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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

County Fair director, chamber chairwoman, and baby makes three

April Mitchell has quite a year ahead. She's not only director of marketing and public relations for the Alameda County Fair in a year when it's celebrating its 100th anniversary with all of the media and promotional activities she has to handle, two weeks ago she took the post as chairwoman of the 2012 Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Add to those responsibilities that fact that she and her husband Michael are expecting their third child in late March, and we can see this will be a memorable — if not banner — year for the Mitchells and all of us who rely on her for news about the Fair and the business community.

Her background includes various management positions at software and Internet related hi-tech companies in the Bay Area. She's a graduate of Ohio State University with a degree in International Business and an MBA earned later at the University of Phoenix. As Event Sales and Marketing Manager for the Fair, she is responsible for the year-round events, programs, marketing, sponsorship and public and media relations for the Fairgrounds. As this year's chair of the Pleasanton Chamber, she can add numerous early morning meetings and late night events to her schedule. She's also a member of the city of Pleasanton's Economic Vitality Committee and several professional marketing organizations, makes frequent presentations to various organizations, such as the International Association of Fairs and Expos, Western Fair Association and Bay Area Chambers of Commerce, and all this on top of her long commutes to Tracy, where she and Michael live with their two children, Kaden and Noelle.

As the 2012 Chamber chairwoman, Mitchell succeeds Tom Powers of California Financial Advisors, who celebrated her selection to the organization's top post at the annual "State of the Chamber" luncheon on Jan. 24. Powers actually had reason to celebrate his leadership role in 2011 as well, with the chamber now counting more than 800 members, making it one of the largest and most active chambers in the East Bay. With the help of Chamber President Scott Raty, Powers and his team worked with city representatives to approve new sites where more than 3,000 housing units can be built to accommodate so-called affordable workforce housing. The Chamber also was



COURTESY PLEASANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Tom Powers (left) and April Mitchell.

instrumental in persuading Safeway to build a new Lifestyle supermarket here, with Continuing Care to break ground on a new 650-unit retirement center on Staples Ranch, and in hosting a health care symposium at the Palm Event Center.

For Mitchell in 2012, the Alameda County Fair's anniversary could be the biggest celebration in Pleasanton. But there'll be much more. She told Chamber members that the Chamber will accelerate its work with the city of Pleasanton, Alameda County and other city, civic and county organizations to help businesses conserve energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, boost recycling and reduce what we send off to landfills. It is the chamber's goal to help the region achieve California's AB32 "green" goals through incentives and voluntary efforts vs. future heavy-handed government mandates. For example, she wants the Chamber to work with PG&E to reach out to businesses that have yet to take advantage of free energy audits, which can lower costs that will go straight to the bottom line.

In her dual role as a top executive at the Alameda County Fair, Mitchell also faces political challenges as the chair of the Pleasanton Chamber, which has become increasingly influential through its political action committee in funding and recommending candidates for election to municipal offices. With a new mayor and two new City Council members, as well as three members on the Pleasanton school board to be elected in municipal and school elections Nov. 6, Mitchell will have to tread the political waters carefully as a nonpartisan, which is a requirement of her County Fair position.

It's fair to point out that the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association, which operates the Alameda County Fair, is a 501(c)3 private, nonprofit corporation, which means Mitchell works for a private organization, not Alameda County, as some in Pleasanton believe. Still, it's a name and identity that no doubt will keep Mitchell at arm's length during the upcoming General Election. ■

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Kyle Colvin and Yuri Rodriguez Omana drive down Main Street in a vintage automobile filled with balloons in the Cuban tradition after their wedding in July. Contributed photo. Design by Lili Cao.



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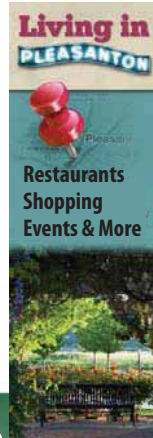
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After the debates, do you think a Republican can be elected president?



Juliann Chen

Environmental consultant

I don't think a Republican can win at this point, because I think Obama is still popular enough to get reelected. Mitt Romney will probably win the nomination, but I don't think he will be able to bring enough Republicans out to vote for him. His religion might have a negative impact.

Andy Cedilnik

Software engineer

If the status quo remains, a Republican probably won't win. Their message has been way too diluted, and Romney is too liberal to win the conservative vote. There will probably be a more conservative third party on the ballot, and that will reduce the number of votes Republicans are able to secure. Though I'm not a huge fan of his, I expect Obama to be in office for four more years.



Jennifer Jennings

Teacher

I am fearful that is a possibility because the progression of society has become much more narrow-minded. I'm hoping that Gingrich gets the nomination, because there is no way that middle-ground liberals or independents will ever vote for him. It will polarize the nation, which is unfortunate, but he won't be able to defeat Obama.

Ean Newton

Student

We have a bipartisan system that is fairly well split and balanced. President Obama hasn't been very popular lately; even the good things he has accomplished have been overlooked. It's possible he will be defeated.



Jenel Firneno

Student and tutor

I think President Obama still has time to turn it around. He came into the presidency at a very difficult time, and he's worked hard for our country. I still have faith in him.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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ValleyCare Health System has earned the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for its joint replacement programs for hips and knees, after undergoing a rigorous survey by a team that evaluated its health care quality and safety in joint replacement.

Dr. Aaron Salyapongse, medical director of ValleyCare's Joint Replacement Institute, said ValleyCare has revolutionized hip and knee replacement surgeries, allowing patients to stay active and continue doing what they love. He said its anterior hip replacement is done from the front of the joint without cutting muscles, allowing for a faster and easier recovery process.

He also pointed out that ValleyCare was the first center in Northern California to offer DePuy Orthopedics TruMatch Personalized Solutions for knee replacement, which helps to ensure that each patient receives precise sizing and alignment and offers the potential for a longer lasting and better functioning joint over time.

New bike lockers at BART

BART has installed 336 new electronic bike lockers at 19 stations over the last few months, including 16 at the Dublin/Pleasanton station and another 16 at West Dublin. These lockers, which allow multiple users, provide secure, weather-protected parking for bicycles.

To use the electronic lockers, a cyclist needs a BikeLink Card, which can be purchased online for \$20 at www.bikelink.org and at retail locations listed on the site. The card debits the rental time at 3 cents per hour. BART also has bicycle racks where cyclists can lock their bikes for free. Bicycles are allowed on most trains during non-rush hours.

Scholarships for women

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin AAUW Branch is now accepting applications for scholarships from \$500 to \$2,000 for women who either reside in these areas and Sunol, or who have attended high school in one of these cities. Applicants must have attained or be attaining junior or senior standing by fall 2012.

Application deadline is April 1, and scholarships will be awarded by June 1. To request an application, call 484-0602 or email joanleighty@comcast.net.

Pleasanton council OKs Walmart grocery store, but union appeal is likely

Bid to move into vacant Nob Hill space could face lengthy public hearings

By JEB BING

New grocery stores have opened in Pleasanton in recent years without much fanfare, and more are coming.

But for Walmart, which took its bid to the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday night to open one of its Neighborhood Markets in the long-vacant Nob Hill supermarket at Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive, the process is becoming much more difficult.

More than 150 packed the council chamber to support Walmart's application or oppose it in an hour of public comment that was about evenly divided in its position. In the end, however, council members voted 4-1 to approve a zoning administrator's recommendation to allow Walmart to move into the Nob Hill store and start selling groceries.

But not so fast. Councilman Matt Sullivan voted against the recommendation. And while the other four on the council voted in favor, their vote came after City Attorney Jonathan

Lowell explained in detail that their approval could be appealed within 15 days, a move that would require the plan to go before the Planning Commission for public hearings and then possibly back to the council for another vote.

An appeal by opponents of Walmart, which is expected, would delay the final decision at least two months to give the Walmart application more time for public review. As explained by Lowell, if someone appeals Tuesday's night's council decision by Feb. 15, then the measure will go to the city Planning Commission for a public hearing, which must be held within 40 days of the appeal.

If the Planning Commission's decision is appealed, again which is expected, the issue will return to the City Council for a full public hearing and, eventually, a vote.

Later in the meeting, the council decided in a 3-2 informal vote against considering a proposal advanced by Sullivan to require all new retail busi-

nesses to undergo more scrutiny before receiving operating permits. That could include environmental impact reviews and public hearings.

Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio liked the idea but the three others on the council said they were against considering it for the time being.

The council's decision Tuesday night makes it likely that Walmart won't have an answer on its Nob Hill bid before late spring or early summer.

A likely appeal of the City Council's decision Tuesday night also makes it likely that the 150 who spent more than an hour at that meeting, including the 20 who actually addressed the council, will have to do it all over again to keep their momentum before both the Planning Commission and City Council.

The delay didn't please Tom Foley, the property manager of Meadow Plaza Shopping Center where the empty Nob Hill store is located.

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Eric Doppee, 13, and his record-breaking bass.

Big bass breaks Shadow Cliffs record

Fish weighs in at 18 pounds 9 ounce

This fish story has witnesses: Eric Doppee, 13, caught a black bass at Shadow Cliffs lake on Saturday that weighed 18 pounds 9 ounces. That breaks the record, he learned from a ranger the next day.

Eric, an eighth-grader at Pleasanton Middle School, said he began to fish in the cove using a lure after he saw a lot of bass in the water.

"I hooked into him and he didn't really fight that much," Eric said.

He noted that the big fish had grayish eyes, which indicated he was old, as did his size.

"I tried to release him but he wouldn't swim away," Eric recalled.

His father Tim Doppee arrived to give Eric a ride home and exclaimed over the size of the bass. They found a fisherman with a scale and weighed it, and the next day a ranger told Eric that it beat the previous Shadow Cliffs record

for a bass, which was 18 pounds 1 ounce.

Eric gave the record-breaking bass away to a family, as he did two years ago with a carp weighing 47 pounds 9 ounces.

"I recently caught an 8-pound catfish and a 9-pound trout. I have them in my freezer, and we're going to eat them," he added.

Eric said his uncle, Victor Gomez, began taking him fishing when he was about 4 years old. Now he rides his bike to Shadow Cliffs from his home in Vintage Hills every day to engage in the sport.

"He will fish from sunup to sundown," said his dad. "He went back on Sunday and landed seven. He either released them or gave them away."

"Our freezer is full — he is under strict instructions not to bring any more home," he added with a laugh.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Fur flies over proposed change to animal shelter law

Valley Humane Society wants to keep 4- to 6-day holding plus record keeping, vet care

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Valley Humane Society would be negatively impacted if Gov. Jerry Brown's proposal to repeal the 1998 Hayden Law goes through. It mandates that public shelters must hold animals for four to six days before euthanizing them; if the law is repealed, they will have 72 hours.

"A lot of people claim their animals four or five days after they've been brought in," said Melanie Sadek, executive director of Valley Humane Society on Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

They may be on vacation and have hired someone to watch their pet, or they may wait to see if the animal returns on its own.

"The biggest issue is cats," Sadek said. "People will assume they will come back or maybe put up posters first. They don't realize that the place they should call first is the county shelter."

The repeal, which would save the state \$23 million, also would do away with mandating veterinarian care and record-keeping, which Sadek said would hurt the efforts of Valley Humane Society. The nonprofit rescue group gets many of its animals from East County Animal Shelter in Dublin and Tri-City Animal Shelter in Fremont, and it helps adoptions immeasurably to know an animal's background.

"We need to know as much as possible because we need to work with issues that animal has," Sadek said. "And we can't take an animal in that has no vaccinations."

If the shelters don't keep records, she pointed out, even if a Pleasanton Animal Services officer says he turned your pet into the county shelter, it would have no record of having received it or if it had been adopted out or euthanized. Or if it had been given to Valley Humane Society to find a home for it.

"I could have your cat here and wouldn't even know it," Sadek said.

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Three bone marrow drives this month

Twice the need, double the chance of successful donor

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

People now have twice the reason to attend one of the three bone marrow drives to be held at local schools in the coming weeks.

Mikki Conley, a science teacher at Mohr Elementary, diagnosed in December 2010 with lymphocytic stage 4 lymphoma, and 2005 Amador Valley High graduate Janet Liang are both looking for donors.

"In real words it means that my bone marrow doesn't produce any cells," Conley explained.

She said she was stunned to learn she had cancer. "I actually was sitting here (at her home) one night and had a blood clot in my chest. It was excruciating," Conley said. She was sent to ValleyCare for a CT scan, "and there it was."

"I was totally shocked when they told me I was sick," she said.

Her first trip for treatment sent

her to the hospital for six days.

"I did the chemo," Conley said. "They redid all the tests and sure enough it was still there."

Conley is recovering from an abdominal wound connected to her illness, which has put any hope for a bone marrow transplant on hold until she heals.

"To my understanding, it's a three-month process," she said. "The first month is totally killing your immune system — instead of trying to build up my cells, they totally kill it. That's a month in the hospital, then they do the transplant and that's a two-month process, when the cells hopefully

start generating on their own."

Conley and Liang hope to get a match in one of the three local bone marrow drives to be held in the next few weeks.

Liang's tearful plea on Youtube, in which she says she only has until April to find a match, generated a local buzz and inspired Amador's Students Interested in Medical Science Club to hold a drive Feb. 25.

"It feels like I don't have much time, and I realize mostly why I'm afraid of dying is because I'm afraid of what I'm leaving behind," Liang said in the video. "So, please, register your bone marrow, especially if you're Chinese American."



Mikki Conley



Janet Liang

work than to do a cheek swab -- it's super convenient. You self swab, it is so simple, so simple."

"We can totally help her," she added. "There is someone in Pleasanton that is a match for Janet. They just need to show up Feb. 16."

Mohr Principal Ben Fobert said his school offers some hope for Liang.

"We have a great ability to tap into the Asian community in Pleasanton because most of our students are Asian," he said, noting that 40% of students at the school are Asian American.

The first drive will be held 9:30 a.m. to noon tomorrow at Pleasanton Middle School; the drive at Mohr will run from 2-6 p.m. Feb. 16. Amador's drive will be from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 25.

While she hopes for a match, Conley said drives are about more than just her.

"I'm hoping that if I don't get a match, that it will help somebody down the road," she said. "Hopefully I'll be healthy and back to school in the fall." ■

WALMART

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"Since Nob Hill Foods closed in 2010, our center has been without an anchor tenant," he said. "We have worked hard to find a business to locate in the vacant building. We are very pleased that the Walmart Neighborhood grocery has stepped up."

Foley said that since Nob Hill closed, smaller businesses at Meadow Plaza have closed with the vacancy rate now 67% there and 30% at the adjoining Santa Rita Center on the Stoneridge Drive side of the shopping and service business complex.

"Other chain grocery stores are now trying to organize people to oppose the project," he added.

Indeed, nearly a third of those at Tuesday night's council meeting

wore bright yellow lapel stickers reading: "Give our Pleasanton a voice! No Wal-Mart."

A union steward stood outside the Civic Center door leading to the council chamber checking in those who had agreed to support the effort by several unions to deny the Walmart application.

Josie Camacho, secretary/treasurer of the Alameda Labor Council, told the council that she represents thousands of unionized workers throughout the region whose jobs would be threatened by a Walmart Neighborhood Market. At her request, about 20 who said they are unionized employees at Safeway stood to be recognized.

Other union representatives urging the council to schedule a public hearing on the Walmart plan included Brenda Wood, the business agent for the Pleasanton City



JEB BING

There's standing-room only at Tuesday night's Pleasanton City Council meeting where more than 150 gathered to support or oppose Walmart's bid to open a Neighborhood Market at the former Nob Hill supermarket site.

Employees Association, a union that represents 227 city workers. One union representative, who said he is the president of the Alameda County Labor Council, reminded council members that their votes will be considered in the upcoming municipal elections Nov. 6.

But just as many who spoke at Tuesday night's council meeting supported Walmart's plan to reopen the Nob Hill store as a Neighborhood Market. One man waved a flier he had received at home from an unidentified source asking him to go to the council meeting to protest the Walmart plan. He asked who is sending out those mailings which, he said, contain erroneous information.

Carolyn Frederick owns a small retail business in the Meadow Plaza center. When Nob Hill closed, fewer customers came to the center, she told the council.

"It's been 18 months without an anchor store at this center," she said. "Everyone I've surveyed wants a grocery store to come back there. This is a huge opportunity for us; I can hardly wait."

"More groceries, more jobs," said another speaker.

"I live close to the old Nob Hill store and see no reason why there

shouldn't be another one there," said another.

Walmart representatives also spoke at the meeting, including one woman who is now a marketing manager. She said she joined Walmart right out of high school and has been promoted regularly.

"It's a great place to work," she said. "I've watched many people build great careers at Walmart."

Foley said other grocery stores have opened in Pleasanton over the last several years without much fanfare or opposition. These include Fresh & Easy, Ranch 99, Smart & Final, Safeway and an expansion of Trader Joe's. New Leaf, a Santa Cruz market, is expected to open soon in the former Romley's supermarket in the Vintage Hills Shopping Center.

Still, it was clear going into their Tuesday night meeting that council members were looking for a legal way to delay, or possibly later block, Walmart's bid for a Neighborhood Market in Pleasanton. Lowell told them in a closed-door meeting how an appeal of a decision on the zoning administrator's recommendation to allow the new store could force the issue back to the Planning Commission for a full

public hearing, with the same procedure coming back to the council at a later date.

Since Tuesday night's measure about Walmart was on the council's consent calendar only, not on its publicized agenda, council members could not discuss the merits of the Walmart proposal, only the zoning administrator's recommendation. Still, by their comments, it seemed clear that Councilman Matt Sullivan will oppose the Walmart Neighborhood Market if and when the plan comes back before the council, as he did in voting against Safeway's petition to build its Lifestyle supermarket at Bernal and Valley avenues, which is now open.

Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, on the other hand, indicated her support of Walmart's bid.

First opened in 1998, there are now 167 Walmart Neighborhood Markets in the U.S., each employing about 95 associates. A typical store is about 42,000 square feet, although the Nob Hill store would offer only about 30,000 square feet.

Walmart is also seeking an operating permit in San Ramon for a Neighborhood Market that would also occupy a vacant former grocery store. ■



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'Honk!' heralds halt to big shows at Harvest Park

Harvest Park Middle School's production of "Honk!" starred (from rear, left) Jordan Snyder, Katelyn Reedy, Brandon Gonzalez, Sophie Brunelli, Mathew Serrano, Ihsan Mekki, Kelly Renton, Roujheen Sabetan, Kristina Ekman, Rick Howell, Jenny Sin, Chloe Ostroff, Kylie Carpenter, Camille Lojewski, Cami Weinstock, Gunnar Langenhuizen, Noor Gill, Chelsea Burke, Eva Larsen, Sam Osterholt, Kelsey Miles, Caleb Bibbs and Valerie Vernay.

"Honk!" may be the school's last large-scale production for some time because the school has used up its last big donation, according to Leanne Bean, a member of the district's drama department. Big shows cost about \$6,000 to put on, she said, with the rights alone for "Honk!" costing about \$1,000, printing costs at about \$3,000, and additional money needed for equipment like microphones.

"We'll do improv shows next year," Bean said. "As far as performances, we're going to need to do fundraising."

ANIMALS

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The repeal could also result in cats deemed feral to be euthanized immediately, although there are rescue groups who specialize socializing feral felines, she said.

"California has really led the way as far as legislation in humane treatment," Sadek said. "If we repeal this, we are setting ourselves back 14 years."

California Department of Public Health records show that 576,097 dogs and cats were euthanized in county shelters in 1997. The number dropped to 327,991 after the Hayden Law went into effect.



Rocky and Honey are waiting at Valley Humane Society for homes.



Gov. Schwarzenegger proposed repealing the law in 2009 but backed off after public opposition. Nonetheless he suspended payments to reimburse shelters and that year the number of euthanized

animals went up to 455,046. The local intake facilities are funded primarily through contracts with their surrounding cities.

The time was right for the legislation when it was introduced by

State Sen. Tom Hayden in the late 1990s, according to a report on the Maddies Fund website written in 2004 by Taimie Bryant, a UCLA law professor who assisted Hayden.

"The idea had taken root that, regardless of the circumstances that brought an animal to a shelter, the animal himself or herself deserves an opportunity to live," she wrote.

Also people began to realize that animals needed to be held longer than the 72 hours required in California, one of the shortest holding periods in the country.

The Hayden Law also requires shelters to release animals to non-profit adoption groups rather than

euthanize them.

Sadek said people who want to save the Hayden Law should write to the governor and their state senator and assembly member.

"The letter can be one sentence," she said. "Just let them know it is unacceptable."

She recommended that pet owners microchip their dogs and cats because, by law, shelters much check each animal for a microchip and make every possible attempt to contact the owners.

The Hayden Law is one of 31 requiring state reimbursements being questioned by the governor. Others include SIDS autopsies and stolen vehicle notification. ■

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Income tax could change because of economy

Tax expert advises to start planning your strategy now

By JASON ALDERMAN

For most of us, income tax calculations don't change much from year to year. But thanks to the roller coaster economy of the past few years, many people have undergone major life changes that can have a significant impact — good or bad — on their taxable income and how they should file taxes.

Even though April 17 (this year's tax-filing deadline) is a ways off, it's never too soon to start planning your strategy, particularly if you experienced financial hardships in 2011 that could affect your taxes.

The IRS has a handy guide called "The What If's of an Economic Downturn" (search www.irs.gov) that reviews the tax impacts of different scenarios such as job loss, debt forgiveness or tapping a retirement fund.

Here's a roundup of common economic challenges you may be facing and their possible tax implications:

You lost your job. Remember that unemployment benefits, severance pay and payout of accumulated vacation or sick leave are all considered taxable income, so if you didn't have taxes withheld from these payments, be prepared for a potentially nasty tax bill.

If you withdrew money from your regular IRA or 401(k) account to cover expenses, you'll owe income tax on the amount, plus an additional 10% penalty unless you're over age 59-1/2 or meet special circumstances. Also, outstanding 401(k) loans must be repaid (usually within 60 to 90 days of termination) or they'll be counted taxable income, plus be subject to the same 10% penalty.

The good news is that many public assistance



Jason Alderman

benefits such as welfare, food stamps and disaster relief payments don't count toward taxable income. Read the IRS's "Tax Impact of Job Loss" for details (www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4128.pdf).

Lowered income. If you took a big pay cut or lost your job in 2011, it might lower your adjusted gross income enough to qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. EITC is a "refundable" tax credit, which means that if you owe less in income tax than your eligible credit, you'll not only pay no tax, but actually get a refund for the difference. To learn more, search EITC at www.irs.gov.

Forgiven debt. Many people don't realize that when you borrow money from a bank or other commercial lender and the lender "forgives" the debt, you generally must count the forgiven amount as taxable income.

There are several exceptions to the rule, however: For example, the Mortgage Debt Relief Act of 2007 generally allows taxpayers to exclude up to \$2 million in forgiven mortgage debt (\$1 million if married filing separately) on their principal residence if it came through mortgage restructuring, foreclosure or a short sale. The mortgage exclusion is set to expire at the end of 2012 unless Congress intervenes.

Other exceptions include: debts discharged through bankruptcy; or, if you are insolvent when the debt is cancelled, some or all of it may not be taxable. (Insolvency means your total debts are greater than the fair market value of your total assets.) For more information, search for Mortgage Debt Forgiveness at www.irs.gov.

Taxes are the last thing you want to worry about when facing financial hardships. Just be sure you're prepared for the possible tax implications if your income or debt situation has changed in the past year.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

2 leading Pleasanton accounting firms merge

W.H. Mayer moves into Sensiba San Filippo offices

Two leading Pleasanton accounting firms — Sensiba San Filippo LLP and W.H. Mayer Accountancy Corp. — have merged.

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organization we have been looking to associate with as we continue to grow and expand."

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GUEST OPINION

By MATT SULLIVAN

Wal-Mart comes at a high price for Pleasanton

Your Jan. 27 editorial "Wal-Mart's Neighborhood Market good for Pleasanton" made me wonder if the Pleasanton Weekly is a newspaper or a PR mouthpiece for Wal-Mart and the Chamber of Commerce.

A newspaper should study the issues and present the facts to help educate the community. Wal-Mart has a long history of detrimental effects on both local economies and the food system in general. For instance, UC Irvine recently completed a study that demonstrates that communities with Wal-Mart stores end up with more poverty and food-stamp usage than communities where the retailer does not open, and that this increase in poverty may be due to the fact that Wal-Mart's arrival leads to a net loss of jobs and lowers wages (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1540-6237.2006.00377.x/abstract>).

In addition, a USDA analysis found that big retailers have used their market power to shortchange farmers who grow apples, lettuce and other types of produce, paying them less than what they would get in a competitive market, while also charging consumers inflated prices (<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/AER825/>). In this way, Wal-Mart has actually helped drive overall food prices up. Ironically, Wal-Mart attracts low income or fixed income customers because of "low prices" but shopping there actually exacerbates their problems in the long run.

But this just isn't about Wal-Mart. The city completed an economic study that estimated a 10%-15% loss in sales to other existing grocery

stores when the second Safeway was approved last year. What effect will Wal-Mart have on our existing, and in some cases, locally owned stores such as Gene's? Raley's is closing several stores in the state and has reportedly seen a significant downturn in business at its Pleasanton store since Safeway opened. These stores — some are union and some are not — pay a decent middle-class wage with benefits.

The City Council just reviewed the "2011 Tri-Valley Human Services Needs Assessment" at its meeting last week. This report describes increases in unemployment, poverty and homelessness, as well as diminishing access to social services and resources for those in need in Pleasanton and the rest of the Tri-Valley, largely caused by the recession. What happens to our existing workers when their good jobs are displaced with minimum wage part time jobs with no benefits?

But what is most disturbing in the editorial is your dismissal of the public's right to participate in this decision. Wal-Mart has used this tactic in many cities to slip their projects in under the radar knowing they will be controversial. There are many people in this community who are concerned about the impacts of this project and they should be given the opportunity to participate in the democratic process at a public hearing with the ultimate decision made by their elected representatives. An independent press is essential to a functioning democracy, and the Pleasanton Weekly, as our local version of the "Fourth Estate," should be condemning these actions by Wal-Mart and calling for the democratic process to work.

In Pleasanton, Wal-Mart's "low prices" come at a high price to our local economy, our workers and, it seems, to our democracy.

Matt Sullivan is a member of the Pleasanton City Council, first elected in 2004. He was a Planning Commissioner from 1998 to 2004.



Matt Sullivan

LETTERS

Market is perfect fit

Dear Editor,

As owner of the Meadow Plaza Shopping Center on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, I have been working hard to secure a new anchor tenant for the space vacated by Nob Hill Foods in early 2010. The empty building is zoned for a grocery store that includes a pharmacy and we're thrilled that we were able to attract Wal-Mart and its market format.

There's one thing a shopping center owner can attest, that center customers tell you what they like and want. Folks from this neighborhood have made it clear to me, every day for the last two years,

that they want and need a grocery store in the Nob Hill Center.

This Wal-Mart market is a perfect fit to revitalize our struggling shopping center, it would employ about 100 local residents and provide the neighborhood with affordable, fresh, fruits and vegetables, deli and meats. The other businesses are excited and their customers are too.

It's disappointing that a relatively small group of people is working hard to keep Wal-Mart from reusing the building and bringing the same type of grocery store that was there before, with a new name. As a property owner in Pleasanton for many years and involved in the entitlement process in many cities, this is a straightforward application with no grounds for appeal. An appeal does not serve this neighborhood and I

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Council action Monday could make Pleasanton 'greenest city' in state

The Pleasanton City Council is expected to approve a broad-based Climate Action Plan (CAP) at a special meeting Monday that could make Pleasanton one of the greenest cities in California. Nearly three years in the planning stage, the new plan is aimed at creating a structure of regulations and goals on environmental issues to conform to a new state law, called AB 32, which requires that cities reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020.

The CAP to be voted on Monday also will comply with directives from the state Attorney General's Office and the Alameda County Superior Court that require the city to meet greenhouse gas emission standards.

Just as important, however, is that the new plan moves Pleasanton toward sustainability in the years to come as climate change and environmental concerns increasingly affect the quality of life for both businesses and residents here. To reduce emissions and improve water resources, the CAP includes provisions that will encourage the installation of charging stations in the city for battery-powered cars, bicycle racks downtown, free visits to homes by experts to discuss energy improvements, free water-saving devices, lighting upgrades to more energy efficient bulbs, solar panels on municipal buildings and irrigation audits of residential and business water customers in the city. Three charging stations were installed last month at the Pleasanton Civic Center and two others were installed downtown.

Several more onerous suggestions from state legislators and environmentalists are not part of the new CAP. They included parking meters and required energy upgrades for those selling their homes. Those and other "suggestions" for "cleaning up Pleasanton" haven't gone away; city planners just made sure they aren't in this current climate action plan. The CAP, several hundred pages in length, was prepared by Daniel Smith, director of Pleasanton Operations Services; Laura Ryan, energy and sustainability manager; and consultant Jeff Caton.

Years ago, the city of Pleasanton made a commitment to protect our environment and make this the greenest city in the state. That commitment should be firmed up Monday night. ■

hope that our city leadership stands firm with the zoning administrator's recommendation for approval.

Dorothy Anderson

Residents want a say

Dear Editor,

As you know, Wal-Mart's effort to slide under the radar and open a grocery store in the former Nob Hill on Santa Rita Road is a topic that concerns many Pleasanton residents. Many of us have expressed our concerns to the mayor and City Council. Our concerns revolve around increased traffic, the effect it will have on existing businesses, including our small businesses downtown such as Gene's Fine Foods, the Custom Care Pharmacy as well as Luckys and Safeway.

At the council meeting Feb. 7, we planned to encourage the City Council to pass a Conditional Use Permit so residents will have a say in such matters.

Angela Willmes

Neighborhood needs grocery store

Dear Editor,

We support the addition of a new Wal-Mart grocery store in the former Nob Hill Foods. Our neighborhood is in need of grocery services nearby. Wal-Mart employs hundreds of employees and serves many Pleasanton residents. Since when did our nation take a stand to eliminate competition; isn't that what our great land was built upon?

David and Paula Clovis



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POLICE BULLETIN

Tennis gear theft nets alleged thief

A Livermore woman was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of stolen property after enough tennis gear to outfit a team was found in her car.

Jessica Maureen Popeyus, 25, was arrested at about 6:40 p.m. in the theft of 16 tennis racquets valued at about \$200 apiece and two tennis bags worth \$100 apiece from Play It Again Sports in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue.

In other police reports:

- A Pleasanton man was arrested Feb. 4 on a charge of providing marijuana to a minor. Jonathan Mikus, 19, was arrested Feb. 4 — his birthday — at about 5:42 p.m. at the intersection of Old Vineyard and Yolanda Court.
- The cars of two Foothill students were broken into Feb. 4. Smashed windows led to the theft of a \$300 purse and a \$200 iPod, credit cards and a passport taken from one car between 4:15 and 4:20

p.m.; a \$5 purse, a bible and an identification card were taken from the second car between 4:10 and 4:50 p.m.

- A \$1,000 computer, a \$200 digital camera, a \$50 computer bag, \$50 in clothing and a \$50 wi-fi card were stolen between 6 p.m. Feb. 2 and 5:50 a.m. Feb. 3 from a vehicle in the 4200 block of Krause Court. The vehicle's door had been left unlocked.
 - An \$800 digital camera was stolen from a vehicle at ClubSport on Johnson Drive between 4:40 and 7 p.m. on Feb. 3; entry was gained through a window.
 - A \$5,000 bicycle and \$400 in accessories were stolen in a Feb. 1 residential burglary in the 3100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard. Also taken was a computer valued at \$150. The break-in was reported at about 9:30 p.m.
- Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted.

POLICE REPORT

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

Jan. 31

Theft

- 11:41 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; grand theft, identity theft
- 12:49 p.m. in the 3400 block of Virgil Circle; identity theft
- 3:04 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
- 8:51 p.m. in the 3600 block of Touriga Drive; theft

Auto burglary

- 1:41 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Vandalism

- 1 p.m. in the 5400 block of Montalvo Court
- 3:20 p.m. in the 700 block of St. Michael Circle

Prank calls

- 6:22 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Public drunkenness

- 1:33 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Feb. 1

Burglary

- 9:29 p.m. in the 3100 block of W. Positas Boulevard

Theft

- 1:05 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; forgery
- 6:06 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft

Auto burglary

- 6:52 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Vandalism

- 3:16 p.m. in the 400 block of E. Angela Street

Drug/alcohol violations

- 6:39 p.m. at the intersection of Laguna Creek and Beaumont Court; DUI
- 7:46 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

Feb. 2

Theft

- 12:22 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; petty theft

Battery

- 12:02 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 10:30 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Touriga Drive

Feb. 3

Theft

- 5:58 a.m. in the 4200 block of Krause Court; grand theft
- 1:34 p.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive; petty theft
- 4:10 p.m. in the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 5:53 p.m. in the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 9:54 p.m. in the 4500 block of Johnson Drive; petty theft

Battery

- 3:05 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; battery, public drunkenness

Vandalism

- 8:36 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Auto burglary

- 6:03 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road
- 6:58 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 8:43 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Stone Pointe Way; public drunkenness
- 9:08 p.m. at the intersection of Old Vineyard Avenue and Brozosky Hill Lane; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, marijuana possession
- 10:31 p.m. in the 5000 block of Owens Drive; DUI

Feb. 4

Auto burglary

- 5:02 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road
- 6:12 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:06 a.m. in the 200 block of Rose Avenue; public drunkenness
- 5:42 p.m. at the intersection of Old Vineyard and Yolanda Court; providing marijuana to a minor

Feb. 5

Theft

- 7:50 a.m. in the 4100 block of Cortina Court; forgery
- 9:29 a.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; auto theft

- 2:54 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft

Carrying a concealed knife

- 1:18 a.m. near the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Interstate 680; carrying a concealed knife, drinking and driving by a minor

Auto burglary

- 7:41 a.m. in the 8000 block of Mountain View Drive
- 10:29 a.m. in the 3700 block of Fairlands Drive

Vandalism

- 1:48 a.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive
- 9:29 a.m. in the 400 block of Tioga Court

Alcohol violations

- 1:54 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive; DUI
- 3:01 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Valley Avenue; DUI
- 6:55 p.m. in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 9:09 p.m. at the intersection of Owens Drive and Hacienda Drive; public drunkenness

Feb. 6

Theft

- 8:22 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; petty theft
- 9:39 a.m. in the 5700 block of Northway Road; petty theft
- 2:08 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; petty theft
- 6:39 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; possession of stolen property

DUI

- 1:16 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Feb. 7

Theft

- 10:43 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; forgery
- 8:21 p.m. in the 4700 block of First Street; grand theft

Vandalism

- 11:36 a.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Safreno Way
- 11:38 a.m. in the 3700 block of Pimlico Drive



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council Special Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: PGPA-17 – City of Pleasanton Housing Element Update – Consideration of a General Plan Amendment to adopt an updated Housing Element of the General Plan for the 2007-2014 Planning Period
- Continued from February 7, 2012 – Public Hearing: P11-0997, City of Pleasanton – Adopt a Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Adopt a General Plan Amendment to incorporate the CAP by reference in the General Plan Air Quality and Climate Change Element

Housing Commission

Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Update Regarding the Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Review Process
- Confirmation of November 2011 Housing Commission Vote on the Concept to Merge the Housing and Human Services Commissions
- Status of the Housing Element Update and Related Matters

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VALLEY — MUSIC, THEATER, ART, MOVIES AND MORE

Family tragedies result in Gable Heart Beats Foundation

American Idol winner
Lee DeWyze helps
to raise awareness

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton wife and mother Michelle Gable was still reeling from the sudden death of her husband Michael from cardiac arrest on Sept. 17, 2009, when she noticed two weeks later that her baby daughter Grace's cough was worsening and took her to the emergency room. Doctors discovered that Grace was suffering from an enlarged heart, a potentially life-threatening situation.

Little Grace spent her first birthday fighting for her life in the intensive care unit, where she stayed for one month, and was subsequently diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy, or DCM. Her father Michael had died of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, or HCM.

"When she was admitted to ICU back in October 2009, she was in complete heart failure," Michelle said. "She has made a remarkable recovery, a true miracle in my book. For the past year and a half, she has been stable at an 85% heart working capacity."

Grace is now 3, and her brother Matteo will be 6 in March.

In response to these traumas, Michelle Gable and her friend Amy Mayo founded Gable Heart Beats Foundation to raise awareness of the heart disease. Their husbands were both in the San Francisco-based band, Segue, with Michael the singer and Stefan Mayo the guitarist and harmonica player.

"My husband Stefan wrote all the songs with Michael," Amy Mayo said. "The band was pretty devastated."

"Michelle tried to cope with Grace, and I had the idea, let's start a foundation. We knew Michael would want to save lives. And we wanted to honor him."

HCM, an excessive thickening of the heart muscle, is the No. 1 cause of sudden cardiac arrests in young athletes, said Mayo, and it also affects one out of 100,000 children.

Mayo, who serves as the foundation's executive director, was happy to announce in early February, which is American Heart Month, that Lee DeWyze, winner of American Idol Season Nine, starred in a promotional video now on www.gableheartbeats.org to draw people to hear their story and donate money.

DeWyze met with Amy and Michelle on the rooftop of the London West Hollywood Hotel to shoot the video in August, telling them that after hearing the story about Michael and Grace, and learning more about HCM, he jumped at the chance to help.

"We are thrilled and honored to welcome Lee DeWyze's contribution to our efforts," Mayo said late last week. "Yesterday the video got picked up by American Idol and it's being tweeted."

Donations benefit Gable Heart Beats' partners, Heartfelt Cardiac Projects and 44 for Life, which work to reduce the risk of sudden cardiac arrest. Heartfelt Cardiac Projects, based in southern California, hosts low-fee heart screenings worldwide; 44 for Life, based outside Philadelphia, donates defibrillators to schools in the United States.

Another fundraiser is sales of the album "One Race Human, a Tribute to Michael Gable," which was produced by Segue. The musicians also gave a concert at St. Mary's College in Moraga the first year to benefit the cause and are planning another one in November.



Signs of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)

- ♥ Shortness of breath
- ♥ Heart palpitations
- ♥ Dizziness
- ♥ Fainting
- ♥ Unexplained fatigue
- ♥ Chest pain or pressure



Also research your medical history for sudden or unexpected deaths before the age of 55.

—Gable Heart Beats Foundation



Top: American Idol winner Lee DeWyze meets with (left) Michelle Gable and Amy Mayo of Gable Hearts Beats Foundation when shooting a promotional video for the group last summer. Bottom right: Michelle with her husband Michael, who died in September 2009 of cardiac arrest, and their children Grace and Matteo.

Mayo noted that Michael Gable was one of the few bi-racial students growing up in Monroe, Wash., and a soccer star who received a full athletic scholarship to St. Mary's, where he met Michelle, also a soccer player, who graduated from Foothill High.

HCM is responsible for 40% of cardiac deaths in athletes, according to www.gableheartbeats.org. It affects people of all ages, gender and ethnicity, plus research has shown that 50% of HCM deaths are African American males.

Although Michael and Grace didn't have the same cardiomyopathy, they were related and hereditary. Matteo has been

tested and is negative. Those who test positive should see their cardiologists annually, and it is often possible to improve the condition with medications, as in Grace's case, said Michelle.

"Genetic testing is so important," she said. "We found out (with Michael) when it was too late. We had no idea he even had a heart condition. It happened suddenly, tragically."

"I keep praying that my kids stay healthy and I stay healthy," Michelle added. "I'm living out the dreams that Michael had — raising the children here in Pleasanton was his dream." ♥

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Art of the String Quartet

Cypress plans for annual show



The Cypress String Quartet returns Sunday for its second annual performance at the Firehouse Arts Center. The four musicians began their quartet in San Francisco in 1996, and it is now recognized worldwide.

The Cypress String Quartet returns Feb. 12 for its second visit to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, to share its art and the pleasure of making music together.

"The idea of their returning here every year is for us to grow with them as they evolve as a musical entity, and witness their traversals of repertoires, both classic and novel," said Pleasanton harpist Dominique Piana, curator of classical music at the Firehouse, in a write-up. "It has been said that new wine deserves new bottles. In the same way, a new art center like the Firehouse needs new ways of bringing its artistic message into the community."

Cecily Ward, Tom Stone, Ethan Filner and Jennifer Kloetzel formed the Cypress String Quartet in San Francisco in 1996. It has since become one of the most eminent ensembles of its generation, Piana said, and is recognized worldwide.

"A taste for good music can be developed by ongoing and repeated exposure: Anyone can be slowly won over if something that proved daunting reveals itself to be familiar, beautiful and moving," she added.

The string quartet members started out as "friends making music together in good cheer," she said, "like a four-way animated conversation around the table." She wondered whether it was the addition of an audience that led to its contemporary reputation as being formal or stuffy.

"There is a definite difference between the anchor repertoire composed around Vienna in the classical era, from 1770 on, whose sound is focused more inwardly, and later string quartets, composed for performance in more resonant public halls," Piana explained.

The Cypress String Quartet in this performance will perform Haydn's No. 63 in B-flat major, op. 76 No. 4, "Sunrise"; Beethoven's brooding and triumphant No. 11 in F minor, op. 95; and Ravel's Masterpiece.

"Published in 1799, Haydn's op. 76 Quartets, his last complete set of six, represent the culmination of his lifetime of musical striving by the composer at the peak of his powers,"

Piana said. "No. 4 in Bb Major was nicknamed 'Sunrise' in England because of its stunning opening violin line.

"Infinitely varied yet unified, it stands on its own with a surprisingly flexible language that switches back and forth between highly wrought sophistication and more bucolic moments, to luminous effect."

Beethoven's op. 95 was published in 1816 and was among the last of his middle-period quartets, and with the shortest first movement of all.

"Its provocative intensity results from the compression of the musical discourse, as the aggressive accentuation and dynamic contrasts of the beginning 'Allegro con brio' is followed by dense counterpoint in the slow 'Allegretto ma non troppo' movement," Piana said. "Only at the very end is Beethoven's torment assuaged, and the human spirit triumphs over adversity."

Ravel's sole quartet from 1903 is dedicated to his teacher, Gabriel Fauré.

"It mirrors the effervescent world of turn-of-the-century Paris," Piana said. "Formally, even the young Ravel is already a classicist at heart, yet his mature craftsmanship and mastery of orchestration shine through pointedly.

"He integrates the kaleidoscopic influences of his time, veering toward the rhythms of Spain here, or conjuring the sound of the exotic gamelan orchestra there, waxing rhapsodic, turning to modality, or impressionistic harmonies," she continued.

"It's all there, wonderfully crystallized into Ravelian finery and ending with blazing colors." ■

'Artistry of uncommon insight'

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When: 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12
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the Firehouse box office.

Taste of 'Tosca'

OperaLIVE! singers at library Sunday

"Tosca" arias will resound at the Pleasanton library Sunday with performers from the Livermore Valley Opera's production of Puccini's masterpiece in March. The OperaLIVE! events are as follows:

- Pleasanton Public Library: 2-3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12
- Livermore Public Library: 2-3 p.m., Sunday, March 4

"OperaLIVE! events are free, public events that are all about bringing opera to the community so that people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to learn about the music and drama in an intimate public setting," said IVO Executive Director Elizabeth Wells.

The performances will feature professional opera singers performing arias from "Tosca" plus other well-known operas. Soprano and Metropolitan Opera artist Marie Plette, who will sing the title role of Tosca in the Livermore Valley Opera



Marie Plette

production, will perform at the Pleasanton library. Tenor David Gustafson, who will sing the part of Tosca's lover Cavaradossi, will perform at both the Pleasanton and Livermore events.

A question and answer period will follow each performance.

"The singers are always more than happy to answer questions about opera, what it's like to sing opera and be on stage," says Outreach Coordinator Gary Sears. "It's a great opportunity to learn about this passionate and diverse art form."

"We present the library performances prior to each opera production, and over the years I've seen attendance expand," he added.

For more details on the full production of "Tosca" and the library preview programs, visit www.livermorevalleyopera.com. ■



David Gustafson



Four new Eagle Scouts

An Eagle Court of Honor was held in early January to bestow the rank of Eagle Scout upon Tarun Amuthan, Connor McCutcheon, Christopher Rowe and Greg Soyka, members of Troop 948, at the Centerpointe Presbyterian Church in Pleasanton. Their projects were as follows:

- Tarun Amuthan designed and built a radio-controlled car track at the BMX Park near Shadow Cliffs, creating a project plan and a team of volunteers to build the track. His main hope for this project was to attract more attention to Pleasanton and to give enthusiasts a legal way to pursue the hobby they love.

- Connor McCutcheon worked with the Harvest Park Middle School principal to clear out and organize a storage room at the school to serve as a storage area

for staff and PTA. He removed unused items and installed 45 feet of shelving.

- Christopher Rowe built two wooden speaking podiums, one for Amador Valley High School and the other for Harvest Park Middle School so they would no longer have to borrow podiums for their graduation and other gatherings and award ceremonies.

- Greg Soyka worked with the city to construct bleachers at Alviso Adobe Community Park. The 14-foot-long bleachers are two-tiered and have the capability of being separated in the middle into two smaller bleachers.

Troop 948, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Sean McCutcheon, assistant scoutmasters and a supporting Troop Committee, has had 45 Eagle Scouts since 1989. ■

Weddings TODAY

story by DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



*Ceremonies,
celebrations may
change but lifelong
commitment
remains the same*



The uniqueness of a wedding is up to each bride and groom, whether they want to adhere to tradition or how much they want to individualize their nuptials. One couple donned scuba gear to get married in a shark tank, while another got married at T.J. Maxx where they met. Some set out to break world records, like the bride who wore a 200 meter-long dress or another who chose to have 110 bridesmaids.

Most are more modest in their attempt to stamp their individuality on their big day. Some couples like to hire a choreographer to help them boogie in style down the aisle or perform a one-of-a-kind dance at the reception. Others have a “mixologist” create a special drink based on the couple’s personality.

Kelly O’Friel, a 1994 Foothill grad who is training coordinator at the San Ramon Police Department, is planning her wedding with Brad Jansen next month at the Palm Event Center, where they chose the wine barrel room for the ceremony since March weather is unpredictable.

They are departing from tradition in their desserts. Besides the wedding cake, guests will be able to feast on chocolate chip cookies with a shot of cold milk, or enjoy churros with Mexican hot chocolate.

“The presentation is beautiful,” O’Friel said. “When we’re ready to cut the cake, they’ll bring out these two extra desserts —

it will be a sugar fest.”

To her, the guests are all-important.

“It’s the first time in your life that you have all your friends and family in one place,” she said. “I’m super excited about that.”

Kelly and Brad chose a minister who is down to earth and infuses a bit of appropriate humor into the ceremony. He provided them with the basic wording for the vows.

“We have the option of changing or inserting things,” Kelly said. “That’s one of the last minute things we are still working on.”

Monique Bogni, director of events at Palm Event Center, said late night snacks are the latest trend in weddings, with stations unveiled about an hour before the event ends with offerings such as sliders with homemade chips or pizza. Or “passed tacos.”

“They can grab a taco from the bar while they’re dancing,” Bogni said.

“We do a lot of Asian and Filipino weddings and their families are big eaters —

it’s important to have food throughout the night,” she added.

“Candy tables are really big, too,” she said. “Clients will bring in different vases of candy, sometimes in their color scheme.”

Five or six years ago the chocolate fountain with strawberries and crispy treats for dipping was big, she said, but not so much anymore.

Another trend is to greet the guests before the ceremony with hors d’oeuvres and champagne.

“It’s kind of like a taste of what’s yet to come,” she said.

A Snow White theme is going to be popular this year, she’s heard, because several Snow White movies are coming out.

“We had someone do an Alice in Wonderland theme, with little favors that said ‘Drink me’ and ‘Eat me,’” she said.

Some Indian grooms arrive at the Palm Event Center. See **WEDDINGS** on Page 14

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Center in a traditional "baraat" procession.

"The groom will come in on a horse, prior to main wedding ceremony," Bogni said. "We had one look into coming in on an elephant but he could not get the city permits."

"Specialty lighting is another new trend," she said. "For the last two to three years people have started contracting with an outside company to do a light monogram. A lot of times it will be what they used on their invitations."

The monogram may shine on the ceiling or go over the dance floor and the bar, with patterns, such as trees and flowers, in different colors.

"They'll add lighting to the guest table so the centerpiece is more lit up," she said. "Lighting adds a lot of drama. Even if they have basic linens and basic centerpieces, the lighting can make everything pop."

The Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer reminds couples who ask her to officiate at their nuptials that they aren't just planning a wedding, they're preparing for a life together. That's why she begins the preparations with pre-marital counseling.

"It's important that their conviction is serious and they have the kind of commitment to make the marriage last," said Hammer, who is pastor at Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton.

She talks with the couple about communication, personality differences, finances and their families' expectations. They also discuss their friends and social activities and their sexual intimacy. And they explore their mutual appreciation of each other's needs and religion.

Hammer has seen changes through the

years in weddings and in marriages.

"One thing is that people aren't getting married as much — they're living together and don't see the need to get married," Hammer said. "It's always interesting for me to ask, 'Why now?' Sometimes it's because they want to have a child. Sometimes one of them wants the commitment to be more formalized. Some just laugh and say, 'It's about time.'"

"They've been through a lot already and know where they stand," she added. "In spite of all the problems, they love each other -- their love is bigger than all the problems and they formalize it for the sake of their own confidence in the future, for their families."

The ceremony she performs has brides and grooms vow, under God, that this is the person they love and will care for the rest of their life. Some couples write their own vows although others are more comfortable with the traditional words.

"Some just want to say 'I do' or repeat after me, phrase by phrase," Hammer said. "I would rather they don't have to hold something and read it."

"In our denomination they can say what they wish to say, as long as it shows love and respect in the sight of God and the community," she added.

Hammer also said that in recent years more weddings are taking place in the wine country and also that more couples seem to focus on the party rather than the ceremony.

"Another trend in weddings relates to how multi-cultural our society now is," Hammer said. "I have done Filipino weddings using the traditions of a cord and a veil uniting the couple and coins transferred to both people's hands to show how they will share all they have."

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Allie and Tony Capra are married on the patio at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton in September. They had their siblings stand on their own sides, even though it meant an untraditional mingling of the men and the women.

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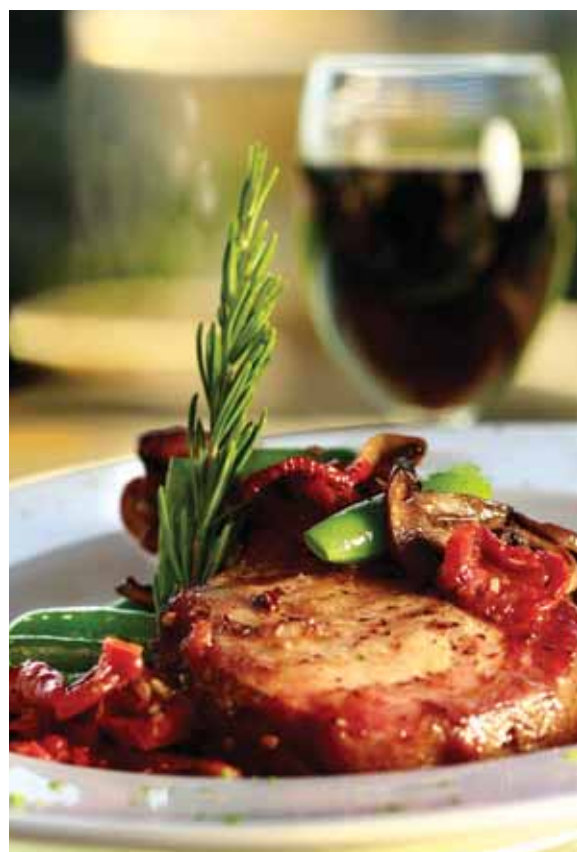
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Today's wedding cakes are sometimes joined by candy tables and other treats for dessert. The Capras added romantic lighting to their stately cake (left) with candles, while Candice and Mike Browning married at the Alameda County Fairgrounds had fun by using a bobble-head bride and groom for their topping.

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A Cuban-themed wedding was a natural for Kyle Colvin and Yuri Rodriguez Omana since she is from Cuba, said Kyle.

Their wedding ceremony July 31 was at Valley Bible Church, and right afterward, the couple drove down Main Street in a vintage automobile filled with balloons, in the Cuban tradition.

"My groomsmen wore guayaberas, the Cuban shirts, and I wore a linen suit," Kyle

recalled. "And we wore Cuban-style fedoras, and dark sunglasses."

A friend in Miami rolled Cuban cigars with a picture of Yuri and Kyle on the cigar band, which they gave out along with matchboxes with their names and the date.

"We had mojitos for everyone when they arrived at the reception," Kyle said, which was held at a friend's house in Ruby Hill, catered by the Habana Cuba restaurant in San Jose. "There was salsa music and everyone danced. It was so much fun."

Allie Capra said her September wedding



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Finish the sentence:

I love it when my partner...

My greatest fear is...

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In our marriage I hope...

—The Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer



Allie and Tony Capra exchange bites of cake. The only thing she'd have changed would be to spend more time saying hi to all the guests.

marrying Tony at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton was mostly traditional with an evening ceremony on the side patio by the vineyard.

"My uncle, who's a superior court judge, married us," she said. "We had modern vows but didn't write our own."

"One thing we did a little differently was he has two sisters, I have one brother, and our siblings stood up on our sides," she explained. "That was a little unconventional."

Allie Cabra, 29, an escrow officer at Chicago Title in Orinda, said many of her friends

and cousins had recently been married so she had a lot of ideas for her own wedding.

"Of course you want it to be nice and different and beautiful but I tried not to get caught up in that," she said. "It can be competitive but that takes the meaning out of it. Ours was very classic and very traditional. I just wanted all of the standard wedding things — and I wanted people to have fun."

The choices these days go on and on.

"Some girls, in my opinion, go a little overboard with all of the details — they go over the top with centerpieces, all the little

napkins, all the stuff that most people don't remember," Cabra said. "They are going to remember the good time they had."

She only wishes that she'd had time to say hello to each and every one of the 200 guests.

"It went by so fast," she said.

Rabbi David Katz of Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton said he has done many wedding over the decades and the Jewish vows are from the Talmud.

"They haven't changed in 2,000 years except if it's a double ring ceremony," he explained. Then both will say, "Behold you are betrothed to me with this ring, according to the laws of Moses and Israel."

"There may be a moment in the service where a bride and groom speak words to

each other but not ordinarily," Katz added. "That would depend upon the rabbi to determine if it were appropriate but it's not in the form of a vow, it's in addition."

He noted that Jewish marriages also have a wedding contract, or "ketubah," which has been modernized in the last 75 years and speaks more to the feelings of the couple.

Regardless of the wording of the vows, most couples today choose to commit to each other in front of family and friends, then celebrate together.

Skydivers have been known to jump into marriage by reciting their vows with a similarly inclined officiant while hurtling through the air at 125 mph — they must be careful not to drop the rings. ■

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Vixens on Vacation: Five Vineyard Villa Vixens invade Disneyland and Universal Studios. Reading the Pleasanton Weekly, to the delight of Walt & Mickey are (l-r) Donna Wilkinson, Sharon Laffey Ward, Jeannette Hattaway, Joyce Silva and Suz Miller. "Girls really do know how to have fun," they commented.

Author Visits

BLACK HISTORY THROUGH POETRY The Firehouse Arts Center will host Black History Through Poetry with renowned writer and poet Ishmael Reed, at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, at 4444 Railroad Ave. Tennessee Reed, his daughter and a writer, will appear with him. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with ID.

Concerts

37TH ANNUAL CAMPANA JAZZ FESTIVAL The festival will feature 50 ensembles from 24 Bay Area schools, ending with an Awards Concert at 5 p.m. featuring the winning bands. New to the festival, this year will be the addition of the popular gourmet food trucks featuring an array of food choices. Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors/students, free for 5 and under Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. 699-7921.

Events

'ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND' A free preview performance will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., performed by

the Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival. Best for ages 5 and older; audience will have the chance to create theatrical masks. Call 931-3400, ext. 23. The full play will be at the Firehouse Arts Center from Feb. 29-March 1.

BRUNCH/LUNCH Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join them for Brunch/Lunch. RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 16, to Marsha. Sunday, Feb. 19 at 11:30 a.m. Your menu choice Chianti's Ristorante, 436 Main St., Pleasanton. 830-8483.

EVERYTHING POETRY Poet Laureate, Cynthia Bryant, will host "Everything Poetry" in two parts with "Second Saturday Soup" from 10 a.m.-noon, on the second Saturday of every month, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.; and "Third Tuesday Trope" from 7-9 p.m., on the third Tuesday of every month, at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. E-mail Cynthia at pleasantonpoetry@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

HAPPY HOUR Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join them for Happy Hour. RSVP to Kathy by Tuesday, Feb. 14. Thursday, Feb. 16 from 5-7 p.m. Your choice of food and/or beverage Sheraton Hotel,

Ac5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton. 398-8005.

LEARN AFRICAN CULTURE THROUGH DANCE, PLAY AND MOVEMENT The Pleasanton Library will host another of its ongoing Dance & Sing Around the World Series, this time with a focus on African drumming and dance as performed by Cheza Nami (Swahili for "play with me"). The program is at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call 931-3400.

TOYMAKERS WORKSHOP Calling all toy makers: Make old-fashioned toys to take home, and play with the old time games and wooden toys at the Museum on Main's free Family Days event. The workshop is from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Call 462-2766.

Fundraisers

AN EVENING FOR YOUR VALENTINE Museum on Main's Valentine fundraising dinner, "Casks, Kegs and Cupids," promises to be a lively evening with a gourmet dinner paired with fine wines or beers, live auction and popular two-bit auction. The event is at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St. Tickets are \$80 and include dinner and choice of wine or beer pairings. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

FORE THE KIDS The fifth annual Tri-Valley YMCA Charity Golf Tournament will take place April 27 at Callippe Preserve Golf Course. To be a sponsor, call 263-4444 or email tvinfo@ymcaeastbay.org. Sponsorships range from \$10,000 to \$175.

RAGIN CAJUN - DINNER AND DANCE Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation will host its fourth annual "Ragin Cajun" event from 6:30-11 p.m., Friday, March 2, at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave. The

Mardi Gras themed dinner, dance, silent and live auction sold out last year. Tickets are \$85. Call (866) 862-7270 or visit www.healingtherapies-foundation.org.

Health

FREE YOGA CLASS Yoga Bharati conducts free yoga classes from 8-9 a.m. Saturdays at Shiva-Vishnu Temple, 1223 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore. To enroll sign up with the instructor on Saturdays. Call 449-6255.

Lectures/ Workshops

AAUW HOSTS STOCK SPEAKER AAUW Stock & Investing Group hosts David Greiner of Beckman Investment Securities speaking on "Everything You Want to Know About the Stock Market, but Were Afraid to Ask." Free and open to the public. Refreshments. Friday, Feb. 17 from noon-1:30 p.m. Livermore Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. 443-7901. www.webbitt.com/lpd

FABRIC DESIGNER JOE WOOD Joe Wood, co-owner of Thimble Creek Quilts in Concord, will be the guest speaker at the Amador Valley Quilt Guild. He has attended the California School of Professional Fabric Design, designed for Moda, and has a pattern company. He'll answer questions regarding the business of quilting, followed by a trunk show. Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1:30-4:15 p.m.; free. Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave., Pleasanton. 510-209-1187. www.amadorvalleyquilters.org

On Stage

'13 THE MUSICAL' Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy presents "13 the Musical," a high-energy production about growing up, dealing with change, and learning that becoming who you want to be starts with discovering who

you are. Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. & 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. Adults: \$10, Students: \$5 Livermore High, 660 Maple Ave., Livermore. www.TriValleyYPA.org


'LOVE LETTERS' Presented by Tri-Valley Performers and the city of Dublin. Feb. 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 8 p.m., Feb. 5 & 12 at 2 p.m. Adults: \$12/ Under 12-\$7 Dublin Heritage Center, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. 872-1515. www.DublinRecGuide.com

Recreation

NATURE WALKS Expert trail guide Dolores Bengtson will lead a walk at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd. Walkers will have a choice of 1, 2, or 3 mile hikes to match their stamina and schedules. A \$6 parking fee will be collected. Park in the "Marina View" area, near the public restroom facility. Look for Dolores' white vehicle with the blue backpack on the hood.

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Sports



Rage soccer players sign up for college

Eleven seniors who played for the Rage Soccer Club signed letters of intent to play for colleges, on Feb. 1 at the Pleasanton Marriott. Shown with Philippe Blin, technical director for Rage, are Georgia Barnes of Northgate High, who signed with University of Hawaii; Rebecca Beasley of Dublin High, U.S. Air Force Academy; Darlene Dang of San Ramon Valley High, Wellesley College; Jasmine MacDonald of Granada High, Azusa Pacific; Robin Mertens of Albany High, Cal Poly; Ani Nahapetian of Amador Valley High, Lehigh University; Bria Outland of Tracy High, University of Nevada Reno; Danielle Rodrigues of Tracy High, Fresno State University; Rachel Romero of Salesian High, Indiana University; Cassandra Scroggins of Foothill High, Chico State University; and Heather Seeley of Dougherty Valley High, Colorado College.



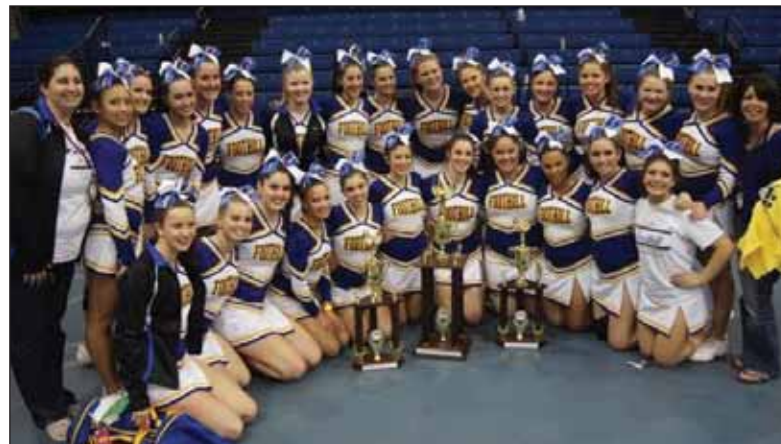
No-hitter helps take Blast

Jordan Ott threw a no-hitter with 11 strikeouts to help the 16 Head First Gamers baseball team win the Twin Creeks Winter Blast Tournament in Sunnyvale in late January, with only nine players contributing to the team efforts. Garrett Hodos pitched a gutsy 5-4 win in the opener. After giving up four runs in the first two innings, Hodos shut down the opposition over the next five innings for the victory. Ott pitched the no-hitter in the second game, then Ryan Probst won the championship game with a 9-3 victory. Garrett Vaughn was named tournament MVP. Other team members are Nick Adgar, Jared Cleto, Gabe Tramble, Trevor Greenley and Carlos Garcia. Coaches are Jesse Kingdon and Chuck Humphrey.

Talking basketball on the court

George "Dr. B" Baljevich interviews the Bussani brothers, Tyler and Nate, with Ian Bartholomew, TV30 sports director, after the Foothill game at Livermore on Feb. 3 that was aired throughout the week. Foothill won the game, 61-56, in overtime.

Tonight TV30 will film Amador Valley at Cal High in San Ramon, to air at 7 p.m. Saturday; 5 p.m. Sunday; 9 p.m. Tuesday; and 10 p.m. Thursday.



Rah rah for Pleasanton

Foothill High School's varsity and junior varsity competition cheer squads were awarded a pair of first place trophies and the JV team won the Grand Champion trophy at the United Spirit Association California Open held at UC Davis on Sunday, while Pleasanton's middle school cheer teams made a clean sweep. The Thomas Hart Middle School Cheer Team won first place, Pleasanton Middle School placed second, and Harvest Park placed third.

The Foothill varsity squad includes Amanda Arnold, Jori Berman (team captain), Sarina DeJoy, Caressa DeRossett, Bailey Downum, Diane Hadley, Camille Hamlin, Hayley Jefferies, 'Alakoka Kailahi, Keri Kodama, Gabriella Scalise and Haley Zattero. The JV squad includes Haley Bean, Zoe Cristobal, Mitsu Dill, Sarah Downey, Kelsey Emery, Michelle French, Rikki Holman, Emily Palange (team captain), Jordan Robinson, Taylor Sanchez, Jessica Smilovitz, Sabrina Stermer, Brittany Trevor and Natalie Wright.

Kim DeJoy is the head coach for Foothill's nationally ranked cheer squads and is assisted by Karen Maurice, Megan Moore and Cheryl Holy.

Hart team members, coached by Nancy Jefferies, are Cassidee Banks, Kiera Begley, Kailyn Coleman, Mackenzie Curran, Shauna Dunlap, Jenna Edsen, Karina Galvez, Morgan Greenup, Kiley Grundstrom, Kelly Jefferies, Carly Marceau, Katie Redding, Allie Sanchez, Anika Simons and Noelle Viscaina.

All of these teams will compete at nationals in Anaheim.



SPORTS DIGEST

Rookie of the Year

Allie Rodriguez, a freshman on the University of Oregon Women's Soccer Team, was recently chosen 2011 Rookie of the Year, an honor she shares with teammate goalie Abby Steele. This past season, Rodriguez played in 19 out of 20 games for the Ducks and started 13 games.



Allie Rodriguez

Rodriguez is a 2011 graduate of Foothill High School. She also played 14 years for the Pleasanton Rage, and for the Bay Area Breeze Women's Soccer Team.

Tee up for Amador

The Amador Valley Golf Benefit Tournament is taking place Monday, Feb. 27, with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. at the Ruby Hill Golf Club. Cost is \$125 per golfer, which includes a round of golf, range balls, barbecue lunch and prizes, to benefit the boys and girls golf teams at the high school.

To sign up call Coach Clark Fuller at 580-1364 or email: cfuller@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

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Feb. 14

- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Livermore, away
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. De La Salle, home
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Feb. 16

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Upgrades galore in this beautiful 4bd/2ba ranch 2048 sq. ft. home sits on approx. 9000 sq. ft lot with a pool and large yard. The moment you walk through the courtyard entry you are warmly welcomed. You will be pleasantly surprised by the formal step down living and dining rooms with expansive views of the park-like back yard and pool. The large, newly updated kitchen boasts cherry cabinets, granite counters, gas cook top, double oven and stainless steel sink. The counter and glass front cabinets extend from the kitchen to the breakfast nook overlooking the rear yard. The Master suite has neutral carpet, mirrored closet doors and an updated master bath with designer tile floor, cherry vanity with stone counter and dual custom vanity mirrors. The secondary bedrooms are large and the secondary bath has also been updated. Features of this home include: laminate flooring, neutral carpet, two tone designer paint, newer windows throughout. The huge park-like backyard features an in-ground pool with custom pool fence and cover. A large grass area with a concrete patio for outdoor relaxation and entertainment. The two car garage has ample built in storage.



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Realtors back Bernanke, Obama on housing relief views

Real estate plays vital role in nation's economic health, NAR says

By JEB BING

Moe Veissi, president of the National Association of Realtors, praised Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke this week for his acknowledgement that the lack of available and affordable mortgage financing, low home values and high foreclosure inventories are inhibiting a meaningful housing market recovery.

"We fully support Chairman Bernanke's comments," Veissi said in testimony before the House Budget Committee.

"His remarks, coupled with President Obama's new housing proposal announced earlier this week, shows that the administration and Federal Reserve recognize the vital role that real estate plays in both the short- and long-term health of the nation," Veissi said.

"As the leading advocate for housing and

homeownership issues, NAR has long said that restoring the health of the housing market is the only way to achieve an economic recovery," he continued.

"While we are beginning to see early signs of stabilization in the housing market, we continue to call on Congress and the Obama administration to come together and make housing a priority issue. We believe more can be done to address the lack of available and affordable mortgage financing to creditworthy borrowers and stem the rising inventory of foreclosed homes, which is depressing home values in communities across the country.

"Housing and homeownership issues affect all Americans, and stabilizing the housing market is critical to the nation's economy making a meaningful recovery." ■

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Alamo

- 4 BEDROOMS**
120 Paseo De Sol \$898,000
Sun 1-4:30 Coldwell Banker 837-4100
- 6 BEDROOMS**
1311 Laverock Lane \$2,799,000
Sun 1-4 Michael Hatfield Broker 984-1339

Blackhawk

- 3 BEDROOMS**
306 Live Oak Drive \$879,000
Sun 1-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111
- 4 BEDROOMS**
69 White Pine Lane \$1,450,000
Sun 1:30-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333
- 5 BEDROOMS**
4412 Deer Ridge Rd \$1,595,000
Sun 1:30-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

Danville

- 4 BEDROOMS**
724 Westbrook Ct \$775,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333
- 369 Silverado Ct.** \$898,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111
- 5 BEDROOMS**
755 El Pintado Rd \$1,750,000
Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

Dublin

- 4 BEDROOMS**
5486 Springvale \$749,990
Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

Livermore

- 4 BEDROOMS**
3586 Pestana Way \$349,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200
- 1624 Cheryl Dr** \$649,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

Pleasanton

- 2 BEDROOMS**
266 Birch Creek Dr \$330,000
Sun 1-4 Prudential Ca Realty 249-1600

- 6041 Via De Los Cerros** \$504,950
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 998-1798

3 BEDROOMS

- 3596 Chippendale Ct** \$710,000
Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950
- 2579 Gillian Ct** \$1,299,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200
- 5044 Carducci Dr** \$665,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

4 BEDROOMS

- 640 Varese Ct** \$1,950,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200
- 5128 Blackbird Dr** \$769,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200
- 5329 Piazza Ct** \$650,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950
- 404 Oak Ln** \$1,648,000
Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 251-2585
- 7923 Sawgrass Ct** \$1,798,000
Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 251-2585
- 4432 First St** \$979,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 260-2220
- 1012 Riesling Dr** \$739,950
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 525-2569

5 BEDROOMS

- 1127 Deer Creek Ct** \$1,149,900
5 BD/ 4 BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30
Silver Creek Realty Group
Jonathan Arguello
600-8880

- 7235 Valley Trails Dr** \$725,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

- 3623 Cameron Ave** \$1,319,000
Sun 1-4 The Moxley Team 600-0990

- 7330 Hickorywood Ln** \$1,199,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

- 8009 Regency Dr** \$1,639,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

- 971 Summit Creek Ct** \$1,698,000
Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 251-2585

San Ramon

- 2 BEDROOMS**
3897 Crow Canyon Rd \$225,000
Sat 12-3 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

4 BEDROOMS

- 2128 Watercress Pl** \$849,000
Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 251-2585



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<p>1225 Lozano Ct Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 6 ba 8 sqft+/- 8,877 \$3,799,000</p> <p>Stunning, classic Italian Villa in one of Bay Area's most desirable locations. Catch your breath & prepare for what lies beyond the gorgeous entry of this estate. Nestled in an unrivaled setting among olive trees & lush landscaping w/ mile long views of vineyards.</p>	<p>971 Summit Creek Ct Pleasanton</p>  <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p> <p>bd 5 ba 5 sqft+/- 4,455 \$1,698,000</p> <p>Fabulous Hillstar model, downstairs guest suite plus library and incredible media room. Over \$500k in upgrades; pecan floors, marble inlay, subzero wine fridge, solar pool, spa, waterfall, gazebo, outdoor kitchen, sport court and views!</p>	<p>7923 Sawgrass Ct Pleasanton</p>  <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p> <p>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 4,200 \$1,798,000</p> <p>Truly exceptional home in gated neighborhood of Golden Eagle. Spacious single level floor plan upgraded and enhanced throughout, finest appointments and amenities! Library, Wine cellar, Solar Electric. Fabulous backyard w/solar pool, spa, gazebo, BBQ, garden.</p>	<p>1856 Zenato Pl Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 4 sqft+/- 5,075 \$1,849,000</p> <p>Exquisite English tudor. Lavish use of marble, granite, slate, Santos mahogany hardwood floors, extensive mill work; crown moldings, wainscoting and more. Home is located on a corner lot with stunning views overlooking Ruby Hill.</p>	<p>404 Oak Ln Pleasanton</p>  <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p> <p>bd 4 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 3,400 \$1,648,000</p> <p>Mediterranean Villa nestled against the hills in Castlewood. A true replica of a country home in Madrid, this home is amazing in its detail, charm and ambience. Spectacular setting on 3/4 acre wooded lot, creek, lawn, balconies and patios.</p>				
<p>Uwe Maercz 925.251.2568</p> <p>9999 Longview Ln Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 6 ba 6.5 sqft+/- 8,330 \$3,499,000</p> <p>A gated westside French Chateau custom estate with stunning grounds, elevator, private tennis court, indoor pool, casino/theater, 450 gal salt water fish tank, finished attic, vista terrace etc. Incredible level of detail!</p>	<p>Weiner/ McDowell 925.251.2550</p> <p>8012 Golden Eagle Wy Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 6.5 sqft+/- 8,585 \$3,498,000</p> <p>Fabulous private custom Mediterranean in resort-like setting has it all. Porte Cachere, grand entry, gourmet kitchen, awesome theater w/ theater seating, stunning arcade & exercise rms. Vast lawns & wrap-around decks, guest house, pool/spa.</p>	<p>Weiner/ McDowell 925.251.2550</p> <p>1060 Hawkshead Cr San Ramon</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 5.5 sqft+/- 5,752 \$1,875,000</p> <p>Sophistication and refinement define this custom-built roubion, norris canyon estate. Superbly crafted residence offers comforts through traditional architecture and modern design. Provides elegant seclusion in the rolling hills of San Ramon</p>	<p>Uwe Maercz 925.251.2568</p> <p>260 Lyndhurst Pl San Ramon</p>  <p>Lot and Land Only \$1,199,000</p> <p>Build Your Dream Home on 4.39 acres in the beautiful Norris Canyon Estates. Panoramic views of Mt. Diablo and Norris Canyon hillsides. Already for your building pad, Private gate on property. Located above existing Norris Canyon Estate Homes.</p>	<p>Weiner/ McDowell 925.251.2585</p> <p>1441 Calvary Ln Livermore</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 2 sqft+/- 3,322 \$899,995</p> <p>This classic Ranch style home on 1 acre of land w/ 6 horse stalls, is uniquely located near the heart of Livermore. Minutes away from Shopping, fine dining, schools, and the newly renovated Downtown with all the local activities, the location is the perfect place to call home.</p>				
<p>Uwe Maercz 925.251.2568</p> <p>2353 Rock Point Pl Livermore</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 2,874 \$900,000</p> <p>Gorgeous Single Story (court loc) on 1/3 acre, bks to Open Space w/ Heritage Oak Trees. Pebble Tech Pool & Spa. Thousands in Cust Upgrades, Cherry Cabs, Granite, Stone Floors. Putting Green, Outdoor kit. Inter/extr Sound System, Horse Shoe Pit, Views!</p>	<p>Peggy Cortez 925.209.3451</p> <p>2501 Tamworth Ln San Ramon</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 4 sqft+/- 3,824 \$999,950</p> <p>Model Perfect! Over \$300k in upgrades, prof landsc, pebble sheen pool, prem lot, Mcnear pavers, 4 car gar, office, bonus rm, sand & finish walnut floors, cust iron banister, cust blt-ins, mill-work, crown mouldings, greatroom, hike trails, open space, top-rated school.</p>	<p>Debra A. Allen 925.251.2530</p> <p>1735 Cottswald St Danville</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 4.5 sqft+/- 2,867 \$779,000</p> <p>Great home, well planned out. Designer touches and custom paint. True luxury living that is close to town and schools. Friendly neighborhood. 5 bed 4.5 baths bonus room/loft upstairs large family Room Kitchen, Etc...</p>	<p>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</p> <p>2194 Elsa Cmn Livermore</p>  <p>bd 3 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 1,911 \$464,950</p> <p>Gorgeous hardwood floors, new paint, Corian counters & great court location! Light & bright! Open floorplan w/huge master! Second biggest lot in development w/ added parking space. Community pool/spa for summer fun! Convenient shopping & commuting! Regular sale!</p>	<p>Max de Vries 925.251.2536</p> <p>247 East Vallecitos Rd Livermore</p>  <p>Lot and Land Only \$1,799,000</p> <p>Build your Dream Custom Vineyard Estate Plus Tasting Room. Breathtaking views of the valley. Easy to build on desirable flat building pad. Pristine location adjacent to Sycamore Grove. Enjoy wine country living in the S. Livermore wine country!</p>				
<p>The Engels 925.580.5107</p> <p>7793 Peppertree Rd Dublin</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 3 sqft+/- 2,240 \$629,000</p> <p>Desirable Westside! Gorgeous hardwood floors, fresh paint, dual pane win & new blinds. Master suite downstairs w/private ba. Corner lot, RV access + 2 lots. Patio & backyard landscaped & exterior paint in 2010. Close to 580/680 & Bart!</p>	<p>The Engels 925.580.5107</p> <p>6950 Crow Canyon Rd Castro Valley</p>  <p>OPEN SUN 1-3</p> <p>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 2,700 \$893,000</p> <p>Country Colonial Charming This Gated Entrance to this Country Charming property is great. The main home is 2,700 +/- sq.ft., 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>Linda Smith 925.583.2177</p> <p>7818 Flagstone Dr Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 3 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 2,116 \$779,000</p> <p>1 of just 10 premium homes on Flagstone Drive. Newer roof w/ skylights. Newer interior & exterior paint, windows, and updated master bath w/ sunken tub. Gorgeous backyard with outdoor kitchen, hot tub, and solar-heated pool. Side access boat or RV.</p>	<p>Diane Sass 925.583.2168</p> <p>1524 Green Valley Rd Danville</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 2,402 \$729,950</p> <p>Custom built rancher completed in 2007. Chef's kitchen w/custom island, walnut cabinets, granite slab, + SS appl. Designer carpet, Distressed walnut hrwd floors. Amazing bathrooms. Ringed-shaped extended gated driveway that leads to detached oversized 2 car gar.</p>	<p>Uwe Maercz 925.251.2568</p> <p>24550 Palomares Canyon Castro Valley</p>  <p>Lot and Land Only \$1,750,000</p> <p>Located at the beginning of Palomares Canyon minutes from Hwy580/680, Lots of level land and some rolling hillside, This is a Probate type Sale, AS IS! There is approx. 114 ACRES, existing outbuilding, barns, arenas, septic tank, office, ebmud water and more.</p>				
<p>Cathy and Kari 925.251.2554</p> <p>Blackhawk East 4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300</p>	<p>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</p> <p>Blackhawk West 3880 Blackhawk Rd. Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000</p>	<p>Greg Fielding 925.885.4029</p> <p>Danville 15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000</p>	<p>Michael Swift 925.251.2588</p> <p>Lafayette 3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330</p>	<p>Greg Fielding 925.885.4029</p> <p>Livermore 1983 Second St. Livermore, CA 94550 925.667.2100</p>	<p>Michael Swift 925.251.2588</p> <p>Montclair/Piedmont 6116 La Salle Ave., Ste. 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800</p>	<p>Michael Swift 925.251.2588</p> <p>Pleasanton 5075 Hopyard Rd Ste. 110 Pleasanton, CA 94588 925.251.2500</p>	<p>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</p> <p>Orinda 89 Davis Rd., Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000</p>	<p>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</p> <p>Walnut Creek 1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500</p>

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during January 2012

Dublin

- 7090 Dublin Meadows Street #H S.** & S. Alberts to M. & K. Robertson for \$229,000
- 4352 Fitzwilliam Street** J. Brennan to R. George for \$325,000
- 3360 Maguire Way #237** Green Leaf Properties to D. Gouvaia for \$210,000
- 3930 Southbridge Way** US Bank to D. Kancharla for \$575,000
- 8126 Tamarack Drive** Laverne Trust to J. & A. Jones for \$390,000
- 7623 Tuscany Drive** D. Clark to K. Vail for \$315,000

Livermore

- 894 Alexander Street** MP RES I to P. Jagannathan for \$390,000
- 1437 Calle De Las Granvas** D. & P. Nagy to M. Portela for \$375,000
- 1324 Chateau Common #106 A.** Masluk to R. & K. Vanwinckel for \$157,500
- 533 Dover Way** S. McGee to S. & J. Newkirk for \$327,000
- 6421 El Capitan Way** Meritage Homes to J. & J. Herrington for \$604,000
- 1473 El Dorado Drive** B. Onstad to D. & A. Hoover for \$315,000

- 818 Everglades Lane** S. & L. Higgins to M. & T. Dodds for \$403,000
- 6249 Forget Me Not** S. Madineni to G. Gogula for \$210,000
- 3569 Germaine Way** Trademark Investments to J. & A. Maes for \$307,000
- 1030 Glenn Common** K. Bui to D. Huynh for \$190,000
- 4951 Hercules Court** T. & V. Aranas to C. & J. Bassett for \$600,000
- 852 Katrina Street** RJ Dublin to S. & K. Seagren for \$420,000
- 739 Meadowlark Street** B. & J. Luke to K. Wills for \$283,000
- 1087 Murrieta Boulevard #230** Suntrust Bank to J. & M. Wysopal for \$108,000
- 181 Scherman Court** Holm Trust to L. & M. Vengco for \$428,000
- 670 Stetson Court** M. & D. Solis to R. & L. Box for \$475,000
- 426 Windermere Circle** Farrell Trust to E. & K. Littell for \$685,000

Pleasanton

- 8090 Arroyo Drive #4** Federal National Mortgage to A. Movasseghi for \$168,000
- 206 Birch Creek Drive** Morrison Trust to C. Meister for \$340,000
- 6035 Corte Montanas** B. & M. Hester to M. & L. Drost for \$484,000

- 5047 Forest Hill Drive** P. & M. Grasso to H. Chang for \$821,000
 - 3710 Riesling Court** M. Tseng to O. Shafi for \$735,000
- San Ramon
- 10027 Albion Road** Bank of New York to S. Khong for \$466,000
 - 9085 Alcosta Boulevard #403** G. & T. Shifs to V. Chui for \$125,000
 - 1132 Bellingham Square** K. Allison to J. Sun for \$770,000
 - 130 Copper Ridge Road** Legacy Copper Ridge to S. Grant for \$225,000
 - 48 Copper Ridge** Legacy Copper Ridge to C. Bousquet for \$255,000

- 3755 Crow Canyon Road** Patelco Credit Union to J. Leidigh for \$245,000
- 312 Eastridge Drive** J. Yang to K. & B. Ramabadran for \$146,000
- 1929 Hollyview Drive** Wells Fargo Bank to K. Rayas for \$781,000
- 2307 Maidenhair Way** Cartus Financial to B. & A. Toal for \$572,000
- 5573 Satinleaf Way** RWW Properties to I. Chung for \$1,500,000
- 211 Skyline Drive** D. Chooey to R. & M. Smith for \$360,000
- 963 Springview Circle** J. Montoya to J. & J. Rinehart for \$361,500

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (Jan. 7 - Jan. 13)

Total sales reported: 6
Lowest sale reported: \$210,000
Highest sale reported: \$575,000
Average sales reported: \$340,667

Livermore (Jan. 7 - Jan. 13)

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$108,000
Highest sale reported: \$685,000
Average sales reported: \$369,265

Pleasanton (Jan. 7 - Jan. 13)

Total sales reported: 5
Lowest sale reported: \$168,000
Highest sale reported: \$821,000
Average sales reported: \$509,600

San Ramon (Jan. 7 - Jan. 25)

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$125,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,500,000
Average sales reported: \$483,875

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971 SUMMIT CREEK CT PLEASANTON 971SummitCreek.com
One of the finest homes in the desirable Bridle Creek neighborhood! This luxurious 4,455 square foot home features 5 Bedrooms plus Library and Media Room, including a private Guest Suite downstairs. Beautifully upgraded and decorated with custom window treatments, built ins, pecan hardwood floors, and much more. Incredible backyard with pool, spa, gazebo with outdoor kitchen and sports court. This is a property you should not miss seeing! **Open Sun 1-4**

7923 SAWGRASS CT PLEASANTON 7923Sawgrass.com
Truly exceptional home in gated neighborhood of Golden Eagle. This exceptional home located in the prestigious gated community of Golden Eagle in Pleasanton. Featuring a single level floor plan with approx. 4,320 square feet on a nearly 30,000 sq.ft. private lot, with four spacious Bedrooms plus Library, 3 1/2 baths. **Open Sun 1-4**

2128 WATERCRESS PL SAN RAMON 2128Watercress.com
Beautifully decorated and upgraded Waterloo model in the Bridges Golf Course Community. Beautiful 2373 square foot, 4 bedroom 3 bath Waterloo model located in the sought after Bridges Golf Course community. Home features hardwood floors in family room and kitchen, soaring ceilings, full bedroom and bath downstairs, all beautifully decorated and upgraded, and situated on a 10,000+ square foot lot. **Open Sun 1-4**



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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. Per city ok for sr. Care facility.



Andrea & Earl Rozran

2765 Hartley Gate Ct. - Pleasanton - \$829,950
Beautiful home on a court in "The Gates" neighborhood with updates throughout. Four bedrooms, three baths including one bedroom & full bath downstairs. Approximately 2,200 sq. ft. of living space on a generous lot of over 8,400 sq. ft. with pool & spa. Kitchen includes birch cabinets, Silestone counters, recessed lighting, and stainless steel appliances.



Carol Beck

213 Hillcrest Cir. – Pleasant Hill – \$439,900
Exceptional updates throughout this gorgeous townhome. Attention to every detail with granite counters, crown moulding, wood flooring, can lighting, refaced gas fireplace and art accent lighting. This property is for the most critical buyer.



Open Sat & Sun 1-4

Andrea & Earl Rozran

3435 Palmer Pl. – Pleasanton - \$1,149,000
Rarely available property in Mohr Park Estates. Semi-custom four bedroom, three bath home expanded to just over 3,500 sq. ft. w/ over \$200k in upgrades/renovations. Kitchen includes custom cabinetry, granite slab counter tops, two Bosch ovens and solid wood flooring. Expanded family room off kitchen is perfect for entertaining or family gatherings.



Connie Cannella

6781 Paseo Catalina – Pleasanton - \$829,500
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 moving out of area.



Meraj Khan

20008 Shadow Creek Cir. – Castro Valley - \$519,000
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.



Chris Kamali

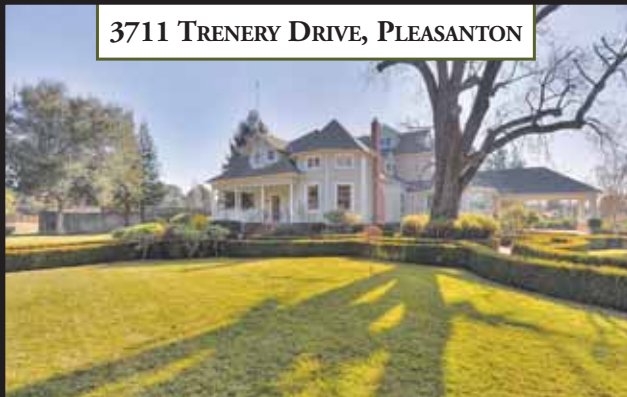
7261 Tulipwood Cir. – Pleasanton- \$749,000
DEAL ALERT! REDUCED PRICE! Updated Split Level Home In A Great Neighborhood! 4 Beds + Bonus Rooms! So Many Updates Done Since 2009: Kitchen & Bathroom Remodels, Updated Pool w/ New Equipment, Repiped Copper Plumbing, DP Wndws, Plantation Shutters, Refinished Hardwood Floors, In/Out Paint & More!



Sachi Churilo

3263 Vineyard Ave. #194 – Pleasanton - \$29,500
Inviting Quiet, Lovely Front Porch. 2 Bedrooms and 1 Full Bath. Long, Spacious Covered Car Port for 2 Car Parking. Newer Updated Kitchen: GE Profile Stainless Appliances, Refrigerator, Washer & Dryer. Pantry. Storage Shed. Air Conditioning. 'As is Sale'.

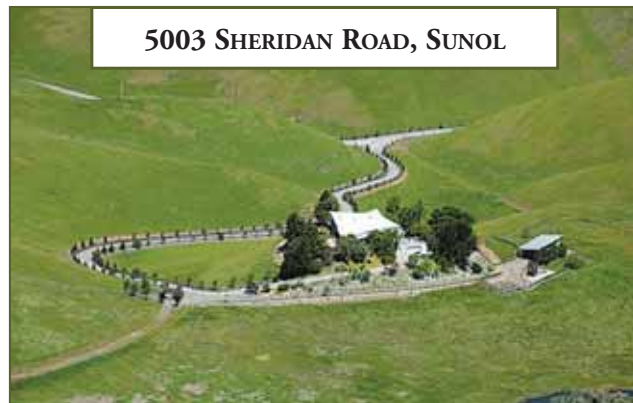
3711 TRENERY DRIVE, PLEASANTON



*M*agnificent Victorian estate rebuilt in 2000! Located on 1.52 acres, main home has approx. 8509 sq.ft, 6bd/5.5ba, gourmet kitchen, theater, and more! Grounds include pool, spa, tennis court, child's play area & 5 car garage/showroom. You have to see it to believe it, call for details. **Offered at \$4,375,000**

100 acre estate with 360 degree views & only 3 minutes to the Hwy 680 on-ramp! At the end of a 1/2 mile tree lined driveway you will find this home with 5,033 sq feet with 5bd/4ba with separate 20X40 modular for storage or caretaker and 600 sq ft "pole barn" perfect for your RV. Call for details, too many to list! **Offered at \$3,999,000**

5003 SHERIDAN ROAD, SUNOL



7978 RIVIERA CT., PLEASANTON



*S*tunning home in Golden Eagle Estates. This 2,493sq ft home has 3 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms (dual master suites) and has been completely remodeled. High end upgrades throughout include top of the line kitchen appliances & granite counters, plantation shutters, new interior paint, new exterior paint & gutters, laminate & plush carpet flooring. HOA amenities include 2 pools, club house, green belt & tennis court.

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OFFERED AT \$650,000



OPEN SUN 1-4

3596 Chippendale Court, Pleasanton
 3bd/2ba, 2,600+/-sq.ft, eat-in kitchen, laminate flooring, large family room with wet bar and fireplace, inside laundry, freshly painted inside and out, located at the end of a cul-de-sac on over 1/4 acre lot with gated pool and side yard access.
OFFERED AT \$710,000



PENDING IN 2 DAYS

4526 Tahoe Court, Pleasanton
 Absolutely turnkey single story home, 4bd/2ba, 1,554+/-sq.ft, custom alder/granite kitchen, hardwood floors, crown molding, custom granite baths, new doors, dual pane windows, plantation shutters, private backyard with paver stones, built-in BBQ, refrigerator, gas fire pit and speakers. **OFFERED AT \$695,000**

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OFFERED AT \$1,549,000

ESTATES OF MOHR PARK

OPEN SUN 1-4



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 \$1,129,500

WALNUT GLEN ESTATES

PENDING



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 landscaped grounds with spacious lawn area & patios. Award winning Pleasanton schools! Walk to neighborhood parks!
OFFERED AT \$1,269,000

OAK PARK

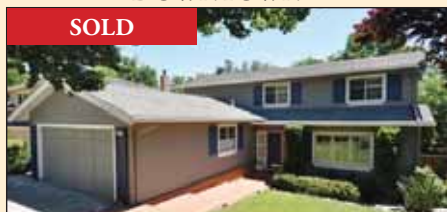
PENDING



247 TOMAS WAY, PLEASANTON
Completely remodeled, single level in Oak Park. Remodeled gourmet kitchen, remodeled bathrooms, newer dual pane windows, crown molding, hardwood floors, upgraded baseboards, central air conditioning, and private rear yard. Newer doors, door trim, and hardware, upgraded light fixtures and fans. Close to downtown and shopping.
OFFERED AT \$549,000

DOWNTOWN

SOLD



335 DEL SOL AVENUE, PLEASANTON
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

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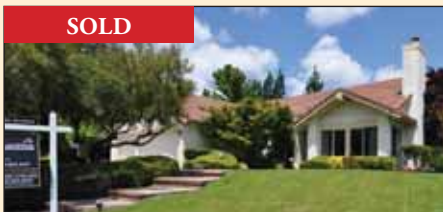
SOLD — REPRESENTED BUYER



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

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

LAGUNA OAKS

SOLD



2505 AROLLOTTA 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

PLEASANTON 900 Main Street



The latest from The 680 Blog

Pleasanton Real Estate Year End Review 2011

2011 was not a bad year for real estate in Pleasanton. With low interest rates and lower prices leading the way, there was fairly strong demand across most price segments. However, most of the metrics were a little worse than they were in 2010. There were about the same number of properties sold but the median price, average price per square foot and sales price relative to list price were all lower. Demand was strong in 2011, evidenced by lower inventory numbers. This review includes single family detached homes only.

601 sales closed in 2011, which was remarkably close to the 603 that closed in 2010. Here is a chart showing the number of units sold by month for the past two years. As can be seen, Pleasanton ended 2011 on a strong note with 55 sales in December, which was one higher than the number of sales closed in December 2010.

The median sales price was 1.4% (\$10,000) lower in 2011 than 2010. That is not much of a change, particularly given the state of the economy. The year did not end strong, with October, November and December posting some of the lowest median prices of the year, as can

Pleasanton

2011 Year in Review

	2011	2010	Change	% Change
Closed Sales	601	603	-2	-0.3%
Median Sales Price	\$718,000	\$728,000	-\$10,000	-1.4%
Average Price Per Square Foot	\$339	\$351	-\$12	-3.4%
Sales Price As % Of List Price	96.8%	97.1%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Highest Sales Price	\$3,000,000	\$3,900,000	-\$900,000	-23.1%
Lowest Sales Price	\$292,000	\$250,000	\$42,000	16.8%
Average Days On Market	48	36	12	33.3%
% Short Sales And REO	18.3%	20.7%	-2.4%	-11.6%
Average Month End Inventory	252	264	-12	-4.5%
Avg. Monthly Inventory In Months	3.3	3.8	-0.5	-13.2%

be seen in the chart above.

Buyers paid slightly less in 2011, relative to the list price. 2011 homes sold for an average of >> **Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.**



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\$749,000



PENDING SALE!

4184 Creekwood Ct.
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\$1,079,000



PENDING SALE!

Stunning luxury home with 5 BR + office, 5 1/2 BA, hardwood floors, granite & stainless kitchen, and a tropical oasis rear yard with sparkling pool, spa, waterfall, and covered patio with outdoor kitchen!
\$1,525,000



PENDING SALE!

Luxurious 5 BR, 5 1/2 BTH home in The Preserve shows like a model with approx. 5700 sq ft on premium 1/2 Acre view lot!
\$1,595,000

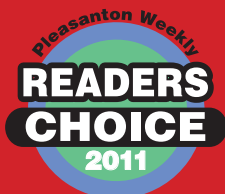


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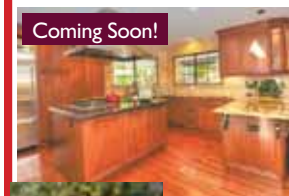


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Kristopher Ranch.
Wonderful floor plan.
Backyard is an
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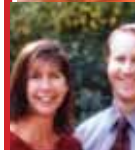


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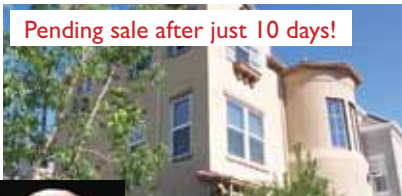


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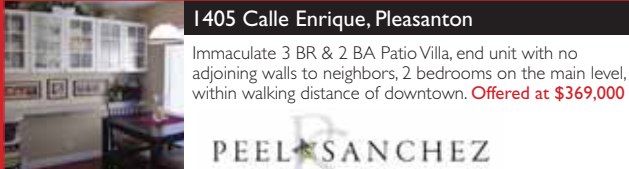


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**4956 Blackbird,
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appliances and Siltstone
cabinets. Charming
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ances, & private
and expansive yard
with built in bbq &
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