncology will lead participants in an art lesson from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 5, at ValleyCare Health System, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240. Supplies and lunch will be provided. Call to register, 734-3319.



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Kids & Teens

M.O.M.'s READING TIME

Preschoolers and their parents are invited to meet from 10-11 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Let Museum On Main introduce your preschooler to books and activities about the unique people, places, and events in our community. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Live Music

THE SILVER MOON BAND Enjoy the swinging sound of the Silver Moon Band as it performs favorite

ballads sung in style of Old Blue Eyes, Bobby Darin and others from 2-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The musicians in this 11-piece all star group have appeared with such notables as Steve Allen, Ray Charles, Paul Anka, Tito Puente, Jack Jones and The Drifters. Call 931-3405.

Miscellaneous

EVERYTHING NEW The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop has been saving new men, women and children's clothing and shoes, as well as new gift and house wear items for this special event from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, and from noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, at 1987-A Santa Rita Rd. "Everything New" in the Main Store and "Good Old Days" in the furniture store. Call 462-7374.

On Stage

'CABARET' "Cabaret" focuses on 1931 nightlife at the seedy Kit Kat Klub, English cabaret per-

former Sally Bowles, and the young American writer Cliff Bradshaw. Performances are at 8 p.m. Jan. 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29; and at 2 p.m. Jan. 23 and 30 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$17-\$32 for adults and \$17-\$28 for seniors and children. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

'DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS' Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 21 through Feb. 6, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. For ticket information visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org or call 373-6800. see website

'YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN' Talented young people from the Tri-Valley area present this funny and touching musical comedy, based on Charles Schultz's beloved Peanuts, through Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy. Performances are at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5; and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, at Livermore High, 600 Maple St., Livermore. Tickets

are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Call 413-8161 or visit www.TriValleyYPA.org.

Recreation

HIDDEN WORLDS IN NATURE See the world as you have never seen it before - the macroscopic and microscopic universes where you'll be in for some big surprises, from 11 a.m.-noon Jan. 22 at Alviso Adobe Park, 3465 Foothill Rd. After this program, your world may never look the same. Cost: \$9 resident; \$12 non-resident. Call 931-3483 or email enicholas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Seniors

LUNCH PROGRAM The lunch program sponsored by Spectrum Community Services is from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.25. Reservations required a day in advance by 1 p.m. Call 931-5385.

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings; and 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday monthly.

TECH TUESDAY A new computer class with Las Positas College student volunteers will guide you through various programs, applications and answer computer questions. Class is from 10-11:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost \$5 resident, \$6 non-resident. Call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Spiritual

ECK WORSHIP SERVICE "Facing Life's Challenges" is the topic of this month's Eck Worship Service (Eck is another name for Holy Spirit). Service focuses on an aspect of Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God. Service is from 11 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Jan. 16, at Hyatt Summerfield Suites, 4545 Chabot Dr. All faiths are welcome. Call 944-0118 or visit www.eck-ca.org.

PERSONAL GROWTH (OPTIONAL CE UNITS) Shoshana Kobrin, MFT, will present a workshop on "Love, Anger, Power and Food" from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (registration will start at 8:30 a.m.), Friday, Jan. 21, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. This retreat is for people with difficulties with food as well as those who treat them. Cost is \$75; \$95 for CE units (6 CE units available for MFT, LCSW, RN, & LVN's). Call 837-9141, ext. 315 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Support Groups

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physi-

cally and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month, and from 7-9 p.m., on the second Wednesday of every month, at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP Overwhelmed by clutter? Learn how to deal with it by attending this support group, which meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Rm. 7. Call 200-1943 or visit www.clutterless.org.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd. Call 487-5706 or e-mail galexplor@comcast.net.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Formed in 2003 this support group's mission is to provide support and comfort to the families of Pleasanton residents whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. This group has monthly meetings and other events such as packing comfort and care items to be sent to deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where these personnel have streamers displayed with their name, rank and branch of service. Contact Chairwoman Pat Frizzell at PleasantonMilitaryFamilies@gmail.com or Chris Miller at millercj3@gmail.com.

TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS & ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS Tri Valley Support Group for Fibromyalgia, Lupus and all forms of Arthritis meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Tri Valley Support, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. They are in need of volunteers to help out. Call 875-0960.

TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. It hosts special speakers like doctors or specialists. For information, call JoAnne during the hours of 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at 875-0960.

Volunteering

BLOOD DRIVE American Red Cross mobile blood drive from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Safeway, Employee Fitness Facility, 5858 Stoneridge Mall Rd. Call 738-1365 to schedule an appointment.

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Alumni from both Pleasanton high schools competed against each other last weekend to raise money for soccer programs and to remember Ryan Gordon, a soccer player who was killed shortly after graduation in 2003. At left, women players include Allie Cefalo (Foothill, 2004) and Tina Peterson (Amador Valley, 1998). At right, Craig Caponigro (Foothill, 1988) and Jeff Squier (Amador Valley, 2008).

BY CURT GORDON

Saturday's cool temperatures weren't enough to chill the hot rivalry between Foothill and Amador Valley soccer alumni, some of whom competed against each other more than 30 years ago.

The eighth annual Ryan Gordon Alumni Games, held at Amador Valley High, featured men and women players from the 1970s, '80s, '90s and 2000s. This year there were 70 players, 48 men and 22 women, many of them returnees from prior years.

The games are named for Ryan Gordon, a 2003 graduate of Foothill who was killed in a jet ski accident shortly after graduation. He had planned on attending Santa Barbara City College and to play soccer there. Many friends of Ryan were in attendance, and 12 of his ex-teammates played in the games.

A few of the players originally fought against each other back in the '70s, like Dion Hock, a 1978 Foothill graduate, and Kevin Crow and Joe Carlucci, both Amador grads, Crow in 1979 and Carlucci in 1976.

In the first game, the Foothill women extended their win streak to four games by winning 5-4. Foothill was leading comfortably, 5-1, with 10 minutes remaining when Amador made a furious comeback, eventually falling just short. Foothill has now won six of the eight games.

Jillian Sweetnam (2006) scored first for the winners, followed by three goals from Kimmie Patrick (1999), and a goal by Ashlyn Mazur (2009). Allie Cefalo (2004), Amanda Luxford (2009), Alicia Lemoine (1988) and Amber Goelz (2001) had assists. Christina Cefalo was outstanding in goal.

Scoring for Amador were Valerie Mayer (2002), Beverly Mayer (2004), Jessica Daut (2011) and

Tina Peterson (1998). Assisting the goals were Daut, Sheri Kapp (1981), Tessie Wagner-Pease (1981) and Ann Peterson (1981). Laura Burton (2008) was solid as the goalie.

The men's side saw Amador getting by Foothill, 2-1, and continuing their series dominance by winning seven of the eight games played so far. Amador scored first on a penalty kick by George Mayer (2008), but the game was soon tied on a spectacular chip shot by Dion Hock. Hock was assisted by Quinn Tomlin (2002) and Corey Caprista (2002). Mayer untied the game with a spectacular blast from the right side with two minutes left in regulation, avoiding what was beginning to look like overtime.

All money raised in the games is donated to the men's and women's soccer programs at the two high schools. This year's games raised \$7,000, bringing the total since 2003 to nearly \$50,000. This was the most money raised since the inaugural games in 2003.

The halftime intermissions featured youth players from the Ballistic United and Rage soccer clubs. Parents and friends of the kids and alumni crowded the stands.

Volunteers manned the snack bar, collected tickets, announced the action and refereed the games. Additionally, members of the current high school teams chased after errant balls and warmed up the players.

The Hop Yard Alehouse and All Star Sports both contributed to the cause.

Each winning team was provided with a trophy that travels back and forth to each year's winning high school. Next year's games will be at Foothill as the venue changes from Amador to Foothill and back each year.

Contributions can be made to RGSE, c/o Curt Gordon, 205 Heritage Lane Pleasanton 94566. Checks should be made payable to RGSE (note: "Alumni Games"). ■



TERRY BRODERICK

Dion Hock (Foothill, 1978) tied the men's game with a spectacular chip shot.

OF NOTE



The great scarf project

The holiday spirit was alive and well at Lydiksen Elementary School as Donna May's fourth-grade class voted to use its class funds to make scarves for the homeless instead of having a holiday party for themselves. The scarves were distributed, along with bag lunches, to the homeless in San Francisco in collaboration with St. Augustine Church in Pleasanton the week of Dec. 18.



Eagle Scout rank for Eric Page

Eric Page of Troop 916 was awarded the Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor on Dec. 13. His service project combined his interests in Scouting and band by creating a special closet for the marching band uniforms at Amador Valley High where he is a sophomore.

Eric began Scouting as a Tiger Club in first grade with Pack 948. He completed the Brownsea National Youth Leadership Training and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He also served as Senior Patrol Leader in Troop 916 for one year, and has held the positions of patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, bugler and troop guide.

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The King's Speech

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God save the King — from his stammering.

Colin Firth stutters, sweats and swears his way through British history — and to a certain Oscar nomination for best actor — in director Tom Hooper's blue-blood biopic of the man who would be King George VI. His accomplished performance as the Duke of York has tremendous range, from a tender moment spinning a bedtime tale to young daughters Elizabeth and Margaret to profanity-laced outbursts that unleash a lifetime of pent-up anger and anguish. Firth combines the understated style of his role in "A Single Man" with the showiness that Jeff Bridges unleashed in "Crazy Heart" to steal the golden statuette away from him last year.

From the opening moments, screenwriter David Seidler ("Tucker: The Man and His Dream") and Hooper ("The Damn United" and HBO's "John Adams") create tremendous sympathy for the second-born son of the gruff ruling monarch King George V (Michael Gambon). Prince Albert (Firth), called Bertie by his family, must deliver a radio address at Wembley Stadium in 1925. Like the proverbial elephant in a room, the massive radio microphone looms menacingly.

The new wireless invention has changed the image game: No longer can a leader appear regal by merely looking respectable in uniform and staying atop his horse. Now voice matters. And the terrified Albert is tongue-tied. He stutters. He stops. He spits out another word, each amplified and reverberating throughout the packed arena. His British stiff upper lip quivers in close-ups before Danny Cohen's camera captures down-turned faces among the crowd, looking away in pity and embarrassment for the humiliated speaker.

But there's more to Bertie's character than meets the ear. Firth conveys the man's resolve and his unwavering sense of duty and service to England. Public speaking is a requirement, so he and his wife (Helena Bonham Carter) seek a cure. The heart of what could have been a too-proper period piece comes in the form of the relationship between the prickly prince and a congenial Australian commoner, the unorthodox speech therapist Lionel Logue, played to perfection by Geoffrey Rush.

As soon as Logue insists upon "My game, my turf, my rules," the interpersonal drama begins. Seidler's cheeky dialogue crackles as the two men test each other. Firth gives royal attitude as though to the palace born. Rush counters with his strong sense of self and human dignity. Soon grappling with the royal speech impediment goes beyond diaphragm exercises and singing words to the tune of "(Way Down Upon the) Swanee River." Class issues surface, and the line blurs between private and public lives.

With the exception of Timothy Spall as Winston Churchill (perhaps carrying too much Wormtail baggage from the "Harry Potter" franchise), the supporting cast is stellar. Guy Pearce plays Bertie's older brother Edward, who abdicates the throne to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson (Eve Best), with a convincing blend of smitten suitor and sibling tormentor. Claire Bloom, Derek Jacobi, Anthony Andrews and Jennifer Ehle lend to the Masterpiece Theatre air.

Poignant and sure to please mainstream audiences, "The King's Speech" becomes an inspirational story of an individual who must stop stumbling over his words so that his subjects will hang onto every one of them in a time of crisis.

You can bet that Colin Firth will have plenty of chances to use his voice during the awards season. ■

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Ernie Bridges from The Bridges Family.....	**
Mom Lora from Dmitriy & Lada Kosarikov.....	**
Fred Baker.....	**
Charles Glass, Doris Cink & Kassie from Vern & Tracy Cink.....	**
Betty Dawson from Bill & Ginny Reineking.....	100
Robert D. Williams from Doris E. Williams.....	**
Charles Sebahar & Charles Sebahar Jr. from Karen Sebahar.....	**
Grandpa Tom from Kevin & Annie Sjudahl.....	150
Grandpa Ray from Jeff Ulatoski.....	150
Terry & Julie George from Jeff & Jeri Oh.....	**
Lynn & Edie from Mark & Amy Arola.....	250
Rose & Barry Lenhart from Julie Lenhart.....	**
Ernest Alverson from Bill & Jani Alverson.....	**
Erman & Joyce Theodore from Vicki Leon.....	**
Our mom, Marie O'Regan from Doyle O'Regan, Brian O'Regan & Tara Sheehan.....	250
Lani Regis from Bruce & Debra Parelskin.....	100
Dorothy Swanson from Mark & Karen Reedy.....	**
John Steiner from Christine Steiner.....	**
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Marilyn Bowe from James Bowe.....	**
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Mother Stewart & Mother Lisa from Gordon & Elite Stewart.....	**
Our Parents from Harold, Gena & Wayne Gattin.....	**
Mrs. Irene Eng.....	10

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Clark, Ron & Sandy.....	**
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Total sales reported: 9
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Highest sale reported: \$945,000
Average sales reported: \$564,333

Livermore

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$260,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,372,500
Average sales reported: \$487,523

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$195,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,835,000
Average sales reported: \$723,042

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$146,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,160,000
Average sales reported: \$589,619

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during December 2010

Pleasanton

3232 Balmoral Court T. & S. Johnson to J. & D. Terrell for \$710,000
647 Bonita Avenue B. Spisak to V. Srinivasan for \$708,000
6498 Calle Esperanza Alexander Trust to J. Medina for \$735,000
4086 Cristobal Way Wilson Trust to J. Hsu for \$515,000
2367 East Ruby Hill Drive Hubbard Trust to R. Gale for \$1,835,000
3468 Guthrie Street D. & T. Girvan to S. Sampath for \$718,500
4125 Holland Drive D. & F. Goett to R. Kesavan for \$585,000

4246 Katie Lane Lund Trust to G. Bhatia for \$565,000
2784 Lylewood Drive L. Morelli to M. & M. Martinez for \$1,160,000
4639 Sandalwood Drive Branson Trust to J. & A. Moitra for \$540,000
2207 Segundo Court #4 Federal National Mortgage to B. Blake for \$195,000
5377 Sonoma Drive K. & L. Wheatley to A. & J. Lam for \$410,000

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34442 Palomares Road \$763,000
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Dublin

2 BEDROOMS

10708 Ian Lane \$328,888
Sun 1:30-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

3 BEDROOMS

10783 Sornoway Lane \$399,000
Sun 1-4 Joyce Jones 398-6706

4195 Preciado Drive \$599,000
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Fremont

3 BEDROOMS

5815 Commerce \$615,000
Sat/Sun 12-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Livermore

4 BEDROOMS

911 Curlew Road \$575,000
Sat 12-3 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

5 BEDROOMS

2514 Merlot Lane \$875,000
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Moraga

5 BEDROOMS

445 Fernwood Drive \$1,375,000
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Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS

4386 Krause Street \$579,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS

480 Montori Court \$1,025,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri Valley 980-0273

317 Diamond Court \$1,189,000
Sun 1-4 Mark James 216-0454

11 Lower Golf Road \$1,250,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2544

5 BEDROOMS

1327 Hearst Drive \$1,195,000
Sat 2:5/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

3116 Devereux Court \$1,349,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

3422 Torlano Place \$1,749,950
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4 BEDROOMS

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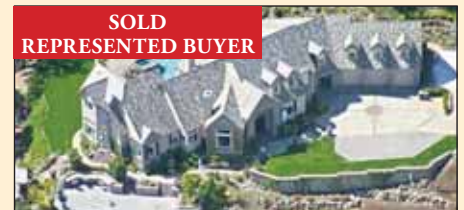
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3422 TORLANO PL
RUBY HILL, PLEASANTON
OPEN SUN 1-4 \$1,749,950



5 Bd 3.5 Ba • 4,500+/- sq.ft., 0.56+/- Acres
Formidable, elegant Formal French custom home w/ private location, backing up to open space. Custom built by Jerry Soba Construction.
Uwe Maercz 925.360.8758

1225 LOZANO CT
RUBY HILL, PLEASANTON
ITALIAN VILLA \$4,299,000



6 Bd 7(2) Ba • 8,877+/- sq.ft., 0.65+/- Acres
Stunning Ruby Hill Estate. Nestled in an unrivaled setting among olive trees and lush landscaping w/ mile long views of vineyards.
Uwe Maercz 925.360.8758

11 LOWER GOLF RD
CASTLEWOOD, PLEASANTON
OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4 \$1,250,000



3 Bd 3 Ba • 2,392+/- sq.ft., 0.33+/- Acres
On the 8th fairway of the Castwood Country Club. Single story w/ separate family room, formal dining. Beautiful plank hardwood floors.
Steve & Lorraine Mattos 925.980.8844

6645 AMBER LN
CARRIAGE GARDENS, PLEASANTON
1/2 ACRE LOT & POOL \$1,398,000



5 Bd 3 Ba • 3,475+/- sq.ft., 0.50+/- Acres
Beautifully upgraded custom home features 5 spacious bd, improved 1/2 acre lot. Pool, spa, waterfall, slide, sport court and more.
Weiner & McDowell Group 925.251.2585

9663 CROSBY DR
THE PRESERVE, PLEASANTON
CUSTOM HOME \$1,898,000



5 Bd 4(2) Ba • 5,200+/- sq.ft., 0.62+/- Acres
This stunningly beautiful home is located in the desirable West side. The finest materials & workmanship thru-out, views of the hills & vistas.
Weiner & McDowell Group 925.251.2585

2660 CAMINO SEGURA
PLEASANTON
GREAT OPPORTUNITY \$699,000



3 Bd 3 Ba • 2,801+/- sq.ft., 0.16+/- Acres
Originally designed as 5-bedroom home. Formal dining can be converted to office or extra bedroom. Full bath on first floor. Great opportunity.
Albert Bernardo 925.997.0123

5211 CAPARELLI CT
AVILA, PLEASANTON
REO/BANK OWNED \$629,900



4 Bd 2.5 Ba • 1,929+/- sq.ft., 0.09+/- Acres
Spacious floor plan w/natural lighting, gourmet kitchen w/Tile Counter Tops, private backyard patio. Close to great schools, shopping & freeways.
Joe Ledesma 925.251.2559

2818 GARDEN CREEK
STONERIDGE PL, PLEASANTON
REO/BANK OWNED \$609,800



4 Bd 2.5 Ba • 2,292+/- sq.ft., 0.09+/- Acres
Stoneridge Place - Brand NEW appliances in kitchen. Open floor plan w/ formal living, dining & family rooms. Plenty of natural sunlight.
Joe Frazzano 925.735.7653

7123 CEDAR MOUNTAIN
LIVERMORE
TUSCAN ESTATE 1-4 \$4,998,000



4 Bd 5.5 Ba • 8,950+/- sq.ft., 16.86+/- Acres
Walls of glass, salt water aquarium, wine tasting room. Incredible setting. Apartment perfect for in-law or au-pair. 9 car garage. Views and more!
Peggy Cortez 925.648.5454

1089 AUBURN ST
SOUTH-SIDE, LIVERMORE
UPDATED RANCHER \$399,900



3 Bd 2 Ba • 1,516+/- sq.ft., 0.14+/- Acres
Lovely rancher w/ tiled entry, wood burning fireplace, solid bamboo floors thru-out, tiled kitchen floor w/ granite tiled counters & much more!
Michael Swift & Associates 925.251.2589

5232 BROOKLINE CT
DUBLIN
REGULAR SALE \$559,900



3 Bd 2.5 Ba • 1,614+/- sq.ft., 0.07+/- Acres
Bright with vaulted ceilings in Living Room, hardwood flooring, no side or front neighbors, regular sale.
Joe Frazzano 925.735.7653

2797 SUGAR HILL TER
DUBLIN
GOLF COURSE VIEW \$1,099,900



5 Bd 5.5 Ba • 5,277+/- sq.ft., 0.18+/- Acres
Located across from the golf course. 5 beds plus office plus loft. Tile entry w/ medallion, high ceilings, granite kitchen countertops. Highly upgraded.
Joe Frazzano 925.735.7653

636 SYCAMORE CT
AMBER RIDGE, LIVERMORE
R/V ACCESS \$649,000



4 Bd 2.5 Ba • 2,553+/- sq.ft., 0.21+/- Acres
Popular Sagewood Flr Plan. Extremely well kept home, hrdwood flrs, granite counters, beautiful landscaping, huge sideyard access & much more!
Corey Green 925.899.6011

523 JOYCE ST
LIVERMORE
UPDATED \$439,000



4 Bd 2 Ba • 1,853+/- sq.ft., 0.03+/- Acres
Newer paint, carpet in the bedrooms, remodeled bathrooms, pergo flooring in the kitchen & family room. Newer appliances, corian counters & sink.
Angela Adams 925.583.2186

979 HOLLICE LANE
LIVERMORE
CORPORATE OWNED \$405,900



3 Bd 2.5 Ba • 1,723+/- sq.ft., 0.13+/- Acres
Open eat in kitchen. Master w/dual sinks & large soaking tub. Stunning hardwood flring, vaulted ceilings & wood burning fp. Lovely covered patio.
Stephanie Fordham 925.788.4443

5146 S FORESTDALE CIR
DUBLIN
NO REAR NEIGHBORS \$789,900



5 Bd 3 Ba • 2,661+/- sq.ft., 0.10+/- Acres
Upgrades throughout, 5th room currently used as office, plus it has an open loft/bonus room, over \$120k in upgrades, mountain views.
Lisa Doyle 925.855.4000

6965 S FORESTDALE CIR
DUBLIN
RANCH STYLE \$499,000



4 Bd 2 Ba • 1,638+/- sq.ft., 0.12+/- Acres
Charming, remodeled, open floor plan. Updated Kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances & slate floors. Private rear yard w/ patio area some grass for play.
Dave Bauer 925.855.4040

34442 PALOMARES RD
CASTRO VALLEY
OPEN SUN 1-3 \$763,000



2 Bd 2 Ba • 1,700+/- sq.ft., 4.50+/- Acres
LEVEL Land, clean and nice home. Great Investment for the savvy Buyer. Location-Location, Perfect family property and or small business.
Kristy and Company 925.251.2536

2068 MORNINGTON LN
WINDEMERE, SAN RAMON
BANK OWNED \$809,900



4 Bd 3 Ba • 2,953+/- sq.ft., 0.13+/- Acres
1 Bedroom & full bathroom on the first level, hardwood flooring, backs to open space, near schools. Built in 2005.
Michael J. Duffy 925.251.2523

39551 BENAVENTE AVE
KIMBER PARK, FREMONT
MISSION SAN JOSE \$1,099,000



5 Bd 3 Ba • 2,566+/- sq.ft., 0.20+/- Acres
Award winning Mission Schools. New granite kitchen counters & S/S appliances. Brazilian Cherry hardwood floors in kitchen and family room.
Todd E. Martinez 925.251.2571

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