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Opening hearts and homes to kittens, cats and dogs in need

Animal organizations, shelters rely on foster parent volunteers

story and photos by Rebecca Guyon

It's lunchtime and 3-week-old kittens Armand, Emily, Leland and Anthony have no problem letting their foster parent Pam Nagy know they are hungry.

"Every day, they eat about every three hours," said Nagy, who is also a veterinarian technician for the Valley Humane Society. "If they hear my voice, they wake up immediately and come to the front and meow."

At such a young age, the kittens need to be fed by a bottle. Once each one has eaten, they curl up and fall fast asleep until the next three-hour cycle begins again.

As a foster parent, this is all in a day's work for Nagy and the many other volunteers with Valley Humane, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and the Tri-Valley SPCA who open their homes to kitten litters and injured or aging dogs and cats. Being a volunteer foster parent entails temporarily taking an animal into your home and caring for it until it is ready to be adopted. These organizations rely on volunteer foster parents to take in animals that need special care not available in the shelters.

"It takes a very special person to do this," said Eliza Fried, director of development and marketing for the East Bay SPCA, which manages the Tri-Valley facility. "They do it 100 percent out of the goodness of their hearts."

While homes are needed for both cats and dogs, there is a special need for families willing to care for kittens. Now through the next six months is considered "kitten season" as many cats give birth to litters, explained Cathy Bergren, vice president of TVAR. The combination of feral cats giving birth and cat owners finding their family cat pregnant with a litter they cannot take care of leads to the large influx of kittens in the spring and summer.

"The need is greater for cats as far as sheer numbers go," Bergren said. "Over the past 10 years we've been able to get the dog population a little more under control, but people don't spay and neuter their cats as often as dog owners do, so we still have population control problems there."

Bringing the kittens to an animal shelter is the best course of action for those who find an unattended litter, but as more and more litters are brought to the shelter, the shelters begin to run out of space and simply don't have the manpower to give the kittens the attention they need. Newborn kittens only weeks old require regular bottle feedings and active socialization. They also need to learn basic survival skills such as how to clean themselves, drink water and use the bathroom.

Pat Evans, a foster volunteer for the Tri-Valley SPCA currently caring for a litter of three kittens, said she even keeps notes on each kitten's progress.

"Kitten mortality rates are quite high, so I want to make sure they have the best," Evans said. "It's really nice to see them emerging with new things. They just learned how to purr and now they're learning how to play with each other."

While kittens are the main focus, older cats and dogs, usually with serious medical problems or who are recovering from medical procedures, also need foster homes. Caring for these animals can be indefinite as an older cat is less likely to be adopted than a kitten or temporary if the animal just needs a short stay to recover from a medical procedure, said Wendy McNelley, director of Valley Humane.

"We have one cat going into foster care this weekend because he is getting some teeth removed," McNelley said. "It's just for a week since he's going to be on medication and in pain, so it's important that he's not in the shelter for that."

Natalie Giordano, a foster parent and animal specialist for Valley Humane, is currently caring for Lil' Bit, a cat 14-17 years old (her birth year is unknown) who came to the Valley Humane shelter with many medical problems, including a thyroid problem that required radiation treatment. Due to the radiation, Lil' Bit had to be kept away from the other cats at the shelter and anyone working with her needed to use gloves.

"Every day I'd come into work and see her there, just sad and lonely and skinny ... I just couldn't handle it anymore," Giordano said.

Giordano started taking Lil' Bit home over the weekends, then weekday nights as well, until finally she decided to give Lil' Bit a foster home.

"She needs her golden years to be peaceful because obviously the rest of her life wasn't," Giordano said.

Once the pet is ready to be adopted, some fosters do have difficulty saying goodbye (truth be told, Giordano is considered a "foster failure" because she has decided to adopt Lil' Bit), but organizations encourage the foster parents to let the pet go, since there will always be another animal in need of care.

"A lot do get attached, especially if it's their first experience, but we train people that there are always more coming that need your help," said Tracy Quartaroli, cat medical coordinator for TVAR who has volunteered as a foster parent.

And, helping an animal find a loving home is its own reward, she added.

"There's nothing better than getting a phone call from of family of a pet we saved saying what a difference their new pet has made in their lives," Quartaroli said. "It makes me think, if we hadn't been there to save that animal, it would not have been there for those people." ■



Pam Nagy feeds 3-week-old kitten Armand from a bottle. After Armand finishes, Nagy will go through the same process with Armand's three other siblings.



Pat Evans plays with Rosy, a 4-week-old kitten she takes care of along with three others as a foster parent volunteer for the Tri-Valley SPCA.

Want to be a foster parent?

Anyone can volunteer to be a foster parent, so long as they have the time and resources to care for their temporary pet. The main requirement is having space in your home for the pet, preferably a private room, such as an extra bedroom or a bathroom, and a fenced in yard in the case of a dog.

The organizations take care of the animals' medical needs, such as vaccinations and spaying and neutering procedures, but the volunteer is responsible for costs such as kitty litter or food. The exception to this is TVAR, which provides all necessary items. Tri-Valley SPCA also has a program with Pet Food Express where volunteers can buy supplies at a reduced rate.

All three organizations offer foster volunteers an orientation and some training, as well as regular contact with staff members if needed.

To sign up or learn more about becoming a foster parent, contact the following organizations:

- **Tri-Valley SPCA** — Call the Foster Coordinator at (510) 563-4632 or email foster@eastbayspca.org to learn more or schedule an orientation.
- **Tri-Valley Animal Rescue** — Orientations are held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on varying dates and are held at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin. Visit www.tvar.org for a complete list of dates or call 803-7043 for more information.
- **Valley Humane Society** — Foster orientations are held 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month at the Valley Humane Society's offices, 3670 Nevada St. Call 426-8656 to make an appointment or visit www.valleyhumanesociety.org to learn more.

Art is happening

Open studios give everyone a glimpse at the creative process

If art is good as gold, then the Danville Area Open Studios Tour is a treasure hunt for everyone in the Tri-Valley, including Pleasanton. With 16 locations mapped out, art lovers can explore the homes and studios of local artists to see paintings, sculptures, blown glass and photographs—in the very space they were created.

"There's something different about seeing art next to the artist. The public ends up connecting with the piece because they had that experience—they're able to get that deeper meaning," says Tracy Bauer, spokeswoman for the event.

Forty-two artists' works will be shown at locations in Danville, Alamo and San Ramon from 1-7 p.m., Friday-Sunday, June 1-3. Artists will be painting and sculpting on-site during that time also. Tour-goers can begin their visits at the Danville Library to get an overview of artistic styles and what will be showing where.

Participants can then easily navigate to the locations where their preferred art is shown. Pieces will also be featured at the Town Hall and the Veteran's Memorial Building in downtown Danville.

"It's a great time to explore your surroundings. It's like an open house," Bauer said. "Sometimes you go even if you're not necessarily intending to buy... a lot of artists are staging it as a garden party."

Painting sales will help raise funds for art supplies at Danville schools and support local talent in the often daunting task of making a living as an artist, Bauer said. To find out more information about the art or the locations, contact artists at phone numbers listed below.

In a time when schools are cutting art funds nationally—and local artists everywhere are struggling to afford gallery spaces— this "treasure hunt" helps keep Danville culturally rich.

—Natalie O'Neill



"Junkyard Dog" by Joe Bologna is a 16 by 10 inch metal sculpture, an industrial medium that has earned him success and exposure for his innovative ideas.



Valley Harvest" is a 24 by 36-inch oil painting by Stephen Sanfilippo, who prefers to paint outdoors.



"Sign of the Cross," by Diane Rodriguez was fashioned after trains from her husband's model train store and is a 20 by 24 inch water color.

1. 3012 Sandstone Road, Alamo: Beth Batchelor, Janice Byer, Elizabeth Lehrer, Marilyn Mattson
2. 400 Hartz Ave, Danville—Veteran's Memorial Hall: Inge Behrens, Diane Ringwood, Fran Chuba, Lorrie Cockrum
3. 361 Castle Crest Road, Alamo: Joe Bologna, Peter Coffee, David Mudgett , Anne Trouve
4. 691 Adobe Drive, Danville: Helena Cali, Pauline Cortez, Susan Dennis
5. 636 Brookside, Danville: Don Eagling, Catharine Fasciato, Bill Gwynne, Lin Padden
6. 234 Montair Drive, Danville: Tricia Grame
7. 3169 Miranda Ave, Alamo: Gwen Harris, Wanda Kemper, Stephen Sanfilippo, Sandra Speights, Charles White
8. 2371 Hagen Oaks Drive, Alamo: Morgan Howell
9. 236 Waterman Circle, Danville: Martha Kean, Evelyn Marvin
10. 206 St. Christopher, Danville: Richard Mortensen
11. 132 Leona Court: Norman Nicholson, Helen Westcott
12. 154 Montair Drive, Danville: Nola Pardi Proll
13. 409 Triomphe Court, Danville: Robin Purcell
14. 67 Hazelnut Court, San Ramon: Diane Rodriguez, Norma Webb
15. 57 Leeds Court, Danville: Sammy Shaheen
16. 210 Front St.—Town Meeting Hall: Sally Anne Belshe, Mary Lloyd, Jane Taggart, Janice Threm, Wendy Yuan

Many more artists are participating in this event. For more information visit www.adas4art.org

Life's little musical lessons...



Valley Chorale Concert performs "Celebrating Byrd and the B's"

Valley Concert Chorale will perform its springtime concert "Celebrating Byrd and the B's," at 8 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road.

As acknowledged in the title, the concert will celebrate the music of Renaissance master William Byrd. The concert will also include pieces by three other "significant Bs." The group will feature American composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein's piece "Chichester Psalms" and selections from "Candide" and "West Side Story," examples of his lighter, more energetic pieces. Following Bernstein, the chorale will perform little-known songs for four voices and piano by Johannes Brahms, featuring concert pianist Daniel Glover, and "Rejoice in the Lamb" by 20th century composer Benjamin Britten.

Tickets for the show are $17 for adults and $14 for seniors 62 and older in advance and $20 for adults and $17 for seniors at the door. Students 18 and younger are free when accompanied by an adult. Call 866-4003 and leave a message to purchase tickets. Tickets are also available at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. and Cooleykatz Toys, 1959 Second St., Livermore.

If after seeing the concert, you want to join the chorale, you're in luck—auditions to sing in the Valley Concert Chorale are scheduled for May 21. At the audition, singers will be asked to sight-read some music and perform a rhythmic clapping exercise. Audition appointments are required. Members pay yearly dues and often volunteer to support the chorale's many activities. Although May 21 is a formally scheduled audition, singers can try out at any point of the year by contacting Pam Grove, 462-4205. Auditions are held at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore.

The Valley Concert Chorale is a 45-member singing group led by director John Bush and comprised of members from throughout the Tri-Valley. The group performs three to four concerts each year and is also available for small events. Visit www.valleyconcertchorale.com for more information.

—Rebecca Guyon



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BY DR. HEIDI STRAND

Befriending a feral cat takes time

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A: In order to become good pets, all kittens need to be socialized, which is the process of learning to interact socially with humans and with other animals. Cats who are not socialized are commonly called feral. The best window of time to socialize kittens is between 2 and 7 weeks of age. The older the cat is when socialization is begun, the more difficult the process is, particularly if they have been exposed to experiences that cause fearfulness. It's very likely that your kittens can be socialized if you are willing to invest some time (about an hour a day) and some money (for supplies). The Fix our Ferals program offers some excellent information on taming cats. You can call it at (510) 433-9446 or visit its Web site, www.fixourferals.org for more information.

Q. I am currently fostering a dog and hoping to adopt him. He is infested with ticks! We have given him tick baths and he still has ticks. What do we need to do to get rid of them once and for all?

A. Ticks are arthropod parasites (related to spiders) that attach to pets and feed on blood until they are engorged, then drop off. They can bite people as well as wildlife. They are prevalent in Northern California in brush or forested areas. April through July is the season when people and pets are most likely to be bitten by ticks while hiking or picnicking. Tick bites can transmit diseases, including Lyme disease, which can cause serious health problems for pets and people. Ticks can be very difficult to get rid of. We have had the most success using Frontline Top Spot. (It is also available for cats.) It is a once-a-month treatment which is applied to the skin and kills both fleas and ticks.

To prevent ticks from attaching in the first place, keep your lawn trimmed and clear of mulch or leaf litter, and avoid tall grass or brush where ticks breed. After being in the brush or forest, check your dog thoroughly before bringing him indoors to ensure he doesn't bring home any unwanted visitors. If you find a tick, remove it by grasping the mouthparts as close as possible to the skin with tweezers. Do not use alcohol, a lit match, or anything else to try to get the tick out. If mouthparts appear to be left behind after cleaning with soap and water, you may want to consult your veterinarian, as the wounds can get infected easily.

—Dr. Heidi Strand is a veterinarian for the East Bay SPCA in Dublin. She has lived in the Tri-Valley for 10 years with her family and an assortment of four-legged friends. Questions can be e-mailed to hstrand@eastbayspca.org.

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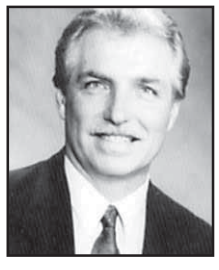
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Away From Her ★★★

Rated: PG-13 for some strong language.
1 hour, 50 minutes.



Only a superb cast and the most delicate directorial touch could successfully adapt Alice Munro's devastating short story "The Bear Came Over the Mountain" to the screen. Accomplished actor Sarah Polley ("The Sweet Hereafter") found both for her feature debut as a writer-director. With poignancy and maturity beyond her years, Polley deals with Alzheimer's disease and its effect on a steadfast love tested when synapses slip away. But she could hardly go wrong given the remarkable talents of Julie Christie and Gordon Pinsent in the lead roles.

Christie brings ageless beauty and emotional range to the role of Fiona, a woman whose "spark of life" first attracted her husband Grant (Pinsent of "The Good Shepherd") more than 40 years ago. The opening scenes capture their relationship, sketching a lifetime of sexual attraction, easygoing companionship and humorous exchanges. Then Fiona puts the frying pan in the freezer.

The narrative never submits to a simple descent-into-disease formula. Yes, Fiona gets confused and wanders off and difficult decisions must be made about placing her in a care facility. Can she tolerate balloon badminton, sit-and-fit activities and group meals instead of her beloved cross-country skiing outings and cozy dinners for two? Can the Canadian couple cope with not seeing each other for 30 days as they abide with the facility's "settling-in" policy? Although the ravages of Alzheimer's form the drama's core, the emotional power of the story arises from Munro's construct: What does a devoted husband do when his wife no longer remembers him and falls in love with a fellow patient (Michael Murphy)?

"Away From Her" is best when Polley just lets the camera roll, capturing the nuances of the performances in tight close-ups or filming interactions in long takes driven by Munro's dialogue. She directs one visitation scene with understated eloquence and sensitivity. In a series of slow dissolves, family members and friends leave the loved ones they had come to see—and the lively, animated mood dissolves with each transition to a quiet sorrow as patients are left to amble back to their lonely rooms.

Unfortunately, Polley's script scrambles Munro's structure and resorts to some unnecessary, fleeting flashbacks of a young Fiona and Grant. She also puts a more affirming life-goes-on spin to the story by developing the relationship between Grant and the wife (Olympia Dukakis) of Fiona's new love interest.

Ultimately, "Away From Her" offers a moving, thoughtful drama for adults who have felt abandoned by the movie industry.

—Susan Tavernetti

The Ex ★★★

Rated: PG-13 for language and mature themes.
1 hour, 29 minutes



The classic winners-and-losers theme takes on hilarious implications in Jesse Peretz's domestic, dysfunctional comedy.

Zach Braff—who can inspire laughs by merely standing still—is pitch-perfect as Tom Reilly, a slacker-ish lunch chef with a high-powered lawyer wife (Amanda Peet as Sofia) who's about to deliver the couple's first child.

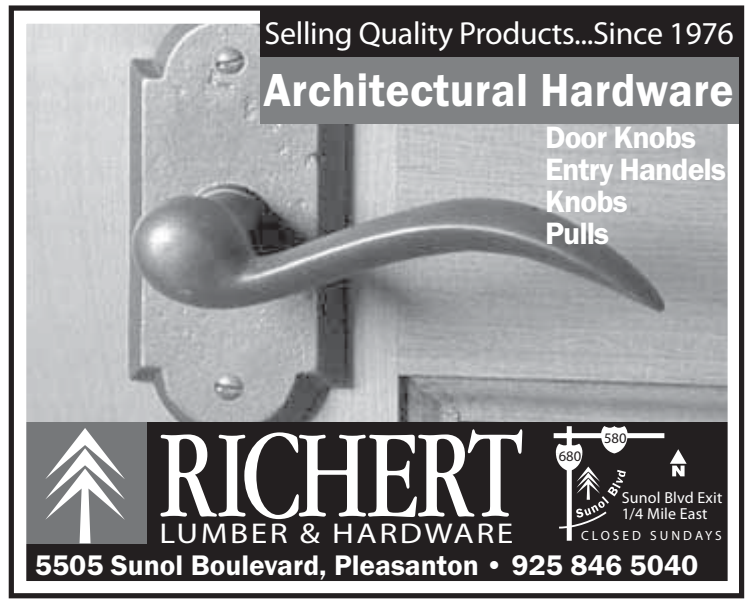
Quick as a wink, Tom is fired from his job: rather inconvenient considering that Sofia has her heart set on playing stay-at-home mom. Time for him to bite the bullet and accept that ad agency job that Sofia's dad (Charles Grodin) has been touting from the get-go.

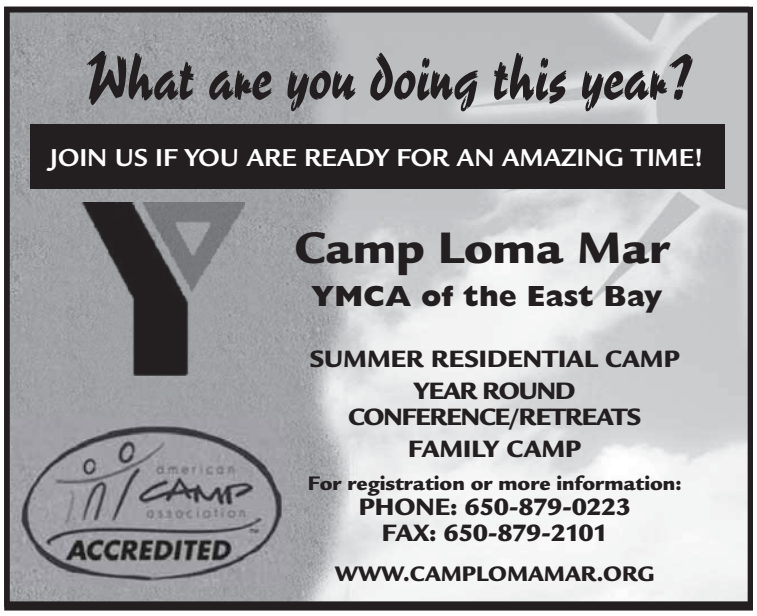
The wounds run deep: a move from the Big Apple to the groomed suburbs of Ohio, a surprise interior-design makeover courtesy of mom-in-law (Mia Farrow), and a new gig as "assistant associate creative" for hippy-dippy Sunburst Creations. It goes from bad to worse when Tom locks horns with new boss (and ex-Sofia squeeze) Chip Sanders (Jason Bateman), a master manipulator whose sinister mother-ship is a wheelchair.

The gags fly fast and furious, a colorful spectrum of dirty tricks and underhanded sabotage meant to send Tom packing. For the most part the subplots work their magic: Sofia bored with her stay-at-home status, the Zen guru (Donal Logue) who engineers the paradigm shifts at Sunburst and comical abject apologies in the form of Japanese "moushiwake," mea culpa tone poems expressed on yellow Post-its (you had to be there).

It's the cast and its chemistry that ultimately render "The Ex" a satisfying laugher. Bateman is deliciously psychotic and Grodin entertainingly clueless, and Braff and Peet spar with convincing affection. Granted, we've seen it all before. But just when "The Ex" looks like it's anxiously casting about for the finish line, it cuts its inevitable losses and wraps up neatly and without a fuss. No year-end awards but boy, did I laugh.

—Jeanne Aufmuth





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Amador student reaches for horizon in motorcycle racing

Come visit him at June First Wednesday street party

by Gary Davila

Amador Valley High School student Tony Davila is an athlete of a different sort. Besides being a varsity wrestler, he is a practitioner of the sport of Flat Track motorcycle racing. At 15 years old, Tony has been racing since the age of 6.

Invented in the United States in the early 1900s, Flat Track racing is the first form of motorcycle racing organized in the U.S. Once a hugely popular sport, with spectators numbering in the tens of thousands, it has declined somewhat in recent years. Professional and amateur racing venues once dotted the entire country. At fairgrounds in large cities and small farming communities alike, racing took place on short oval tracks inside of large barns (known as barn burners), to 1-mile horse racing tracks where speeds over 130 miles an hour were common.

To negotiate the corners, riders wear a steel shoe on their left boot known as a 'hot shoe.' The riders pitch the bikes sideways with the left foot sliding on the ground through the corners. Anyone that has ever seen a 'mile' race will tell you that it is one of the most exciting spectacles they have ever witnessed, and that these riders are true athletes in every sense of the word.

Until the early 1980s, winning the American Motorcycle Association's Grand National Championship meant earning points in four racing disciplines, including Road Racing, Miles, Half Miles, and TT races. (A TT is an oval track modified to include left and right hand turns, and one or two jumps thrown in for good measure).

Because of the evolution of Road Racing technology and introduction of Motocross from Europe, the AMA separated the disciplines. Many feel that with the separation of the various disciplines, the promotion of the sport was grossly lopsided, causing a decline in the popularity of Flat Tract racing. Tony and many other racers across the country are determined to keep alive this All American sport.

In June 2007, Tony will travel once again to Du Quoin, Ill. to compete at the Amateur Grand National Championships. In seasons 2002 and 2003, Tony earned national title Nos. 5 and 3 respectively. Tony opted for summer school in 2004 and 2005. In 2006, after winning one class and placing second in another at the regional championships in Arizona, Tony's march to Du Quoin was halted by an injury. For this summer, he has his sights on a particular goal. The Horizon Award is bestowed on the top amateur rider at the closing ceremonies of the Amateur Grand Championships and takes into consideration not only points, but also the athlete's attitude and sportsmanship. Winning the Horizon Award also means getting the attention of the sponsors necessary for launching a professional career.


Courtesy Gary Davila

Tony Davila

Be sure to stop by Tony's display at the June First Wednesday street party in downtown Pleasanton. Anyone interested in sponsoring Tony's reach for the Horizon can contact him at tony192h@comcast.net or call his father Gary at 766-2647.

Gary Davila is Tony's father and submitted this article as a guest writer to the Weekly.

Tri-Valley rugby team takes third at invitational

The Tri-Valley Vikings rugby team, a club team comprised of High School boys from the Tri-Valley, came away undefeated and with the third place Bronze Division plate at the Pacific Coast Rugby Football Union Invitational Tournament held last weekend at the Stanford University rugby complex.

On Saturday morning the Vikings earned their first win 27-0 against the Silicon Valley entry of the Varsity Bronze division. Tries (five points each, a run over the goal line) were scored by Adam Bailey, Dane Olney, Mitch DalPorto, Robbie Galbreath and Luigi (Nicolas Pavalakis). Under windy conditions, kicks were difficult, resulting in only one successful conversion (kick through the uprights after a try).

Saturday evening was the setting for Tri-Valley's second game of the day versus Christian Brothers (Sacramento). In the second half, Viking David "Earthquakes" Dennis had become so intense that he was yellow-carded, requiring a sitdown penalty period while his team played minus one player. He rejoined his team sometime before the final five minutes of the game. In a battle royale between two of the best entries in the tournament, the teams held each other scoreless until the final five minutes of play when the Christian Brothers squad scored first, but failed on the conversion.

Stepping up their intensity, the Vikings battled back and found themselves in possession inside the 20-yard line with under a minute to play. Intent on redeeming himself after his earlier penalty, Dennis gained possession out of a scrum and headed toward the Vikings goal line about 10-yards in front of him. With teammates shoring him up and opponents piling on, he continued to barrel across the goal line, scoring the tying points. With only seconds left on the clock, the conversion kick sailed wide, leaving the game at the final score of 5-5. The tournament rules dictate a set, limited number of minutes that the boys can play in one day. Because of this, overtime periods were not used to decide a tie game. Instead, margins of victory against common opponents are the first breaker. The Christian Brothers team moved on to the championship by having defeated the Silicon Valley club by a larger margin than the Vikings had.

Sunday morning, in their third game of the tournament, the Vikings used their superior power game and outside speed to crush their opponent, the South Bay Exiles, 41-7. Scoring tries were: Brad Graham, Steven Ogilvie, Ricky Isabel (2), Stash McGuinness, and Oscar Harris (2). Aaron Gotthardt converted on two kicks and Steven Ogilvie one, leaving the final score at 41-17.

Later in the day the Vikings watched as their Christian Brothers opponent beat the squad from Santa Rosa/Cardinal Newman to win their Bronze Division's Championship Cup.

—Tim Shearer

Real Estate

Note: This is the first in a series about Pleasanton neighborhoods.



Janet Pelletier

This farm house, owned by the Halles, is one of two homes that face Valley Avenue. The homes have been there since before Birdland was built.

What's in a name?

Birdland neighborhood surrounded by rich history

by Janet Pelletier

They don't call it Birdland for nothing. The suburban neighborhood, bordered by Valley Avenue to the south, Santa Rita Road to the east, Hopyard Road to the West and the Pleasanton Sports Park to the north, features hundreds of homes on streets all named after birds.

But if you delved into the community's past, all of it was farmland, except for 1.5 acres that belonged to the Casterson family, where two homesteads were put in the 1930s.

"A big part of Birdland was our ranch, which went from Greenwood down to Crestline and back to Mohr Avenue and there was a canal there," said Shirley Oxsen Casterson Butler.

Butler, 82, remembers when her father-in-law Al Casterson sold the land, except for about an acre where the two homes that face Valley Avenue and Harvest Park Middle School stood, to Morrison Homes in 1963. The first few homes in Birdland sprung up behind Butler's house in 1968. It wasn't an easy transition, however Butler lives by the saying "if you can't beat them, join them."

"I still feel that we're a bit of the country in the middle of the city," she said.

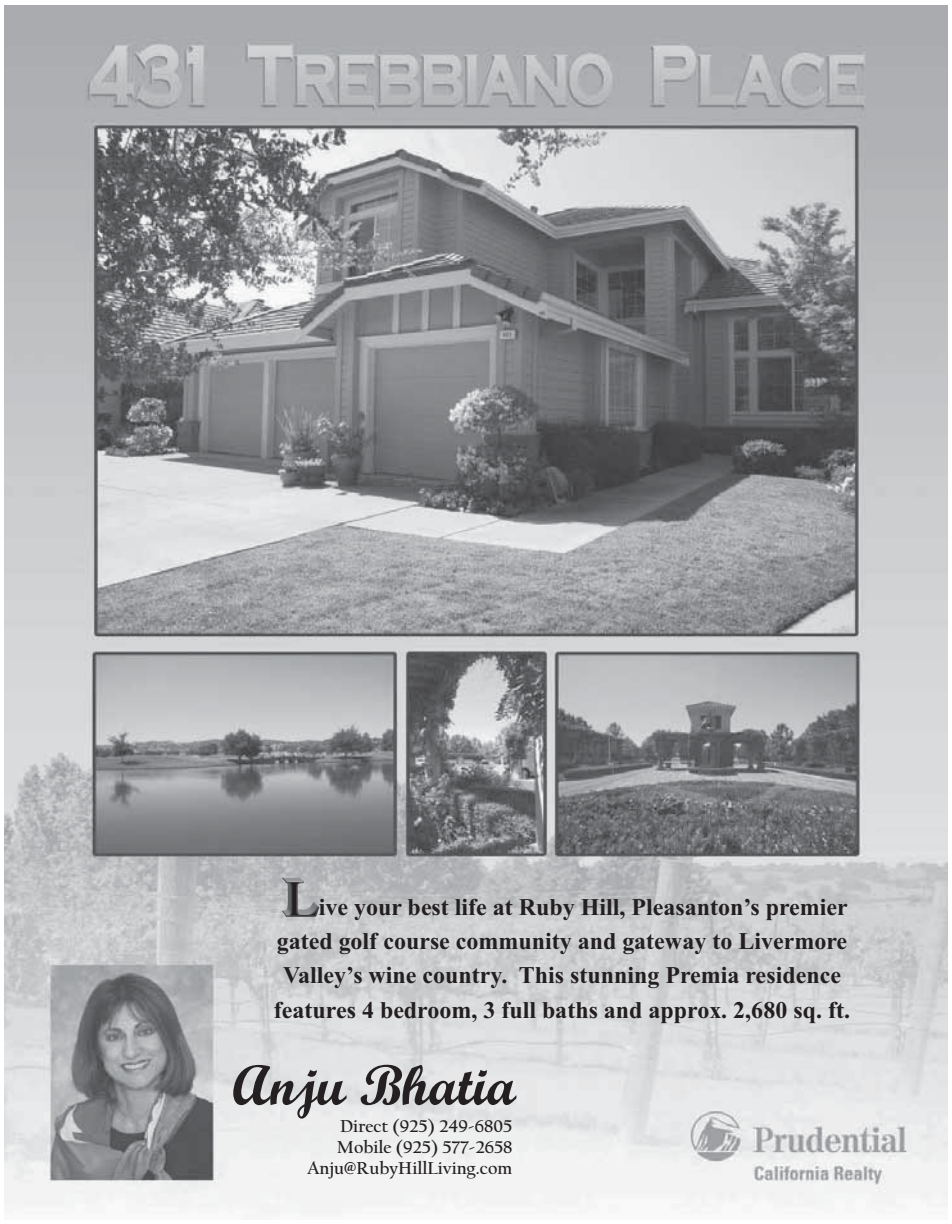
Nearly four decades later, the one acre that wasn't part of Birdland, still has two houses on it. About one-quarter of the acre is Butler's home that she shares with her husband Robert and three-quarters belongs to the Halle family, which purchased that portion from Butler in 1999.

For a time, Butler said she rented the former home where the Halles now live, but decided it would be less stress and responsibility to sell it. The Halles rebuilt the home

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Statistics:

* Some street names include: Starling Court, Hummingbird Road, Sandpiper Way, Raven Road, Blackbird Drive, Canary Drive and Foxswallow Road.
* It's close to downtown, the Sports Park, the aquatic center and the Pleasanton Valley Swim Club.
* Homes are a mix of one-story ranches and two-story colonials
* Neighborhood is bordered by Santa Rita Road, Valley Avenue, Hopyard Road and the Sports Park. It's also bordered by the neighborhoods of Pleasanton Valley to the south and Gates to the north.





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Typical Birdland neighborhood homes consist of ranch-style and colonials.

Birdland

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with a wraparound deck that can be seen from Valley today.

Birdland is mostly made of single-story ranch homes and two-story colonials.

"Mainly, the big attraction to Birdland is its consistency," said Fred Hempy of Valley Brokers. "People have gone above and beyond updating 35-40-year-old homes in there--that combined with the schools being close and top-notch is what makes it a big draw."

Hempy said mostly young families are moving into the mature, tree-lined neighborhood while empty-nesters are moving out, venturing to the foothills or to live near their children and grandchildren.

Birdland is in the most centralized part of the city and is close to Walnut Grove Elementary School, Harvest Park Middle School and Amador Valley High School. ■



Map of Birdland community

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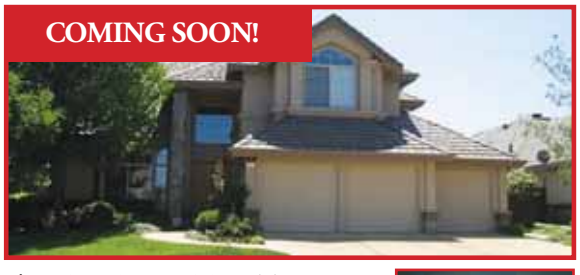


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Sales at a Glance

Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Total sales reported: 19	Total sales reported: 12	Total sales reported: 23	Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: $380,000	Lowest sale reported: $412,500	Lowest sale reported: $375,000	Lowest sale reported: $335,000
Highest sale reported: $1,385,000	Highest sale reported: $2,000,000	Highest sale reported: $1,070,000	Highest sale reported: $1,655,000
Average sales reported: $795,421	Average sales reported: $779,417	Average sales reported: $654,478	Average sales reported: $823,617

Home Sales

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2007

Pleasanton

3832 Appian Street D. Gyani to S. Chandrasekharan for $895,000

5610 Belleza Drive Bader Trust to E. & D. Aston for $530,000

2749 Camino Casa Buena R. Leirer to C. Sun for $953,000

7580 Canyon Meadow Circle #H National Transfer Services to D. & G. Middleton for $469,000

5837 Corte Mente D. & B. Bell to Palani Trust for $1,160,000

2843 Diavila Court D. Myre to M. Khangaonkar for $764,000

7534 Flagstone Drive B. Na to M. & J. Salazar for $750,000

4248 Garibaldi Place King Trust to Balch Trust for $665,000

836 Genevieve Place Black Mountain Development to S. & B. Vipani for $850,000

1030 Hancock Court Noonan Trust to I. Huang for $1,215,000

3555 Norton Way T. Rose to L. Meyers for $490,000

3834 Orion Court M. & J. Wilson to C. Margiotta for $1,025,000

3621 Rocking Horse Court Pfeiffer Ranch to S. Narvaza for $782,000

3624 Rocking Horse Court Pfeiffer Ranch to E. Koay for $790,000

3336 Smoketree Commons Drive Community Fund to J. Doull for $380,000

3106 Snowdrop Circle D. & L. Brennan to B. Kang for $810,000

7228 Valley View Court Davis Trust to C. & M. Siegert for $575,000

3253 Verde Court Alfheim Trust to J. & H. Cho for $625,000

789 View Drive Parks Trust to D. & T. Whelan for $1,385,000

Dublin

6162 Bay Hill Court R. Kimball to Ripepi Trust for $2,000,000

6997 Cedar Lane D. Yahrmatter to R. Amores for $585,000

7787 Chantilly Drive E. March to H. Popal for $500,000

3275 Dublin Boulevard #428 K. Lo to J. Hunken for $475,000

5289 Heceta Circle G. Millare to Z. Fazel for $740,000

6569 King Way Bell Trust to J. & E. Guerrero for $680,000

3379 Monaghan Street S. Reid to P. & C. Yap for $630,000

6560 Pioneer Lane #32 Nordquist Trust to E. Heth for $412,500

7646 Quail Creek Circle G. & A. Duplessis to J. & G. Lee for $785,000

3268 Ridgefield Way Pulte Homes to T. Chan for $967,000

3708 Silvera Ranch Drive Pfeiffer Ranch to T. & D. Ha for $949,000

6923 Tyne Court Pletcher Trust to R. Lum for $629,500

Livermore

439 Alameda Drive E. Vales to W. Diebner for $532,500

2142 Autinori Court R. & C. Santin to K. & K. Zanotto for $949,000

473 Bell Avenue J. & S. Reynolds to M. Bolar for $538,000

1678 Blackoak Court A. & E. Novi to J. & J. Niceley for $725,000

567 Caliente Avenue R. Besser to T. Nakamura for $560,000

465 Cedar Drive M. Garcia to M. & A. Wirth for $600,000

665 Colusa Way R. & K. Diaz to J. Stanton for $570,000

1865 Corte Cava N. Tijerino to R. Arslanian for $607,500

6262 Forget Me Not K. Nguyen to S. Bautista for $455,000

175 Lee Avenue G. & P. Leatherman to F. & M. Morales for $550,000

4136 Loch Lomand Way D. & J. Peruzzaro to G. & T. Brazil for $875,000

292 MacKenzie Court Livermore Grove to G. & K. Lee for $850,000

1766 Mallard Court Nguyen Trust to C. & M. Bealer for $730,000

5448 Moonflower Way R. Haines to J. & C. Colburn for $520,000

70 Mosswood Court M. Olds to J. & J. Arnold for $800,000

5641 Mt. Day Drive P. & R. Rorabaugh to R. Besser for $825,000

1150 Murdell Lane R. & J. Queirolo to S. Wells for $630,000

843 North M Street M. Kasin to B. Kusler for $515,000

739 Sandpiper Common L. & C. Belknap to H. Duran for $375,000

747 Sandpiper Common Primacy Closing Corporation to P. Brillantes for $400,000

828 Seminole Drive S. & V. Umeki to S. & K. Milechkine for $540,000

1880 South Livermore Avenue Concannon Trust to T. Concannon for $836,000

1624 Valley of the Moon Place G. & C. Bourne to K. Landgraf for $1,070,000

Open House on Sunday 1-4 p.m.



2341 Romano Circle, Pleasanton

Enjoy fine indoor/outdoor living with eastern exposure, gorgeous sunrises, & views of hills/mountains/ridge in this desirable Ascona luxury home at the prestigious Ruby Hill gated community with top-rated Pleasanton schools. Within walking distance to a golf course, tennis courts, & community clubhouse, this 10-year young Monterey Spanish style home offers approx. 3447 sq. ft. of living space on approx. 9,484 sq. ft. lot, a flowing open light floor plan with architectural details such as high/coffered ceilings & archways, designer faux finishes, lots of windows, 4 bedrooms (1st floor private master suite; Jack & Jill bedroom/bedroom with private bathroom upstairs) plus spacious loft with built-in cabinetry, 3.5 bathroom, 3-car finished garage with built-in cabinets & workshop area, epicurean eat-in kitchen with granite slab countertops & upgraded appliances, formal dining room with bar & large walk-in closet/wine cellar, 2 fireplaces (living room & family room), luxurious master bedroom suite with dual closets & French doors opening to pool/spa, surround sound ready inside/garage/backyard, built-in-cabinets, beautiful upgraded carpet/tile flooring, comfortable amenities such as 2-zone A/C & heating, laundry room with convenient chute from upstairs, plantation shutters/custom draperies, & professionally landscaped tranquil yards. The stunning backyard also features a sparkling pool/spa; huge pergola-covered patio with gas fire pit, built-in speakers, heater misters, & outdoor lights; additional patio area with built-in dual gas grills & burner, & fun horshoe pit with lawn in the side yard. So take this wonderful opportunity to own such a "gem" which has so much to offer for relaxing, barbecuing, playing, & entertaining.

Listed for: $ 1,649,000

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Two Great Opportunities!!

Downtown Pleasanton!
What an opportunity – enjoy Downtown Pleasanton at it's best!! Totally upgraded and highly remodeled kitchen and bathrooms, gleaming hardwood floors and all the charm that you would expect from Downtown Pleasanton. Two car detached garage with workshop, private rear yard area that is perfect for entertaining and a dynamite downtown location! 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, plus options for a 3rd bedroom or office, 1625 sq. ft and a large lot. Reduced to **$829,500.**





This One Sparkles!!
Outstanding Dublin condominium with 2 br., 2 ba.,, 1007 sq. ft. This home has lots of updates and a great location in the complex. Large, private patio, nestled in the trees. This is a perfect set up for two master suites and the location is super, close to schools, shopping and transportation. Priced at **$438,950.**

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BETTER THAN NEW

You must see this home. It is filled with upgrades. 6 bedrooms and 4 full baths, 3 car garage, lovely yard with waterfall and loads of decorator touches. Only 3 years old and asking $1,019,950. Call Roy for details or go to WWW.5643CARNEGIE.COM.

GREAT COURT LOCATION

Four bedroom 3baths + loft that could be used as an office. Three car tandem garage. New exterior paint, professionally landscaping. Dual pane windows, Central A/C, duet blinds, kitchen island granite tops, FP in Fam Rm. No Homeowners Association. Call Joe or Glorian for a private showing. $1,129,900. MORE DETAILS @ www.23stowcourt.com

IN LIVERMORE

Spacious 2 bedroom 2 bath condo. Totally redone and in perfect condition. Great location and lots of amenities. Asking only $379,950. The seller will pay two points to lower the interest rate to 4.5% for a qualified buyer. No homeowners dues for 1 year. Call Roy for More details. View this property at WWW.4655NICOLCOMMON.COM

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TRACY

2765 REDBRIDGE ROAD **$799,000**

Located in the prestigious Redbridge Community, this stunning home offers 4 bedrooms/3.5 baths 3485 +/- Sq. Ft., built in 2001, with separate in-law/guest quarters.

JUDY PIPKIN **925.487.5065**



GREENVALLEY

5259 OAKRIDGE DRIVE **2,799,000**

Custom Estate with+/- 5,788 sf of living space on a private+/- 30,579 lot , An impressive entry foyer with dual staircase and quality finish make this an incredible estate. 6 beds 5 ½ bath.

JOE LEDESMA **925.251.2559**



DUBLIN

3724 CENTRAL PKWY **$599,999**

Absolutely Gorgeous! Executive Luxury Style Home is everything you have been looking for . 3 Bedrooms , 3.5 Bathrooms , Spacious /+-1,634 Sq. Ft. Enjoy the lushly landscaped parks.

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5009 DEERSPRING COURT **$629,999**

4 bedrooms,2 bathrooms,+/- 2329 sq. ft. of living space, Many upgrades, 9 ft ceilings, Crown molding, Mirrored closet doors, Surround sound through out & in back yard.

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PLEASANTON

1265 W. MARIPOSA AVE. **$375,000**

Walking distance to U.O.P. 3 Bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car garage, +/- 1500 Sq Ft.

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3286 FLEMINGTON COURT

Exclusive Listing! Awesome Pleasanton Meadows Location, 5 Bedroom, 3 Bathrooms, +/- 2500 square feet. 1 Bedroom and bath downstairs. Premium pie shaped lot.

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DUBLIN

6420 EBENSBURG LANE **$699,000**

3 bedrooms, 2 baths, +/-1815 square feet, nicely updated, corner lot, side access

SHEILA CUNHA **925.462.5432**



PLEASANTON

5066 INDEPENDENCE DRIVE **$1,369,000**

Stunner! in Ventana Hills 5bedrooms/3bath with 3 car garage on a large corner lot near park. Has granite & marble everywhere. House is turnkey and is a MUST SEE!

MICHAEL TESSARO **925.519.9099**



DUBLIN

6604 CONESTOGA LANE **$417,500**

Cute and charming 2 story end unit condo with 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1 attached garage with fireplace. Centrally located close to commute routes and shopping.

MICHAEL TESSARO **925.519.9099**



PLEASANTON

2810 CAMINO SEGURA **$899,000**

5 bedroom, 3 bath , +/- 2,311sq ft, New carpet, New granite countertop, Refinished hardwood floor, New paint, Sparkling pool in the backyard, near park, tennis court

SANG KANG **925.200.3939**



SAN RAMON

1299 USTILAGO DRIVE **$1,049,000**

4 Bed, 2.5 Bath, +/- 2225 Sq. Ft. Breathtaking Golf Course View with Alvord lake Model in Gale Ranch, Highly Upgraded, Granite Countertops in Kitchen, Cozy Family Room.

DIANE SHIN **408.204.1844**



RODEO

775 EDWARD WERTH DRIVE **$635.000**

5 bedrooms, 3 baths, +/- 2353 Sq. Ft. Huge home with Vaulted Ceilings, Spacious Master with walk in closets. Located in nice quiet neighborhood.

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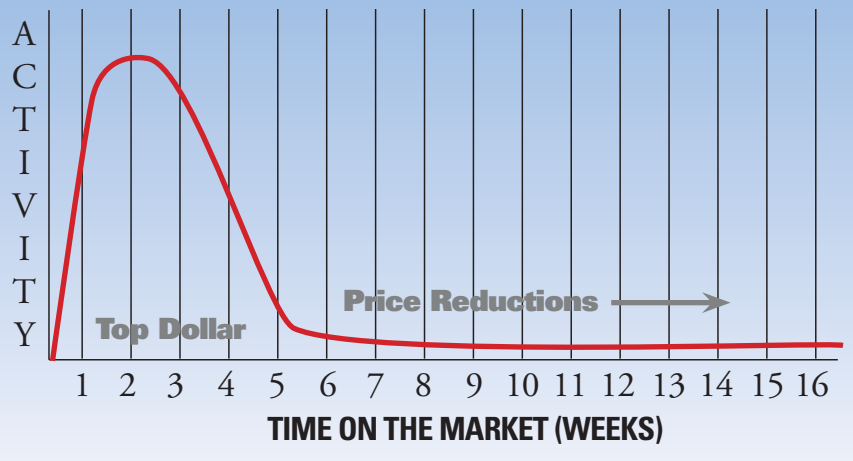
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PLEASANTON WEEKLY OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

For an online version with mapping or to list your open home go to: www.PleasantonWeekly.com/real_estate

DUBLIN

1 Bedrooms

4303 Clarinbridge Cr.		**$484,950**
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200

2 Bedrooms

3240 Maguire Wy. #122		**$555,000**
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2304

3 Bedrooms

7128 Cross Creek Cr. #D		**$499,500**
Sun 1-4	Windermere	200-1454
7583 Sutton Ln.		**$628,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	735-7653
6614 Ebensburg Ln.		**$659,000**
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	260-2220

4 Bedrooms

8325 Creekside Dr.		**$$1,197,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	583-1121
2977 Glen Abbey Pl.		**$1,310,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4	Prudential CA-Earl Rozran	876-6575
10894 Inspiration Cir.		**$1,575,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	735-7653
11385 Bloomington Wy.		**$870,000**
Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	417-2250

5 Bedrooms

5583 Crestridge Terrace		**$1,079,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff	251-2500
2801 E. Castle Pines Terr.		**$1,649,900**
Sun 1-4	Prudential	249-6831
5827 Signal Hill Dr.		**$1,749,900**
Sun 1-4	Prudential	249-6831

LIVERMORE

3 Bedrooms

263 Swan Dr.		**$$539,950**
Sat/Sun 1-430	Windermere-Andrew Martin	719-4767
367 Lee St.		**$579,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	339-3077
521 Swan Dr.		**$585,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	621-4048
730 Falcon Way		**$585,000**
Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	963-8322
5268 Desiree Ave.		**$625,000**
Sun 2-5	Century 21	784-9463

4 Bedrooms

2636 Lucca Ct.		**$1,295,000**
Sat 1-4	Prudential CA	417-2250
1665 Quail Ct.		**$1,595,000**
Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	918-2912
668 Tanager Rd.		**$659,000**
Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	463-6145
575 Brookfield Dr.		**$679,950**
Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	455-7020
6625 Tiffany Common		**$699,500**
Sat 1-4	Hometown GMAC	426-3859
1236 Winding Stream Ct.		**$710,000**
Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	918-2912
4116 Camrose Ave.		**$885,000**
Sat 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200

5 Bedrooms

5581 Oakmont Cir.		**$615,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	735-7653

PLEASANTON

2 Bedrooms

7765 Canyon Meadow Cr. #E		**$444,900**
Sun 1-4	Prudential	249-6831
1897 Crestline Rd.		**$585,000**
Sun 1-4	Marc, Realty Experts	730-2445
4725 Stonedale Dr.		**$589,900**
Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	455-7000
5734 Belleza Dr.		**$599,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	583-1111

3 Bedrooms

4304 2nd St.		**$1,125,000**
Sun 1-4	Investment Real Estate Co.	846-0506
409 Neal		**$1,174,000**
Sun 12-3	Investment Real Estate Co.	846-0506
3231 Vineyard Ave #15		**$245,000**
Sat 1-4	ReMax Executive	759-4105
3263 Vineyard Ave #50		**$248,888**
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	216-7082
4143 Rennellwood Wy.		**$649,500**
Sun 1-4	Allied Brokers	872-8286
7325 Elmwood Cr.		**$759,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	251-1111
3110 Paseo Robles		**$779,990**
Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	463-6160
4517 Las Lomitas		**$798,500**
1-4	Hometown GMAC	426-3859
3446 Vermont Pl.		**$829,000**
Sun 1-4	Re/Max	997-8405
500 E. Angela St.		**$859,000**
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200

4 Bedrooms

415 Abbie St.		**$1,000,000**
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	577-5787
5083 Muirwood Dr.		**$1,029,950**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	251-1111
748 St. John Cr.		**$1,049,000**
Sun 1-4	Investment Real Estate Co.	846-0506
1332 Bordeaux		**$1,149,000**
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	858-1984
1839 Begonia Ct.		**$1,175,000**
Sun 130-430	Alain Pinel	583-1111
6283 Gibson Ct.		**$1,175,000**
Sun 130-430	Alain Pinel	621-4064
2781 Vista Diablo Ct.		**$1,349,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	846-6500
3035 Crestablanca Dr.		**$1,378,000**
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200
4466 2nd St.		**$1,699,000**
Sun 12-5	Investment Real Estate Co.	846-0506
814 Gray Fox		**$1,725,000**
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	858-1984

PLEASANTON

4 Bedrooms

2565 Arlotta Pl.		**$1,799,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	846-6500
871 Gray Fox Cr.		**$1,799,950**
Sun 1-4	Jackie Byerly	846-1234
6289 Garner Ct.		**$685,000**
Sat/Sun 12-4	Carole Wellbeloved	519-2310
1358 Santa Rita Rd.		**$699,000**
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200
181 Wildflower Ln.		**$749,888**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	251-1111
3944 Fairlands Dr.		**$820,000**
Sun 130-430	Alain Pinel	621-4064
2218 Via Espada		**$825,000**
Sun 1-4	Joby Gosney	454-2415
3560 Kirkcaldy St.		**$834,999**
Sun 1-4	Better Homes	963-1565
4920 Muirwood Dr.		**$840,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4	Prudential CA	417-2250
5 Jay Ct.		**$849,950**
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	200-3600
4673 Black Ave		**$925,000**
Sun 130-430	Alain Pinel	583-1111

5 Bedrooms

7233 Hickorywood Ln.		**$1,459,000**
Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	998-1638
4742 Arlene Pl.		**$1,479,000**
Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	963-8322
4726 Arlene Pl.		**$1,539,000**
Sun 1-4	Jackie Byerly	846-1234
3116 Devereux Ct.		**$1,698,000**
Sun 1-4	Hometown GMAC	872-1416
2565 Arlotta Pl.		**$1,799,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	846-6500
576 Sycamore Creek Wy.		**$1,799,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	846-6500

SAN RAMON

4 Bedrooms

422 Devon Ct.		**$739,000**
Sun 1-4	Prudential	249-0301
7366 Sedgefield Ave.		**$875,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4	Prudential	577-0913

5 Bedrooms

100 Avalon Ct.		**$1,199,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	735-7653
809 Pipers Brook Ct.		**$1,249,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	791-2600

ALAMO

3 Bedrooms

301 Vernal Dr.		**$1,750,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	791-2600

4 Bedrooms

26 Via Alondra		**$1,389,999**
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	858-1984
291 Davey Crockett Ct.		**$1,395,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	457-4551
46 Vista Ln.		**$1,465,000**
Sun 130-430	J. Rockcliff Realtors	672-2499
180 Bolla Ave.		**$1,499,000**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	791-2600

5 Bedrooms

10 Ray Ct.		**$1,298,500**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	791-2600

BLACKHAWK

3 Bedrooms

3048 Live Oak Ct.		**$995,000**
Sun 2-5	J. Rockcliff Realtors	648-5342

6 Bedrooms

5077 Blackhawk Dr.		**$2,850,000**
Sun 130-430	J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411

DANVILLE

2 Bedrooms

200 El Dorado Ave., #17		**$430,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	997-0806
2123 Myrtle Beach Ln.		**$669,950**
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	577-5787

3 Bedrooms

44 Tennis Club		**$1,369,000**
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	200-7200
68 Heather Garden Ln.		**$688,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4060
1954 S. Forest Hill Pl.		**$699,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	830-3999
56 Summer Hill Ct.		**$709,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-8411
213 Wood Valley Pl.		**$729,000**
Sat 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	457-4551
263 W. El Pintado		**$849,950**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	977-8965
66 Stonington Ct.		**$949,900**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4118

4 Bedrooms

309 Greenbrook Dr.		**$1,029,990**
Sun 1-4	Assist 2 Sell	339-3500
718 St. George Rd.		**$1,375,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	451-7287
3819 Cottonwood Dr.		**$1,439,000**
Sun 1-4	Keller Williams	858-1984
129 Sunhaven Rd.		**$1,639,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	736-1666
30 Toyon Ter.		**$1,699,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	998-8262
40 Kendall Ln.		**$1,749,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	413-1068

DANVILLE

4 Bedrooms

5950 Bruce Dr.		**$3,998,000**
Sun 130-430	Alain Pinel	209-3451
3471 Cumberland Gap Ct.		**$689,500**
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel	846-6500

DANVILLE

4 Bedrooms

213 Monte Carlo Wy.		**$989,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	997-0842

5 Bedrooms

809 Richard Ln.		**$1,050,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4049
24 Campbell Pl.		**$1,600,000**
Sun 130-430	J. Rockcliff Realtors	683-9799
3 Westward Ln.		**$1,679,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4164
881 El Pintado Rd.		**$2,675,000**
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4115
29 Meadow Lake Dr.		**$2,998,000**
Sun 130-430	Alain Pinel	209-3451
306 Las Quebradas Ln.		**$3,499,000**
Sun 130-430	Alain Pinel	366-9555
1901 Peters Ranch Rd.		**$5,998,000**
Sun 130-430	Alain Pinel	209-3451

CASTRO VALLEY

4 Bedrooms

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VISTA DIABLO



2781 VISTA DIABLO COURT, PLEASANTON

Extensively remodeled single level on court location. Backs to open space. Upgraded four bedroom, three bath home. Approximately 2,800 square feet. Beautiful all new gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops, large island with sink, custom cherry cabinetry, and built-in Sub-Zero Refrigerator. Whole house audio system, great for entertaining. Remodeled spacious master suite, custom travertine heated flooring, cherry cabinets, steam shower, jetted spa tub, and walk-in closet with built in organizers. New carpeting throughout. Hardwood flooring, crown molding, dual pane windows and upgraded baseboards throughout. Extensive built-ins throughout. Beautifully landscaped with expansive deck. Just minutes to Livermore Wineries, Ruby Hill, Castlewood Country Club and Downtown Pleasanton. **OFFERED AT $1,349,000**

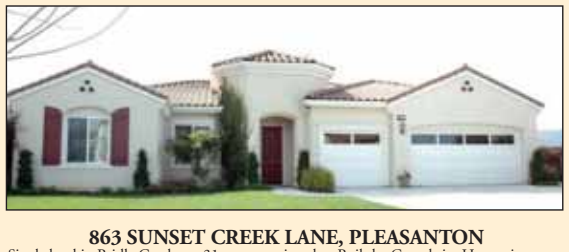
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1015 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

Stunning Sycamore Heights home on premium +/- half acre lot. Desirable Castellano model, built by Summerhill Homes in 2005. Panoramic Views of Pleasanton Ridge and Mt. Diablo. Five bedrooms plus private office. Five and a half bathrooms. Approximately 5,0.00 square feet. Expansive private rear yard with in ground pool, built in fireplace and barbeque area. Large gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops, cherry cabinets and stainless steel appliances. Large master suite with retreat area. Balcony views. French doors to courtyards off formal living and dining rooms. Distressed wide plank wood flooring. plantation shutters. Minutes from downtown Pleasanton. Close to freeway access. **OFFERED AT $2,295,000**

BRIDLE CREEK



863 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

Single level in Bridle Creek on .31 acre premium lot. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2001. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private rear yard with built in pool and spa. Beautifully landscaped. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, custom built-ins. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park.**OFFERED AT $1,729,000**

BRIDLE CREEK



576 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON

Beautiful Bridle Creek home on .34 acre lot with professional landscaping and in-ground pool/spa. Popular large Avalon model with five bedrooms, formal office, loft area and 5.5 bathrooms. Approximately 4476 square feet, plus 400 square foot guest house/casita. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab counters and maple cabinets. Close to Downtown Pleasanton and Castlewood Country Club. Great house, great price! **OFFERED AT $1,799,000**

VALLEY TRAILS



3471 CUMBERLAND GAP COURT, PLEASANTON

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ROY DRONKERS — **BY APPOINTMENT**



SUNOL **$3,100,000**
Breathtaking English Tudor Estate on 3.5+/-acres with panoramic views. 5bd/5ba. 7000+/-sf. Bonus room, exercise room, office/library off master suite, wine cellar.

LINDA TRAURIG — **BY APPOINTMENT**



PLEASANTON **$1,999,000**
Lovely 6bd/4ba, 2 partial bath home in Ruby Hills! Fireplaces in FR/LR/master bedroom has a raised hearth. 1bd/1.5ba downstairs, laundry facility and attached garage. Covered patio and side yard.

DOUGLAS BUENZ — **BY APPOINTMENT**



PLEASANTON **$1,899,900**
Pristine elegant custom home nestled in the hills of West Pleasanton featuring 5 bedrooms plus bonus room, 4 1/2 baths, 3 car garage, and a large private wooded lot at the end of a quiet street.

BLAISE LOFLAND — **OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



PLEASANTON **$1,799,000**
Best location in Laguna Oaks! 5bd/3.5ba bonus/media room (5th), 3886+/-sf. Downstairs master. Premium .40+/-acre lot. Private, park-like rear yard. Beautifully landscaped. 2565 Arlotta Place

BLAISE LOFLAND — **BY APPOINTMENT**



PLEASANTON **$1,799,000**
Beautiful Bridle Creek home on .34+/- acre. Large Avalon model. 4476+/-sf plus casita. 5bd/5.5ba. In-ground pool/spa. Gourmet kitchen with granite. Close to downtown and Castlewood Country Club.

KIM OTT — **OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



DUBLIN **$1,197,000**
Gorgeous 4bd/3ba plus bonus room 3606+/-sf two story home nestled in the hills of West Dublin. Hardwood floors, decorator tile in entry, beautiful pebble tech pool. 8325 Creekside Drive

MOXLEY TEAM — **OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30**



PLEASANTON **$1,175,000**
4bd/3ba, plus a loft or optional 5th bd, 2541+/-sf. New kitchen with granite counters, dinette area, side yard access and pool, 3 car garage. Jack and Jill baths. 1bd/1full bath downstairs. 1839 Begonia Ct

MOXLEY TEAM — **OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30**



PLEASANTON **$949,500**
4bd/2.5ba "Monterey Model" 2,087+/-sf. Updated from top to bottom. Granite kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors, recessed lighting, indoor laundry, central air. 4673 Black Ave

SALLY MARTIN — **BY APPOINTMENT**



PLEASANTON **$845,000**
Desirable single story 4bd/2ba, 2023+/-sf home. Many upgrades. Charming breakfast nook with a built in cabinet. Kitchen opens to family room with brick fireplace. Side yard access.

DOUGLAS BUENZ — **BY APPOINTMENT**



PLEASANTON **$774,000**
Charming 4bd/3ba home with remodeled cherry/granite/stainless kitchen, upgraded baths, hardwood floors, luxurious master suite, and private lot on quiet street near downtown Pleasanton

MOXLEY TEAM — **BY APPOINTMENT**



PLEASANTON **$690,000**
4bd/2ba 1,607+/-sf. Close to new park, Donlon Elementary School. Hardwood flooring, cedar lined closet, gas fireplace, central air, newly landscaped yard, recessed lighting.

MAUREEN NOKES — **BY APPOINTMENT**



DUBLIN **$685,000**
Former model for the popular Napoli 3bd/3ba plan. Fabulous model upgrades. Cherry kitchen cabinets, stainless appliances, slab granite. Two car attached garage. End unit terrace overlooks the park.

ESTHER BECKER — **OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



PLEASANTON **$599,000**
Pristine single lower level, no upstairs neighbors townhome in Verona. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1381+/-sf. Attached one car garage, formal living and dining room. Large gourmet kitchen. 5734 Belleza Dr

MARY JANE DEERING — **BY APPT**



DUBLIN **$519,000**
Master bedroom downstairs. Loft/second bedroom upstairs. Fireplace. Corian counters in kitchen, newer appliances, new flooring in 2006. Walk-in closet in master. Great location. 1 car garage!

MARY JANE DEERING — **BY APPT**



PLEASANTON **$474,000**
2bd/2ba condo in the west hills of Pleasanton. Upgraded kitchen with slab granite, pergo floors, new appliances and all interior paint. One car garage. Serene location. Community facilities. Hurry!

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