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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## A Book of Lists that's well worth reading

The mammoth 254-page 2013 Bay Area "Book of Lists" just published by the San Francisco Business Times is far too big to grace an office counter or even to fit inside a file cabinet, but it sure makes for interesting reading. This well-researched publication is just what the title says, a list compiling local information that's otherwise hard to come by, even through Google or other Internet search engines.

For instance, I learned by leafing through the pages that one of the largest environmental firms in the Bay Area is right here in Pleasanton, Kleinfelder in Hacienda Business Park, which conducts air emissions tests, soil and water samplings and advises on waste management. One of the largest civil engineering firms, MacKay & Soms, is right down the road on Franklin Drive. Five of the Bay Area's largest residential builders also have headquarters here: Pulte Group Inc., D.R. Horton, Standard Pacific Homes, Signature Homes and Ponderosa Homes. KB Home and Toll Brothers, also Pleasanton builders, have their headquarters in nearby San Ramon.

As a subscriber to the S.F. Business Times, I am sent a complimentary copy of the Book of Lists by Mary Huss, the publisher. Otherwise, it costs \$70. Together with the Bay Area business data the Business Times publishes on a weekly basis, the Book of Lists adds a powerful tool for making connections and doing business here. Huss says it's one of the largest, most data-rich and most widely circulated business resources in the Bay Area, and I know of no other publication — online or in print — that comes close. As Huss points out, it is packed with names, numbers and contact information for the top people and companies in the myriad of industries that make up our region's dynamic economy.

The Book of Lists contains the names of more than 2,000 executives whose key roles make them vital to their companies' success. It also provides access to the most successful and influential companies in the area, with a range of topics and industries reflecting the depth, breadth and vitality of the Bay Area business community. To make finding contacts easier, the Book also has 14 pages of indexes of executives' names in the publi-



cation, and also of organizations. It's the Business Times print version of a search engine and it also makes for good reading.

Pleasanton fares well in the Book with Lee & Associates on Stoneridge Drive named as one of the top commercial real estate brokerages in the Bay Area. Dahlin Group Architecture Planning, known for its design work on behalf of the city of Pleasanton and located on Owens Drive, is among the top 25 architecture firms in the area, with AAI on Hacienda Drive one of the top 50. Stoneridge Creek, the multi-million-dollar retirement community now being built on Staples Ranch, is listed as one of the top 25 Bay Area construction projects.

Tucknott Electric Co., owned by Bob Tucknott, who received the Pleasanton Weekly's Heroes award for Lifetime Achievement last fall, is listed as the Bay Area's 20th largest electrical contractor. Pleasanton is also home to three of the largest credit unions in the area: Patelco, 1st United Services and SafeAmerica Federal Credit Union, all headquartered in Hacienda Business Park. ValleyCare Medical Center is the 21st busiest hospital.

Safeway Corp. and the Cooper Cos. Inc., both headquartered here, are also listed among the top "healthiest" employers, with both Safeway and Ross Stores on Rosewood Drive listed as the 7th and 18th largest public companies, respectively. Ross Stores' CEO Michael Balmuth is also one of the 18th highest paid executives in the Bay Area, with his total compensation listed last year at \$12.5 million. Chairman Steve Burd at Safeway finished 27th, with his annual salary of \$1.5 million and a total compensation package of \$9.9 million.

Credit for the detailed, exhaustive research that went into the Book of Lists goes to Mary Huss' researchers although she no doubt was much involved in the proof-reading, a task as challenging as the research, itself. The Book is quite an accomplishment. ■

## About the Cover

Construction continues on the first phase of Stoneridge Creek, Pleasanton's new retirement community on Staples Ranch. The first group of seniors is expected to move in this fall with 635 independent living condos and homes to be completed in 2014. Photo by Troy Bourne. Cover design by Kristin Herman.

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## Do you expect 2013 to be better or worse than 2012?



**Scott McAdams**

*Communications*

It has to be better, I was unemployed most of 2012. I'm hoping for good things for my in-laws. They're both in poor health.

**Marc Gauthier**

*Student*

I think better because as I'm getting older I'm becoming more aware of things around me. As we get older, we get wiser, I guess.



**Omar Morales**

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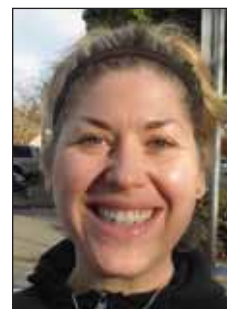
Better. My wife got a new job in the past year and I got promoted in 2012. We've just had good luck with our careers.



**Christine Fitzsimmons**

*Teacher*

Better — new beginnings are always fun. I have no major plans, I just think I'll have lots more fun.



**Esther Lennon**

*Office manager*

I think it will be better, because of my positive outlook on life. I'm a person who likes to accomplish a lot of things. I don't like to procrastinate.



—Compiled by Glenn Wohltmann

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

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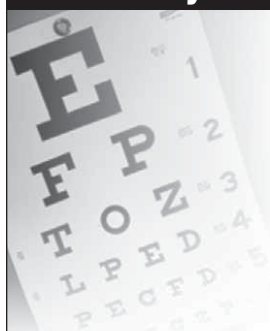
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### Christmas tree pickups

Pleasanton Garbage Service will pick up Christmas trees Saturday, Jan. 12. Trees should be placed curbside the night before and cut in 4-foot sections with stands, tinsel, ornaments and lights removed. Or trees can be cut into 2-foot sections and placed inside greenwaste containers for regular pickup.

Also Pleasanton residents may bring Christmas trees to the Transfer Station, 3110 Busch Road, to be disposed of free until Feb. 1. Call Pleasanton Garbage Service at 846-2042.

Tomorrow, Jan. 5, is the annual Christmas Tree Pickup and Recycling Day for Boy Scout Troop 941 in Pleasanton. Recommended donations are \$5 for trees 6 feet and less; \$10 for bigger trees; and another \$10 for flocked trees. Visit [www.Troop941.Org](http://www.Troop941.Org) or call 399-1377.

### 208 DUI arrests

The California Highway Patrol is reporting the same number of DUI arrests in the Bay Area this holiday compared to the same period last year while fatal collisions were down.

From 6 p.m. last Thursday to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, the CHP reported one fatal collision in the Bay Area and 208 DUI arrests. Last year, the CHP saw three fatal crashes and 208 DUI arrests during the same period, according to CHP officials.

Statewide, 1,273 drivers were arrested on suspicion of DUI over those four days, compared to 1,270 arrests statewide during the same enforcement period last year. Out of the 16 people killed in crashes on CHP-patrolled roadways over the holiday weekend, four were not wearing seatbelts, officials said.

### Rock on at Firehouse

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Ray Manzarek and Delta Rhythm Kings master slide guitarist Roy Rogers are headed to the Firehouse Arts Center on Jan. 12.

Manzarek is famous for his keyboard work with The Doors and has been called "one of the most influential keyboard players in the history of rock music." Rogers is a two-time Grammy Nominee and Delta Rhythm Kings master slide guitarist. He's performed with John Lee Hooker and The Delta Rhythm Kings to name two.

Tickets are \$30, \$35, \$40, with group and senior discounts. For tickets, call 931-4848, visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or the box office, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. The show begins at 8 p.m.

## Plastic bag ban now in effect in Pleasanton grocery stores

Restrictions in place in Alameda County

By JEB BING

Pleasanton and other Alameda County grocery stores and retailers selling packaged foods or alcohol are now required to stop giving out single-use bags at checkout.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority said reusable bags or those made of recycled paper can still be distributed but at a minimum charge of 10 cents per bag. That fee can be pocketed by the stores.

The new law doesn't affect grocers and retailers in San Ramon and other stores in Contra Costa County, which has not signed onto the ban.

Alameda County joins other parts of the Bay Area, including San Francisco, San Jose and San Mateo, that have already established similar ordinances.

Alameda County anticipates the program, which was adopted in January 2012, will save on the cost of litter and storm drain cleanup, which costs the county about \$24 million per year.

"By limiting the distribution of single-use bags and urging people to bring reusable bags, we expect to see far fewer plastic bags littering our cities in future years," Waste Management Authority's executive director Gary Wolff said. "One reusable

bag can replace as many as 600 single-use bags."

Stores affected by the ban will still be allowed to provide plastic bags for produce, bulk food or meat from within the store. Restaurants and take-out food restaurants are also exempt from the ordinance.

WIC and food stamp customers won't have to pay the 10-cent fee for paper bags.

All 14 cities within the county and unincorporated Alameda County are affected by the countywide ban.

—Zack Farmer, Bay City News, contributed to this story.



Hayden Jolley, 9, a student at Hearst Elementary School in Pleasanton, presented a \$41 donation to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund in person. Hayden and her neighborhood friends earned the money by doing a bake sale over the holiday break.

JEB BING

## Girls donate bake sale earnings to Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

Four girls in the Sycamore Heights neighborhood are learning the joy of giving back at an early age. For the past three years, youngsters from this neighborhood have been conducting sales to be able to give their proceeds to the Holiday Fund.

The first year the children sold books and toys; last year they held a toy sale. This year Hayden Jolley, 9; Audriana Templeman, 10; Bailey Yang, 12; and Katherine Ku, 12, held a bake sale that earned them \$41.

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund raises donations from the community in support of local nonprofit organizations serving the Pleasanton area. All administrative and marketing costs are covered by the Pleasanton Weekly and the Fund's fiscal sponsor, Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

There is still time to donate. Forms and more information are available at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com/holiday\\_fund](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com/holiday_fund).

## Eviction notices sent out to subsidized housing residents

Some tenants of Las Ventanas apartments may be forced to move

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Some residents of Las Ventanas apartments got an early unwelcome Christmas gift: eviction notices taped to their doors on Nov. 30.

In all, 24 residents got the notices. All are on subsidized housing. Some are elderly. At least one is a single mother. Nearly all of them have lived in the complex for decades.

Betty Biggs is 74 and has lived at Las Ventanas, an apartment complex in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue, for nearly 30 years — since the early 1980s.

"I got a note on my door, it told me I had to vacate the premises by March, and I thought,

"My goodness I wouldn't begin to know where to go," Biggs said. "I was scared to death. I don't even know where to find another place, I've been here for years."

Eliza Cambra has lived at the complex for nearly 26 years. She's not only worried for herself, but for her neighbors as well, especially those who have lived there for decades.

"It's 24 apartments and some of (the residents) have children, some of them have partners, so it's 24 homes. I would say that there's probably at least 20 of them that are elderly or disabled," Cambra said. "The elderly people,

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## 2013 welcomes baby at ValleyCare at 4:56 a.m.

Four babies were born in the Bay Area shortly after midnight on New Year's Day, including a girl born to a Hayward woman at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton.

Another boy was delivered by a doctor who is now his great-grandmother, hospital officials said.

New kids came to parents at about 12:00 a.m. — give or take a second or more — at Sutter Delta Medical Center in Antioch and Alta Bates Summit Medical Center's campus in Berkeley and the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, said spokespersons for each facility.

At Sutter Delta, 20-year-old Kara Jeter, of Bakersfield, said she drove to Antioch last Wednesday with her boyfriend fully expecting that her grandmother who works at the hospital, Dr. Debra Stewart, would deliver her son.

In the last few days while staying at her grandma's home in Antioch, she started feeling contractions on and off until she it was time Sunday night, Jeter said. The boy, named Harley after his 19-year-old father, Thomas Harley Sparks, was born caesarian by his great-grandmother within seconds after midnight and Jeter's grandmother had the honor of carrying him to her, she said.

"I feel special and it's something I'll get to tell my son when he gets older," Jeter said, adding that she also was "hoping for a New Year's baby."

The boy weighed 8 pounds, 2.5 ounces and was 21 inches long, according to hospital spokeswoman Angela Lombardi.

Christina Susim, 29, had a girl weighing only 4 pounds 9 ounces and 17.5 inches long seconds after the clocks reached midnight at Alta Bates' Berkeley campus, hospital spokeswoman Carolyn Kemp said. The girl, who is yet to be named, spent only 33 weeks in the womb and was placed into the infant intensive care unit but is doing fine, Kemp said.

"It's a little early," Kemp said. "This baby was trying to be born."

At the Santa Clara Valley hospital in San Jose, a nursing shift supervisor, who declined to give her name, said that a boy was born there about three seconds after midnight.

The boy was 8 pounds, 20 inches, said the supervisor, who had no further information.

The first baby of 2013 at ValleyCare was Ahmani Trosclair, who arrived at 4:56 a.m., said Denise Bouillere, marketing and public relations manager for the hospital.

Ahmani, the daughter of Naecionna Trosclair of Hayward, weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces at birth and measured 22 inches.

—Jeff Burbank, Bay City News, contributed to this story

# Pleasanton attorney admits forgery, lying to IRS

Forged client's name to deeds, denied when questioned

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

A 72-year-old Pleasanton attorney faces up to five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine for tax fraud.

William A. Hirst pleaded guilty Dec. 27 to one count of making a false statement to the Internal Revenue Service, according to US Attorney Melinda Haag.

According to a plea agreement, in 2005, Hirst forged a client's

name after losing deeds as part of his work planning an estate, then lied to IRS agents about it.

Hirst admitted he prepared 11 deeds for the client, giving part ownership to the client's daughter. He also acted as the notary public for the client's signature on all 11 deeds.

While eight of the deeds were recorded with the county recorder in March 2004, the remaining three deeds were lost or destroyed after

having been signed by the client, who died Feb. 27, 2004.

The estate's accountant filed the estate's federal estate tax return with the IRS on Feb. 2, 2005, but did not list the daughter's interests on the three lost or destroyed deeds.

Hirst re-drafted the three missing deeds and signed the client's name. They were recorded April 4, 2005.

During an IRS estate audit, Hirst was served a summons to produce

his notary log showing the 11 deeds were executed. He was later questioned by IRS estate tax attorneys about the deeds, including the three deeds recorded April 4, 2005.

In his plea agreement, Hirst admitted he lied to the IRS, saying he found the three lost deeds in a file and recorded them, although he knew he signed the client's signature to the three deeds recorded April 4, 2005.

Hirst was charged Dec. 6, 2012, with four counts of making false statements. He is scheduled to appear before U.S. District Court Judge Samuel Conti on April 19 for sentencing.

The maximum statutory penalty for making a false statement is five years in prison followed by three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000, depending on the result of the pre-sentencing report. ■

## EVICITION

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they are scared. Most of them have lived here long-term."

Cambra said she thought the notes, given to residents on subsidized housing just before the holidays, was a calculated move to get rid of them. Many of the residents are hesitant to talk, fearing reprisals. A frantic scrambling led at least one resident to move to Dublin.

The department of Housing and Urban Development, which runs the subsidized housing program known as section 8, has come to an agreement with the operators of the apartment complex, FPI Management, based out of Folsom.

"They ended up coming to an agreement, HUD housing and the

owners, so they raised our rent," Cambra said. "Some of them went up \$110, one went up \$300 and we also have an extra price for water and garbage. For example, my rent was \$1,375. On the last note I got it went up to \$1,485, plus."

That plus, she said, was about \$73 per month for water and garbage service for a two-bedroom apartment.

That will lead any of those on fixed incomes to pay more — or find a new place to live.

"Section 8 is going to pay part. I won't find out until January what my part will be," Biggs said. She worried that part of the increase will include extra costs for water and garbage.

"I hope not, I can't afford that," she said. "I don't want to move.

I'm on a waiting list to get into a nursing home. It would be silly to have to move, then go into a nursing home."

The rent increase and the extra cost for services will mean at least some of those in subsidized housing will have to move, Cambra said, adding that no one is sure yet exactly how much more they'll have to pay to stay.

"Some people will be able to make the payments and some people won't," she said. "If people can't make that amount, they'll have to find someplace else where they'll take the (Section 8) vouchers. A lot of times there's a waiting list."

No one from FPI Management returned calls from the Pleasanton Weekly. ■



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Las Ventanas apartments, where some residents were shocked to receive eviction notices after living there for decades.

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## New laws focus on in-car texting, red light cameras, party buses

Hands-free devices now OK for dictating, sending, listening to text messages

By JEB BING

Texting while driving, red-light cameras and party buses are among the targets of new driving-related laws that took effect yesterday in California.

Among the bills passed by the state Legislature and signed into law this year by Gov. Jerry Brown is a new law permitting drivers to text while driving provided they are not using their fingers, California Highway Patrol spokeswoman Fran Clader said.

The law, Assembly Bill 1536, authored by Assemblyman Jeff Miller, R-Corona, amends the existing law that prohibits drivers from holding a cellphone in a car. It allows motorists to use voice-activated, hands-free devices to dictate, send or listen to text messages, Clader said.

State law already allowed hands-free verbal calling, but the new one makes it legal to use software applications to dictate texts or listen to incoming written texts that the device "reads" aloud, Clader said.

"This allows you to use any voice-activated device so you don't have to type to text," Clader said.

Drivers under 18 are still not per-

mitted to use any type of cellphone in a vehicle, she said. Under the law, drivers will be allowed to touch their phones to activate or deactivate the hands-free functions.

Another new law, Senate Bill 1303, by state Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, deals with cameras installed by local law enforcement agencies that take pictures of the license plates of cars running red lights, Clader said. The drivers later receive citations by mail.

Under the new rules, agencies using the red-light cameras have to put up signs within 200 feet of the intersections where they are located announcing the cameras' presence, make a public statement about each camera, and issue only warnings to violators for the first 30 days after installation, Clader said.

"This is so the motorist is aware that there is a red light camera operating there," Clader said.

Simitian, in a letter he sent this year and posted on his website urging Brown to sign the bill, complained that sometimes "cameras have clearly been installed to raise revenue, rather than protect public safety."

AB 2020, by Assemblyman Rich-

ard Pan, D-Sacramento, will remove the right of people arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs to opt for a urine test, making only a blood test available to them, Clader said.

Another law, AB 45 by Assemblyman Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, takes aim at charter-party vehicles such as limos and buses. It will require that the carrier have a chaperone age 25 or older in the vehicle if any passengers will be drinking to ensure that no minors are given alcohol. Both the chaperone and the carrier will be held responsible for any violations.

Hill has said that he drafted the bill back in 2010 in memory of Brett Studebaker, 19, of Burlingame, who died when he crashed his car earlier that year after being allowed to drink on a party bus even though he was underage.

The issue of chartered party buses received additional attention last July when 25-year-old Santa Cruz resident Natasha Noland was killed on Highway 17 after apparently falling out a party bus during a fight with another partygoer after consuming alcohol.

—Jeff Burbank, Bay City News

## Alameda County Arts Commission set to award 2013 grants

Workshops set for January with applications due March 1

The Alameda County Arts Commission will award grants next year to programs and individuals dedicated to improving the quality of life in the county by nurturing a thriving environment for the arts, promoting economic opportunities for local artists and arts organizations.

The ARTSFUND Grants Program supports all types of arts programming such as dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual arts, and multidisciplinary arts programs.

Last year's ARTSFUND program awarded grants of \$1,000 to \$2,400 to 35 nonprofit organizations throughout the county. During the 2013 funding cycle, between 35-45 arts organizations may be awarded grants.

The Arts Commission staff will host two free workshops to assist organizations in preparing grant applications. Reservations are required. Workshops will be held on Wednes-

day, Jan. 16, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Fremont Main Library in Fremont and Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Alameda County Lakeside Plaza Building in Oakland. To register, contact the Arts Commission at [artscommission@acgov.org](mailto:artscommission@acgov.org) or phone (510) 208-9646 at least seven days prior to the workshop date.

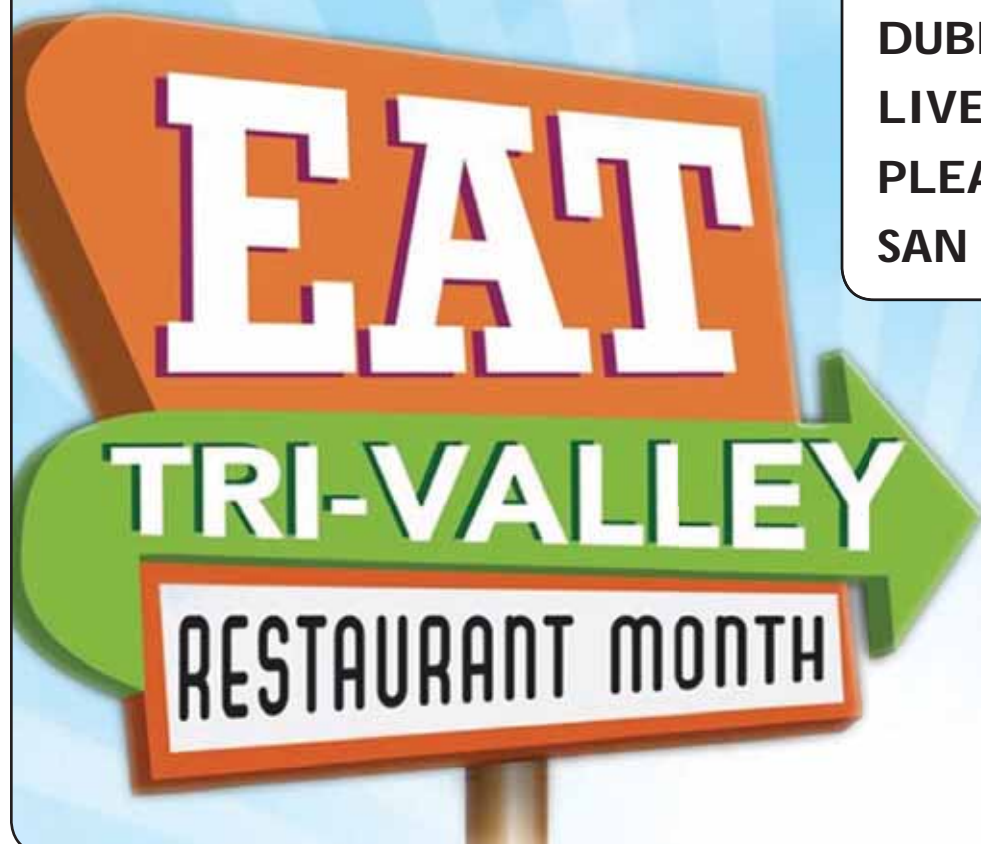
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Funding for the ARTSFUND Grants Program is provided by the county of Alameda, individual contributions submitted with county property tax payments and donations to the Foundation for the Arts in Alameda County.

—Jeb Bing

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### Our oldest reader: 104

Blanche Hewitt, 104, visited her grandson Don Hewitt and his wife Frances in Pleasanton last week, where she traveled up and down Main Street in their 1917 Model T and enjoyed ice cream at Meadowlark Dairy. She spent her last evening at Gay '90s Pizza, where she caught up on the latest local news in the Pleasanton Weekly. Blanche was born Oct. 16, 1908, in Atkinson, Ill., and grew up there and in Sheffield, Ill., where she still lives.

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■ AVHS Mock Trial Program: Chloe Connolly, Foothill High School, \$200 to buy materials to help students improve public speaking skills and learning about civics, law and government

■ AVHS Science for Youth: Beverly Fu, \$270 to help promote interest, literacy, and joy in science

■ Leadership Funds: Liz Veronica Guevara, Horizon High School, \$250 to buy materials and supplies for student character education and recognition

■ SIMS Club (Students Interested in Medical Sciences): Saba Hosseinzadeh, Amador Valley, \$250 to buy materials and supplies for a college fair to showcase colleges with strong pre-medical and biological sciences programs

■ HPMS Science Olympiad: George Huang, Harvest Park Middle School, \$350 for lab equipment and team registration fees for club promoting the exploration and expansion of scientific knowledge

■ Pleasanton Linguistics Tournament: Rick Huang, AVHS, \$150 for materials for preparation for tournaments promoting linguistics and logic

■ FHS Math Team (Mu Alpha Theta): Roland Huang, Foothill, \$110 for competition fees

■ FHS Writers Club Contest: Kelly McDeavitt, Foothill, \$100, to support the clubs school-wide writing contest

■ Foothill Buddies: Omar Sajjad, \$500 for supplies for school-wide program that provides students the opportunity to build friendships with special-needs students.

The PPIE grant program is now in its 23rd year. ■

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## Workday buys Stoneridge Corporate Plaza

Shuns San Ramon initiative to stay in Pleasanton, expand workforce

Workday, a software company headed by Dave Duffield, is purchasing the cluster of five office buildings comprising Stoneridge Corporate Plaza on Stoneridge Mall Road and will move its offices there from a building it now leases nearby at 6230 Stoneridge Mall Road.

Out of space and with a growing workforce now numbering 1,000, Workday was looking at office space in San Ramon. Although San Ramon city leaders and commercial real estate associates offered assistance, Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho said his economic development team, including Economic Development Manager Pamela Ott, prevailed.

Workday will gradually move its workforce, expected to grow to 4,000 over time, into the new corporate plaza, giving tenants there time to find other space. Tenants in the corporate plaza include the Pleasanton branch of the University of San Francisco.

Duffield has long favored Pleasanton for his business endeavors. Founded in 1987, PeopleSoft was originally headquartered in Walnut Creek before Duffield moved it to Pleasanton's Hacienda Business Park. In December 2004, Oracle announced that it had signed a definitive merger agreement to acquire PeopleSoft for approximately \$10.3 billion. A month after the acquisition of PeopleSoft, Oracle cut over half of

PeopleSoft's workforce, laying off 6,000 of PeopleSoft's 11,000 employees. Many were re-hired by Oracle after that company decided to keep its Pleasanton operations. Others joined Duffield again when he started Workday.

Workday is an on-demand (cloud-based) financial management and human capital management software company. Founded both by Duffield and former PeopleSoft chief strategist Aneel Bhusri following Oracle's hostile takeover of PeopleSoft, it differs from other cloud-based software providers in that it targets the customers of rivals Oracle or SAP by offering them "online services at a fraction of the cost of upgrading from their incumbent vendors." It launched a successful initial public offering that valued it above better-known software companies that have gone public in 2012, including Groupon and Zynga.

As of spring 2012, Workday had more than 310 customers, ranging from mid-sized businesses to Fortune 500 companies. Last October, Workday launched its initial public offering (IPO) on the New York Stock Exchange with ticker symbol WDAY. Its shares were priced at \$28 and ended trading Friday, Oct. 12, at \$48.69, and propelled the start-up to a market capitalization of nearly \$9.5 billion including unexercised stock options. It sold 22.75 million Class A



JEB BING

Workday's current corporate offices are in this building off Stoneridge Mall Road.

shares, raising \$637 million. The IPO raised more cash than any launch in the U.S. technology sector since Facebook's \$16 billion IPO in May 2012. Its shares surged 74% in

their IPO, underscoring investor interest in cloud computing.

Workday has released 17 updates to its product line as of July 2012. ■

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### 2013: Year to plan Pleasanton's 'last frontier'

Volunteers made quite a commitment when they signed on as members of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan task force last summer. The task force has already had several of its monthly Thursday night meetings, walked and been driven over the land portion of the 1,000-acre quarry site and heard from developers, adjacent property owners and each other over possible uses, ranging from light industrial to high density apartments to retail stores. So far, there's been little agreement, but then the discussions have only started with meetings scheduled to continue through all of this year and well into 2014.

The quarry lands under consideration contain the largest single concentration of sand and gravel deposits in the Bay Area. They've long been of special importance because of the value of those mineral deposits to the region's economy, although more recently the environmental impacts of the extraction process and plans for reclaiming the land for future use have been given a top priority.

Today, with the mining and extraction operations drawing to a close, at least on the Pleasanton side of the quarry lands, it's up to the task force to decide how to identify the best uses of the site. The plan area includes three lakes (sand and gravel pits) and surrounding lands totaling approximately 604 acres. Two of the lakes, including Cope Lake, are owned by the Zone 7 water agency and the third lake is owned by the Pleasanton Gravel Co. but is scheduled to be dedicated to Zone 7 in 2014.

Since nearly the entire site has been mined, the original topography and habitat characteristics have been completely altered. The three lakes have steep banks and much of the area surrounding them consists of wetlands. Pleasanton Garbage Service operates a transfer station on the south side of Busch Road, which is visible from Valley Avenue. For the most part, public access is not allowed and only a small portion of the site is visible beyond the Pleasanton Garbage recycling center.

The Pleasanton General Plan specifies that in order to accommodate planned development for this transitional area, the preparation of a specific plan should first be initiated. That's the mission of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan task force, to identify and locate a series of appropriate land uses, integrate a traffic circulation system to serve these uses, include the extension of El Charro Road from I-580 to Stanley Boulevard and Busch Road from Valley Avenue to El Charro, provide for the extension of utilities throughout the plan area, and create a funding mechanism for the infrastructure required to support development.

It's a tall order for the 18-member task force, which is meeting with the guidance of Janice Stern, the city's assistant planning manager who is skilled at shepherding task forces. The quarry land site is often called Pleasanton's "last frontier." With new requirements for more high density, affordable housing set to be issued by the Association of Bay Area Governments and state housing authorities in 2014, this site may be the best hope for Pleasanton to meet its housing growth requirements without any disruption to already populated sections of the city. ■



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# Community Pulse • Transitions

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG • OBITUARIES • BIRTHS & WEDDINGS

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Routine stop leads to burglary bust

A routine patrol stop led to the arrest of two people from Stockton on a host of felony charges, according to police reports. Lionel Ibus Sampayan, 31, and Autumn Janice Stewart, 19, were arrested at about 2:45 a.m. Dec. 26 for possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, auto burglary, identification theft and paraphernalia possession. Sampayan was also arrested for possession of methamphetamine, and Stewart was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Officer J. Christiansen spotted a car parked near the intersection of Mountain View Drive and Canyon Meadows Circle, saw a pair of people walking away from a pickup truck parked nearby, and saw property from the truck on the ground. Approaching the car, Christiansen saw a door lock punch on the floor; a search also yielded drugs, paraphernalia, shaved car keys, rubber gloves and documents and checks in the names of other people.

The two were taken into custody at about 2:30 a.m.

### In other police reports:

- Russ William Mendenhall, 34, of Livermore was arrested Jan. 1 in the 5500 block of San Juan Way for receiving stolen property, auto parts theft, petty theft and resisting arrest. A call to police about an auto burglary led to the arrest; Mendenhall was seen looking into a car and apparently inadvertently activated a car alarm.

- Andrea Tatianna Murray, 40, of San Francisco, was arrested on a felony warrant for theft after a call about a suspicious person at the Stoneridge Shopping Center at about 11:20 a.m. Dec. 31. Murray was also arrested for receiving stolen property, paraphernalia possession and giving false identification to a police officer.

- A lock box at Mercedes Benz of Pleasanton in the 5800 block of Owens drive was pried open, keys were stolen and two Mercedes, a 2001 C320 worth \$35,000 and a 2000 Mercedes ML320 worth more than \$4,000 were stolen — the second time a lock box at the dealership was pried open in less than a year. The thefts took place between 9 p.m. Dec. 25 and 6:30 a.m. Dec. 26.

- A burglary at a home in the 400 block of Rose Avenue netted \$10,000 in jewelry and a laptop computer. An unlocked bathroom window provid-

ed access to the home. The break-in took place between 5:30 p.m. Dec. 24 and 2:30 a.m. Dec. 25.

- Felony warrants for drug violations led to the arrests of two men in separate Dec. 26 incidents. John Franklin Schoch, 40, a transient, was arrested at about 9:39 a.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive. Richard Christopher Cordova, 23, of Brentwood was arrested at about 7 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road.

- Collectibles and tools were among the items stolen in a Dec. 30 burglary in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive. Eight boxes of baseball cards valued at \$500, a collection of comic books worth \$200, and a \$50 figure set were taken, along with tools worth a total of \$800, a \$200 bag of clothing and a guitar amplifier worth \$200. The burglary took place between 10:30 and 11 a.m.; there was no sign of forced entry.

- A Dec. 27 burglary at a home in the 6000 block of Corte Montanas netted about \$3,000 in miscellaneous items, mostly computer equipment. The theft took place between 12:27 and 4 p.m., with access through a garage door.

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

## OBITUARIES

PAID OBITUARIES

### Mary Wiitala

July 19, 1930-Dec. 23, 2012

Mary Edwina Wilcox Theodore Wiitala died Dec. 23, 2012 at Eden Medical Center, Castro Valley, Calif. She was born in Maysville, Okla. to Joseph Martin Wilcox and Henry Idel Frizzell Wilcox, both of Oklahoma. Mary is survived by her sister Laveta Fagundes, 81, recently of Tracy, Calif. and brother Grady "Jimmy" Wilcox, 80, of Pleasanton; her daughter, Nancy Theodore Heredia of Temple City, Calif.; her son, Richard Theodore of Apple Valley, Calif., 3 granddaughters, 2 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Joe and Idel Wilcox, husbands, Ed Theodore and Robert Wiitala and son Bobby Wiitala.



She came to California in 1941 with her family, arriving in Pleasanton in early 1943. Her father owned, trained and raced Thoroughbred horses at Northern California, county fairs and in Phoenix, Ariz. She lived in Pleasanton for 69 years.

Visitation will be held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, Pleasanton, CA on Friday, Jan. 4 from 2-5 p.m. Services will be held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, Saturday Jan. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Burial will immediately follow at Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery on Sunol Blvd.

Norma Carolyn (Campbell) Briere, 82, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2012 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Norma was born in Wauregan, Conn., on September 20, 1930. She moved with her husband and three children to Long Beach, Calif. in February 1962. She worked for many years in the insurance industry and ended her career working in containerized shipping. She moved to Pleasanton in 1989 and resided here until her death. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and was a ValleyCare Auxillary volunteer for many years. She enjoyed Dixieland Jazz and spent many weekends attending jazz festivals with her husband and friends.

### Norma Carolyn Briere

Sept. 20, 1930-Dec. 24, 2012

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Norma was preceded in death in by her husband, Cletus Paul (Pete) Briere. She is survived by her daughter Kathryn (Roy) Schamanski of Tacoma, Wash., son Michael (Jamie) Briere of Lakewood, Calif. and daughter Sheri (Mike) Baldwin of Pleasanton; grandchildren, Melissa Schamanski, Emily (Ryan) Trivett, Nathan Briere, Cole Briere, Kevin Baldwin, Nick Baldwin and great-granddaughter Claire Ann Trivett. Per her request no services were held. Remembrances may be sent to Hope Hospice in Dublin or to the charity of your choice in her name.

### Howard Clemens Hansen

March 20, 1922-Dec. 27, 2012

Howard Clemens Hansen, 90, died December 27, 2012 at his home in Pleasanton. His wife of 69 years, Virginia, was at his side when he died. He will be fondly remembered by his children, Nancy (Peter) Mills of Tracy, Tuny (Art) Dunkley of Pleasanton, and Hans (Jill) Hansen, also of Pleasanton. Howard is survived by his sister Ann Marie Mix of Palo Alto, as well as eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The Hansens were early settlers in Pleasanton. Howard's father immigrated from Denmark in 1912 and in 1919 invested in two dairies in Pleasanton. Howard would ultimately run one of those dairies (The Hansen & Giger Dairy), located on Hopyard Road. In 1966 when the business was no longer viable, the land, the cattle and the equipment were all sold.

Howard spent his retirement years maintaining his beautiful garden and tinkering with his collection of Model T cars. He and Virginia traveled extensively, most notably to Denmark where they kept up ties with the extended Hansen family. He was a fine mechanic and could fix anything. In later years when he was weakened by the effects of Parkinson's Disease, he still managed to run the house from his recliner. Howard spent his entire life in just three different houses, one on St. Mary Street, and two on Division Street. He liked to point out that if you started out in the right place, there was no need to move. No services are planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hope Hospice at 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.



## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Dec. 26

#### Theft

- 5:15 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft
- 12:24 p.m. in the 4500 block of Shearwater Road
- 2:25 p.m. in the 600 block of St. Mary Street
- 3:40 p.m. in the 3300 block of Norton Way; fraud

#### Burglary

- 2:30 a.m. at the intersection of Mountain View Drive and Canyon Meadows Circle
- 9:57 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive

#### Public drunkenness

- 10:50 p.m. in the 4600 block of First St

### Dec. 27

#### Theft

- 11:44 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; auto theft
- 1:21 p.m. in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road; fraud
- 4:34 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:40 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Burglary

- 4:08 p.m. in the 6000 block of Corte Montanas; residential burglary

#### Vandalism

- 8:37 a.m. in the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive
- 8:43 a.m. at the intersection of Touriga Drive and Palomino Drive
- 12:58 p.m. in the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive
- 12:59 p.m. in the 600 block of Concord Place

#### DUI

- 2:29 p.m. in the 1000 block of Ruby Hill Drive

### Dec. 28

#### Theft

- 3:27 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; fraud
- 3:34 p.m. in the 2500 block of Via Espada

#### Auto burglary

- 3:12 p.m. in the 1200 block of W. Lagoon Road

#### Vandalism

- 10:23 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway
- 12:30 p.m. in the 6200 block of Paseo Santa Cruz
- 4:27 p.m. at the intersection of Grapevine Drive and Half Dome Drive

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 5:03 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; DUI
- 6:27 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; under the influence of a controlled substance

### Dec. 29

#### Theft

- 10:37 a.m. in the 8200 block of Moller Ranch Drive; fraud
- 9:12 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Vandalism

- 12:21 p.m. in the 6400 block of Calle Altamira

#### Alcohol violations

- 1:27 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 2:35 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 8:07 p.m. at the intersection of Rialto Way and Florian Street; DUI

### Dec. 30

#### Child abuse

- 7:06 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

#### Burglary

- 9:30 a.m. in the 1989 Santa Rita

Road; commercial burglary

- 1 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; residential burglary

#### Alcohol violations

- 1:17 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue; public drunkenness
- 6:47 p.m. at the intersection of Golden Rd and Calle Santa Anna; DUI

### Dec. 31

#### Battery

- 3:53 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road

#### Vandalism

- 9:25 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Trails Drive
- 9:27 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Inglewood Drive
- 2:17 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Secretariat Drive
- 2:38 p.m. in the 500 block of Kottinger Drive

#### Alcohol violations

- 1:49 a.m. in the 3600 block of N. Glacier Court; DUI
- 10:50 p.m. in the 7200 block of Valley Trails Drive; public drunkenness

### Jan. 1

#### Theft

- 6:44 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 10:29 p.m. in the 7600 block of Maywood Drive

#### Vandalism

- 4:10 p.m. in the 3500 block of Norton Way

#### Alcohol violations

- 12:19 a.m. in the 4500 block of Harper Court; public drunkenness
- 1:29 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road; DUI

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# Holiday Fund donations open through Jan. 15

## Give now to help others in our community

By **JEB BING**

It's not too late to contribute to the Pleasanton Weekly's 2012 Holiday Fund with donations given by Jan. 15 still going to the 10 nonprofits in need of financial aid this year.

With more than \$60,000 received so far, these contributions will be divided equitably, with 75% of all dollars raised going to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health System. Another 25% of the contributions will go to Hope Hospice, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, REACH, Sandra J Wing Therapies and Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley.

This year we are partnering with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), which will handle all finances related to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. That will allow donors to take advantage of a tax deduction for the dollars they contribute

through the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status. The SVCF and the Pleasanton Weekly will handle all costs of the campaign. That means that every dollar will go directly to the 10 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

"It's our most ambitious campaign ever," said Gina Channell-Allen, president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly. "Despite a modest economic recovery in the Tri-Valley, these are still-troubling times with unemployment in Alameda County, alone, still hovering at more than 8%."

"The agencies we have targeted for assistance have found that they now have many more to serve and often fewer dollars from their regular donors who have found themselves at times facing financial, employment and health care challenges and uncertainties," she explained.

Melanie C. LaGrande, corporate philanthropy manager of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, said giving to the Pleasanton

Weekly Holiday Fund this year is more important than ever.

"Although Pleasanton is ranked as one of the wealthiest cities of its size in the nation, there are thousands who rely on many of these 10 organizations we are helping this year for individual and family assistance, emergency aid when they're suddenly without jobs and health care," she said. "Not everyone is wealthy here, not everyone has a job, not everyone has health insurance. These are the people who need our help."

"We see these needs vividly through the Silicon Valley Community Foundation's programs and the good work the Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund accomplishes," LaGrande added.

The Foundation, headquartered in Mountain View, is no stranger to Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. In recent years, it has awarded grants to Amador Valley and Horizon high schools, Axis Community Health, PPIE, San-

dra J. Wing Healing Therapies, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and the Valley Humane Society.

The Foundation is a catalyst and a leader for innovative solutions to the region's most challenging problems with more than \$2 billion in assets under management and 1,600 philanthropic funds.

"We welcome the opportunity to join with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation as part of our 2012 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund," Channell-Allen said.

She added, "What's important about giving to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund is that, in partnership with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, we can identify these programs and activities that need our help and serve our entire community."

"We know what the needs are locally because of our expertise in covering these nonprofits in the Weekly's news columns and through the Foundation's programs to help serve their financial needs," she explained. ■

## Holiday Fund donors

So far in the 2012 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund campaign, 343 donors have contributed \$60,271 to the fund.

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Ed and Bernadette Dantzig	250
Elizabeth Beebe	200
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Gene and Linda Johnson	100
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Ken and Barbara McDonald	**
Kevin and Sandra Ryan	100
Kevin Powers	200
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Mr. John P. Ferreri	100
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Ms. Betty Kirvan	100
Ms. Deborah MG Tomlin	**
Ms. Lilibeth Smith	200
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Pauline Coe	**
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# Stoneridge Drive, Stoneridge Creek TO OPEN THIS YEAR



There's good news involving the name "Stoneridge" in 2013. Stoneridge Creek, Pleasanton's new retirement community on Staples Ranch, is expected to open the first phase of its 635 independent living condos and homes to be completed later this year, giving at least 200 seniors the opportunity to move into their new upscale homes.

About the same time, the long-awaited and much-debated extension of Stoneridge Drive as a four-lane thoroughfare to El Charro Road and Livermore also will be completed. A bridge over the arroyo is now half-built and should be finished in early summer, allowing the roadway to be ready for traffic in the early fall.

Both multi-million-dollar projects are being completed at no cost to Pleasanton taxpayers. Alameda County agreed to build the bridge when the 124-acre undeveloped Staples Ranch was annexed into Pleasanton. Continuing Life Communities of Southern California is building and will operate Stoneridge Creek.

Stoneridge Creek will be the first residential development on Staples, and Stoneridge Drive will be the first thoroughfare, long planned to provide a link to Livermore. Across El Charro, Jack London Boulevard has already been extended past the Livermore Airport to connect to Stoneridge, which will include a multi-lane, signalized intersection just south of the new Livermore Outlets at El Charro and I-580.

Troy Bourne, vice president of planning and development for CLC, steered the retirement home developer's application process through an agonizingly long seven years of public hearings, workshops and environmental-impact discussions.

He recently told the Pleasanton Rotary Club that the Pleasanton City Council's final approval was both welcome news and long overdue. In one of his many appeals before the council — and to emphasize just how long he had been seeking an approval for Stoneridge Creek — Bourne said that during the process his wife had given birth to three of their children. When construction started, Bourne and his family relocated from

Southern California to Pleasanton. They now have five children, including several who attend Alisal Elementary School.

Many of those who had registered for homes in Stoneridge Creek donned yellow shirts and filled the City Council's chambers several times in a show of support for Stoneridge Creek during public hearings. For some, there was a sense of urgency since a requirement of being accepted into the retirement community is good health. During the years since deposits first were accepted, at least one applicant has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Even so, CLC has agreed to allow the applicant and his spouse to move in because of their deposit and the permitting delays by the city.

Interest in Stoneridge Creek has remained strong despite the recent recession and slowdown in the housing market. Already, more than 1,000 individuals have joined the Priority Reservation Program, putting down deposits to reserve their place at the retirement community.

Stoneridge Creek consists of a cluster of 635 homes ranging



# Motorists, seniors face bright 2013 as 2 projects start wrapping up

BY JEB BING



in size from 700-square-foot condominium apartments to single family homes in 20 different floor plans as large as 2,600 square feet. The complex also includes 60 assisted living apartments, and a nearby health center will have 90 skilled nursing beds when completed.

Employees to be hired locally will include managers, nurses and staff to handle swimming, fitness and other programs. Security guards will double as First Responders in the complex, all trained in CPR. Surrounded by parkland, other amenities at Stoneridge Creek will include bocce ball, areas for gardening, a dog park, painting, art and dance classes, and water aerobics.

Bourne said the public's image of retirement facilities range from ocean view homes and golf courses for the very rich to stainless steel halls with green linoleum where many may remember visiting as kindergartners to sing Christmas carols.

Stoneridge Creek is neither. It will look much like other upscale neighborhoods in Pleasanton, although restricted to those 55 or older. It's also pricey, though not prohibitively so for most

Pleasanton homeowners. Costs range from \$200,000 for the smaller condos to more than \$1 million for the larger homes.

Yet unlike a typical development, Stoneridge Creek homes are not purchased or rented. No one actually buys their home, although it feels like that. The move-in costs are paid upfront much like a home purchase. No less than 75% of a "buyer's" investment will be refunded if the home occupant chooses to move out of Stoneridge Creek or, in the case of death, to the resident's estate. There's also a monthly service fee of up to \$2,400 for the first occupant of a larger home, another \$1,400 for a spouse.

After that, though, everything available at Stoneridge Creek is included, from the one meal a day to skilled nursing care whenever and as often as needed. Besides full long-term care, everything else a homeowner used to pay is covered, such as property taxes, home insurance, home maintenance, utility bills, landscaping and more. If a spouse needs care in the skilled nursing center, the other spouse can continue living at

the couple's Stoneridge Creek home, which will be a short walk away from the health center.

Stoneridge Creek's on-site amenities include several restaurant venues ranging from casual to fine dining; a resident library; billiard and card rooms; computer lab and business center; spa and fitness center; open-air pool and steam room; performing arts theater for musical and theatrical performances; movie theater; and an art studio and woodworking shop. Residents can also enjoy a variety of outdoor recreational amenities including tennis courts, short-game golf course, dog park, walking and cycling trails, and bocce and croquet courts.

Bourne said a model home is now open for tours. The model home — featuring a full-scale replica of one of Stoneridge Creek's most popular floor plans — is located in the retirement community's information center at 5698 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. Model tours can be scheduled by calling 1-800-850-3167. ■



PHOTOS COURTESY STONERIDGE CREEK

Top: The Stoneridge Creek Garden Terrace apartment homes, available in a variety of floor plans, are a popular option due to their proximity to the clubhouse.

Left: The clubhouse at Stoneridge Creek will include several restaurant venues ranging from casual to fine dining, a resident library, billiard and card rooms, and a computer lab and business center. The spa and fitness center will feature an open-air pool and steam room.

Middle and right: Construction on the villas at Stoneridge Creek is well under way and is on track for completion during the second half of 2013. The community offers nearly 20 floor plans ranging from 700-square-foot apartment-style homes to 2,500-square-foot, single-story villas with attached garages.

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

## HER LATEST THRILL: Touring war theater in the Mideast

*USO sponsors authors  
on visit to eight bases*

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**



Kathleen Antrim is no stranger to excitement. She writes thrillers, trained with a SWAT team in Arizona, and has run the Thriller Fest in Manhattan for the last five years.

But Antrim, who lives in Pleasanton, said it was a special thrill to see a lone camel ambling down a highway in the desert when she visited the Middle East recently on a USO authors' tour, Operation Thriller III 2012.

"The Persian Gulf is beautiful," she said. "When I landed in Kuwait there was lightning that was pink and yellow. I thought, 'This is surreal.'"

Also thrilling were the warnings about black fat-tailed scorpions and giant camel spiders, although she was pleased to report the only ones she saw were in jars.

But mainly she was impressed by the troops she met as she traveled with five other writers to eight camps throughout the war theater in the Middle East.

"It was an honor and a privilege to meet the military and say thank you to them," she recalled. "I will never again take our military for granted."

Antrim was chair, handling all the logistics for the whirlwind 10-day, eight-base tour, which included authors Michael Connelly, Brad Meltzer, Joseph Finder and Andy Harp, all members of the International Thriller Writers.

Only Harp had been on the previous tours, which began in 2010, the first one to Iraq and the second to Afghanistan. During the first two tours, the authors were allowed to blog, but for this tour they had to wait until it was completed.

"The tour was a life-changing experience," Antrim said. "I really thought I understood what the military does but until I saw it ... they sacrifice so much, day in and day out to stand between us and danger."

She noted that the writers are in the "hero business" but none of their heroes come close to what the military does each day as a matter of course.

"Guys were willing to run into burning planes, then say, 'I'm just doing my job.' They defuse IEDs. They're protecting people they'll never meet," she marveled.

Antrim prepared for the trip by doing combat training with Craft International in Arizona.

"I wanted to learn how to handle myself," she said, knowing they would be traveling a lot in commercial airplanes plus she wanted to be prepared to walk by herself on the streets of Istanbul, which she visited on her own. "You carry yourself differently, you don't look like prey or a victim."

She noted she'd done Craft courses before, including SWAT training, and that writers often do so to gather firsthand information for background for their books.

"I'm an adrenalin junky and adventuresome," she said. "My dad was a police officer. The first time I fired a gun I was 5 or 6 years old."

A typical day on the tour would start with their arrival at a new base and meeting the commanding officer for a briefing on the mission. Then they would go to the dining facility, where they would mingle with the soldiers.

"One day I had lunch with three female soldiers — 15% of the military is female now

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS  
A soldier wearing a fire proximity suit shows author Kathleen Antrim (right) how to put out jet fuel fires during a recent USO Thriller Writers tour of American bases in the Middle East.

— and I asked if they had children. One teared up. She had three small children at home, and she wasn't going to see them for a year," Antrim recalled. "Another guy had left a 2-week-old baby — he won't see that baby for a year."

After lunch the group would see various demonstrations by the soldiers to learn what they are doing.

"As an employer I would love to hire people out of military; their level of responsibility is unbelievable, and they so dedicated," Antrim said. "You have 18- to 20-year-olds doing flight maintenance on billion dollar aircraft."

The authors did an event at each base, depending on its size.

"At a bigger base, I would be onstage," Antrim said. "If the base was smaller, we would sit and talk with them."

"After dinner we would get a little shut-eye, then hit the road," she said. "We lived out of our duffel bags, and it was go-go-go."

They were provided with clothes and gear by 5.11 Tactical, a sponsor of the trip.

Temperatures were in the 90s but in the summer, some of the areas get to 130, she was told.

"One of most important things there is water — even more important than guns," she said. "There is bottled water everywhere."

Antrim has been a columnist for the San Francisco Examiner, a correspondent for



NewsMax magazine and a political commentator on radio and television.

"I claim no political party but I have a philosophy. I'm a Jeffersonian Conservative, which is a Libertarian Conservative. I'm fiscally conservative," she said.

"I work very hard to keep my political philosophy out of my books — they are meant to entertain," she added.

She published her thriller, "Capital Offense," and was a contributor to "Thriller 2: Stories You Can't Put Down."

She's currently working on an action/adventure/historical novel set in the 1200s in the Mongolian empire, Italy and the Middle East. She remained overseas after the USO tour to do research in Istanbul. Previous research included a voyage on a ship.

Back home in Pleasanton, Antrim said she missed being on the USO tour.

"There's something about being around people who are so dedicated but humble and professional," she said. "They were inspiring to me. I would go back in a second." ■

## Author Visits

**'LOST DECENCY: THE UNTOLD AFGHAN STORY'** In his memoir, "Lost Decency," author Atta Afghandial shares his turbulent journey to escape his war-torn country. He wrote his story to increase awareness about his country's political upheaval and the innocent people caught in the chaos. He will share his story at a book-signing event at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24. Call 931-3400 for details.

## Clubs

**MOM2MOM** Mom2mom is for all moms, regardless of their children's ages, to see moms of all ages connecting with one another much like the Titus 2 women. They meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month at Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopyard Rd. Childcare is available. Call 484-2482 ext 121 or email valerie@harvestvalley.org. Free.

### PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB

This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit [www.pleasantonnewcomers.com](http://www.pleasantonnewcomers.com) or call Ruby M. at 462-6404.

### VIRTUALLY SPEAKING

**TOASTMASTERS** Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Pkwy., Suite 415, Pleasanton. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

## Concerts

**DODGE'S SUNDODGERS** The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., is the venue for Dodge's Sundodgers at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13, when they'll play string band-styled updates of music from the ragtime 1900s through the 1930s. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.; arrive early to find parking. This free concert is sponsored by the Friends of Pleasanton Library. For details, call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

## Events

**ANNE FRANK'S STEP SISTER** A unique and historic opportunity to enter the world of the step sister and childhood friend of Anne Frank, Mrs. Eva Schloss of London, UK. Listen to a first-hand account of the discovery and printing of Anne Frank's famed diary from 7:30-9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$30 & \$36; students \$15; seniors \$18. Contact Chabad of the Tri Valley at 846-0700 or visit [www.JewishTriValley.com](http://www.JewishTriValley.com) for more details.

**EXPLORE 1948 ISRAEL** Israel's struggle for independence in 1948

will be explored in this in-depth lecture by noted historian Ken Cohen. Israel's struggle for independence in 1948 will be explored in this in-depth lecture by noted historian Ken Cohen. The event is from 7:30-9:15 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. Cost is \$10. Call 510-318-6453 or visit [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

**FARMERS MARKET** Visit the Pleasanton Farmers Market from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, on East Angela Street between Main and First streets. The Farmers Market is open every Saturday, year-round, rain or shine, to provide the season's freshest fruits and vegetables, sold by the very farmers that planted, nurtured and harvested the crop.

**LIONS CRAB FEED** Pleasanton Lions will host its annual crab feed from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. No-host bar opens at 6 p.m., with crab feed following at 7:30 p.m. Also casino night and dancing. Tickets \$48, including parking. For details, contact Steve Grimes at 484-3524 or [grimes3@comcast.net](mailto:grimes3@comcast.net).

### PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE

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

### THE TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN

**WOMEN FEDERATED** Invites you to attend a dinner and introduction to guest speaker Judy Biviano Lloyd. Appointed by 2 U.S. Presidents, Judy handled congressional and intergovernmental relations for U.S. Departments of Labor and Agriculture. Judy is now an editor for two online publications that focus on health care, business and economy as well as owner of a company that offers targeted approaches to develop advocacy campaigns for non-profit organizations. The dinner and meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10 at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Dr., Livermore. To reserve your seat, email Mandana Moshiri at [RepublicanWomen@virtuosa.net](mailto:RepublicanWomen@virtuosa.net).

**TRI-VALLEY PRESCHOOL FAIR** Join Child Care Links and the city of Dublin for the 13th annual Preschool Fair. This is a great event for the whole family to visit and personally meet representatives from more than 25 preschools from all over the Tri-Valley in one location. The event is from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, at Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Call 417-8733. Each family will receive pizza and a free children's book.

## Exhibits

**ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS AT MUSEUM ON MAIN** Animal lovers of the Tri-Valley are sharing their collections with the public in Museum on Main's exhibit, Animal Attractions, through Sunday, Jan. 20. The exhibit features selected treasures from nine local collectors. Museum on Main is at 603 Main St. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 1-4 p.m. No admission, but donations appreciated. Call 462-2766 or visit [curator@museumonmain.org](mailto:curator@museumonmain.org).

## Fundraisers

**EASY BAY CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT** Towne Center Books and Apple Book Store are collecting books for the East Bay Children's Book Project and they have bins in Golden Apple, 4807 Hopyard Rd., and Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. until Jan. 16. As part of their project OUTREACH, which focuses on community needs. They are Team LEAP and they ask everyone to donate whatever books they can. Call 462-9443 or visit [www.teamleap.org](http://www.teamleap.org).

### JUST LIKE NEW VALENTINE CRAB

**FEED** Fresh cracked crab, pasta, Caesar salad, bread, dessert & coffee/tea. No-host bar. The fundraiser is from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9 at Shannon Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin. Prize drawings & silent auction. Benefits Just Like New fund which provides financial aid for local animal medical needs. Treat your Valentine to a Crab dinner. Cost \$45 if purchased by Jan. 19 and \$50 after. Call 323-8517 or visit [ValleyHumane.org](http://ValleyHumane.org).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED

Pleasanton Knights of Columbus will host its 44th annual Crab Feed from 5-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21, at St. Augustine Church Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave. The proceeds are used to benefit the church and community through the Knights of Columbus activities. Tickets are \$40. Steak tickets available for non-crab eaters. There will be a silent auction. Call 846-7181 or email [crabfeed@comcast.net](mailto:crabfeed@comcast.net).

### RAJIN' CAJUN MARDI GRAS

Rajin' Cajun is an East Bay Mardi Gras event where you can enjoy music, dancing, dinner, beads, live auctions and more, 6:30-11 p.m., Friday, March 8, at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave. This annual fundraiser benefits the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, which provides cancer patients in the area financial assistance. For tickets, call 866-862-7270 or visit [www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org](http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org). Sponsorships available.

## Health

### DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT

**CLASSES** This seven-week series, from 10 a.m.-noon, beginning Friday, Jan. 11, will teach you how to manage your diabetes with exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer all your questions about living with diabetes. Held at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin.

For details, call 1-510-383-5185 or visit [www.acphd.org/diabetes.aspx](http://www.acphd.org/diabetes.aspx). Free.

## Kids & Teens

**M.O.M.'S READING TIME** The Museum on Main, 603 Main St., has announced its themes for its 2013 preschool pre-literacy program, M.o.M.'s Reading Time, that introduces preschoolers to a variety of holidays, events and cultures through books and activities. Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main for this free monthly reading program from 10-11 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month. On Jan. 9, celebrate the work of Maurice Sendak with "Where the Wild Things Are," and on Feb. 13 "Snowy Day" by Jack Ezra recognizes Black History Month. For details, call 462-2776 or visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

**SECOND SATURDAYS AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM** The Valley Children's Museum will be open at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Second Saturdays at Emerald Glen Park,

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**THE CITY OF PLEASANTON**

**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**Planning Commission**  
Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P12 1774, Leslie's Pool Supply**  
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a swimming pool supply store at 4001 Santa Rita Road in the Rose Pavilion.
- **P12 1779, Randy Isaacs, Lokanta Grill and Bar**  
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to serve alcohol after 10:00 p.m. at Lokanta Grill and bar, an existing restaurant located at 443 Main Street.
- **P12-1778, City of Pleasanton**  
Application for General Plan Amendments related to Alameda County's Updated Livermore Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

**Civic Arts Commission**  
Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve Appointment of Teen Poet Laureates
- Approve the Location of the Public Artwork "Joyful Empowerment"
- Review of FY 2012/13 Community Grant Midterm Reports

**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view the agenda.

**Youth Commission**  
Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.  
Gingerbread Preschool, 4333 Black Avenue

- Presentation on Commissioner's Application Review Using Zoomgrants: An Online Grant Application Software Program
- Review FY 2012/13 Community Grand Midterm Reports

**Historic Preservation Task Force – Cancelled**  
Thursday, January 10, 2013

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

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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## Miscellaneous

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## On Stage

**AN EVENING WITH GEORGE BURNS** The Museum on Main's 2013 Ed Kinney Series, "An Evening With..." kicks off at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, when Broadway actor Duffy Hudson portrays George Burns, the beloved cigar-smoking comedian whose life spanned 100 years. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 members and seniors, \$3 students and teachers. For tickets and more information, call the museum at 462-2766 or visit [www.museummain.com](http://www.museummain.com). The lecture series takes place at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

**COMEDY@FIREHOUSE: DENNIS REGAN WITH G. KING** Popular 'Leno and Letterman' comedian Dennis Regan headlines New Year Comedy Kick-Off show. Vallejo native and Bay Area favorite G. King opens. The show is from 7:30-9:30 p.m.,

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## Happy Birthday, Elvis

The Early Elvis Tribute Show featuring returning hit group Jim Anderson & The Rebels will be at the Firehouse Arts Center at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 5, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 6, celebrating the King's 78th birthday. Anderson, who calls himself an "Elvis interpreter," said he began performing in 1986 while in high school after being coerced by his football buddies. The first six words of "Love Me Tender," to his surprise, received a screaming standing ovation and he was immediately booked for several small venues. From "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Hound Dog" to "Don't Be Cruel" and "Jailhouse Rock," the show has the songs that keep the legend alive. Tickets are \$15, \$20, \$25; child \$12; senior \$22. Call 931-4848, visit the box office at 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton, or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

Wednesday, Jan. 9 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$15. Call 931-4848 or visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

### MARDI GRAS DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

The Livermore School of Dance Jazz Company will present "Mardi Gras" at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 1st St., Livermore. This family-friendly dance showcase is filled with the colorful and exciting dances of Mardi Gras and other festivities. A reception, with some fun surprises, will be held in the lobby after the performance. Tickets, \$15-\$26, are available at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**THE FULL MONTY** Tickets are on sale now for "The Full Monty," showing at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, Saturday, Jan. 19 through Sunday, Feb. 3. For more information, visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org). For tickets, visit the Bankhead box office, call 373-6800, or go to <http://tickets.livermoreperformingarts.org/single/EventListing.aspx>.

## Recreation

**THURSDAY BIKE RIDE** Everyone is invited to join the Pleasanton Pedalers Cyclers on Feb. 7 for a 15- to 25-mile no-drop ride. The ride will be at a "social" pace and include a stop for coffee and talk along the way. The group will meet in the parking lot of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., at 9 a.m. each Thursday, weather permitting. For details, contact Steve McGinnis at 200-3190 or [PleasantonPedalers@bikerider.com](mailto:PleasantonPedalers@bikerider.com). Free.

## Seniors

**SENIOR LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM** You have a history and a story to tell. Would you be willing to share your story with the local community in a casual setting like a high school, museum or senior center? For more information about this program, email [rficken@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:rficken@cityofpleasantonca.gov) or stop by the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

**WALKING SOLE MATES** Join the Pleasanton Senior Center as we kick off our new walking group. Get out and meet new people while

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## Spiritual

**BIBLE & BREW** St. Clare's Episcopal Church would like to invite anyone in the community who is interested to join them for heartfelt fellowship, Bible Study, and a good cup of coffee from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday at 3350 Hopyard Rd. You don't need to be a member of St. Clare's to attend. Their hope is you will find this time of day convenient. Call the church office at 462-4802 or visit [www.stclare-spleasanton.org](http://www.stclare-spleasanton.org).

**FALL WORSHIP TIMES** Sunday worship services resume their fall schedule at Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m. and childcare is at both services. Children's choirs meet every Sunday from 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Call 846-0221 or visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

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## Support Groups

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit [www.valleycare.com](http://www.valleycare.com). 7:30-9 p.m. Free

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from

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### CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP

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**GRIEF WORKSHOP** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. The grief workshop is at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, from Dec. 13-March 24, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

**MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE** Mothers With a Purpose meet from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10 at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd., Room C6, Pleasanton. Guest speaker will be Chaplain Paul from the Alameda Sheriff's Department. To raise awareness of the epidemic use of prescription and illicit drugs in our community and to involve various members of the Bay Area in our fight. Our goal is to educate and provide resources to afflicted families and to ultimately address the root cause of addiction, so we can prevent other children from falling victim to drug and alcohol use, abuse, and addiction. Visit [www.motherswithapurpose.org](http://www.motherswithapurpose.org).

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)** NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets twice a month for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets from 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. For more information contact Suzi Glorioso at 443-1797 or email [glorios4@comcast.net](mailto:glorios4@comcast.net).

### PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES

**SUPPORT GROUP** Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at [www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org](http://www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org).

### TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR

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

## Volunteering

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### LIONESSE SEEK NEW MEMBERS

The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. The Lioness are a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

### TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS & ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS

Tri Valley Support Group for Fibromyalgia, Lupus and all forms of Arthritis meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Tri Valley Support, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. They are in need of volunteers to help. Call 875-0960.

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File No.: 472759  
The following person(s) doing business as: In Charge Office Solutions, 1068 Glenn Common, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emma Calkins, 1068 Glenn Commons, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant(s): Emma Caulkins.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 12, 2012.  
Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 21 & 28, 2012 and Jan. 4 and 11, 2013.

**DRIFT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 472635  
The following person(s) doing business as: Drift, 80 Mission Dr., Suite B, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tami Michiko Yi, 343 Casablanca St., Danville, CA, 94506.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Tami Yi.  
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## New home sales up nationally, but down 18% in West

Sales rebounding mostly in southern, northeastern markets

By JEB BING

Sales of new single-family homes increased 4.4% in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 377,000 units, according to figures released today by the U.S. Housing & Urban Development agency and the U.S. Census Bureau.

It was the highest monthly total since April 2010 when the federal home buyer tax credit expired.

“New-home sales are gradually picking up momentum as the economy improves,” said Barry Rutenberg, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Gainesville, Fla. “Prospective home buyers who have been sitting on the fence for years are moving back into the market due to continuing low mortgage interest rates, attractive pricing and the improving economy.”

“This increase is consistent with NAHB’s member surveys, which show increasing confidence in the market,” said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. “We’re projecting a total of about 365,000 new-home sales in 2012, an increase of almost 20% over the previous year.”

“The year ahead will see a similar gain as more people who have been sitting on the sidelines decide that it is time to purchase a new home,” he added.

Crowe cautioned, however, that failure to address the “fiscal cliff” could set the hous-

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chairman of the National  
Association of Home Builders

ing market back. “Continued uncertainty about the fiscal cliff has the potential to affect new home sales and other aspects of the housing market,” he said. “Some people will definitely hold off on making major financial decisions until the situation is resolved.”



Regionally, new-home sales numbers were mixed in November. Rebounding from declines the previous month, both the South and the Northeast showed improvement, with respective increases of 21.1% and 12.5%. New-home sales in the

Midwest, however, dropped by 12.5%, and the West posted a decline of 17.8%.

The inventory of new homes for sale increased slightly to 149,000 units in November, which is a 4.7-month supply at the current sales pace. ■

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approx 3600 sqft



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Pleasanton, \$865,000  
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with detached office



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## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Dublin

**Total sales reported:** 14  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$310,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$828,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$514,071

### Livermore

**Total sales reported:** 19  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$205,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,055,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$476,316

### Pleasanton

**Total sales reported:** 19  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$270,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$905,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$564,553

### San Ramon

**Total sales reported:** 13  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$160,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$990,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$613,423

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during November 2012

### Dublin

**3365 Araldi Lane** D R Horton to Y. Huang for \$578,500  
**7581 Brigadoon Way** J. Meyer to V. Kline for \$425,000  
**7128 Cross Creek Circle #A** F. Khandan to Bradley Trust for \$310,000  
**3330 Cydonia Court** KB Home to R. Kanchana for \$828,000  
**3598 Cydonia Court** KB Home to R. Clary for \$752,000  
**7769 Hillrose Drive** K. Yu to S. Lam for \$461,000  
**4288 Keegan Street** Claremont Homes to J. Yao for \$495,000  
**7657 Landale Avenue** P. Sohal to J. & L. Garrison for \$360,000  
**6877 Maple Drive** Mcdaniel Trust to R. & C. Strobe for \$347,000  
**3354 Monaghan Street** R. & E. Marceau to R. & P. Buck for \$499,000  
**6358 Monterey Way** KB Home to K. Lazarov for \$359,000  
**5629 North Dublin Ranch Drive** A. Bradley to Robinson Trust for \$802,000  
**3488 Palermo Way** Sorrento at Dublin Ranch to P. & M. Ko for \$460,500  
**11488 Silvergate Drive** J. & H. Morganstein to R. Primer for \$520,000

### Livermore

**1676 Altamar Way** D. Nystrom to J. Overman for \$405,000  
**780 Bellflower Street** US Bank to J. & J. Vallortigara for \$306,000  
**427 Brighton Way** W. & L. Schmidt to A. Arredondo for \$278,000  
**541 Covington Way** Sagun Trust to K. Qi for \$482,000  
**719 Curlew Road** Serpa Trust to T. & T. Hendricks for \$426,000  
**3088 Danielle Lane** B. & H. Singh to B. & H. Jones for \$1,030,000  
**3868 Dartmouth Way** C. & J. Patrick to F. & K. Jacobs for \$425,000  
**1245 Lambaren Avenue** A. & V. Laceste to Fugui Investment for \$205,000  
**5427 Lenore Avenue** A. & K. MacKinnon to C. & E. Hay for \$515,000  
**1061 Miranda Way** J. & T. Ott to E. Epifanovskiy for \$430,000  
**2065 Murdell Lane** Crowe Trust to A. Liu for \$958,000  
**2046 Pinot Court** K. & J. Weir to S. Mac for \$1,055,000  
**1707 Rhododendron Drive** Seronello Trust to S. & T. McConn for \$270,000  
**263 South R Street** S. Lindh to C. Delfosse for \$430,000  
**1126 Spring Valley Common** I. Arevalo to P. Feng for \$225,000  
**4134 Sugar Pine Way** S. Flanagan to D. Douglas for \$300,000  
**3728 Valley View Way** Sanctify Inc. to P. & K. Barnett for \$610,000  
**187 Wildrose Common #1201** Lu Trust to A. Thranian for \$335,000

**1341 Wilton Road** G. & A. Fuller to P. Vuong for \$365,000

### Pleasanton

**455 Abbie Street** G. & S. Hodnefield to B. & S. Bowers for \$330,000  
**3627 Annis Circle** Chang Trust to R. & C. McKim for \$620,000  
**5730 Belleza Drive** Kamath Trust to J. Palutla for \$495,000  
**5750 Belleza Drive** Hill Trust to T. Khanuja for \$426,000  
**2051 Cotterell Court** S. Lee to B. & K. Bromley for \$685,000  
**7809 Foothill Knolls Drive** Halbe Trust to J. & T. Wescott for \$820,000  
**4240 Garibaldi Place** Kiefer Trust to T. Verbeure for \$570,000  
**3590 Kirkcaldy Street** N. & C. Claitman to J. & L. Bautista for \$650,000  
**1137 Kottinger Drive #C** M. & E. Spencer to R. Zhu for \$350,000  
**1384 Oak Vista Way** H. Lam to G. Thondikulam for \$905,000  
**3154 Pawnee Way** L. Murphy to Bradley Trust for \$270,000  
**264 Rachael Place #32** K. Johns to K. Khetani for \$430,000  
**5462 Ridgevale Road** J. Wang to M. & F. Qassim for \$700,000  
**1803 Sinclair Drive** J. Shaw to D. Grill for \$500,000  
**7905 Spyglass Court** S. & L. Zuniga to R. Comstock for \$867,000  
**7924 Spyglass Court** Levinson Trust to A. Singh for \$875,500  
**762 St. Michael Circle** M. Mrakovich to S. & K. Ardehshna for \$318,000  
**7341 Stonedale Drive** J. McMullen to A. Singh for \$390,000  
**6843 Vale Court** Bank of New York to K. Lam for \$525,000

### San Ramon

**9085 Alcosta Boulevard #308** G. & C. Li to J. Tan for \$176,000  
**12233 Alcosta Boulevard** R. & D. Rueda to M. Kadannapalli for \$793,000  
**5049 Athens Drive** Right House to N. & G. Abal for \$975,000  
**45 Chaucer Court** Hall Trust to R. Padden for \$818,500  
**9052 Craydon Circle** M. Lam to W. & A. Scherlis for \$160,500  
**3793 Crow Canyon Road #64D** Home Reserve to Fannin Trust for \$325,000  
**5017 Fioli Loop** R. & K. Calvin to M. Fontecha for \$582,000  
**3106 Kittery Avenue** Gehrman Trust to B. & N. Ng for \$543,000  
**4649 Malayan Street** Ludwig Trust to T. Truong for \$710,000  
**212 Ramon Place** Douglas Trust to S. Pierce for \$561,500  
**3557 Sandalford Way** Peterson Trust to S. & V. Vallabhani for \$810,000  
**115 Scarboro Place** G. Boynton to LL Cool Homes for \$530,000  
**3071 Sorrelwood Drive** S. Ronan to J. Alberti for \$990,000

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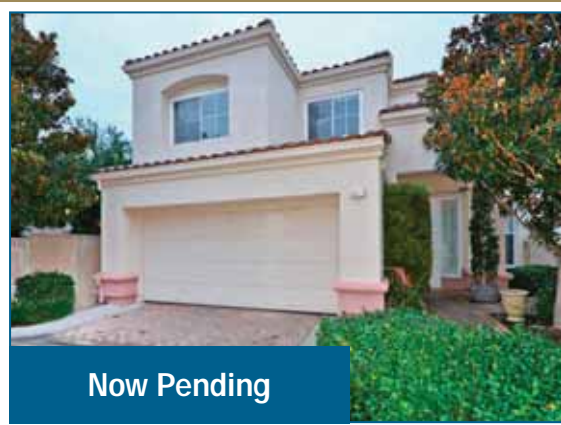


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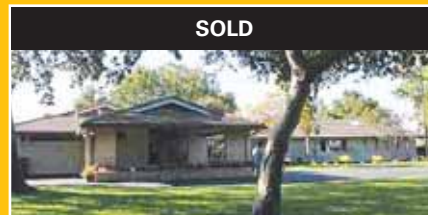
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1766 ORCHARD WAY, PLEASANTON  
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\$720,000

4057 CID WAY, PLEASANTON  
LOCATED IN AMADOR ESTATES



SOLD

3BD 2BA 1,159sf. on a 6,500sf. lot. Charming single story with open floor plan. Updated kitchen offers granite counters, island, & French doors open to the rear yard. Newer roof & dual pane windows. The rear yard offers pool w/security gate.  
SOLD FOR \$586,200

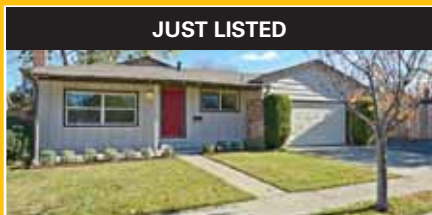
4885 HARRISON ST, PLEASANTON  
LOCATED DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON



PENDING IN 2 DAYS

3BD 1BA 1,139sf. on a 5,040sf. lot. Remodeled 1940's bungalow with new kitchen offering granite counters & stainless steel appliances. Rear yard has new landscaping with patio and garden area. Walk to downtown and schools.  
\$449,000

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118 ALBATROSS AVE  
LOCATED IN LIVERMORE

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1138 Mills Court – 5bd/4.5ba,  
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**SOLD**

485 Delores Court – 4bd/3ba  
2985 +/- sq.ft. sold for \$925,000



**SOLD**

4844 Merganser Court – 4bd/2.5ba,  
2,087+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$849,000



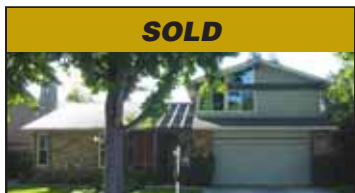
**SOLD**

1169 Autumn Court – 5bd/3ba  
2365 sq.ft. Sold for – \$865,000



**SOLD**

5010 Blackbird Way – 4bd/2.5ba  
2235 +/- sq.ft – Sold for \$810,000



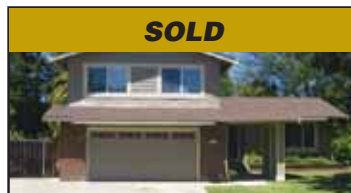
**SOLD**

4862 Woodthrush Road – 4bd/3ba,  
2,146+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$795,000



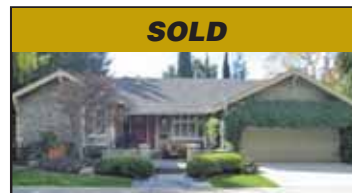
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4644 Cope Court – 4bd/2ba  
1808 +/- sq. ft. – Offered for \$789,000



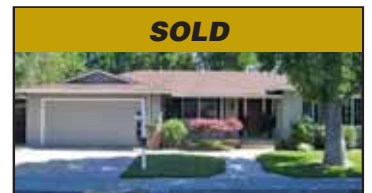
**SOLD**

2765 Corte Bandera – 4bd/2.5ba  
1,876+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$790,500



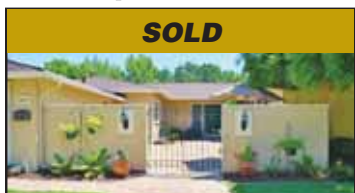
**SOLD**

4923 Blackbird Way - 4bd/2ba  
1748 +/- sq. ft. – Sold for \$834,000



**SOLD**

5204 Hummingbird – 4bd/2ba  
2167 +/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$750,000



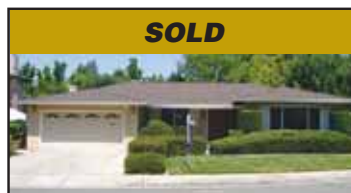
**SOLD**

2449 Crestline Road – 4bd/2ba  
2112 sq.ft – Sold for \$750,000



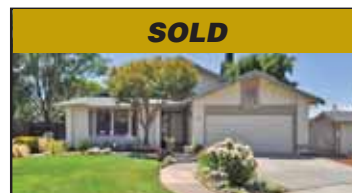
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5286 Blackbird – 4bd/2.5ba  
2100 +/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$749,000



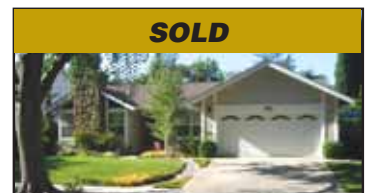
**SOLD**

5063 Blackbird Way – 4bd/2ba.  
2,167+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$755,000



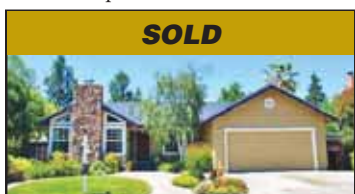
**SOLD**

3847 Phoebe Court – 4bd/2ba,  
1,902+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$732,500



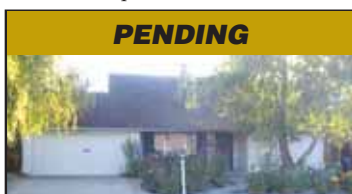
**SOLD**

4730 Del Valle Parkway – 3bd/2ba,  
1,722+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$749,000



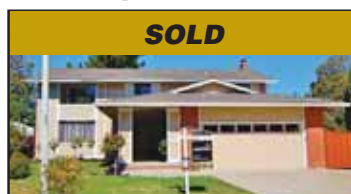
**SOLD**

2490 Skylark Way – 3bd/2ba  
1722+/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$740,000



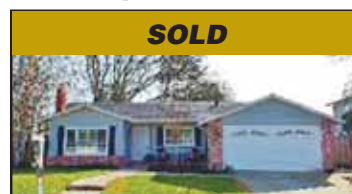
**PENDING**

1537 Fairview Court – 4bd/4ba  
1865 +/- sq. ft. – Offered for \$699,000



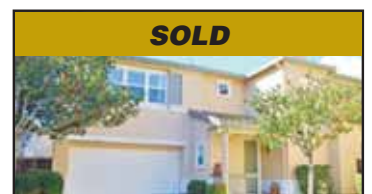
**SOLD**

3596 Chippendale Court – 3bd/2.5ba  
2600+/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$720,000



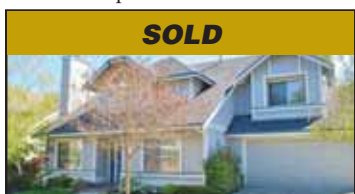
**SOLD**

4526 Tahoe Court – 4bd/2ba  
1554 +/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$700,000



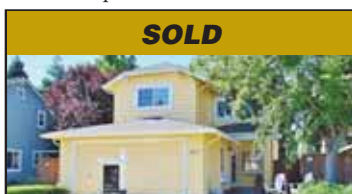
**SOLD**

5329 Piazza Court – 4bd/2.5ba  
1929 +/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$650,000



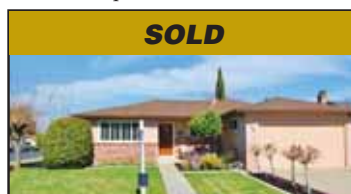
**SOLD**

181 Wildflower Lane – 4bd/3ba  
1986 +/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$605,000



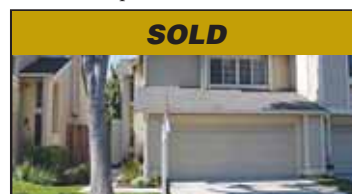
**SOLD**

1814 Sinclair Drive – 3bd/2.5ba  
1481 +/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$590,000



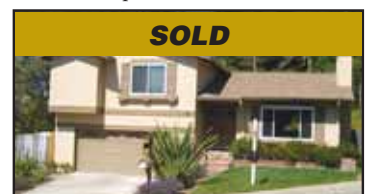
**SOLD**

4108 Drake Way – 3bd/2ba  
1790 +/- sq.ft. – Sold for \$450,000



**SOLD**

1485 Trimmingham – 2bd/3ba  
1609 +/-sq.ft. – Sold for \$485,000



**SOLD**

3504 Skyline Drive – 3bd/2.5ba  
1808+/- sq.ft – Sold for \$485,000



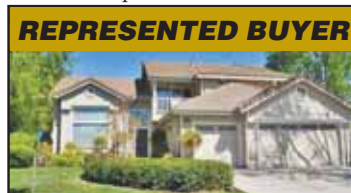
**PENDING**

4270 Mairmont Drive – 4bd/2.5ba,  
1,802+/-sq.ft – Offered at \$729,000



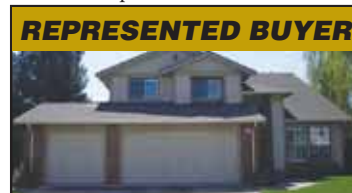
**REPRESENTED BUYER**

3642 Pontina Court – 4bd/3ba,  
4,000+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$1,491,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

2101 Palmer Drive – 3bd/3.5ba,  
3,037+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$1,007,500



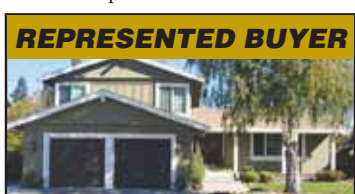
**REPRESENTED BUYER**

3042 Paseo Granada – 4bd/3ba,  
2,662+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$920,000



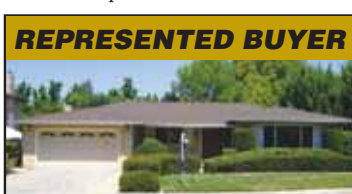
**REPRESENTED BUYER**

4862 Woodthrush Road – 4bd/3ba,  
2,146+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$795,000



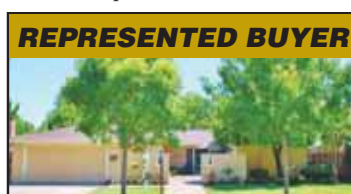
**REPRESENTED BUYER**

1675 Paseo Del Cajon – 4bd/3ba,  
2,220+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$770,000



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2,167+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$755,000



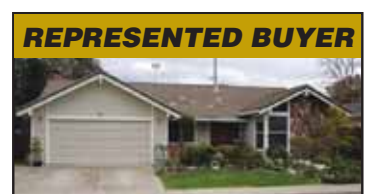
**REPRESENTED BUYER**

2449 Crestline Road – 4bd/2ba,  
2,112+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$750,000



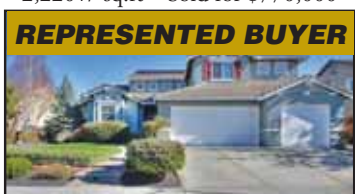
**REPRESENTED BUYER**

3202 Royalton Court, – 3bd/2ba,  
1,924+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$688,000



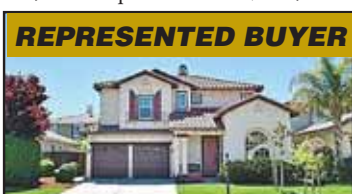
**REPRESENTED BUYER**

4575 Gatetree Circle – 4bd/2ba,  
2,072+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$670,000



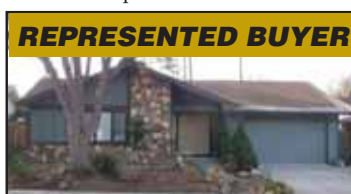
**REPRESENTED BUYER**

1292 Rebecca Lane, Livermore – 5bd/3.5ba  
149+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$669,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

6442 Ramblewood Place, Livermore  
4bd/3ba – 2200+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$591,000



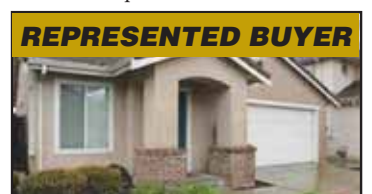
**REPRESENTED BUYER**

1533 Vancouver Drive, Livermore – 4bd/2ba,  
2,128+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$560,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

1374 Hillcrest Ave, Livermore – 4bd/2ba,  
1,606+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$385,000



**REPRESENTED BUYER**

2008 Olivia Court, 2bd/2ba,  
944+/-sq.ft – Sold for \$336,339



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**LISTED AT \$620,000**



**5204 Iris Way, Livermore**  
Wonderful single level home, with major upgrades. Sellers spent 40k, solar, new roof, new windows etc. Home is just under 1300 sq. ft., with a wonderful backyard.

**SOLD FOR \$380,000**



**3147 Catawba Court, Pleasanton**  
Charming Vintage Hills single story home with 1527 sq. ft. 4 bed/ 2 bath on a nice quiet court. Upgraded bathrooms.

**SOLD FOR \$690,000**



**5029 Forest Hill Dr., Pleasanton**  
Beautiful 5 bed/3 bath, 3440 sq. ft. home on .25 acre. Great layout for family living or entertaining.

**SOLD FOR \$1,075,000**



**4213 Payne Road, Pleasanton**  
Great single story in "Val Vista"  
Walking to schools and shops.

**SOLD FOR \$500,000**



**6221 Detjen Court, Pleasanton**  
Beautiful Home on 1/2 acre in Preserve,  
5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms.

**SOLD FOR 1,510,000**

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- West side pre-approved buyers looking for a large family home on nice size lot, up to 2 million
- Single story home with a pool or room for a pool, over 1800 sq. ft.

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**3263 Vineyard Ave #29, Pleasanton**

Must be 55 or older. Charming, located near pool, clubhouse & guest parking. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, gourmet kitchen with island & lots of cabinets for storage. Custom paint throughout, Wainscoting, newer carpet, gas fireplace w/ insert, skylights, high ceilings, ceiling fans, storage shed/MORE! Offered at \$179,950



**3148 Weymouth Court, Pleasanton Meadows**  
4 bedrooms, 3 bath home on desirable cul-de-sac. Updated kitchen, community pool, green belt, playground, tennis courts, and MORE!  
**Sold for \$725,000**



**Desired Jensen Area — Jensen Street, Livermore**  
4 bedrooms, 2 baths and SO MUCH MORE!  
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**\$335,000**



**Donohue Drive, Dublin**  
Cozy updated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, close to shopping, schools and more.  
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**\$450,000**



**Springtown Beauty — Bluebell Drive, Livermore**  
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**\$360,000**





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**6872 Heath Court, Pleasanton**  
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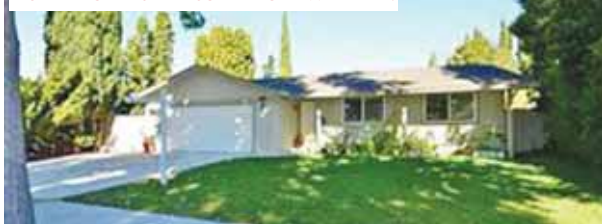
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