

The joy of collecting

Four residents reveal their prized possessions



Barbara McAteer has about 40 pieces in her egg-shaped paperweight collection.



Mary Pat Hawkins collects elephant figurines and has 43 in all.

by Katie Lyness

There are a lot of collectors in Pleasanton, but not all of them collect something really different and unusual. Some common collections are stuffed animals, key chains, rocks and stamps. But there are people in Pleasanton who collect much more uncommon things, such as quotes, elephant figurines, Hummel dolls from Germany and egg-shaped paperweights.

Dina Cox has been collecting quotes for almost seven years and says she will never stop. She thinks quotes are a powerful and meaningful way to

express thoughts and feelings and to have an impact on other people. She has always had a passion for quotes. Her collection has thousands of quotes because she tries to find a new one every single day. Her main quote-finding source is the Web site www.quote-garden.com. She also has a whole bookshelf in her office that is filled with books of quotes and expressions.

Dina dedicates about five minutes of every day to searching for quotes. She enjoys reading and thinking about her quotes, and other people do too. Dina always posts a "quote of the day" at her office. She also attaches a quote to the bottom of every email she sends. The reason she continues collecting is because so many people tell her how much it made their day or touched their life after reading the quote she has sent to them.

Dina doesn't send complicated quotes that are hard to understand because she wants people to know right away what the quote means; if it is not easy to figure out what a quote means, it won't make an impact on anyone. Her favorite quote is by Ralph Waldo Emerson who said "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." Another quote she likes is by Shakespeare, who said "Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none."

Occasionally when Dina can't find a quote she likes, she'll make up her own. One quote Dina wrote herself is, "Aim to make a

difference in someone's life every day, even if it is a smile to a stranger, and happiness will always be yours." Dina's quotes are like treasures to her just like elephant figurines are treasures to Mary Pat Hawkins.

Mary Pat started collecting elephant figurines when she was a child because at a casino in Sparks, Nev., near her childhood home, there was a live elephant named Bertha, who had a baby elephant named Tina. Mary Pat loved to visit those elephants when she was growing up. Her elephant collection contains 43 elephants that are from all around the world. She has learned from collecting elephant figurines that most are made with their trunks curving upwards because it is a superstition that an elephant with its trunk facing down means bad luck. Mary Pat doesn't believe in being superstitious, but still, more than half (22 elephants) of her elephants have their trunks facing up.

Her collection first started with a blown glass elephant from Disneyland because she was fascinated by the glassblowers she saw making creations when she was there. Most of her elephants are from friends, relatives and her travels. She has accumulated many from places like Scotland, China, France, Italy and India. She thinks it is very interesting that many of these places where she finds elephant figurines don't even have real elephants living there, except for at zoos.

Her favorite elephant is from India. It is wooden and has a baby carved inside of it. She thinks it was made by a blind man, which makes it even more special. Mary Pat

says she especially likes the elephants with babies inside of them because they remind her that elephants are great mothers. She also has a book about elephants by Sara Gruen, titled "Water for Elephants" and it is her favorite. She recommends this book to people because she thinks that even if they don't collect elephants themselves, most people around the world find elephants charming and endearing. Elephants are known to be really smart, too.

Mary Pat's collection keeps getting bigger because elephants from different places in the world all have their own style so she is always able to find new and different ones wherever she goes. All of the elephants in her collection are very different in value. She believes that her most valuable one is an elephant sitting on a blue gemstone ball because it is made out of pure gold. Her least valuable elephant is a Beanie Baby elephant. Some of her other elephant figurines are made with amber, terracotta, silver, stone, granite, clay, metal and porcelain. A few of her elephants are signed by the artist who made them, which makes them very special and rare.

Someone else in town who collects something that fits easily into a suitcase is Kate McAteer. She collects Hummels. A Hummel is a small German doll-type figurine. The Gobel Factory, which makes the Hummels, is located



Kate McAteer shows off her two favorite Hummels from her collection.

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Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival winners

Congratulations to the 2008 winners of the Poetry, Prose and Arts festival. Held in early April, the festival was expanded to two days of workshops, exhibits and more. The winners were announced at the event's banquet on Saturday night.

Adult Poetry Short

First—"Poem for a Long Journey" by Val Morehouse
 Second—"Diving Tomatoes" by Kimberly Satterfield
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Groovy baby

Nightclub opens for the younger set next Saturday



Babies play and dance at a recent Baby Loves Disco event.

by Emily Atwood

Babies and parents are invited to shake their groove things to the sounds of the '70s at Nightclub Aura next Saturday. A part of the Baby Loves Disco party, which happens every other month or so, it's an event sure to get the young and young at heart going.

Sandra Turretta, event organizer, said the afternoon dance party for ages 6 months to 7 years and their parents has been very popular for Tri-Valley area families. The March party brought 500 people to the club on Hopyard Road. In addition to dancing, the event includes a "chill space" with pillows, books, toys, games and bubbles as well as a spread of healthy, organic snacks.

"It's a great place to bring parents together with parents and kids together with kids," she said. "The parents have just as much fun as the kids."

They also focus on making it a community event by featuring local, kid-friendly businesses with giveaway items and coupons.

Tickets are \$15 per "walking human" and "non-walkers" are free. The party is from 2 to 5 p.m. May 3 at Nightclub Aura, 4825 Hopyard Road, Ste. 10. The next Baby Loves Disco event is scheduled for July 19. Tickets can be purchased online at www.babylovesdisco.com or at the door. Turretta said the event has sold out in the past, so she recommends buying tickets in advance online.



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Rated: PG-13 for sequences of martial arts action and some violence.
1 hour, 53 minutes.

Excellent choreography collides with a Saturday-morning-cartoon storyline in this first-ever on-screen pairing of martial-arts stars Jackie Chan ("Rush Hour") and Jet Li ("Hero"). Chan and Li are stellar together and cooperate with the comfort of old college roommates.

But the high-impact action is diluted by a mediocre leading man (Michael Angarano of "Lords of Dogtown") and scenarios that seem more appropriate for an episode of "Power Rangers." The filmmakers also borrow characters and ideas from a range of other pictures such as "The Lord of the Rings," "Enter the Dragon" and "The Karate Kid." Still, seeing Chan and Li in fist-frenzied combat feels like the kung-fu equivalent of watching Fred Astaire cut the rug with Ginger Rogers.

Jason Tripitikas (Angarano) is an action-obsessed youth from Boston—his bedroom walls are smothered with pictures of Bruce Lee (whose teachings the screenwriter swipes for dialogue use) and other martial-arts legends. Jason often treks to a dimly lit Chinatown pawnshop in hopes of expanding his massive DVD collection of kung-fu flicks.

When a gang of thugs (most of whom look like they belong in an Abercrombie & Fitch catalog) try to rob the elderly shopkeeper (Chan), Jason takes off with the shop's prized possession: a powerful fighting staff that once belonged to China's legendary Monkey King (Li). Magically, the staff transports Jason to ancient China, where he is tasked with returning it to the kingdom atop Five Element Mountain, thereby freeing the land from the tyranny of the sadistic Jade Warlord.

Jason is joined along the perilous road by Lu Yan

(Chan), a skilled fighter and playful drunk; Silent Monk (Li), a warrior led by faith and quiet resolve; and Golden Sparrow (newcomer Yifei Liu), a young woman with a personal vendetta against the Jade Warlord. Together, the unusual quartet sets out to rescue the Monkey King and send Jason back to his rightful time and place.

"Kingdom" feels like a kung-fu version of "The Neverending Story" (1984). The film is geared much more toward children than adults, despite the unfair PG-13 rating. The villains all wear eye shadow (which makes them less than intimidating) and the costuming is a bit cartoonish.

But "Forbidden Kingdom" will be the perfect DVD rental for action fans, allowing viewers to skip to the picture's array of martial-arts sequences, brilliantly choreographed by Wo Ping ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"). Two scenes in particular nearly make the movie worth its \$10 admission price. One features Li and Chan duking it out in an abandoned temple (excellent sound and use of traditional kung-fu styles such as Praying Mantis and Tiger make for a breathtaking battle), and the other is a hilarious face-off in which Jason gets stuck in the middle of a teaching duel.

Li and Chan shine—but "Forbidden Kingdom" is dull.

—Tyler Hanley



Collectors

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in Bavaria. Although they come from Germany, Kate says she did not see a single Hummel in anyone's home when she traveled to Germany several years ago. Kate's first Hummel came from her son Brian. He was on a class trip in Germany and brought home a red-headed Hummel for her. She has about 30 Hummels in her collection. Hummels come in two sizes: large and small. Kate buys the smaller ones, which cost on average around \$70. The larger ones are much more expensive, and some of the Christmas-themed Hummels are actually thousands of dollars so Kate does not collect those.

Some of Kate's Hummels have distinctive "maker's marks." The mark is crown-shaped and makes the Hummels very valuable. Kate is very active when it comes to Hummel collecting. When she used to live in New Jersey, she was a member of the Hummel Club located in Pennington, N.J. Kate will always continue collecting her Hummels and puts Hummels on her wish list whenever people ask what kind of gift she wants for her birthday or for Christmas.

Kate's daughter, Barbara McAteer, also of Pleasanton, inherited her mother's "collecting genes." Barbara collects egg-shaped paperweights. She has about 40 of them and collects them because she really likes their shape. She started her collection after her husband Werner gave her a golden egg as a gift. The golden egg is from Thailand

and is supposed to be a real egg that was dipped in gold. Barbara is sometimes tempted to smash the golden egg with a hammer to find out if there is really a real egg inside. She will never actually do that though because if she did, she would not only ruin the golden egg, but she would also make a big, smelly mess if there really is a real egg inside of it. Most of Barbara's egg-shaped paperweights are made of glass. They are very colorful and beautiful and Barbara enjoys looking at them and sometimes holding them in her hands.

All of these collectors of Pleasanton have something in common. They all love collecting because they really enjoy their items, and can pass it on, or at least the idea of collecting, to a friend or relative if they are interested. These people make Pleasanton a much more interesting place to live in than it would be if everyone who lived here all just collected the same thing. ■

About Katie Lyness

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Sports

WCOGA boys celebrate outstanding results

The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy (WCOGA) boy's team had much to celebrate with their outstanding results at the USAG Men's Region 1 Championships held April 3-6 in Reno, Nev. Christopher Tuner, level 10 (14-15 age group) won the level 10 regional championship title after finishing first on parallel bars, second on pommels and third on high bar and rings. He made the Regional Select Team which will go on to represent the region at Nationals held in Battle Creek, Mich. in May.

Christopher Siebel, a level 8 (12-13 year old) went on to win his second regional title after winning floor and pommel and taking a second on high bar and a third on parallel bars.

Two level 10 athletes earning a spot on the Regional Select Team/Camp. Mark Ringle, (16-18) placed eighth overall after placing third on parallel bars and sixth on vault. Brandon Jessup (14-15) finished first on floor and seventh overall.

—Laurie Siebel

Amador girl's swim team breaks records

In the Dons meet with Monte Vista April 16, every girls Dual Meet Pool Record was broken.

AV ladies walked away with six new records: Kayleigh Foley in the 50 and 100 Free, Catherine Breed in the 200 and 500 Free, and 200 Medley and 400 Free Relay teams. The Monte Vista ladies captured the other five records (P. Bradley in the IM and Breast, C. Klein in the Fly, L. Damian in the Back and the 200 FR).

The Dons started the swimming with a 13-point lead thanks to a sweep of the diving event by Jennifer Cotton, Lisa Grau and Ashley Salustri. With the strong swimming indicated above, Amador continued to hold the lead, taking a 65-61 lead into the 200 free relay.

At this point, Monte Vista went 1-2 in the relay too take the lead 73-67 and went on to take 23 of the next 32 points leaving even the record-breaking 400 relay too big a gap to overcome in the final event.

—Joe Silva

U15 Rage in quarterfinals

The U-15 Pleasanton Rage girls advance to the quarterfinals in the Cal North State Cup tournament

Parent photographers

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after a win on Saturday.

Pippa Whitehand slammed in the goal in the first minute of the game after Lauren Floro's cross was deflected by the goalie from the visiting Nike Rush of Morgan Hill, winning the game 1-0. The defensive line offensive: Pippa Whitehand Lauren Floro; Defensive: Natasha Springer, Annalise Amos, Jenna Sparks, Cheyenne Kisthardt, Jillian Nunes and Ally White.

Tornados continue undefeated windstorm

The seventh grade A Tornados are still undefeated halfway through the season.

Last week, the Tornados traveled to Petaluma and played exceptional lacrosse. The first game against the Sonoma Prep school was physical and challenging, but the team kept it together and won 6-4.

The second game of their double header was a total blowout: 16-0. The highlight of the game was long stick middy John Henry Ganzer, who made his first goal of the season.

Saturday's game against the Grizzlies was yet another blowout game with a score of 15-2. Brandon Becker, Elijah Caluya made their first goals of the season. Daniel Bennett graced the goalie box and had several saves.

Sunday's game with the Walnut Creek Warriors was the game the Tornados were looking forward to playing. The boys came out pounding the goal. Jerome Rigor lead the team with five goals and five assists. Steven Patrick contributed with three goals and four assists.

—Natalie Rigor



Not so fast

Goalie Phoebe Brown saves a penalty kick. The Pleasanton Rage U14 beat the Mustang Rampage 1-0 in the 16 State Cup game last Saturday in Morgan Hill. Scoring for Rage were Erin Schoendienst, Courtney Stonesifer, Megan Tabler, Gabe Stange and Melissa Atkins. The Rage back line of Brett Scheckla, Erika Emmanuel, Sabrina Unglaub, and Stonesifer played ferocious defense.

Twister lacrosse continues winning streak

The Pleasanton Girls Lacrosse Twister team faced its toughest battle last Saturday at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, but still remains undefeated.

The first game against La Morinda Flash was a walk in the park for Twister with a victory of 14-3. Tori Larsen and Mackenzie Schoen earned hat tricks (three goals) in the game. Cambi Cukar had the most assists. Evan Murphy was all over the field stopping La Morinda's drive and digging for ground balls. Outstanding speed and ball cradling was executed by Brianna Nicholas. Superior saves made by goalies Molly Grozier and Lexi Nicholas.

The second game against the Diablo Scorpion Stingers was a fierce and physical battle, but Twister won 5-3. Swarmed by the Scorpions defense, Olivia Deutschman found a hole and fired in the lower left corner of the net for a goal.

—Kim Cukar

Stingy defense leads Vortex to 5-1 win

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Vortex Pups scored four unanswered goals en route to an important 5-1 victory Sunday over Ross Valley Grizzlies. The Vortex defense (Will Drake, Noah Geib and Jason Sereda) along with goalie Conner McFarlane held Ross Valley without a goal for three quarters.

Vortex raced out to a 2-0 lead in the first half with goals from Ian Mills and Colton Steiner. In the third quarter, mid-fielder Joe Chacon found an opening in the Grizzlies defense and raced the length of the field and fired a shot on net to open up the scoring in the second half. In the fourth quarter, mid-fielder Andrew Totaro scored one goal and picked an assist by dumping a pass to the left side of the crease where attackman Colton Steiner banged it home to seal the victory.

—Tammy Steiner

Blizzards show prowess, determination

The Pleasanton Girls Lacrosse Blizzards showed their prowess and domination last Saturday, adding two more victories to their string of wins over the Walnut Creek Warriors and Danville Scorpions.

In the first game, defensive players Jaime Rinetti, Brianna Armario and Megan Serrano excelled, holding Walnut Creek scoreless in the first half. Haley Brodnik took control of the ball early on, scoring four goals with other drives into the net being made by Nicole Moran, Annelise Dutcher, Yolanda Sofield and Annalise Stevenson. The game ended with a final score of 12-3 Blizzards.

In the second game, against the Scorpions, Maddie Aston took the ball down the field for an unanswered goal by the Scorpions keeper. Serrano fought hard for the ball, missing her first attempt but battling it out with the defense to score for the Blizzards. Goals were also made by Brodnik and Sofield. Excellent ground balls and passes were made by Ellen Casad. Lauren Cladwell protected the cage and Kylee Udinski and Sammi LaBella displayed good teamwork. The Blizzards ended up on top, 6-3.

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Real Estate

Experts to analyze housing market for buyers, sellers

Mayor to host free downtown town hall meeting

by Jeb Bing

Three experts in the local housing market will be featured speakers next Wednesday at a special town hall public meeting for prospective buyers and those who are considering selling their homes in Pleasanton.

The two-hour meeting, aimed at providing the public with objective, timely and accurate information about the residential real estate market here, will start at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St.

The event is being sponsored by the city of Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Weekly, the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the Bay East Association of Realtors.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman will lead off the panel of speakers with remarks about the local housing situation, addressing some of the opportunities and challenges it presents for both buyers and sellers.

The speakers who are active in the real estate and financing professions here will be:

- Jacqueline Rickman, director of the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center, a



regional organization that develops housing and financial literacy programs for low-to-moderate income residents in the Tri-Valley;

- Carol Rodoni, president of Bamboo Consulting and a real estate industry expert and consultant who also writes several real estate columns for Bay Area newspapers; and,

- George Duarte, chairman of the Government Affairs committee of the East Bay chapter of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers, who also serves as an expert witness in court cases involving mortgages.

"The housing market is in a very fluid state right now and there is a lot of misinformation being passed to the consumer," Hosterman said. "This town hall meeting is an opportunity for residents to engage in conversation with real estate experts about the status of the local market."

The town hall meeting will be free to the public. For more information, contact the Bay East Association of Realtors at 730-4068. ■

Existing home sales slip in March in much of U.S.

Mortgage rates could rise if inflation continues, Realtor group warns

Existing-home sales across the country edged down in March, remaining within a narrow range of sales activity that has persisted since last September, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Existing-home sales—including single-family, town homes, condominiums and co-ops—were down 2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.93 million units in March from a level of 5.03 million in February, and remain 19.3 percent below the 6.11 million-unit pace in March 2007. A rise in condo sales in March was offset by a drop in single-family sales. Regionally, sales rose in the Northeast and West but fell in the Midwest and South.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said the market is performing unevenly.

"Though mortgage rates are at historically low levels, some borrowers are facing restrictive lending practices in declining markets," he said. "At the same time, many buyers continue to bide their time with a large number of homes to choose from,

while other potential buyers remain on the sidelines."

The national median existing-home price for all housing types was \$200,700 in March, down 7.7 percent from a year ago when the median was \$217,400. Because the slowdown in sales from a year ago is greater in high-cost areas, there is a downward pull to the national median with relatively higher sales activity in low-cost markets.

A mix of market conditions continues around the country, but areas showing healthy price gains include Des Moines, Austin and Durham, N.C.

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage rose to 5.97 percent in March from 5.92 percent in February; the rate was 6.16 percent in March 2007.

NAR President Richard F. Gaylord, a broker with RE/MAX Real Estate Specialists in Long Beach, said there are

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This charming and extensively renovated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in the "Gates" neighborhood features hardwood oak floors, remodeled kitchen and baths, new windows, skylights, new stucco exterior and a near 1/4 acre lot with pool and spa. Sold in six days by Tim McGuire of Alain Pinel Realtors.

Sales at a Glance

Source: California REsource

Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Total sales reported: 16	Total sales reported: 7	Total sales reported: 15	Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$167,500	Lowest sale reported: \$370,000	Lowest sale reported: \$240,000	Lowest sale reported: \$315,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,115,000	Highest sale reported: \$732,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,225,000	Highest sale reported: \$1,050,000
Average sales reported: \$563,594	Average sales reported: \$532,000	Average sales reported: \$634,433	Average sales reported: \$716,050

Home Sales

This week's data represents homes sold during March 2008

Pleasanton

- 1119 Baur Court** Ponderosa Homes to G. Kamarthy for \$1,115,000
- 20 Cali Court** Cal State 9 Credit Union to M. Gomez for \$570,000
- 722 Concord Street** B. & C. Anderson to A. Pacheco for \$167,500
- 2747 Corte Vera Cruz** Saratoga Capital to H. Young for \$813,000
- 7729 Creekside Drive** V. Pascucci to P. & N. Bantock for \$542,500
- 2784 Curry Street** B. Lagrant to B. Wang for \$810,000
- 2859 El Capitan Drive** K. Cox to K. Sutton for \$522,000
- 3114 Half Dome Drive** Garcia Trust to S. Costello for \$625,000
- 4677 Helpert Court** T. & E. Streeter to A. Curoso for \$645,000
- 68 Peters Avenue #6** Serrao Trust to P. Fernandez for \$290,000
- 4082 Rennellwood Way** Mohr Trust to N. Hencher for \$610,000
- 3737 Rocky Mountain Court** McLeod Trust to D. Harrington for \$732,500
- 4207 Sheldon Circle** Saxon Mortgage to D. Owen for \$370,000
- 6823 Singletree Court** US Bank to S. Kearney for \$570,000
- 3909 Vineyard Avenue** Birch Terrace Limited to J. Taylor-Weber for \$205,000
- 4207 Zevanove Court** E. Mass to L. Chen for \$430,000

Dublin

- 4577 Brannigan Street** G. Hsu to C. Allen for \$554,000
- 4231 Clarinbridge Circle** Aurora Loan Services to J. Einess for \$430,000
- 7823 Crossridge Road** S. & S. Behm to M. & N. Seetharaman for \$732,000

Livermore

- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #226** Western Pacific Housing to R. Kusuma for \$432,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #649** Western Pacific Housing to E. Bagley for \$370,000
- 8330 Ferncliff Court** M. Shapiro to Jolley Trust for \$480,000
- 5687 Walnut Street** Aurora Loan Services to G. & A. Aliotti for \$726,000
- 1478 2nd Street** Power Distribution & Control to J. Maassen for \$515,000
- 2833 Alnwick Avenue #5** Shea Homes to M. Villott for \$524,000
- 1364 Arroyo Road** Arroyo Crossing to C. & A. Henry for \$1,225,000
- 2273 Briana Street** M. & H. Keyser to B. & S. Jackson for \$1,212,000
- 566 Cedar Drive** A. Rincon to M. Kelly for \$425,000
- 4372 Guilford Avenue** E. Schaffer to K. Duffus for \$775,000
- 764 Leland Way** D. & S. Balsley to Alvarado Trust for \$550,000
- 411 Leona Drive** C. & A. Henry to J. & M. Bibb for \$600,000
- 372 Lincoln Avenue** Hornbeck Trust to M. & D. Butterfield for \$495,000
- 3712 Madeira Way** Butterfield Trust to L. Pineda for \$400,000
- 1761 Paseo Laguna Seco** Ippolito Trust to S. Limas for \$240,000
- 860 South M Street** J. & R. Moran to J. Reed for \$552,000
- 613 Sycamore Court #500** Fremont Investment & Loan to W. Romero for \$645,000
- 2702 Vintage Court** D. Siantar to K. & E. Pemper for \$958,500
- 319 Yosemite Drive** Soundview Home Loan to S. Shapiro for \$400,000

San Ramon

- 100 Alvo Court** Brookfield Saville to B. & R. Badriprasad for \$724,500

- 111 Alvo Court** Brookfield Saville to T. Kim for \$803,000
- 7331 Briza Loop** J. & J. Kim to H. & A. Pushpraj for \$576,000
- 437 Constantine Court** Richmond American Homes to S. Wang for \$600,000
- 411 Deerhill Drive** B. & P. Davis to B. & L. Fanning for \$730,000
- 255 East Ridge Drive** Pacifica 235 East Ridge to R. & A. Schoenfeld for \$352,000
- 3405 East Ridge Drive** Pacifica 235 East Ridge to D. Roof for \$315,000
- 180 Eastridge Drive** Pacifica 235 East Ridge to W. & J. Lambert for \$346,500
- 1226 Halifax Way** A. Santos to D. & M. Domala for \$860,000
- 216 Helicon Court** Davis Trust to L. & S. Ng for \$1,050,000
- 1006 Hoskins Lane** Lennar Homes to J. Dietrich for \$942,000
- 1008 Hoskins Lane** Lennar Homes to S. Kollu for \$842,000
- 6269 Murdock Way** Lennar Homes to S. Mannava for \$946,000
- 3251 Sleeping Meadow Way** Lennar Homes to L. Kong for \$822,500
- 3582 Sleeping Meadow Way** Centex Homes to S. Subramanian for \$900,000
- 9181 Tangerine Street** Cwabs Inc. to E. & M. Loyd for \$390,000
- 5563 Thayer Lane** Centex Homes to V. Shetty for \$940,000
- 822 Tolley Court** D. & J. Allison to B. Varghese for \$850,000
- 512 Van Buren Place** Wells Fargo Bank to C. & Y. Han for \$507,000
- 258 Wimbledon Court** Brookfield Compton to J. Liu for \$824,500



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Sales slip

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problems with the implementation of mortgage guidelines.

"It appears there is some over-reaction on the part of some lenders now in requiring higher down payment percentages than may be necessary," he said. "On the other hand, buyers in many parts of the country are able to take advantage of more lenient policies for FHA loans."

"However, because lenders don't have enough underwriting experience with FHA loans in high-cost areas, there are localized bottlenecks in loan processing," he added. "Consumers should consult with a Realtor in their area to learn about the kind of financing that may be available to meet their needs."

Yun offered a caution.

"With elevated inflation, the Federal Reserve should be extra careful about further rate cuts," he said. "Mortgage interest rates, which do not move directly with Fed funds rates, may rise measurably and hurt the housing recovery if inflation gets out of hand. Monetary stimulus is plentiful. What is needed more at this point is a homebuyer tax credit to get buyers off the sidelines and prevent the market from overshooting on the downside."

Total housing inventory rose 1 percent at the end of March to 4.06 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 9.9-month supply at the current sales pace, up from a 9.6-month supply in February.

Single-family home sales fell 2.7 percent

to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.35 million in March from 4.47 million in February, and are 18.4 percent below the 5.33 million-unit pace in March 2007. The median existing single-family home price was \$198,200 in March, down 8.3 percent from a year ago.

Existing condominium and co-op sales rose 3.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 580,000 units in March from 560,000 in February, but are 25.5 percent below the 779,000-unit level a year ago. The median existing condo price was \$219,400 in March, which is 2.8 percent lower than March 2007.

Regionally, existing-home sales in the Northeast rose 2.2 percent to an annual pace of 910,000 in March, but are 18.8 percent below March 2007. The median price in the Northeast was \$284,300, up 4.6 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the West rose 2.2 percent in March to a level of 940,000, but are 22.3 percent below a year ago. The median price in the West was \$285,100, which is 14.7 percent lower than March 2007.

In the South, existing-home sales fell 3.5 percent to an annual rate of 1.92 million in March and are 20.0 percent below March 2007. The median price in the South was \$167,200, down 7.1 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the Midwest dropped 6.5 percent to an annual rate of 1.16 million in March, and are 15.9 percent below a year ago. The median price in the Midwest was \$152,600, down 5.3 percent from March 2007.

—Jeb Bing

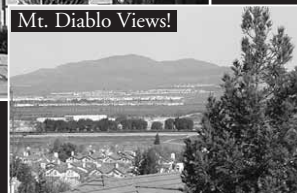
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Offered at \$1,425,000



Open Sunday
from 1-4pm

Mt. Diablo Views!



2853 Victoria Ridge Court

- 5 Bedrooms
- 4 Baths
- 4,003 +/- sq. ft.
- Built in 1992
- Lot Size 8,450 sq. ft.
- Cul-de-sac Location
- www.2853VictoriaRidge.com

Offered at \$849,000



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- 2 Baths
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- 9709 +/- sq. ft. lot with beautiful swimming pool
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Featured Properties



Livermore – Three BR two BA home conveniently located near shopping, schools, and May Nissan swimming and park. This charming home features new interior paint, new carpets and a two car garage with an office bathroom combo. Enjoy the large corner lot with plenty of room to entertain and play. An investors dream!
311 Rincon Avenue \$465,000



Livermore – Cute three BR two BA home with newer roof, microwave oven, newer A/C unit, large formal living area, dining area has hard wood floors. This home has a large rear yard and is known for its close walk to parks and schools. You don't want to miss out on all this home has to offer, stop by!
1360 Wilton Road \$519,900



San Ramon – WOW...former model with incredible upgrades! Stainless steel appliances, built in fridge/wine fridge, cherry spice cabinets, great wood work and built ins throughout. Home theater package in living room, plus a large loft and laundry room upstairs. Must see!
2557 McLaren Lane \$699,900



Livermore – Lovely four BR two BA home located on a quiet court. Pretty hardwood floors and upgraded carpets, two fireplaces, downstairs bedroom and bath. Spacious rooms throughout, large master suite. Lushly landscaped lot with fruit trees and roses. Every window has a garden view!
3345 Hampstead Court \$790,000



Livermore – Beautiful home that backs to Chardonnay Estates. Gorgeous kitchen-redesigned with slab granite counters, natural cherry cabinets, eating nook, center island and breakfast bar. Four BR three BA, two fireplaces, ½ acre lot with side yard access. This home is a dream!
2686 Crescent Court \$1,295,000



Pleasanton – European elegance in this Normandy style custom Ruby Hill home. Four BR 3 ½ BA with two master suites! Gourmet kitchen with stone floors, slab granite counters, cherry cabinets, media room. Upstairs laundry, family room with a flat screen. Don't miss out on this great buy!
3951 Vierra Street \$1,599,950



Pleasanton – Beautiful home located on West Ruby Hill Drive. Six BR four BA with a huge back yard featuring the spa. Four car garage with plenty of storage. Kitchen features dishwasher, double oven, eat in kitchen and so much more. Come see all this home has to offer!
4353 West Ruby Hill Drive \$1,925,000



Pleasanton – Always dreamed of a beautiful one story home? It's available now! This home has five BR 3 full BA and an office. Kitchen has solid surfaces, dishwasher, double ovens made for those who love to cook. This home is in immaculate condition! Has views of Diablo and the golf course. A DREAM COME TRUE!
1297 Via Di Salerno \$2,499,000



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Blackhawk
Open Sun 1 - 4 **5077 Blackhawk Dr**
Charming and Grand **\$2,350,000**
 6 BR 5.5 BA 17,900 sq.ft., offers 5800+ sqft.
 Fully updated kitchen w/granite, stainless appli
 925.847.2200



Dublin
7257 Newcastle Lane
Incredible Value **\$669,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Gorgeous Remodel: Expo/Hmwrks/Calif
 clsets. Amazing lot/pl/fntains, bcks to Iron Horse
 Trail 925.847.2200



Dublin
Open Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **6023 Hillbrook Place**
NEW EXECUTIVE HOME **\$638,888**
 4 BR 2.5 BA great loc, near bart/shppng/freeway
 access, w/SS appli, dual zone temp. control for AC/
 heat 925.847.2200



Sunol
Open Sun 1 - 4 **11663 Foothill Rd**
Spectacular Views! **\$1,525,000**
 4 BR 2.5 BA 1920 Dutch Colonial Farm House, 1.6
 acres, access to Pleas Ridge. 4bd, 2.5ba, barn, stbls, pl/
 spa 925.847.2200

BLACKHAWK

44 Tennis Club Dr.
Totally Remodeled! **\$1,199,000**
 4 BR 2 BA over 3,000 sqft, semi-custom hme. Re-
 modeled top to bottom! Premium lot w/ breathtak-
 ing views 925.847.2200

DUBLIN

5892 Kingsmill Ter
Views Views Views **\$1,859,000**
 5 BR 5.5 BA 4 car garage, aprx. 5400 sq. ft. w/dual
 staircase, lrg kitchen. Guest bed w/full bath. 3 frplcs
 925.847.2200
2851 Southwind Ln
Magnificent Two-Story **\$1,150,000**
 4 BR 4.5 BA loft, office/2 car gar, formal liv/din
 rms, volume ceilings, crown mldng, lrg kit w/maple
 cabs 925.847.2200

7567 Brigadoon Way
Nestled in the Hills **\$499,500**
 3 BR 2.5 BA ap. 1387sf, in California
 Highlands, towards back of dvlopmt, SS appli in
 kit, W/D, frige inc 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

Open Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **1634 3Rd St**
QUAINT SOUTHSIDE RETREAT **\$599,500**

2 BR 1 BA Walk to downtown/shppg, Lrg Liv
 Rm, Custom Kit w/SS Jenn Air appl/Dual pane
 wndws, Hrdwd flrs 925.847.2200
217 Cobblestone Cmn
Beautifully Upgraded! **\$575,000**
 3 BR 2.5 BA kit w/Caesar stone countrs, SS appli/
 brkfst bar, tile flrs, kit, ba, lndry rm, mstr w/wlk-in clst
 925.847.2200
5856 Woodrose Way
8 Year Old Home **\$564,950**
 4 BR 2.5 BA kit w/cherry cabs, corian cntrs, SS

apli, pntry/eatng area, hrdwd flrng, gas frplc, spacious
 yrd 925.847.2200

350 Wood St, Unit 202
Downtown Living **\$399,900**
 2 BR 2.5 BA granite slab in kit/bths, hrdwd flrs in
 kit/bths. 4 yrs new, 2-cr garage, comm pl/playground
 925.847.2200

1687 Quail St
Gorgeous Home! **Price Upon Request**
 5 BR 3 BA circular drive, 3 cr gar/2 car detached
 gar, 5bd, 3ba, 2 bonus rms, kit w/corion cntr, SS appli
 925.847.2200

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1633 Laguna Creek Lane
An Absolute Masterpiece **\$1,799,000**
 5 BR 5.5 BA Stunning 5,329 sf, w/2 Masters/Library.
 Distressed cherry HW flr, European kithen w/Sub
 Zero 925.847.2200

5163 Muirwood Dr
Beautiful Westside Home **\$1,094,000**

4 BR 4 BA 3 car garage, pristine condition with
 upgrades galore! Close to everything 925.847.2200

2630 Minton Court
What's Not To Love?! **\$825,000**
 4 BR 3 BA cathedral ceilings, eat-in kit/nook. Fm rm
 w/frplc, spcious mst suite/bth, awesome hill views
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OPEN SUN 1-4



2536 Willowren Way – Pleasanton
 Super sharp 4bd/2.5ba 2200+/-sqft "Portico"
 model in Birdland with numerous upgrades and a
 private back yard. Offered at \$899,000

NEW LISTING



2675 Calle Morelia – Pleasanton
 Outstanding home in "Country Fair II," 5bd/2.5ba,
 2700+/-sqft on a large lot in a cul-de-sac. Too many
 upgrades to mention. Offered at \$1,139,000

PENDING



1847 Harms Drive – Pleasanton
 2+bd/2ba, 1400+/- sq ft - extensively renovated
 Danbury Park Townhome. Offered at \$634,900



5051 Woodthrush Road – Pleasanton
 Beautifully remodeled 4bd/2ba, 1800+/-sf "Lakeside"
 model in Birdland next to Woothrush park and the
 Pleasanton sports complex. New Price \$799,000

OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4



5202 Crestline Way – Pleasanton
 Extensively renovated 3bd/2ba 1700+/-sf "Country"
 model in Pleasanton Valley close to all 3 grade level
 schools. New listing. Offered at \$775,000



2872 Gray Fox Court – Pleasanton
 Amazing 4bd/3ba custom home on 2+ acres that
 backs to a peaceful canyon with sweeping views
 of the Valley. Offered at \$1,999,900

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OPEN SUN 1-4



1369 Royal Creek Ct, Pleasanton

Newer Home on the Westside of Pleasanton. Stunning 5 bdrm. 3 bthrm. 3552 sqft. +/- home with a separate In Law Unit and Pool! Call for information and a private showing! Price: \$1,429,000 (*furniture included) *call for details

JUST LISTED

OPEN SUN 1-4



1729 Greenwood Rd, Pleasanton

Adorable expanded and remodeled 4 bdr. 2 bth. 2063 sqft.+/- Pleasanton Valley home. Hurry before it is gone! Price: \$849,000

JUST LISTED



4931 Monaco Dr, Pleasanton

Spacious updated with style 5 bdr. 3 bth. 3300 sqft.+/- home in Pleasanton Hills with an office, Theatre Room, Pool and View. Special circumstances below market deal. Call for a private showing. Price: \$1,250,000



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The latest from The 680 Blog

Property Taxes, Schools, and Fairness

One often overlooked casualty of the great real estate slowdown has been revenues from property taxes. Counties, cities, and school districts are the primary beneficiaries of property taxes. In fact, over 80% of the revenue raised by property taxes are used to fund these 3 entities, with schools getting over 50% of the total property tax revenue. So it is not just Realtors, mortgage brokers, and over-mortgaged homeowners who are the biggest casualties of our real estate slump. Schools are a big loser as well. In fact, our school districts are in financial crisis, and proposed budget cuts are deep and painful. The Pleasanton Unified School District expects a \$4.5 million shortfall this year alone.

In order to understand the impact of the real estate slowdown on property tax revenue, you must understand the now famous Prop 13. The two major provisions of Prop 13, enacted in 1978, are that (a) property taxes are based

on the market value of the property when it is purchased or transferred and (b) the assessed value is limited to a 2% annual increase, regardless of market value. Prior to Prop 13 in the wild days of the 70's, homeowners were seeing huge increases in the assessed value of their properties, and therefore huge tax bills, as the real estate market appreciated rapidly. At that time, properties were assessed according to their market value, so if your home appreciated 30% for example, so did your property tax bill. This led to the famous taxpayer revolt that produced Prop 13.

What has kept the system relatively healthy is the steady appreciation rates of residential property in California. When properties sell, there is normally a net increase in property tax revenue, as appreciation translates into a higher assessed value for the new owner. >>Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.



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7791 Palmdale Ct. 5 BR, 3 BTH home on cul-de-sac lot with pool, spa, & sports court.
\$1,425,000



Fabulous Sycamore Heights with 5 BR + office, 5 1/2 Bths, 1/2 Acre lot w/ pool, BBQ, & Views!
\$2,125,000



9456 Blessing Dr. Elegant 4 BR, 3.5 BTH home plus 2 BR, 1 BTH detached guest house. .43 Acre private lot!
\$1,849,000



Gorgeous single story custom on prime 2.25 acre hilltop lot with views! 4 car garage, wine cellar, and more!
\$1,999,900



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\$419,900



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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

2 Bedrooms

7423 Oxford Cir. **\$520,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 417-2250

3 Bedrooms

7463 Oxford Cir. **\$500,000**
Sat 1-4
Keller Williams - Lydonna Walker 997-8267

4 Bedrooms

6023 Hillbrook Pl. **\$638,888**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 784-3068
3201 Oak Bluff Ct. **\$995,000**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 858-5400

5 Bedrooms

4939 Sequoia Ave. **\$795,000**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 417-8603

LIVERMORE

3 Bedrooms

3912 Dartmouth Wy. **\$399,900**
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 525-0116
731 Mojave Ave. **\$471,900**
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 525-0116
1338 Balboa Wy. **\$499,700**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 200-0004

4 Bedrooms

2648 Saint Helena Ct. **\$1,025,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 525-0116
983 Cayuga Dr. **\$479,000**
Sun 1-4
Keller Williams - Dave & Fran Cunningham 426-7957
6608 Tiffany Cmn. **\$529,000**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 963-8322
1285 Norwood Pl. **\$689,950**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 583-1121
1579 Frankfurt Wy. **\$719,000**
Sun 12:30-3:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2523
1836 Heidelberg Dr. **\$749,000**
Sun 2:30-5:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 580-4513
4244 Milton Wy. **\$759,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 487-6360
4293 Bellmawr Dr. **\$799,900**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 583-1121
2790 San Minete Dr. **\$893,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 462-2068
751 Vinci Wy. **\$919,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 487-6360
2752 Chablis Wy. **\$995,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 583-2181

PLEASANTON

2 Bedrooms

1944 Fiorio Cir. **\$579,000**
Sun 1-4 Mike Gregg, Broker 485-1435
5128 Rappolla Ct. **\$649,950**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 337-2989
4382 First St. **\$699,850**
Sat 11-2 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2556

3 Bedrooms

4576 Del Valle Pkwy. **\$1,250,000**
Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel-Kris Moxley 519-9080
3785 Thistle Wy. **\$374,995**
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 525-0116
5411 Black Ave., Unit 3 **\$499,850**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2556
6264 Guyson Ct. **\$599,950**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436
3973 Kern Ct. **\$609,950**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436

4 Bedrooms

4264 Dorman Rd. **\$638,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 413-6815
246 Trenton Cir. **\$649,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 596-1918
6380 Dana Ct. **\$679,950**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 463-0436
5606 San Jose Dr. **\$748,000**
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 580-8011
5202 Crestline Wy. **\$775,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 462-7653
1645 East Gate Wy. **\$889,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Tucker Associates 580-2777

4 Bedrooms

1288 Concord St. **\$1,100,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams - Donna Garrison 397-4165
480 Cabonia Ct. **\$1,125,000**
Sun 1-4
Keller Williams - Dave & Fran Cunningham 426-7957
307 Brienne Ct. **\$1,198,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 462-2068
1717 Courtney Ave. **\$1,798,500**
Sun 1-4
Keller Williams - Dave & Fran Cunningham 426-7957
1023 Sycamore Creek Wy. **\$1,799,000**
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 963-7428
8045 Oak Creek Dr. **\$1,874,750**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4244
9456 Blessing Dr. **\$1,849,000**
Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel 251-1111
2076 Valley Oak Ct. **\$2,350,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4:30 Prudential CA 519-1455
885 Concord St. **\$849,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 484-5200
3654 Dunsmuir Cir. **\$859,000**
Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel 998-9747

10762 Inspiration Cir. **\$999,988**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 583-1121
1729 Greenwood Rd. **\$849,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 413-9306

5 Bedrooms

7791 Palmdale Ct. **\$1,425,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 251-1111
8330 Moller Ranch Dr. **\$1,499,888**
Sun 1-4 Re/Max Accord 580-8011
3008 Briggs Ct. **\$1,549,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 200-2525
205 Heritage Ln. **\$1,595,000**
Sun 1-4
Henderson Properties-Judy Winter 699-7900
1441 Irongate Ct. **\$1,700,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 397-4244
1098 Laguna Creek Ln. **\$2,350,000**
Sun 1-4 Sotheby's 484-2045
1369 Royal Creek Ct. **\$1,429,000**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 413-9306

6 Bedrooms

1327 Montrose Pl. **\$2,099,950**
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel-Andy Poryes 963-8871

SAN RAMON

2 Bedrooms

4073 West Lakeshore Dr. **\$682,500**
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 984-4860
223 Majorca Dr. **\$709,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 510-325-7997

3 Bedrooms

9651 Broadmoor Dr. **\$599,900**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4087
332 Shavano Wy. **\$679,950**
Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 640-0040
3015 Tahoe Pl. **\$699,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4110
2601 Basswood Dr. **\$919,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 200-3939

4 Bedrooms

505 Shadelands Pl. **\$1,024,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4046
5 Windmill Ct. **\$1,069,900**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 736-8411
808 Ridge Pointe Ct. **\$1,165,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4:30 Coldwell Banker 831-3337
9696 Thunderbird Dr. **\$1,325,000**
Sat 1-4 Empire 217-3108
2421 Talavera Dr. **\$749,500**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-2508
643 Canyon Crest Rd. E. **\$989,000**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 831-3343

5 Bedrooms

9679 Velvetleaf Cir. **\$1,199,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 803-4425
2 Welford Ranch Ct. **\$1,395,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 899-7653
5210 Portillo Valley **\$998,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4046
1824 Hollyview Dr. **\$999,000**
Sun 2-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 785-5544

6 Bedrooms

2259 Britannia Dr. **\$1,499,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 858-5233

BLACKHAWK

4 Bedrooms

3659 Deer Trail Dr. **\$1,349,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

DANVILLE

3 Bedrooms

421 Garden Creek Pl. **\$490,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883
1948 St. George Rd. **\$742,950**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883

4 Bedrooms

18 Rio Del Ct. **\$1,039,000**
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union 997-3966
842 Matadera Cir. **\$1,050,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-2508

5 Bedrooms

104 Parkhaven Dr. **\$1,200,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883
149 Sunhaven Rd. **\$1,580,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 260-8883
129 Parkhaven Dr. **\$998,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 209-7498

CASTRO VALLEY

3 Bedrooms

17511 Kingston Wy. **\$675,000**
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 417-8603

HAYWARD

3 Bedrooms

22140 Castille Ln., Unit 80 **\$469,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2526

2076 Valley Oak Ct.
Pleasanton
Open Sat & Sun 1-4:30



This spectacular home sits on nearly an acre of beautifully landscaped grounds. 4700+sq.ft., 4 BR, 3.5 BA, den, game room, office. Enhanced with rich Mahogany woods, leaded glass doors, marble entry & breathtaking views from the deck off the game room. Come to Pleasanton's conveniently located gated community ~ Golden Eagle Estates.

\$2,350,000



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NEW LISTING OPEN SUN 1-4



3973 KERN COURT, PLEASANTON
NEW LISTING! Don't miss this beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 home that is walking distance to schools, parks & shopping. Updated kitchen with tile floors, counters & garden window. Gleaming hardwood floors, cozy family with fireplace overlooking a new patio & garden that is perfect for entertaining. Dual pane windows & sunny skylight.
Offered at \$609,950





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2977 AMOROSO COURT, PLEASANTON

Wow! Beautiful custom home on premium approximately 1 acre lot. Superior location at the end of Amoroso Court. Enjoy unobstructed views of Pleasanton Ridge and superior privacy. This beautiful elevated lot is professionally landscaped and includes an in-ground custom pool and spa with raised Bonbeam waterfall, solar heating, viewing deck and walking paths. Features four bedrooms, private office, and three and a half baths. Approximately 3,633 square feet. New carpet and refinished hardwood flooring. Remodeled master suite.
OFFERED AT \$1,649,000

THE PRESERVE

NEW LISTING



9455 BLESSING DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Immaculate home in the Preserve!!!! Premium lot (approximately .42 acres) backs to open space. Views of Pleasanton Ridge. Beautiful five bedrooms, three and a half bath home. Approximately 3,718 square feet. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops and backsplash, large island with sink, built in buffet, maple cabinetry with cherry finish, and stainless steel built-in Sub-Zero Refrigerator. Spacious master suite with Jacuzzi tub and large closet. Maple flooring, plantation shutters, and crown molding. Four car garage and large storage area (can be finished bonus room). Beautifully landscaped. Lots of upgrades and excellent location!
OFFERED AT \$1,695,000

LAGUNA OAKS

JUST REDUCED



7914 PARAGON CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Largest model in desirable Laguna Oaks. This expanded Laguna model on a premium .46 acre lot has panoramic views of Pleasanton Ridge and Mt. Diablo. Five large bedrooms, bonus/media room plus formal office. Approximately 4,592 square feet. Open kitchen with granite slab countertops. Large family room with extra billiard/gaming table area. Expansive rear yard with in ground pool and spa, built in BBQ entertainment area, extensive covered slate patios and fire pit area. Exceptional curb appeal. Oversized driveway, great when entertaining. A short walk to the community pool, park, and tennis courts.
OFFERED AT \$1,849,000

BRIAR HILLS

NEW LISTING



11670 BETLEN DRIVE, DUBLIN

Beautiful highly upgraded home in Dublin's western hills. This Briar Hills home has five bedrooms, three baths and approximately 2220 square feet. The gourmet kitchen has been completely remodeled with new custom maple cabinets, new stainless steel appliances, and new granite slab countertops. Extensive hardwood and new tile flooring. New interior paint. Newer dual pane windows. Newer roof and gutters. Completely remodeled master bathroom. Two other bathrooms have also been updated. Views of surrounding hills. Beautifully landscaped private rear yard (7,663 square foot lot). Super location! Walking distance to Briar Hills Swimming Club, new west Dublin BART station (under construction), Mape Park, and Martin Canyon Creek Trail. Close to Dublin Iceland Skating Rink and Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl.
OFFERED AT \$727,000

SILVER OAKS ESTATES

COMING SOON



WINE COUNTRY CUSTOM, PLEASANTON

**WINE COUNTRY
CUSTOM LOTS**

STARTING AT \$650,000

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1258 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Excellent location! Beautiful home on a premium lot (.44 acre) with panoramic views of the Tri-Valley, Mount Diablo, and Pleasanton Ridge. Recently remodeled custom kitchen includes granite, custom cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, island and expanded eating area. Five bedrooms (office 5th), three and a half baths. Approximately 3,400 sq ft. Large master suite with views, retreat with see thru fireplace, and dual walk-in closets. Extensive hardwood flooring downstairs. Professionally landscaped beautiful grounds. Expansive rear yard with panoramic views, gas fire pit area and elevated entertainment area with brand new Viking BBQ and refrigerator. Three car garage. Located within walking distance of Kottinger Ranch Community center (park, tennis courts, large community pool, and meeting facilities). A walk to award winning Vintage Hills Elementary School. Don't miss it!
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Blaise Lofland has been a resident of Pleasanton for 25 years, and a full-time realtor for more than 20 years. He has been Pleasanton's top producing residential resale realtor from 2000-2007*.

Blaise has earned the respect of clients and colleagues alike by helping people maximize their buying and selling potential and providing the facts needed to make well informed decisions. His knowledge of the Tri-Valley market, available financing, genuine concern, follow-through, and straight forward approach has helped many families and investors fulfill their real estate needs.

*Cumulative per MLS.

BRAND NEW CUSTOM HOME

SOLD



5725 OHANA PLACE, PLEASANTON

Just completed! Brand new custom home with all the features you would expect in a custom home and not see in a production home. Located on a private drive with a premium +/- half acre lot. Built by Ohana Homes, which means quality throughout. This high tech home is owner friendly. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Five bedrooms plus formal office. Six bathrooms. Approximately 4,500 square feet. Large gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops, cherry cabinets and stainless steel appliances. Large master suite with retreat area. Andersen French doors to covered lanai from formal living, master, and family rooms. Distressed wide plank wood flooring. Custom crown molding and baseboards throughout. Minutes from Downtown Pleasanton.
OFFERED AT \$1,999,995

WALNUT HILLS

SOLD



1397 WHISPERING OAK WAY, PLEASANTON

Beautiful newer four bedroom, three and a half bath home, built in 2003. Approximately 3,364 square feet, includes carriage house. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, center island with stainless steel sink, custom cherry cabinetry, and built-in sub zero refrigerator. Large master suite with walk-in closet. Custom tile flooring, dual pane windows. Cherry built-ins throughout. Carriage house can be nice guest quarters, or has been rented out for as much as \$1350/month. Beautifully landscaped. Just minutes to Downtown Pleasanton.
OFFERED AT \$1,029,000

P-TOWN WEEKLY REAL ESTATE INVENTORY AND SALES ACTIVITY WATCH

	Actives (last week)	Current Actives	**	Pendings (last week)	New Pendings	**
Single Family Homes Under \$1,000,000	118	118	same	8	15	↑
Single Family Homes Over \$1,000,000	100	109	↑	9	1	↓
Single Family Homes Over \$2,000,000	34	37	↑	0	0	same
Total # Of Single Family Homes In Pleasanton	218	227	↑	17	16	↓

This is a weekly watch for Pleasanton Residents to monitor active inventory and pending sales overall or by price range.

*** Arrows represent an increase or decrease in the units in a given category.*



Livermore & Pleasanton Twilight Open Home Tour

Thursday, May 1st, 4:00-7:00pm



Pleasanton \$2,250,000
6022 Alisal Street



Pleasanton \$2,099,950
1327 Montrose Place



Pleasanton \$1,890,000
7193 Rosecliff Court



Pleasanton \$1,849,000
7914 Paragon Circle



Pleasanton \$1,649,000
2977 Amoroso Court



Pleasanton \$1,530,000
1404 Briones Court



Livermore \$1,499,000
2256 Sevillano Court



Pleasanton \$1,429,000
1369 Royal Creek Court



Livermore \$1,349,000
932 Hansen Road



Pleasanton \$1,250,000
4931 Monaco Drive



Livermore \$1,170,000
1909 College Avenue



Pleasanton \$1,099,950
3142 Arbor Place



Pleasanton \$1,099,000
1807 Tanglewood Way



Livermore \$1,050,000
2604 Kellogg Place



Livermore \$915,000
1642 Feldspar Court



Livermore \$889,950
1153 Riesling Circle



Pleasanton \$869,000
1729 Greenwood Road



Pleasanton \$839,000
2516 Raven Road



Livermore \$829,000
2043 Lomitas Court



Livermore \$799,000
592 Amberwood Way



Livermore \$799,000
4293 Bellmawr Drive



Livermore \$789,950
1135 Rebecca Drive



Pleasanton \$785,000
677 Merlot Court



Pleasanton \$729,950
1037 Hometown Way



Livermore \$689,950
1285 Norwood Place



Livermore \$659,950
5832 Lobelia Way



Livermore \$538,750
281 Murdell Lane



Livermore \$479,000
722 Grace Street



Livermore \$414,950
4196 Pinon Way

There will be a drawing to win \$75 Gift Certificates to Barones, Movida, Round House Grill and Simply Fondue.

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