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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Now 30 years old, Dublin is on a roll

Linda Smith praised the progress Dublin is making as a key city in revitalizing the Tri-Valley's economy, and with good reason. She's the city's Economic Development Director as well as its public relations spokeswoman. Speaking at a meeting of the Valley Real Estate Network, Smith said Dublin has been on an economic roll since this month a year ago when home builders and businesses started building, leasing and expanding after two years of a recessionary slowdown.

Two large vacant buildings in what she calls the city's west end downtown—the shuttered Mervyns department store building on Dublin Boulevard and bankrupt Circuit City's building to the north on Amador Plaza Road—are now home to Sports Authority and Sprouts Farmers Market. That still leaves about 40,000 square feet of Mervyns to fill, a tough sell because the side of the store and parking lot face onto Regional Street, which is not viewed as a choice retail location. Besides nationally-known Sports Authority, Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) opened its new 24,000-square-foot store nearby a few weeks earlier.

To the east in Hacienda Crossings, Food Network celebrity Guy Fieri opened another of his popular Johnny Garlic's restaurant, his fourth in the Bay Area, and Five Guys Burgers and Fries took over space occupied by Taxi's Hamburgers, adding to its 200 Five Guys restaurants across the country. Smith said Hacienda Crossings, with 1-1/2 million movie-goers crowding into its Regal Cinema in 2011, has become a major destination in the East Bay. Farther east, Target opened its second Dublin store after failing to secure a site in Pleasanton. This March, the popular BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, with its innovative spin on deep dish pizzas and sandwiches, will open next to Target.

On the residential side, Dublin is leading the Tri-Valley in new home construction, which is still in the doldrums elsewhere. She said permits for new housing as of last week already surpassed the total numbers for last year, with nearly six months to go before the fiscal year ends on June 30.

The city's imposing Palo Alto Medical Foundation building will soon have a new neighbor, Smith said. ValleyCare Health System will open a new surgery center next door, with a medical products com-

pany sharing the space. Kaiser Permanente, however, has postponed until the 2015-2023 time period plans to build a full-service hospital in Dublin. Kaiser's focus right now is on its hospital under construction in San Leandro, although Dublin is still in its long-range plans.

Adding to the good news, Smith said Ross Stores will move its corporate headquarters out of Pleasanton by 2014 and into three large office buildings it is purchasing near Sybase. The news space totals 420,000 square feet which Pleasanton couldn't provide and includes two large buildings built by Cisco Systems 10 years ago that have never been occupied.



Linda Smith

The architecturally-striking Dublin Corporate Center, which along with office buildings throughout the Bay Area has faced high vacancy rates, is also bounding back with Epicor Software Corporation moving there from Livermore and taking 74,926 square feet and the Taleo Corporation renewing its lease while doubling the size of its headquarters to 108,644 square feet. The office center is now 88% full. Smith estimates that more than 1,000 jobs have been brought in to the Dublin Corporate Center over the past year.

Disappointing, though, was the decision by Caruso Development to cancel plans to build an upscale shopping center across from Hacienda Crossing, where Whole Foods was also expected to go. Smith said Whole Foods has walked away from opportunities to locate both in Dublin and Pleasanton, although she believes the grocer continues to be interested in expanding south of its San Ramon store.

Dublin was incorporated as a city in 1982 and will be celebrating its anniversary throughout the year, starting with a festive St. Patrick's Day at its Civic Center. The 30th year anniversary will be observed weekly on Thursday nights when the city's Farmers Market opens again in late April, and the city will sponsor an anniversary gala in Emerald Park in September with a community picnic, entertainment and fireworks. Dublin was named an All-American City last summer by the National Cities League, competing against 400 cities that sought the honor and the only California city to receive it. With those credentials and Dublin's ongoing progress, Smith has reason to gloat both as the city's economic development manager and its chief spokeswoman. ■

About the Cover

A Pleasanton man who spent months living out of his van after losing his home checks his belongings at the Wal-Mart parking lot, with campers in the background Photo by Glenn Wohltmann. Cover design by Kristin Herman.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Should Pleasanton high schools have drug-sniffing dogs?



Travis Chubb
Student

Yes I do. I don't do drugs, and I have nothing to hide. Drugs are bad. You're on public educational land and you should follow the law.

Nicole Dzedzic
Student

I think they probably should. I'm in middle school and I know a few people who are already smoking pot. Dogs on campus would really help control the problem.



Jennifer Valerio
Stay-at-home mom

Yes. Anything they can do to deter drug use during school hours is great. Certainly there will be kids that will do it anyway off campus, but it might discourage people from selling to peers on school grounds.

Rachel Malmrose
Student

I do, because teenagers shouldn't have drugs at school. They might not bring drugs if they are worried they will get caught.



Liandra Nealy
Student

Yes, I do. I am a student at Amador, and it's becoming a bit of a problem. I know lots of people do drugs, and the thought of them bringing the drugs to school makes me uncomfortable.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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13th annual coat & blanket drive

Pleasanton Realtors Deb and Bob Cilk are conducting their 13th annual Coat & Blanket Drive to benefit "neighbors in need." Donations of new and "gently used" coats, blankets, socks and warm clothing can be dropped at the Cilk's Northern California Brokers office, 349 Main St., Suite 202, located on the second floor above Tully's coffee shop. Items are distributed directly to families and individuals in need of a helping hand. The collection campaign will continue through the end of February. For more information, call (925) 487-8735.

Résumé writing class for veterans

A resume writing class will be given at the Veterans Memorial building in Pleasanton from 9:30- 11 a.m. Jan. 21 at no cost to veterans. This class was developed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and has been approved to be given to veterans who are looking for employment or who want to improve their job searching skills. The Veterans building is located at 301 Main St.

Jazz festival at Amador Feb. 11

The 37th annual Campana Jazz Festival will be held at Amador Valley High School on Feb. 11.

The daylong festival will feature 50 ensembles from 24 Bay Area schools, including High School Big Bands, Middle School Big Bands, and a Combo Division. The day will top off with an awards concert featuring the winning bands and a jazz ensemble.

Admission is \$10; \$8 for seniors and students; and free for those 5 and under.

Congressman has intern openings

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) has openings in his district offices for interns.

College and post-graduate students are encouraged to apply, and high school students will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The internships are designed to provide students with educational and professional experience and are unpaid although the Congressman's office will partner with institutions that offer academic credit.

To apply for a position, students can mail or fax a cover letter and resume to the Internship Coordinator, 5776 Stoneridge Mall Blvd., Suite 175, Pleasanton, 94588; fax is 737-0734.

Record-high \$150,000 in donations to Weekly's Holiday Fund

4 new nonprofits added to 5 initial beneficiaries

By JEB BING

With the Pleasanton Weekly 2011 Holiday Fund posting record-high contributions, the fund is adding four more nonprofits to share part of the \$150,402 readers have donated in the two-month campaign that ended last Friday.

The four are Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for Special Adults of the Tri-Valley (REACH), and the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. Each of these organizations will receive \$5,000 from the Holiday Fund.

The five organizations initially designated as recipients in the campaign will share equally in the distribution of the balance of \$130,402. They are Axis Community Health, Hope Hospice, Open Heart Kitchen, Valley Humane Society and the Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center at ValleyCare Health System Foundation.

The actual amount to be distributed to these five nonprofits will be based on a final audit of Holiday Fund contributions by the Tri-

Valley Community Foundation, which provided \$50,000 in matching funds.

Donations ranged from \$25 in individual contributions to as much as \$14,000 from one donor. The total amount exceeded contributions given in the 2010 Holiday Fund campaign, which ended at this time a year ago and totaled \$147,000, also setting a record.

"Given the continued uncertainty in the local economy, the fact that our readers rallied to the call and contributed \$100,000 in direct donations over and above the Tri-Valley Community Foundation's match is truly a credit to the passion our community has for helping those in need," said Gina Channell-Allen, president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly.

"Our goal this year was a conservative \$100,000 with the match," she added. "We're pleased that this generous giving by the community enables us to share some of the donations with another four nonprofits that also need financial assistance."

Contributors to the Holiday Fund also have the assurance that every dollar they donated will go to these nonprofits. Unlike most other fund-

raising drives by individual organizations, the Holiday Fund has no administrative expenses or other overhead. The Pleasanton Weekly donated all the support services so all money raised can support local nonprofit groups.

All funds were held in trust by the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, which is now undertaking a final audit, and were tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

David Rice, president of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, said giving to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund this year was more important than ever.

"Although Pleasanton is ranked as one of the wealthiest cities of its size in the nation, there are thousands who rely on many of these organizations for individual and family assistance, emergency aid when they're suddenly without jobs and health care," Rice said. "Not everyone is wealthy here, not everyone has a job, not everyone has health insurance. These are the people who need our help."

"Whether we're employers or among the em-

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DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Protesters lined the aisles in the Dublin City Council Chamber at the start of the meeting.

Protesters disrupt meeting to Plan Bay Area

Elected officials keep their cool as gathering heats up

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Getting input on how best to plan transportation and housing in the Bay Area for the next 25 years proved difficult last week as about 20 vocal protesters shouted out slogans and objections to the process even before it began, shortly after 6 p.m.

"We don't believe this can be done in a vacuum," Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty said to the standing room only crowd in the Dublin City Council Chamber on Wednesday evening. He explained that the three stations at the workshop, including one to receive public comments, were designed to disseminate information and get feedback from those in attendance.

"What is social justice?" called out Heather Gass, an Alamo resident who is a tea party leader. She held a sign reading, "Equal justice — not social justice — one Bay Area."

State Senate Bill 375 was signed into law in 2008, requiring the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to develop a 25-year plan for transportation and housing to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from vehicles. This meeting was one of the nine being held in each of the Bay Area counties to solicit input from residents about Plan Bay Area, an effort being led by MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to make long-range plans as the region is projected to grow by 2 million people over the next 25 years.

"We're trying to get both our transportation and housing plans merged for the first time and at some point decisions will have to be made," Union City Mayor Mark Green said. "A lot will be based on input, not the quantity but the quality input we get. We want to emphasize the word 'quality.'"

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Foothill teacher arrested on drug charge avoids jail time

Ordered to drug treatment, which could expunge her record

By GLENN WOHLTMAN

A Foothill High School teacher arrested for smoking oxymorphone in Livermore will get drug treatment — not jail time.

Stephanie Deffner was 32 when she was arrested at about 3:40 p.m. on Oct. 26, not long after school let out, during a police stakeout of the Springtown Motel. The stakeout was for another woman selling drugs out of a motel room.

That woman joined Deffner in Deffner's car where the two were observed heating aluminum foil to smoke the drug, according to court records. She was charged with two felonies, possession of oxymorphone and possession of a single methadone pill.

In court Tuesday, Deffner pleaded guilty to one count, possession of methadone. She was ordered to undergo drug treatment.

"I'm not going to find you guilty — yet," said Pleasanton Superior Court Judge Hugh Walker, who ordered her to complete a drug diversionary program.

The oxymorphone possession charge was dismissed pending Deffner's completion of the program.

She was ordered to return in six weeks, on Feb. 28, to show her progress, although her attorney pointed out that Deffner is already involved in a program.

The prosecutor in the case previously noted that the drug diversion sentence could expunge her record.

The Pleasanton school board placed an unnamed teacher on an extended leave of absence in December, according to Bill Faraghan, the school district's Human Resources Director. That action, taken in a closed session of the board meeting, was believed to involve Deffner although Faraghan and board members were not allowed to discuss a personnel matter nor could they identify the individual. ■

Fremont man shot during brawl at Hopyard Road nightclub

Fight moves into parking lot as police empty Club Neo early Sunday morning

Pleasanton police are investigating a shooting at Club Neo early Sunday that injured a Fremont man. The brawl moved from the club into the club's parking lot at Gateway Square shopping center at 4825 Hopyard Road.

Police Lieutenant James Knox said 450 people were inside the club when the altercation started and that many refused police orders to break up the fight, moving instead outside the club to continue fighting.

"As the patrons from the club were exiting and milling into the parking lot, the fights continued," Knox said.

Told that one of the patrons was lying in the ground near Kinder's

Restaurant, Knox said police found a 23-year-old black male from Fremont lying on the ground with an apparent gunshot wound to his leg.

"He also sustained an injury to his head (and) was taken to Eden Hospital in Castro Valley by ambulance," Knox said. "The victim is in stable condition and his wounds are non-life threatening."

Officers on scene interviewed security personnel and witnesses in the area but no suspect has been identified. Anyone who saw the crime or has information pertinent to this investigation is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

—Jeb Bing

Council meeting lasts just 14 minutes

3 speakers, no agenda issue set record for brevity

The Pleasanton City Council, bogged down during much of 2011 in late-hour meetings on rezoning and affordable housing issues, may have set a new record Tuesday for brevity.

Vice Mayor Cheryl Cook-Kallio opened the meeting as usual with

the "Pledge of Allegiance," and then the council heard brief remarks from three speakers among a total of five citizens in the council chambers. The one item on the council's agenda had been continued to Feb. 5.

With no other issues to discuss,

Cook-Kallio adjourned the meeting 14 minutes after it started.

Last Tuesday's meeting also was short, lasting less than an hour. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman was out of town for both of the meetings, with Cook-Kallio serving in her place. ■

PLAN BAY AREA

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"This is a rigged meeting," shouted a protester.

"It's not about usurping individual rights or the rights of cities or counties," Green continued, noting that all of the communities in the Bay Area are linked. "Our problems aren't neatly confined."

After a brief video played disrupted by more shouts, Haggerty told the protesters that he and Green would stay to listen to their concerns after the meeting, gather answers and post them on the website. This brought a volley of objections.

Instead the protesters lined up at the public comment station, accompanied by colleagues carrying signs, to make the point that any land use plan would mean unwanted government restrictions on their choice of housing and transportation. Several said they'd already been to two of the meetings held in other counties.

"I have read the plan and there is no growth in roads, it's all in public transportation," said one protester. "They're saying they will put housing in all of our neighborhoods."

They're forcing communities in the Bay Area to urbanize themselves."

As they criticized the plan, Haggerty, Green and MTC and ABAG officials explained that there is no plan yet; the meetings are being held as part of the process to formulate the plan.

"What we're trying to do is understand the concerns of the people," Haggerty said.

"Decisions have all been made by developers and high density advocates," said another protester. "We're being asked for our opinions on things that don't matter."

"This all started with the United Nations that said the American way of life is a threat to the whole world," said another. "They want to level us."

People besides the protesters also made comments, such as a teacher from Oakland who said she was attending with several high school students.

"It's been very educational," she said with a laugh, adding seriously, "My concern is that we build livable communities."

Others talked about wanting to live near public transportation, their jobs and amenities.

Mayor Green also mentioned the

importance of BART going to San Jose and deep into Santa Clara County as well as to Livermore, saying the original BART planning was a mistake that needs to be corrected.

The other two stations at the meeting, besides the public comments section, had presentations on transportation trade-offs and land use issues.

Attendees were also asked to fill out comment booklets asking their opinions on transportation investment priorities and about jobs and housing blends, policies regarding transportation, and how the region can accommodate projected growth. It also asked whether they in general support establishing this type of a regional plan.

The public comment period lasted until 9 p.m., an hour later than planned.

"What I heard most tonight was frustration," Haggerty told the crowd at the end, saying he understood they were "taxed enough already," but advising they should contact officials and their representatives rather than shout over people at public meetings.

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ployed or in business for ourselves, each of us has been affected by fast-rising costs — in health care, for basic commodities and food, even for highway and bridge tolls," Rice said.

Rice added that although the 2011 Holiday Fund campaign has ended, the public should continue to support other fundraising efforts during the year, such as through the Red Cross and similar charity organizations.

"Direct contributions to the nine organizations that will share in Holiday Fund donations also are appreciated all during the year," he said.

Among the Holiday Fund recipients are the Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center at ValleyCare. The center is located inside the ValleyCare Health Library and offers personalized reference assistance and access to medical databases, some in other languages, including Web sites and articles, plus books, videos and models.

"Funds received from the 2010 campaign have been instrumental in keeping our cancer support groups running," said Stephanie du Pont-Pensa of ValleyCare's Ancillary & Outpatient Services. "We were even able to add another support group for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients."

Open Heart Kitchen, another Tri-Valley charity that was again on the Holiday Fund list for 2011, expects to serve more than 200,000 meals in its current fiscal year, according to Linda

McKeever, executive director. Open Heart, which serves meals in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, has seen a 25 percent increase in demand for free meals, far greater than the pace of donations directly to the organization.

"Open Heart Kitchen is often the 'bridge' that enables a family to stay on its feet from week to week," McKeever said.

Axis Community Health, another recipient of this year's campaign, is the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical care for the area's working families who do not have health insurance. Axis provides services for more than 12,000 Tri-Valley residents, including 3,500 children and teens.

"This year, more than ever, many of our friends and neighbors need help," said Sue Compton, executive director. "We are very grateful for the support of the community through the Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund. It truly makes a difference for many members of our community."

Another beneficiary of the 2011 Holiday Fund campaign is Hope Hospice. The organization, headed by Larry Lakes, is known throughout the Valley for the special kind of healthcare it offers. It's unique because it works to not only meet a dying patient's physical needs, but supports their emotional, social, and spiritual needs 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 to provide services.

Once again, the Valley Humane

Society was on the list of recipients for the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. The nonprofit organization rescues, treats and funds homes for abandoned or injured animals. It does not euthanize unless health problems dictate.

Of the four organizations added to share a part of the Holiday Fund donations, PPIE provides financial support to Pleasanton schools and education programs. Senior Support Program is an independent, nonprofit agency serving seniors over 60 in the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, and Sunol. REACH for Special Adults of the Tri-Valley is a marriage of HOUSE, Inc. and Tri-Valley Special Needs Fund, working to provide homes locally for those developmentally disabled so that they can live close to their families. The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, currently beginning its fourth year, provides immediate relief to cancer patients by helping them pay for complementary therapies — such as therapeutic massage, acupressure, acupuncture and more — during their cancer treatments.

"Thanks to the generous support of the community, the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, in partnership with the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, can serve more of the financial needs of these nonprofits," Dave Rice explained.

"We will be able to put money to work very quickly where as it might take quite a long time for these organizations to partner up with donors themselves," he added. ■

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Dublin loses out on upscale shopping center

SoCal developer cancels plans to pay \$13 million for 14-acre site

Rick Caruso may be a popular, wealthy land developer in Southern California, but he's lost his appeal in Dublin where he has canceled plans for a multi-million-dollar shopping center.

His firm, Caruso Affiliated, had received preliminary approval to develop a 14-acre site at the corner of Hacienda Drive and Dublin Boulevard with an understanding that the firm would pay \$13.1 million for the land, which is owned by Alameda County. The vacant site, across from Hacienda Crossings, was planned as a mixture of open-air retailers with Whole Foods to build an anchor supermarket there.

But Caruso's firm found itself in a Catch 22 situation. Whole Foods and others refused to sign leasing contracts until funding arrangements for the shopping center were secured. However, funding was being withheld until all the tenants had signed their leases.

Another factor appeared to be increased competition from an expansion under way at nearby Stoneridge Shopping Center to the west and the new multi-million-dollar, 140- to 160-store Paragon Outlet Mall under construction at El Charro Road and I-580 to the east.

To be called the Caruso Center, the Dublin project would have included up to 180,000 square feet of commercial space on land currently zoned for "campus office."



JEB BING

This vacant 14-acre site across from Sybase and Hacienda Crossings on Dublin Boulevard will remain vacant after a Southern California developer canceled plans to pay \$13 million for the property and build a multi-million-dollar shopping center there. At one time, Whole Foods was a major anchor in the development.

Without the development, that zoning designation remains for the site, which remains vacant and fenced off.

Known for his high end retail developments in Southern California, he has received awards ranging from "Humanitarian of the Year" by several organizations and in

1996 was named "Developer of the Year" by the Los Angeles Business Journal.

Caruso Affiliated developments include the Grove, a 20-acre outdoor shopping center in the center of Los Angeles which was to serve as the model for the Caruso Center in Dublin. ■

Pleasanton contact lens company declares dividend

Cooper offers 3-cents a share for distribution next month

Pleasanton-based Cooper Companies, Inc. has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 cents per share, payable on Feb. 7 to stockholders of record as of Jan. 25. The announcement is consistent with the company's plan approved by its board of directors to pay annual dividends.

Cooper is a global medical device company publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Cooper operates through two business units, CooperVision and CooperSurgical. CooperVision crafts lenses for contact lens wearers and provides practitioner support.

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THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Low income housing here isn't really all that 'low'

While city officials await final approval from Alameda County Superior Court, the Urban Habitat affordable housing coalition and the state's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on their recent action rezoning 73 acres here for high density, so-called affordable housing, it might help to point out that some of the very-low to low-income units that could be built on these sites are not all that "low" to start with. The City Council was compelled to rezone the sites to comply with orders stemming from a successful suit by Urban Habitat and the state Attorney General (Governor Brown at the time) to make land available for more workforce or affordable housing.

State guidelines, as recommended by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) call for a jobs-to-housing ratio in residential development. Pleasanton, with its successful business parks, has been woefully short of the types of housing ABAG and the state deem necessary to accommodate a reasonable number of employees in these jobs. That means too many have been commuting here from cities as far as Modesto, which Brown as Attorney General called environmentally wasteful. The city's 1996 voter-approved 29,000-unit housing cap didn't help, so the court not only ruled that an unlawful restriction but also ordered Pleasanton to add more affordable housing. With its recent rezonings, the city has now made enough land available to accommodate high density developments to provide 3,300 more apartments, which the council and planning staff believe will pass muster.

Pleasanton has been providing "affordable" housing for more than a decade in apartment and housing complexes such as Civic Square apartments across from City Hall to Archstone and the newer Birch Terrace homes on Vineyard Avenue. The city's inclusionary zoning ordinance has been in place since November 2000, stipulating that at least 15% of all housing units in any single development must be affordable, usually in perpetuity. In many developments, some pay market rate rents that range from \$3,254 for a three-bedroom unit to \$1,356 at a very low income rate for the same apartment next door. Unless tenants share that information, nobody knows who's in the "moderate" or "very low" category.

Even though 73 acres have been rezoned for high density apartments, along with 650 units to be built by BRE in the Hacienda Business Park, these complexes will have roughly the same mix of moderate to very low income tenants. "Very low," by the way, isn't really all that low. A family of four earning \$46,750 a year qualifies in 2012. A lot of working families in Pleasanton could make this cut. Many are probably already among our neighbors. ■

LETTERS

Rides for seniors

Dear Editor,

For all retired citizens, there are many things that have changed in our lives. We see more doctors, change our diets, have difficulty in driving and in many ways need help from others.

All of forget sometimes to acknowledge the help we get from others. Here in Pleasanton we are blessed to have a Senior Center and a Senior Support Program, which are staffed by unusually dedicated staffs and a large number of volunteers.


Wheels Buses serve us very well, but they are not organized to attend

to the many needs of individuals. (This is not meant as criticism of Wheels who do very well what they are chartered to do.)

Pam Deaton, manager of the Senior Center, has organized the Downtown Route, which provides rides for seniors to hospitals, supermarkets, the mall and a large number of other places requested by seniors. All of this for \$1.50 per day. In addition to this service, there are specially equipped paratransit vans, which take seniors to dialysis, doctors offices, etc.

I would hope that your readers would make themselves aware of how they can use the excellent services. Those seeking schedules or more information can stop by the Senior Center or call 931-5376.

Jack Dove



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Displaced individuals and families find refuge wherever they

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They fly under the radar, staying out of sight for the most part. If you didn't know where to look, or when, it would be easy to miss them.

They live in cars and campers in parking lots, under overpasses and "couch surf," staying with family and friends.

They're Pleasanton's homeless.

Homeless in general seem to fall into two classes: those who are homeless by choice and those left homeless by circumstance. Many of those who choose to live on the street have a history of mental illness or substance abuse; some have fallen through the cracks.

"Bob" (not his real name), for example, likely falls into the first category. He's hesitant to speak, but admits he's been homeless "for years and years." When asked where he lives, he replies, "That's between me and my God."

Asked how he came to be homeless, Bob launches into a complicated tale involving identity theft, the Internet and English, offering a photocopied letter to prove his point.

Another homeless man, 50-year-old Randolph Gonzales was found dead in his sleeping bag last month. Gonzales was found mid-day on Dec. 5 by a bicyclist on the Alamo Canal, not far from Johnson Drive, a stone's throw from the Pleasanton Hilton hotel and ClubSport.

Jenna Jurich said her husband and daughter were nodding acquaintances with the man, who, she said, had lived there for about three years.

"He seemed like a very nice man," Jurich said. "He stayed in his sleeping bag most of the time and he would say 'watch your head' and wish them a good ride."

"He really did touch our family. They were sad when he was gone. They miss him — he was like an old friend," Jurich continued. "Their rides won't be the same."

Gonzales died of congestive heart failure, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Office, and his death highlights one of the struggles of the homeless — access to health care and other services. A 2011 preliminary human needs assessment notes that Axis and Tri-City Health Center are crowded and wait times can be very long.

"Axis is in high demand and over capacity. Not everyone is guaranteed access ... and only some services are free," said one participant in the survey, who is dealing with a foreclosure and needs low-cost health services.

Gonzales also had an alcohol problem, according to Jurich. Axis has a program for that, but a participant must want to attend.

Bob and Gonzales are evidence of the traditional motion of the homeless, but the economy has created another kind of homeless: people

who have lost their homes and are living in cars, vans or trailers. Some of them still have their jobs and head off to work like usual, although others have lost it all.

On a recent morning, the parking lot at Wal-Mart contained eight cars and nine campers with people inside. It's not easy to tell until one looks for the signs, according to "Al" (again, not his real name), who slept there for a couple of months after losing his home. Those signs, Al said, include vehicles with their motors idling overnight, and those with frost inside as well as outside, car seats laid flat with sleepers braving the winter cold, and sheets, blankets or silver solar reflectors set up to provide some privacy and block the parking lot lights.

Wal-Mart is a safe haven for the homeless, Al said. The company has for years had a policy allowing overnight sleepers, largely to encourage people traveling in recreational vehicles to wake up there and come inside.

"One thing about the homeless, the people on the streets, they're very stealthy, they stay low," he said. He said those staying in parking lots know one another, but rarely talk, although many head to McDonald's on Santa Rita Road just after dawn to warm themselves with a cup of coffee, typically gathering in one section of the restaurant.

Al said his story is about the typical American dream turned bad. He had a house, cars and big screen TV until the economy and his business crashed.

"It was a long process," he said. "I used to have a home in Tracy. I lived there for about 21 years."

He raised his son, who's now 19, there.

"I was a self-employed painting contractor," Al said. "I had the house, I had the business, I had good money. ... When you lose those things, they're no longer important."

Al is now staying with a friend, couch surfing, so he doesn't have to worry, at least for the time being, about the cold weather.

"I didn't have a lot of people backing me when I went down," he explained. "A lot of people, they do this on their own. ... (But) blue-collar workers, we were just pounded."

There are a number of reasons Al's dream soured. He said he was in a bad relationship, and as his troubles worsened with the economy, he got involved in substance abuse. He's been selling his possessions to get by, and had a small



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insurance settlement to draw on for a while.

Now, he's working to rebuild his life on a smaller scale. He's clean and sober, thanks to a 12-step program, getting about 25 hours a week in a different field, and hopes to start his business again.

"I've cleared a lot of legal issues, a lot of fines, a DUI, a lot of legal costs — 2008 to 2010, those were rough years," Al said.

It's hard to come up with an exact figure of homeless people in Pleasanton, according to Samantha Burrows, director of homeless and family support services for Tri-Valley Haven, which offers temporary housing for families.

"It's a really hard thing to do because they're not all congregating somewhere — they're hiding; they're going to be somewhere secure," Burrows said. "It's not an exact science."

She said a 2011 one-night survey showed that on any given night, there are 4,178 people in Alameda County who are homeless, but the numbers shift and don't count

people who don't show up.

While there is a certain number is down from 100, there are others who are being homeless.

That's the case for the kitchen's free meal in the kitchen's other giveaway.

"I make my rent, but I can't afford," he said. "I'm a person."

With temperatures dropping overnight, the choice is to stay outside or in a shelter, and those like him, a person, an even more difficult

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**Weekly Holiday Fund raises money
Community Health and Open Heart
See story on page 5.**

Clockwise from top left: "Joe" gets a meal and a smile from Open Heart Kitchen workers Birgitta Parseh, Emilia Orozco, Susan Davis and Gloria Gregory; Randolph Gonzales' camp beneath Interstate 580; a truck and a van parked overnight at Wal-Mart, their engines idling; a camper that is a regular guest at Wal-Mart, according to "Al"; and a truck and camper combo that's taken advantage of Wal-Mart's policy to allow people to park overnight.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Home robbery may be dispute between friends

Last week's report of a home robbery may have stemmed from an argument between two friends, police said.

Police received a call about a holdup at a home in the 2100 block of Cascara Court around 10:17 p.m. Jan. 8.; Pleasanton police Sgt. Kurt Schlehuber said the report was filed after a dispute over money one of the men involved wanted to borrow.

"When the victim did not have enough money that the suspect wanted, he stole the victim's wallet and left the scene," Schlehuber said. "This took place in the driveway of the victim's house. This was not a home invasion and we already have the suspect identified."

No arrests have been made; Schlehuber said some of the details provided by the victim did not add up.

In other police reports:
 • A call from a concerned resident led to arrest of a woman for inhaling an intoxicant, commonly known as huffing.

The incident occurred Jan. 17 at about 11:24 a.m. in the parking lot of Office Max in the 5500 block of

Springdale Avenue. Katrina Maria Mortenson, 38, of Sunnyvale was charged with possession of an aerosol for intoxication; she allegedly was spotted inhaling from a can of compressed air, commonly used for dusting computer keyboards. The compressed gas duster contains a substance that can cause intoxication.

• Police are investigating a Jan. 16 set of auto burglaries at the city's operations service center the 3333 block of Busch Road. Three cars there were hit, with \$120 in cash and a \$50 set of jumper cables among the items taken. The report was filed at 3:12 p.m.

• Maurya Indian Restaurant in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road was burglarized between 11:46 a.m. Jan. 14 and 1:30 a.m. Jan. 15. Taken were a \$4,000 cash register, \$1,000 computer system, a \$700 security system, \$600 in liquor, a \$400 printer and \$100 cash. A rear door of the building was pried open.

• An auto burglary Jan. 16 at the Stoneridge Shopping Center netted a \$2,000 laptop, \$40 sweatshirt, and shoes. The incident was reported at about 5:02 p.m.

• A routine patrol on Jan. 13 led to the arrest of a teen for identity theft and possession of marijuana for sale. George Simon El Zachem, 18, of San Ramon was arrested at about 4:41 p.m. after police spotted and approached a group of people near Zachem's car in the parking lot of Super Franks in the 5300 block of Owens Court.



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council/Human Services

Joint Workshop and Special Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and discuss the Eastern Alameda County Human Services Needs Assessment Findings Report

Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P11 0941, Tri Valley Repertory Theatre**
 Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a rehearsal studio for theater events and a kids' camp program during school breaks at 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 307.
- **PADR 2090, Rodney and Trina Lopez**
 Application for a modification to a previously approved Administrative Design Review application (Case PADR 2090) for additions totaling approximately 1,118 square feet at 6114 Homer Court to modify Condition No. 8 of City Council Resolution 11 420 regarding a skylight.

Energy & Environment Committee

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
 Operation Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Climate Action Plan (CAP)
 - a. CAP update/EIR certification
 - b. Review CAP comment letter from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District
 - c. Planning Commission response
 - d. Request motion to support council adoption of final CAP
- Committee focus areas for 2012: Water conservation and CAP implementation
 - e. Identify committee lead(s) for each area
 - f. Establish specific tasks and timeline for each focus area
- Outreach update

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
 Senior Center Classroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd

- Prioritization of Sidewalk Projects
- I-680 at Bernal Avenue Roadway Changes
- Feedback from League of American Bicyclists on Bicycle Friendly Community Application
- Trails Project Status Report

Civic Arts Commission - Cancelled

The re-scheduled meeting of the Civic Arts Commission for January 23,, 2012 has been **cancelled**. The next Civic Arts Commission meeting will be held on February 6, 2012.

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

POLICE REPORT

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

Jan. 10

Auto theft

- 6:39 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 8:12 p.m. in the 6800 block of Siesta Ct

Drug violations

- 9:24 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

Jan. 11

Forgery

- 4:37 p.m. in the 1000 block of Sycamore Creek Way

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:31 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive; DUI

Jan. 12

Theft

- 11:49 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Dr; misappropriation of

property

- 2:31 p.m. in the 3000 block of Yuma Way; identity theft
- 7:36 p.m. in the 2800 block of Tangelo Court; identity theft

Drug violations

- 9:09 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; possession with intent to sell a non-narcotic controlled substance
- 9:55 p.m. at the intersection of Springhouse Dr and Stoneridge Dr; possession of a prescription in another's name

Jan. 13

Theft

- 4:10 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court; identity theft, possession of marijuana for sale, marijuana possession

Drug/alcohol violations

- 3:40 a.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive; possession of a controlled substance, bringing a controlled substance into jail
- 4:13 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

Jan. 15

Assault with a deadly weapon

- 1:21 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Burglary

- 9:55 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Jan. 16

Burglary

- 3:12 p.m. in the 3300 block of Busch Road; burglary, petty theft, vandalism

Theft

- 10:45 a.m. in the 4500 block of Gatetree Circle; grand theft
- 2:39 p.m. in the 7800 block of Canyon meadows Circle; auto theft
- 4:40 p.m. in the 5700 block of Dimas Court; identity theft
- 5:02 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 11:52 a.m. in the 5900 block of Parkside Drive; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 7:50 p.m. in the 5000 block of Owens Drive; public drunkenness, battery

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VALLEY — MUSIC, THEATRE AND MORE

Stop the stigma

DEADLY CERVICAL CANCER CAN BE PREVENTED, SAYS SURVIVOR

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



The biggest drawback to eliminating cervical cancer is the stigma, Tamika Felder told the Lunch and Learn crowd at Roche Molecular Systems in Pleasanton on Thursday.

The human papillomavirus, which is sexually transmitted, causes more than 99% of cervical cancers worldwide. “We need to move past the stigma of HPV,” said Felder, founder of Tamika & Friends, which raises awareness about cervical cancer. “We have to get all women access to the latest and best resources.”

Felder added a touch of humor as she talked about her diagnosis in 2001 at age 25 when she was a television producer in Washington, D.C.

“To talk about cervical cancer we have to talk about sex, right?” she started off. “And pap smears are not fun. I’m going to let you in on it — yes, during your lunch.”

She’d neglected having regular pap smears, she said, partly because she was busy interviewing presidents and producing her show. Also her body image kept her away from the doctor.

When diagnosed with cervical cancer, Felder immediately sought other opinions.

“Then a doctor said my cervix looked like it was chewed up meat,” she related. “My life completely changed. I couldn’t think of booking guests on my show anymore. All I could think of was having a radical hysterectomy and then chemotherapy, losing my ability to have children, my life’s goals pulled like a rug out from under me.”

HPV was seldom mentioned 10 years ago, and Felder found out about it on the Internet.

“When I asked my doctor why she didn’t mention HPV to me, she said because everybody gets it,” she recalled.

Some strains of HPV clear up by themselves while genotypes 16 and 18 cause about 70% of cervical cancer. A vaccine approved by the FDA in 2006 protects against these two types, and the vaccine is recommended for girls ages 11 through 26 and is also approved for boys.

“Although HPV infection is seen in all age groups, it tends to be highest in the younger age groups and de-

“When I asked my doctor why she didn’t mention HPV to me, she said because everybody gets it.”

—Tamika Felder, founder of Tamika & Friends

creases with age,” said Dr. Catherine Behrens, director of Clinical Research at Roche Molecular Systems, in a later interview. “The high prevalence in younger women is likely due to the fact that they have more sexual contacts; fortunately, though, they tend to clear it more quickly than do older women.”

Eventually Felder tried to get on with her “new normal.” “I created Tamika & Friends so no cervical cancer survivor will ever feel alone,” Felder said.

The nonprofit organization educates about cervical cancer and its link to HPV, spreading the message that through prevention and treatment, it can be entirely eliminated.

Roche Diagnostics developed and manufactures the only HPV test that is FDA-approved, which identifies genotypes 16 and 18 as well as 12 other high risk HPV genotypes, said Behrens.

“I want to remind you that behind every test, there’s a woman,” Felder told the Roche employees. “If I’d had the vaccine that you develop, I could have had a baby.”

Tamika & Friends encourages House Parties of five to teach women about the HPV virus.

“We play games until we feel comfortable enough to ask them to pledge to get a pap test,” Felder said. “Then they’re empowered to go to the doctor.”

Games include HPV bingo and one Felder invented based on Pictionary that is called Sex-ionary.

The group also provides financial assistance for women coping with cervical cancer.

“When I was 25 I had great insurance and a great sal-

ary,” Felder said. But even the little expenses added up until a friend left a check for \$500 on her dresser.

“She wouldn’t let me pay it back so I’m paying it forward,” Felder said.

Last January, Tamika & Friends converged on Washington, D.C., for Cervical Cancer Day on the Hill. Forty women from all around the country talked about ending the disease and lobbied for more funding to raise awareness. Now January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

“A woman came to the event and said she’d never shared her story, she was so ashamed of her HPV,” Felder recalled. “One thing we all had in common was that somehow cervical cancer came into our lives.”

Cervical cancer causes 288,000 deaths every year, she said.

“No one should die for this disease,” she said. “Thank you and every one of you for what you do.”

“Your message was very emotional and very inspiring,” an employee told her during a question-and-answer period that followed her presentation. “This type of thing makes us want to come to work.”

He said his two pre-teen daughters received their first of the three HPV immunizations but were reluctant to continue. Felder noted that her website, www.tamikaandfriends.org, also has G-rated games for young girls to become comfortable with the process.

The treatment even for early stages of cervical cancer is a radical hysterectomy, Behrens said, although in young women, the ovaries may be spared.

“The treatment for pre-cancerous changes, on the other hand, is much less radical,” she added.

It entails removing the abnormal cells by a surgical excision procedure or destroying them by an ablation procedure, such as a freezing or electro-cautery laser.

“Although relatively benign, these treatments are very effective — and this is why screening for pre-cancer is so essential,” Behrens said.

“The war on this cancer could end,” Felder emphasized. “We have the tools to do it.” ■



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TOTS & TYKES PROGRAM Inspire Music Academy is announcing their new Tykes program, a music class for children ages 3-5. A wonderful introduction to music perfectly designed for the littlest musicians! Jan. 26 - Feb. 23 from 2:30-3:15 p.m. Inspire Academy of Music and Arts, 2340 Santa Rita Rd. Ste 7, Pleasanton. 461-3266. www.inspiremusicacademy.com

Events

ART WALK The two-hour walk will swing to Centennial Park on Sunol Blvd., then loop back to conclude at the Firehouse Arts Center. Walkers will meet at 9 a.m., Jan. 21, in the parking lot of City Hall, 200 Old Bernal Ave. You are invited to stay for the unveiling of the newest Another H.A.P.P.Y. ("Another Harrington Art Partnership Project for You") sculpture, "Eternity." For more information contact, Jerri Long at 462-5164, email pr@worldwalktowellness.org or Ron Sutton at 580-5961, email ron@accuslit.com.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST The Tri-Valley YMCA will

host the 12th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Breakfast with keynote speaker Parvin Ahmadi, superintendent of the Pleasanton Unified School District. Event is from 7:30-9:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 23, at the Hilton Pleasanton, 7050 Johnson Drive. Cost is \$40; call 263-4444 or visit www.ymcaeastbay.org. Garage Band Academy will provide entertainment.

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE There will be a Peaceful War Protest from 5-6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the corners of First and Neal streets. For information, contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net, or visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

WINTER SKIES Come out and view the stars above when the sky really puts on a great show! Enjoy games and hands-on activities that will aide in the search for answers from 7:30-9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Dress with the weather in mind. Cost is \$5 for residents; \$7 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.

Exhibits

JUDY RICE WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPES Judy Rice will show her watercolor landscapes at Garre Winery from Jan. 3-Feb. 9, at the winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday; and 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday.

Fundraisers

SLEEP TRAIN'S PAJAMA DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS Help make sure California's 60,000 foster kids sleep tight tonight by donating new pajamas to Sleep Train's annual Pajama Drive for Foster Kids from Jan. 2-Feb. 16. Drop off donations of new pajamas in all sizes at 6050 Johnson Dr., Suite C. Call 469-1284.

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Alumni games are tribute to '03 Foothill grad Ryan Gordon

High schools face off on soccer field to run money for programs

By **CURT GORDON**

Graduates of Foothill and Amador Valley high schools met for the ninth year this past Saturday at Foothill High for the Ryan Gordon Alumni Games. Ryan was a 2003 graduate of Foothill killed in a Jet Ski accident shortly after graduation. He had planned on attending Santa Barbara City College and to play soccer there.

The alumni games were played under warm (for January) clear skies before an excited, supportive crowd. The games featured men and women players from the '70s, '80s, '90s, 2000s and 2010s. This year featured 65 players, 43 men and 22 women, many of them returnees from prior years.

The most "veteran" player was Dion "Butch" Hock, who played for Foothill in 1978. Players from the '80s included Susan Hart (1983), Alicia and Sean Lemoine (1988), Ann Peterson (1981), Craig Caponigro (1988), Stuart "Brad" Googins (1987), Steven Voking (1986), Robert Gilliam (1987), Scott Berglin (1987), Ken Farro (1981), Curt Cox (1988) and Tony Chavaria (1983).

All monies raised are donated to the men's and women's soccer programs at the two High Schools. This year's games raised nearly \$6,000, bringing the total since 2003 to over \$55,000.

The first game saw Amador end the Foothill women's winning streak at four games. The score had Amador on top, 2-1. Foothill does have some bragging rights as several of the Amador players were on "loan" from the Foothill side and Amador's go-ahead goal was actually scored by one of the loaned players. Foothill still leads the series, having won 6 of the 9 games. Jillian Sweetnam (2006) scored first for Foothill and then Julie (Milton) Solano (1993) with an assist from Kristina (Scott) Demarest (1990) tied it up for Amador. Julie Pin (2006), on loan from Foothill, scored the deciding goal.

The men's side saw Foothill get-



Men's alumni team, with Amador Valley in purple and Foothill in white.



Women's alumni team, with Amador Valley in purple and Foothill in white.

ting by Amador, 2-1. Amador still dominates the series though, having won 7 of the 9 games played so far. George Mayer (2009) from Amador opened up the scoring with an unassisted goal. Late in the game Foothill tied it up with an unassisted goal from Boomer Cruz (2006). The game eventually was decided on penalty kicks with

Boomer Cruz and Vincent Pascual (2001) converting. Curt Cox (1988) scored for Amador.

Many friends of Ryan were also in attendance. Additionally there were 15 ex-teammates of Ryan's playing in the games.

Volunteers manned the snack bar, collected tickets, announced the action and refereed the games.

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 Amador as the venue changes from Amador to Foothill and back each year. ■

SPORTS DIGEST

Basketball games to air on TVCTV

Tri-Valley Community Television (TVCTV) plans to broadcast four Tri-Valley high school basketball games on TV 30, which will be taped on Friday nights and air the next day. Tri-Valley Sports Final personalities Ian Bartholomew and George "Dr. B" Baljevich will provide commentary.

Dates are as follows with air time at 7 p.m.:

- Jan. 28: Dublin at Dougherty Valley
- Feb. 4: Foothill at Livermore
- Feb. 11: Amador Valley at California
- Feb. 18: Granada at Livermore

"We just finished our third year of televising high school football games and are pleased to be able to offer these four basketball games in our lineup." TVCTV Executive Director Melissa Tench-Stevens said.

Tri-Valley TV will be broadcasting the games on Comcast TV 30, AT&T U-Verse via channel 99 and streaming during the broadcast at trivalleytv.org. Visit the website for complete air dates and times.

The games also may be viewed via Video on Demand at the website the following week, plus DVDs of the games may be purchased.

Roller Skating Derby

The San Francisco Bay Bombers, L.A. Firebirds and Brooklyn Red Devils will complete in the American Roller Skating Derby Victory Tour at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Alameda Fairgrounds.

"This is the finest, modern, banked track Roller Derby available with men and women competing on the huge banked track for the win," said Roller Derby publicist Dan Ferrara.

Tickets are available at www.arsdbombers.com for VIP, \$20; adult, \$10; child, \$5. At the door prices are \$30, \$20 and \$10.

PREP LINE-UP

Jan. 20

- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Livermore, home
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Livermore, away

Jan. 24

- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Foothill, away
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Foothill, home
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, away
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Granada, away
- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, home
- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Granada, home

Jan. 25

- Wrestling: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Wrestling: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. California, home

Jan. 26

- Wrestling: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. California, away
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, home
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, home
- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, away
- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, away

Jan. 27

- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. De La Salle, home
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, away

- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Carondelet, away

Jan. 31

- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Granada, home
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon, home
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Granada, away
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. California, home
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Group warns homeowners on loan modification scams

Con artists using various tactics to prey on those with mortgage troubles

By JEB BING

The California Association of Realtors is distributing a public service announcement across the state to warn consumers that they are at risk from scammers who offer phony mortgage modification schemes to troubled borrowers.

"Every week, we hear reports of unscrupulous con artists who have taken advantage of unknowing, financially troubled homeowners," said CAR President LeFrancis Arnold. "In most cases, charging upfront fees or payments for a mortgage modification is not just a rip-off. It's illegal."

Especially in this down economy, con artists use many different tactics to prey upon home owners, making the stressful situation of facing foreclosure even more difficult, he added. He cited as an example homeowners who fall victim to these scams by being promised loan modifications and

reduced monthly payments in exchange for upfront fees paid to third party operators, which is illegal.

Moreover, there's no need for these services, Arnold said. Working with third party operators may not improve a homeowner's chance of payment modification. Furthermore, certain advice that may be provided by these third parties, like stopping mortgage payments, can be extremely detrimental to working with the homeowner's mortgage servicer.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, these scammers review foreclosure notices in newspapers, the Internet and public files to identify potential victims. Ads that scammers place online, on television and in newspapers claiming to "Stop foreclosure now" and offering "money back guarantees" are suspect and should be reviewed cautiously by the home owner, Arnold said. ■

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<p>3056 RIVERS BEND CIR NEW PRICE</p> <p>BED 5 BA 3.5 2,878+/- Sq.Ft. 0.12+/- ACRES</p> <p>Gorgeous. 5th bed room converted into suite and attached to master bedroom, to relax, to watch movie privately/with friends of choice. Has formal living room and family room, travertine/carpet floor, granite counter top, shutters, fully landscaped.</p> <p>MAX DE VRIES 925.251.2514</p>	<p>3919 VINE ST PLEASANTON</p> <p>BED 2 BA 2.5 1,221+/- Sq.Ft. 0.03+/- ACRES</p> <p>Two story end unit. 2 master suites upstairs w/ vaulted ceilings & lots of closet space. 0.5 bathroom downstairs. 1 car attached garage. Inside laundry area. Skylights, new paint, & carpet throughout. Close to downtown,, great schools, & ACE Train.</p> <p>MCDANIEL / CALLAHAN 925.838.4300</p>	<p>675 CARRINGTON CT WINDEMERE</p> <p>BED 5 BA 4.5 2,955+/- Sq.Ft. 0.09+/- ACRES</p> <p>Desirable Windemere home. Excellent location to Top Schools Live Oak ES, Windemere Ranch, MS Doherty high parks & trails. Wood floors, Cherry cabinets, Open floor plan light and bright. Kit has ss appliances LG island with breakfast bar.</p> <p>MICHAEL SWIFT & ASSOCIATES 925.251.2587</p>	<p>7793 PEPPERTREE RD SILVERGATE</p> <p>BED 4 BA 3 2,240+/- Sq.Ft. 0.21+/- ACRES</p> <p>Desirable Westside in Silvergate Highlands! Laminate & wood flrs, dual pane windows, updated kit & baths. Master bd downstairs w/ private bath. Amazing parklike yard on 2 lots with RV access. Minutes to 580/680 & BART, schools, shopping & restaurants.</p> <p>CATHY DEAN & KARI WAHL 925.200.4130</p>	<p>8570 MINES RD LIVERMORE</p> <p>BED 3 BA 2 1,518+/- Sq.Ft. 1.13+/- ACRES</p> <p>Country Living at its finest! Living the Country Life w/over 1 Acre of beautiful oak trees. Walk and feel the Tranquility, Inviting Creek where you can enjoy all the Seasons. Completely Remodeled Home. Horse property & more.</p> <p>SARA LOVETT 925.583.2194</p>
<p>3322 EAST AVENUE LIVERMORE</p> <p>BED 1 BA 1 432+/- Sq.Ft. 0.51+/- ACRES</p> <p>Great development opportunity on this half acre lot. Zoned RG-16 - up to 8 units possible.</p> <p>UWE MAERCZ 925.251.2568</p>	<p>6950 CROW CANYON RD CROW CANYON</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-3</p> <p>BED 4 BA 3.5 2,700+/- Sq.Ft. 1.04+/- ACRES</p> <p>Country Colonial Charming This Gated Entrance to this Country Charming property is great. Updated kitchen and most windows are new, flooring thru out the home is newer and so much more. Cottage which is over 850 sq.ft. all on 1 Acre.</p> <p>KRISTY AND COMPANY 925.251.2536</p>	<p>2620 BASSWOOD DR VILLA PASEO</p> <p>BED 3 BA 2.5 1,436+/- Sq.Ft. 0.08+/- ACRES</p> <p>Minutes from Bollinger Canyon Rd., Gale Ranch Middle School, Creekside Park, dining, shopping and a short distance to the Bridges Golf Course. Open floor plan with some updates, walk-in closet in master, balcony, stamped concrete and more!</p> <p>DAVID AZIMI 925.251.2580</p>	<p>30156 PALOMARES RD CASTRO VALLEY</p> <p>BED 3 BA 1.5 1,410+/- Sq.Ft. 24.1+/- ACRES</p> <p>Great Ranch style on 24 acres, views of the rolling hills. Property Backs up to the park district, lots of room for horses, Home has 1930's charm and has been nicely maintained, Near 2 wineries and minutes from the freeway, schools and shopping!</p> <p>KRISTY AND COMPANY 925.251.2536</p>	<p>1524 GREEN VALLEY DANVILLE</p> <p>BED 4 BA 2.5 2,402+/- Sq.Ft. 0.23+/- ACRES</p> <p>Custom built rancher completed in 2007. Open floor plan. Chef's kitchen w/custom island, walnut cabinets, granite slab, + SS appl. Distressed walnut hrdwd floors. Amazing bathrooms. Ringed-shaped extended gated driveway/ detached oversized gar.</p> <p>MICHAEL SWIFT & ASSOCIATES 925.251.2588</p>

Blackhawk East 4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300	Blackhawk West 3880 Blackhawk Rd. Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000	Danville 15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000	Lafayette 3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330	Livermore 1983 Second St. Livermore, CA 94550 925.667.2100	Montclair/Piedmont 6116 La Salle Ave., Ste. 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800	Pleasanton 5075 Hopyard Rd Ste. 110 Pleasanton, CA 94588 925.251.2500	Orinda 89 Davis Rd., Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000	Walnut Creek 1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500
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Wonderful 4 bedroom / 2.5 bathroom home. Built in 2000, located in Mohr Elementary School District. Call for more information.



4615 Rimini Court, Dublin
2160 sq ft. 3/2.5, Popular Luserna Model, with beautiful upgrades. This was a Short Sale. Sold for \$520k



4397 Muirwood Drive, Pleasanton
1880 sq ft. 3/2, charming 2 story home, upgraded throughout. This was a Short Sale. Sold for \$590k

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Rosie Yandell

1217 Blossom Cir. – Livermore – \$799,000
Warmth & charm abound in this unique custom single story with a tranquil stream in the backyard (designed by our garden nursery). Open floorplan with too many special features to mention—dual fireplace in master. Walking distance to community center & schools.



Cindy Gee

60 Foster Dr. – San Ramon – \$799,000
Wonderful 5 bed. home located in the foothills of San Ramon, Desirable open floorplan/cathedral ceilings/lots of windows, very bright sunny, sparkling pool/spa/slide, Large master suite, custom tile kitchen floor w large island, open to extend family room, Views of the hills.



Jennifer Branchini

795 Gamay Ct. - Pleasanton – \$649,950
Fabulous single story home situated at the end of a cul-de-sac. Amenities include, Fab picture windows, hardwood floors, recessed lighting, Anderson French door and slider. Exterior remodeling including, roof, gutters, stucco and garage door. Spacious rear yard w/ fruit tree.



Mike D'Onofrio

975 Murrieta BLVD – Livermore - \$69,990
Clean and spacious 1 bed/1 bth! Lower, END unit! Fresh paint, newer carpet, updated kitchen and baths! Large backyard/patio area. Community pool! Centrally located to conveniences, freeway, trails and hospital. Walk across the street to shopping and dining!



Connie Cannella

6781 Paseo Catalina – Pleasanton - \$844,999
Clean & lovely. This favorite floorplan has an upstrs. bonus/5th bedrm. Kitch/fam. rm w/ fireplace, built-in shelving, custom lighting, & wood flooring. Plantation shutters. Updated Carpeting, Furnace/AC, and Roof. Fresh interior paint. Near Tennis Park. Longtime residents.



Meraj Khan

20008 Shadow Creek Cir. – Castro Valley - \$539,000
Cute home located in the quiet neighborhood of Shadow Creek, in Castro Valley! The home features stainless steel appliances, granite counters, beautifully painted walls, upgraded carpet, landscaped backyard, balcony and a covered patio.



Jennifer Branchini

320 Sutter Creek Ln. – San Ramon- \$473,000
Fabulous townhouse featuring 3 beds + den and 3 full baths. Den & bath on main level. This home shows like a model in meticulous condition. Hardwood floors, granite counters, updated kitchen, 2-tone paint, updated baths, lighting, closet organizers & much more.



Laura Glavin

2249 Tuscany Circle. – Livermore - \$939,500
The best of south Livermore! Lovely one story, 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on 1/2 acre lot with views of the hills in Tapestry. Exercise room can be converted to a 5th bedroom. Huge backyard with pool, spa, large lawn area and side yard access! Two sheds too! Don't miss this one.

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during December 2011

Dublin

4503 Brannigan Street J. Khurush to R. & C. Cayetano for \$440,000
4293 Clarinbridge Circle Layouts Trust to R. & S. Wong for \$280,000
8350 Cypress Court HSBC Bank to F. & A. Mitchell for \$410,000
5425 De Marcus Boulevard #204 S. Ram to C. & L. Chhor for \$310,000
5501 De Marcus Boulevard #210 G. & R. Sarmiento to B. Saefong for \$260,500
11468 Dillon Way Vonkonsky Trust to J. Berry for \$560,000
7657 Donohue Drive Bank of New York to A. Stillitano for \$375,000
6445 Ebsenburg Lane Onwest Bank to J. & C. Tse for \$340,000
3420 Finnian Way #412 Toll Dublin Limited to P. & M. Levinson for \$366,000
11871 Flanagan Court Vanswoll Trust to Y. Zhang for \$265,000
3240 Maguire Way #402 B. Bermudez to R. Lotfy for \$290,000
3356 Monaghan Street Green Leaf Properties to A. Balakrishnan for \$375,000
5243 North Forestdale Circle B. Cho to K. Rau for \$682,000
8834 Oliver Place E. & S. Jackson to E. & A. Mock for \$335,000
4635 Pheasant Court T. & J. Duke to J. Yao for \$665,000
6631 Pioneer Lane US Bank to J. Luu for \$137,000
3600 Rocking Horse Court J. Frazzano to V. Badhwar for \$565,000
7530 Rolling Hills Circle W. & J. Yen to W. & D. Beckwith for \$390,000
5210 San Vicente Terrace O. Rojas to A. & M. David for \$562,500
2732 South Kilbride Lane R. Sharma to S. & R. Sihota for \$690,000
5757 Southbridge Way S. Beddia to S. & R. Subramaniyan for \$562,000

Livermore

667 Alameda Drive D. & K. Krauss to N. Fulk for \$329,000
4762 Apple Tree Common Biermann Trust to G. Fite for \$275,000
1422 Berlin Way Geier Trust to D. & A. Soleta for \$550,000
2068 Cabernet Way L. & L. Guinchard to D. & S. Lall for \$975,000
1953 Chardonnay Court S. Siddiqi to M. Zhang for \$750,000
1324 Chateau Common #108 Bank of New York to L. Harris for \$170,000
358 Clarke Avenue Ing Bank to R. & R. Gilbert for \$326,500
1840 Corte Cava J. & C. Turangan to D. Chirdon for \$380,000
2515 Cowan Way B. Boyd to L. & P. Kuempel for \$736,000
1555 De Soto Way McKinley HP Partners to C. & D. Newton for \$490,000
998 Del Norte Drive HSBC Bank to E. Loethen for \$368,000
4325 East Avenue West Investment Group to T. Martinez for \$365,000
414 El Caminito Deutsche Bank to A. & H. Patel for \$368,000
425 Encino Drive M. & A. Kinney to B. Stimmerman for \$438,000
326 Garden Common L. Marshall to A. Smith for \$270,000
3932 Hillside Avenue R. & D. Klug to M. Vagues for \$630,000
603 Jade Place D. & K. Bell to G. Javier for \$467,000
1271 Jessica Drive A. & R. Seymore to Patel Trust for \$565,000
1289 Killarney Street McKinley HP Partners to R. Leith for \$485,000
1547 La Cresta Court M. Pataki to T. Zobrist for \$429,000
975 Lambaren Avenue M. Romo to H. Yee for \$265,000
2975 Lusitana Court J. & L. Geith to Workman Trust for \$975,000
1126 Marlys Common Turman Trust to S. & J. Sabo for \$340,000

1087 Murrieta Boulevard #328 Harborview Mortgage to S. Gopidas for \$106,000
197 Northwood Commons Branman Trust to K. Ekstrom for \$249,000
2844 Salvia Common J. Vila to K. Madathil for \$425,000
2942 San Minete Drive Cartus Corporation to G. & M. Miller for \$765,000
3830 Santa Clara Way S. & W. Hill to P. & H. Deol for \$270,000
4851 Scenic Avenue RWW Properties to N. Shoemaker for \$635,000
681 Selby Lane #1 Shea Homes to P. Lam for \$388,500
681 Selby Lane #4 Shea Homes to F. & C. Moreno for \$471,000
5904 Skylinks Way Federal National Mortgage to G. Fite for \$225,000
658 Sonoma Court J. Hover to G. & V. Rose for \$400,000
6149 St. Andrews Way R. & K. Gooden to T. Schmidt for \$299,000
5495 Treeflower Drive Federal Home Loan Mortgage to J. & I. Logerfo for \$232,000
458 Tyler Avenue J. Hebert to E. Elmido for \$400,000
1611 Valley of the Moon Place R. & C. Reedy to N. & J. Ison for \$899,000
392 Virginia Drive C. Langan to B. & C. Campiotti for \$390,000
783 Wagoner Drive Wells Fargo Bank to R. Throckmorton for \$330,000

6156 Corte Padre A. Ulaski to Y. Xia for \$528,000
5595 Corte Sonora R. & P. Osborn to I. & L. Rappaport for \$670,000
7590 Cottonwood Lane R. & C. Grigory to B. Lam for \$560,000
4480 Del Valle Parkway L. Maher to M. Ott for \$310,000
1284 Harvest Road K. Simas to X. Li for \$665,000
1008 Malaga Court Thiel Trust to T. & K. Opatz for \$910,000
3855 Mesa Verde Court Wells Fargo Bank to R. & B. Vazquez for \$455,000
4887 Mohr Avenue J. McGoey to VC Homes for \$610,000
4397 Muirwood Drive M. & J. Meggers to J. & H. Johnson for \$590,000
3741 Newton Way Murphy Trust to P. Khaustov for \$1,290,000
5374 Old School Road HMC Opportunity Fund to D. & W. Rampa for \$1,015,000
601 Palomino Drive #D Federal Home Loan Mortgage to D. Demar for \$246,000
3475 Park Place Ing Bank to H. Liang for \$585,000
5350 Ridgevale Road Pierce Trust to D. & Y. Huynh for \$684,000
2502 Skimmer Court Seyer Trust to S. & D. Musil for \$695,000
2563 Skimmer Court J. & E. Becker to M. Chan for \$808,000
1020 Sycamore Creek Way Y. & N. Kim to E. & T. Ludvigson for \$1,400,000
605 Sylvaner Drive D. & F. Hoge to Yonan Trust for \$675,000
1521 Trimmingham Drive R. Stickrod to Lupo Trust for \$350,000
1339 Valley Avenue Baker Trust to Y. Ho for \$745,000
1502 Via Di Salerno S. Baca to A. & S. Barnes for \$2,100,000
1014 Wat Court S. Wagner to V. Dua for \$525,000
7922 Winged Foot Court Ahn Trust to A. Faruqi for \$850,000

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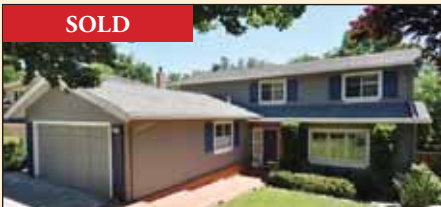
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Location, location, location. Desirable downtown quiet court location! Beautiful upgraded home, 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 2350 square feet. Remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash and stainless appliances. Newer upgraded hardwood flooring, plantation shutters, dual pane windows, newer brushed nickel hardware and fixtures. Lots of upgrades including 30 year roof. Elevated lot with private secluded tranquil grounds includes TimberTech deck, mature trees. Walk around the corner at Neal and in one minute you are at the Farmers Market and can also enjoy all the other downtown amenities! Award winning schools! SOLD FOR \$830,000

WALNUT GLEN ESTATES



3891 PICARD AVENUE, PLEASANTON
Wow! Better than new because it is done & ready! Extensively designer remodeled, single level, plus upstairs bonus room/au pair/guest quarters! Premium corner .34 acre lot! Four bedrooms plus bonus, four bathrooms, 3588 square feet. Completely remodeled gourmet kitchen with new granite slab countertops, designer backsplash & new stainless appliances. Remodeled bathrooms with granite slab countertops, custom marble flooring & surround. New interior & exterior paint, new carpet, new Travertine flooring! Vaulted ceilings, plantation shutters, crown molding, new door hardware & light fixtures! Security alarm system & intercom! Finished three car garage! Tile roof. Professionally recently upgraded landscaped grounds with spacious lawn area & patios. Award winning Pleasanton schools! Walk to neighborhood parks! OFFERED AT \$1,269,000

KOTTINGER RANCH

SOLD — REPRESENTED BUYER



1348 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON
Excellent location!!! Panoramic views of surrounding hills. Backs to open space, no rear neighbors. Great condition, move in ready! Five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3300 square feet. Recently updated gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops! Spacious master suite with fireplace & large bathroom. Open living room, family room and formal dining room. French doors, hardwood flooring. Three car garage. Beautiful, professionally landscaped grounds include, in-ground pool, spacious deck, gazebo, large lawn areas and 135 wine producing grape vines, private vineyard! Community amenities include tennis courts & pool! Walking distance to Main Street and downtown! Award winning Pleasanton schools! SOLD FOR \$1,400,000

ESTATES OF MOHR PARK



2248 KAMP COURT, PLEASANTON
Premium private large (12,691 sq ft) lot in excellent court location with in-ground pool & spa! Highly upgraded five bedrooms, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,369 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom cabinets & stainless steel appliances. Remodeled master bathroom with new granite & tile. Three car garage. Professionally landscaped private rear grounds with in-ground pool, spacious deck and large lawn area. Just a few minutes to downtown. Just around the corner from Nielsen Park. Award winning schools! OFFERED AT \$1,149,000

FOOTHILL KNOLLS

SOLD



7863 FOOTHILL KNOLLS, PLEASANTON
Beautiful single story on private premium .35 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 2,150 sf. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash, custom cabinetry and high end European appliances. Hardwood flooring, French doors, vaulted ceilings, newer windows, newer tile roof. Master suite includes custom built-in closet/dresser area, French doors to rear grounds, private bathroom with dual sinks. Very private professionally landscaped rear grounds, with no rear neighbors. Recently re-plastered and tiled pool/spa with new equipment. Built-in kitchen/BBQ island with refrigerator. Mature trees, patios and lawn areas. OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$949,000

OAK MANOR



819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON
As soon as you enter you will be impressed with the unique elegance. Gorgeous custom home on private .62 acre lot. Approximately 4,541 square feet, four bedrooms (two master suites) plus office/wine room and bonus loft area and 5.5 bathrooms. Quality, high end equipment and finishes throughout. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab counters and stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors. Oversized four car garage. Beautifully landscaped Tahoe-like grounds with mature trees. Two minutes to Castlewood Country Club. OFFERED AT \$1,565,000

LAGUNA OAKS

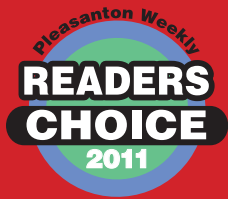
SOLD



2505 ARLOTTA PLACE, PLEASANTON
Best location in Laguna Oaks! Desirable Newport model on premium .40 acre lot. Quiet premium court location. Four bedrooms, bonus room, plus formal office. Private guest/in law/au pair quarters (4th). Three and a half bathrooms. Approximately 3,830 square feet. Large gourmet kitchen, granite countertops, custom backsplash, tile flooring and large eating area. Spacious master suite with views of Pleasanton Ridge, and large walk in closet. Beautifully landscaped rear yard with ultimate privacy. Expansive lawn areas (pool site). A short walk to the community pool, park, and tennis courts. SOLD FOR \$1,300,000

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640 Varese Court, Ruby Hill

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4956 Blackbird, Pleasanton

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1405 Calle Enrique, Pleasanton
Immaculate 3 BR & 2 BA Patio Villa, end unit with no adjoining walls to neighbors, 2 bedrooms on the main level, within walking distance of downtown.

Offered at \$369,000



Pending

3429 Beecham Ct, Pleasanton
Great 3 BR home in Pleasanton Meadows, located near the community greenbelt, new dishwasher, new 50-gal. water heater, newer carpeting & laminate floors. **Offered at \$475,000**

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