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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## 'See something, say something,' police chief urges

Citing a recent community survey showing that 99% of those of us who live in Pleasanton feel safe, Police Chief Dave Spiller said his objective going forward will be to make that 100%.

Speaking at meetings this month of the Valley Real Estate Network and later to the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Spiller said that while he appreciates the comfort the city's population has in public safety, there's no reason to be smug about it or let down our guard. If we "see something, say something," Spiller urged everyone. Some of the best police work and results come because an alert homeowner spots something or someone unusual out the kitchen window or a parent sees someone hovering around a school building who probably shouldn't be there.

"You can't take the success of this community for granted," Spiller said. "We all have to be engaged."

Asked about school safety, Spiller said his department works with the school district and school site councils to make sure students, staff and their schools are safe. Patrols have been increased since the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown, Conn.

Four full-time police officers are assigned to the schools, including one at each high school. Periodic "intruder" drills are held with schools locked down while perimeter searches are made. Still, Spiller added, "We want our students to feel comfortable in school, not to think that they're in some kind of a prison. That's part of our job, too."

Spiller likes to ask, "What's next?" His goals for his organization and strategic planning initiatives include strengthening communication, both within his department and with the public, and leveraging technology. Improved wireless communications now keep Pleasanton police in "listening" touch with other emergency responders. A seventh 911 emergency response line will soon be added here, based on the formula of one 911 line for every 10,000 residents. He urges those calling the police department on routine matters to use its regular business line: 931-5100.

Spiller's "Vision for the Pleasanton Police Department" is spelled out in a new brochure that outlines how he and his fellow officers work together for a legacy of integrity and professionalism. Their mission, Spiller says, is to work in collaboration with our community to protect life and property. This will be accomplished through the creative use of resources, community education and involvement, and interactive problem-solving. It's a mouthful, he acknowledges, but in terms of prevention, it all comes down to the relationship that the police department has with the community.

Spiller began his public service in the late 1980s with the San Diego Police Department, where he worked as a patrol officer for a short time before joining the Mountain View Police Department. With well over a decade of service in various police department operations there, he earned a strong reputation as an effective problem solver and collaborator. Spiller later joined the Pleasanton Police Department as the administrative lieutenant.

He holds an associate's degree in administrative justice from De Anza College in Cupertino, a bachelor's degree in organizational behavior from the University of San Francisco and a master's degree from St. Mary's College in public sector leadership. He is also a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police through the Police Executive Research Forum and a graduate of the California POST Command College.

He also serves as an advisory board member on the Administration of Justice Board at Las Positas College, where he's an adjunct faculty member. He is a member of the International Criminal Justice Board at the University of San Francisco and is a staff trainer and board member for the nonprofit Continuing Education for Public Officials organization. In addition, Spiller is an executive board member for the San Francisco Boy Scouts Council and is a volunteer for Frontline Services at Crosswinds Church in Dublin. Spiller lives in Livermore with his wife Kathleen and their daughter Nicole. ■



Dave Spiller

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## How do you like to spend your free time indoors during our rainy season?



### Steve Davies

Lawyer

Well, if there's a good ball game on, I'll watch it. If not, I'll turn on The History Channel to watch "Pawn Stars." It is a fascinating show about the Gold & Silver Pawn Shop that is located in the outskirts of Las Vegas.



### Deborah Chong

Obstetrician/gynecologist

What I love to do during the rainy season is to curl up in my bed with a good book. But since I have twin toddlers, that never, ever, happens.



### Abbie Lovinger

Retired teacher

I enjoy keeping myself busy with my knitting projects and reading books, mostly historical fiction.



### Sanjay Thapar

Lecturer

I enjoy spending time on eBay, bidding for precious gemstones, rare stamps and antique silver spoons.



### Margot Sappern

Copywriter

I like to catch up on my pleasure reading and to attend to my "do it yourself" home improvement projects.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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### Support local music

The 10th annual Magic of Music event — a fundraiser for Amador music programs — will be held this Saturday from 5:30-11:30 p.m. at the Marriott in Pleasanton, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road.

The event includes a sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment by the music students, and dancing to the tunes of the award-winning Amador Valley High Jazz A Big Band ensemble.

Magic of Music funds have been used to purchase new marching band uniforms, instruments, transportation equipment and teaching tools. The event is hosted by the Amador Friends of Music.

Tickets may be purchased at [www.amadormusic.org](http://www.amadormusic.org) or through Sally Baker at 518-5916.

### Fresh Works exhibit

The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton is looking for submissions for its Fresh Works IV open juried exhibition.

The annual showing is open to artists from across the Bay Area. Artworks can be two- or three-dimensional (no jewelry); video art may be allowed, contingent upon space and artist providing necessary equipment.

Submissions must be original works completed in the last two years and not previously exhibited in Pleasanton. The entry form and fee must be turned in by 5 p.m. March 19.

The exhibit is set to run from May 3 to June 7. For more information, visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or contact gallery director Julie Finegan at 931-4849 or [jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

### Essay contest

The Culture to Culture Foundation is holding its second local Mental Health Scholarship Essay Awards, offering 10 scholarships worth \$1,000 and 20 honorable mention awards worth \$250.

Essays should address the topic "How does your personal definition of success affect your mental health?" and have a 1,000-word limit. The deadline is March 17.

Applicants must be 11th- or 12th-grade students, and applications should be submitted as a PDF or Word document email attachment to [culturetoculture2014@gmail.com](mailto:culturetoculture2014@gmail.com). The attachment should be labeled with the student's last name listed first.

All essays must include an introductory cover page listing the entrant's full name, home address, telephone number, email address, high school and current grade.

## CarMax Auto Superstore coming

### Country's largest used-car retailer to build in Staples Ranch

By JEB BING

CarMax, Inc., the country's largest retailer of used cars, plans to build a CarMax Auto Superstore on a 20-acre site at I-580 and El Charro Road on Pleasanton's far northeast side.

The pre-owned car dealership would include three main single-story buildings with heights of up to 24 feet, including a main 13,064-square-foot "sales and presentation" building facing the 580 freeway. A larger 45,000-square-foot service building would be located farther south, with

other buildings, including a private car wash between the freeway and Stoneridge Drive, where the main entry to CarMax will be located.

Keith Henderson, the company's real estate representative from its headquarters in Richmond, Va., told the city's Planning Commission at an informal workshop session two weeks ago that CarMax will occupy 20 of the 37-acre corner of Staples Ranch, leaving two other parcels available for new car dealerships in the future.

At one time, the Hendrick Automotive Group

planned to develop the entire auto mall site but backed off as the recession hit and chose instead to expand its existing facilities in Pleasanton just off Santa Rita Road.

Henderson said CarMax has grown to over 100 locations since opening its first outlet in 1993 and has sold more than 4 million cars.

"Last year we sold 450,000 vehicles at our 130 stores in 55 markets across the country,"

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## DA explains decision not to file charges in Middleton Place case

### Investigation concludes injured man struck first; wife disagrees

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Evidence indicates the Pleasanton man found injured and unconscious outside his home on Middleton Place last September was the aggressor in the altercation, according to Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

O'Malley, in an interview with the Pleasanton Weekly, discussed the circumstances around the injuries sustained by David Lamont and why her office opted not to prosecute the teens at the scene.

"If the case is not legally provable, then it would be improper for the prosecutor to file charges," O'Malley said.

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## Mystery still surrounds fate of school administrator

### Future of former Walnut Grove principal still not clear

By GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

The employment status of former Walnut Grove Principal Jon Vranesh still isn't clear in spite of a 3-2 vote taken in closed session Tuesday night to apparently strip him of any administrative duties.

According to a statement read by Board President Jamie Hintzke after the closed session, "The Board took action to authorize the Superintendent to send notice to two administrators pursuant to (California Education Code) 44951 regarding assignment for the 2014-2015 school year."

Education Code 44951 deals with end-of-year release or reassignment of certificated administrators who do not hold multi-year contracts. By March 15, the employee in question has to be notified that he or she might be released or reassigned from his or her position for the following

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GLENN WOHLTMANN

## Speaking out through silence

More than 20 Foothill High School students spent their lunch hour last Friday in silent protest of anti-gay laws in Russia. Students from the Gay/Straight Alliance and the school's Amnesty International clubs organized the protest and asked their peers to boycott watching last weekend's Winter Olympic Games closing ceremony in Sochi, Russia.

"We live in the San Francisco Bay Area, and we don't think LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) is an issue," said alliance president Cori Hartwig. "Basically, Russia has a ban on LGBT people. It's not illegal, but they are against it."

Above: Student protester Erik Gallagher, wearing duct tape across his mouth, holds a poster reading, "Speak out for those who don't have a voice."

## MIDDLETON

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Lamont was struck outside his home early Sept. 21 after confronting teens about making noise in the quiet cul-de-sac where he lived. He was found lying in the street, bleeding and comatose, when he didn't return inside following the altercation. Police said four teens were cooperating during the investigation, and that they had identified one, an 18-year old from outside the area, as a "person of interest."

On Feb. 7, police announced that the case had been closed and no charges would be filed. The DA

said her office worked closely with Pleasanton police before deciding not to pursue criminal charges.

"The evidence shows that Mr. Lamont confronted the young men who were across the street or in the area of his house. The evidence also shows that Mr. Lamont headbutted or hit the young man in the face, and the injuries that the young man received are consistent with that," O'Malley said. "And the evidence also tells us that in response to being hit, the young man hit Mr. Lamont back in the face and he fell down. The medical findings are consistent with Mr. Lamont hitting his head on the ground."

Lamont's wife, Agnes, told the Pleasanton Weekly that she disagreed with the conclusions made by the DA's Office.

"We have never been contacted by the DA's office," Agnes Lamont said. "However, given what I heard that night, I cannot give credence to claims of self-defense made several days after the incident by the



David Lamont

four young people who drove off leaving David critically injured and unconscious."

O'Malley said under California's "stand your ground" law, a person who is attacked is allowed to use similar force in response.

"In California, the law does not require a person to retreat from an attack," the DA said. "That person who's attacked has the right to, as they call it, stand his ground or her ground and defend himself or herself."

She said only one person at the scene Sept. 21 was involved in the altercation with Lamont, and evidence showed that person acted to protect himself.

"It was clear to us and I believe it was also clear to the police, because of this law of self-defense, and (that) there's no evidence we have to overcome that law of self-defense in this particular case," O'Malley said.

Agnes Lamont said her husband is the only other person who could provide details of the event, but that's unlikely to ever occur.

"After emerging from a long coma, several surgeries and intensive rehabilitation, David had no memory of what occurred so cannot describe the events himself," she said. "We know he went out alone and unarmed after midnight and did not come back. He was the person who was hurt, and I was the one who called emergency services."

O'Malley also responded to residents who wanted to see a case against the teens move forward.

"We have to look with an independent eye and we have to look at what the law says. People don't know what happened. They don't know what the actual facts are," she said. "(A) prosecutor has to have a reasonable belief that the case can be proved beyond a reasonable doubt."

Agnes Lamont gave thanks to the medical teams at Eden Medical Center and Kaiser and repeated her thanks to the community for its support during her husband's recovery.

"Knowing we are surrounded by such good people has given us hope and determination to embrace what is positive and be thankful for the miraculous recovery David is now working towards," she said. "I would appeal to all parents to know where your children are, with whom, and what they are doing."

*Here is a transcript of the Pleasanton Weekly question-and-answer session with DA Nancy O'Malley.*

**Question:** In a general sense, what's the standard that a DA's

office applies when deciding whether or not a criminal case can be charged?

**O'Malley:** "At the time of review, the police report and all the evidence that is presented by the police, which could include medical records, taped statements or photographs — at that time, the prosecutor has to have a reasonable belief that the case can be proved beyond a reasonable doubt, and that standard, of 'beyond a reasonable doubt' is what we have to prove to find someone guilty of a crime."

**Q:** When a person is severely injured after an altercation, public sentiment often moves toward wanting criminal charges to be filed so someone is held accountable. Are there instances in the law when it would be improper for a prosecutor to file charges, despite the existence of severe injury to one party?

**O'Malley:** "If the case is not legally provable, then it would be improper for the prosecutor to file charges. There is some strong wording that defines prosecutorial ethics — and particularly in the context of filing charges — which really addresses that the evidence had to exist at the time of charging. And the prosecutor making that decision cannot be swayed by public pressure or bias or prejudice. Those are improper bases for filing charges."

**Q:** Does the DA's Office ever just roll the dice?

**O'Malley:** "No."

*O'Malley used an example of a sexual assault in which a child and an adult might have differing stories; in a case such as that, she said, a prosecutor might rely on the child's statement.*

"If the evidence exists and the prosecutor believes the evidence to be true, that case could move forward into the system. It's pushing the envelope, but it's pushing the envelope with the legal evidence to do so."

**Q:** Could you explain the law of self-defense? We hear a lot about Florida's "stand your ground" law. Does this apply in California? How does it differ from Florida's laws?

**O'Malley:** "There is a 'stand your ground' law in California. The 'stand your ground' law is specifically mentioned in the legal instructions having to do with self-defense. In California, the law does not require a person to retreat from an attack. That person who's attacked has the right to, as they call it, stand his ground or her ground and defend himself or herself."

"What's also clear under California law, not so clear in Florida and other states — California's 'stand your ground' law would only allow a person to use like force, so if someone hit me, I couldn't pull out a gun and shoot them, that's not what the law allows."

"The law also talks about how a person who is attacked does have the right to use that like force in

self-defense as long as the danger exists."

**Q:** How are the laws you just discussed applicable in the Pleasanton matter?

**O'Malley:** "The evidence shows that Mr. Lamont confronted the young men who were across the street or in the area of his house. The evidence also shows that Mr. Lamont headbutted or hit the young man in the face, and the injuries that the young man received are consistent with that."

"And the evidence also tells us that in response to being hit, the young man hit Mr. Lamont back in the face and he fell down. The medical findings are consistent with Mr. Lamont hitting his head on the ground."

*O'Malley said California does not have a good Samaritan law that requires someone to intervene in the case of a crime.*

**Q:** There was an in-depth investigation done by Pleasanton police and I understand that your office was kept informed of the investigation. True?

**O'Malley:** "Yes. I believe that they (police) worked closely with the head of that (DA's office) branch in Pleasanton, James Meehan."

**Q:** Reports are that there were five individuals at the scene of this matter. Was there ever any indication that there was more than one person who had physical contact with Mr. Lamont?

**O'Malley:** "No. The evidence says only the young man was hit. He was the only one who had contact with Mr. Lamont."

**Q:** As part of the investigation, were your office and the police department able to interview physicians and review medical records?

**O'Malley:** "Yes we did. The police department did, under the direction of Mr. Meehan, and we do have records."

*O'Malley explained that medical records are sealed under HIPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability) laws, but that a judge can issue a subpoena to review medical records if it involves allegations of a crime.*

**Q:** Based upon the findings of the investigation, did it become clear to the police as well as to your office that there was no legal basis to file criminal charges?

**O'Malley:** "It was clear to us and I believe it was also clear to the police, because of this law of self-defense, and (that) there's no evidence we have to overcome that law of self-defense in this particular case."

**Q:** Your office has been criticized by some in the Pleasanton community for not prosecuting this case. Can you speak to this concern as a whole?

**O'Malley:** "We have to look with an independent eye and we have to look at what the law says. People don't know what happened. They don't know what the actual facts are. That's always a balancing act, what we can disclose to the public, what we should disclose to the public."

*O'Malley said in a case where a prosecution would occur, no evidence would be released, and that the case would be decided in court. ■*

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## DeSaulnier helps woman, grandson after Concord home invasion

Pair tied up during robbery of home next door to state senator

State Sen. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) helped rescue a woman and her grandson last Sunday following an armed home invasion robbery next door to his home in Concord.

DeSaulnier, who represents Pleasanton, said he was reading in his backyard in the 1100 block of Via Doble when, at about 3:15 p.m., he heard a boy pounding on his door.

The boy said he and his grandmother had been tied up at the house next door to DeSaulnier's and robbed at gunpoint before the three suspects fled the scene.

DeSaulnier called 911 and went next door to wait with the woman and the boy.

The boy had managed to untie himself and his grandmother be-

fore running to DeSaulnier's house for help.

"The boy was very upset," DeSaulnier said. "They had been bound up and duct-taped. (The boy) just got loose and was courageous enough to run out of the front door."

DeSaulnier said the boy and his grandmother weren't sure if the suspects were still in the house when they escaped, but when Concord police showed up in force just a few minutes later, officers determined the suspects were no longer in the home.

The boy and his grandmother were shaken up, but not seriously injured.

DeSaulnier said this kind of crime was "very unusual" for the neighborhood, but added that no one should have to suffer through a home invasion robbery no matter where they live.

"I have to say it's just unacceptable that this happens anywhere," he said.

"A grandmother should be able to sit in her home with her grandchild and not have to worry about three armed men coming to the door with guns and taping them up."

The suspects are described as three Hispanic men. The first suspect is estimated to be between 20 and 30 years of age, standing 6 feet tall and was wearing a red shirt. The second suspect is estimated to be 19 years of age, standing 5 feet, 10 inches tall and was also wearing a red shirt. The third suspect is described as standing 5 feet, 10 inches tall, with short buzzed hair and a birthmark above his upper lip. He was wearing a light blue shirt, dark jacket and blue pants at the time of the robbery, police said.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to call Concord police at 671-3030. Those who wish to remain anonymous may call the Concord police tip line at 603-5836.

— *Bay City News Service*



DON ADAMS

These 10 recipients of \$75,000 in Pleasanton Weekly 2013 Holiday Fund checks join (seated, left to right) Milton Speid of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and the Pleasanton Weekly's Jeb Bing and Gina Channell-Allen.

## Weekly distributes 2013 Holiday Fund contributions

10 local organizations share in \$75,000 in donations

The Pleasanton Weekly and its partner, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, have distributed \$75,000 to 10 Tri-Valley nonprofits, which were recipients of the Weekly's 2013 Holiday Fund.

The checks were given to representatives of the 10 organizations at a luncheon event hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Gina Channell-Allen, president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly, and Editor Jeb Bing joined SVCF's Milton Speid in distributing the checks.

As before, the Pleasanton Weekly and SVCF handled all costs of the campaign so that every dollar contributed went directly to this year's beneficiaries.

A total of 75% of all dollars raised was given in equal amounts to organizations in the first tier of the fund's grant, totaling \$11,250 each to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane So-

ciety and the ValleyCare Health System Foundation.

Another 25%, totaling \$3,750 each, was given to organizations in the second tier. These were Hope Hospice, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, REACH, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley.

"It was a robust campaign as we carried our message about the Holiday Fund to the Pleasanton City Council, service clubs, real estate organizations, business groups and in interviews and public service announcements on Tri-Valley Television, our community public broadcast system," Bing said.

Channell-Allen added, "Despite a modest economic recovery in the Tri-Valley, the agencies we targeted for assistance found that they had fewer dollars coming in from their regular donors in 2013 because of ongoing financial, employment and health care challenges and uncer-

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## Pleasanton man sentenced in Ponzi scheme

Scam brought in more than \$80 million between 2006 and 2008

A Pleasanton man has been sentenced to six years in federal prison for his role in a Ponzi scheme that netted more than \$80 million in a little over two years.

Kenneth Kenitzer, 70, was convicted of one count of wire fraud in connection with the scam.

Beginning in 2006, Kenitzer and partner Anthony Vassallo ran Equity Investments Management & Trading (EIMT). Vassallo claimed he developed computer software that enabled him to make profits of about 36% per year. Investors were

told the strategy had worked for years, but court documents show Vassallo's strategy lost money overall.

Kenitzer was the primary point of contact for investors, and he was aware EIMT never made money and learned that Vassallo was lying, according to United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner.

The scheme began to unravel in late 2008, and investors started demanding their money back, leading Vassallo and his intermediaries to engage in stalling tactics, Wagner said.

More than 300 people invested at least \$83 million to the scam, with more than \$55 million returned to investors. Nearly \$17 million was paid out to prop up the Ponzi scheme, with a net loss to investors totaling more than \$40 million, court records show.

"While Kenitzer wasn't the primary salesman of EIMT, his administration of the money and of some sub-funds was a crucial part of keeping the scheme running as long as it did," Wagner said.

— *Glenn Wohltmann*

## Golf pro pleads not guilty to 75 sex counts

Three alleged victims, boys between 12 and 17 years old

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

A Livermore golf instructor pleaded not guilty Feb. 20 to charges that he sexually abused three boys he had been teaching.

Andrew Nisbet, 32, faces a total of 75 felony counts, including oral copulation by force, lewd and lascivious acts with a minor, distribution or exhibition of lewd material to a minor, and arranging a meeting with a minor for the purpose of engaging in lewd and lascivious behavior.

The alleged victims are boys between the ages of 12 and 17, according to Livermore police.

Nisbet is being held without bail at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. He is scheduled to return to Alameda County Superior Court on March 26 for a pretrial hearing.

The golf pro was arrested Dec. 7, shortly before he was to receive

the 2013 Junior Golf Leader Award from the PGAs Northern California Section.

PGA officials lauded Nisbet "for his dedication and leadership in developing a wealth of exciting and educational golf programs for juniors."

Nisbet, who taught at Livermore's Las Positas Golf Course, was fired after his arrest. For the past five years, he also helped run the U.S. Kids Golf World Championships in Pinehurst, N.C.

Police have said they suspect him of abusing boys in other areas of the country. No additional charges have been filed to date.

As a result of Nisbet's arrest, the Tri-Valley YMCA held a forum in December on recognizing the signs of sexual abuse. A second forum, focused on preventing sexual abuse, is in the works but no date has been set. ■

## Community awards event set for March 19

BY JEB BING

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will recognize individuals, groups and businesses that have demonstrated excellence and community leadership during a special Community Service Award program March 19.

Six awards will be given at the event, which will start at 6 p.m. in the Firehouse Arts Center.

The awards are:

- Turman Commercial Painters, Business Philanthropy Award for businesses that have provided philanthropic service beyond the scope of normal business activity.

- Hop Yard American Alehouse & Grill, Excellence in Business Award for businesses that have made a positive impact in the Pleasanton community through their achievement within the

scope of normal business activity.

- Pleasanton Military Families, Excellence in Service Award for nonprofit organizations that have contributed to Pleasanton.

- Greg Thome, Distinguished Individual Service Award for individuals who have contributed to Pleasanton through exceptional service to the community or philanthropic efforts.

- Sarah and Claire Williams, Distinguished Individual Youth Service Award for youths who have contributed to Pleasanton through exceptional service to the community or philanthropic efforts.

- Hacienda, Green Business Award for businesses that promote sustainable environmental practices throughout their organization for

the benefit of employees, customers or the community.

This event is sponsored by Chevron and the University of San Francisco Pleasanton Campus.

The public is invited to attend the event, which will include a hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres as well as a silent auction followed by the awards presentation. Cost to attend is \$45 per person and tickets are on sale now at [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org).

The Community Service Awards began in 1963 to recognize good people doing great things in the community, and since then hundreds of recipients have been honored.

For more information, contact Susie Weiss, manager for Communications & Special Events at the Pleasanton Chamber, at 846-5858, ext. 201 or by email at [susie@pleasanton.org](mailto:susie@pleasanton.org). ■

## PRINCIPAL

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school year.

Hintzke and board member Valerie Arkin voted against taking the action, which appears to put Vranesh's situation in limbo. He is not being terminated, although according to Vranesh's attorney, the district sought to negotiate a financial settlement in exchange for his resignation, which he refused.

Vranesh was placed on administrative leave Oct. 25 in a dispute that he claims stems from complaints he made to district administrators about health and safety issues at Walnut Grove. However, the district alleges that Vranesh created a hostile work environment at the school through the "use of derogatory language in reference to women," according to a statement of findings issued by the district on Nov. 20.

Arkin said her vote against Vranesh's release was consistent with her prior vote, in December, when she opposed a closed-door decision to seek a new principal at Walnut Grove.

Board members Jeff Bowser, Chris

Grant and Joan Laursen voted in favor of Vranesh's release from his administrative position. None of them would comment about their decision.

Vranesh will continue in his job as itinerant principal until the end of the school year, but will then be "reassigned to a non-administrative position in accordance with your statutory seniority," according to a letter sent to Vranesh by the district. Vranesh spoke before the board Tuesday night in open session for the first time since the dispute erupted last fall.

He said he'd received a letter from Bill Faraghan, assistant superintendent of human resources, advising him of the inclusion of the item on the Feb. 25 meeting agenda and that "the district was willing to accept a letter of resignation any time prior to the meeting."

"I advised the district yesterday that I would not resign," Vranesh told the board Tuesday night.

Vranesh also said he requested that the board's discussion about this position be held in open session as opposed to closed session, which he

said is allowed under California Education Code if requested 24 hours or more in advance. The board, however, chose to vote in closed session.

A Feb. 24 letter from Vranesh's attorney, H. Paul Kondrick, to the district's attorney, Kim Kingsley Bogard of Kingsley Bogard LLP in Folsom, notes that Kondrick had specifically asked for a public session the week of Feb. 17.

"Based on my communications with the District, including Dr. Faraghan (assistant superintendent of human resources), Luz Cazares (deputy superintendent) and your law office, I fully expect that the Board will *not* afford Jon Vranesh this good faith, due process opportunity to be heard on these important matters," Kondrick says in his letter to Kingsley Bogard.

District officials were not available by press time to respond to Kondrick's and Vranesh's claim they had asked to be heard in open session.

Vranesh said that, to date, no formal charge or complaint has been made and that he was told by Bogard that he was "not entitled" to a discussion about his release.

He also said he had been asked "how much money I wanted to get my release from the district."

Kondrick, in his Feb. 24 letter to Bogard, referenced this by writing he been asked, "point blank 'how much' Jon Vranesh would like to be paid by the District to resign or quit his employment."

Beyond that, Vranesh said, as itinerant principal — the post he was appointed to in January — he's been assigned to do menial tasks.

"It seems pretty clear that my doing data entry is a poor use of scarce funds," Vranesh said, adding that he is receiving about \$125,000 a year to do that work.

Several supporters of the ousted principal criticized the closed-door decision.

"I'm here to convey my utter disgust," supporter Chris Jacob said, later calling for Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi to resign. "It's time for some of you to step down and go, and you are the captain of the ship ... I think you should go."

— Reporter Glenn Wohltmann  
contributed to this story.

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tainties, yet were faced with more to serve, numbers that are already rising in 2014."

Those receiving Pleasanton Weekly 2013 Holiday Fund checks at the Rotary Club event and the organizations they represented were Kitty Harvey of Axis Community Health, Linda McKeever of Open Heart Kitchen, Susan Hayes of Pleasanton Partnerships in Education, Melanie Sadek of Valley Humane Society, and Denise Bouillere of ValleyCare Health System.

Also receiving Pleasanton Weekly 2013 Holiday Fund checks and their organizations were Victoria Emmons of Hope Hospice, Rebecca Bruner of Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, Brian Gentry of REACH, Sandra J. Wing of Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, and Marlene Petersen of Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. ■



COURTESY CARMAX

Rendering shows how CarMax would look to passing motorists on I-580.

## CARMAX

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Henderson said. "Pleasanton will be one of our first stores in the Bay Area."

CarMax also plans to erect a 45-foot-tall pylon sign at the edge of I-580 with a 20-foot-wide illuminated sign in the company's gold, white and blue colors. Ground-level monument signs will be located at other parts of the site.

Henderson said the Pleasanton site will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday with limited hours on Sunday. The service areas will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CarMax operates differently from traditional car dealerships in that it separates its inventory area from customer and employee parking areas. This is both for loss prevention control as well as operational efficiency and safety, Henderson explained.

Also, CarMax does not use outdoor loudspeakers as sales associates carry pagers and cell phones for communications. In addition, the company does not use flags, balloons, inflatable mascots, painted window lettering or other similar marketing strategies.

After questioning, members of the Planning Commission indicated they would likely approve CarMax's application to build its car center in Staples Ranch when the proposal is formally submitted. ■

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# Business News

## Foreign money transfers just got safer

New rules protect consumers better

By JASON ALDERMAN

If you're among the millions of U.S. residents who each year send tens of billions of dollars to family, friends or foreign businesses overseas, here's good news: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau recently instituted new rules governing international electronic money transfers to better protect consumers against hidden fees and improve dispute resolution policies.

CFPB was given oversight of international money transfers as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. Up until then, federal consumer protection rules did not apply to most "remittance transfers," whose exchange rates, processing fees and taxes often vary widely and can be hard to decipher.

Here's an overview of the new remittance transfer rules:

In general, most foreign money transfers for more than \$15 sent by money transmitters (such as Western Union and MoneyGram), banks, credit unions and other financial services companies that consistently send more than 100 international money transfers annually are covered.

These institutions now must fully disclose their fees, taxes and foreign currency exchange rates so consumers will have a clearer picture of the true cost of transactions and be able to more easily comparison-shop. Also, once a transaction concludes, the company now must provide a receipt that repeats this same information, as well as shows the date when the money will arrive and directions for reporting any problems with the transfer.

The new regulations include several additional protections:

- Consumers are allowed 30 minutes (and sometimes longer) to cancel a transfer after they've paid – in which case, they're entitled to a full refund. (However, if the recipient has already picked up the funds or had them deposited into their account before 30 minutes have passed, the refund guarantee is voided.)

- If the wire was scheduled in advance, you can cancel it up to three business days before the transmission and receive a full refund.

- Senders have 180 days to report any errors they later uncover. By law, the company must investigate such reports within 90 days. For certain errors (e.g., if the money never arrived), you can ask for a full refund or have the money resent.

While the new regulations are certainly welcome, they don't go far enough when it comes to helping customers compare the net costs of making money transfers at different vendors. You'll still need to careful-

ly weigh each company's exchange rate (which fluctuates frequently) and fees (which vary depending on how much you're sending, how quickly you want the money to arrive and the funding method) to determine which one provides the best value – the so-called "effective exchange rate."

One company may have a more favorable exchange rate than another but charge higher fees. Depending on how much money you're trying to transfer and by what method, however, the balance could shift over which transaction is more cost-effective.



Jason Alderman

To calculate various effective exchange rates, add the amount you're sending (in U.S. dollars) plus all fees and then divide that into the amount of foreign currency to be delivered. The company with the highest result provides the best value.

If you don't trust your math skills, Viamericas has a handy comparison tool that lets you plug in fees and exchange rates for up to three additional vendors and it will calculate their effective exchange rates. Visit [www.viamericas.com](http://www.viamericas.com) and use the tool's manual comparison option to allow for more choices.

For more information on the new remittance transfer rule, visit [www.cfpb.gov](http://www.cfpb.gov).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. ■

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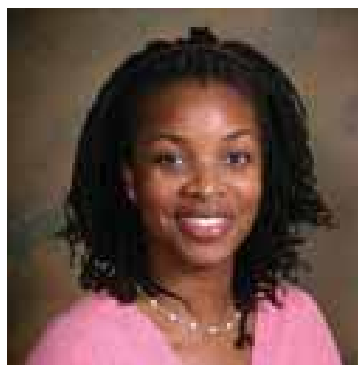
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# Community Pulse



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Continued from February 18, 2014 Public Hearing: P13-2028, Anil and Divya Reddy – Consider an Appeal of a Planning Commission decision regarding a Design Review approval to evaluate the conformance of an existing single family residence located at 3737 West Ruby Hill Drive in the Ruby Hill Development to the Ruby Hill Architectural Design Guidelines
- Review of the Regional Housing Need Allocation Numbers (RHNA) and the City's ability to accommodate its share of the regional housing need

### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Recommendation to Allocate Community Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2014/2015

### Human Services Commission

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Recommendation to Allocate Housing and Human Services Grant (HHS) Funds for Fiscal Year 2014/15

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### Commission Vacancies Recruitment

The City Council is accepting applications for the following Commission Vacancies:

#### Housing Commission

Economic Vitality Committee

1 Member from each of the following categories:

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar)

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Scam nets \$34,000

A resident of the 2700 block of Vista Diablo Court lost \$34,000 in a common scam, according to Pleasanton police reports.

The victim fell prey to the grandparent scam, in which a caller claiming to be a relative asks for money. Typically, the con man asks the victim to guess who he is, and uses that name to get cash by claiming to be in trouble in a foreign country and asking the victim not to tell his parents.

In this case, reported at about 11:56 a.m. Feb. 24, the caller pretended to be the victim's grandson in Vancouver, Canada. The victim sent two wires, according to the police report, which said the funds actually went to Mexico.

In other police reports:

- Nadia Elina Estrada-Bamber, 21, of Sacramento was arrested at about 9:10 p.m. Feb. 21 at Motel 6 in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road on a misdemeanor count of prostitution. Estrada-Bamber was taken into custody after police contacted her outside the She admitted she went to the motel to engage in prostitution, according to police, who said her ad was found at a sex-for-sale website.
- A man found dead in his car in the 5000 block of Franklin Drive near Harland Financial Solutions was ruled a suicide, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Office. No other information is being released about the incident, reported at about 2:03 p.m. Feb. 21.
- Michael Vaughn Shaw, 43, of Livermore was arrested on a Pleasanton felony warrant for possession of a narcotic for sale and drug trafficking. Shaw, who was arrested at about 9:42 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal

Avenue, was also cited for a vehicle code violation.

- Jewelry valued at \$2,950 and a \$50 iPod were stolen from a home in the 5600 block of Owens Drive between 9:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Feb. 19. A \$2,000 gold chain, an \$850 gold wedding ring and a \$100 watch were among the items taken in the theft. It's unknown how entry was made.
  - A resident of the 6600 block of Amber Lane reported at about 2:48 p.m. Feb. 22 that a fraudulent account had been opened in his name and that charges of \$919 were made at Lowe's in Sunnyvale.
  - Lionesha Raquel Hamilton, 24, of Tracy was arrested at about 7:36 p.m. Feb. 18 in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road on a felony count of shoplifting in connection with the theft of seven articles of clothing worth \$578.50 from Macy's Men's, along with a misdemeanor count of possession of burglary tools.
  - A \$450 laptop was stolen from a home in the 500 block of Main Street in a residential burglary between 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 p.m. Feb. 20. There was no sign of forced entry.
  - Safeway in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue reported receiving a fake \$100 bill in an incident reported at about 8:51 p.m. Feb. 21.
  - An 18-year-old Hayward man was arrested at around 3:59 a.m. Feb. 24 at Denny's in the 6400 block of Owens Drive on misdemeanor counts of interfering with a business and providing fake ID to police.
  - A resident of the 6100 block of Corte Trancas reported several applications had been made for credit cards in her name. No charges were made against her account.
- Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted.

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Feb. 18

#### Shoplifting

- 11:36 a.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:48 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Auto burglary

- 8:59 a.m. in the 4000 block of Cid Way
- 6:13 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Graffiti

- 9:35 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal and Vineyard avenues
- 4:22 p.m. in the 4900 block of Dolores Drive

#### Drug violations

- 10:06 p.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of methamphetamine, paraphernalia

### Feb. 19

#### Theft

- 10:43 a.m. in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road; theft from structure
- 1:54 p.m. in the 300 block of Rose Avenue; fraud
- 3:53 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; auto theft
- 6:24 p.m. at the intersection of del Sol Avenue and Mirador Drive

#### Auto burglary

- 4:46 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and El Charro Road

#### Graffiti

- 11:01 a.m. at the intersection of Corte de Flores and Paseo Santa Cruz

### Feb. 20

#### Child abuse

- 2:27 p.m. in the 6400 block of

### Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Residential burglary

- 10:49 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street

#### Vehicle tampering

- 7:56 a.m. in the 2100 block of Goldcrest Circle

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 8:43 a.m. near the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Interstate 680; DUI
- 9:42 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road; public intoxication, drugs

### Feb. 21

#### Sex offense

- 9:10 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft

- 11:10 a.m. in the 6300 block of Paseo Santa Cruz; bicycle theft
- 5:34 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft
- 6:45 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 8:51 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; fraud

#### Auto burglary

- 9:02 a.m. in the 6500 block of Lansing Court
- 12:36 p.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Assault/battery

- 5:05 p.m. in the 4900 block of Drywood Street

#### Graffiti

- 2:24 p.m. at Sterling Greens Circle

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 9:50 p.m. in the 600 block of Windmill Lane; possession of methamphetamine for sale, drug paraphernalia and short-barreled shotgun

### Feb. 22

#### Theft

- 2:48 p.m. in the 6600 block of Amber Lane; fraud
- 4:27 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Residential burglary

- 4:05 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

#### Auto burglary

- 4:11 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### DUI violations

- 2:09 a.m. in the 700 block of Main Street
- 9:15 p.m. at the intersection of Owens and Hacienda drives

### Feb. 23

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:10 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; DUI
- 10:11 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street; possession of methamphetamine, paraphernalia

### Feb. 24

#### Theft

- 11:56 a.m. in the 2700 block of Vista Diablo Court; fraud
- 3:02 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:57 p.m. in the 4100 block of Cristobal Way; fraud

#### Prowling

- 3:59 a.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive

#### Vandalism

- 11:00 a.m. in the 3200 block of Lagoon Road; graffiti
- 3:37 p.m. in the 5700 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
- 5:03 p.m. in the 7800 block of Medinah Court

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# New tactics will serve Pleasanton's needy better

To meet the increasing numbers of needy families — yes, in Pleasanton — the city's Human Resources Commission this week adopted new tactics on how it can best use the \$1 million in tax money it allocates each year to help our community.

In its "Needs Assessment" strategic plan for 2014-16, the commission notes that some of the organizations that benefit from the annual allotment may not provide the services most urgently needed by some in Pleasanton, including people who live below the poverty line, single mothers with children to support, the unemployed and those lacking basic health care benefits.

A survey showed, for instance, that of those who responded, 30% have no access to dental care nor do any of the organizations currently receiving tax dollars provide it. Another 21% said they don't have primary health care, and 12% said they lack child care resources, food and nutrition help, and specialty health care, such as orthopedics.

The commission's assessment of public needs started in 2011 in a joint effort with Alameda County and the Tri-Valley cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. Recognizing that the bulk of our countywide tax dollars go over the hills to Oakland and Bay-side cities, the group focused on needs in the Tri-Valley, which tend to differ.

While there are a few homeless here, it's much less of a problem than, say, families who have lost their homes due to foreclosure, abused women who have to seek temporary shelter with their children at Tri-Valley Haven, or families whose primary breadwinner loses a job — and the health insurance that went with it — and now are dependent on Axis Community Health and Open Heart Kitchen. A number of these people also lack transportation to Berkeley and Oakland, even Hayward, where more services and facilities are available to serve the needy.

The Human Services Commission's new strategic plan will focus on this needs assessment as it realigns the procedures it follows to choose which organizations to include in its annual disbursements.

This year, the commission received 27 applications from nonprofits, including Axis Community Health, Spectrum Food Services and the Tri-Valley Food Bank. Some have been recipients for years and all do good work in their specialized areas.

Next year, the commission plans to be more thoughtful and perhaps more efficient in how it allocates its resources, and not just rely on historical trends. Because one group has asked for and received allocations every year no longer will be the qualifier on how tax money is allocated.

We applaud the commission for the long hours it has spent developing the voluminous and detailed "Human Services Needs Assessment," which is now in the form of a bound booklet available at City Hall.

Its work, in conjunction with a local consulting firm specializing in strategic planning and evaluation for local government and nonprofit entities, addresses the significant and increasing disparity between a growing need for human services and a generally stagnating supply of services available.

The commission makes recommendations to the City Council on the human services needs of the community and methods of fulfilling these needs, with particular emphasis given on the needs of the socially and economically disadvantaged, the elderly and the youth of Pleasanton. Its members are chairwoman Joyce Berger, Varsha Clare, Prashant Jhanwar, David Nagler, Brock Roby, Theresa Rowland, Rosiland Wright, Susan Hayes and Alison Boswell.

It meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

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# State of the art

## Public and private art is everywhere in Pleasanton

STORY BY GLENN WOHLTMANN | PHOTOS BY MIKE SEDLAK

Art is in abundance in Pleasanton, from the Harrington Art Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center – a work of art itself – to literally dozens of public and private pieces openly displayed across the city.

Although public art in Pleasanton has been a fixture as far back as 1981, much of the public art is thanks to Gary and Nancy Harrington, who found and purchased their first piece for the city, “Poppies,” in 2005.

It took more than nine months of meetings to make it happen, but “Poppies” was installed in front of the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street and unveiled on Veterans Day 2007.

Since then, the Harringtons have been instrumental in bringing art to public places in Pleasanton with a program called HAPPY (Harrington Art Partnership Piece for You), which raises money for public art and coordinates with the city to find locations for pieces.

Gary Harrington is happy with the cooperation he’s found from Pleasanton city leaders.

“I’m proud of our little city,” he said, adding, “I’m sure there’s more we could do. It just takes time.”

The Harringtons also lead monthly art walks on second Saturdays in spring and fall. Those walks will begin on March 15 and run through June, then pick up again from September through December. They leave from City Hall, 123 Main St. at 8:30 a.m.

The city has a thriving community of artists as well. The Pleasanton Art League was founded in 1969, and the works of founding member Charlotte Severin can be found across the city, at the Pleasanton School District Administrative Offices, in City Manager Nelson Fialho’s office, at the Firehouse Arts Center and even here at the Pleasanton Weekly office.

Severin was also among the artists who worked on and helped restore the mural “Pleasanton 100 Years Ago,” located at 397 Ray St. ■



“Dancers,” by Greg Hawthorne, is behind the Firehouse Arts Center. It was installed in 2011 and is one of several pieces in the immediate area.



Above: “Ryan’s Bench,” by Dmitry Grudski, is located at Val Vista Community Park, 7350 Johnson Drive. It was installed in 2005.



“St. Elizabeth Seton,” outside the Catholic church that bears her name at 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Artwork by Heloise Crasta, completed in 1999.



Installed in 2010, “Spiral Motion III,” by Jon Seeman, is located behind the Firehouse Arts Center.



“The Yak,” is one of two pieces by Joseph Anthony McDonnell near the Senior Center at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd. It was installed in 1981. That same year, “Sing a Song of Sixpence,” also by McDonnell was placed there.



“Garden Calla Lilies,” a watercolor by Charlotte Severin, is one of several pieces at the Pleasanton School District Administrative Offices, 4665 Bernal Ave. PHOTO BY GLENN WOHLTMANN.



“Old Town,” by Ron Norman and Bill Weber, 285 Rose Ave. installed in 2010 is one of several murals in downtown Pleasanton.



“Poppies,” by W. Stanley Proctor, outside the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street was the first piece of public art brought to Pleasanton by Gary and Nancy Harrington. It was installed in 2007.

## Crosstown rivalry takes to the ice

High school hockey spreads throughout Tri-Valley

By TOM POWERS

There was a standing room only crowd at Dublin Iceland on Feb. 8 as several hundred students and parents from Foothill and Amador Valley high schools packed the building for some Saturday night ice hockey.

For the very first time, the Amador-Foothill rivalry took to the ice, with a team comprised entirely of Amador students battling a team from Foothill. Despite what turned out to be a one-sided victory for the team in purple, it was a special evening for everyone involved. Amador won 10-0.

Hockey players have a passion for the game they love, and since practices and games all take place outside of Pleasanton, many of these players' friends and classmates have never been able to see them play. To be on the ice and look up at a packed house of friends and classmates wearing school colors and chanting, "We are A.V." or "We are Foothill" was an incredible experience for these teens, not to mention a fun Saturday night for the fans.

The two squads were formed through the Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association's Pure High School division, where teams made up of kids who all attend the same high school compete in a 10-game season and playoffs to win the Tri-Valley Cup, which has been awarded for the last few years.

The players are all registered with USA Hockey. Aside from the two Pleasanton schools, there were



KAREN LIAMOS/ROB CASETTI

The Amador Valley High squad gathers after the game against its crosstown rival, Foothill High.

also teams from Cal High, Dublin High, Monte Vista, San Ramon Valley, Dougherty Valley and De La Salle. This year's championship game, between Cal High and Dublin, will be held in Dublin today at 10:15 p.m.

While hockey is not an official high school sport here in Pleasanton, the game is getting more and more support throughout the Bay Area and the state. De La Salle became the first team in the East Bay to formally recognize its hockey team, as have several schools in the South Bay and Southern California.

On-campus hockey clubs have been formed in the past few years at several Tri-Valley schools, including Cal High, Dublin High

and Monte Vista. The clubs give students who have an interest in hockey a venue to share their interest while also performing philanthropic and fundraising activities for their campus and community.

Both Amador and Foothill have recently formed hockey clubs that hope will grow along the same path as these other schools. Information about these clubs is available through both schools' activities offices and websites.

It may still take some time before the Amador-Foothill hockey game is as big a public event as football, basketball or any other sport, but based on the size and enthusiasm of the fans Feb. 8, things seem to be moving in the right direction. ■

## Volunteers needed for Special Olympics tourney

By JEREMY WALSH

The Amador Valley High School Athletic Boosters Club seeks volunteers for next weekend's Special Olympics East Bay Regional Basketball Tournament in Pleasanton.

The event is set to take place March 8 and 9 at Amador Valley High and Pleasanton and Harvest Park middle schools. The boosters are looking specifically for people to assist with a range of tasks on March 8, as March 9 volunteer positions are almost all filled.

This marks the club's 11th straight year hosting the basket-

ball tournament.

Volunteers can be adults or students of high school age. Younger school children can also help, as long as they are accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Available positions include assisting with the skills competition (8:30 a.m. to noon), lunch (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and team escorts (roughly 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Interested people should email club representatives at [aboosters@comcast.net](mailto:aboosters@comcast.net) and provide their name, address, phone number, group affiliation (if applicable), age and preferred volunteer position. ■

## PREP LINE-UP

### Feb. 28

- Boys Lacrosse: 7:15 p.m., Amador vs. Lincoln, home.
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Las Lomas, home
- Baseball: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Freedom, away

### March 1

- Baseball: 12 p.m., Amador vs. Acalanes, home.
- Girls Lacrosse: 11:30 a.m., Foothill vs. California, home
- Amador/Foothill Track and Field: 8 a.m., Dan Gabor Sprint & Distance Festival

### March 4

- Baseball: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. Deer Valley, home
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Las Lomas, away
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Acalanes, home
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Novato, home
- Softball: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Newark Memorial, home

### March 5

- Boys Golf: 3 p.m., Amador vs. Foothill
- Softball: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Logan, home
- Baseball: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Dougherty Valley, home

### March 6

- Baseball: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. Liberty, away
- Boys Golf: 3:15 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley
- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. Heritage, away
- Softball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Mira Loma, home
- Boys Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Castro Valley, home

### March 7

- Girls Lacrosse: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Coppell, away
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, home

### March 8

- Baseball: 12 p.m., Amador vs. Dougherty Valley, away
- Boys Lacrosse: 2 p.m., Amador vs. Serra, away
- Amador/Foothill Track and Field: 8 a.m., East Bay Invitational

### March 11

- Baseball: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. James Logan, away
- Boys Golf: 3 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Bellarmine, home
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Granite Bay, home
- Softball: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Arroyo, away

### March 12

- Boys Golf: 3:15 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista
- Baseball: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Heritage, home
- Diving: 4 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley/Monte Vista, away

### March 13

- Baseball: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Galena, away
- Boys Golf: 3:15 p.m., Amador vs. Livermore
- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley, away
- Boys Volleyball: 6 p.m., Amador vs. Washington, home
- Softball: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Dougherty Valley, home
- Boys Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. California, away
- Foothill Track and Field: 4 p.m., Monte Vista Dual (EBAL)
- Amador Track and Field: 3:30 p.m., De La Salle/Carondelet
- Swimming: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, home

### March 14

- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Los Altos, home
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. St. Francis, away



COURTESY SEAHAWKS

## Meet the all-stars

The Pleasanton Seahawks swimmers from all age groups proved to be champions at the Zone 2 Championship Meet held in Moraga in late January, where many swimmers achieved their best times. Fourteen Seahawks qualified for the Alameda-Contra Costa counties All-Star Zone 2 Team, which will compete in the all-star meet this weekend in Burlingame. All-stars are (back row, l-r) Emily Claridge, Nawoo Kim, Nick Wonosaputra, Caroline Eckel, Calvin David, Kyle Kenny, Amber Fornoles, (front) Paige Bennett, Jordan Lee, Jaewoo Kim, Olivia Kim, Bryson Huey, Alex LeCoque and Dominic Wonosaputra. Not pictured: Daniella Hawkins and Maximillian Cory.

## Civic Arts makes 'Secret Garden' bloom

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When 11-year-old Mary Lennox, an English girl born and raised in India, is orphaned by a cholera outbreak, she returns to Yorkshire to live with her reclusive uncle and invalid cousin. At their mysterious Misselthwaite Manor, Mary's personality blossoms along with the wondrous neglected garden.

This beloved children's tale, "The Secret Garden," comes to life tonight through March 9 at the Firehouse Arts Center in the hands of the Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre.

"It is a challenging, beautiful and unique show, which was written with a complete musical score and movement ensemble," said director Rachel Robinson. "It has been a joy to watch the actors grow. They have developed a sense of physicality and focus that is nuanced and advanced. And the principal characters have risen to the challenge of speaking with dialects and memorizing long monologues."

The production has two alternating casts, with young actors from Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and Castro Valley. Robinson noted that the actors are not only engaged with the work but are supportive of each other.

"It is always a pleasure to watch their work on stage," she said, "but, in this instance, it has also been a joy to see their off-stage interaction – counterparts helping each other with blocking, older actors showing the younger ones where to make an entrance, the full company sitting together to watch the scene that is taking place on stage."

"It has been an ideal environment in which to work," Robinson continued, "and I credit a great deal of our onstage success to the fact that we have such a positive and energized company."

"The Secret Garden" is suitable for all ages, with its story of forgiveness and renewal, incorporating the themes of love and friendship, family and parenting, childhood and adolescence.

The childhood classic, written by Frances Hodgson Burnett, has been adapted for TV, films and the stage. When the musical opened on Broadway in 1991, it won three Tony Awards, and USA Today called it "a splendid, intelligent musical ... all you can hope for in children's theater. But the best surprise is that this show is the most adult new musical of the season."

"The Secret Garden" is the final show of the inaugural season of the new collaboration be-

Young actors  
take to the  
stage in  
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musical



tween BACT and Pleasanton's Civic Arts Stage Company.

"It has been such a pleasure to watch this season of Civic Arts Stage Company unfold," said Mark Duncanson, who coordinates the program for the city. "I have been a huge fan of Bay Area Children's Theatre's educational approach to the theatrical process with our young performers."

"I have seen these young performers grow, and 'growth' is the perfect theme to close the season on with the wonderful story of 'The Secret Garden,'" he added. ■

Above: Caitlyn Clinton as Mrs. Medlock, the strict housekeeper of Misselthwaite Manor, in "The Secret Garden," opening tonight at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Bottom left: Katherine Yeh as Robin, who shows Mary the way during the local production of this classic children's tale.

Bottom right: Samantha Herlich and Mason Hekl play Mary and her sickly cousin, Colin.

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### Beloved tale

**What:** "The Secret Garden"  
**Who:** Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre  
**When:** Feb. 28-March 9  
**Where:** Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.  
**Tickets:** \$12, \$15, \$18; child or senior: \$6, \$9, \$12. Visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or call 931-4848.



LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Left: Members of the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club prepare new plantings at their recent monthly work day at the Sensory Garden in Centennial Park. Center: A red-twig dogwood, which likes moist soil, shows off its winter form. Right: Golden California poppies are now in bloom in the raised planter at the Sensory Garden.

# Special garden appeals to all five senses

## Visit Centennial Park for a special sensory treat

A special plot in the park next to the Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard is endlessly fascinating. Here the Sensory Garden appeals to all five senses – sight, smell, touch, taste and sound.

“This garden was established some 20 years ago by the Liver-

more Amador Valley Garden Club,” explained club member and art patron Nancy Harrington. “The garden was designed to appeal to everyone, but it is especially laid out with senior citizens and people with disabilities in mind.”

The flower beds are 3 1/2 feet

high, so the plants are eye level – and nose level.

“Benches are placed to encourage people to pause, sit and enjoy,” Harrington said.

The garden club continues to maintain the Sensory Garden in Centennial Park, with support from the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Department. Club members visit the garden monthly to volunteer their time weeding, pruning, deadheading, planting, fertilizing and watering.

Club members also choose the plants, taking care to target those that are beautiful and fragrant and with foliage and flowers that are interesting in form and texture.

“Many plants were also selected because they attract pollinating insects and birds,” Harrington said.

This means the garden changes each month and each season, she pointed out, keeping it interesting for frequent visitors.

“Small trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, herbs, ornamental grasses and bulbous plants are mixed together,” she noted. “In the dry months, the garden is watered by

a drip irrigation system and spray from the sprinkler system used to water the adjacent lawn.”

Over the last 20 years, garden club members noticed that irregularities in the sprinkler system led to some areas getting little or no water during the summer while other areas received an excess.

“This presented a challenge to the Garden Club to create a palette of plants, some of them thriving in the ‘dry’ areas while others needing the ‘wet’ areas,” Harrington said. “The summer dry areas are especially adapted to California native plants and other Mediterranean plants. The wet area is populated with plants that like boggy conditions.”

Most of the plants are identified with labels, which helps introduce visitors to plants that would do well in their gardens, even if they have wet or dry areas.

The Garden Club members frequently put in new plantings to replace older plants past their prime, Harrington said.

“This keeps the Sensory Garden interesting and changing,” she

said. “Plants are closely spaced and planted to make best use of the space and allow for a succession of blooms.”

“For example, bulbous plants, such as daffodils, hyacinths, Dutch irises and Spanish bluebells flower in winter and spring. As their foliage dies back, perennials such as daylilies, gauras, asters, salvias and Shasta daisies fill in the empty places with blooms through the summer,” she continued.

“Sweet peas are planted in the fall in the raised beds and grow through the winter. In the spring, they bloom and cascade over the sides of the beds so their blooms are close to passersby. When the sweet peas fade, nasturtiums and other annuals are planted for summer color.”

Now the gardens have daffodils, plus the Bulbinella and California Poppies are beginning their bloom.

“Bring that picnic lunch, take a seat and look, smell and touch the plants,” Harrington said. “It’s delightful.”

— Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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## Headed for Carnegie Hall

Foothill musicians to join elite performers

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Foothill Wind Symphony has been accepted to perform at the 2015 New York International Music Festival at Carnegie Hall in New York, announced Joshua Butterfield, director of Instrumental Music at Foothill High School. It is scheduled for April 4-8, 2015.

“This is a huge honor for our band and school,” Butterfield said in an email to the Foothill High community. “This particular festival only accepts six youth groups to perform per year, and we are very honored to have earned the opportunity to perform at such a prestigious venue.”

“Our students have worked so hard and we are all very proud of them for this accolade,” he added. “We plan to represent Foothill and our community well at this event.”

The Foothill High School music program has a marching band, color guard, two jazz bands, winter percussion and guard, wind ensemble, symphonic band and concert band.

In the past 32 years, the marching band has won nearly 1,000 sweepstakes awards and first-place trophies, and is the only band to have represented Northern California five times in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade. ■

## Clubs

**LIONESS CLUB** 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. Lioness is a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

**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.pleasanton-newcomers.com](http://www.pleasanton-newcomers.com). Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

## Concerts

**VITA VOCI** Madrigals, mostly. Mayhem? Maybe... Vita Voci present a cappella works from the Renaissance and early Baroque up to the 20th century, with a well-balanced tone and a touch of dry wit. The program will be approximately one hour on Sunday, March 2 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church. All are welcome. Free will offering. Reception will follow. Call (415) 722-0488 or go to <http://www.stclarespleasanton.org/>.

## Events

**FRIENDS OF THE DUBLIN LIBRARY SPRING USED BOOK SALE** Come to the Spring Used Book Sale, from 6-8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 7; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 8; and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 9 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Friday is members only night; memberships available at 5:30 p.m. Sunday features the Bag Day special! Call 828-1315 for more information.

**PLEASANTON GEM FAIRE** Come see fine jewelry, precious and semi-precious gemstones, millions of beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals and much more at manufacturer's prices. Over 70 exhibitors from around the world will be on site, from noon-6 p.m. on Friday, March 7; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 8; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 9 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$7 for weekend pass. Go to <http://www.gemfaire.com>.

**QUARRY LANE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** The Quarry Lane School invites you to their Open House for Jr. K-12 from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 2 at their Dublin campus, 6363 Tassajara Road; and for preschool from 3-5 p.m. at their preschool campuses in Pleasanton, 3750 Boulder St. and 4444 Black Ave. For more information, call 829-8000 or visit [www.quarrylane.org/rsvp](http://www.quarrylane.org/rsvp).

## Fundraisers

**FOOTHILL BAND CRAB FEED AND AUCTION** Come enjoy good friends, great food and fabulous music by Foothill's award winning Jazz Band, from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Tickets are \$47. All proceeds go toward supporting the music program at Foothill High. Contact [ilocate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ilocate@sbcglobal.net) or go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/fhs-band-crab-feed-and-auction-2014-tickets-9646682487>.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH ONE HAIRCUT** Join Montgomery Beauty Salon in Dublin on Sunday, March 2 for a Cut-a-Thon benefiting the Malone Family. Nicole Malone is at the end of her journey with terminal cancer. This fundraiser is to help her family with medical bills and other expenses during their time of need. Haircuts are \$25, Kids Cuts are \$15, and Shampoo/Blowdrys are \$20. Call 803-7727.

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## Here's the scoop: Associate editor needed

We are seeking an associate editor to cover and edit stories ranging from local government to business to features for our print and digital products. The associate editor will also assist the editor in managing and interacting with the design/production team in producing the paper each week, serve as the special sections editor, and supervise staff or freelancers for various assignments.

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## Goodbye, Monda Wiseman

Some of the 109 volunteers from the Pleasanton American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop gather around retiring leader, Monda Wiseman, who served as manager for 18 years and had several big send-offs. She leaves the shop ranking sixth out of California's 40 stores for net sales results; in 2013 it broke records by raising \$600,000. The Discovery Shops are at Mission Plaza Shopping Center, 1987 Santa Rita Road; telephone 462-7374. They are always in need of gently used clothing, shoes, jewelry, housewares and furniture. At this farewell luncheon are (front, l-r) Doris Harrach, Deanna McIntyre, Cecilia Brun, Monda Wiseman, Mary Ann Donnell and Virginia Woy, and (back, l-r) Carol Olson, Karen Lindsay, Maria Kennedy, Maria Molteni, Audrey Aune and Doris Cretan.

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File No.: 487656  
The following person(s) doing business as: MORGENROTH DEVELOPMENT, 157 W. ANGELA ST. UNIT #1, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): James Morgenroth, 157 W. Angela St. Unit #3, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/05/1995. Signature of Registrant: James Morgenroth. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/06/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2014)

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# Real Estate

## East Bay luxury home sales jump 17% in January

Prices also up to median of \$1,325,000

By JEB BING

The East Bay's luxury housing market began the new year with a bang as sales in January were up sharply from a year ago and the median sale price rose as well, according to a new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

The figures are based on Multiple Listing Service data of all homes sold for more than \$1 million last month in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

A total of 90 luxury homes sold last month, up from 77 transactions in January 2013, a 17% increase. High-end sales were down from December's 160 units, although it's not unusual to have a drop from year-end closings.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury home in January rose to \$1,325,000, up 6% from a year ago when the median stood at \$1.25 million and up 1.1% from the previous month when it was \$1,310,500.

There were nine sales of more than \$2 million in January, up from eight at the same time last year. Homes also sold faster on average than they did the previous month and a year ago.

"The East Bay's luxury housing market began the new year right where it left off last year with very strong sales gains and a solid increase in prices," said Rick Turley, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "Well qualified buyers see good value in the local luxury market and continue to push sales and prices higher."

Turley said the one hurdle facing the luxury market in the East Bay, as well as throughout much of the Bay Area, is a serious shortage of homes for sale. Inventory of available homes is down more than 50% from a normal market, and there aren't enough properties to meet the tremendous demand from buyers.

"Homeowners who have even kicked around the idea of selling should think



seriously of jumping into the market now," **Rick Turley**

he said. "Real estate has always been a business of supply and demand, and right now this is very much a seller's market. Savvy homeowners who sell now are in a very favorable position."

Some key findings from this month's Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage luxury report:

- The most expensive sale in the East Bay last month was a five-bedroom, five-bath, approximately 6,600-square-foot home in Alameda that sold for \$3.4 million. Danville boasted the most luxury sales with 13, followed by Pleasanton, Alamo and Fremont with eight each, and Oakland and Lafayette with seven each;
- Homes sold in an average of 46.5 days, down from 50.9 days a year ago and 52 days the previous month;
- Sellers received an average of 100% of their asking price, the same as a year ago but down from 102.5% the previous month.

The East Bay Luxury Housing Market Report is a monthly report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, which has offices in Pleasanton and specializes in high-end real estate sales. ■

## Homebuilders urge Congress to pass flood bill

Could preserve \$8.5 billion in remodeling activity, association says

The National Association of Home Builders urged Congress this week to approve a bipartisan flood insurance bill that it said would help home buyers, homeowners, and the construction and remodeling industry across the country.

"The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act will resolve some of the unintended and costly consequences of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act by helping current and future policyholders to keep their premiums affordable," said Kevin Kelly, NAHB chairman and a homebuilder and developer from Wilmington, Del.

"By providing measurable premium increases, the legislation will prevent home values from dropping, and it will make the National Flood Insurance Program more

effective," he added.

Kelly said the bill would return the substantial improvement threshold that triggers a higher flood insurance rate to the historic 50% level of a structure's fair market value.

"This is critical to the health of the remodeling industry and could preserve as much as \$8.5 billion in annual economic remodeling activity," Kelley said. "And in 53 communities nationwide, it reinstates an exemption for basements that are built in a flood-proof manner."

"The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act will prevent undue hardship in the recovering housing market," he added. "We urge the House to act promptly on this bill." ■

— *Jeb Bing*

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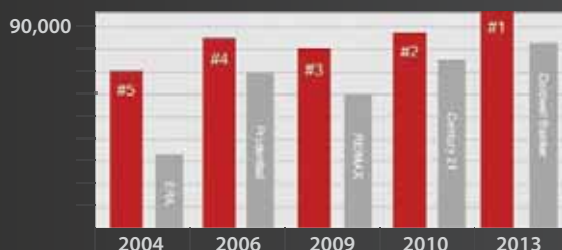


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**SALES AT A GLANCE**

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 17-Feb. 5

**Dublin**

(Jan. 17-29)

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$391,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$715,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$616,350

**Livermore**

(Jan. 17-29)

**Total sales reported:** 19  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$226,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$805,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$566,105

**Pleasanton**

(Jan. 17-29)

**Total sales reported:** 14  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$600,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,867,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$943,464

**San Ramon**

(Jan. 27- Feb. 5)

**Total sales reported:** 13  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$350,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,219,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$837,615

**Sunol**

(Jan. 17-29)

**Total sales reported:** 1  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$389,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$389,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$389,000

Source: California REsource

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**Danville**

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**59 Summer Hill Court \$788,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff Realtors 251-2500

**Dublin**

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**1850 Terracina \$1,299,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

**Livermore**

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**890 Jefferson Ave. \$564,500**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential Ca Realty 249-1600

**4 BEDROOMS**

**542 Saint George Ct. \$699,950**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**Pleasanton**

**1 BEDROOM**  
**7520 #C Canyon Meadows Circle \$300,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero Real Estate Services 251-2500

**4 BEDROOMS**

**2592 Raven Rd. \$899,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

**5 BEDROOMS**

**12 Deer Oaks Dr \$1,753,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

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**3750 SMALLWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON**  
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**5718 DALTON CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON**  
 Highly Upgraded 4,434 Square Foot Home in Like-New Excellent Condition! The elegant foyer offers custom tile flooring with marble inlay and high plate ceilings. The gourmet kitchen includes stainless steel appliances, granite slab counters, generous cabinets & more. Each of the 5 bedrooms offers a private adjoining full bathroom; one of which is located on the 1st floor & can be used as a bonus/game room or Au Pair Suite. An optional office/sixth bedroom has been converted into a wine tasting room with beautiful custom built-in cherry cabinets. This 12,400 square foot professionally landscaped lot includes a private back yard, Pebble Tec Pool, outdoor BBQ/Entertainment area and generous lawn area. Premium location near downtown!  
**OFFERED AT \$1,849,000**

**PENDING!**



**255 RACHAEL PLACE, PLEASANTON**  
 Single Level condo, ground floor unit (no stairs) with attached one car garage and spacious rear yard! This two bedroom, two bath condo is 937 square feet home with a large back yard including patio, deck and garden area. The kitchen offers brand new stainless steel appliances. Central air and heat, fireplace, newer carpet, upgraded baseboards, dual pane windows.  
 Desirable Downtown Pleasanton!  
**OFFERED AT \$419,500**

**PENDING!**



**897 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON**  
 Gorgeous, highly upgraded, sought after single level in Bridle Creek! Premium location, Panoramic views, solar heated in-ground pool, beautifully landscaped with private brick patio areas. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms, 3,246 square feet on a 12,464 square foot lot. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Great Room concept with spacious Family Room. Many upgrades throughout! Don't miss this one!  
**OFFERED AT \$1,569,000**

**SOLD!**



**1185 LAGUNA CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON**  
 With unobstructed views of the Pleasanton Ridge, this five bedroom, five and a half bathroom, 5,329 square foot home sits on a premium 16,321 square foot lot. The gourmet kitchen boasts a large island, granite counters, stainless steel appliances and a six-burner gas range. Grand entrance with large foyer, vaulted ceilings, formal dining room, spacious master suite, laundry room, three car and so much more. The resort-like back yard offers a pool, spa, pool house, outdoor kitchen, and gazebo. Easy access to I-680 and close to schools!  
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### HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 17-Feb. 5

#### Dublin

- 7292 Bedford Way** M. Shaheem to E. Bang for \$660,000
- 7927 Castilian Road** S. & D. Kwasnicki to C. Tseng for \$641,000
- 8295 Davona Drive** Tri-Valley Platinum Investments to M. & C. Moore for \$585,000
- 5818 Hillbrook Place** Y. Tu to A. Netrawali for \$670,000
- 11849 Newbridge Way** C. Golino to H. Nguyen for \$391,000
- 8123 Peppertree Road** M. & V. Lanier to A. & P. Dsouza for \$715,000
- 11451 Rampart Drive** D. Mazzoni to R. Law for \$690,000
- 6535 Tralee Village Drive** Shea Homes to W. Hong for \$699,000
- 6539 Tralee Village Drive** Shea Homes to K. Thapaliya for \$562,500
- 6543 Tralee Village Drive** Shea Homes to V. Chan for \$550,000

#### Livermore

- 612 Andrews Street** Dalke Trust to J. Madriz for \$430,000
- 185 Barber Street** G. Browne to R. & K. Hernandez for \$530,000
- 654 Colusa Way** V. & Y. Nuon to B. & L. Ragan for \$505,000
- 5885 Flora Common** Standard Pacific Corporation to N. Chau for \$625,000
- 655 Heligan Lane #3** Shea Homes to J. Currin for \$660,000
- 273 Hillcrest Avenue** R. & D. Fairclough to J. Thomas for \$440,000
- 2805 Hoya Common** G. & K. Beattie to Y. Shu for \$610,000
- 2918 Kiwi Common** C. & J. Aldredge to N. & S. Raguthu for \$585,000
- 333 Lincoln Avenue** Murray Trust to A.

- Parascandolo for \$620,000
- 973 Lisbon Avenue** G. & N. Matthews to B. Jones for \$500,000
- 850 Lucerne Street** Bogue Trust to L. Hawkey for \$805,000
- 1566 Melanie Way** Youssefpour Trust to T. & J. Osborn for \$795,000
- 1001 Murrieta Boulevard #14** Huy Trust to B. Singh for \$226,000
- 2094 Pinon Court** Peterson Trust to C. Brown for \$530,000
- 2053 Rapallo Common** L. Rosebery to S. Kombiyil for \$610,000
- 422 Robert Way** J. & M. Valentine to J. Harvey for \$515,000
- 6153 St. Andrews Way** Schmidt Trust to S. Patterson for \$483,000
- 375 Summertree Drive** N. Butani to N. & S. Edwards for \$685,000
- 5496 Theresa Way** Mcadam Trust to M. & R. Crockett for \$602,000

#### Pleasanton

- 3679 Canelli Court** Kiefer Trust to M. & G. Rosenberg for \$850,000
- 2667 Curry Street** D. & E. Meonske to D. & J. Miller for \$805,000
- 3138 Delicado Court** S. Gajjala to K. Mane for \$600,000
- 1106 Finch Place** Toll California XIX to C. Walker for \$1,662,000
- 1118 Finch Place** Toll California XIX to S. Kaushik for \$1,867,000
- 5631 Highland Road** Howland Trust to Hill Trust for \$1,275,000
- 4676 Jefferson Court** Wycoff Trust to J. & V. Goraya for \$733,000
- 180 Monaco Court** E. Hart to R. Chen for \$1,066,000
- 4038 Payne Road** Cabral Trust to K. & D. White for \$646,500
- 4219 Payne Road** Kennedy Trust to C. White for \$648,000

- 1517 Ridgewood Road** HPROF Limited to M. & J. Waymire for \$845,000
- 3741 Rose Rock Circle** Kiefer Trust to S. Chittala for \$695,000
- 1970 Valdosta Court** Krusi Trust to D. Dunkley for \$691,000
- 2396 Woodthrush Way** Edwards Trust to D. & C. McVey for \$825,000

#### San Ramon

- 3306 Amaryllis Circle** J. & A. Antony to B. Lee for \$620,000
- 3285 Ashbourne Circle** J. & T. Findley to N. & D. Habib for \$1,690,000
- 1339 Canyon Side Avenue** Jackson Trust to T. & M. Behring for \$705,000
- 2784 Corey Place** M. & B. Meyers to M. Oza for \$821,000
- 3923 Crow Canyon Road** F. Gedroc to C. Wang for \$395,000
- 1188 Hawkshead Circle** M. & S. Caires to E. Blinov for \$2,219,000
- 2347 Magnolia Bridge Drive** S. & V. Pradhan to J. Zhang for \$975,000
- 3110 Montevideo Drive** D. Hallatt to Donald Trust for \$752,000
- 1815 Nancy Lane** R. Kawashima to C. Hsia for \$510,000
- 285 Reflections Drive #17** R. Zhu to R. Devarapalli for \$350,000
- 125 Reflections Drive #23** Love Happiness & Beyond to G. Hirneise for \$380,000
- 209 St. Denis Court** Last Trust to Stoddard Trust for \$775,000
- 6187 Yardley Lane** K. & Y. Kim to M. Marges for \$697,000

#### Sunol

- 2929 Killcare Road** Napolitano Trust to J. & C. Grillo for \$389,000

Source: California REsource

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5839 WELCH LANE  
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4 BR 3 BA Hardwood floors, granite kit & SS applncs, bd & full bth downstairs, loft, vaulted ceiling, pool 925.847.2200 Suzanne Bieser CalBRE#01355940

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**GREAT LOCATION!**  
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**PLEASANTON**  
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**SIMPLY BREATHTAKING!**  
1056 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY \$1,975,000  
4 BR 5.5 BA Travertine floors, Chef kit, surround sound throughout, Master on 1st floor, all bds w/own bths 925.336.1108 Suzan Gladioux CalBRE#01245705

**DUBLIN**  
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3 BR 2 BA Highly upgraded w/ hardwood floors, designer paint, stainless steel appliances, large balcony 925.847.2200 Romar DeClaro CalBRE#01341138

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4 BR 3.5 BA Upgraded home w/detached casita. Single story w/views, stone frplces & gorgeous cabinetry 925.847.2200 Terry Kim CalBRE#01363454

**DUBLIN**  
3420 FINNIAN WAY #335  
**PREMIUM LOCATION!** \$428,000  
2 BR 2 BA Upgraded granite counters, crown molding, courtyard view, no neighbors on either side 925.847.2200 John & Daisy Ng CalBRE#00917356/01311067

**LIVERMORE**  
425 BELL AVE  
**WINE COUNTRY DREAM!** \$495,000  
3 BR 2 BA Close to top rated schools & hwy 84, extra lrg master w/backyard access, pool, 2 car garage 925.847.2200 Kenneth Garcia CalBRE#01241433

**PLEASANTON**  
7283 VALLEY VIEW COURT  
**HIGHLY DESIRABLE LOCATION** \$640,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA Updated twnhme near award winning schools & shopping, backs to community pool and greenbelt 925.847.2200 Kristy Heyne CalBRE#01488364

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**5563 TAIT COURT, NEWARK**  
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**1120 CANYON GREEN DR., SAN RAMON**  
Fabulous location at the end of a cul de sac, situated on the 13th green of Canyon Lakes golf course. Five bedrooms three baths with approx. 3068 sq. ft. on a 9750 sq. ft. lot. The private yard is perfect for outdoor entertaining. 3-car garage, gated community with pool and tennis courts. Call for price and details.  
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**7300 CRONIN CIRCLE, DUBLIN**  
Beautifully updated Kildara condo has two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The kitchen has been updated with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. The home has laminate wood floors, newer carpet and is freshly painted in neutral colors. There is a balcony off of the living/family room and an attached garage. Buyer's Agent.  
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**124 BARBER ST., LIVERMORE**  
Located on the East side of Livermore it's a little doll home. This 3 bed/ 1 bath has a remodeled kitchen with granite counter tops. This home also features a newer bath, dual pane windows, large lot and a two car garage. Walk to schools and shopping. **Offered at \$429,000**  
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Great investment or first time buyer. 1166 sq ft condo in Northgate Community. 3 bed, 1.5 bath, updated, wood laminate in living, dining, granite countertop, updated bathroom. Walk to schools, easy frwy and BART access. Nearest schools are Warwick, Thornton Junior and American High API Scores 907, 903, 842 Current rent in the area is \$1800/-  
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**890 JEFFERSON AVE., LIVERMORE**  
Single story, detached, on a great corner location. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, approx. 1300 sq. ft., 2-car garage, hardwood floors, A/C, Walk to School & Shopping. Includes fridge & washer/dryer. **\$564,500**  
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# Windermere



**1342 Stony Brook Ln. \$1,350,000**  
Rarely available Nolan Farms home. Upgraded throughout. Gourmet kitchen with 6 burner Wolf range. Stainless appliances. Luxurious master suite. One bedroom and full bathroom downstairs. Beautiful covered patio with BBQ, Fridge, etc. A must see home!!!



**619 Rock Rose Ln.**  
Stunning Alta Mira Home. Elegantly remodeled throughout. Custom Granite counters. Cherry wood kitchen cabinetry. Stainless appliances. Cathedral ceilings. Plush carpeting. Plantation shutters. Crown molding. Decorative staircase railing. Office with built-in desk and book shelving. Serene and private location



**3279 Mount Diablo Ct. \$599,950**  
Private and serene location! Desirable end-unit. Excellent floor plan. New Kenmore Elite stainless appliances. Plush fawn carpeting. Freshly painted interior. Spacious bedrooms. Abundant closet storage. Large balcony. High quality Trane HVAC system. Nice complex amenities. Close to downtown. A must see 10+



**3633 Crow Canyon Rd.**  
Premium end unit overlooking open space. Best location available. Vaulted ceiling. Gated community. Bright and cheery. Freshly painted. Abundant parking. Attached garage. A real 10

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**PLEASANTON \$2,895,000**  
Elegant Craftsman Style home, the finish work is extraordinary! 7500+/-sf, 5bd/5.5ba, formal living room & library/office. Bonus room with large alcove, court location, private lot and views.  
3654 PONTINA CT

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$1,879,000**  
5 bedrooms plus office and loft, 5.5 bathrooms, stunning custom home with incredible finishes and amenities.  
7230 CLUBHOUSE DR

LEIGH ANNE HOFFMAN SAT 1-4; SUN 1-4



**LIVERMORE \$1,299,000**  
Stunning luxury home in the Livermore Wine Country. 5bd/4.5ba, Granite, stainless, hardwood & tile throughout. Beautifully landscaped with basketball court  
2294 MINERVA COURT

MIRANDA MATTOS BY APPT



**LIVERMORE \$949,000**  
Beautiful, highly upgraded 5bd+office, 4ba, 4 car garage, end of court location, no rear neighbors, gourmet kitchen, built-in entertainment center, abundant granite, hardwood & stone flooring.  
6852 BROOKVIEW COURT

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**PLEASANTON \$859,000**  
4bd, 2.5ba, 2,126+/-sf home. Updated throughout, granite & cherry kitchen, tile floors, generous storage. Opens to family room, access to rear yard, spa garden areas and more!  
3583 BALLANTYNE DR.

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**PLEASANTON \$699,000**  
Great single story home in Central Pleasanton. This 3 bed / 2 bath 1549 sq ft. home has been lovingly upgraded with many great features. The entire home has been redone. A Must See!  
3502 WIND CAVE COURT

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**PLEASANTON \$699,000**  
Charming single level, updated throughout, 4bd/2ba, formal living, fireplace, corner lot next to Lydiksen elementary, park & community pool. Side yard access, sheds, covered patio and more!  
4701 SANDALWOOD RD.

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**LIVERMORE \$699,000**  
4 bed 2.5 bath 2216 square feet 20,857 sq ft lot (almost half acre) Upgraded and move in ready with hardwood floors, granite kitchen, and incredible yard and pool. You'll LOVE this home!  
4194 COLGATE WAY

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**LIVERMORE \$639,000**  
"Almost everything you see is new, some you can't see is new too"! Beautiful remodeled 4bd/2ba, close to schools, shopping and Hwy 580. Move in ready!  
5578 OAKMONT CIR

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**LIVERMORE \$479,800**  
Spacious Jensen area home. Clean and cute. Original owner. Garage conversion, with permits adds family room, inside laundry, 4th bedroom. Fabulous backyard with storage shed. new interior paint.  
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