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Club president Ken Morgan stands with the donkey rocking chair. Modeled like the famous character from the Shrek movies, it will be raffled off at the club's juried carving show on Sunday.



The carved dragon (above and right photos) were handmade by Ken Morgan for Vintage Hills Elementary School.

Club keeps art of wood carving alive

Work to be displayed at the Senior Center on Sunday

by Emily Atwood

For Richard Taylor, wood carving is the frosting on the cake of a favorite hobby.

He enjoys working with wood and shared his passion with others as an adult wood shop teacher for many years. It wasn't until about 20 years ago that someone suggested he give carving a try.

Even though he doesn't get to do it much these days—maybe carving details on a chair—he said he's hooked.

Along with about 40 others in the Tri-Valley area, he's a part of the Tri-Valley Woodcarvers club. They meet every Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Senior Center to carve, share tips and sometimes hold mini workshops.

"When you sit by yourself, you never learn anything," Taylor said. "You start sharing and learning a lot. [The club] is kind of a support group."

The club joined the California Carvers Guild in 1972 and has maintained the mission of teaching, sharing and promoting the art of woodcarving.

Ken Morgan, club president, agrees that the club is about more than just a shared hobby.

"Most members of our club share the love of woodcarving and the people," he said.

Morgan's start in carving came in 1999 while he and his family were living in England. Always having liked the look of an English carousel animal, he asked an English carousel restoration artist if he could buy an animal. Being offended by the comment, Morgan remembers the man's parting words: "If you like carousel animals, you should learn to carve them yourself."

Upon moving back to the United States in 2000, he signed up for a carving class through the city's parks and recreation department.

Although technically, to the California Carvers Guild, his awards have earned him an advanced carver title, club members refer to him as a master. And he says he likes each project to be in the spirit of what got him into the craft in the first place.

"Personally, I like to make each new project a challenge," he said. "It forces me to grow as a carver. If I am making presents or maybe a raffle prize I try to personalize it as much as possible."

One particular project was a small carousel horse for a friends wedding present, which he added the couple's birthstones, heart shaped buckles and a saddle blanket to match the bridesmaids' dresses. While it's hard to name a favorite, he said that project always ranks high.

Morgan's current project is a rocking "horse." It isn't just any rocking horse, but the donkey from the popular "Shrek" movies. Upon completion, it will be painted and put on rockers.

The rocking donkey will be raffled off at the Tri-Valley Woodcarvers' annual juried carving show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, at the senior center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

A variety of carvings will be displayed and sold and there will also be a whittling contest. Vendors will also be on hand to sell carving tools, finishing supplies and carving supplies, as well as other wares related to wood carving. Admission is \$2.

Although woodcarving may be considered a lost or soon-to-be lost art, Morgan said they are constantly coming across carvers or those who would like to learn more. The club is hoping to keep the interest alive, including working with Girl Scouts and Boy Scout troops and 4-H groups, conducting talks and workshops, and being visible at various events.

Taylor also adds that participation and interest is not limited by gender, as several women participate in the carving club.

For more information about the club, visit www.tri-valleycarvers.com or call Taylor at 846-3647 or Morgan at 462-6586.



Now Showing

Into the Wild

★★★★

Rated: R for language, nudity and mature themes
2 hours, 27 minutes

Sean Penn steps behind the camera to craft one of the most powerful films of the year—say hello to Oscar.

With tremendous skill and imagination Penn unspools a great American tragedy, the true story of 22-year-old establishment dropout Chris McCandless (Emile Hirsch).

McCandless was freshly graduated from Emory University with a promising future at Harvard Law when he ditched his privileged lifestyle in favor of an unforeseen odyssey into the wild.

His goal was complete emancipation from a false sense of security, from the very essence of things that cut him off from a true—and ostensibly meaningful—existence.

McCandless cashed in his college fund and abruptly donated all \$24,000 to Oxfam. Thus the ties were cut, from his judgmental parents (William Hurt and Marcia Gay Harden) and his sister/partner-in-crime, Carine (Jena Malone). McCandless hit the road with a vengeance; his car was found abandoned in the Arizona desert and his parents notified law enforcement to no avail.

The simple beauties of the country were too

good to pass up, but there was inner splendor to discover as well. McCandless' coiled disillusionment was a weighty travel companion, its layers shed along with his worldly possessions. The printed stylings of Tolstoy, London and Thoreau fed the mind while a bevy of bohemian travelers (Catherine Keener, Vince Vaughn and Hal Holbrook in fine performances) served as a social life.

From the mean streets of Los Angeles and the Southwestern deserts to the wheat fields of South Dakota and beyond, McCandless ultimately found himself exactly where he wanted to be: completely off the grid in the isolated wilderness of Alaska.

Penn's touch is aggressive and self-assured, crafted with a clever intelli-

gence. His screenplay, based on Jon Krakauer's evocative novel, makes a subtle but sound case for McCandless' desperate desire to reach the core of his being through new and fresh experiences.

Carine's voice-over signals a pregnant family sadness in direct contrast to McCandless' burgeoning liberation. Eddie Vedder's moody melodies reflect internal struggle and spiritual awakening.

Hirsch is nothing short of a revelation, his fervent commitment to the project both painful and profound. The might of the film's emotions is breathlessly hypnotic; I was fixed to my seat long after the lights came up.

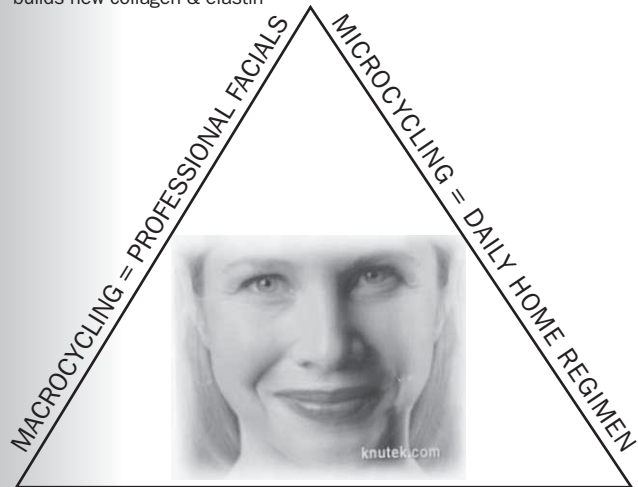
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Oktoberfest: Pleasanton style

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Whether celebrating German heritage or just trying local microbrews, the Pleasanton Downtown Association invites you to the inaugural Oktoberfest from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7. It's the first time Oktoberfest has been officially celebrated downtown and will have a hometown touch.

Pleasanton used to have a big celebration at the fairgrounds, according to Otis Nostrand, owner of The Hop Yard Alehouse and Grill. Starting mid September and continuing through mid October The Hop Yard features specialty foods and brewery nights with German beers and brewers in Oktoberfest mugs.

He also mentioned hearing that about 40 guys flew over to Germany to experience the cultural celebration firsthand.

For those who are unable to hop on a plane, head on over to Main Street instead. Festivities will take over the Cheese Factory building parking lot at 830 Main St. (behind the Main Street Brewery). While sipping a variety of beers, including Becks and local microbrews, enjoy the sounds of dance and top 40s band, Public Eye. To really get in the Oktoberfest spirit, the Oompah Quartet will play old fashioned polka music and the ladies from Harmony Fusion Chorus will sing a song or two.

As to why Pleasanton hasn't had big parties in the past, Nostrand said it's about the nature of how

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it's celebrated.

"A lot of people are worried about doing a little too much and getting into trouble," he said, adding that liability issues can make party planners wary.

Sunday's event isn't just about drinking beer. There will also be arts and crafts booths to satisfy the shopping urge.

Those who couldn't wait and shopped and dined downtown are also in luck. Receipts with a total of \$25 or more spent from Oct. 1-7 at any downtown establishment will be a raffle ticket for various prizes given throughout the afternoon.

This event, sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and Zzippes, is free and open to all. For more information call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

—Emily Atwood

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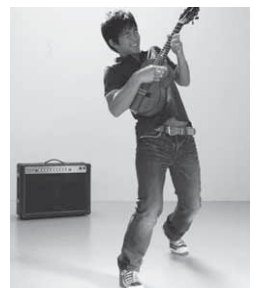
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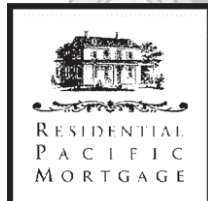
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Director: Judd Apatow

In these days when movies are becoming more like sitcoms and sitcoms are definitely becoming more like movies, curious results arise that could be why movie attendance is never what analysts expect it to be. Television shows, due to the inexpensive technology available at the moment, can produce programming that has a cinematic feel, with moodier lighting, special effects and great actors and, in Cable's case profanity and nudity which, when combined with the ever growing size of the TV screens, can produce an effect that is a lot more convenient and cheaper than a weekly movie habit. Meanwhile, to capture the growing TV market, a lot of movies now seem like network shows projected onto a screen that is 20 times larger than the one available at home; but, as the cliché goes, bigger is not definitely better (when it comes to the movies at least).

Director Judd Apatow's very good "Knocked Up" perfectly illustrates this evolving television hybrid and points the way of future movie-going. Apatow's 1999 show "Freaks and Geeks" was great cinematic television, detailing the lives of several 1981 Detroit suburban teenagers with such pathos and humor that it could be considered an Americanized "Masterpiece Theater" drama of a time that everyone may wish to forget. His 2001 show "Undeclared" also chronicled contemporary teens in their first year of college and all the egoistic goofiness that goes with it. Both shows but especially "Freak and Geeks" showed his penchant for the accuracy of anticlimactic life stories. Most episodes' dramas would go unresolved or linger until much further down the road, leaving the viewer with

a strange cathartic sense of deflatedness that usually accompanies most real-life issues.

"Knocked Up" has some of this credible frustration that takes place in a situation which, fortunately or unfortunately, many have encountered. It is the promotion to an announcer spot on "E!—Entertainment" that takes 20-something Alison Scott (Katherine Heigl) and her married sister Debbie (Leslie Mann) out on the town and into a club for a deserved girl's night. Meanwhile, slacker Ben Stone (Seth Rogen) and his equally disparate friends head to the same club and collide into a night of drinking with Alison. Only after many, many cocktails do Alison and Ben go back to her place and, in a moment of drunken misunderstanding about a prophylactic, the seeds of the story take root (pardon the double-entendre).

What makes "Knocked Up" so compelling and funny is the ease at which the characters communicate. Yes there is very raunchy language and scenarios but they feel entirely natural, so the viewer doesn't sense a scripted performance at times, but an all-too-real scene in which most of us may react. The comedy and drama is in the confusion that surrounds both Alison and Ben—what do you do when the baby is unintended and your life undetermined? There are a few truisms thrown out by well-intentioned friends along with many insults as well, but, Apatow, the lover of the undetermined, has to come down on one side of the fence and it's the side that feels most like what these great characters would do.

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Falcons take 3rd place at Castro Valley varsity tournament

Foothill girls come close, but defense fails to stop volleyball kills

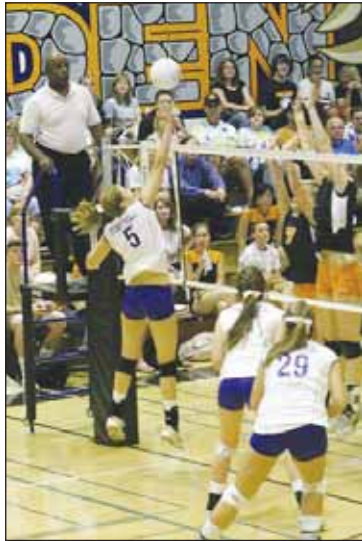
Foothill went undefeated in pool play, and won its first playoff match, before losing to Monte Vista in the semi-finals.

The Falcon's easily defeated their first opponent, Alcalanes. Strong serving by Kara Strickland and Alaynah Fiedler, and strong hitting by Betsy Sedlak and Strickland gave Foothill a 25-18 win. The Falcons won the second game 25-10 with a combination of strong serving (Strickland and Maya Martinez), kills (Sedlak, Strickland, Kari Boughton and Morgan McKinnon), blocks (Sedlak and Boughton), and digs (Sedlak, Strickland McKinnon and Andrea Davis).

Livermore was the Falcon's next victim. Sedlak's eight kills led the way on offense, and digs by Andrea, Cristen Carrell, Rodriguez Martinez, and Stephanie Seto held Livermore to 16 points in the first game. Foothill built up a 20-3 lead in the second game with ace serves by Sedlak, Whitnie, Martinez and Boughton and kills by Sedlak, Fiedler, Martinez, Cristen and Whitnie.

Foothill's final match in pool play was against San Ramon. Strickland's ace serves, Fiedler's block and San Ramon's errors gave the Falcon's a 9-2 lead. San Ramon scored four points to narrow the gap, but kills by Sedlak, an ace serve by Megan Woodruff and a kill by Martinez gave Foothill a five-point lead. The Wolves came back again and tied the game at 17. Strickland and Sedlak took over with aces (two for Strickland and one for Sedlak) and kills (one apiece) to win the first game 25-20.

Despite kills by Sedlak (five) and Strickland (one), two blocks apiece by Fiedler and Boughton, and digs by Strickland, Sedlak, Lauren Rodriguez and Martinez, the Wolves took advantage of



Foothill Boosters Club photo

Foothill Senior Kara Strickland stretches to reach ball for a pass to teammates who quickly moved in for the kill in Castro Valley tournament game against Alcalanes.

Foothill's nine errors and handed the Falcon's their first loss of the day (25-16). But the third game was a different story. Sedlak crushed five of Boughton's sets and killed two overpasses. Strickland served five straight points, including an ace. Foothill took the third game 15-10.

The Falcons faced James Logan for the second time that week in the first round of the playoffs. Once again, Strickland's serving gave Foothill an early lead. Sedlak's offense built the lead to 8-3. Great digs by Strickland (five), Fiedler, Boughton, Rodriguez and McKinnon helped Foothill maintain a seven-point lead. Kills by Strickland and a block by Martinez added to the lead. Martinez's 10 service points and Sedlak's offense gave Foothill a 25-8 win. Martinez started off the second game with

eight straight service points. Eleven errors by James Logan, and strong serving by Cristen Carrell and Andrea Davis (six straight points) gave Foothill the win 25-16.

The Falcons met the Mustangs in the semi finals. Boughton had 13 assists in the first game on kills by Sedlak (six), Strickland (four), Martinez (two), and Fiedler (one). Strickland and McKinnon led the defense with four digs each. Digs by Sedlak and Whitnie Larson, and blocks by Fiedler and Boughton added to the defense. Foothill took the first game 25-20.

A kill, an ace and Foothill errors gave Monte Vista an early lead in the second game. But strong offense (Sedlak's seven kills and Strickland's three) kept the Falcon's in the game. Great defense by Strickland and Rodriguez helped the Falcon's get to within one point of Monte Vista at 21-20. Sedlak added two more kills (she had more kills than the entire Monte Vista team), but the Wolves won 25-22.

Monte Vista served three early aces in the third game and added a few kills to jump out to a 10-3 lead. Boughton's ace serve and kills by Strickland and Sedlak got Foothill to within five points, but they couldn't close the gap and Monte Vista won 15-10.

Stats:

Kills: Sedlak-65, Strickland-23, Martinez-7, Fiedler-5, Boughton-4, McKinnon-2, Carrell-1, Larson-1
Aces: Strickland-9, Sedlak-8, Fiedler-3, Boughton-3, Martinez-3, Larson -3, Megan-1
Blocks: Sedlak-5, Boughton-5, Fiedler-4, Martinez-3, Larson -1
Assists: Boughton-89, Carrell -5, Fiedler-4
Record :10-4

—Jeb Bing

Team effort gives Dons a sweep

Sophomore Baker leads with 7 kills over Livermore Cowboys

Amador (14-2, 2-0) swept the visiting Livermore High Cowboys 25-11, 25-17 and 25-21 with a great team effort.

Sophomore opposite Nicole Baker led the Dons with seven kills and seniors Janelle Larson and Katie Gellerman dug six balls apiece. Amador's winning streak is now at 11 matches.

In game one, senior outside Sophia Dunworth broke the game open with her jump serve, getting six points in a row, two on aces, two on kills by Gellerman and one by 5'-10" freshman setter Kelsey Williams to give the Dons a 16-7 lead. After

exchanging sideouts, sophomore middle Jessica Atkins also served up six in a row to put the Dons up 23-8. Two kills by 6'-0" sophomore middle Grace Vickers and a block by Vickers and Williams helped the run. The Dons won the game 25-11.

Trailing 3-6 in game two, the Dons went on a tear and outscored the Cowboys 12-1 to take a 15-7 lead. Dunworth got eight service points in a row in the run. Junior opposite Molly McPherson made a diving one-handed dig to save a point, and kills by Vickers, Atkins and Williams provided the offense. With sophomore setter Kayla Nilon

setting the ball, senior outside Terri Wang converted her dig into a kill to give the Dons a 20-9 lead. Baker ended the game with a kill off the Livermore block, 25-17.

In game three, Nilon sent a kill to the deep corner to give the Dons a 13-8 lead. Freshman outside Rachel Kinnard got her third kill of the game giving the Dons an 18-13 advantage. Livermore stayed with the Dons and rallied to cut the lead to 22-21, but a kill by Dunworth for a sideout let Atkins finish the game with two service points and the Dons won the game and match 25-21.

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by
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ELEGANT SIMPLICITY

Every season has its fads. Sometimes, it seems that just about everyone is filling his and her home with carpets and furniture that are brown and rust-colored, as earth tones rise to the top of the desirable color schemes hit parade. Other times, the carpets are stripped away and replaced by tile flooring. Earth-toned furniture makes way for mauves and greens. And on and on.

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Home builders' association chief wants action on economy

Urges Feds to help restore consumer, investor confidence

by Jeb Bing

Brian Catalde, president of the National Association of Home Builders, told his association's board of directors this week that the country's August employment figures show that the national economy suffered a decline in payroll employment for the first time in nearly four years, including a large drop of 23,000 jobs in residential construction.

"In light of the significant decline in employment reported (for August), NAHB and its 2,800 board members call on the administration, Congress and federal regulators—along with stakeholders in the private sector—to work in concert to prevent further deterioration in the housing market and erosion of growth in the



nation's economy," Catalde said.

"Today's job report jolted Wall Street, demonstrating the paramount importance of restoring consumer and investor confidence in the U.S. economy and housing market," he added. ■

Mortgage problems continue to hamper pending home sales

NAR index shows year-to-year drop biggest in the West

by Jeb Bing

Pending sales of existing-homes activity will be dampened near-term as mortgage disruptions continue to impact the housing market, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator, fell 6.5 percent to a reading of 85.5 from an upwardly revised 91.4 in July, based on contracts signed in August. It was 21.5 percent below the August 2006 index of 108.9.

Lawrence Yun, NAR senior economist, said the mortgage market impact is quantifiable.

"Fewer contracts were being written because of mortgage availability issues, and a separate internal survey of our members shows more than 10 percent of sales contracts fell through at the last moment in August, primarily the result of canceled loan commitments," he said.

"The volume of activity we're seeing today is below sustainable market fundamentals because some creditworthy people are trying to buy homes but can't because of the credit crunch," he added.

"The impact was greater in high-cost markets that are more dependent on jumbo mortgages," Yun explained. "In some areas, as much as 30 percent of signed contracts were falling through in August when the credit crunch problem peaked. The problem has since become less severe, though jumbo loan rates are still higher than they would be under normal conditions. Therefore, sales activity in late fall will better reflect market fundamentals."

In his report, NAR representative Walter Molony wrote that the index is a leading indicator for the housing sector, based on pending sales of existing homes. A sale is

listed as pending when the contract has been signed but the transaction has not closed, though the sale usually is finalized within one or two months of signing.

Annual changes in the index are more closely related to actual market performance than are month-to-month comparisons. As the relatively new index matures and seasonal adjustment factors are refined, the month-to-month comparisons will become more meaningful.

An index of 100 is equal to the average level of contract activity during 2001, which was the first year to be examined as well as the first of five consecutive record years for existing-home sales.

The PHSI in the West was down 2.7 percent in August to 80.3 and was 27.1 percent below a year ago. In the Midwest, the index fell 2.9 percent from July to 78.1 and is 18.0 percent lower than August 2006. The index in the Northeast fell 8.3 percent in August to 77.3 and was 18.3 percent below a year ago. In the South, the index dropped 9.5 percent in August to 97.8 and was 21.3 percent below August 2006.

The Pending Home Sales Index is based on a large national sample, typically representing about 20 percent of transactions for existing-home sales. In developing the model for the index, it was demonstrated that the level of monthly sales-contract activity from 2001 through 2004 parallels the level of closed existing-home sales in the following two months. There is a closer relationship between annual index changes (from the same month a year earlier) and year-ago changes in sales performance than with month-to-month comparisons.

The forecast will be revised Oct. 10, and existing-home sales for September will be released Oct. 24. The next Pending Home Sales Index will be on Nov. 1. ■

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Sales at a Glance

Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Total sales reported: 11	Total sales reported: 13	Total sales reported: 16	Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$360,000	Lowest sale reported: \$374,500	Lowest sale reported: \$375,000	Lowest sale reported: \$300,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,656,500	Highest sale reported: \$1,150,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,487,500	Highest sale reported: \$1,446,000
Average sales reported: \$863,136	Average sales reported: \$652,769	Average sales reported: \$661,500	Average sales reported: \$885,150

Home Sales

This week's data represents homes sold during August 2007

Pleasanton

- 3796 Angus Way** E. Chiu to S. Huang for \$802,000
- 3849 Brockton Drive** M. Beltran to T. Kinder for \$360,000
- 5308 Brookside Court** Ghidossi Trust to Gundermann Trust for \$560,000
- 3389 Harpers Ferry Court** Cartus Relocation to M. Traynor for \$765,000
- 6869 Inglewood Court** A. & L. Hudak to R. & R. Estevez for \$692,500
- 1448 Irongate Court** Ponderosa Homes to T. & M. Miller for \$1,656,500
- 1454 Irongate Court** Ponderosa Homes to A. & C. Nieto for \$1,575,000
- 3721 Marlboro Way** Seller(s) Name Not Available to M. Beltran for \$489,500
- 705 St. John Circle** M. Kenyon to S. & C. Weissberg for \$1,050,000
- 5933 Sterling Greens Circle** J. & T. Kim to E. & M. Schwantes for \$930,000
- 1461 Tringham Drive** D. McMurphy to G. Olson for \$614,000

- 7084 Portage Road** Alameida Trust to T. & A. Storm for \$620,000

- 3581 Rocking Horse Court** Pfeiffer Ranch Investors to S. Zhang for \$776,500
- 5055 Royal Pines Way** Seller(s) Name Not Available to J. & S. Cho for \$1,150,000
- 8919 San Ramon Road** Braddock & Logan to E. & J. Ng for \$374,500
- 7754 Starward Drive** B. & J. Martinez to J. Cisneros for \$585,000

Livermore

- 1079 Arrowhead Avenue** T. & J. Johnson to R. Harris for \$452,000
- 2068 Cabernet Way** Arroyo Crossing to L. & L. Guinchard for \$1,487,500
- 1785 Dawn Street** Seller(s) Name Not Available to T. & K. Weber for \$555,000
- 1130 Hollyhock Street** E. & L. Campbell to T. & J. Johnson for \$530,000
- 5968 Kim Court** Wells Fargo Bank to R. & J. Tobeck for \$651,500
- 4737 Maureen Circle** Gronski Trust to Fenn Trust for \$675,000
- 2031 Mercury Road** Schaefer Trust to P. & M. Bremer for \$680,000
- 12112 Mines Road** S. & C. Peterson to D. & L. Timmons for \$1,055,000
- 341 North N Street** E. Leon to G. & M. Greenman for \$380,000
- 153 Northwood Commons** J. Gopalan to R. Alameida for \$470,000
- 5528 Oakmont Circle** Seller(s) Name Not Available to R. Gundred for \$530,000
- 2959 Rivers Bend Circle** Arroyo Crossing to M. & C. Mirra for \$848,500
- 749 Sandpiper Common** A. & L. Hill to D. Olek for \$389,500
- 661 South H Street** K. Cheung to J. & R. Rosa for \$375,000
- 2896 Vine Court** J. & T. Adkins to S. & C. Peterson for \$1,010,000

Dublin

- 5489 Bellevue Circle** J. & Y. Kim to M. & M. Asgharnia for \$875,000
- 4094 Cermanho Court** M. Pathak to F. & M. Aquino for \$745,000
- 7708 Chantilly Drive** Chantilly Drive Venture to S. Schulze for \$440,000
- 7310 Cronin Circle** M. Berry to K. Chin for \$412,500
- 8014 Galaxy Way** Seller(s) Name Not Available to D. Phillips for \$635,000
- 11829 Kilcullin Court** Tenir Limited to Wakefield Trust for \$517,500
- 3393 Monaghan Street** A. Carathimas to D. Wong for \$510,000
- 3495 Palermo Way** Sorrento at Dublin Ranch to J. & M. Lange for \$845,000

- 2755 Wellingham Drive** L. Hood to M. Brooks for \$495,000

San Ramon

- 1465 Allamere Drive** T. & Y. Wu to S. Kim for \$915,000
- 232 Atheana Court** Seller(s) Name Not Available to R. Choi for \$1,060,000
- 404 Bridle Court** Davidon Homes to P. & L. Bernie for \$1,361,500
- 3228 Browntail Way** Shapell Industries to J. Uyeyama for \$766,000
- 3311 Browntail Way** Shapell Homes to Z. Zhou for \$771,000
- 6317 Byron Lane** Centex Homes to T. Dang for \$640,000
- 3104 Cedarwood Loop** Shapell Industries to D. Koon for \$680,000
- 2869 Enfield Street** Brookfield Saville to P. Muttineni for \$795,000
- 5078 Holborn Way** Centex Homes to S. Suh for \$1,171,500
- 5086 Holborn Way** Seller(s) Name Not Available to S. & P. Shah for \$1,446,000
- 1057 Hoskins Lane** Lennar Homes to K. & A. Gwin for \$1,011,000
- 104 Lucy Lane** Seller(s) Name Not Available to Danze Trust for \$900,500
- 2764 Marsh Drive** Cooney Trust to B. & L. Davies for \$670,000
- 2372 Millstream Lane** J. Stark to J. & K. Schock for \$617,000
- 6235 Murdock Way** Lennar Homes to P. Owen for \$968,000
- 700 Prestwick Court** Lennar Homes to Q. Tran for \$899,500
- 115 Reflections Drive #18** Seller(s) Name Not Available to E. Hirsch for \$300,000
- 809 Thayer Court** Centex Homes to M. & S. McLaughlin for \$1,405,000
- 165 Valdivia Circle** Seller(s) Name Not Available to N. & R. Yamada for \$650,000
- 347 Winterwind Circle** Seller(s) Name Not Available to S. Taylor for \$676,000



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DUBLIN

1 Bedrooms

3718 Finnian Wy. **\$469,500**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

2 Bedrooms

4934 Hibernia Dr. **\$499,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4125

3 Bedrooms

11750 Silvergate Dr. **\$618,888**
Sun 2-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 202-5508

4513 Peacock Ct. **\$798,500**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

4 Bedrooms

3227 South Bridgepointe **\$1,059,000**
Sat 1-4 Hometown GMAC 997-2411

8333 Creekside Dr. **\$1,100,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

10894 Inspiration Cir. **\$1,450,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 398-0234

7788 Woodren Ct. **\$699,888**
Sun 1-4 Re/Max- Marta Miranda 600-0698

11631 Manzanita Ln. **\$729,000**
Sun 1-4 Tri Valley Brokers 743-8333

4051 Cassata Pl. **\$738,888**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Re/Max 580-8011

5 Bedrooms

3120 Colebrook Ln. **\$1,195,000**
Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel 785-1586

LIVERMORE

2 Bedrooms

2288 Segundo Ct. #3 **\$339,500**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

812 Mohawk Dr. **\$509,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

748 Lido **\$599,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 ReMax / Accord 997-8001

6490 Aspenwood Wy. **\$639,950**
Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 200-4130

4 Bedrooms

176 Alden Lane **\$1,145,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 918-2045

2648 St. Helena Ct. **\$1,249,582**
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 525-0116

2199 Calibria Ct. **\$1,425,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 200-6922

6608 Tiffany Cmn. **\$569,000**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 963-8322

766 Catalina Dr. **\$799,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 487-1427

5 Bedrooms

1633 Laguna Creek Ln. **\$1,990,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

5679 Dresslar Cir. **\$879,000**
Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel 398-6706

PLEASANTON

2 Bedrooms

3951 Vierra St. **\$1,829,999**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111

5116 Orsini Ct. **\$612,000**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3889

3 Bedrooms

5484 Black Ave **\$499,000**
Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell 339-3500

7320 Stonedale Dr. **\$595,000**
Sun 1-4 Help-U-Sell PV 462-5950

6386 Shorewood Ct. **\$650,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

3590 Florian St. **\$699,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3889

3637 Touriga Dr. **\$724,950**
Sun 1-4 Allied Brokers 846-3755

4332 Diavila Ave. **\$739,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Remax 209-7856

4002 Moselle Ct. **\$779,000**
Sat 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3859

4 Bedrooms

1397 Whispering Oaks Wy. **\$1,059,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 846-6500

681 St. John Pl. **\$1,069,000**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30
Alain Pinel - Moxley Team 621-4064

3302 Prairie Dr. **\$1,125,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

307 Brianne Ct. **\$1,249,000**
Sun 2:30-5
Century 21 Mission-Bishop Real Estate 699-9508

3826 Singletree Ct. **\$650,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4390

5703 San Antonio St. **\$799,950**
Sun 1-4
Alain Pinel-Barraclough & Davis 621-4097

7355 Jaybrook Ct. **\$805,000**
Sun 1-4:30 Alain Pinel 216-0454

1530 Ridgewood Rd. **\$819,000**
Sun 1-4 UCB / Brian Wright 417-7138

4908 Blackbird Way **\$824,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4
Keller Williams - Donna Garrison 397-4165

3730 Crofters Ct. **\$840,000**
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 200-7210

4816 Funston Gate Ct. **\$875,000**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3859

748 St. John Cr. **\$Call for price**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 519-3534

5 Bedrooms

657 Varese Ct. **\$1,895,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 202-6298

5725 Ohana Pl. **\$2,097,500**
Sat/Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel 846-6500

1774 Paseo Del Cajon **\$850,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 586-5456

6 Bedrooms

8506 Lupine Ct. **\$2,899,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111

SAN RAMON

2 Bedrooms

9024 Craydon Cr. **\$265,000**
Sat 1-4 UCB / Brian Wright 417-7138

108A Norris Canyon Pl. **\$417,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-2508

6213 Lakeview Cir. **\$629,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165

124 Cortona Dr. **\$759,000**
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-9799

3 Bedrooms

202 Plumpointe Ln. **\$624,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

2721 Moet Ln. **\$750,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 735-7653

918 Springview Cir. **\$750,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

3250 Vera Cruz **\$810,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 858-3829

4549 Sweetgale Dr. **\$849,500**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

531 Riviera Pl. **\$849,900**
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 487-6211

440 Hampton Ct. **\$949,000**
Sun 1-5 Intero 855-4096

4 Bedrooms

3106 Tewksbury Wy. **\$1,080,000**
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30
J. Rockcliff Realtors 336-6377

721 Bowen Ct. **\$1,095,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 984-3992

88 Shaw Pl. **\$719,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

2444 Talavera Dr. **\$749,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 977-8965

2212 Maindenhair Wy. **\$819,000**
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 734-5000

6820 Aberdale Cir. **\$825,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 735-7653

3161 Wrangler Rd. **\$836,000**
Sun 1-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 735-7653

27 Rainbow Bridge Ct. **\$849,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 735-7653

2463 Canyon Lakes Dr. **\$864,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

1182 Bellingham Square **\$868,000**
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 838-2239

8075 Briar Oaks Dr. **\$884,500**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

154 Sussex **\$975,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165

4025 Canyon Crest Rd. W. **\$999,500**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

5 Bedrooms

901 Regency Ct. **\$1,329,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3337

5343 Cypress Hawk Ct. **\$2,399,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 786-3396

25 Cree Ct. **\$969,000**
Sun 1-4 Empire 217-3108

ALAMO

4 Bedrooms

46 Vista Ln. **\$1,385,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 672-2499

2052 Pebble Dr. **\$1,899,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 586-5456

5 Bedrooms

4055 Stone Valley Oaks Dr. **\$2,399,900**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 621-4045

BLACKHAWK

3 Bedrooms

35 Sugar Pine Ln. **\$1,148,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

5483 Blackhawk Dr. **\$3,495,000**
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 838-2239

DANVILLE

3 Bedrooms

120 Montair Ct. **\$1,695,000**
Sun 2-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 672-2499

114 Heritage Park Dr. **\$655,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 200-5026

1362 Fountain Springs Cir. **\$759,900**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4046

344 Casablanca St. **\$825,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-7866

396 St. Norbert Dr. **\$869,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4049

4 Bedrooms

668 Park Hill Rd. **\$1,389,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4123

441 Scout Pl. **\$999,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 457-4551

246 Abigail Cir. **\$999,999**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 451-7287

5 Bedrooms

23 Campbell Pl. **\$1,499,900**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411

251 Montair Dr. **\$2,099,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 285-1582

405 Skycrest Dr. **\$990,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

5 Bedrooms

60 Iron Horse Ln. **\$519,900**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 487-2629

WALNUT CREEK

1 Bedrooms

60 Iron Horse Ln. **\$519,900**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 487-2629

2 Bedrooms

2583 Oak Rd., #A **\$469,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 876-7089

1690 Parkside **\$515,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 683-5165

3 Bedrooms

1806 Cannon Dr. **\$479,900**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4087

CASTRO VALLEY

3 Bedrooms

25339 Gold Hills Dr. **\$925,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff 886-0400

FREMONT

3 Bedrooms

35045 Sellers Ct. **\$739,950**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Help-U-Sell PV 462-5950

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1397 WHISPERING OAK WAY, PLEASANTON

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That Awkward Age

If you are like me, you know subconsciously that you are getting older, but it is generally not something you think about every day. Days, weeks, months go by, and then one day, perhaps after viewing photos from a family event or some social gathering, you are confronted with undeniable evidence that even Phil Spector's jury could agree on... you are getting old. And short of quitting your job, spending 7 hours a day at the gym, and getting cosmetic enhancements from your plastic surgeon, there is not a lot you can do about it.

In the world of real estate, the same phenomenon exists with regards to your home's condition. You buy a new house, make it the way you want it, and enjoy it comfortably day after day. Time marches on. Then a few short years later, when you need to sell your home, you are confronted with reality. Your house, while only 12 or 14 years old, suddenly looks old, tired, and out of date. Many homes between 10 and 20 years old are in what I like to call the "awkward age", where the home is new enough style-wise to be attractive (vaulted ceilings, open floorplan, large master suite with luxurious oversized bath), but cosmetically starting to show its age with out of date materials and a tired feel to it.

Part of the problem, especially in the Pleasanton and Tri Valley real estate markets, is that there is abundant new construction that continues to reflect the changing styles and preferences of home buyers. The effect of this abundance of new homes is that it makes slightly older homes seem much older than they are. Here are some of the characteristics of a typical home in that "awkward age"

* Oak and maple cabinets. Oak cabinets have not been in style for at least a decade. Maple was all the rage 10 to 12 years ago, but it is falling out of favor... fast. If you do have oak or maple cabinets, and they are yellowing with age, it is even more problematic. Right now, medium stained cabinets, antique glazed (painted to look rustic), and natural or stained cherry are popular.

* Ceramic Tile. Tile counters, ceramic tile flooring with dark grout lines, glossy finish, and small individual tile sizes are dated. Granite and stone is in favor for kitchen counters, and large tiles with minimal grout lines are the norm right now for tile flooring.

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ROSE PERRY BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$2,299,000
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PETER MCDOWELL OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30



PLEASANTON \$2,250,000
7500+/-sf of living space on 1+/-acre. Custom home theater and game room plus two large hobby rooms. Beautiful waterfalls, built-in pool/spa. There's room for a riding arena or sport court. 6022 Alisal St.

D. BUENZ/T. MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$2,149,999
Custom hilltop retreat with unparalleled views on 2.23+/-acres! Lovely 4+ bd/3ba estate home with craftsmanship and custom features throughout. Includes a wine cellar, game room/wet bar/3 fireplaces.

BLAISE LOFLAND OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4



PLEASANTON \$2,097,500
Just completed! Quality throughout. 5bd/6ba plus office, 4500+/-sf home. On 1/2+/-acre. Gourmet kitchen. Hardwood floors. Vaulted ceilings. Views of Pleasanton Ridge. 5725 Ohana Place

UWE MAERCZ OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,829,999
Lowest priced custom at Ruby Hill! Formal French 2-story, huge front and backyard, fully landscaped on custom lot. Two master suites, Viking appliances throughout. 3951 Vierra Street

SUSIE STEELE BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,499,000
Stunning newer 6bd/5ba home with a guest unit. Fireplaces in LR/FR. Backyard paradise with pool and built in BBQ. Owner has thought of everything from top to bottom. A must see!

MAUREEN NOKES BY APPOINTMENT



DANVILLE \$988,950
Charming 1 year new 2800+/-sf, 4/5bd, 3ba home. \$100k in upgrades include premium lot, balcony, no back neighbors, gourmet granite/cherry kitchen.

PETER MCDOWELL BY APPOINTMENT



BLACKHAWK \$849,000
Beautiful townhome in prestigious Blackhawk. 2274+/-sf includes formal living and dining room, updated kitchen with large nook, family room with stone fireplace. Spacious loft area. Private location.

ESTHER BECKER BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$830,000
Court location, 4bd/2ba, 2108+/-sf on a .22+/-acre lot. New kitchen (2001) with granite counters, solid oak cabinets, formal living and dining room. Pool, spa and side yard access.

MARK JAMES BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$805,000
Recently remodeled 2040+/-sf home with 4bd/2ba with master downstairs. New carpet, paint inside and outside.

BARRACLOUGH & DAVIS OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$799,950
Stunning 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in the Mission Park neighborhood. Nice yard with pool and spa. The home has been completely updated throughout. Updated kitchen! 5703 San Antonio St

SUE MCKINLEY BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$738,000
Lowest price updated single story home in top Pleasanton neighborhood! 4 bed, 3 full bath. 1800+/-sf. 2 master bed suites with own private baths. New paint, flooring and carpet throughout.

TIM MCGUIRE BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$529,000
Quiet court location, 3bd/2.5ba townhouse, 1630+/-sf, 2660+/-sf lot, newly painted, with newer AC/furnace, water heater, laminate flooring, crown moulding, tile fireplace. Close to the pool/tennis.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPOINTMENT



DUBLIN \$524,000
2bd/2ba, 1420+/-sf home. Attached garage, single level, upgraded flooring, hardwood floors, crown molding, tile baths. Master suite, patio, walk-in closet, tile bath, separate tub, dual sink vanity.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPOINTMENT



DUBLIN \$519,000
2bd/2ba, 1320+/-sf luxury home. Attached garage, granite counters, gas cooking, 2 patios. Walk-in closets in both bedrooms, recessed lighting, custom paint, indoor laundry. Single story, no stairs!



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HOME ON THE GREEN 4BD/3½BA, lovely galley kitchen, hardwood floors in living, dining and kitchen, walk to the country club, 1/2 acre lot with views

925.426.3800 \$1,350,000

DUBLIN



GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD 4BD/3BA, brazilian hardwood floors, cherry cabinets, onyx slab counters, newer berber carpet, travertine entry, corner lot

925.426.3800 \$1,059,000

DUBLIN



GORGEOUS MILL VALLEY MODEL 4BD/2½BA, cathedral ceilings, granite countertops, cherrywood cabinets, custom paint, crown moulding

925.426.3800 \$875,000

DANVILLE



CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN 3BD/2BA, gorgeous hardwood floors, dual paned windows, plantation shutters, tile roof, updated kitchen, lush backyard

925.426.3800 \$815,000

PLEASANTON



PLEASANTON MEADOWS 4BD/2BA, professionally landscaped, tile entry, Corian countertops, raised panel oak cabinets, dining and family room have french doors.

925.426.3800 \$784,950

PLEASANTON



GREAT DOWNTOWN LOCATION 3BD/2BA, hardwood floors, crown moulding, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, new A/C, new stone fireplace

925.426.3800 \$779,000

TRACY



ELEGANT SPANISH STYLE HOME 3BD/2½BA, vaulted ceilings, custom window designs, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, decorative spanish tiles

925.443.7000 \$659,900

LIVERMORE



EXQUISITE HOME 3BD/2BA, vaulted ceilings, entry with tile floor and new carpet throughout, dual pane windows, side yard access

925.443.7000 \$649,900

LIVERMORE



SUNSET WEST AT ITS BEST 4BD/2BA, updated kitchen, updated baths, hardwood floors, dual pane windows, new interior paint, new front door, newer roof

925.443.7000 \$649,000

WALNUT CREEK



BEAUTIFUL & PEACEFUL 3BD/2½BA, walk to parks, school and BART, crown moulding, newer kitchen appliances and furnace, landscaped private yard

925.443.7000 \$638,900

PLEASANTON



SUNNY & BRIGHT 2BD/2½BA, new carpets, gas fireplace, dual pane windows, landscaped yard, 2 master suites with walk-in closets

925.426.3800 \$612,000

LIVERMORE



VINEYARD VIEWS 3BD/2½BA, tiled floor, granite counters, custom cabinets, crown molding, community pool & spa, and so much more

925.426.3800 \$559,900

PLEASANTON



BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD 2BD/2½BA, new granite slab counters, new tile floors & carpet, vaulted ceilings, private brick patio, vines over front gate

925.443.7000 \$559,000

LIVERMORE



IMMACULATE 4BD/2½BA, very bright & airy, vaulted ceilings, spacious master with dual vanities, formal dining, new interior designer paint

925.426.3800 \$589,000

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POTTERY BARN FRESH 2BD/2½BA, new paint & carpet, across from pool & park, private balcony and patio breakfast nook, attached garage

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