

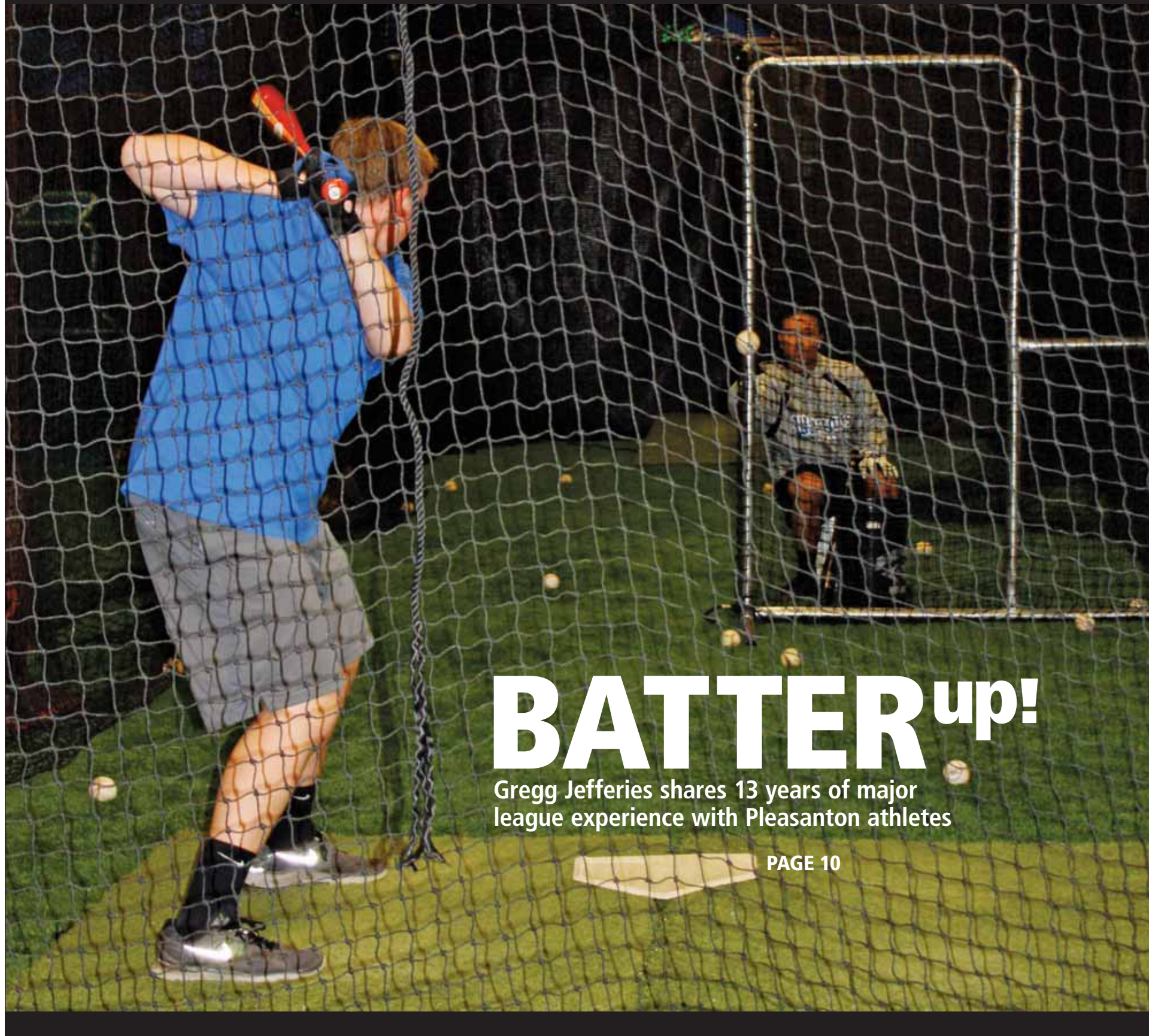
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## An exciting January for us and the news

January has been an exciting month, with President Obama's festive inauguration and parade, with Gov. Brown's new budget wiping away a deficit that stood at \$25 billion when he took office two years ago, and with a newly constituted Pleasanton City Council eyeing a rising revenue stream that could help fund more lighted sports fields in Bernal Community Park.

It's also exciting for us here at the Pleasanton Weekly, where we're marking the start of our 14th year as your hometown newspaper. That was not meant to be, at least not in the eyes of the late Mayor Ben Tarver. When I stopped by his office in November 1999 to share the news that our first edition would hit the stands Jan. 28, 2000, he seemed pleased but quickly added that he didn't expect to see us around six months later. "This is a small town," he told me. "There's really not much news here."

Both our stories in the Pleasanton Weekly and a robust city proved him wrong in the 13 years since we launched this newspaper. The city's population has grown from about 55,000 to just over 70,000 with new homes and apartments in the year ahead to add at least another 10,000 to those rolls. During this time, the Weekly has covered the election and appointments of an entirely new City Council, Planning Commission and Pleasanton school board. The Callippe Preserve Golf Course was built, Ruby Hill was developed and the long dormant, vacant northeast corner of Pleasanton called Staples Ranch was annexed into the city, where Stoneridge Drive is now being extended to Livermore and the Stoneridge Creek retirement community is under construction.

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Although the staff at the Pleasanton Weekly has changed a bit over the last 13 years, our mission has stayed the same: "It's all about Pleasanton." From Eagle Scout awards to military homecomings, to long City Council, school board and Planning Commission meetings, we're there, camera and laptops in hand to capture the news and report it back to you, our loyal readers. And I say "loyal" because so many of you



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call, write and visit us every day with comments and story ideas. One of our long-standing features is "Take Us Along," started just a few months after our January 2000 launch. We've published more than 1,000 of the photos you've sent us from far-away places. Thanks to you, the Pleasanton Weekly has been carried with you for a photo on every continent and many countries.

Especially pleasing is the enormous response we've had to our annual Holiday Fund. Since the fund started in 2003, readers have contributed nearly \$1 million, donations that have been given to nonprofits in the Tri-Valley to help the needy they serve. Thousands of those have received hot meals from Open Heart Kitchen, pediatric medical care from Axis Community Health, emergency services from ValleyCare and grief counseling from Hope Hospice thanks to your contributions to the Holiday Fund, which send every dollar contributed to these organizations.

As tumultuous as the recent years have been for daily newspapers, which have seen circulation and revenue stream losses largely due to the advance of Internet services and social media, the Pleasanton Weekly has continued to focus on the community we serve. Both our newspaper and our early morning online "Express" offer news and features that the Drudge, Huffington and other popular online reports and blogs don't offer. This "Around Pleasanton" column (the 476th one I've written since the Pleasanton Weekly started, by the way), and our other print and online features such as Streetwise, Tri-Valley Life, sports and Town Square have uniquely local appeal that aren't matched by others.

So whether you're reading this at the kitchen counter, on your laptop, iPad or your Smartphone, stay with us. Like January, 2013 promises to be an exciting year for all of us in Pleasanton and we'll be here to tell you all about it. ■

## About the Cover

Adam Ochs practices his batting at Gregg Jefferies Sports Academy, started by the baseball great who played for the New York Mets, Kansas City Royals, St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia Phillies, Anaheim Angels and Detroit Tigers, and now lives in Pleasanton with his family. Photo by Cathy Jetter. Design by Lili Cao.

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What's New in Breast Cancer Research:  
Update from San Antonio 2012 Annual  
International Breast Cancer Meeting

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council/PUSD Board of Trustees**

Monday, January 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

PUSD Office Board Room, 4665 Bernal Avenue

- Upcoming Housing Element Update and Potential Future Residential Development
- PUSD Facilities Master Plan Update
- East Pleasanton Specific Plan Update
- State of Schools / Academic Report Update

**Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee**

Monday, January 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Completion of Alamo Canal Trail I-580 Undercrossing Project
- Downtown Bicycle Parking

**Historic Preservation Task Force Community Workshop**

Thursday, January 31, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Learn about potential revisions in the City's Historic Preservation Policies

**Parks & Recreation Master Plan Community Workshop #3**

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main Street

- City staff will be sharing the results derived from the previous workshops; the local sports groups' & community-based organizations' questionnaires; and the city-wide telephone survey. Your Involvement is Important! We need your input on how to prioritize your parks & recreation needs!

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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**Streetwise**

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**Should gas-powered leaf blowers  
be banned in Pleasanton?**



**Kevin Payne**  
Software developer

No, I find them very convenient. I use them myself. The thing is they are very efficient in getting the leaves and things cleaned up, or you're just going to have someone sweep up the leaves or leave them, which isn't practical or efficient in most cases. The blowers are very quick. And the sound they make is going to be very short.

**Bob Fisher**  
Construction

That's an interesting question. Gas powered? Yeah, probably so, but not for environmental reasons, more for the sound but that means that they will have to use someone's electrical outlet or they're going to have to run a generator, which will make as much noise as a leaf blower. Also the blowers are more efficient, so it's a difficult question.



**Jo Gibbons**  
Housewife/volunteer

They are a bit of a nuisance and what I have noticed about the gardeners is that they blow the leaves toward my house. They blow the leaves out to the street but don't sweep them up when they are done. What's the alternative? I guess they could vacuum then up, or sweep, actually the noise doesn't bother me that much if they clean up after themselves.

**Tom Opatz**

That's a good question. You know I see the purpose they provide, but they are kind of a nuisance — they're loud. I think instead of banning them maybe there should be a limit on the hours that they can be used, like not on Sundays, early morning or in the evenings.



**Cheri Martin**  
Nurse

Yeah, I think electrical ones would be better; they're less polluting and less noisy. What would landscapers do? I do believe there are good electrical ones available, but I'm not really that knowledgeable about them, but I think they are available.

—Compiled by Jay Flachsbarth

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## DIGEST

### Youth Literature Contest

Ptownlife.org, Pleasanton's Youth & Family website, is sponsoring its first Youth Literature Contest with entrants writing their personal stories about growing up, their childhood, or what it means to be a kid.

Pleasanton youths in grades 3-12 are eligible to submit an original story, and prizes will be awarded to the top stories in each of three age groups. The top five overall stories will be featured on Ptownlife.

Visit [ptownlife.org/play](http://ptownlife.org/play) contests for Official Contest Rules and how to submit an entry. Or call 931-3430.

Ptownlife.org was created to connect youth and families to the numerous services, programs and activities in Pleasanton.

### Hawks and owls

Share in a close-up encounter with live hawks and owls tomorrow, as Jenny Papka of Native Bird Connection and Jay Sheets of Hawk Talk bring several species of owls and hawks to the library. The handlers will speak about the personal lives of each bird and involve the audience through stories and conversation.

This program, for kindergarten age and older, will take place from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free tickets will be distributed in the children's area beginning at 1 p.m.

This talk is sponsored by Friends of the Swainson's Hawk, an advocate for wildlife that educates the public about the importance of rare wildlife to our region's future.

For more information, call 931-3400, ext. 8, or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

### Be a Sunol Wilderness docent

Volunteer training to be a docent at Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness is taking place Friday mornings, March through May, and East Bay Regional Park District is accepting applications. Sunol docents assist with educational programs, special events and resource conservation projects. Anyone with a passion for nature and cultural history is encouraged to apply.

Applications can be found at [www.ebparks.org/get-involved/volunteer/docent/form](http://www.ebparks.org/get-involved/volunteer/docent/form). For more information, contact volunteer coordinator and naturalist Katie Colbert at [kcolbert@ebparks.org](mailto:kcolbert@ebparks.org) or call (510) 544-3243.

## Parents worried about school safety

Schools have plans in place to cover nearly every emergency, officials say

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Armed guards. A police officer at every school. Locked fences. Those were a few of the suggestions raised by some Pleasanton parents who are worried about the safety of their kids.

At a forum on school safety Jan. 16, an audience of about 65 people — many of them school administrators — turned up to talk about how to protect children, following recent shootings in Connecticut and California.

School Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi was joined by police Chief Dave Spiller and Deputy Chief Joseph Rodondi of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department to talk and listen to parents.

The talk also drew in a number of current and former principals, all of whom agreed: Schools in

Pleasanton are safe.

Harvest Park Middle School Principal Ken Rocha showed the audience a 4-inch thick binder addressing safety issues. He and Ahmadi declined to talk about the specifics included in it for security reasons but parents were invited to see a copy of the safety plan at the schools their children attend.

The safety plan includes plans for a wide range of contingencies, covering everything from fires to chemical spills to earthquakes to intruders and more.

"When you think of safety, you look at (things like) 'duck and cover,'" Rocha told the crowd, "but it's also about proactiveness."

He said his school recently held an intruder drill, which included a pre-drill, talking with police.



Parvin Ahmadi



Dave Spiller



SWALWELL OFFICE STAFF

### Mayor Thorne goes to Washington

Tri-Valley mayors, including Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, discuss regional needs with newly elected Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) in his Washington, D.C., office. Thorne, front left, is standing next to Swalwell. Other mayors include (from back row left) Newell Arnerich of Danville, Bill Clarkson of San Ramon, John Marchand of Livermore, and Tim Sbranti, Dublin.

## YMCA breakfast to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

YMCA hosting 13th annual Fellowship Breakfast

Community leaders will come together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 28, at the 13th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Breakfast hosted by the Tri-Valley YMCA.

This year's program will include inspirational speakers and artistic expressions related to the theme, "From Dreams To Action." The keynote speaker will be Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller.

As part of the annual event, the Tri-Valley YMCA will be honoring three community members with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award: Lynette Butsuda, a teacher at Frederiksen Elementary School in Dublin; Mark Duncanson, senior recreation program specialist with the

city of Pleasanton; and Joan Seppala, publisher of The Independent.

The breakfast will be held from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Hilton Pleasanton at the Club. Cost is \$40. Contact Kelly O'Lague Dulka at 263-4444.

The Tri-Valley YMCA exists to strengthen the community, nurturing the potential of children, helping people to understand and improve their health, and providing opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Proceeds from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Breakfast will directly benefit youth leadership programs.

The breakfast is held on the Monday following the actual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration so that those who are away for holiday can join in the observance. ■

The plan is updated at each school every year, based on conversations with staff, police, students and parents. The deadline for the update is March 1 and parents were invited to become involved.

Bill Faraghan, assistant superintendent of human resources, told the audience about an incident that occurred when he was principal at Fairlands Elementary. The school got a call that armed men were in the area while he was out on the playground with students. The school was locked down — the men actually arrived at Fairlands and tried to get in but were arrested — all within about three minutes.

But the district is doing more to fine-tune its procedures.

"We've been working on standardizing our drills more, working more closely with the Police Department," Ahmadi said.

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## Roby named chairman of Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce

Succeeds April Mitchell, long-time County Fair marketing director who resigned

BY JEB BING

Brock Roby of BKF Engineers will be installed Tuesday as the chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce for 2013 at a noon luncheon at the Marriott Pleasanton hotel.

Roby assumed the chairman's duties earlier following the resignation of April Mitchell, who had been chairwoman of the Chamber for most of 2012.

Mitchell, who was director of marketing and public relations for the Alameda County Fair, quit her job shortly after long-time Fair director Rick Pickering left to become executive director of Cal Expo, which hosts the California State Fair each summer. Mitchell gave birth to her third child just before last year's 100th year celebration of the County Fair here, and then returned in time to handle final marketing and public relations for the event.

It was reported that Mitchell left the Fair post in order to spend more time with her family, which has since moved into a new home in Brentwood.

Mayor Jerry Thorne will officiate at Tuesday's Chamber installation ceremonies, with Chamber President Scott Raty serving as the official luncheon host.

Besides Roby, Dave Stark, public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors, will be installed as the organization's chairman-elect, which means he will move into the top post next January. Matt De Pretis of the accounting firm of Thompson & De Pretis will be installed as treasurer, again a position that will lead to heading the chamber in 2015.

Chosen as directors for the Pleasanton Chamber this year are Jody Amos, Amos See CHAMBER on Page 6

## TAKE US ALONG



**Waterwheels and the Weekly:** Scott, 10, and Ashley, 11, Johnson visit New Plymouth, Idaho, with their parents, and their Weekly, which they brought along to keep up with their local team sports in between river floating.



**Headed for Greece:** Delia Muniz and her Weekly enjoy a Grecian Cruise with the Royal Caribbean.

## Forum aims to stop plutonium shipping

Environmental, legal, nuclear experts to speak

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Environmental, legal and nuclear experts from California and New Mexico will speak at a community forum Wednesday evening about the plan to ship plutonium bomb cores across three western states from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore.

"The U.S. Department of Energy has not conducted any environmental impact statement or review of the safety hazards and potentially catastrophic consequences of its proposal," said a press release from Tri-Valley CAREs (Communities Against a Radioactive Environment), which is sponsoring the event. "The California and New Mexico experts will outline viable alternatives that will provide more safety at both facilities and all of the communities in between."

The community forum, "Livermore Lab at the Crossroad," will take place from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Presenters will include:

- Jay Coghlan, executive director of Nuclear Watch New Mexico.
- Marylia Kelley, executive director of Tri-Valley CAREs.
- Peter Strauss, an environmental scientist under contract with Tri-Valley CAREs since 1991.
- Scott Yundt, staff attorney at Tri-Valley CAREs.

"The forum will also address the Superfund cleanup of leaking toxic and radioactive wastes at Livermore Lab and the contrasting futures that cleanup and bomb testing offer to the community," the release said. ■

## CHAMBER

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Productions; Curt Anderson, Compass Product Design; Joe Barone, Barone's Restaurant; Jon Burchett, Hyatt House Pleasanton; Brian Gentry, Fremont Bank; and Scott Gergerson, ValleyCare Health System.

Also chosen as directors are Howard Goldstein, IntegenX; Pam Hardy, Ponderosa Homes; Janice Sangster-Phalen, Diablo Meridian Realty; James Paxson, Hacienda Owners Association; Heather Stanek, Pleasanton ClubSport; and Keith Turner of Safeway Inc. in Pleasanton.

Several awards will be given at the luncheon, including those honoring Carol Bush and Jenny Doehle. ■

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## Police arrest stabbing suspect

Victim was attacked at Redcoats Pub

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton police arrested Santiago Valencia, 29, of Livermore last Friday on a charge of a stabbing that occurred behind the Redcoats British Pub and Restaurant on Jan. 5.

"Our investigation identified Valencia as the suspect, and through witness and victim interviews it was determined the stabbing was motivated by a disagreement between two people who have a mutual female friend in common," police said in a press release Wednesday.

Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Valencia, who came



Santiago Valencia

to the Police Department and surrendered to officers. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail for one count of assault with a deadly weapon, and his bail is set at \$180,000.

"Evidence shows this was not gang-related but an isolated incident," police said.

The male victim, 27, who was stabbed in the back, did not immediately seek help but waited until shortly after 8 a.m. the next morning to go to the Emergency Room at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton. He said he had been involved in a fight the previous night and was stabbed. He was treated and released from the hospital.

As part of the investigation, the victim, a Pleasanton resident, reported he went to pick up his girlfriend who reported she was being harassed by a male at a bar.

The victim arrived at the rear of Redcoats, which is located in the 300 block of St. Mary Street, and an altercation ensued between him and the other male, police said. During the altercation, the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim once in the back. The suspect then fled the area on foot.

The victim left the scene with his girlfriend believing the wound was not serious. It was not until the next morning that he realized he needed medical attention.

Police received a call of a fight at approximately 12:37 a.m. Jan. 5 in the parking lot to the rear of the Redcoats Pub. The caller reported two males fighting and that a female was possibly involved. Officers responded and checked the area at the time but could not locate any of the involved parties or witnesses. ■

## Man robbed at gunpoint at Shell Station

Victim robbed of money, watch and Louis Vuitton shoes

BY JESSICA LIPSKY

Pleasanton police detectives along with a forensic composite artist have created a sketch of the unidentified male who robbed another man Jan. 16 as he was filling his tires with air at the Shell service station at 6750 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

The robbery suspect approached the victim at about 9:45 p.m., according to Pleasanton police reports. He pointed a small silver handgun and said something to the effect of, "Give me your stuff or I will shoot you."

The suspect proceeded to take the victim's watch, wallet, iPhone, Louis Vuitton shoes and belt, and a 49ers bag containing a No. 84 Randy Moss jersey and a 49ers jacket. The suspect then got into a mid 2000s, two door, Silver Acura CL with a California license plate, driven by an unknown female, and fled eastbound on Pimlico Drive. The iPhone was located a short distance away from the crime scene, police said.

The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic male, 23-28 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, 130-140 pounds, brown eyes, unknown color hair, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with black baseball cap underneath and blue jeans. He has a dark tattoo, possibly an animal print, on the left side of his neck and, at the time of the robbery, several days' worth of facial hair.

The victim sustained no injuries.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

### In other police reports:

• A 47-year-old San Jose resident was arrested Jan. 21 during a routine traffic stop on Bernal Avenue at Interstate 680. Dexter Lelkelbin Jones was stopped at 1:48 a.m., and police said they found an illegal glass smoking pipe on his person and crystal-like residue in the pipe. Police also reported finding



1.2 grams of methamphetamine and packaging equipment in his vehicle. Lelkelbin was charged with possession of a controlled substance and intent to distribute.

• Two people were arrested in the early morning of Jan. 21 during a routine probation check at Motel 6 on Hopyard Road. Pleasanton police arrested Oakland resident Martin Louis McNeil, 47, on charges of possessing 0.2 grams of methamphetamine, and Hayward resident Tanaia Cheree Davenport, 24, after allegedly finding a stolen prescription for Soma in her purse. A checkbook not belonging to Davenport was found in her car, police reported, with several checks missing that were signed by the owner; Davenport admitted to forging those checks, police said.

A third person in the room was also on probation but was not arrested.

• Some \$1,800 of jewelry and precious metals, including six sterling silver and cubic zirconia rings, were stolen from Bailey Banks and Biddle on Jan. 17. A sales clerk helped two females look at an open bridal display and said she didn't realize the rings were missing until she came back from break.

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

**See police report of calls made on page 9.**

## Council names 2 teen poet laureates

Only one applicant for regular adult post as city keeps position open

BY JEB BING

Two teenagers have been named co-teen poet laureates for Pleasanton, a position that highlights their literary skills and makes them the city's representatives at public events.

In appointing the teenagers, the City Council also chose not to name a new adult poet laureate following the resignation of Cynthia Bryant last August before her two-year term expired. Bryant also held that position from 2005-2007.

Only one application to be adult poet laureate to succeed Bryant was received by the city, and members of the poet laureate selection committee decided against making any appointment "at this time, but instead allow the application process to remain open until a sufficient number of qualified candidates



DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Diana Fu and Arany Uthayakumar are the new co-teen poet laureates for the city of Pleasanton.

have applied."

The teen poet laureates ap-

proved by the council are Arany Uthayakumar from Amador Valley High School and Diana Fu from Foothill High. They will serve with no remuneration for their services, although the Community Services Department has \$2,000 allocated in its budget to pay any expenses incurred.

The poet laureate position was established in 1998, with its primary role to provide to provide appropriate poetry at civic events and promote the appreciation of the literary arts in the community. The program won an award from the National Conference of Mayors in 2001.

The first poet laureate was the late Charlene Villella. She was followed by Jim Ott, Kirk Ridgeway, Martha Metzler and Deborah Grossman. ■

## SAFETY

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And the district is bringing in its insurance company for another perspective on what can be done, Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares said.

"It'll be nice to have an independent third party come in and make sure our sites are safe," she said.

But at least some of the parents seemed to want more. One asked if the district would consider putting a police officer at every school, something Spiller said would be costly and could hinder the Police Department's ability to respond to other calls.

Another parent wanted to know why elementary schools aren't locked down.

"We can lock every door, we can put a 10-foot fence up around

every room. It's really about taking precautions," Ahmadi said, pointing out that both schools where recent shootings occurred had strong safety procedures.

She added that many parents were resistant earlier this year when they were told they'd no longer be able to walk their children directly to their classroom.

Spiller said schools could initiate 1,000 safety procedures, but that someone intent on doing harm could come up with just one more; Rodondi noted that schools have to be able to get kids out quickly, something that could be hindered by locked gates.

The district recently received a federal grant that allowed the locks on all doors to be changed.

A parent questioned whether armed guards could be stationed at schools. Spiller worried that guards

may not receive the same level of training as police officers.

"The effectiveness lies in the capacity of the individual and the proficiency with whatever they are armed with," Spiller said. "The effectiveness really comes down to the standards to which they're trained."

One parent noted that money for security guards would be better spent on hiring more counselors, although another suggested arming teachers with tasers.

A parent asked if the schools plan for the use of other weapons, such as bombs.

"These are all included in our plans," Ahmadi said, adding one proviso.

"I don't think we can tell you we've thought of everything," she said.

Asked how often police practice intruder drills, Spiller said that was

done at every school at least once a year, and that officers practice scenarios at schools when they're closed for breaks.

Beyond overall school safety, several parents asked about bullying, with one noting that the shooter at Newtown, Conn., may have been bullied.

The district has become more aware of the bullying issue. In a recent survey, there was a 9% increase in the number of staff that described bullying as a moderate to severe problem.

Amador Valley High School Principal Jim Hansen said at his school, administrators speak to students about bullying once every semester.

Foothill High Principal John Dwyer said bullying is more about being pushed out of a social group than physical violence. Administrators there also hold two meeting on

bullying every year, and Dwyer said teachers are on the front line.

"They are always looking out in the classroom for something different," he said. "They know if something is up and they ask the kids."

He said Foothill also reaches out to sports teams and coaches about bullying, harassment and hazing.

Bullies and sometimes their victims can be transferred to other schools, said Kevin Johnson, senior director of pupil services.

Ahmadi asked parents to follow school policies, such as stopping at the office to get a name tag when entering a school. She encouraged parents to pass on the district's anonymous tip line telephone number — 417-5199 — to report problems of any type.

Rodondi offered simple advice. "If you see something, say something," he said. ■

# Opinion

## LETTERS

### OK to vote against guns Pledge is important

Dear Editor,

There was a practice "Intruder Alert" drill at a nearby elementary school last week. They're afraid.

All Americans are saddened by the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School. We either move on as we usually do or we take a stand and say "no" to the sale of military assault weapons to civilians. Surely both pro and anti gun people can agree on that much.

I would like to call to action each gun owner, each Republican, each Democrat, each citizen to write a letter or send an email. Tell our politicians, "It is OK to vote against selling this type of weapon to the public. We will still vote for you." That is the problem. They're afraid.

Write that letter.

Pat Griffin

Dear Editor,

Upon my four years at Amador, I have noticed a decreasing amount of students saying the Pledge of Allegiance. I have realized that not only do we not have enough people honoring this country, but the pledge isn't even heard all around Amador, or every day. A lot of classes don't even play the announcements, so they never hear the pledge, and a lot of classes that watch it on YouTube skip over the pledge in order to save class time.

I think that the Pledge of Allegiance should be announced over the PA system every morning. As a school in the United States, I believe it is our duty to have the pledge heard aloud to honor those men and women that have fought for what we all have today.

Karen Krikorian

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Brighter, safer streets ahead

Within the next month or two, Pleasanton's energy and sustainability manager Laura Ryan will have obtained sufficient low-interest loans and other financial funding to win the City Council's approval for one of her most ambitious projects ever: the installation of 7,300 street lights and numerous park lights that will not only make our roadways and neighborhoods brighter at night but also save our city millions of dollars in future electric bills. The project is one of many Ryan and her boss Daniel Smith, director of operations services, have advanced in recent months

at the council's direction in a long-term commitment to financial sustainability and a reduction in community-wide greenhouse gas. Their success has made Pleasanton a recognized leader among municipal and state climate action plans to reduce emissions and clean up California's air.

Recently, Smith's department completed a solar energy upgrade program, using \$260,000 the council authorized for rebates to those who installed solar roof panels. A total of 261 homeowners and a number of businesses took advantage of the offer and are now nearly free of the PG&E electric grid, gaining all the electricity they need from sunlight. A few have also purchased electric-powered automobiles, which means that sunpower is also charging those cars for gasoline-free driving. With the capital costs behind them, it's a win-win situation both for these residents and PG&E, which is burning that much less carbon-producing fossil fuel to feed those electric meters.

The street light program is even a bigger win. The new LED retrofit project will give the city an estimated 60% reduction in its electric bills while also reducing greenhouse gases by approximately 1,556 metric tons per year. Given these savings, it's no surprise that city officials are encouraging Ryan and Smith to move forward on obtaining the special 1% fixed interest loans available for these kinds of municipal projects. Ryan calls these street light upgrades "the frosting on the cake" as the city moves toward meeting its goal for greater energy efficiencies.

There's another advantage in replacing the high pressure sodium vapor lights now in use. Those fixtures have a three- to five-year life span. The light-emitting diodes (LED) units will last 12 to 24 years, which means considerably less need for city crews to replace them. They also provide a "truer" light, which the cities of San Jose and Los Angeles, where they've been installed, have found to significantly reduce nighttime crime on city streets.

The report proposing the street light conversion plan is expected to go before the council for approval in March. With the OK and the financing in place, the six-month-long project should be completed by fall, perhaps in time to make the streets brighter and safer for Halloween. ■



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Kelly Cunningham, media outreach coordinator for the California Lighting Technology Center at UC Davis, offers a close look at the new LED lights being installed on campus.

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 15

### Warrant arrest

- 12:39 a.m. on Valley Avenue at Koll Center Parkway

### Theft

- Auto theft recovery at 10:45 a.m. in the 3900 block of Old Santa Rita Road
- 2:58 p.m. in the 4400 block of Stoneridge Drive

### Drug and alcohol violations

- DUI at 4:59 p.m. in the 2700 block of Hopyard Road

### Fraud

- 11:11 a.m. in the 3200 block of Belvedere Court
- 12:18 p.m. in the 300 block of Adams Way
- 1:41 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Jan.16

### Robbery

- 9:44 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

### Auto burglary

- 8:11 a.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive
- 8:53 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:06 a.m. in the 7800 block of Kentwood Way
- 5:29 p.m. in the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 5:53 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:27 p.m. in the 5100 block of Golden Road
- 9:24 p.m. in the 400 block of St. John Street

### Vandalism

- 5:30 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
- 7:56 p.m. in the 7000 block of Koll Center Parkway

Jan.17

### Residential burglary

- 3:25 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

### Auto burglary

- 7 p.m. in the 7600 block of Desertwood Lane

### Theft

- 7:37 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 1:55 p.m. in the 7200 block of Valley View Court

### Auto burglary

- 7:06 a.m. in the 4800 block of Fair Street
- 1:41 p.m. in the 800 block of Main Street

### Fraud

- 5:54 p.m. in the 5500 block of Sonoma Drive

### Drug and alcohol violations

- DUI at 11:12 p.m. at Valley and Case avenues

### Shoplifting

- 10 a.m. in the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 1:16 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 4:58 p.m. in the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Vandalism

- 4:57 p.m. in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Jan. 18

### Residential burglary

- 7:40 a.m. on the 4500 block of Las Lomitas Drive
- 3:25 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

### Auto burglary

- 6:45 a.m. in the 4800 block of Muirwood Drive
- 7:42 a.m. in the 9100 block of Olson Court

### Warrant arrest

- 10:08 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

### Vandalism

- Graffiti offense at 9:27 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue
- Graffiti offense at 10:22 a.m. in the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive

### Shoplifting

- 2:54 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Jan. 19

### Embezzlement

- 9:57 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Warrant arrest

- 9:42 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

### Auto burglary

- 2:53 p.m. in the 7600 block of Desertwood Lane

### Burglary

- 3:43 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Drug and alcohol violations

- 12:28 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Avenue, public intoxication

- DUI at 11:37 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

### Vandalism

- Graffiti offense at 8:32 a.m. at Vineyard and Bernal avenues

- 10:51 a.m. in the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue, arrest for over \$400 in damages

### Shoplifting

- 7:26 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 11:11 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive, arrest

Jan. 20

### Residential burglary

- 10:18 a.m. in the 500 block of Tannet Court

### Warrant arrest

- 1:42 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

### Theft

- 12:12 p.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive

### Drug and alcohol violations

- DUI at 1:35 a.m. in the 5800

block of Parkside Drive

- 3 a.m. in the 3600 block of Fairlands Drive, possession of a controlled substance/arrest

- DUI at 2:33 p.m. in the 7900 block of Sawgrass Court

### Fraud

- 3:22 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Shoplifting

- 6:26 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Vandalism

- Graffiti offense at 10:20 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Jan. 21

### Warrant arrest

- 11:55 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Sutter Gate Avenue

### Drug violation

- 12:40 a.m. in the 5100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 1:08 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road, possession of methamphetamines/arrest

- 1:48 a.m., possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamines with intent to sell, arrest

### Fraud

- 1:08 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road, false prescription possession/forgery, arrest

### Theft

- Petty theft at 6:45 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Vandalism

- 4:16 p.m. in the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Shoplifting

- 6:50 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Jan. 22

### Residential burglary

- 9:42 a.m. in the 8200 block of Moller Ranch Drive

### Commercial burglary

- 10:13 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Theft

- 7:56 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Drug violation

- 9:16 p.m. at the intersection of Koll Center Drive at Bernal Avenue

### Shoplifting

- 7:08 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road



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#### BY CATHY JETTER

You might imagine that with 13 years in the major leagues, awards including two-time Minor League Player of the Year, two All Star games and a nomination to the Baseball Hall of Fame, it would be easy to get Gregg Jefferies talking about his time as a player. Not so much.

Though the stories come in bits and pieces, they are all in reference to what he really wants to talk about: the Gregg Jefferies Sports Academy.

Jefferies leads a tour of his brand new Pleasanton facility like a kid showing his gifts Christmas morning — around every corner, through every door, is another surprise he cannot wait to share. The excitement and pride clearly stems from the time and attention to detail he and his partner, Darren Nicholson, dedicated to ensure the 12,000-square-foot facility will become all they imagined it could be for Bay Area athletes and their families.

As Jefferies describes it, their idea was to “build a complete athletic training facility, all under one roof.”

Jefferies says his path to Pleasanton began with his father, Rich Jefferies, who made baseball fun, never a regimen, for Gregg and his brother.

“My dad played in the major leagues till he had kids,” Jefferies explains. “Then he quit and became a high school (physical education) teacher. There just

wasn't the money in the game that there is now. He couldn't make enough playing to support a family.”

Gregg Jefferies was drafted straight out of San Mateo's Junipero Serra High School in 1985, then spent two years in the minor leagues before being brought up to play with the New York Mets. While Jefferies didn't have a long struggle before achieving his dream of playing professional ball, those years in the majors and a severed hamstring made him a veteran of every experience and emotion of an athlete.

“I've faced Nolan Ryan and other Hall of Fame pitchers,” he says. “I know what it feels like to be at the top of the game, and I know what it feels like when you think you'll never hit again. I know what it's like to be injured, I know what it feels like to struggle. There is no emotion I haven't been through and I can help these kids learn how to handle all those things.”

Though the academy doors only opened in December, Jefferies has found ways to stay involved with the athletic community since his professional career was cut short by a severed hamstring in June 2000. A switch hitter with a career .290 batting average, Jefferies admits it was awhile before he could even watch a game on television. And though Jefferies' well-known prowess at the plate has brought him four offers to coach in the major leagues, that lifestyle just doesn't work any longer.

# BATTER

By Cathy Jetter



“I have four kids, and I love being part of their lives,” Jefferies explains. “I can't travel like that anymore, and there is no way around the time you've got to spend on the road.”

The big leagues' loss of Jefferies' talents has been a tremendous benefit for the local baseball community. Jefferies has offered clinics and classes at various facilities and spent the last five years volunteering as the hitting coach at Foothill High School where his oldest son, Jake, played and earned a baseball scholarship to Cal State Fullerton.

Gregg Jefferies has long believed having his own place to teach and mentor young players would be a part of his future, and with Jake graduated and Nicholson on board, the time seemed right to make the move.

“It's been nerve-wracking and crazy,” says Jefferies, “but it's also really exciting.”

Knocking out walls and raising ceilings throughout the expansive space, the two men transformed the former office building on Koll Center Parkway into a training facility that rivals those found on college campuses.

“In fact,” Jefferies points out, “lots of the kids we train came back from college during the holidays and told us this is the nicest facility they've ever seen.”

The partners decided it was essential to extend the

use of the facility beyond t

“Parents ask me if it is more than one sport,” Jefferies says. “I'm an advocate for that. Every sport has its own needs. They all help the kids learn different things.”

“It's fine to train year round, but the needs to be different levels.”

Soccer teams, lacrosse clubs, basketball, sprinters, swimmers, injured athletes, and more will all find reasons to work out at the academy. Jefferies rattles off a list of amenities like a fan reciting a player's stats.

“We have two weight rooms, a gym with a lot of free weights and machines, a video review room, three portable batting cages, space to move out a regular practice field, the plate, evening strength training, physical therapists, 40 yards of turf, three batting cages for practice.”

Jefferies pauses for a moment to mention Tanner tees. All the big league players have used them.

While the big league facilities are missing some amenities, complete with a dro

# Setup!

## Gregg Jefferies shares 13 years of major league experience with Pleasanton athletes



CATHY JETTER  
Clockwise from far left: A strength and conditioning class at the Gregg Jefferies Sports Academy is led by instructor/trainer Andrew Hamel in the center; Gregg Jefferies demonstrates a bat swing to Conor Caspersen; Jefferies when he played baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1993-1994; academy partner Darren Nicholson works with Calvin Knop; the wiffle ball stadium at the academy was inspired by the one behind left field at AT&T Park.



the baseball/softball crowd. OK for their kids to play Jefferies says. "I am a huge sport coincides with other kids develop as athletes.ound," he adds, "but there of training." coaches, basketball players, ed athletes and moms with their kids are getting coached ck out, or just hang out, at es off the list of amenities s stats. rooms filled with \$70,000 nes, a cardio room, a video ble pitching mounds with ation 60 feet 6 inches from a and conditioning classes, s of speed and agility train- r live hitting and seven tee ment and adds, "Those are ue teams use Tanner tees." lities share a lot of features' place boasts a couple of g: a room for birthday par- p down screen for movie

viewing, and a wiffle ball stadium, inspired by the one behind left field at the Giant's AT&T Park.

It may be called the Gregg Jefferies Sports Academy, but Jefferies stresses it is the skills of its assembled team that make the academy a valuable asset to the community.

"We have been lucky to bring together an incredibly talented group of people who understand sports at a very high level," he explains, citing the expansive resumes of the rest of the staff which complement and support different aspects of the sports training experience.

Nicholson, who also coaches with Foothill's varsity staff, played college ball at Chico State and spent 12 years scouting for the Pirates. Head pitching coach Eddie Delzer played with the Angels and currently works with the Oakland A's. Andrew Hamel is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist who also coaches Amador Valley High's football team.

Even the general manager, Taryn Alexander, has a sports background, having played basketball through college, worked for the Giants and kept Stanford University's summer sports programs running smoothly.

"We wanted to bring in the right people," Jefferies asserts. "We knew it was important that we all share the same philosophy, and we do. We have a great time together."

Jefferies' philosophy as a hitting coach is all about breaking baseball down to the fundamentals.

"There are all these strange techniques out there," he says, shaking his head. "Everyone wants to put a spin on how to hit or how to pitch so they can put their name on it and market it as a brand. That's not what we teach here. This is not the Gregg Jefferies way to play baseball. This is what they're using in the big leagues.

"The key to being a good instructor," he continues, "is getting the player to understand the mechanics. It's not about hitting the ball, it's about being able to stand there and break down the swing and know what you need to fix when things aren't feeling right."

It's Wednesday night and Jefferies is working with the academy's inaugural hitting class, mostly high school age. Jefferies' enthusiasm is clearly visible as he moves from station to station, calling out instructions, with wisecracks flying across the room. Once class is over and all equipment has been put back in place, Jefferies calls the boys together.

"I know the session is 10 classes long and next week should be our last class," he says, "but I've decided this class doesn't count. So tell your parents you still have two classes left, and I will see you next week."

And that is how Gregg Jefferies plays ball. ■

### Gregg Jefferies MLB statistics

- High School: Junipero Serra High School, San Mateo, class of '85
- All-WCAL defensive back, All-NorCal infielder
- Drafted by New York Mets in 1985, First round, 20 overall
- Minor League Player of the Year, 1986 and 1987
- National League All-Star Team, 1983 and 1984
- Teams:
  - New York Mets (1987-1991)
  - Kansas City Royals (1992)
  - St. Louis Cardinals (1993-1994)
  - Philadelphia Phillies (1995-1998)
  - Anaheim Angels (1998)
  - Detroit Tigers (1999-2000)
- Batted: Switch
- Threw: Right
- Career Statistics
  - Batting Average: .290
  - Home runs: 126
  - Runs batted in: 663
- MLB Debut — Sept. 6, 1987, for New York Mets
- Last MLB Appearance — May 29, 2000, for Detroit Tigers

## ON THE TOWN



AMERICAN

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## Desperate times lead to 'The Full Monty'

Diverse men team up for wild performance

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Take a half-dozen unemployed men, add a bit of desperation and a plan to bare all to earn some quick cash, put it all to music and you've pretty much got the plot for the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's "The Full Monty," now playing at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

But the whole is more than the sum of the parts. Todd Carver does a great job anchoring the cast as Jerry Lukowski, an out-of-work steel worker in Buffalo, anxious to bring in some money to keep his son, Nathan (Max Desantis).

To do so, he drags his portly pal Dave Bukatinski (Marty Newton) along for the ride, despite his misgivings about being overweight. Along the way, the pair befriends Malcolm MacGregor (Ryan Cowles) when they save his life, leading to the song "Big A\*\* Rock," in which Lukowski and Bukatinski dream up novel ways to help MacGregor kill himself.

Looking for someone to teach them to dance, the trio finds itself in a dance studio with former boss Harold Nichols (Elmer Strasser), who's been laid off as well but has been lying to his wife Vicki (Suzie Shepard) for the last six months. When they threaten

to spill the beans, Nichols agrees and becomes the fourth dancer.

Holding auditions for two more dancers brings in Jeanette Burmesiter (Belinda Mahoney) as a wise-cracking world-weary piano player, who threatens to steal the show. Two more dancers are added, with Lavale-William Davis as "Horse" Simmons in the number "Big Black Man," and Daniel Quezada as Ethan Girard, hired more for his endowment than for being able to dance.

They know they're no Chippendale dancers, so to sell tickets, Lukowski promises to go where the Chippendales won't: totally nude — "The Full Monty."

Julia Etzel turns in a solid performance as Georgia Bukatinski, Dave's unsuspecting wife, as do Shepard and Sue Claire Jones as Lukowski's ex.

Songs of note include "You Rule My World," in which Dave serenades his belly while Harold serenades his wife; "Michael Jordan's Ball," where the men learn to dance by imitating the basketball great; and "The Goods," in which the men face their shortcomings while being taunted by specters of women.

Also of note is the performance



JAMES MILLE

of the orchestra, led by Jo Anne Fosselman, and Kevin Hammond's choreography, as well as the direction of John Maio, whose recent work for the TVRT includes "Annie," "The Producers" and "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." Producer is Kathleen Breedveld; vocal director is Evan Alparone.

So, will the guys go "The Full Monty"? You'll have to see for your-

self.

Performances run through Feb. 3, with 8 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday nights and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. The Bankhead Theater is at 2400 First St.

"The Full Monty" is rated R for adult language and situations.

For tickets, visit the box office, call 373-6800, or go to [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org). ■

## Author Visits

## 'LITTLE BOOK OF HEARTBREAK'

**AUTHOR** Meghan Laslocky, author of "Little Book of Heartbreak," will be at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30. The book shares the entertaining, empowering and occasionally absurd things that happen when love is on its last legs. Laslocky, a freelance journalist and KQED producer, says she's been dumped at a dozen times, including on her birthday. Reservations are helpful; call 846-8826 for details.

## Clubs

## WRITER TO DISCUSS POLITICS

**WITH DEMOCRATS** TVDC meeting: Election of 2013 club officers. Guest speaker: Carla Marinucci, Senior Political Writer with SF Chronicle & California Report panelist discussing local, state and national political issues. The event is from 7-9 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28, at IBEW 595, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Join the discussion. Refreshments will be served. Call 451-4303 or visit [www.trivalleydems.com/Calendar.htm](http://www.trivalleydems.com/Calendar.htm).

## Concerts

**FRIDAY FRIENDS CONCERT** Valley Community Church is hosting a Disability Awareness Weekend, starting with a one-hour concert from its worship team musicians. The event is from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway. Call 998-9540 email [jmsteenman@comcast.net](mailto:jmsteenman@comcast.net).

## Events

## RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN THE JEWISH

**STATE** Noted scholar Nitzhia Shaked will explore the issue of religious pluralism in Israel, examining its roots and the "status quo" agreement made by David Ben-Gurion prior to the nation's creation. The event is from 7:30-9:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6 at Cong. Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. Cost \$10. Call 510-318-6453 or visit [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

## Exhibits

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## Film

**QUEEN OF THE MOVIES** To celebrate the release of "Mary Pickford, Queen of the Movies," author Christel Schmidt will host a screening of Pickford shorts (1909-12). The event is at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum, 37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont. Christel Schmidt is a film historian, writer and editor.

## Fundraisers

**MURDER MYSTERY DINNER** The Livermore Pleasanton Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women invites the community to attend the "Van Buren High School Reunion" murder mystery dinner from 5:30-10 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St., Pleasanton. Tri-tip buffet dinner \$40. Reservations needed by Jan. 19. Call Vicki-Dawn at 484-3321. Visit [www.LPD-CA.AAUW.net/](http://www.LPD-CA.AAUW.net/)

**RAGIN' CAJUN** Ragin' Cajun, the annual fundraiser for the Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, is the East Bay's Mardi Gras event of the year. Enjoy music, dancing, dinner, beads, live auctions and more, from 6:30-11 p.m., Friday, March 8, at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave. Tickets are \$95. Call 866-862-7270 or visit [www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org](http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org).

## Health

**DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEKEND** Valley Community Church is hosting a Disability Awareness Weekend, starting off with a concert from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway. Sponsored by Friday Friends, their performance will be devoted to musical workshop and all exceptional Special Needs individuals and their families, friends and caregivers. An opportunity with the utmost comfort and pride for being just who you are. For more information email Janine Steenman at [jsteenman@comcast.net](mailto:jsteenman@comcast.net).

## Live Music

**AVHS WINTERGUARD BAND COMPETITION** Amador Valley High School will host the AVHS Winterguard Competition from 5-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at 1155 Santa Rita Rd. The Pleasanton Unified Middle School Winterguard will also be participating. Food Truck Mafia will have a variety of gourmet food trucks serving from 5-9 p.m. with a percentage of the proceeds benefiting the Amador Band. Event cost is \$10 for adults; kids under 5 free. Contact Ellen Pensky McGraw at 699-7921 or visit [www.amadormusic.org](http://www.amadormusic.org).

## On Stage

**'RENT'** Based loosely on Puccini's "La Boheme," "Rent" tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. Cast includes Broadway star Alan Mingo, Jr. reprising his role of Tom Collins. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 25 through Feb. 9; and at 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets \$19-\$35. Call 931-4848 or visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Spiritual

**RESPIRE TRAINING** How to Begin, Expand or Improve Respite Care at your Church. The lecture is from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 2 at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Seminar Room. Call 580-4392. Respite training will be Presented by Mr. David Glover, Founder of PURE Ministries Respite is a win/win for all involved!

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Signature of Registrant: Tami Yi.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 10, 2012.  
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This business is conducted by husband and wife.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.  
Signature of Registrant(s): Stanley Gould  
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## ‘Recovering’ housing markets picking up steam

More metro areas seeing gains in residential construction

By JEB BING

In the latest sign of a burgeoning recovery in U.S. housing markets, the number of metropolitan areas on the National Association of Home Builders/First American Improving Markets Index (IMI) rose for a fifth consecutive month to 242 in January.

That was up from 201 markets listed as improving in December, and includes entrants from 48 states and the District of Columbia.

The IMI identifies metro areas that have shown improvement from their respective troughs in housing permits, employment and house prices for at least six consecutive months. A total of 47 new metros were added to the list and six were dropped from it this month.

Newly added metros include such geographically diverse locations as Los Angeles, Cleveland, Des Moines, Nashville, Richmond, Va., and Auburn, Ala.

“We created the improving markets list in September of 2011 to spotlight individual metros where — contrary to the national headlines — housing markets were on the mend,” noted NAHB Chairman Barry Rutenberg, a home builder from Gainesville, Fla.

“Today, 242 out of 361 metros nationwide

appear on that list, including representatives from almost every state in the country,” he added. “The story is no longer about exceptions to the rule, but about the growing breadth of the housing recovery even as overly strict mortgage requirements hold back the pace of improvement.”

“The IMI has almost doubled in the past two months as stronger demand during prime home buying season boosted prices across a broader number of metropolitan areas,” noted NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. “Similar home price gains, and hence the IMI, may be tempered in the future as we see data from typically slower months for home sales.”

Kurt Pfothauer, vice chairman of First American Title Insurance Co., agreed.

“Potential home buyers should be encouraged by the positive momentum in home prices, permitting and employment that is increasingly evident in not just isolated housing markets, but a broadening swath of the country,” he said.

The IMI is designed to track housing markets throughout the country that are showing signs of improving economic health. The index measures three sets of independent monthly data to get a mark on the top im-



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Los Angeles is one of 47 new metropolitan areas added to the list of improving housing markets.

proving Metropolitan Statistical Areas. The three indicators that are analyzed are employment growth from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, housing price appreciation from Freddie Mac and single-family housing permit growth from the U.S. Census Bureau.

NAHB uses the latest available data from these sources to generate a list of improving markets. A metropolitan area must see improvement in all three measures for at

least six consecutive months following those measures’ respective troughs before being included on the improving markets list.

A complete list of all 242 metropolitan areas currently on the IMI, and separate breakouts of metros newly added to or dropped from the list in January, is available at [www.nahb.org/imi](http://www.nahb.org/imi). A state-by-state listing of metro areas on the list is also available at [www.nahb.org/improvingmarkets](http://www.nahb.org/improvingmarkets). ■

## HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during December 2012

### Dublin

**6974 Darian Court** G. Cullup to W. Alstrand for \$415,000

**7791 Donohue Drive** Polymathic Properties to P. & J. Kanas for \$450,000

**7213 Dover Court** G. & N. Wong to H. & E. Chan for \$470,000

**3420 Finnian Way #319** Toll Dublin Limited to V. Chetan for \$373,500

**3520 Palermo Way** Sorrento at Dublin Ranch to H. & N. Takahashi for \$446,500

**6893 Penn Drive** Deys Trust to D. Pui-Yee for \$549,000

**3617 Rocking Horse Court** M. Cox to C. Law for \$595,000

**4353 Roscommon Way** S. & E. Moreno to S. Ioffee for \$700,000

**7687 Tuscany Drive #134** B. Koon to V. Meeniga for \$305,000

### Livermore

**6386 Altamar Circle** L. McGurty to B. & N. Ferran for \$395,000

**517 Covington Way** J. Clark to A. Vu for \$385,000

**850 Crane Avenue** R. & C. Strobe to M. Correa for \$435,000

**1040 Glenn Common** C. Alfonso to A. Sarboraria for \$204,000

**446 Huntington Way** Pacific Coast Capital Investors to R. Ford for \$487,000

**1132 Iroquois Avenue** Residential Foreclosure Fund to M. & K. Westphal for \$410,000

**2753 Kennedy Street** Deutsche Bank to Y. Lee for \$300,000

**5336 Lenore Avenue** G. Wyman to Y. Patel

for \$290,000

**1254 Rebecca Drive** J. & J. Frost to M. Fromhold for \$750,000

**3313 Rockingham Court** Esling Trust to P. & L. Decosta for \$1,165,000

**5861 Running Hills Avenue** R. & M. Hammer to M. Furuyama for \$360,000

### Pleasanton

**5802 Arthur Drive** T. & T. Dolan to J. & A. Murdock for \$778,000

**762 Bonita Avenue** S. & B. Shamblin to B. Thiel for \$819,000

**5600 Bruce Drive** Adams Trust to N. Read for \$800,000

**4057 Cid Way** A. & C. Anderer to A. Punnoose for \$586,500

**2232 Delucchi Drive** LL Cool Homes to B. Miller for \$682,000

**847 Division Street #D** G. Annis to T. & M. Anderson for \$215,000

**6872 Heath Court** L. & S. Lundin to K. & R. Brockett for \$525,000

**7355 Hillsdale Drive** A. Agard to J. & N. Persinger for \$670,000

**2237 Kamp Court** M. & N. Harris to K. & S. Geraghty for \$1,135,000

**4258 Passeggi Court** J. McNamara to A. Victor for \$440,000

**3772 Rocky Mountain Court** S. Tuminelli to D. & D. McCarthy for \$728,000

**1818 Sannita Court** K. Lin to Chand Trust for \$2,305,000

**1382 Santa Rita Road** L. Diaz to S. & M. Huey for \$445,000

**3665 Shenandoah Court** Ferriter Trust to I. & C. Sandhu for \$633,000

**1743 Spumante Place** S. & L. Custer to F. Xiao for \$1,588,000

**517 St. Mary Street** C. & D. Bonanno to R.

& K. Moirano for \$1,235,000

**5043 Woodthrush Road** J. & L. Eberhard to S. & P. Sundar for \$836,000

### San Ramon

**6622 Aberdale Circle** M. & P. Vempati to S. Addlapalli for \$631,000

**731 Acorn Court** S. & J. Williams to G. & E. Meyer for \$656,000

**532 Adriatic Court** K. Kasaine to A. & D. Gupta for \$750,000

**10 Almond Orchard Lane** B. & H. Min to D. Kim for \$605,000

**1861 Barossa Drive** C. Linteo to D. & D. Hsiao for \$740,500

**485 Blanco Court** Kibby Road Limited to S. Polimera for \$475,000

**8100 Briar Oaks Drive** T. & E. Lindsey to Z. Li for \$720,500

**15 Canyon Hills Court** L. & J. Zhang to R. & J. Neves for \$749,000

**704 Fountainhead Court** C. & I. McGinley to W. Huang for \$430,000

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**2699 Paige Way** S. Harigopal to G. Ramalingam for \$890,000

**150 Reflections Drive #12** R. Turner to G. Mehrotra for \$143,000

**328 Shavano Way** W. Fung to E. Ocana for \$660,000

**222 Skyline Drive** M. Perry to S. & M. Khosla for \$282,000

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**306 Tamarron Way** J. & M. Mason to K. Guo for \$640,000

**9981 Torreon Avenue** Colston Trust to J. Perryman for \$785,000

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**4718 Pheasant Court** \$620,000  
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### Livermore

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5 BEDROOMS -

**2202 Kamp Court** \$1,130,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Andrea & Earl Rozran 858-4198

### San Ramon

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**633 Santander Dr** \$729,000  
Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

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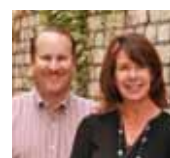
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**Connie Cannella**

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**OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4**



**Andrea & Earl Rozran**

**2202 Kamp Ct. - Pleasanton - \$1,130,000**  
Rarely available Gibson model in Mohr Park Estates with 5 BR, 3 BA and over 3,350 sq. ft. of living space on a generous lot within a court. Great location one block from park and close to Mohr Elementary. Don't miss this one!



**Andrea & Earl Rozran**

**7543 Maywood Dr. - Pleasanton - \$515,000**  
Beautiful single level with attention to every detail! This end unit, 3 bedroom townhome is stunning. Updated throughout, the kitchen has granite counter tops, stainless appliances and recessed lighting. The home features engineered wood flooring, newer windows, crown moulding and much more!

**PENDING WITH 21 OFFERS**




**The Mia and Beverly Team**

**3616 Rocking Horse - Dublin - \$610,000**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home, Upgraded to perfection and featuring approximately 2,079 tastefully decorated interior square feet. Rich wood flooring and Berber carpet. Gorgeous kitchen with cherry finish cabinets, slab granite counter tops, center island and stainless steel appliances.



**Ines Eiras**

**17946 Via Valencia - San Lorenzo - \$379,000**  
Beautiful remodeled starter home on a tree lined street of San Lorenzo Village's "Piedmont" area. Remodeled kitchen, bath, new roof, refinished hardwood floors & new paint, deck, large park like backyard, some dual pane windows, regular sale!



**Ines Eiras**

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# HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

5029 FOREST HILL DRIVE, PLEASANTON, \$1,075,000



Located on the West Side of Pleasanton, in the "Forest Hill Estates" neighborhood, this 5 bedroom, 3 full bathroom home sits on .25 of an acre. The home is 3440 sq. ft., and is walking distance to Lydiksen Elementary, Foothill High School, parks, the mall and Bart. This home was built in 1996 by Pan Cal, and is one of the premier lots in the neighborhood. This was a short sale and sold for over the asking price with multiple offers.

Listed by Julia Murtagh at Alain Pinel Realtors (925) 997-2411.

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Dublin

Total sales reported: 9  
Lowest sale reported: \$305,000  
Highest sale reported: \$700,000  
Average sales reported: \$478,222

### Livermore

Total sales reported: 11  
Lowest sale reported: \$204,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,165,000  
Average sales reported: \$471,000

### Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 17  
Lowest sale reported: \$215,000  
Highest sale reported: \$2,305,000  
Average sales reported: \$848,264

### San Ramon

Total sales reported: 17  
Lowest sale reported: \$143,000  
Highest sale reported: \$890,000  
Average sales reported: \$607,118

Source: California REsource

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### JUST LISTED

**4718 Pheasant Court, Dublin • \$620,000**

Just listed in the "Creekside" neighborhood in Dublin. Located on a court, this home is just under 2400 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. Built in 1997 by KB Homes, you are walking distance to shops at Hacienda, parks and schools. Enjoy an expanded kitchen island with granite counter tops, and a large family room off kitchen.

## DISTRESSED SELLERS

### Great News for Sellers needing to Short Sale Home

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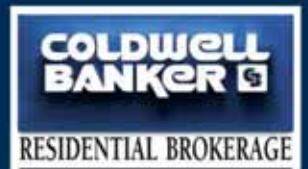
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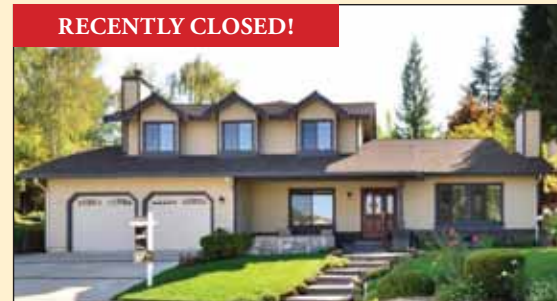


4355 CAMPINIA PLACE, PLEASANTON

Gorgeous custom single level on .60 acre premium lot in desirable Ruby Hill private gated community. Beautiful views of surrounding hills and vineyards. Five bedrooms, three bathrooms, custom gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops. Extensive crown molding, Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring, expansive master suite. Completely finished three car garage. Beautiful grounds include mature professional landscaping, built-in BBQ, viewing/sitting area, large covered patio and extensive lawn area. Ruby Hill community amenities include country club, golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, dining and greenbelt. **OFFERED AT \$1,439,000**

### CUSTOM

RECENTLY CLOSED!



3834 ORION COURT, PLEASANTON

Quiet court location near downtown, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2800 plus square feet. Lot size is 9074 sq. ft. Highly upgraded custom home, gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, expansive master suite with retreat, fireplace and upgraded bathroom. Large family room with fireplace, plantation shutters and crown molding. Newer landscaped private rear yard with built-in BBQ, refrigerator, sitting area, fire pit and beautiful stone patios and landscaping! **SOLD FOR \$958,000**

### BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD!



5206 SELENA COURT, PLEASANTON

Check out this double sized lot (.56 acre). Premium private court location for this quality built Greenbriar home (2000), includes 4 bedroom (1 down), 3 baths, and bonus room. Beautiful professional landscaping with in-ground pool/spa in this expansive private backyard including multiple sitting areas, adjacent beautiful Heritage Oak tree, elevated ridge viewing deck. Upgraded gourmet kitchen, with granite counters, marble heated flooring and stainless appliances. Comprehensive audio/video system included. Three car garage. Great home for entertaining! Attendance area for great schools. Walk to Mission Park & Downtown Pleasanton! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$1,399,000**

### CUSTOM HOME

SOLD!



6513 ARLINGTON DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Enter this secluded .56 acre estate through the long, private driveway! This mostly single level custom home includes an upstairs spacious second master suite. Five bedrooms, three full bathrooms, and two half bathrooms. Approximately 4003 total square feet, large remodeled kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Expansive rear grounds with views of open space and Pleasanton Ridge, includes ten person spa, built-in fireplace, expansive lawn area and stamped concrete & brick patios. Great home for entertaining! Three car garage with adjacent bonus room. **SOLD FOR \$1,130,000**

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2449 MINIVET COURT, PLEASANTON

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### AVILA

SOLD!



5284 ARREZZO STREET, PLEASANTON

Newer upgraded three bedroom, two and a half bathrooms, approximately 1482 square feet "Signature Home." Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Brazilian Cherry hardwood flooring and new carpet. Recessed lighting, dual pane windows, central air conditioning, & new paint interior/exterior. Private rear yard. Community amenities include pool/spa, clubhouse & playground. Close to BART and 580/680 access and more! **OFFERED AT \$579,500**

### PRIMA

SOLD!



176 PRATO WAY, LIVERMORE

Upgraded 5 bedroom, 3 bathrooms, approximately 3325 square foot Centex home. Spacious gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, island, and breakfast bar! Expansive master suite with spa tub and walk-in closet. Plantation shutters, crown molding, custom tile and Brazilian cherry hardwood floors throughout downstairs. Dual heating & air conditioning. Beautifully landscaped front and rear yards, in-ground pool/raised spa and private courtyard area, three car garage with electric gated private driveway. Close to golfing, Ruby Hill Country Club, renewed downtown and adjacent to the Livermore Wine Country! **SOLD FOR \$850,000**

### VALENCIA

SOLD!



5019 RIGATTI CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Newer upgraded Valencia home. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2321 Sq. Ft. Downstairs bedroom/office (5th). Spacious master suite. Large family room with built-in entertainment center. Formal dining room. Modern gourmet kitchen has granite counter tops, maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances. Community amenities include Club House, Greenbelt, Playground, Pool/Spa, and Tennis Court(s). Close to Owens Plaza Park, BART, & 580/680 access. **SOLD FOR \$825,000**

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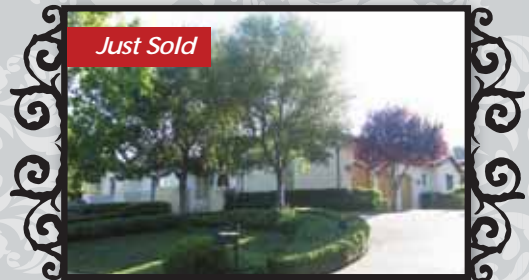




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## The latest from The 680 Blog

### 5 Strategies that will Make You a Better Buyer!

Now that the great real estate recovery seems to be in full force, barring some unforeseen economic setback, buyers are discovering that the market is active, or hot, or downright ridiculous depending on the price range. It seems that there are multiple offers on everything. And the frustration level of the buyers is rising faster than the national debt. If you have been in the market, or are contemplating buying a house in the next few months, you need to adjust your strategy if you want to be successful in winning the auction... er, getting your offer accepted. So, with this in mind, here are 5 strategies that will make you a better buyer, and increase the odds of getting your offer accepted.

1. Strong pre-approval letter. Before you even start looking at property, you should get fully pre-approved with a local, reputable lender. Get the lender all documentation they need up front, and get credit approved so that all the lender needs is the appraisal, the contract, and the preliminary title report. And have the lender draft a iron-clad, bullet proof pre-approval letter that states you have excel-

lent credit (hopefully), stable employment, excellent income, and the funds to close escrow. In fact, if you qualify for more than the asking price of the property, go ahead and put the maximum amount you qualify for in the letter. It does not hurt you if you are over-qualified to buy a given property.

2. Meet the sellers. If possible, try to arrange to see the house when the seller is home, especially if there are going to be multiple offers. A nice, friendly visit to the property giving you a chance to bond with the sellers >> Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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Perfection-almost totally remodeled home. New Granite & Stainless kitchen, new baths, large end of a cul de sac location, gorgeous backyard, huge lawn area, swimming pool, outdoor kitchen. New stamped cement driveway. 3393 MUSCAT COURT

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**PLEASANTON \$759,000**  
4bd/2ba, 2,186+/-sq.ft on a corner lot, new 40-yr roof and gutters, paint, carpet, newer windows, Hardwood floors, and private backyard with large Redwood deck, walk to K-12 schools and parks . 2009 RAVEN RD

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**PLEASANTON \$739,950**  
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**LIVERMORE \$689,000**  
4bd/2.5ba, 2291+/-sq.ft on a near 1/4 acre lot with pool/hot tub and side yard access. New roof, paint, carpet, remodeled Granite baths and newer Granite kitchen with Stainless appliances. 656 ALDEN LN

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