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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Tri-Valley Foundation eyeing more services, record donations

The Tri-Valley Community Foundation has just wrapped up its best year ever, raising \$3 million to support the 150 nonprofits that rely on its funds to serve the 350,000 people who live in the Valley.

Started as the Tri-Valley Community Fund 29 years ago, it became a full-fledged foundation in 2001. That allowed it to move from a Community Chest-type organization that collected funds to a foundation that not only helps organizations financially but also sponsors and operates its own programs. These include implementing the Alameda County Mental Health Service Act program in the Tri-Valley, which is a minority-focused Mental Health Prevention & Early Intervention program, to working with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to conduct the Entrepreneurship Academy.

The foundation's president, David Rice, met with lab representatives Tuesday to plan the launch of the academy, which will recruit talented science and engineering as well as business students to become leaders in these fields in the future. In fact, that is how Rice and his team of foundation associates spend much of their time, meeting with community leaders, local companies, stakeholders and government officials to identify and fund projects and initiatives to develop roadmaps of priorities to meet the needs of the Tri-Valley.

Although the Tri-Valley Community Foundation is growing, it's still small by comparison to those in other areas. The Silicon Valley Community Foundation has \$1.5 billion in assets; the East Bay Community Foundation has assets totaling about \$200 million. The fund, and then the foundation here, was an outgrowth of the East Bay, which community leaders felt was not serving the

Tri-Valley. Of course, 28 years ago when the Tri-Valley Fund was launched, the population centers for the East Bay organization were Oakland, Berkeley, Hayward and surrounding cities. The Tri-Valley was a long way to the east.

Donations to the Tri-Valley Foundation come from individuals, organizations and corporations, including a single donation not long ago of \$1 million. The organization also works with the Pleasanton Weekly to support our annual campaign. Rice's group is matching the first \$50,000 in donations with the 2011 Holiday Fund setting a record of \$150,000, the donations to be doled out to nine beneficiaries next month.

Rice's group also helped launch Hacienda Helping Hands, which has become a vital part of the vision and commitment of companies located in the Hacienda Business Park and their employees. Hacienda is now conducting its fourth annual community giving initiative.

To keep corporate leaders aware of the needs in communities where their businesses are located, the foundation hosted its second annual Pillars of the Tri-Valley last June. The event was packed with Tri-Valley executives who learned of ways they and their corporate associates could help nonprofits that matched their passion. Rice said they learned about dozens of local nonprofits and their role in the community in a job-fair setting, and discovered the business value of having key personnel serve in leadership positions of local nonprofits. Nonprofits also benefited from the event as the foundation's team assisted them in maximizing their public effectiveness.

Then a highlight of the foundation's annual efforts, which helped lead to a record year in public contributions, came last December when about 200 community leaders joined with the heads of major charities, such as Open Heart Kitchen, in a sort of a show-and-tell program that Safeway Corp. sponsored to talk about the needs of 2012. With the enthusiasm shown at the event, Rice is looking for another record-setting year for the Tri-Valley Community Foundation. ■

## About the Cover

Foothill High track sprinter Adria Revell (right), a sophomore, again will be part of the school's talented sprint corps. Track & Field is one of the spring high school sports beginning now. Contributed photo. Design by Kristin Herman.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What are your favorite and least favorite parts of the Academy Awards?

### Tish Fletcher

Homemaker

I love the pageantry and movie snippets, but it is way too long. I don't like to stay up that late.



### Rita Smith

High school counselor

I hardly ever watch the Oscars, because they're too long. I do love the comedy aspect of it, and I enjoy watching the emcee.



### Frank Campanile

Retired real estate broker

We don't like modern cinema, so we don't watch the Oscars. There's just nothing like the old-time actors, and movies are too raunchy now. I miss the old days where you didn't have to cuss and have nudity in order to make a good movie like "Gone With the Wind."



### Lisa Garon

Employee benefits manager

I'm pretty clueless when it comes to the Academy Awards, because I haven't watched them in a few years. Our focus has been on what is truly important, like putting our children through college.



### Brenda Briana

Field manager

I love the fashions. I don't like the endless acceptance speeches, especially when they get political.



—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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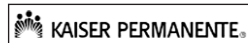
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# Newsfront

## DIGEST

### Two main roads to close for repair

Santa Rita Road between West Las Positas Boulevard and Stoneridge Drive will undergo roadway construction in late February and early March that may alter regular traffic patterns in Pleasanton. The work is scheduled Feb. 28, 29, and March 1, and will result in the closure of the two left lanes heading southbound toward downtown from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The scheduled work includes improvements on the roadway leading to the Arroyo Mocho bridge.

### Art for Congress

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D., Pleasanton) is seeking local high school art for the nationwide annual Congressional Art Competition, showcasing the artistic talents and abilities of students all across the country.

"I am always surprised by the talent and passion of the young artists from our region," McNerney said.

Winning artwork from each district is displayed in a corridor that leading to the U.S. Capitol, which is used by members of Congress and visitors. The winner from McNerney's district will be flown with a guest to Washington, D.C., to attend an awards ceremony in June.

The second-, third- and fourth-place winners will have their work displayed in one of McNerney's three offices, in Washington, D.C., Pleasanton and Stockton.

Interested students and teachers should call 737-0727.

### 'Welcome to Medicare'

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is hosting a free community seminar, "Welcome to Medicare," from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3. Diane Whaley from HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program), a program of the Department of Aging in Contra Costa County, will present the seminar, which is designed for those new to Medicare and who are considering replacing their current Medicare insurance plans.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 800-284-2878 or visit Find an Event at [www.OurSanRamonHospital.com](http://www.OurSanRamonHospital.com) to register.

### Correction

In the story "Dozens protest reading cuts at PUSD meeting" in last week's issue, a quote by Sandy Piderit should have said she supports the idea of phasing out post-employment health benefits for retirees from the Pleasanton Unified School District.

## 'Paper or plastic?' Neither after next Jan. 1

Pleasanton joins national campaign to ban free bags at stores

By JEB BING

Starting next Jan. 1, shoppers in Pleasanton will have to use their own bags for groceries and other merchandise or pay for ones stores will have to provide.

The City Council on Tuesday night approved by a vote of 5-0 a single-use bag reduction ordinance that is intended to reduce the volume of plastic and paper bags now offered free at stores.

"This will reduce the negative environmental impacts caused by bag litter and landfill disposal," said Steve Bocian, assistant city manager, who recommended that the council adopt the new rule.

The ordinance requires that on Jan. 1, 2013, no Pleasanton retailer can provide plastic or paper bags to customers free of charge, although

they can charge customers 10 cents for each bag provided, a fee that will rise to 25 cents on Jan. 1, 2015, Bocian said. Retailers will be able to keep the fees customers pay.

The new law applies to all grocery stores, pharmacies and other retailers, although restaurants, fast food outlets and charitable organizations will be exempt.

"This is really great, something I've been waiting for," said Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. "Everyone I've talked to is excited."

The ruling adopted Tuesday night is part of two environmental protection laws proposed by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority board, also known as Stopwaste.org. The second ordinance, calling for all commercial businesses generating more than four cubic yards of material

each week to establish tougher recycling requirements, was turned down by the council.

Bocian, who also made that recommendation, said more time is needed to analyze the impact the mandatory commercial recycling ordinance would have on Pleasanton businesses.

In other action Tuesday night, the council adopted a resolution accepting the agreement reached with the Pleasanton Police Officers' Association to begin contributing 3% of their pay toward their CalPERS retirement program.

The contribution begins March 3 at the start of the next pay period, increases to 6% next July 1, and then to the full 9% contribution starting July 1, 2013.

The new police contract is effective through May 31, 2014. ■



CHRISTINA GRAY

### Hugs and hope

Fourth-grade Mohr Elementary School teacher Sarah Gahl hugs science teacher Mikki Conley during a Feb. 16 bone marrow drive at the school that registered 185 people to find a match for Conley and for Janet Liang, who are both in need of transplants. A drive at Amador Valley High School on Sunday, held by the CACC Chinese School, targeting Asian Americans, registered 149 people. The final drive is set for tomorrow at Amador, sponsored by the SIMS (Students Interested in Medical Science) Club, and will run from noon to 4 p.m. The test is a simple, self-administered cheek swab; most donor matches require only a blood donation.

## 'State of the City' is excellent, says mayor

By JEB BING

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman delivered her last "State of the City" address Tuesday, and what a way to go out.

Talking about the city's achievements over the past eight years she has held the mayor's post, her message was one that mayors in most cities would give their right arm to emulate.

The city's finances weathered the recession in good order, with millions of dollars still in reserves and at a time when both sales taxes are increasing and property tax revenue has stabilized. New businesses, including Safeway and Clorox, as well as those recently opened in Stoneridge Shopping Center and downtown Pleasanton, have added to shopper choices and job opportunities. At year's end, the un-

employment rate in Pleasanton was 5.2%, well under the state's overall jobless rate of 11.1% and the country's 8.3%.

Hosterman said the 124-acre underdeveloped land at the far northeast corner of the city, called Staples Ranch, was annexed into the city, and work is now under way on its first major development, the multi-million-dollar Stoneridge Creek retirement community that will offer as many as 650 homes and apartments in a full-service housing, health and recreation center.

Despite a sluggish economy during the last few years, Hosterman said the office vacancy rate has dropped below 20% and is near zero downtown, where vacant stores dotted the landscape only three years ago. Nordstrom

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## Police investigating two weekend armed holdups

One involved family at the mall, the other at 7-Eleven

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Two separate armed robberies took place in Pleasanton over Presidents Day weekend, and police say they have "excellent leads" in both.

One took place in broad daylight in the parking lot at Stoneridge Shopping Center on Sunday, and involved a man, his sister and her husband and their two young children, both younger than 10 years old.

The five had walked to their vehicle in the southeast parking lot around noon after shopping, and the man was about to get into the driver's seat, according to Pleasanton police Sgt. Kurt Schlehuber.

"He was approached by a black male who pointed a gun at him and demanded his cash. The suspect then shoved the gun into his abdomen. The victim gave him the money from his wallet," Schlehuber said, describing the gun as a semiautomatic pistol. "Then the suspect demanded a gold chain, and before the victim could remove it, the suspect grabbed the chain and ripped it off."

The suspect ran and got into the passenger side of a black, 1990s Toyota Corolla; the victim, driving the entire family, gave chase to the two men, Schlehuber said.

"They followed the vehicle westbound on Interstate 580," he said. "While they were on the phone to CHP (California Highway Patrol), the suspect leaned out the passenger-side window and pointed the gun at them."

The family gave up the chase at that point but got the car's license plate, Schlehuber said. He added that the suspect is described as 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 9 inches and weighed about 180 pounds; the family could only describe the driver as a black male.

An earlier robbery took place around 11 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17, at the 7-Eleven in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue, according to Schlehuber.

"A lone clerk was in back, stocking the shelves. Three suspects entered, one male and two females — usually you don't see that," Schlehuber said. He

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## Carden West parents battle over tuition payments

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

New details are emerging about Carden West, the school's bankruptcy and a fight between parents of students at the school.

Although Stratford School will begin holding classes at the site next term, it will not be assuming Carden West's debts and the two schools will not merge, a parent said on condition of anonymity. Instead, Carden West plans to close its doors at the end of the school year and cease to exist.

"Stratford will be moving into the current space effective June 1 and are in the final steps of negotiations with the landlord to finalize the deal, but will not mix business operations with Carden West nor assume any of the bank debt," the parent said. "Carden West will most likely shut down once the end of the year is reached, which is May 31. Stratford will be offering enrollment applications to all current Carden West students with a founder's discount including reduced tuition for one year, as well as uniform and book credit. In addition, Stratford will be granting employment interviews to all current Carden West teachers."

Carden West will remain in chapter 11 bankruptcy and will have to provide its creditors with a plan to pay its debts of nearly \$1.8 million. On Feb. 16, the owner of the building filed an unlawful detainer action in Alameda County Superior Court to evict Carden West, but the parent said that's a legal formality to prevent the school from renewing its lease so that Stratford can take over the building.

The school now has about 100 students; another hundred have left, and that's caused a conflict between the school, which requires a 60-day notice for departing students, and the

parents who removed their children.

Another parent, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, noted that the school's contracts with parents were voided when Carden West went into bankruptcy. That parent said the school sent a notice of tuition increase in December, asking for a 25% hike on Feb. 1.

"Giving 60-day notice(s) would have meant parents had to pay higher tuition in February. So parents gave 30-day notices," the second parent said. "On Jan. 9, the board backed off the tuition increase demand and changed it to a 'request for donation.' They stated without that money, they'll have to close the school about mid-February."

Half the board resigned about a week ago, according to the second parent, who said four people are running the school.

"Since now they are destitute, they have resort to extortion to get money. They are sending legal notices to all the approximately 100 parents that left and demanding two more months of tuition regardless of the parents situation, notice date, etc.," that parent said. "It is also important to mention the school already has one month of tuition as deposit."

Although parents who pulled their children from the school have called the demand "thuggery," the parent who spoke in favor of the school said that's not the case, calling their reaction "a mob mentality."

"There is no thuggery. ... There is a binding contract," the first parent said, pointing to the fact that the initial tuition increase was rescinded.

That parent said the school has paid \$50,000 in back rent and has made arrangements to pay the remainder of \$150,000 by May to keep the school operating through the end of its year. ■

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## STATE OF CITY

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and the Pleasanton Hotel underwent major renovations with a number of new restaurants moving to Pleasanton. These include Handles Gastropub and others downtown, the Cheesecake Factory, P.F. Chang's, Buckhorn Grill and an expanded California Pizza Kitchen at the mall, and the popular Hamburger Hamlet at Gateway Center, which is part of the new Safeway complex.

Housing issues dominated much of the City Council's business in 2010-11, Hosterman said, with task forces, commission and council members spending hundreds of hours in public meetings and hearings to meet court- and state-ordered mandates to provide more housing for low-to-moderate income families, so-called workforce housing.

She recalled that once satisfied with a slow-growth strategy after the housing boom of the 1980s and early '90s, voters approved a housing cap of 29,000 housing units in 1996 with the council slowing the pace of new building permits to 350 or less per year.

Hosterman said that after Urban Habitat, an affordable housing coalition, successfully sued Pleasanton for failing to meet its fair share of needed housing, the council rescinded the housing cap and met the court's order earlier this month, rezoning 73 acres for enough high-density housing to accommodate another 3,200 residents.

Even so, she worked hard during her two terms in office to make sure public amenities continued to improve with more parks put to use. These included the restoration and opening of the Alviso Adobe Community Park on Foothill Road, renovation of both the Amador Theater on Santa Rita Road and the Veterans Memorial Building downtown and, of course, the construction and opening of the \$10 million Firehouse Arts Center, also downtown.

An avid environmentalist, who co-chairs the U.S. Council of Mayors' Water Council, Hosterman also took credit for leading the adoption of a Climate Action Plan two weeks ago and, before that, the launch of a Solar Cities program to educate the public about the benefits of solar energy. Even electric vehicle charging stations were added to the environmental mix several months ago.

"Who would have thought when I was elected mayor in 2004 that one day there would electric vehicle charging stations in downtown Pleasanton and at City Hall?" she asked.

"As you can see, the work of your city continues, even in these challenging times," Hosterman said. "It has been my greatest pleasure to serve as your mayor for the past eight years. I feel confident that at the end of my term, we today have a better, stronger and more self-sufficient Pleasanton than we had in 2004."

"We have been through a lot and learned a lot together," she added. "Thank you for giving me this remarkable opportunity."

Because of term limits, Hosterman's time as mayor ends next Dec. 4 when the winner of the Nov. 6 mayoral election will be sworn in to succeed her. ■

## Marchers will 'Occupy' Pleasanton, walk to Castlewood

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Occupy Oakland is headed to Pleasanton to mark the second anniversary of the lockout of workers from Castlewood Country Club. Marchers will start at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at the corner of Main Street and Bernal Avenue and walk to the club on Castlewood Drive.

The Occupy Oakland website says protesters "are planning on bringing tents and occupying an unclaimed area adjacent to the country club in protest of the inhumane treatment of the workers who have been locked out in a clear at-

tempt to break their union."

The group is also planning to stage a "mock counter protest" by the country club they label as the 1%.

The group intends to make this a peaceful protest; its website notes that "the goal is to end the lockout and get the workers back to work, so all actions should keep strategy, discipline, and accountability in mind when considering tactics."

A protest in June led to the arrest of about 20 people for blocking Castlewood Drive in what organizers described as an act of civil disobedience. That protest drew

close to 100 demonstrators and nearly 50 police officers from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Pleasanton.

About 60 employees of the club — bartenders, kitchen helpers, waiters and other hourly full-time and part-time employees — were locked out of the country club on Feb. 25, 2010, in a dispute over health care costs.

The sides on the lockout remain in the same stalemate they've been in for months. Originally, management offered a contract that would have to shift workers from a union-

sponsored health plan to one controlled by Castlewood. Monthly fees would jump from zero to \$366.93 a month for single policies and to \$739.08 for families.

After months of talks, management offered to bring the workers back — as long as the club managers could fire or lay people off without taking seniority into consideration.

A National Labor Relations Board hearing that could potentially resolve the case began in January and is expected to continue into March. ■

Local woman loses 46 lbs, says...  
"I'll never have to diet again!"

By SANDRA MARLOWE

Barbara Thurston was desperate. She was carrying an extra 45 pounds on her 5' 2" frame and her eating habits had spiraled out of control. "I was a plump kid who grew into an obese adult," remembers the 60-year old IT consultant from Castro Valley. "I overate almost every night out of sheer boredom. I was an emotional eater, too. As soon as I got upset

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or angry, I'd head to the refrigerator and try to eat my problems away."

After these binges, Barbara felt dissatisfied and demoralized. She'd tried losing weight by counting calories and cutting back. She even tried a pre-packaged food plan. "I was always left feeling hungry and deprived," she laments. "The minute I got bored, my old habits were back with a vengeance."

Barbara had seen ads for Positive Changes Hypnosis Centers in the newspaper for some time, but was skeptical.

Hypnosis worked  
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For the sake of her health, Barbara decided to give Positive Changes a try. "I attended the free evaluation, signed up right away and melted off 46 pounds. Being hypnotized is not what most people think. I enjoyed the

changes happen."

Barbara says she's easily maintained her healthy new weight for the past 11 months. "Now that I've finally found freedom from my extra weight and my old eating habits, I am confident that this time it will stay off for life," she says.

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## Winter or spring?

These blossoming trees in the Pleasanton library parking lot are a beautiful harbinger of spring but they're jumping the gun. "Due to the 'odd' winter weather that we've been experiencing, the trees (evidently) think that winter may be over, and it's time to move on — consequently they're flowering, with the expectation that they'll be able to be pollinated and then they'll be able to bear fruit," explained city Landscape Architect Mike Fulford. Since these pear trees are ornamental, they do not produce fruit although they try each year, he added. "They're quite beautiful, however — so we humans keep propagating and planting them for that reason, which ultimately fulfills their reproductive needs."



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

## ROBBERIES

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said the male and one of the females were armed with black pistols.

The male, Schlehuber said, "pointed the handgun at the clerk and demanded money, so the clerk gave him money. The two females began to gather cartons and individual packs of cigarettes."

The three were identified as a black male with a slim build, 5 feet 5 to 5 feet 7, with a thin white or Hispanic female, 5 feet 6 to 5 feet 8, and a heavyset black female, 5 feet 3 to 5 feet 5; the black female was armed.

All three were trying to hide their identities, Schlehuber said.

"The male had a black hooded sweatshirt pulled up over his face and a mask so that only his eyes were visible," he said, adding the male was wearing black pants and black gloves.

While neither of the women was masked, Schlehuber said the black female was wearing a gray or white hooded sweatshirt, also pulled up to hide her face, and the other woman was wearing a beige hooded sweatshirt, sunglasses and jeans.

A K-9 unit was brought in to search for the trio and a pack of cigarettes that may have been taken from the 7-Eleven was found at an apartment complex near the store. A witness spotted the three leave, Schlehuber said.

"Both of these cases have excellent leads," he said. "They're obviously top priority and we're working hard to solve them." ■

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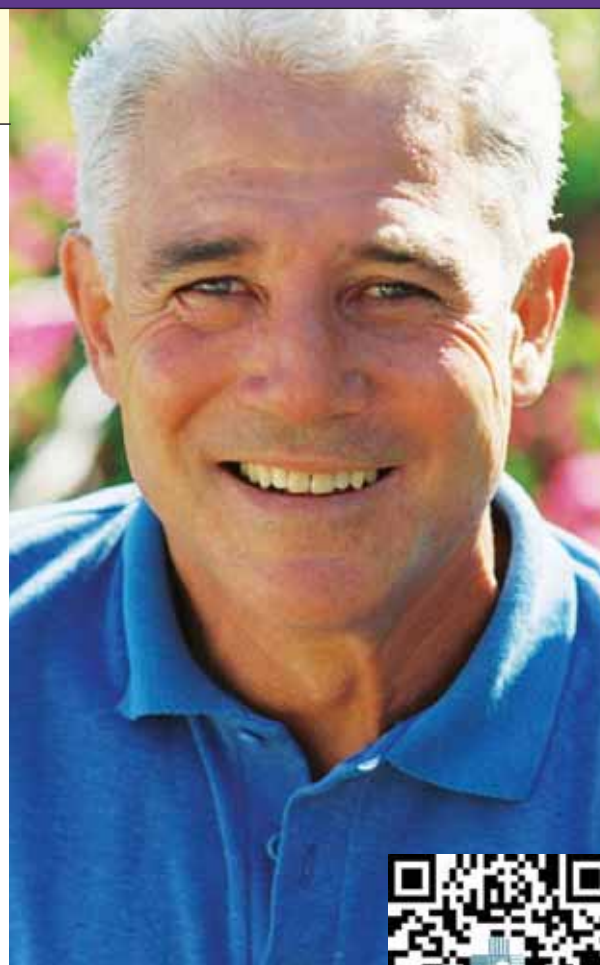
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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### New police contract sets the pace for city employee pension reform

**K**udos to the Pleasanton Police Officers' Association (PPOA) and city of Pleasanton negotiators on reaching an amicable agreement on a new contract that has officers contributing toward their pensions. Starting Saturday, March 3, when a new pay period begins, those in the Police Department covered by the contract will contribute 3% of the Employer Paid Member Contribution toward their CalPERS retirement program. In July, the contribution jumps to 6% with the full 9% member contribution to be deducted from their pay beginning July 1, 2013. The new contract runs from this month until May 31, 2014.

The PPOA covers a total of 83 sworn police employees, including 61 police officers and 12 sergeants. The ranks of lieutenant and above are designated management employees and not represented by the PPOA.

Representatives from the police union's bargaining unit and city's management team of Nelson Fialho, city manager, and Julie Yuan-Miu, assistant city manager and director of administrative services, met over the last several months to develop a successor contract to the one that expired last May 31. These negotiations follow a new contract signed by the Pleasanton City Employees Association last May. That contract, affecting 227 city workers, calls for members to contribute 4% of their pay towards CalPERS' retirement plan starting July 1, with contribution steps starting at 2%, then rising to 3% last December.

Earlier, senior city management voluntarily agreed to start contributing 4% of their salaries toward their retirements with City Manager Fialho saying he would start contributing 8% immediately.

At Tuesday night's City Council meeting, when the provisions of the new police union contract were adopted, City Attorney Jonathan Lowell also announced that contract negotiations are under way with the firefighters union that represents employees of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. As part of signing their last contract, the firefighters agreed to start contributing 2% toward their retirement fund.

The cost to fund the CalPERS pension program is comprised of two parts. The first is a variable employer rate, which is expressed as a percentage of salary for covered employees. The second is a fixed 9% contribution for which members are responsible. The city of Pleasanton has been paying the employees' contributions based on agreements reached in previous years in lieu of employees receiving salary adjustments.

Because of inflation and increases in comparable job salaries in neighboring cities, Pleasanton also has steadily increased wages here. With the city's unfunded pension liability soaring in recent years, especially as CalPERS investments soured during the recession, the City Council and the city's management team decided to end the free ride for employee pensions and restore individual contributions. Although this new agreement with the Pleasanton Police Officers' Association won't solve the city's unfunded liability problem, it goes a long way toward putting the city — and taxpayers — on track to paying down the debt as well as setting a pattern for future negotiations for all city employees. ■



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## LETTERS

### Not a record bass

Dear Editor,

The tale of an 18 pound 9 ounce largemouth bass caught Feb. 4 from Shadow Cliffs Reservoir in Pleasanton is being debunked by park rangers. The story in the Pleasanton Weekly said a 13-year-old hooked the fish with "a lure" and claimed a lake record. The boy said he began fishing in a cove after he saw a lot of bass in the water and that after getting hooked, the fish "didn't fight that much."

Rangers said numerous witnesses saw the boy wade in to the lake and retrieve a dead fish. It was not weighed at the park or on a certified scale. A park spokesman said they are not acknowledging that fish as a record.

The photo of the fish in the Weekly shows a white-eyed largemouth of good size but it appears to have signs of decay.

**Tim Goode, NorCal Fishing News**

### Spirit of Toys for Tots

Dear Editor,

I want to thank the Pleasanton Weekly for your time and efforts in providing assistance to the Livermore Pleasanton Firefighters Toys for Tots Community Organization. The Livermore Pleasanton Firefighters have been assisting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves for over 17 years,

providing collection centers, sorting toys, and holding community toy drives in the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton. Your participation has been invaluable and helped us achieve our best year ever.

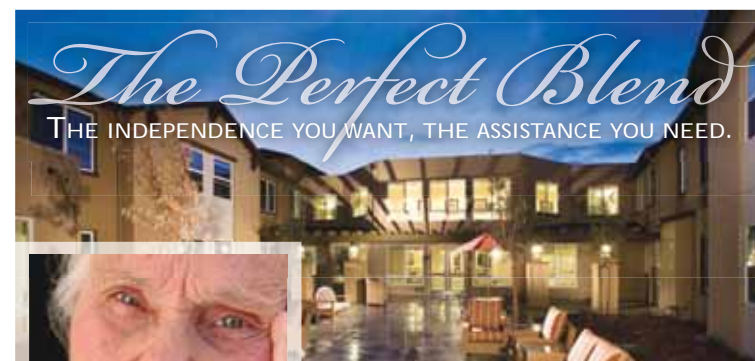
With your generosity of time and resources we collected over 28,000 toys this 2011 Holiday Season. Our local community organization provided toys to needy children in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Fremont, Union City, San Leandro and Oakland.

A firefighter has a duty to his community and he fills his duty with honor and hard work, earning respect from his community. With this, firefighters are well respected across the nation as generous, honorable and trustworthy. Your participation in the Livermore Pleasanton Toys for Tots program supports the spirit in which firefighters support their communities. It springs from a genuine concern for the communities they serve and a deep compassion for the under-privileged children of America. That's the side that exemplifies the spirit of the Fire Service. That side is found in the Pleasanton Weekly and in the Livermore Pleasanton Firefighters Toys for Tots Program. Thank you for your team participation.

**Capt. Peter Richert,  
Livermore Pleasanton Firefighters,  
Toys for Tots Coordinator**

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## Mayor's husband, Michael Hosterman, chosen president of Pleasanton Downtown Association

Hostermans now head both the city and its downtown business group

Downtown Attorney Michael J Hosterman was sworn into office Tuesday night as this year's president of the Pleasanton Downtown Association by his wife Jennifer, who is also the city's mayor.

Others holding top offices at the city-subsidized organization include Vic Malatesta, owner of Vic's All Star Kitchen, as president elect; Bernie Billen of Valley Community Bank, as secretary; and Janet Yarbrough, a certified public accountant, as treasurer.

Continuing on the board of directors this year are Dirk Christiansen, Studio 7 Fine Arts; Jim DeMersman, Museum on Main; Mark Kearns, Specialty Inspections; Mari Kennard, Redcoats British Pub & Restaurant; Angel Moore, Alameda County Fairgrounds Association; and, Michael O'Callaghan, MCT Development & Construction.

Also continuing their service this year as directors are Mike Peel, Keller Williams Tri-Valley Real Estate; Vera Revelli, Civic Center Station; Melanie Sadek, Murphy's Paw; Gary Schwaegerle, Schwaegerle Realtors; and, Sandi Bohner, Little Valley Winery.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association



was established in 1984 by the City Council, which recognized this special business area with the creation of the PDA. The organization operates as an assessment district with the goal of "developing and promoting a vibrant downtown community."

It functions as a non-profit organization with funding provided by member assessments on the 575 businesses located in the downtown district. It also receives matching city/taxpayer funds, sponsorships and holds revenue-producing events.



JEB BING

Left, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman joins her husband Michael, a downtown attorney, who was installed Tuesday night as president of the Pleasanton Downtown Association for 2012. Above, officers and board members of the PDA, who were sworn into office Tuesday at the Redcoats British Pub and Restaurant.

This year, the PDA will receive about \$65,000 in public funds to match the assessments paid.

Michael Hosterman, a personal injury attorney, has been active in the downtown area since moving his practice from San Jose to Main Street in 1990, and later to Peters Avenue, where his office is now located. Shortly after opening his office, he was hit with a fee he had to pay to the PDA, a quasi-public assessment district that all businesses located downtown must join.

Curious, he decided to attend a few meetings to see just how his assessment was being used and, like so many here whose curiosity

gets the best of them, he was quickly given committee and task force assignments that have now led to heading the organization.

That seems fine with Hosterman, who has become one of the most visible lawyers in town, always handling the beer garden booth placement and other activities during the popular summertime First Wednesday events.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, he also joins in community service projects, including luncheons at the Pleasanton Senior Center and chairing the club's annual Father's Day and Halloween Spirit runs. ■

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Homes targeted in burglaries

Six homes were hit in burglaries or burglary attempts between Feb. 14 and Feb. 21, police reports show.

Jewelry worth an estimated \$500 was stolen from a home in the 7800 block of Chestnut Way on Feb. 21; a rear sliding glass door was shattered to provide access to the home.

A \$3,000 1974 Gibson Les Paul vintage guitar was stolen Feb. 20 from a home in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Vista Lane. Access to the home was through a garage door.

Two bicycles worth an estimated \$500 apiece were stolen from the side yard of a home in the 4500 block of Gatetree Circle between noon Feb. 15 and 3 p.m. Feb. 19. That same day, entry was attempted at a home in the 7400 block of Aspen Court; nothing was taken.

Two homes were hit on Valentine's Day. Tools worth \$375 were stolen from a home in the 7400 block of Stonedale Drive; entry

was through a garage door. Nothing was stolen in a burglary attempt that same day at a home in the 6100 block of Inglewood Drive

In other police reports:

- Robert Louis Adamson was arrested Feb. 15 in the 4700 block of Del Valle Parkway on charges of engaging in three or more acts of substantial sexual contact with a child less than 14 years old. Additional information was not available.
- A bicycle stop led to the arrest of Lorenzo Antonio Aviles-Leon, 27, of Pleasanton at about 1 a.m. Feb. 21 on a felony charge of

possession of false identification and a misdemeanor charge of presenting false identification to a police officer.

- Two vehicles parked in the 3200 block of West Lagoon Road were burglarized on successive days. A \$25 black purse and \$15 purple wallet were stolen Feb. 17 between 2:40 and 3:30 p.m.; the next day, Feb. 18, \$300 prescription sunglasses, a \$200 wallet and miscellaneous items worth an estimated \$220 were stolen from another vehicle between 4:45 and 5:30 p.m.

Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted.

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Feb. 13

#### Theft

- 10:22 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 7:50 p.m. in the 1100 block of Baur Court; identity theft

### Feb. 14

#### Theft

- 9:06 a.m. in the 4100 block of Peregrine Way; identity theft

#### Burglary

- 9:37 a.m. in the 7400 block of Stonedale Drive
- 6:31 p.m. in the 4100 block of Walnut Drive

#### Marijuana possession

- 8:41 p.m. in the 400 block of Vineyard Avenue

### Feb. 15

#### Burglary

- 4:22 p.m. in the 6100 block of Inglewood Drive

#### Vandalism

- 8:54 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

#### Alcohol violations

- 3:17 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; public drunkenness
- 11:16 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Bernal Avenue; DUI

### Feb. 16

#### Identity theft

- 4:54 p.m. in the 4000 block of Page Court

#### Indecent exposure

- 11:08 a.m. in the 5700 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

#### False imprisonment

- 9:26 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; false imprisonment, criminal threats

#### Vandalism

- 6:11 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle

#### DUI

- 1:40 a.m. in the 3800 block of Hopyard Avenue

### Feb. 17

#### Robbery

- 11:08 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

#### Theft

- 4:31 a.m. in the 7500 block of Ivy Court; auto theft
- 1:25 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

#### Auto burglary

- 3:58 p.m. in the 3200 block of W. Lagoon Road

#### Vandalism

- 4:04 p.m. in the 3400 block of

Norton Way

#### Alcohol violations

- 1:41 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and St. John Street; DUI
- 10:34 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Mall Road and Stoneridge Drive; public drunkenness

### Feb. 18

#### Theft

- 1:14 p.m. in the 1800 block of Zenato Place; identity theft
- 3:50 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

#### Auto burglary

- 10:17 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:21 p.m. in the 3200 block of W. Lagoon Road

#### Vandalism

- 10:11 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:59 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 10:26 p.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; possession of a controlled substance

### Feb. 19

#### Robbery

- 12:08 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### False imprisonment

- 10:13 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Theft

- 12:33 p.m. in the 4200 block of Fairlands Drive; grand theft
- 2:37 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 3:56 p.m. in the 3100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; theft
- 5:04 p.m. in the 4500 block of Gatetree Circle; grand theft

#### Forcible entry

- 9:27 p.m. in the 7400 block of Aspen Court

#### Battery

- 5:02 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Auto burglary

- 4:11 p.m. in the 4900 block of Breakwater Avenue

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:38 a.m. in the 4800 block of Sunol Boulevard; public drunkenness
- 4:01 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance
- 10:47 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI

### Feb. 20

#### Theft

- 11:34 a.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive; forgery
- 3:55 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

- 4:24 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft

#### Burglary

- 10:28 p.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Vista Lane

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:12 a.m. in the 6700 block of

Bernal Avenue; public drunkenness

### Feb. 21

#### Theft

- 11:38 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft

#### Burglary

- 9:50 a.m. in the 7800 block of Chestnut Way

#### Public drunkenness

- 9:21 p.m. in the 5300 block of Sunol Boulevard

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The City of Pleasanton will be conducting a public meeting to discuss the status of the Staples Ranch Development and the planned construction of the Stoneridge Drive Bridge. All residents interested in the status of the Staples Ranch project are encouraged to attend. Representatives from the City and the project developers will be available to answer public questions.

### Bicycle Pedestrian and Trails Committee

Monday, February 27, 2012 - Cancelled

- The Bicycle Pedestrian and Trails Committee meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on March 26, 2012.

### Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force Meeting

March 1, 2012, 6:30 pm  
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

The City's Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force will develop a set of guidelines that addresses key elements in creating a positive and responsible environment for downtown vitality. The task force's discussions will be focused on areas including public safety, music and entertainment, outdoor activities and transportation.

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# GO, TEAM!

## High school athletes are ready as spring sports begin

By DENNIS MILLER

The sports fields at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools became overwhelmed with athletes Feb. 6 as the spring sports season practices officially kicked off.

With over 1,300 students in Pleasanton playing spring prep sports it is easily the busiest time of year for athletic activities at the local high schools. Almost one-third of the schools' enrollment takes part in spring sports, counting freshman through the varsity teams.

League action starts in March, with the majority of the sports wrapping up with the North Coast Section playoffs in late May.

Following are brief breakdowns of all the varsity sports in the spring.

### BASEBALL

It will be a different team out on the field for Amador Valley this year as the Dons will send out nine new varsity starters for coach Lou Cesario.

Overall, Amador will have 12 new players on the squad, but an off-season where they worked hard in the weight room gives Cesario plenty to be optimistic about.

The strength of the team may be on the mound where the Dons will go seven-eight deep. **Jimmy Doyle**, **Ryan Foley**, **Michael Echavia** and **Jonathon Camello** all return this year and will be joined by newcomer **Sam Nathan** on the hill.

**Daniel Jackson** at catcher is also new to the varsity this year.

For the Foothill players and coach Angelo Scavone, it was a time of excitement when the official practices finally got going.

Leading the way for the Falcons this year are five key players.

**Dylan Hecht** is a 6-foot-2 right-handed pitcher that will be heading to UC Santa Barbara next season. **Jake Jefferies** is a three-year starter for the Falcons, with the 6-1 athlete heading to collegiate powerhouse Cal State Fullerton next season.

**Brandon Vicalal** is another three-year starter, with big things expected as well from outfielder **Matt Bati** and junior catcher **Dylan Isquirdo**.

### SOFTBALL

Amador Valley will have the target on its back this year following its NCS title to top off a 22-5 season last year that saw the Dons allow but one run in its three NCS games.

Leading the way is returning MVP of the East Bay Athletic League — junior **Krista Williams**. Williams will anchor the outfield for the Dons but is also very solid as a pitcher. Sophomore **Johanna Grauer** will be



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Zoe Price plays first base on the Amador Valley softball team. She is one of the three top senior players who will guide the way in terms of leadership and offensive prowess.

tasked with being the ace of the staff in the circle.

Three seniors in **Nicole Borchardt** (all-EBAL), **Jess McKeehan** (all-EBAL) and **Zoe Price** will show the way in terms of leadership and offensive prowess.

Another sophomore — **Ashley Lotoszyski** — is set at short and also provides a solid bat in the lineup.

Foothill will be a young team — six sophomores and one junior will be in the starting lineup — but it will be a team with some experience despite its youth.

Returning seniors **Kim Beaudin** and **Natalie Tiongo** will be counted on for their leadership for the young but talented lot. Sophomore **Jasiah Gholston**, who played for the varsity last year, will get the bulk of the work in the circle.

Junior **Leila Meyers** and sophomores **Sami Spain**, **Jana Johnson**, **Roni Stone** and **Marissa Dondero** will also be key players for the Falcons this year.

### BOYS LACROSSE

The EBAL is strong across the board in all sports, but perhaps none as much as in lacrosse. Last year five teams in the league were at times ranked in the top 10 in California.

This season it appears to be business as usual as the top five teams — including Amador and Foothill — will lead the state.

Amador will bring to the table a mixture of experience and talented younger players this season.

In the back, three players will set the tone for the Amador defense. Senior **Richie Miranda**, junior **Jordan Cain** and sophomore **Connor Veit** will be the leaders. **Alex Sohn** and **Zach Beata** are the goalies.

In the midfield a trio of seniors in **Toby Harvey**, **Daniel Wessel** and **David Bush** are the key players for the Dons. Up front senior **Dan Israel** and junior **Jeff Snyder** figure to be the top goal scorers.

Foothill will be young this year but still

figures to be among the top tier teams in the league.

Hit hard by graduation, the Falcons will be led from the back by senior goalie **Patrick Shevelson**, one of the top goalies in Northern California. Up front, look for junior **Jerome Rigor** to be among the top players in the league.

In the midfield **Mike Barbier**, another junior, will be joined by fellow juniors **Brandon Becker**, **Zach Wilhite** and **Elijah Caluya**.

On defense, senior **Dalton Winn** and juniors **George Curtis**, **Collin Dal Porto** and **Justin Gibson** all return and will be tasked with keeping some of the heat off Shevelson.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Amador should have another solid team after advancing to the NCS playoffs last year.

**Molly Grozier** and **Allie DaCar** — both



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Patrick Sevelson is Foothill boy's lacrosse goalie and one of the top goalies on the West Coast.

sophomores — split time in the goal last year and both have turned in time between the pipes for the NorCal U-15 team that participated in the U.S. National Championships.

Other players who could make a difference this season for the Dons are sophomore **Evan Murphy** and junior **Justine Chinn**.

Foothill used a balanced team attack at the NCS finals last year, but lost the very talented **Emily Klein** to graduation.

There still figures to be plenty in the tank for the Falcons to make another run in the postseason.

**Laura Klein, Alexa Milus, Bryanna Miller, Jessica Klahr, Meghana Vijayraghavan** and **Alyssa Keiner** all figure to have very good seasons for the Falcons.

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

It will be a season where both Amador and Foothill will look to establish an identity after being hit hard by graduation, but with solid coaching and talented younger players, both schools figure to be right in the mix.

Amador lost five of its starters last year and could have as few as two seniors on the team, but there is reason for hope.

Junior **Ryan Genn** returns after a great sophomore season and a very productive summer on the club team circuit. Genn can excel at any of the three hitter positions or at setter, all of which he did last season.

**Roy Xue** is a junior outside hitter, senior **Davis Tadevich** is set as a middle, and se-

nior **Kyle Meyer** will be the libero for the Dons.

Foothill returns only four players to the varsity team, but if there is a coach in the area who can pull together a solid team, it is Falcons coach Dusty Collins.

The four returning players are setter **Matt Lee**, middle hitter **Jared Layton** and outside hitters **Alex Yeo** and **Philip Zhang**.

## BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Amador Valley will find strength on the track in the middle distances as a host of returners lead the way.

Stanford-bound senior **Nick Bayler** will join other returning runners juniors **Darnel Roberson** and **Josh Slaton** as three-quarters of a very strong 1,600 meter relay team

**Jeff Chen** and **Terrance Cheng** will compete for the other spot. Sophomore **Conner McKinnon** will be someone to watch in the 800 this year. **Sam Peters** and **Matt Macapagal** will both be key members of the team as well.

In the throws, the Dons should get plenty of help from **Matt Esparza, Jesse Cerdes** and **Nate Vickers**.

The Dons should also be solid in the pole vault behind the talent of **Andy Kim** and **Nick Zollinger**.

The Falcons will bring a number of athletes into battle with first-year coach Jorge Quero.

On the track, **Andrew Chang, Nico Quero** and **John Li** should lead the sprinters, with **Ken Ohhashi** taking on the hurdles. **Jared Shofhi** will handle the middle distance races.

In the field events, **Devin Wieker** looks strong in the long jump, with **Cameron Vaughan** a top triple jumper. **Matt Beach** will be the top in the discus for the Falcons.

## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

For Amador, **Jena Pianin** will be a versatile runner who will probably focus on the 3,200 once the post-season rolls around.

**Nicole Fetsch**, who also plays club soccer in the spring, is one of the top sprinters for the Dons this season.

In the throws **Monica Acton** and **Tara Park** have worked hard in the off season and seem ready for big years.

The Foothill girls' team seems to have some depth this year.

**Hannah Rajs, Hailey Lukas, Emmy Rodriguez, Precious Akanyirige** and **Adria Revell** make up the talented and deep sprint corps. **Mackenzie Muller** is the top hurdler for the Falcons.

**Shannon Easley** will lead the way in the middle distance races, with **Annie Geasa** setting the pace in the distance events.

In the jumps, **Keianne Yamada, Rachel Reichenbach** and **Sara Medor** will look to score points, with **Rose Doylemanson** leading the way in the throws.

## BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Amador will be led by a quartet of performers this season.

There are three juniors leading the way in the pool as **Jason Chen, Bryan Hughes** and **Nick Johnston** will be joined by sophomore **Kevin McLaughlin** to pace the Dons in the swimming events.

When it comes to diving, the Dons are led by junior **Pierson Connors**.

Foothill's top swimmers at this point in the season are **Tony Shen, Brian Li** and **Andrew Goard**.

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### GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Amador girls will come into the season with seven key athletes, all of which are underclassmen.

Freshmen **Iris Brand**, **Eva Chung** and **Rachel Knowles** will be joined by sophomores **Lillian Sun** and **Cate MacGregor**, as well as junior **Kirsten Brand**, to lead the way in the swimming events.

Junior **Haley Brott** and sophomore **Lauren Hall** are the top divers for the Dons. Hall is the defending NCS champion.

For Foothill, it starts with **Celina Li**. Among the elite nationally, Li cruised to NCS titles in both the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly.

Other top swimmers for the Falcons along with Li are **Cayla Jetter**, **Stephanie Doi** and **Bridget Moran**.

### BOYS GOLF

Amador Valley figures to be right in the mix again this year as the Dons return a host of golfers for coach Clark Fuller.

Senior **Paul Bommarito**, along with juniors **Sam Richardson**, **Hussain Ali**, **Patrick Duffy** and **Zac Hart**, and sophomores **Zach Smith** and **Alec Bommarito** all return for Fuller.

The Dons are also picking up some quality additions in seniors **Colt Stewart** and **Jack Richardson**; juniors **Mike Smith** and **Justin Hewitt**; and sophomores **Austin Riley** and **Matt Micheletti**.

Foothill was third in the state last year and with the majority of the team coming back, it is realistic to expect the Falcons have a shot at winning it all this year.

**Nicolo Galletti**, who tied for the state individual title last year, and **Brett Thawley** will lead the talented group in their quest not only for EBAL and NCS titles, but a state crown as well.

But the Foothill talent level does not stop after the first two, as three more all-EBAL players return: **Travis Rowney**, **Roshan Chekuri** and sophomore **Tanner Hughes**. Hughes was fifth in the state last year.

Freshman **Ryan Knop** figures to be a factor right away. Sophomores **Ryan Maund** and **Ryan Gronlund**, and junior **Pat Francisco** also will look to get the Falcons back to state this year.

### BOYS TENNIS

The EBAL may be a shootout this year with at least half the teams in the league having a shot at winning the title.

Amador may have the most depth in the league as coach Bill Nandor sends out his most senior-laden team in his tenure at Amador Valley.

**Grant Loud** is a returning captain for the Dons and along with players like **Dev Rishi**, **Sai Ramineni**, **Jake Lorentz**, **Michael Lowe** and **Akshay Bommireddi**, the Dons may make their best run at the top spot in the EBAL in some time.

Foothill will be led by junior **Chris Wen**. Last year as a sophomore, Wen lost but once at the No. 2 spot for the Falcons and figures to make a run at the league singles title.

**Karthik Udayappan** will move from No. 3 to No. 2 this year and, like Wen, he lost but once at No. 3 last year. Senior **Waleed Khan** has been a consistent singles player the last couple of years for the Falcons, with **Carl Hills** — a sophomore — showing great athletic ability as he makes the move up from the junior varsity team. ■



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Clubs

**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED** Linda Paine is coming to Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 10 at Rock House Grill, 1840 Portola Ave., Livermore. Linda Paine is co-founder of the Election Integrity Project. She will present fact about increasing voter fraud and how we as citizens can help stop this trend. Cost \$20. For reservations or information call Phyllis at 462-4931 or email [clan1962@pacbell.net](mailto:clan1962@pacbell.net).

Concerts

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Film

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

## Tackling PROSTITUTION in Central America

Young filmmakers record stories to help exploited women and children

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



**R**yan Mackle, 19, first traveled to Central America to help out at a village school in the Honduran jungle. But now he is working on a documentary capturing stories of children and women exploited by the sex trade.

"Sex tourism is a huge draw for a lot of people from North America and Europeans," Mackle explained. "Costa Rica is called the 'Thailand of the West.'"

He particularly remembers a 5-year-old girl named Grace and her 6-year-old sister who were living in a safe house in Managua after being rescued from a brothel where they'd been sold by their grandmother. The owner of the safe house returned them to their mother, who'd been working as a prostitute, because she seemed to have turned her life around.

"But she was still working on the streets as a prostitute and had a drug addiction," Mackle said. "Once again the grandmother took the granddaughters and sold them again into the brothel."

"The guy running the safe house went out to raid the brothel and on his way over, the police heard about it and tipped off the head pimps of the brothel to move the girls."

Eventually the safe house owner found and rescued the little girls again and they are beginning to recover from their exploitation.

"I can't wrap my head around the atrocities that happened to them. Their innocence has been stolen from them," Mackle said. "But to



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**Ryan Mackle**, working on a documentary capturing stories of children and women exploited by the sex trade

see these girls playing and to be in a loving environment, it was really incredible."

Such safe houses are just a Band-Aid, Mackle noted. His team of five young adults is trying to get to the root of the problem with its documentary, "Of Broken Wings." They are recording a story in each country in Central America to make people aware that right in their own back yards children are being sold into prostitution.

Mackle graduated from Amador Valley High in 2010 and moved to Costa Rica, where he lived for five months working with an organization called Youth with a Mission.

"Afterward I trekked deep into the Honduran jungle where I lived with the Miskito tribe for six months, helping lead and run a school," he recalled. "It was a completely different experience from anything I'd ever done. There was no electricity or running water. At nighttime I took showers from the well — I'd pour water over my head."

"It was the hottest I've ever been, for sure, and it was humid all day long," he continued. His diet was beans, rice and occasionally

mangoes, bananas or other tropical fruits.

"I really loved being completely immersed in something I'd had no idea about," Mackle said, "being among the poorest people in the western hemisphere — to learn their culture — and building relationships with people when I didn't even speak the same language."

In Costa Rica he met another young person working at a mission, a Guatemalan who was also a photographer. He shared his vision with Mackle about helping exploited sex workers by forming a team to document the stories.

"We had met and worked with many prostitutes, trying to help them find a better life and get off the streets," Mackle said. "It soon came to our attention that a large majority of these prostitutes were minors, and many had been trafficked from other countries or rural towns within the country."

The team began filming in November, and spent 25 days in Honduras and Nicaragua.

"We have now heard the stories of these women and children, and we cannot walk

away without doing everything we can to make a difference," Mackle said.

He returned to Pleasanton for the holidays and appeared on NBC's morning news show, *Today in the Bay Area*, on Jan. 14 to tell his story and ask for funding. Then he headed back to Central America to travel from Panama to Belize to interview victims.

Once the documentary is completed they plan to show it at universities.

"Our main focus is toward the young educated group in Central America," Mackle said. "They're going to be turning into lawyers and people in government. We want to be able to tell them that they can do something."

"People we tell about it in universities are completely blown away," he added. "They can't believe it is happening, that even two blocks away there are brothels with children."

The team has a goal of \$15,000 to finance the documentary; donations can be made at [iamactive.org/ofbrokenwings](http://iamactive.org/ofbrokenwings). By Wednesday, they'd received \$9,395, or 63% of their goal.

Although he has collected many heart-breaking stories from the victims of human trafficking, Mackle likes to think about little Grace and her sister playing happily in the yard of the safe house in Managua.

"To see that you can save someone from a brothel and they can live their childhood free from those things — that was the beauty of the whole thing," he said. ■



## PMS takes first at jazz fest

Pleasanton Middle School Jazz Band took first place at the recent 37th annual Campana Jazz Festival, competing against seven other Bay Area middle school jazz bands including Hart and Harvest Park. The PMS Jazz Band is under the direction of Jason Ravina; members are Claire Cochran, Alvin Chung, Joey Lea, Andy Francis, Aaron Gooyandeh, Claire Hughes, Neel Patibandla, Saajan Vemala, Kan Tomita, Tasia Halim, Kai Zamora, Maya Urva, Brent Kameye-Gibson, Jerrod De La Torre, Tess Cayton, Kevin Tieck, Shaunak Rajurkar, Sunnie Chen, Brandon Chin, Sophie Fu, Neel Kale, Trevor Holt, Ronak Parikh, Jonah Kane and James O'Brian.

The Campana Jazz Festival is hosted by the Amador Valley High School Department of Music, and this year more than 45 middle and high school jazz ensembles performed and competed.



## Conservancy winners on display

Photographers show their love of the Tri-Valley

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The top 25 photos from the Freeze Frame Photo Contest sponsored by the Tri-Valley Conservancy are on display at the Firehouse Arts Center. This local Land Trust holds more than 4,300 acres in agriculture and open space, which is being preserved through easements on private land.

The contest winners were:

- 1st Place, Marc Davis, "Livermore Farm"
- 2nd Place, Eric Ahrendt, "Zinfandel Grape Clusters"
- 3rd Place, Lawrence Piggins, "North Livermore Sunset"

The photos will be in Pleasanton until Feb. 29, and they will then be moved to the Livermore Library for display the entire month of March.

"How better to share our vision than with a photo contest," said Barbara Graham of the Tri-Valley Conservancy. "We hope to bring

awareness to the beautiful open space and viticulture of our valley."

The photo entries are of local places and spaces, broken down into three categories: agriculture, scenic locales, or recreational uses and activities. They highlight all the things that residents love about the Tri-Valley.

The next TVC photo contest will begin Aug. 27, and all entries need to be in by Sept. 17. Rules and entry forms will be available this summer at [www.trivalleyconservancy.org](http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org).

The Tri-Valley Conservancy's mission is to permanently protect the soil, rangelands, open space and biological resources in the Tri Valley area and to support a viable agricultural economy. Its office is in Livermore.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. in Pleasanton. Its hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; or by appointment. Call Julie Finegan at 931-4849. ■

## Camp Connection

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**East Bay SPCA Animal Camp**  
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Last year's exchange students from Mexico visit the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco with the hosting Pleasanton teens.

## Needed: Teens to travel to Mexico

Learn about sister-city group exchange program

High school students can learn about participating in the Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association Youth Exchange Program at a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Foothill High or at an ice cream social at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, in a private home.

To participate in the program, a student needs to be entering his or her sophomore, junior or senior year in the fall and must have completed a second year of Spanish by the end of this school

year. Teens and their parents are invited to attend the informational sessions to learn more. The application and selection process will be explained, plus exchange students from former years will be there to answer questions.

Students who apply will be interviewed Sunday, March 18. For more information, visit the group's website at [www.ptsca.org](http://www.ptsca.org). To recommend a student, call the Exchange Director, Rita Galvin, at 413-8863. ■

# Sports



Level 4 team: McKenzie Meyn, Mariah Murphy, Audrey Ong, Phoenix Cabuay, Amelia Liao, Juliette Gosselin, Kamryn O'Reilly, Mia Reeve, Shelby Bates, Claire Volkman, Deanna Chang and Naomi Evans.



Level 5/6 team: Allison Reilly, Lauren Swenson-Lennox, Corrine Jackson, Julia Arnold, Capri Gavino, Lydia Muentz, Jasmine Saucelo, Sara Ling and Abigail McKeag.



Level 7/8/9 team: Megan Quinton, Rebecca Yen, Isabella Orecchia, Jessica Yen and Anna Siebel.

## West Coast gymnasts excel at Mardi Gras Invitational

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy optional and compulsory gymnasts competed at the Mardi Gras Invitational at North Bay Athletics on Feb. 11 in Vallejo under coaches Mike Lynch, Edie Kalinowska and Abra Slater.

In optional, at Level 9, Anna Siebel finished in first place on bars. In compulsory, at Level 6, Jasmine Saucelo finished in first place on beam. At younger Level 5, Lauren Swenson-Lennox finished in first place on vault and all around. In younger Level 4, McKenzie Meyn finished in first place on beam and floor.

In middle Level 4, Shelby Bates finished in first place on beam and floor and all around; Mariah Murphy finished in first place on vault and bars. In older Level 4, Claire Volkman finished in first place on beam and all around; Audrey Ong finished in first place on bars; and Phoenix Cabuay finished in first place on vault.

The Optional Team (Levels 7-9) finished in third place, while the Level 5/6 Team finished in first place, as did the Level 4 Team. ■



## CCOP 7th-grade girls are champs

The CCOP seventh-grade girls basketball team won the Tri-Valley CYO Girls National Division Championship after battling to a 34-25 win over St. Isidore with every player scoring. "It was a fantastic finish to the season with an illustrious demonstration of teamwork and sportsmanship," said Coach Chris Cirves. Team members are (rear, l-r) Kasie Butler, Margaret Cirves, Isabel Enriquez, Coach Chris Cirves, (middle) Coach Manny Enriquez, Lauren Merrel, Rachel Thoe, Audrey Goodman, Madison Cring, (front) Andrea Lopez and Jenyce Dutcher. Not pictured: Cherilyn Firoozan.

## SPORTS DIGEST

### Girls advance in NCS basketball

Girls varsity basketball teams from both Pleasanton high schools won the first round of the North Coast Section Division 1 championships Tuesday evening.

Foothill High beat Granada, 43-28, on Tuesday evening at Foothill and faces Berkeley at 7 p.m. tonight in Berkeley.

Amador Valley prevailed over James Logan, 46-37, at James Logan. Tonight the Lady Dons face Deer Valley at 6:30 p.m. at Deer Valley.

The winners continue to the semifinals Wednesday, Feb. 29; the cham-

pionship game is next weekend.

Amador Valley varsity boys basketball team played in the first round of the NCS championships Tuesday against Liberty but lost, 59-48.

### NCS boys soccer

Amador Valley High boys (11-11-2) made it to the second round of the NCS Soccer Championships, after defeating Newark Memorial in the first round. They fell to Richmond (21-4-0) on Saturday in the second round. Richmond went on to play San Ramon Valley, for the winner to face the winner of De La Salle vs. Clayton Valley tomorrow.

### Swim meet next weekend

The Pleasanton Seahawks Swim team will host the two-day Short Course Senior I meet that begins on Saturday, March 3, and continues the next day at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center on Black Avenue. The meet is expected to draw about 500 swimmers who will begin to arrive each morning by 7 a.m., with competition beginning at 9 a.m.

The Seahawks have been working with the city to reduce impact on the neighborhoods surrounding the Aquatic Center, located at 4455 Black Avenue near Santa Rita Road. Participants have been encouraged to carpool.

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## Realtors want limits placed on retrofit requirements

Proposed legislation would put brakes on programs state can impose on home buyers

BY JEB BING

In a continuing effort to reduce consumers' costs associated with purchasing a home, the California Association of Realtors is sponsoring Assembly Bill 1711, which will clearly define what constitutes an energy efficiency retrofit that would "unreasonably or unnecessarily" affect a home purchase.

Recently enacted legislation requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to pursue energy conservation in a way that does not "unreasonably or unnecessarily" affect the real estate sales process.

However, the NAR says, the lack of a clear definition of "unreasonably or unnecessarily" fails to provide sensible limits on the programs that can be imposed on home buyers by the CEC.

The CEC is currently evaluating implementation strategies focusing on programs requiring installation of energy saving improvements at the time a home is purchased. Such programs, for example, can require home purchasers to pay for improvements that will never pay for themselves over the lifetime of the improvement. Additionally, the CEC is considering requirements that could add thousands of dollars to the up-front cost of a home.

According to the CAR, Assembly Bill 1711 (Galgiani, D-Tracy) will prohibit the state from creating a program that requires home buyers to pay out of pocket for energy improvements at the time a home is purchased or that would prevent a home buyer from closing escrow on time. The measure also requires that the costs of mandated improvements be recoverable over the lifetime of the improvement. ■

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### Alamo

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**15 Lewis Ln** **\$1,450,000**  
Sat 2-4/Sun 2-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc 855-4000

#### 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** **\$1,389,000**  
Sun 1:30-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

### Danville

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**292 Windstream Pl** **\$564,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 837-4100

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**30 Bordeaux Ct** **\$899,950**  
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

#### 5 BEDROOMS

**755 El Pintado Rd** **\$1,750,000**  
Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

### Livermore

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**4108 Drake Wy** **\$450,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**3586 Pestana Wy** **\$339,888**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

### Pleasanton

#### 2 BEDROOMS

**4433 Valley Avenue** **\$395,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

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

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**2579 Gillian Ct.** **\$1,150,000**  
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**640 Varese Ct** **\$1,950,000**  
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

**7261 Tulipwood Cir** **\$749,000**  
Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

**3560 Ovella Way** **\$1,475,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

**1282 Ridgewood Rd** **\$699,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

**4678 Minton Ct** **\$719,900**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Investment Real Estate 397-4200

#### 5 BEDROOMS

**7235 Valley Trails Dr** **\$699,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

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

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

**1725 Via Di Salerno** **\$1,795,000**  
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<p><b>The Engels 925.580.5107</b></p> <p><b>7793 Peppertree Rd Dublin</b></p> <p><b>bd 4 ba 3 sqft+/- 2,240 \$629,000</b></p> <p>Desirable Westside! Gorgeous hardwood floors, fresh paint, dual pane win &amp; new blinds. Master suite downstairs w/private ba. Corner lot, RV access + 2 lots. Patio &amp; backyard landscaped &amp; exterior paint in 2010. Close to 580/680 &amp; Bart!</p>	<p><b>The Engels 925.580.5107</b></p> <p><b>6950 Crow Canyon Rd Castro Valley</b></p> <p><b>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 2,700 \$893,000</b></p> <p><b>OPEN SUN 1-3</b></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><b>Weiner/ McDowell 925.251.2550</b></p> <p><b>2899 Rutherford Ct Livermore</b></p> <p><b>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 3,504 \$849,000</b></p> <p>Wonderfully location at the end of a cul-de-sac, near vineyards/ open fields. Very spacious entry way, gourmet kitchen &amp; grand master bedroom suite. Large backyard with a private apartment/office above the garage. Live in style, and create your own country get-away.</p>	<p><b>Diane Sass 925.583.2168</b></p> <p><b>5386 Lenore Ave Livermore</b></p> <p><b>bd 2 ba 2 sqft+/- 967 \$277,900</b></p> <p>Duet within walking distance of "The Lab" The property has a family room with a brick fireplace, an open kitchen with dining area, the master bedroom has sliding doors to the backyard. The hall bathroom has recently been updated. The property has a spacious 2 car garage.</p>	<p><b>Uwe Maercz 925.251.2568</b></p> <p><b>24550 Palomares Canyon Castro Valley</b></p> <p><b>Lot and Land Only \$1,750,000</b></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><b>Cathy and Kari 925.251.2554</b></p> <p><b>Blackhawk East</b> 4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300</p>	<p><b>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</b></p> <p><b>Blackhawk West</b> 3880 Blackhawk Rd. Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000</p>	<p><b>Greg Fielding 925.885.4029</b></p> <p><b>Danville</b> 15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000</p>	<p><b>Michael Swift 925.251.2588</b></p> <p><b>Lafayette</b> 3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330</p>	<p><b>Greg Fielding 925.885.4029</b></p> <p><b>Livermore</b> 1983 Second St. Livermore, CA 94550 925.667.2100</p>	<p><b>Michael Swift 925.251.2588</b></p> <p><b>Montclair/Piedmont</b> 6116 La Salle Ave., Ste. 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800</p>	<p><b>Michael Swift 925.251.2588</b></p> <p><b>Pleasanton</b> 5075 Hopyard Rd Ste. 110 Pleasanton, CA 94588 925.251.2500</p>	<p><b>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</b></p> <p><b>Orinda</b> 89 Davis Rd., Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000</p>	<p><b>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</b></p> <p><b>Walnut Creek</b> 1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500</p>



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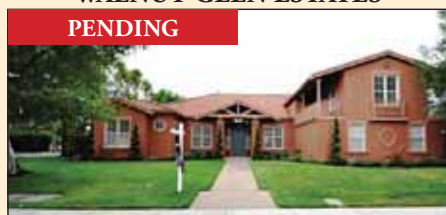


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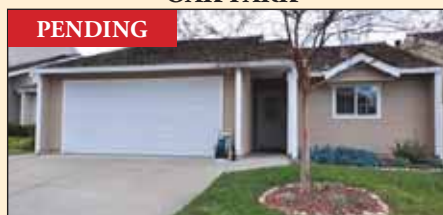


**3891 PICARD AVENUE, PLEASANTON**

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

**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**

**CANYON OAKS**

**SOLD**



**5809 STONECLIFF VISTA LN, PLEASANTON**

Newer beautiful home built in 2004. Great location, backs to open space with views of Mount Diablo, Pleasanton Ridge & surrounding open space! Three bedrooms plus loft/office, two & a half bathrooms, 2401 square feet. Custom tile flooring. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, stainless appliances. Spacious master suite. Oversized two car garage. Beautiful landscaping. Walk to new sports park & award winning Hearst Elementary, Pleasanton Middle School, Oak Hill Shopping Center & Main Street! Convenient to Callippe Golf Course & Castlewood Country Club.  
**SOLD FOR \$810,000**

**DOWNTOWN**

**SOLD**

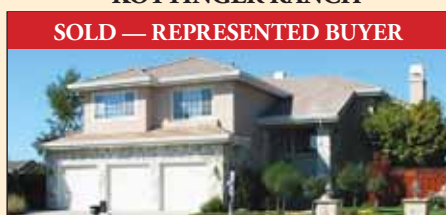


**335 DEL SOL AVENUE, PLEASANTON**

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**

**KOTTINGER RANCH**

**SOLD — REPRESENTED BUYER**

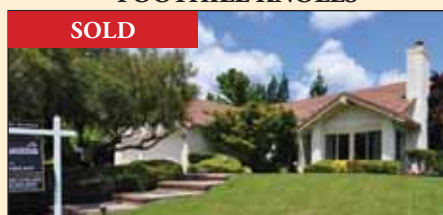


**1348 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON**

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

**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 ARLOTTA PLACE, PLEASANTON**

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

**PLEASANTON 900 Main Street**



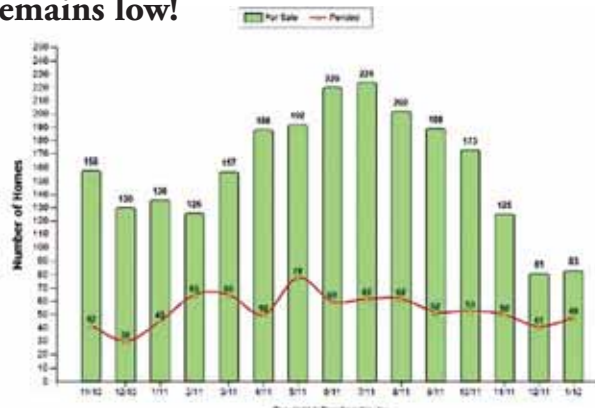
**The latest from The 680 Blog**

**Pleasanton Market Update. Inventory Remains low!**

The inventory of single family detached homes in Pleasanton remained at historically low levels in January. The good news is that the inventory level stabilized in January after falling for five months and after two months of very large declines. There were two more homes available at the end of January than at the end of December. However, inventory relative to pending sales fell again, to 1.7 months, the lowest level we have seen in Pleasanton in several years. Sales of homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million jumped 120% in January.

Overall, pending sales increased 17% in January to 48 homes, from 41 in December. Inventory grew less than 3% to 83 at the end of January from 81 at the end of December. That resulted in fewer months of inventory at the end of January (1.7 months) than at the end of December (2.0 months).

Homes priced under \$1 million behaved pretty much like the broader market, increasing both sales and inventory. Pending sales were up about 6% to 37 in January from 35 in December. Inventory increased by two units to 49 at the end of January. Inventory relative to pending sales was unchanged at 1.3 months. This price range accounted for 59% of Pleasanton's inventory and 77% of pending sales for the month of January >> Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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**COMING SOON!**

Upgraded 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA home with state of the art cherry & granite kitchen, huge family room with fireplace, hardwood floors and large private yard.  
**Low \$600,000's**



**OPEN SUN 1-4**

**860 Sycamore Rd.**  
Fabulous luxury home in pristine country setting! 5 BR plus bonus room, loft, & office, 7 baths, 1 acre flat lot with outdoor kitchen, granite, hardwood floors, soaring ceilings, and designer features inside & out  
**\$1,795,000**



**PENDING SALE!**

**4184 Creekwood Ct.**  
Single Story 4 BR, 3 1/2 BTH home on private 1/2 Acre lot with granite kitchen, hardwood floors, pool, and 4 car garage!  
**\$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**



**JUST SOLD!**

Fabulous French Country custom with 5 BR + office, 4 full & 2 half BTHs, hardwood floors, 4 car garage, and private .62 Acre lot with pool, spa, & BBQ!  
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**640 Varese Ct, Ruby Hill**  
This beautiful 5665 sq ft. French Country home offers 4 BR, 4.5 BA, bonus room, gourmet chef's kitchen, golf course lot & views, and pool/spa.  
**Offered at \$1,950,000**

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**HUGE PRICE REDUCTION**



**2579 Gillian Ct, Pleasanton**  
Single story, 3146 sq. ft. home, with 4 BR, 3 full BA, cherry kitchen with stainless appliances, & private and expansive yard with built in bbq & fire pit.  
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**SALE PENDING!**



**3007 Bolero Court Pleasanton**  
2 Bedroom, 2 Bath 1,302 SqFt home in desirable "Verona."

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**Open Sat/Sun 1-4**



**1282 Ridgewood Road, Pleasanton**  
This one won't last! Nicely maintained 4 BR, 2 BA, 1957 +/- sq. ft. single story in great location. Open floor plan. Loads of storage in the kitchen and sunny breakfast nook. Step down family room with fireplace leads to covered brick patio and spacious backyard. Formal LR and dining area.  
**Offered at \$699,000**

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**1641 Vetta Drive.com**



**1641 Vetta Dr, Livermore**  
Outstanding 5 BR (6 potential) & 4.5 BA home w/ 3500+ sq ft. 1 bed/ba downstairs. Upgrades throughout including \$27k in solar (no PG&E), new carpet, crown molding, and more.  
**Offered at \$914,900**

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**Open Sat/Sun 1-4**



**4911 Blackbird Wy, Pleasanton**  
Gorgeous remodeled single level, 4 bedroom, 2 bath in popular Birdland area! Hardwood floors, maple cabinets, solar pool, top schools and close to the park! Call for pricing.

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**Don't Wait Until Spring...**  
to buy, when you can have the perfect home in Pleasanton right now! Stunning custom home in Vintage Heights home with gourmet granite slab kitchen, high end stainless steel appliances & rich cabinetry. Over 3200 sq ft, 4 bedrooms & a 3 car garage.

**Dave & Sue Flashberger**  
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**Pending in 5 Days**



**Gorgeous 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 1726 sqft. home** with hardwood floors, newer paint, newer appliances and more updates! In the Valencia neighborhood — close to the business park, BART, shopping schools, commute-ease and so much more. Enjoy great community pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, tot lot and club house.

**Lisa Sterling & Natalie Kruger**  
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**SOLD! Represented buyer**



**1070 Dana Circle, Livermore**  
This is a must see short sale in the Windmill Springs neighborhood. Beautiful home with great upside potential at a great price. Very little needs to be done to move into this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath 2,174 sq ft home! Pride of ownership shows throughout. Great curb appeal!  
**Sold for \$505,000**

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**Open Sun 1-4**



**4956 Blackbird, Pleasanton**  
This recently updated home boasts custom kitchen with new cabinets, stainless steel appliances and Siltstone cabinets. Charming home has 3 BR and 2 remodeled BA and is located near shopping and schools. Updates include new insulation and dual pane windows.  
**Offered at \$699,900**

**Melissa Pederson**  
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**1405 Calle Enrique, Pleasanton**



**Immaculate 3 BR & 2 BA Patio Villa**, end unit with no adjoining walls to neighbors, 2 bedrooms on the main level, within walking distance of downtown. **Offered at \$349,000**

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