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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

The Harveys' new home under construction at Third and Neal streets in Pleasanton.

## Downsizing for the good of Pleasanton

In Pleasanton's push for more "green" building and energy and water consumption savings, long-time environmentalist and civic leader Jonathan Harvey is already there — or soon will be. Harvey, his wife Kitty and their two children have sold their spacious Kottinger Ranch home and are living temporarily in a rental until their new home, now under construction at Third and Neal streets, is finished sometime this summer. Local architect Charles Huff, who's not involved in the construction, believes the house will be the "greenest home" in the Valley. With solar roof panels, special insulation and energy efficient appliances, lights and heating, the Harvey's electric bill will be next to nothing compared to the triple digits PG&E charged them in Kottinger Ranch. Plants, fruit trees, shrubs and grasses that need little water will cut the family's water and sewer bill significantly. Even the location of the new house — on a city lot close to downtown — would rack up points on an environmental scorecard with work, restaurants, the public library, even Amador Valley High where the Harveys' son is a junior, within walking distance.

The Harveys are making the move to be friendlier to earth's shrinking resources. With a daughter in college, they'll soon be empty nesters and their smaller two-bedroom home will work just fine. They're adding a second floor, which mostly will become a "granny" unit that

the Harveys plan to lease. They own a cabin in the mountains where they spend part of the winter when Jon serves on his ski patrol. The tenant will watch the house while they're gone and provide them with a bit of income as well.

To those who know Jon Harvey, the new house is an extension of his commitment to the environment. For the past six years, he has served on the Alameda County Board of Zoning Adjustments, which has the responsibility for handling conditional use and land use permits. In that role, he was part of the permitting process for windmills we see as we cross the Altamont Pass. Just last week, the board approved a solar farm in eastern Alameda County north of I-580. With 14 acres of solar collectors on the 20-acre site, it will be the largest in the region, producing solar power for the nearby PG&E electric grid and needed revenue for the county.

Harvey also serves on the board of the Greenbelt Alliance, which works with cities such as Pleasanton to make better use of infill sites instead of allowing development on the fringes, such as where Kottinger Ranch was built at the time it received permits from Pleasanton. The Alliance is working with Pleasanton's Housing Element task force to find suitable sites for higher density, market rate and low-income housing. With the city's housing cap now ruled illegal and the state requiring more of this type of housing in Pleasanton, we can expect to see Harvey even more active locally in his effort to make our town more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. ■

## About the Cover

Taking their Weeklies around the world are, clockwise from bottom left: Pati and Alvin Baer tour the Sphinx and Pyramids on their cruise to Egypt, Greece and Turkey; Jeff Silversmith at the ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral on Macau while on a business trip to Hong Kong and China; artist Charlotte Severin with her husband Jerry and other artists at the medieval village of Saint-Cirq Lapopie; Jim Kuhn of Cardinal Jewelers visits the Transfiguration Cathedral on Kizhi Island in Russia; Shelby Barraza, Brendan Keaveney and Justin Mullaney, students at University of Oregon, cheer on the Ducks along with their siblings, Dillon Mullaney and Lauren Barraza, at the National Championship Game on Jan. 10; and Chris, Mabel and Jeremy Lawton on Anae'o'malu Beach on the Big Island of Hawaii while celebrating Thanksgiving 2009. Design by Kristin Herman.

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## What is your all-time favorite movie?



**Nathaniel Orr**  
Screenwriter

My favorite film is "Blue" by Krzysztof Kieslowski. Every time I see it I find a new nuance about the film, about myself, about life. It just keeps getting more beautiful each time.

**Adrienne Maloof**  
Reality Star

It has to be "Goodfellas," because of the amazing actors and great directing. I love the music, too.

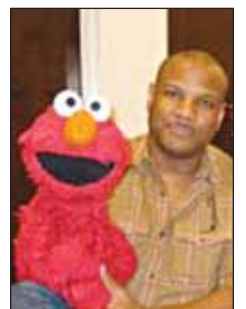


**Adam Quinn**  
Radio

I have two. "Pulp Fiction" should go down in history as one of the greatest movies ever made, and "There Will Be Blood" with Daniel Day-Lewis is incredible. I've watched it over one hundred times. The dialogue, the scenery — it is the most perfect movie ever made.

**Elmo (with friend Kevin Clash)**  
Furry red monster

Elmo's all-time favorite movie is "The Wizard of Oz" because Elmo loves Dorothy. That's why Elmo named Elmo's goldfish Dorothy. Elmo loves to watch "The Wizard of Oz."



**Katie Keller**  
Pre-med student

It's going to sound cheesy, but my favorite movie would have to be "The Notebook." It's a classic love story, and I think that Rachel McAdams is a wonderful actress.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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## DIGEST

### World Series trophy on display

The Giants World Series Trophy will be on display from 4-6 p.m. Feb. 2 at Stoneridge Shopping Center. The sterling silver trophy is the actual one delivered by Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig to the San Francisco Giants following the Nov. 1 World Series win against the Texas Rangers.

Fans are encouraged to arrive early for the free trophy viewing but they will not be allowed to touch it. A professional photographer will be on hand; the use of personal cameras will be determined according to the turnout.

The trophy is on a 30-plus city tour that began Jan. 4 and will include stops at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., and Troy, N.Y., where the team was founded. It will return to tour San Francisco neighborhoods and eventually be at AT&T Park for the Giants home opener against the Los Angeles Dodgers on April 8.

### Film student up for awards

A film by a 2001 Amador Valley High grad will air Sunday at the 13th annual California Independent Film Festival (CAIFF) that takes place Jan. 28-Feb. 3 at the New Rheem Theatre in Moraga.

Michael Callahan's film "Kiddo," which runs 8 minutes 45 seconds, will be shown from 10 a.m.-noon at the Zemrak Theatre, plus it is nominated for Best Student Film and Best Mini Short. "Kiddo" is the story of a meek young man who helps his friend rob a diner and must come to terms with "the power at the end of his gun."

Callahan is home from Los Angeles to scout locations for his University of Southern California thesis film, which he will shoot in this vicinity in May.

### McNerney internships

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) is accepting applications for interns in his Pleasanton and Stockton offices. College and post-graduate students are eligible, and high school students will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Fax a cover letter and resume to 737-0734 for the Pleasanton office and (209) 476-8587 for the Stockton office.

### Corrections

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## PUSD discusses parcel tax survey, budget woes

More cuts are likely to come in 2012-13 school year

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Pleasanton school board is one step closer to seeking a parcel tax after getting the go-ahead from its two consultants.

Bryan Godbe, president of Godbe Research, said the measure, with a tax set at \$98, would pass, even with the margin of error of 4.8%.

"This could be 67% on the low side, which is still a win," Godbe told the board Tuesday night.

The tax needs a two-thirds approval rating to pass.

Earlier this month, Godbe Research did a follow up to its initial survey, done late last year, with similar results.

The latest survey of 400 voters showed 71% would support a parcel tax, and that 69% would back a tax of \$98.

However, Charles Heath, principal of TBWB Strategies said a strong push is still needed to ensure a win.

"There needs to be an independent campaign to make sure those 'probably yeses' become 'yeses,'" Heath said.

He said there's enough support for a committee at each school, and the push should involve the school site committee, the PTA and parents to push for the measure, which would be on the ballot in May at an estimated cost of \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Part of the effort would be to offset potential opposition, including that the tax would protect union jobs, allow for salary increases, would have no rules about spending, and that school administrators make too much and have too many perquisites.

Nine people in support of a parcel tax addressed the board, including several businessmen, seniors and parents.

A \$98 parcel tax would likely net the district about \$2 million a year over the four years it's in effect. Board Member Chris Grant said that's only about 10% of the money that's been cut by the state and less than half the amount school employees gave back to the district through furlough days.

Based on comments from the board Tuesday night, the parcel tax is likely to be approved, although it will come up for a formal vote at the next board meeting on Feb. 1, and board members said they'd like to hear more input from residents.

The board will also discuss its budget. Tuesday night, however, Luz Cézares, assistant superintendent of business services, offered the board two budget scenarios based on Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget. In what she called the bad scenario, the district could find itself with a \$13.7 million shortfall by the 2012-13 school year. That's if an extension of taxes slated to come up for a statewide vote in June fails and the district is required to pay for county mental health services currently covered by state funding.

Even in the better of the two scenarios, she said the district could have to cut another \$3.5 million from its budget for the 2012-13 school year.

Cézares pointed out that neither of the scenarios included revenue from a parcel tax or income generated by Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE) which, including donations from its CORE (Community Outreach for Education),

raised \$660,000 over the last year or so.

She said there are only three ways to deal with the shortfall: reducing spending by cutting programs and through further employee concessions; increasing revenues, as with a parcel tax and fundraising; or by spending the district's reserves, which amount to \$4.6 million, including \$2.7 million in one-time money from the federal jobs act.

Cézares repeated something she's said during the last few board meetings, that no matter what, the budget picture will change.

"This is step one of many, many steps that are going to be taken," she told the board. "This will change many times."

The board did receive some positive news about its finances, however. An annual audit required by the state showed few problems with the school's accounting practices, although some tweaking will need to be done with relatively minor issues. Cézares said similar adjustments are made every year.

In other matters Tuesday, the board heard about proposed revisions to the district's wellness policy. The policy has been seven years in the making, said Diane Howell, director of human resources, and it covers both student and staff physical and mental health. Howell noted that many of the proposed changes have been implemented gradually over the last few years.

The proposed changes have met with some resistance from parents and teachers who are worried the revisions would require all students to

See **PARCEL TAX** on Page 7



GLENN WOHLTMANN

### Steppin' out at the drama fest

Members of Amador Valley High School's drama program dance with their younger counterparts at the annual AVHS Middle School Drama Festival this week. Kicking up their heels are (l-r) Mariah Baxter, Sophie Brunelli, Emil Helt, Chloe Ostroff and Tommy Herz.

"This is our seventh year hosting the festival," said AVHS Drama Director Kelsey Hartman. "We hold the festival every year to introduce middle schoolers to the drama program here at Amador. Drama is a great adventure for these students and to have a day where they can explore the world of theater with high schoolers can be inspiring as well as a lot of fun."

## University founder charged with fraud, money laundering

Feds say Tri-Valley University was 'elaborate fraud scheme'

Federal court documents show Susan Xiao-Ping Su, the founder of Tri-Valley University and owner of two homes in Pleasanton, has been charged with money laundering, mail fraud and wire fraud.

The university — apparently operated out of a small, two-story office space on Boulder Court — and the two houses were raided last week by federal officials from ICE, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement division of Homeland Security.

Court documents claim that Su ran an "elaborate fraud scheme" that netted millions of dollars from foreign nationals who hoped to become legal immigrants.

Su "made false statements and misrepresentations in petitions to DHS (the Department of Homeland Security) to obtain student visas from the government," according to charges filed earlier this month in U.S. District Court in Oakland.

"Su and Tri-Valley University have made millions of dollars in tuition fees for issuing these visa related documents which enable foreign nationals (to) obtain illegal student immigrant status," the DHS stated.

The document says Su used profits from her scam to buy five properties, including the two homes in Pleasanton raided by ICE last week — at 2890 Victoria Ridge Court and 1371 Germano Way.

Although on its website the university claims  
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# iPhone app offers all a chance to be a hero

Pleasanton's Workday helps make technology available

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

San Ramon Fire District Chief Richard Price was sitting with a couple of his coworkers in a San Ramon restaurant about a year ago when they heard a fire engine nearby.

That was no big deal, since Price hears them all the time, but he idly wondered where the truck was headed. To his surprise, the truck pulled up right next to where he was eating.

Someone had gone into cardiac arrest. While Price gets paged if there's a fire, he had received no notification of this, even though he had a defibrillator in his truck parked outside.

That got him thinking: A brain can survive only about 10 minutes after a heart is stopped, and the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District averages about seven minutes to arrive on scene.

"It was hard to think that there was someone in need right next door to us," Price recalled.

Price said only 8% of people with a heart attack survive without immediate attention. With CPR and quick use of an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED), those survival rates go up dramatically, to about 80%.

Price said while he has 48 trained people in San Ramon, he estimates there may be 15,000 people in the fire protection district who have

CPR training, and his dispatchers can talk a novice through the basics as well. And while many businesses have an AED, people often don't know where they are.

A year and a lot of technical work led to this morning's announcement — the unveiling of an iPhone application that can send



GLENN WOHLTMANN

With the new app released today, people can sign up to respond if there's a cardiac emergency nearby.

people with training and the desire to a heart attack victim.

Using GPS tracking in a phone, people who sign on to be alerted can be sent to a victim and even pointed to the nearest AED.

The app has been in testing over the last six months. Tuesday morning, Price announced that it will be released internationally, with the help of Dave Duffield, founder and chief executive officer of Workday in Pleasanton. Duffield was also the founder of PeopleSoft, a Pleasanton firm that was acquired by Oracle Corp., with those facilities staying in Pleasanton and recently expanded.

Other sponsors of the new app release are Jack Parrow, president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), and

Tim O'Reilly, founder and CEO of O'Reilly Media.

Duffield will provide technical support so developers can move the app to other platforms, like the Blackberry and the Android, while O'Reilly will push the idea to other cities and ultimately, the public. Parrow will promote it to other chiefs across the country and the world.

The software will be in the public domain — meaning free — and with technical support from Duffield's company and the backing of O'Reilly and Parrow, Price thinks the app could help save thousands of lives a year.

Bringing the new app online worldwide will take some work. Parrow, for example, pointed out that some fire departments don't have the software needed to send out the location automatically. Price and his team located all the AEDs in San Ramon, and that effort would have to be duplicated by other fire departments that hope to use the app.

But with the backing of the IAFC and Duffield, O'Reilly said he hopes many departments will be using the app in the next year.

Price said signing up for the app will allow anyone the potential of becoming a hero, and a public service announcement asking people to sign up will air in theaters as soon as today.

He quoted President Barack Obama's speech at a memorial service in Tucson.

"Referring to the bystanders that came to aid of those injured, President Obama stated 'Heroism is here, all around us, in the hearts of so many of our fellow citizens, just waiting to be summoned,'" Price said, adding, "I couldn't agree more. There is a hero in all of us." ■

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## UNIVERSITY

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faculty members from prominent businesses and other universities, Tri-Valley University was never an accredited university, according to federal documents.

Doors at Tri-Valley University remain locked, and calls to its single phone number remain unanswered; black plastic bags shroud the second-story windows of the office suite.

A search of the school's online catalog — with a long list of spelling and grammatical errors — shows the university claims to offer bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in everything from engineering to law to medicine.

The college catalog claims the campus "feature a state-of-art library, faculty-student lodge administrative offices and classrooms (and) research labs."

The school's catalog, however, shows many of its classes being held in the same rooms and at the same time.

Questions about the university have been circulating since at least last September, when a comment was posted on a consumer website



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Tri-Valley University is closed after a raid last week by Homeland Security.

that the school was not accredited.

A message from Su on the Tri-Valley University website says "programs at Tri-Valley University are designated with the key of integration: integration of Christian faith with academics, academic principles with industry practical application, integration of career pursuit with spiritual growth."

An April hearing has been set.

—Glenn Wohlmann



## Garamendi praises Obama talk, but wants war over 'now'

'Applause was not partisan, I think that was good,' Walnut Creek congressman says

Democratic Congressman John Garamendi said Tuesday night that he was generally pleased with President Obama's State of the Union address although he wants the war in Afghanistan to end now, not just with troop pull-outs as the president promised.

Job creation and government spending were at the core of Obama's speech, which included references to America's crisis of confidence following the Russian launch of the Sputnik rocket in 1957 and challenged the nation to have a new "space race" in the form of innovation, education and infrastructure.

"We'll invest in biomedical research, information technology, and especially clean energy technology — an investment that will strengthen our security, protect our planet, and create countless new jobs for our people," Obama said.

The president also spoke of the importance of reducing the deficit and restructuring the federal government to make it more efficient, but he made it clear he would not abandon government spending on what he considers crucial investments, such as education.

Garamendi (D-Walnut Creek) said the president laid out a solid agenda, and now it's up to Congress to find a way to do it.

He said his main point of contention with the president was Obama's remarks about the war in Afghanistan. The president said he would begin bringing troops home in July.

"I think we ought to end the war now," Garamendi said.

Garamendi said he was happy the president emphasized investment in innovation and infrastructure, which are particularly important to Northern California constituents.

"I thought he did a very good job," said Garamendi, who was elected to Congress in 2009 after having served as lieutenant governor, state insurance commissioner,

and deputy secretary of the interior.

"He was basically saying we need to make it in America — bring these jobs back home and make it in America. So that was really, in my view, very important that he said, 'These are the crucial investments.'"

Garamendi said the feeling in the House chambers, where Republicans and Democrats adopted an integrated seating chart this year, was less partisan than last year. The tone was more measured, he said.

This year's State of the Union address came just over two weeks after Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Arizona) was critically injured in a shooting at a political event in Tucson, Ariz., that left six people dead, including a federal judge.



**Democratic Congressman John Garamendi**

Florida. "Almost all the applause I observed was based upon people hearing an issue and saying, 'Yes, I think that was good.'"

Obama too seemed to seek a bipartisan tone in the speech, often mentioning Republican proposals he would be willing to support — such as health care tort reform — and promising to work with Republicans to streamline government.

"I am willing to eliminate whatever we can honestly afford to do without," he said. "But let's make sure what we're cutting is really excess weight. Cutting the deficit by cutting our investments in innovation and education is like lightening an overloaded airplane by removing its engine."

—Bay City News

## Net closing on local burglar

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Police said this week they're closing in on a local man believed to have committed at least five burglaries at Pleasanton homes.

Officers in the Birdland area spotted a man Tuesday morning that matches the description of a suspect, according to Sgt. Michael Collins.

That officer lost sight of the man, but another officer spotted him apparently prowling the yard of a home on the edge of Sutter Gate Avenue. When that officer approached, the man fled, jumping fences behind homes along Jones Gate Court.

"We ended up getting a perimeter set up very quickly. We had a fast response from East Bay Regional Parks — their helicopter is called Eagle One," Collins said. "They were here in a very short time. We had two K-9 officers searching around homes."

Despite that, the man slipped away, leaving police to think he made it inside his home, somewhere near the Sports Park.

Collins said the man is suspected in a number of daytime burglaries, stealing jewelry and sometimes using ladders found near homes to gain access to second-story win-

dows. He said at least one incident occurred on a Saturday, at a time when people are usually home.

Witnesses have given slightly different descriptions of the man, but Collins said police are making progress.

"We're honing in on what his guy looks like," he said. "Slowly but surely, we're putting together the picture of who this guy is and we're narrowing our scope."

Collins described the man as a white young adult, somewhere in his 20s. Anyone with information is asked to call Pleasanton police at 931-5100. ■

## PARCEL TAX

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have recess rather than to be able to spend time in the school library, make up unfinished work in class, or even if a student misbehaves.

Bill Faraghan, assistant superintendent of human resources,

said that's still being discussed, although the revised policy states that "recess should not be used as a punishment or a reward."

"What we're looking for is a balance," he continued. "We're looking at how we can generate alternatives to keeping children in on a regular basis."

The board also heard from several school principals about plans to close the achievement gap. Kim Michaels, principal of Fairlands Elementary, for example, has begun a mentoring program that brings fifth-graders into kindergarten classrooms to help the younger students learn. ■

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**Eagle Scout Project**

Adam Bailey is starting work on his **Eagle Scout project**. His project will be to honor Military personnel (past, present, and future). He is creating a meditative area on the lawn of Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton. At the center will be a pedestal with a military figure on top. There will be benches positioned so anyone may sit and have a quiet moment. The area around the pedestal, and hopefully the path leading from the sidewalk to the benches, will be inlaid with memorial bricks. That's where you come in. If you have a family member or friend that you would like honor for their service to our nation, please purchase a brick. These bricks are \$50 and will be inscribed with wording you provide. The proceeds from the sale of bricks will fund the cost of the project.

All funds raised in excess of cost of the project will be given to Veteran charities throughout California.

The meditative spot will be open to everyone. For more information or to request an order form, email Adam at [acebailey@comcast.net](mailto:acebailey@comcast.net)

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Testing America's new civility in Pleasanton

Politicians of all stripes joined with President Obama Tuesday night in seeking civility in debating and enacting key legislation affecting America. Next Tuesday night, as the Pleasanton City Council holds a public workshop on the city's unfunded pension liabilities and, specifically, on a proposed contract with city employees, that spirit of civility will be put to the test locally.

Pension reform has become a contentious issue on the Pleasanton Weekly's Town Square forum where commentators, mostly anonymous, have voiced their views on pensions and other benefits being provided to government workers. While these comments make some valid points in comparing public workers' continuing strong pension benefits to those that have largely collapsed in the private sector with huge losses in company-sponsored 401K accounts, all too many comments have unfairly, often wrongly and sometimes viciously attacked Pleasanton city employees over their benefits. So far, these kinds of comments have not made it into the council chamber and we hope they don't.

At issue Tuesday is a tentative agreement between the city and the employees' union, Pleasanton City Employees Association, for a new contract that would expire March 31, 2013. The city recently signed off on a new contract with the firefighters union and will be negotiating a new contract late this year with the union that represents Pleasanton police officers.

The PCEA contract, which covers 227 union members, has been targeted by a group of Pleasanton residents who are concerned about the city's unfunded pension liabilities. Depending on whose accounting formula is used, these liabilities range from \$121 million to \$290 million.

To start, the citizens' group, represented by businessman Bart Hughes, has asked the city to start closing the gap on these unfunded liabilities by requiring employees to pick up a share of pension contributions that the city has fully paid since 2002. The PCEA contract, negotiated by the city last summer with a tentative agreement reached last Nov. 9, addresses the issue for the first time, with the city's unionized employees to contribute 2% of their salaries toward their pension fund, which is handled by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CALPERS). That would amount to \$722,000 annually.

But that's not enough. Hughes and others want the tentative contract scuttled and re-negotiated to require a larger pension contribution. He cites the recent contract between the city and City Manager Nelson Fialho, who voluntarily agreed to pay the full employee share of 8% of his annual compensation. Hughes and his colleagues argue that by agreeing to these new terms, Fialho recognized the importance of raising all employee contributions, and that the 2% offered by the PCEA is not enough. In fact, recently, at Fialho's urging, all non-union management employees agreed to contribute 4% of their salaries toward their pensions, an amount the citizens' coalition wants the PCEA to accept.

Tuesday's meeting, which substitutes a workshop for the regular City Council meeting, comes as a result of street-corner lobbying by Hughes, former City Councilwoman Kay Ayala and David Smith, who identifies himself as a Tea Party supporter. They gathered 230 signatures on a petition calling for the public workshop, which will be televised on TV30's Channel 29 at 7 p.m.

At its meeting Jan. 18, when the council voted to delay consideration of the PCEA contract, Brenda Wood, the business agent for the employees' union, told the council that although she didn't object to the postponement, she believed that the union had negotiated the new contract in good faith and that she expected it to be approved. An estimated 45 city employees, who were at the meeting and are members of the PCEA, applauded her statement. This Tuesday night, America's new civility effort will be put to the test right here in Pleasanton. ■



Visit Town Square at [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com) to comment on the editorial.

## LETTERS

### Tickets, please

Dear Editor,

Kudos for all who have given their time and energy to bring the arts to our community. That being said, there is definitely a need for improvement when it comes to acquiring tickets. Having a website and an open box office makes no sense if you can't buy tickets until 45 minutes before the show.

We recently attended "The Relativity of Albert Einstein" lecture and tried to buy tickets when we first read about it. When we were downtown for lunch, we went to the "Open" box office and were told we had to stand in line the night of the performance and take our chances on getting a seat. I was told the tickets would be available at 6:15 p.m. and that there was a great deal of interest in the lecture so we should show up early. We showed up at 5:30 p.m. to get in line — but there was no line.

The lecture was phenomenal and was sold out with standing room only. We are very interested in the upcoming events at the playhouse but would like to be able to purchase tickets with more certainty; after all, we're living in the 21st century.

Being able to buy a lecture series would be ideal. Having member advantages other than a discount on the price of a ticket would encourage attendance with more certainty. We'll gladly support your efforts even if our old knees must stand outside on a cold winter's night waiting and hoping to get in.

Cindy Herold

### Need reason to go downtown

Dear Editor,

I'd like to respond to "Downtown needs our help" (Jan. 14). How about looking at downtown Livermore as a template, especially their nightlife, for solutions? They have two movie theaters, the Bankhead Theater, and several venues that have live music — people will eat, drink and shop before and/or after those activities. They have plenty of local retail and no chain stores. Residents live close to the action, but don't complain about loud music or traffic, probably because they realize the city overall benefits from incoming revenue; also, it's just part of the deal when you live closer to a thriving downtown.

I don't know how some of Pleas-

anton's residents are fine with a train coming through here early in the morning but have no tolerance for live music or the people bringing money into this town. I think having the Firehouse Arts Center is a great start. Pleasanton doesn't have one movie theater — it's out to Dublin, San Ramon or Livermore if you want to see a movie.

I've heard that the rents are high downtown — how can property owners afford for buildings to remain empty? Maybe they can wait around till another bank starts paying rent, but it's not doing the city any good. Residents need retail options that have more to offer than over-priced, specialized items, especially in this current economy. I don't think anyone needs to pay a consulting firm to diagnose the obvious. The downtown will continue to lose potential shoppers and revenue unless there's a reason to go there.

Taylor Martin

### Unsafe for pedestrians

Dear Editor,

I work in one of the corporate buildings on Owens Drive in Pleasanton, commuting from Daly City by BART. From the Pleasanton BART station, I walk daily on the Owens Drive/Willow Street side of the station. I have noticed that most drivers either coming or going through the BART parking lot, and drivers here in general, do not really slow down for pedestrians.

Is it possible to put a sign to remind drivers to slow down for pedestrians? I believe I am a very good pedestrian, I walk when the area is clear and I have the right of way. But I always have a feeling of being hit by a car every time I walk to and from my work building or during breaks.

Also, for almost 10 months, there has been a broken manhole by Willow Street. It has been covered by a piece of plywood but recently someone added four orange cones to the "disaster" area. I wonder if this broken manhole will be fixed soon. You can tell that the plywood had weathered through a lot of season changes, it looks "ply-able" and ready to break, and someone's leg or ankle will be eaten by the manhole. One of my co-workers had such an incident in the same street area last year. She suffered some bruises, luckily no broken bones. Can someone fix this broken manhole?

I finally found the courage to voice my experiences and observations; hopefully, there will be some action and positive results. Safety should be first, whenever and wherever.

Tony Miranda

### What's your opinion?

Write a Letter to the Editor at [Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com) or put your opinion on Town Square at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com). Letters must be 250 words or less.

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## OBITUARIES

### Betty Allen

Betty Allen died Jan. 13 at the age of 89.

She was born Sept. 26, 1921, in Los Angeles to Edward M. Bailey and Emma McCleary Bailey. An only child, she was raised in the Depression and became independent and resourceful. She met the love of her life Milton Allen in July 1940 on the way to Catalina Island and married him two months later. They moved to Alameda and settled in San Lorenzo where they raised a family. Ms. Allen loved cook-



ing, sewing, reading, spending time in the sun and being active. She always remembered birthdays and never missed a chance to join a celebration.

Ms. Allen was predeceased by her husband Milton in 2003. She is survived by daughters Nancy Bowser (Bob) of Pleasanton and Barbara Burruss (Bob) of Roseburg, Ore.; six grandchildren, including Jeff Bowser (Patty) of Pleasanton; and 11 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held Jan. 17 at Graham-Hitch in Pleasanton to celebrate her life. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice at [www.hopehospice.com/donation.html](http://www.hopehospice.com/donation.html).

### John Cooper Bloom II

John Cooper Bloom II, a former resident of Pleasanton for 18 years,

died Jan. 13 in Fresno at the age of 67 after a long illness.

Mr. Bloom was born and raised in New Jersey. He worked for Japan Airlines in New York for years then transferred to California. He settled in Pleasanton with his wife JoAnne where they raised three children. He loved the Yankees, sports, bike riding, neighbors and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, JoAnne; daughters Catherine Bloom-Bouchereau and Elizabeth Bloom, and son John Bloom III; two grandchildren plus another one on the way.

A celebration of his life will be held from 1-5 p.m. tomorrow at the Highland Oaks Cabana Club. Donations may be made to Hines Hospice Home, 1416 W. Twain, Fresno 93711-3914.

## WEDDING

### Katharine Stober-Robert Tuck

Katharine Stober and Robert Tuck were married July 31 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Walnut Creek and held their reception at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, with the bride wearing her mother's wedding veil. They honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii.

Katherine is the daughter of Victoria Emmons and the late John L. Emmons of Pleasanton, and Daniel R. Stober and Joan Mendelson of Palo Alto. She graduated from Castillejo School, Palo Alto, in 1999, received a bachelor's degree in history from Washington University in St. Louis, and a master's in American studies from Columbia University in New York in 2006. She is employed as a communications associate at the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience in New York, N.Y.

Robert is the son of Amanda Tuck of Orwell, Hertfordshire, England,



and Anthony Tuck of Newport, Essex, England. He earned master's degrees from Oxford and Columbia universities and is currently a doctoral candidate in Modern Japanese Literature at Columbia.

A second ceremony, a Thanksgiving for Marriage, was held in England for friends and relatives in the United Kingdom on Dec. 27 at St. Mary the Virgin Church in Newport, England, with a reception following.

The couple is living in Brooklyn, N.Y.

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Solar panels stolen from school

The Pleasanton School District is just a little poorer after the theft of 26 solar panels from Hearst Elementary School between 2 p.m. Jan. 16 and 10 a.m. Jan. 21, according to a police report. The panels are worth \$800 apiece, making the total value of the theft \$20,800.

In other police reports:

A reel of copper wire worth an estimated \$8,000 was stolen from a construction vehicle at the Alameda

County Fairgrounds sometime between 10 a.m. Nov. 11 and 10 a.m. Jan. 20.

Jewelry worth an estimated \$6,445 was stolen in a Jan. 19 burglary from a home in the 1700 block of Paseo del Cajon Drive. An unlocked kitchen window provided access. A second home on Paseo del Cajon reported a theft of jewelry, also through a kitchen window. The second home, in the 1600 block, was apparently robbed Dec. 27; \$9,800 in jewelry was taken.

A Jan. 19 home burglary in the 600 block of Sylvaner Drive netted computer equipment worth \$2,400, jewelry worth \$1,145, electronics worth \$399, snowboarding equipment worth \$1,000, and a \$60 backpack. The break-in occurred between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; a garage door was broken to provide access.

## POLICE REPORT

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

### Jan. 18

#### Theft

- 11:38 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 7:41 p.m. in the 7900 block of Applewood Court; identity theft
- 9:25 p.m. in the 7700 block of Oak Creek Court; petty theft

#### Battery

- 4:17 p.m. in the 4700 block of Harrison Street

### Jan. 19

#### Theft

- 2:47 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Court; petty theft
- 8:19 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft, possession of stolen property, burglary, possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

#### Burglary

- 2:17 p.m. in the 1600 block of Paseo del Cajon
- 8:42 p.m. in the 600 block of Sylvaner Drive

#### Elder abuse

- 5:28 p.m. in the 4100 block of Walnut Drive

#### Driving with marijuana

- 11:14 p.m. at the intersection of Koll Center Drive and Bernal Avenue

### Jan. 20

#### Theft

- 9:39 a.m. in the 3400 block of

Andrews Drive; petty theft

- 10:13 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; auto theft

- 2:17 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft

- 3:16 p.m. in the 6100 block of Corte Trancas; two counts grand theft, identity theft

- 5:58 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

#### Burglary

- 2:22 p.m. in the 700 block of Palomino Drive

#### Vandalism

- 1:54 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue

#### Marijuana possession

- 11:55 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Pleasanton Avenue

### Jan. 21

#### Theft

- 7:41 a.m. in the 4200 block of Muirwood Court; petty theft
- 8:33 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue; petty theft
- 10:43 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue; grand theft
- 11:11 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; identity theft
- 3:55 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; grand theft, theft, petty theft

#### Battery

- 8:12 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Prank calls

- 7:42 a.m. in the 4500 block of Gatetree Circle

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:17 p.m. in the 400 block of Bonita Avenue; marijuana possession, threats

- 11:17 p.m. in the 5100 block of Johnson Drive, public drunkenness

### Jan. 22

#### Battery

- 11:49 a.m. in the 11000 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Vandalism

- 9:38 a.m. at the intersection of Pimloco Drive and Keneland Way
- 5:44 p.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Staples Ranch Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:14 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Ray Street; DUI

- 2:06 a.m. in the 2500 block of Stanley Boulevard; public drunkenness

- 2:27 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; paraphernalia possession

- 8:46 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness

### Jan. 23

#### Theft

- 12:38 p.m. in the 4400 block of Clovewood Lane; petty theft
- 4:46 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft
- 5:42 p.m. in the 5600 block of Sunol Boulevard; auto theft

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:47 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; possession of a controlled substance, marijuana possession, paraphernalia possession

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### WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Due to the following workshop the scheduled City Council meeting has been cancelled.

#### City Council Workshop

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and discussion of City strategies for addressing personnel costs, including pension obligations and other post-employment benefits, as well as overview of tentative agreement with Pleasanton City Employees Association (PCEA/AFSCME)

#### Housing Task Force

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Summary of Housing Professionals meetings
- Discussion of future outreach to neighborhoods
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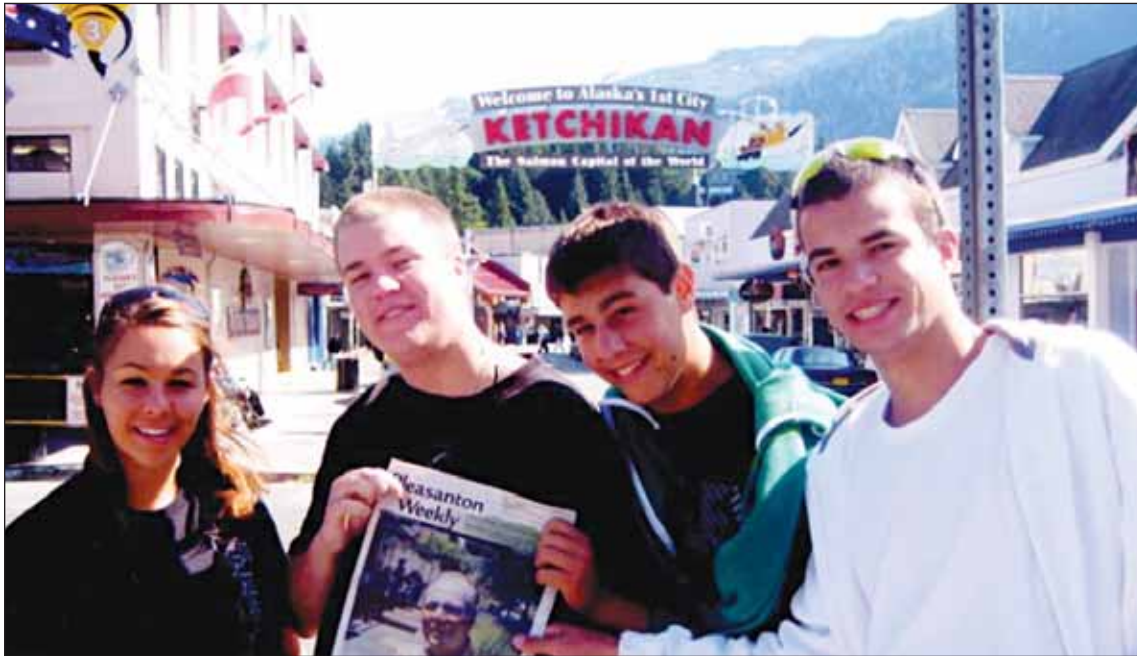
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**All aboard:** Pleasanton residents Shannon and Jessica Sanassarian and Maddie Saxton pose with their Weekly on the Diamond Princess heading for Puerto Vallarta, in 2009.



**Mayan memories:** Visiting the Mayan ruins with their Weekly in Tulum, Mexico, in 2009 are Scott and Teresa Kerley, Mike and Kim Maslana, and Lyle and Kathy Perry. Kathy and Kim were celebrating their December birthdays in Cancun.

It's hard to believe it's been nearly 11 years since former Police Chief Tim Neal dropped off a photo of himself reading an early edition of the Pleasanton Weekly in front of the Statue of Liberty. We liked the photo and ran it with a catchy "Take Us Along" caption.

We know that our readers liked it, too, because we've received — and published — more than 1,000 similar photos since launching the Pleasanton Weekly on Jan. 28, 2000, which makes today our 11th anniversary of serving Pleasanton.

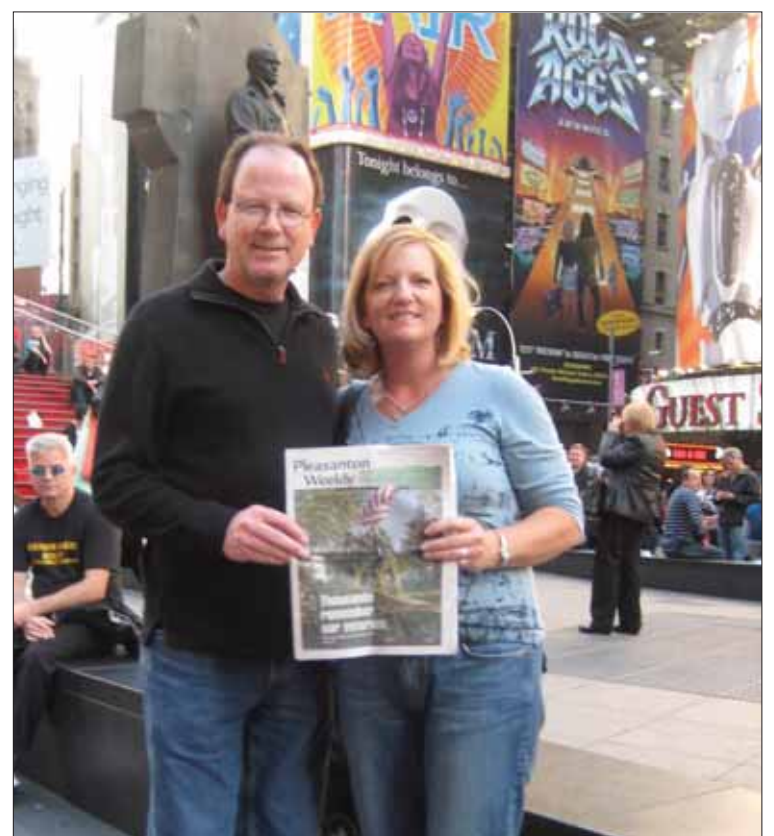
Since then, the Weekly has been taken to all seven continents and most countries, and now even to The Sudan, a photo we'll run shortly. Thanks to professional (and deep sea) photographer Jerry Pentin, who owns Spring Street Studios in Pleasanton, we've even been underwater where reading a newspaper, let alone photographing it, can be difficult.

With 60 of your "Take Us Along" photos still waiting to run, it could be a while before last year's are published. So it's on to 2011 and new ventures. Take us along and send us your photos.

—Pleasanton Weekly staff



**Tree time:** The Beck and Philis families of Pleasanton hunt for the perfect Christmas tree (a year ago) at a tree farm in the Santa Cruz mountains.



**Happy 15th Anniversary:** Dan and Janeen Brumm celebrate their 14th anniversary at Times Square in New York City in November 2009, along with their Weekly.



## Onstage fun with 'Scoundrels'

Tri-Valley Rep takes us to the French Riviera

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Two con men vie for the rights to clean out the tourists on the French Riviera in the hilarious, fast-moving musical "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" being presented by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre through Feb. 6. The play is based on the 1998 film starring Steve Martin and Michael Caine.

A French-accented woman's voice welcomes everyone, then the music and the action begin and don't let up for a couple of hours. Dan Kapler as the dapper Lawrence explains to his French assistant/policeman Andre (Joseph Brunicardi) the secret to his success with heiresses and widows with his philosophy: "Where there's a will, there's a way."

When the fast-talking but seriously unsophisticated American Freddy (Robert Lopez) arrives, Lawrence doesn't see him as a threat until he does him a favor by posing as his challenging brother to scare away Lawrence's fiancée Jolene (Christi Wallace) from Oklahoma. This outrageous scene provides some raunchy dialogue and actions, very funny but definitely for adults. The two men then agree to match wits in a wager over the fortunes of a naive American soap heiress, with the winner getting not just the heiress but the rights to the other tourists as well.

The "heiress" Christine Colgate (Anne Milbourne) enters the scene, and the race is on to separate her from \$50,000. The plot twists and



PAUL MARTINEZ

Dirty rotten scoundrels Dan Kapler as Lawrence (left) and Robert Lopez as Freddy congratulate themselves on being dirty rotten scoundrels.

turns enjoyably to a surprise ending — and then another one. The action includes a dalliance between Andre and a former Lawrence conquest (Amy Lucido). A 13-piece orches-

tra, directed by Jo Anne Fosselman, accompanies the lively singing and dancing and keeps the audience tapping its toes along with the laughter.

## Naughty but nice

**What:** Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

**Who:** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre

**When:** 8 p.m. Fridays/Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 21-Feb. 6

**Where:** Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore

**Tickets:** 373-6800

**Other:** Contains adult language and adult situations.

Lawrence is appropriately suave as he interacts with the ladies, but it's rubber-limbed Freddy who gets the heartiest laughs as, Jim Carrey-like, he exaggerates his role, being in turn loveable and appalling. The characters all play off each other wonderfully under the direction of John Maio, with vocal director Sierra Dee and choreographer Kevin Hammond. ■

## POETIC PLEASANTON



BY DEBORAH GROSSMAN

### The hero's journey

The Firehouse Arts Center was once home to some of Pleasanton's finest heroes. On Friday evening, Feb. 18, come hear some of the best Bay Area writers speak at our Literary Evening on "The Myth & Reality of the Hero & the Anti-Hero." Cher Wollard, Livermore Poet Laureate, and I are hosting this event, which begins with a cheese and no-host wine reception from 7:30-8 p.m. followed by the reading from 8-10 p.m. and then an authors' book signing.

Narrator Robert Eastwood, award-winning poet from San Ramon, will weave his original and other writings on the heroic and anti-heroic traditions with those of a dozen highly-acclaimed writers invited to contribute to the theme.

Highlights of the Literary Evening will include poetry and prose by Pleasanton writers such as Fred Norman, writer and a founding member of the Tri-Valley California Writers Club; Liz Fortini, poet, prose author and publisher of [www.languageandculture.net](http://www.languageandculture.net); Kirk Ridgeway, Pleasanton's third Poet Laureate (2003-05) of Davis, who led many Literary Evenings in Pleasanton; and the Pleasanton Teen Poets Laureate (2010-11): Mitch Grimes, Noelle Malindzak and Vivian Tsai.

Other acclaimed writers include Lynne Knight of Berkeley; Connie Post, Poet Laureate Emerita of Livermore; Lee Rossi of San Carlos; David Alpaugh of Pleasant Hill; Jannie Dresser of Crockett, publisher/editor of the Bay Area Poets Seasonal Review (<http://bayareapoetsreview.com>); freelance journalist Aleta George of Suisun City, who is authoring a book about California's first Poet Laureate, Ina Coolbrith; and Las Positas College student Samantha Kennedy of Livermore.

Cost: \$5; students, free, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

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Andy Jorgensen, former Pleasanton Civic Arts Manager, retired at the end of 2010. Andy was a true hero to the Poet Laureate program. Given that Andy was a huge supporter for the city's six Poets Laureate, we each wrote him six lines to honor his achievements to keep the literary fires burning in the city. We also chose six lines from a poem by Pleasanton's first Poet Laureate Charlene Vilella, who is deceased. Here is my mini-sonnet contribution to Andy with reference to the new chapter in his life with his wife Hope.

### Ode to Andy Jorgensen

*Oh, A.J., how you've played the role of Sun,  
warming Lilliputian planets by your orb's light.  
Your rays, a bastion of common sense and fun,  
coaching poetic and thespian stars to stages bright.*

*May the Sun now warm your dreams and days  
with Hope and universe of wondrous ways.*

Deborah Grossman

Deborah Grossman is Pleasanton's Poet Laureate. Email her at [pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com](mailto:pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com).

## OF NOTE



### Winter Wonderland earns Gold Award

Claire Williams, 16, organized a holiday celebration for 131 Alameda County families on Dec. 18, complete with gifts, Santa, elves and decorations, at the downtown Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building. She has volunteered to help foster care children in the

past with the "Foster A Dream" program so she knew there was more she could do locally as a Girl Scout Gold Award project.

"I wanted to provide them with some of the things that would make their immediate life better," said Williams, "a coat and a backpack full of school supplies."

As part of the project, Williams compiled a notebook with all the



Claire Williams and Daniel Soria of the American Legion Post 237 co-sponsored Winter Wonderland. Left, Foster children choose gifts in addition to coats, backpacks and school supplies.

organizational details so others can continue with the event and make it a Pleasanton tradition. She is grateful to co-sponsors American Legion Post 237, the 68 Girl Scouts who helped with the event, Walmart stores and individuals who made donations. Some people saw the Winter Wonderland sign during the event, stopped in and made donations.



DBE members (left) Betty Legan and (right) Doreen Green present a check to Axis Director Sue Compton.

### British give to Axis

Members of the Tri-Valley chapter of Daughters of the British Empire ended their 2010 fundraising by presenting a check to Sue Compton, director of Axis Community Health. The women also donated more than 20 toys to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department's Toys for Tots, sponsored a family through the Salvation Army's holiday drive, and donated to the British Home for Senior Citizens in Sierra Madre.

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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### Jazz Exhibit opens tomorrow

James Gayles' painting of jazz great Miles Davis is in the new Jazz Exhibit, which celebrates jazz and how it can inspire visual artists, that opens tomorrow at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. An opening reception is being held from 3-5 p.m. Bay Area artists in the exhibit, which runs through Feb. 23, also include Kati Casida, Chester Elmore and Joan Finton. In line with the Jazz Exhibit, the 36th annual Campana Jazz Festival will be held Feb. 12 at Amador Valley High School.

## Auditions

**'GODSPELL'** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre will have auditions for "Godspell" at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Triple Threat Dance Studios, 315 Wright Bros Ave., Livermore. Prepare a brief song (16-32 bars of music) from something pop/rock written from the late-1960s period and later. Musicals preferred, not necessary, but audition should showcase vocal range. Bring sheet music, accompanist provided. No tapes and no a capella. Be prepared to move. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes you can dance in after your song. Bring a picture, resume and calendar/organizer for conflicts. Call backs by invitation only at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10. For more information visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org).

## Classes

**IDEA TO ENTREPRENEUR** Patent attorney Gerald Prettyman will discuss creating an inexpensive prototype, confidentiality and NDA's, market studies, small group testing, the Rule of Thirds, and market differentiation, from 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Registration is appreciated to allow sufficient seating. Call 600-7342 or visit [www.GotABrightIdea.com](http://www.GotABrightIdea.com).

## Events

**TRUFFLES, TIDBITS AND WINE TASTING** Will be held from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 at participating downtown businesses. Do not wait until the last minute to purchase your tickets! Only 800 tickets will be offered for this event and will be available for advance purchase beginning Thursday, Jan. 6 for \$25 at the following locations: Clover Creek, Studio 7 Fine Arts, Towne Center Books and Rose Hotel.

**YAN CAN COOK AT THE LIBRARY** Martin Yan, Master Chef, noted author of more than 30 books and television personality, will discuss his latest book and demonstrate his cooking skills, at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. This event is free and registration is not required. A selection of Chef Yan's cookbooks will be for sale. Call 828-1315.

## 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](mailto:enicholas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

## Film

**'KINGS OF PASTRY'** Pleasanton Library is hosting a free documentary film viewing of "Kings of Pastry" at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.), Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and no reservations are required. Call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

## Fundraisers

**LYDIKSEN ELEMENTARY RUMMAGE SALE** Start the year donating your unwanted treasures and help Lydiksen students. Drop off gently used items from 3-7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, at the school's multipurpose room. Shop the sales from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, at Lydiksen School, 7700 Highland Oaks Dr. Items include used clothes, household items, toys, games, sports equipment, bikes, furniture and more.

**PET FOOD EXPRESS DOG WASH** The Pleasanton Pet Food Express is hosting a "Pet Bath" fundraiser this month with all of the proceeds from baths going directly to Valley Humane Society. Tokens for baths must be purchased in January but may be used anytime. The store is located at 1731 Santa Rita Rd.

**TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE'S CLAWS FOR PAWS** The sixth annual 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](http://www.tvvar.org).

**VINE THEATER MOVIE FUNDRAISER** Vine Theater will host a showing of "Mr. Holland's Opus" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, at a 1722 1st St., Livermore. This event is a fundraiser for a Boy Scout Eagle Project, which is collecting used band and orchestra instruments and donating them to Stockton Unified School District.

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## Health

**CANCER SURVIVOR PROGRAM** An exercise program for breast cancer survivors will be held from noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1-22, at LifeStyleRx, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. The program consists of yoga and pilate's taught by certified instructors with experience working with post op patients. Call 454-6316.

## Kids & Teens

**LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION** Hacienda School will host its Lunar New Year Celebration at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4, at the school, 3800 Stoneridge Dr. The students will be performing poems, a parade, a play and songs. Guests may participate in arts, crafts, and a cooking project. This event is free. Call 485-5750 or visit [www.headsup.org](http://www.headsup.org).

## Live Music

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## On Stage

**'CABARET'** "Cabaret" focuses on 1931 nightlife at the seedy Kit Kat Klub, English cabaret performer 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](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**'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](http://www.TriValleyYPA.org).

## Volunteering

**SHARE THE GIFT OF READING AND WRITING** Project Read is holding new tutor training and orientation from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The program needs adult volunteers to provide free tutoring to adults who want to improve reading, writing and English speaking skills. Tutors have flexible hours, volunteer once a week, and all the materials are free. Call 931-3405.

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## PET OF THE WEEK

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Dakota is a fun and friendly young cat who has been at the East County Animal Shelter since Jan. 5. She entertains the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue cat volunteers with her enthusiastic play antics and never turns down a good snuggle session. Dakota is spayed and vaccinated, and will be microchipped before she goes home with her new family. Dakota would love to meet you, and hopes you'll come by the East County Animal Shelter very soon. She's just one of a number of great cats and kittens looking for new homes. The shelter is located at 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin; telephone 803-7041.



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# Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

## Owners, renters agree: Owning a home is smart decision

63% of renters say it's likely they'll become homeowners

By JEB BING

A substantial majority of both homeowners and current renters agree that owning a home is a smart decision over the long term.

That's according to the results of a National Association of Realtors survey of 3,793 adults conducted online by Harris Interactive.

The American Attitudes About Homeownership survey found that in today's challenging economy, 95% of owners and 72% of renters believe that over a period of several years, it makes more sense to own a home. In addition, an overwhelming majority of homeowners are happy with their decision to own a home. A total of 93% of owners surveyed would buy again.

"Homeowners and renters agree that homeownership benefits individuals and families, strengthens our communities, and is integral to our nation's economy," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "The results of this survey illustrate just how important issues related to home ownership are to people in this country."

The survey uncovered some differences between homeowners and renters, as well. While more than half of owners are "very" or "extremely" satisfied with the overall quality of their family life, only one-third of renters report the same levels of satisfaction. Similarly, 43% of homeowners are very/extremely satisfied with their community life, compared with 30% of renters.

A majority of renters — 63% — said that it was at least somewhat likely that they would purchase a home at some point in the future. Among this group, young adults (18-29 years old) have the strongest aspirations for home ownership; only 8%

of young adults said that it was "not at all likely" that they would purchase a home at some point in the future.

In today's market, many aspiring homeowners are faced with worries about job security and creditworthiness. Among renters who are very or extremely likely to buy a home in the future, three out of five consider confidence in job security and creditworthiness to be an obstacle.

One point of agreement between renters and homeowners was support of the mortgage interest deduction. Seventy-four percent of owners and 62% of renters say it's "extremely" or "very" important that the deduction remain in place.

"At a time when the middle class is under increasing economic pressures, both homeowners and renters agree that the mortgage interest deduction should not be targeted for change," said Phipps. "Given strong public support of and aspirations toward owning a home, we need to keep policies in place that support and encourage responsible, sustainable home ownership for our future."

This survey was conducted online within the U.S. and fielded October 6-20, 2010. A total of 3,793 adults 18 and older were surveyed, including 1,880 home owners, 1,115 renters, and 798 young adults. All samples came from the Harris Poll online database and were weighted for age, sex, race/ethnicity, education, region and household income to be representative of the U.S. general population of adults 18 and older. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online. Results are available online at [www.realtor.org/statsanddata/homeownership/attitudes\\_homeown](http://www.realtor.org/statsanddata/homeownership/attitudes_homeown). ■

### SALES AT A GLANCE

#### Dublin

**Total sales reported:** 11  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$288,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$815,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$504,500

#### Pleasanton

**Total sales reported:** 24  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$180,000  
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**Average sales reported:** \$727,375

Source: California REsource



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3 BR 2.5 BA many upgrades! Dual pane windows, private backyard with patio and fountain 925.847.2200

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 • Beautiful 6 Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths, 4800+ sq ft Home  
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**Offered at \$1,060,800**



**530 DOLORES PLACE, PLEASANTON**  
 • Fabulously Remodeled "Pleasanton Hills" Home  
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**JUST LISTED**  
**1541 WHISPERING OAK WAY, PLEASANTON**  
 • Elegant "Walnut Hills" Home  
 • Main House and Separate Carriage House  
 • Main House: 4 Bedrooms and 2.5 Baths, Oversized Tile Flooring, Slab Granite  
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**Castro Valley**

**3 BEDROOMS**

**7 Hills Road \$432,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2536

**Danville**

**5 BEDROOMS**

**639 Dunhill Drive \$899,950**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 200-2525

**Fremont**

**3 BEDROOMS**

**42036 Meredith Drive \$759,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 583-2168

**Livermore**

**3 BEDROOMS**

**942 Ventura Avenue \$315,000**  
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

**736 Sunset Drive \$385,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**4 BEDROOMS**

**523 Joyce Street \$439,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 583-2194

**273 Abalone Place \$789,000**  
Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

**Pleasanton**

**2 BEDROOMS**

**5656 Sonoma Drive #13 \$465,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2532

**175 Junipero Street \$499,000**  
Sun 1-4 Bob Huckler 400-8146

**3 BEDROOMS**

**11 Lower Golf \$1,250,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 980-8844

**1409 Elliot Circle \$565,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty 202-6898

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

**2853 Iberis Court \$620,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

**3008 Calle De La Mesa \$649,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2516

**4 BEDROOMS**

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

**3088 Crestablanca Drive \$1,030,000**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

**317 Diamond Court \$1,189,000**  
Sun 1-4:30 Mark James 216-0454

**512 Bunker Lane \$1,449,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty 202-6898

**852 Madeira Drive \$774,950**  
Sun 1-4 Jim Lavey - Allied Brokers 846-3755

**5266 Muirwood Drive \$799,000**  
Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

**627 Rowell Lane \$865,000**  
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**1541 Whispering Oak Way \$989,888**  
Sun 1-4 Tom Ivarson 200-3600

**5 BEDROOMS**

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

**2818 Tudor Court \$1,439,000**  
Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

**6 BEDROOMS**

**1226 Shady Pond Lane \$1,649,000**  
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**1976 Armondo Court \$3,649,000**  
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Single mother seeks 3+bd house or townhome, preferably upgraded, up to \$550,000

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# The latest from The 680 Blog

## Q & A: Buyers Demand Money for Repairs... Should I Agree?

I entered into a contract to sell my house a couple of weeks ago. Because the market is slow, I ended up taking a lot less for my house than I was planning on. Now the buyers have had inspections, and they want me to credit them \$3500 for repairs, most of which are complete B.S. I am really mad about this. Should I tell them to take a hike? Fred W.

Websites to watch thor the movie <http://about.me/thor-movie> Fred, take a deep breath and relax. In some ways this market can be called "Revenge of the Buyers". Remember 4 or 5 years ago when Sellers told buyers things like "take it or leave it" or "don't ask for anything to be fixed... we have 2 other buyers who want it". Now the tables have turned. Don't get hung up on the details of what the buyer wants. Some may be legit, and some might be categorized as outright extortion. But so what. If you want to sell your house, swallow hard and sign it. If you think you can do better in this market, tell them no. It is really that simple. But tread carefully, because working with buyers today is a little like trying to feed a squirrel. They don't really trust you, they are skittish, and

any sudden movement or sign of trouble they go scampering for the woods. If you refuse the \$3500, you could end up the same or better off with the next buyer. Of course, it could also end up costing you \$5000, \$10,000, or even \$20,000 more to get the next buyer in contract. It's your call. The good news is that you are in control in this situation, and can choose the course of action that you feel is best. Just be aware of market conditions. Often, once a home goes back on the market, it loses some of its luster and it is harder to get other buyers interested in it. >>Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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Prime Laguna Oaks luxury home with 5 BR plus office, 3 1/2 BTHS, 4 car garage, granite kitchen, 3 fireplaces, and .30 Acre flat cul-de-sac lot with sparkling pool, spa, and outdoor kitchen!  
**2818 Tudor Court**

**\$1,439,000**



OPEN SUN 1-4

Better than New! Fabulous remodeled 4 BR, 2 1/2 BTH charmer with hardwood floors, gourmet granite & stainless kitchen, new roof, sparkling pool, and large private 10k lot!  
**5266 Muirwood Drive**

**\$799,000**



OPEN SUN 1-4

Fabulous upgraded South Livermore home with 4 BR plus office, 3 1/2 BTHS, granite kitchen, hardwood floors, new designer carpeting, and quite cul-de-sac location with spa!

**273 Abalone Place, Livermore**  
**\$789,000**



JUST LISTED!

Fabulous single story 4 BR, 3 BTH home on an incredible private .90 acre wooded flat lot with gate. Gourmet kit with island, huge master suite & more!

**\$1,299,000**



GOLDEN EAGLE!

Elegant Golden Eagle custom home with 4 BR plus office, 3 1/2 BTH, new cherry & granite kit, plantation shutters, and incredible .42 acre flat lot!

**\$1,450,000**



JUST SOLD!

Pristine single story 4 BR, 2 1/2 BTH, home with upgraded kitchen, designer carpeting, remodeled master bath with extensive stone, new windows, and 1/3 Acre lot with pool!

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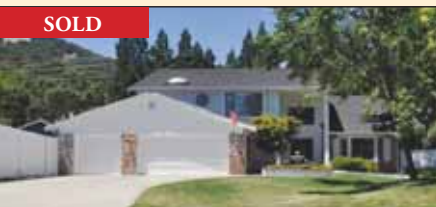
### RUBY HILL



COMING SOON

**4355 CAMPINIA PLACE, PLEASANTON**  
Gorgeous Upgraded Single Level Home on .60 Acre Premium Lot. Located in the Desirable Ruby Hill Private Gated Community. Four Bedrooms, Plus Private Office, Three Bathrooms, Custom Gourmet Kitchen with Granite Countertops, Extensive Crown Molding & Built-Ins, Brazilian Cherry Flooring, Expansive Master Suite. Professional Landscaping Includes: Built-In BBQ, Viewing/Sitting Area, Views of Surrounding Hills & Vineyards, Covered Patio and Extensive Lawn Area. 3-Car Garage. Ruby Hill Community Amenities: \*Clubhouse, Golf Course, Swimming Pool, \*Tennis Courts, Large Park and Greenbelts. (\*Discounted Memberships Now Available) Close to Several Wineries.  
**OFFERED AT \$1,479,000**

### PLEASANTON SEMI-CUSTOM



SOLD

**4150 CREEKWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON**  
Don't miss this private, Pleasanton home on premium 1/2 acre lot. Large multimedia/game room, upgraded kitchen and bathrooms with granite. Five bedrooms, three full bathrooms, hardwood floors, two fireplaces, three car garage, 4,002 square feet. Large secluded park-like rear yard includes expansive Trex deck, in-ground pool, Hot Springs grande covered spa, waterfall/pond, playhouse, zip line, large lawn area, mature redwood trees and large cemented side yard area. Walk to great schools & neighborhood parks. **SOLD FOR \$1,120,000**

### GOLDEN EAGLE ESTATES LOT



**8019 GOLDEN EAGLE WAY, PLEASANTON**  
Beautiful large premium 1.08 acre lot in desirable Golden Eagle Estates gated community. Panoramic views! One of a couple of remaining lots. Build your own dream home or plans are approved and ready to start for a 6300 sq ft. 5 bedroom, 6 bathroom home with 4 car garage, plans available for custom rock sculpted pool with waterslide and waterfall, pool cabana and custom outdoor kitchen with pizza oven, outdoor shower. Community amenities include: pool, tennis courts and access to Augustin Bernal Park. Located adjacent to Castlewood Country Club. Five minutes from charming downtown Pleasanton. **OFFERED AT \$1,000,000**

### NEW CUSTOM SINGLE LEVEL



SOLD

**1588 FOOTHILL ROAD, PLEASANTON**  
New custom single level home on private country lane off of Foothill Road. This private half acre lot is located adjacent to Golden Eagle with ridge views. Four bedrooms, bonus room/guest quarters, home theater room, private office, lockable 400 bottle wine cellar, 4.5 bathrooms, 4762 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops, top of the line appliances. Oversized three car garage (4th car option). In-ground pool, detached permitted room (office/workout room) seller to credit buyer for brand new landscaping. Near Castlewood Country Club. **SOLD FOR \$1,625,000**

### KOTTINGER RANCH



PENDING

**1327 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON**  
Great location! Beautiful semi-custom home on .40 acre lot. Expansive deck with panoramic views! Private rear grounds. Five bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, 4,026 square feet. Upgraded gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, newer paint & carpeting, extensive hardwood floors. Expansive master suite. Community pool, park, tennis courts and open space. Walk to Main Street and award winning schools! **OFFERED AT \$1,195,000**

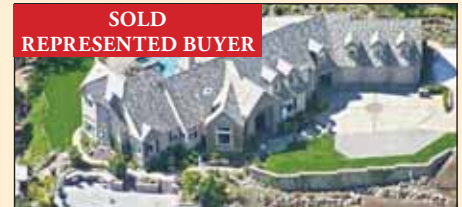
### LOS OLIVOS



SOLD

**2951 PICHOLINE COURT, LIVERMORE**  
Beautiful, highly upgraded Los Olivos home on professionally landscaped private .25 acre lot. Don't miss it! Five bedrooms (bonus room 5th), 3.5 bathrooms, plus detached studio/guest quarters (1 bed/1 bath). Approximately 3889 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, granite slab countertops and stainless steel appliances. Highly upgraded spacious master suite with granite. Beautiful grounds include large private patio, spacious lawn area, garden/play set area, and atrium/side patio. Views of surrounding hills. Minutes to quality golf courses and Livermore Valley wineries. **SOLD FOR \$950,000**

### GREY EAGLE ESTATES



SOLD REPRESENTED BUYER

**27 GREY EAGLE ESTATE, PLEASANTON**  
Secluded 5904 sq. ft. custom home on premium 5.3 acre estate in desirable, gated Grey Eagle Estates. Panoramic Views of the valley and Mt. Diablo. Five bedrooms, plus bonus room, office, 2nd office/hobby room, 3.5 bathrooms. Four car garage. Beautiful grounds include private vineyard, In-ground pool and spa. **SOLD FOR \$1,900,000**

### VINSANTO



SOLD

**2845 VINE COURT, LIVERMORE**  
Beautiful highly upgraded home in excellent condition. Panoramic views of vineyards and surrounding hills. Five bedrooms (4th is private office, 5th in guest house/casita), four bathrooms (4th in casita). Approximate total square footage 3,553. Upgraded kitchen with granite countertop & backsplash, two fireplaces, plantation shutters throughout, three car garage. Private gate & rear grounds include separate guest house/casita, expansive exposed aggregate patio, lawn area, fruit trees and vineyards. No backyard neighbors. Close to wineries & golf courses. **SOLD FOR \$809,000**

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MOXLEY TEAM SAT 1:30-4:30



**PLEASANTON \$1,649,000**  
6bd/6ba, 5,096+/- sf., 15,712+/- sf lot. 3 car garage. Award winning landscaped backyard. Gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops. 1226 SHADY POND LANE

MARK JAMES BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$1,189,000**  
Gorgeous custom home with loads of upgrades. Shows like a model. Far too many amenities to list. Quiet Street and low maintenance yard. 317 DIAMOND CT

MOXLEY TEAM SUN 1:30-4:30



**PLEASANTON \$1,030,000**  
4bd/3ba, 2,788+/-sf Custom built home. 3 car garage with pass through to covered parking. Hardwood & tile flooring throughout. 3088 CRESTABLANCA DRIVE

LINDA FUTRAL BY APPT



**LIVERMORE \$880,000**  
South Livermore, 4bd/4ba plus loft. Enjoy this gorgeous home with epicurean kitchen, granite slab and stainless appliances. 5614 STOCKTON LOOP

BRAD SLABAUGH SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



**PLEASANTON \$865,000**  
Rare find! Private 0.34+/- acre lot that backs to Kottinger Park/Trail. Well maintained 4bd/2.5ba, updated throughout. Kitchen w/ island & granite 627 ROWELL LN

ANNI HAGFELDT BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$854,000**  
This 5bd/3ba home offers hardwood floors, granite counter tops in Kitchen, new carpet and much more, close to sports park. 5023 BLACKBIRD WAY

JULIA MURTAGH BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$699,000**  
"Windsor" Neighborhood, Largest Model, 4 bed/3bath Stunning Hardwood Floors, Upgraded Kitchen. Won't Last Long. South Pleasanton. 2474 TAPESTRY WAY

STEVE ELDRIDGE BY APPT



**SAN RAMON \$499,900**  
Charming 4bd/2ba, single story home with nice yard, Formal Living room and separate Family room. New interior paint and carpet. Great home. 122 ADAMS PL

STEVE ELDRIDGE BY APPT



**LIVERMORE \$408,900**  
4bd, 2ba, 1925+/-sf, built in 2003, 2 car garage, court location, low HOA dues. 1851 PEPPERWOOD CMN

EMILY BARRACLOUGH SUN 1:30-4:00



**LIVERMORE \$315,000**  
Don't miss this completely updated home in South Livermore! Newer laminate wood floors throughout the home, recently updated kitchen 942 VENTURA AVE



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