



PHOTOS BY EMILY WEST

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman plays with Silas, the child of 17-year-old Madeline Vetter. The Horizon High School student recently completed an internship at Pleasanton City Hall, where she worked in the human resources department.

Skills for life

Young parents gain experience interning at city hall

Vetter, Guadalupe Espinoza, Alfonso Flores, program coordinator Karen McMahon, Melissa Hernandez, Courtney Daniel and Horizon Vice Principal Dana Chavez celebrate the completion of the school-to-career worksite training program.



BY EMILY WEST

Madeline Vetter knew life was going to be challenging when she discovered she was pregnant. Yet, after recently completing the school-to-career worksite training program, the 17-year-old plans to graduate in June and be on track to becoming a paralegal. "The internship motivated me to get out there," she said. "I know I can do it now."

Vetter and four other young parents attending Horizon High School completed a five-week internship in various departments at Pleasanton City Hall. Put on by the city and school district, with help from the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (ROP) and the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, students develop workplace skills in order to provide for their family.

Karen McMahon, the program coordinator at Horizon, a district high school that has educated school-age parents since 1975, has led the program for the past seven of the 10 plus years it's been around. Students work four hours a day, three days per week and practice interviewing and public speaking.

"Since they already have children, we don't want them working minimum wage jobs," she said. "They are then able to market themselves, with their skill set and a letter of recommendation."

It's much more than just stapling papers or hole-punching, McMahon said.

"The experience students get is in the real world," she said. "It's an opportunity to practice what we talk about in class. They're part of the team."

"They learn how to balance jobs, family and school," she added. "It wouldn't be easy for most of us."

Taking them to and from their internship, McMahon said the students began to share stories of personal growth, showing newfound confidence and self esteem.

Students from as many as six years ago will stay in contact with McMahon and the team at Horizon, whether it's updating them on a new job or needing an extra set of eyes to look over a resume.

McMahon said there are still challenges out there once they graduate in this economy, but she said these teens are well prepared for the rough road ahead.

"Many are not getting jobs and some are having their hours cut," she said. "We teach them to be prepared and realistic, and skills that will help them keep their jobs."

Student Alfonso Flores is interested in mechanics and metal work, so he was placed in the support services division with the city mechanics. At the graduation ceremony April 9 at the Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park complex, he showed the audience a metal cube that he had fused together and enthusiastically spoke about furthering his education at Las Positas College in Livermore.

"[The internship] opened new doors for me," he said. "I never could have imagined this could be possible."

At the library, Courtney Daniel learned to type, order supplies, complete invoices and make commission packets, as well as helping coordinate the annual volunteer breakfast.

"It was more than putting books on a shelf," Daniel said.

The education was also more than learning skills. Through accomplishing tasks and with help from her supervisor, Daniel said she learned to believe in herself.

Melissa Hernandez worked in public works and was confident that all she learned would be transferable to her future career. Guadalupe Espinoza worked at the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, doing everything from data entry and answering phone calls to riding along with the emergency medical technicians. Wanting her EMT certificate, she is also hoping to go into office work.

Vetter worked in the human resources department and developed a database for applicant correspondence. There, she audited records, performed customer service, updated spreadsheets and learned about regional committees. Her last project was helping Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who was present at the graduation with City Manager Nelson Fiahlo, research biodegradable utensils.

"I never knew my full potential until I started this program," Vetter said.

After taking the summer off, she will enroll in Diablo Valley College before transferring to Cal State East Bay in Hayward to get her bachelor's degree. She hopes that other young women can learn from her story.

"I encourage everyone to push through life and think positively," she said, "even if it takes a while." ■

'Ramona Quimby' takes over Pleasanton

Two third-graders to star as the popular children's book character

The beloved children's book character Ramona Quimby, played by two local actresses, will take the Amador Theater stage starting this weekend. Performances are at 8 p.m. April 17, 18 and 25 and at 2 p.m. April 19, 25 and 26.

The play brings Beverly Cleary's "Ramona" series to life with the unpredictable, exasperating, boisterous and independent main character, who delights in aggravating her older sister Beezus (Beatrice Quimby). Sika Lonner, a third-grader at Walnut Grove Elementary School, and Stacy Shimanuki, a third-grader at Alisal

Elementary School, will share the role of Ramona.

Audiences are encouraged to bring donated food items to each performance for Open Heart Kitchen's box lunch program. Acceptable items include individually-wrapped granola bars, snack-size boxes of raisins and juice boxes.

Tickets are \$14, \$18 and \$20 for adults and \$8, \$12 and \$16 for children and seniors. Purchase them online at www.civicartstickets.org, by phone at 931-3444 or at the theater's box office located at 1155 Santa Rita Road.

—Emily West



CIVIC ARTS

Riley Greenough (left) plays Beezus and Sika Lonner is Ramona in "Ramona Quimby," opening April 17.

NOW SHOWING

REVIEWS OF NEW MOVIES

BY SUSAN TAVERNETTI

Observe and Report

★★★

Rated: R for pervasive language, graphic nudity, drug use, sexual content and violence
1 hour, 25 minutes

Ronnie Barnhardt could be Paul Blart's sick-and-twisted brother. Both are mall cops who live with their mothers and have dreams of trading their security-guard badges for the real thing. But beneath his good-natured surface, Seth Rogen's lumbering Ronnie is a bipolar, delusional vigilante with visions of greatness. All he needs is a real case to prove himself—and some firearm power instead of being restricted to using Tasers and mace. A flasher harassing women in the mall's parking lot provides the perfect opportunity.

Writer-director Jody Hill ("The Foot Fist Way") ramps up the simple premise with outrageous—and often offensive—humor. Unlike "Borat," the dark comedy doesn't provide cultural insights but does puncture stereotypes and push comic boundaries, and in doing so, continually shocks the viewer. Whether the surprises elicit laughter or disgust is a matter of per-

sonal taste.

Case in point: Ronnie and a fellow security guard (an amusing Michael Pena of "Million Dollar Baby") go on a dope-smoking, heroin-using binge that makes them not only bad boys but partners in crime. Targeting skateboarders in the mall parking lot, they aim their golf cart at them and take increasingly violent swings at the skaters' backs and heads. The escalating magnitude of the assault becomes audacious, extending beyond viewer expectations of cartoon-like violence. Not only does the scene expose the sadistic dark side of the security guards but also mocks movie conventions in a very self-aware way.

Hill takes the same approach to language. His dialogue often drops a single F-word into a sentence and then pepper-sprays profanity throughout the scene. More is definitely more. The same can be said of a visual pun involving a photograph of the flasher's not-so-private parts.

"Observe and Report" would be unwatchable if Rogen ("Knocked Up," "Superbad" and "Zack and Miri Make a Porno") had not exposed the sweet and amiable side of his character's personal-



ity. Clueless and wanting to be liked and loved, Ronnie is a teddy bear of a boy-man when on his meds. He truly cares for his alcoholic mother (Celia Weston of "No Reservations"), longs for the dumb-blond cosmetics clerk (Anna Faris of "The House Bunny") and hopes to join the law-enforcement ranks alongside a local police detective (Ray Liotta of "Goodfellas" and "Crossing Over").

A comic conundrum, the movie feels fresh and unpredictable within its formulaic narrative. Adding a dark underbelly to the genre, the vulgarity has some redeeming value. But like the shopping-mall experience, "Observe and Report" isn't for everyone. ■

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City is seeking a potential poet laureate

Applications to be Pleasanton's next literary arts advocate are due April 30

Applications are now being accepted for the city of Pleasanton poet laureate position, which is currently held by Martha Meltzer. The honorary post will be begin in July and end June 2011.

The candidate will serve as a public advocate for the appreciation and advancement of the literary arts. This includes providing poetry at civic events such as dedications and public ceremonies, coordinating the bi-monthly Century House Poetry Readings, and serving as an active member of the Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival planning committee. The new poet laureate will also participate in ongoing events at the Firehouse Arts Center, which is scheduled to open in late winter 2010.

Candidates must be Pleasanton residents whose poetry has been published. They should also be af-

filiated with local schools, literary organizations and other literary arts organizations.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. April 30 and sent to Andy Jorgensen, Civic Arts Manager, Department of Parks & Community Services, City of Pleasanton, P.O. Box 520, 200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566. For more information, call Jorgensen at 931-5347.

The Poetry, Prose and Arts winners are:

Charlene Villella Award for Adult Short Poem

First: Ed Beardon of Empire, Calif. with "Dear Cancer"

Second: Abbey Raymond of Pleasanton with "My Shadows"

Third: Robert Eastwood of San Ramon with "Towards Darkening"

Charlene Villella Award for Adult Long Poem

First: Robert Eastwood of San Ramon with "A Modern Bio"

Second: Jacqueline Bardsley of Danville with "To My Critics"

Third: Kathryn Ridall of El Sobrante with "Convalescing With A Hill"

Youth Poetry ages 8-10

First: Angela Richards of Livermore with "At The Park"

Second: Angela Richards of Livermore with "On The Interstate"

Third: Angela Richards of Livermore with "I Love Rhody"

Youth Poetry ages 11-12

First: Sanjana Nidugondi of Pleas-

anton with "A Deadly Diner"

Second: Maria Akhter of Pleasanton with "Mom"

Third: Sanjana Nidugondi of Pleasanton with "After The Rain"

Youth Poetry ages 13-19

First: Cori Delapenha of Danville with "Eternal and Ending Ice"

Second: Alicia Brown with "A Mockingbird's Song"

Third: Cori Delapenha of Danville with "Wind Song"

Teen Prose

First: Marie Morley of Pleasanton with "Bittersweet Escape"

Second: Aakaash Rao of Pleasanton with "A Minical Misadventure"

Third: Vivienne Chen of Pleasan-

ton with "The Old Boardwalk"

Sue Tasker Award for Adult Fiction Prose

First: Julaina Kleist of Martinez with "Leaving Jersey"

Second: Robert Eastwood of San Ramon with "No Conquistador"

Third: Linda Milanese of Livermore with "Joyce"

Sue Tasker Award for Adult Non-Fiction Prose

First: Julaina Kleist of Martinez with "The Principal's Principles"

Second: Diane Lando of Brentwood with "Narcissus"

Third: Caroline Bertinetti of Sunnyvale with "A Christmas Tree Collapse"

—Emily West

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Book Clubs

BRAIN BOOK CLUB The Brain Book Club meets from 7-8:30 p.m., on the first Wednesday of every month, at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton. Steven Johnson will speak on May 6 discussing "Mind Wide Open." If you'd like to order the book, it's available at Towne Center Books. Call 846-8826.

Careers

FREE CAREER SKILLS WORKSHOP Volunteers at St. Clare's Episcopal Church will help participants write resumes, fill out forms, search job postings on-line and get the resources they need from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 18, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. Those able are asked to donate canned food to pass on to those who need it. Call 462-4802.

Civic Meetings

CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

HOUSING COMMISSION The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

SCHOOL BOARD The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Classes

'CO-PARENTING' Pleasanton Unified School District and Amador Valley Adult and Community Education presents "Co-Parenting, Living Apart-Parenting Together" from 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 5-March 26 and April 2-June 4, at Pleasanton Middle School, Room 801, 5001 Case Ave. These classes are free, but registration is required by calling 426-4280.

BASIC YOGA CLASS Beth Fox instructs this yoga class that meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. No previous yoga experience necessary.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Love and laughter: Indie film "Coyote County Loser" is having a limited showing engagement from April 17 to 23 at the Livermore Cinemas, located at 2490 First St. The romantic comedy is touted as a "clean, fun movie that is entertaining and sweet." To learn more about the film, visit www.coyotecountyloser.com.

Limited class supplies available. Fees are \$12 for drop-in or \$10 for pre-paid series. Inquire about seniors or students rates. Call 200-4060.

FREE BICYCLE SAFETY CLASSES A course about Street Skills will be held from 6-9:30 p.m., Monday, April 25, at the Cultural Arts Building at the Amador Recreation Center. Learn the basics of safe cycling, riding in traffic, equipment, crash avoidance, rights and responsibilities. This class is free and is for adults 14 and over. No bike needed. Call (510) 701-5971 or visit www.ebbc.org/safety.

Clubs

CAREER NETWORKING EVENT FOR EXECUTIVES Executives are invited to a Breakfast Career Networking meeting for mid- and senior-management from 7:30-9:30 a.m., on the third Tuesday of every month, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Cost is \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members if pre-registered; \$35 at the door. Call 218-1868.

HACIENDA TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE Come to this club's Open House and learn how to become a better speaker and leader from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, April 23, at Hacienda Terrace, 4305 Hacienda Dr., First Floor. Refreshments and snacks will be served. The group is open to everyone and usually meets every Thursday, from noon-1 p.m. Call 426-7767.

PLEASANTON JOB'S DAUGHTERS Job's Daughters International is an organization for young ladies (minimum age 10 for full membership) who enjoy dances, sleepovers, parties, social events, snow trips and more. The girls develop confidence, good character, life-long

friendships, moral and spiritual values, and leadership abilities. The group meets at 7 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, at Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Rd. Visit www.bethel14.com.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS NETWORKING Social Join ClubSport and Tri-Valley Connection will meet and mingle with local business professionals from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30, at ClubSport Pleasanton, 7090 Johnson Dr. This event is free for ClubSport members; \$5 for guests. For reservations, call 463-2822, x570.

TRI-VALLEY HOLISTIC MOMS NETWORK This group will host an Organic Gardening discussion with Shawn Seufert from 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 20, at Living Vine Fellowship, 4100 First St. Learn how to evaluate and amend soil; what and when to plant; and about organic pest control. This event is free for members and first time visitors. Contact Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com.

Concerts

'SPECIAL BLEND' Celebrate Earth Day at a free concert on the lawn with the vocal jazz group "Special Blend" at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch. Call 743-9427.

ARLO GUTHRIE Arlo Guthrie, born with a guitar in one hand and a harmonica in the other, quickly became involved in the music that shaped the 1960s. He performs at 8 p.m. April 7 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$30-\$55 or \$12 for students. Call 373-6800 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Events

'A THOUSAND FLOWERS' An artist exhibit will feature two nationally celebrated artists, Carolyn Lord and Wayne David Hand, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Sunday, until May 30, at Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. A reception for the artists will be from 2-4 p.m., April 19. Call 743-9427.

ART, PAPERIE AND PLEASANTRIES An extraordinary arts and crafts fair featuring all handmade arts and crafts, art supplies, and vintage antiques will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$3. There will be live music, book signings and hourly make and take classes. Call 202-9293 or visit www.artandpaperie.com.

COACHING, COURAGE AND CREATING Join HGTV's Michele Beschen and creativity coach Jill Badonsky will speak at this program geared towards all artists and art enthusiasts from 6-9 p.m., Friday, May 1, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$45. Call 202-9293.

DUBLIN PRIDE WEEK Volunteer to help Dublin's community by donating canned goods, participate in a Solar Cities or Water-Wise workshop, enter in the Dublin Pride Week Poster Contest and more. Visit www.dublinprideweek.com for details.

FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT FAIR Meet fire department recruiters and find out if you've got what it takes from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at Livermore CPAT Center, 526 Commerce Way. The event is open to women and men interested in a future in the fire service.

Call (916) 648-1717 or visit www.becomingafirefighter.org.

GET INSPIRED TO GREEN YOUR GARDEN Bay-Friendly Gardening presents "Get Inspired to Green Your Garden" self-guided garden tour from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at 30 private and public gardens through Alameda County. The tour is free, but registration is required; call (510) 444-SOIL or visit www.bayfriendly.org by April 16.

PLEASANTON SPRING HARVEST FESTIVAL ART AND CRAFT SHOW The show will take place from Friday-Sunday, April 17-19, at Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Enter Gate 8 on Valley Ave. Hours are from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Tickets are \$7 for adults and seniors; \$4 for youth ages 13-17; and children under 12 are free. Visit www.harvestfestival.com.

PUBLIC INPUT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING East Bay Regional Park District will host a Public Input and Environmental Scoping Meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, May 4, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Residents are invited to help plan the future of Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area. Visit www.friendsofshadowcliffs.com.

REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP Livermore Chamber of Commerce annual Real Estate Roundup will now include a Business and Trade Expo from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Cost is \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members. Call 447-1606 or visit www.livermorechamber.org.

RECEPTION FOR SN GEAR Gary A. Winter will unveil his new line of motivational artwork and life style products, SN Gear, from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Alexander's Fine Art, 608 Main St. Call 518-4674.

VALLEYCARE MEDICAL CENTER BOOK SALE ValleyCare Medical Center Auxiliary is having a book sale in the lobby of the hospital from 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, April 24, at ValleyCare Medical Center, 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton; and from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday, April 27, at LifeStyle Rx, 1119 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. The public is invited. Proceeds benefit ValleyCare Health System. Call

Exhibits

'ART CRITIQUE AND COFFEE' GROUP SHOW Local artists will host a group showing April 1-30, at the Lindsay Dirks Brown Gallery, 14502 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. The group usually meets at 10 a.m., Fridays, at 349 Main St. near the Bibiane Bakery on the patio.

Film

'THE CENTURY OF SELF' Part one

and two of the BBC series by Adam Curtis "The Century of Self" will be played at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. A meet and greet will begin at 6:30 p.m. This event is free, but donations of \$3 will be accepted. Refreshments will be provided. Call 462-3459.

CLASSIC FILM SERIES Las Positas College and Pleasanton Public Library present "Great Performances: A Classic Film Series" at 7 p.m., on the first Thursday of every month, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The films include: "Kitty Foyle" May 7; and "Sullivan's Travels" June 4. These events are free. Call 931-3405.

PREMIER OF 'TEN MINUTES TO BURN' "Ten Minutes to Burn," the latest film by Nick, Ann, and Lisa Gentile and filmed at Me & Mai Friend's Cafe will be screened at the 2009 California Independent Film Festival at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Vine Cinema, 1722 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$8. Call 518-4436 or visit www.ca indie film fest.org.

Fundraisers

20TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE The Valley Pregnancy Center sponsors a walkathon every spring with a goal of raising \$100,000 to support its services and the next one will be from 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 2, at Amador Community Park (Behind Aquatic Center), 4455 Black Ave. This event is free and will

include a BBQ, live bluegrass band, raffle prizes, games and prizes for kids and great fellowship. Call 828-4458 or visit www.valleypregnancycenter.org.

BRAS FOR THE CAUSE BREAST CANCER WALK A 10K (six miles) fundraising walk through Pleasanton will be complete with a bra-decorating contest from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, May 9. Cost is \$50. Proceeds benefit Axis Health and Komen for the Cure. Visit www.trivalleysocks.org.

CARDEN WEST SCHOOL DINNER AND AUCTION Come and support the Carden West School Dinner and Auction at 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 1, at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle, Pleasanton. Afternoon golf will be offered. Cost is \$175 for golf and dinner; \$45 for dinner only. Proceeds benefit Carden West educational projects and classroom improvements. Call 463-6060.

GARAGE SALE Donations are needed for a garage sale with proceeds going directly to an all-girls sister school in Muhuru Bay, Kenya. For drop-off information, call Beena 989-6819. The garage sale will be from 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd.

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY Come to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party hosted by Assistance League of Amador Valley from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, April 25, at Aames Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. Cost is \$45. Proceeds

fund local programs. Call 371-4566 or visit www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

PLEASANTON FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE The book sale will run from 6-9 p.m., Friday, April 24 (for members only), then the sale is open to everyone from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 25 and from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call 462-4368. More than 40,000 donated books \$.50 to \$1.00.

PRIMAVERA DINNER DANCE Italian Catholic Federation will host a Primavera Dinner Dance at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 372 Maple St., Livermore. Cost is \$30 per person, including wine with a full course dinner. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Scholarship Program and other ICF charities. Reservations are due by April 27; call Don at 846-8435 or Anna or Mike at 484-1523.

SECOND ANNUAL WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER Tri-Valley HIKE Team and White Crane Winery present its second annual Wine Tasting

Fundraiser from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at White Crane Winery, 5405 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Tickets are \$25, including five tastes. Proceeds benefit LLS Blood Cancer Research. Call 413-7788 or visit www.winehike.org.

SUNOL 4-H PANCAKE BREAKFAST The 43rd annual 4-H Pancake Breakfast will be held from 8 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 26, at Sunol Glen Elementary School, 11601 Main St. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$4 for children. Proceeds benefit individual 4H project groups and community event support. Call (510) 360-2020.

TRI-VALLEY YMCA GOLF TOURNAMENT The second annual Tri-Valley YMCA Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 4, at Ruby Hill Golf Club, 3400 W Ruby Hill Dr. Cost is \$225 per player before March 1; \$250 thereafter. Non-golfing women are invited at 3:30 p.m. for a cosmetic makeover for \$75 and tickets for dinner only are \$75. Proceeds benefit the YMCA. Call 475-6107 or e-mail ts tier@ymcaeastbay.org.

WINETASTING SILENT AUCTION Enjoy a wine tasting and silent auction to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at White Crane Winery, 5405 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Tickets are \$25. Call 413-7788 or visit www.winehike.org.

Health

AXIS HEALTH RAFFLE Tickets go on sale March 27 for a drawing on May 6 for a community fundraising raffle to help fill the funding gap left by county and state government cutbacks for Axis Health. Tickets are \$20 each or \$100 for six. Visit www.axishealth.org.

GENTLE YOGA FOR 55+ Are you an active person 55+ years young? This free, gentle yoga class helps stress, flexibility, balance and overall health and is excellent for special/chronic conditions. Call Pleasanton school district at 426-4280 for times and locations.

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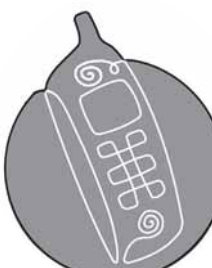
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BUILD A BOUQUET FOR MOM Kids ages 6-11 are invited to make paper flowers for a bouquet for mom with two sessions at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Golden Apple Learning Store, 4807 Hopyard Rd. This event is free, but early registration is recommended as space is limited. Call 460-5163.

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NAVIGATING LIFE'S CHANGES A free teen workshop on navigating life's changes such as economic and family changes, parental divorce, changing schools and going to college will be held from teens from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Snacks and Jamba Juice gift cards will be given for attendance. Call 600-9762, ext. 7.

Lectures/ Workshops

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Political Notes

RABBI ON MIDEAST PEACE

PERSPECTIVES Tri-Valley Democratic Club will host guest speaker Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb who will discuss the situation in the Middle East and prospects for peace at 7 p.m., Monday, April 20, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. A Q&A and a discussion will follow her presentation. This event is free and is open to the public. Call 831-8355 or visit www.trivalleydems.com.

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SENIOR CENTER VIP CLUB This club is offering three trips during the spring including a trip to the Ironstone Vineyards and Murphy's from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 13 (cost is \$79 for members; \$81 for non-members).

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SENIOR HEALTH FAIR Health professionals will be on hand to answer health and medical questions from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Ridge View Common, 5200 Case Ave. This event is free to the public. Call 484-5131.

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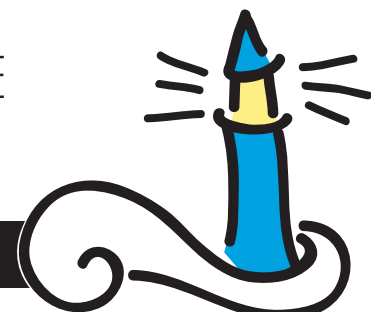
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Home sales rise 83% statewide

But new median price at \$247,590 is 40.8% less than year ago

BY JEB BING

Home sales increased 83 percent in February in California compared with the same period a year ago, while the median price of an existing home declined 40.8 percent, the California Association of Realtors reported this week.

"Home sales in California continue to be considerably stronger than the nationwide sales figures," said CAR President James Liptak. "The market will continue to register large, but diminishing year-to-year percentage gains in the coming months, as current sales are compared against the extremely low numbers that prevailed during the early months of the credit crunch."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 620,410 in February at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations statewide. Statewide home resale activity increased 83 percent from the revised 338,970 sales pace recorded in February 2008. Sales in February 2009 decreased 0.8 percent compared with the previous month.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2009 would be if sales maintained the February pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in the state during February 2009 was \$247,590, a 40.8 percent decrease from the revised \$418,260 median for February 2008, CAR reported. The February 2009 median price fell 2.3 percent compared with January's revised \$253,330 median price.

"The California median price has declined by a larger margin than the nationwide median price," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "This can be attributed to the under \$500,000 portion of the market, which has experienced larger price declines than the other market

segments due to the large share of distressed homes for sale. This further contributed to the decline in the statewide median."

Highlights of C.A.R.'s resale housing figures for January 2009:

■ CAR's Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in February 2009 was 6.5 months, compared with 15.3 months (revised) for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates averaged 5.13 percent during February 2009, compared with 5.92 percent in February 2008, according to Freddie Mac. - Adjustable-mortgage interest rates averaged 4.87 percent in February 2009, compared with 5.03 percent in February 2008.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 51.5 days in February 2009, compared with 69.3 days (revised) for the same period a year ago.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by CAR and DataQuick Information Systems, none of the 331 cities and communities reporting showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago. DataQuick statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information. DataQuick Information Systems is a subsidiary of Vancouver-based MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates. The top 10 list is generated for incorporated cities with a minimum of 30 recorded sales in the month.

Statewide, the 10 cities with the highest median home prices in California during February 2009 were: Santa Barbara, \$897,500; San Francisco, \$640,000; Arcadia, \$635,000; Redondo Beach, \$630,000; San Mateo, \$630,000; San Clemente, \$630,000; Huntington Beach, \$592,500; Yorba Linda, \$565,000; San Ramon, \$560,000; Redwood City, \$550,000; Irvine, \$546,000; and Fountain Valley, \$542,500. ■

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 5
Lowest sale reported: \$345,000
Highest sale reported: \$650,000
Average sales reported: \$454,000

Livermore

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$305,000
Highest sale reported: \$800,000
Average sales reported: \$488,611

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$235,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,700,000
Average sales reported: \$903,222

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$190,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,185,000
Average sales reported: \$767,500

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS
8653 Fenwick \$688,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS
6769 Onyx Place \$649,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

11356 Laurel Street \$775,000
 Sun 1:30-4 J Rockcliff Realtors 251-2540

Livermore

5 BEDROOMS
2918 Talinga \$1,048,000
 Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff Realtors 899-6011

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS
2130 Alexander Way \$415,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty 397-4244

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3291 Clifford Circle \$649,900
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty 924-0444

524 Gerard Court \$659,000
 Sat 12-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 963-7940

4852 Drywood Street \$699,950
 Sun 1-4 Allied Brokers 846-3755

868 Bonita Avenue \$799,000
 Sun 1-4 REMAX Accord 699-3122

4 BEDROOMS
1139 Mataro Court \$1,029,000
 Sun 1-4 Remax Accord 918-3395

21 Castledown Road \$1,090,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

1608 Cindy Way \$1,229,000
 Sat/Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors 785-7777

1624 Cindy Way \$1,329,000
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1640 Cindy Way \$1,349,000
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4156 Grant Court \$1,595,000
 Sun 1-5 J Rockcliff Realtors 484-2045

836 Piemonte Drive \$1,599,000
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2562 Glen Isle \$659,000
 Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC 426-3826

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 Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff Realtors 872-1416

5682 Sunset Creek Court \$1,769,000
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 785-7777

3237 Novara Way \$2,150,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty 980-6844

6918 Corte Mateo \$779,000
 Sun 1-4 Remax Accord 209-7644

6 BEDROOMS
1368 Royal Creek Court \$1,195,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 260-2508

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 2009

Dublin

5185 Aspen Street S. & C. Wellman to A. Chakravorti for \$650,000

10848 Glengarry Lane Golden Pinnacle Development to F. & F. Panetta for \$345,000

6006 Hillbrook Place J. & J. Roche to R. Narayanan for \$485,000

7304 Limerick Court J. Rilloraza to M. Kennedy for \$420,000

3304 Monaghan Street W. You to S. & M. So for \$370,000

Livermore

1933 Banyon Common Greenpoint Mortgage to M. Scates for \$460,000

890 Elaine Avenue JP Morgan Chase Bank to D. Carrillo for \$465,000

5634 Firestone Road Bank of America to L. & C. Annis for \$305,000

185 Heligan Lane Shea Homes to J. Satariano for \$392,500

327 Jillana Avenue A. Arechiga to K. Bradley for \$375,000

420 Leona Drive D. Shaw to D. Verdeck for \$350,000

3076 San Minete Drive D. & A. Montes to M. & E. Ghiglieri for \$750,000

5138 Theresa Way R. & N. Barnes to G. & K. Johnson for \$500,000

2529 White Crane Circle South Livermore Development to D. Semones for \$800,000

Pleasanton

7814 Bernal Avenue JP Morgan Chase Bank to M. & M. Wasson for \$1,304,000

7955 Hillsboro Court National Residential to C. & M. Blong for \$615,000

1597 Laguna Creek Lane M. & C. Cooper to C. Courtner for \$1,700,000

4750 McHenry Gate Way M. Burt to L. Kelly for \$575,000

3803 Muirwood Drive Danek Trust to R. & A. Johnson for \$745,000

3045 Paseo Granada Harborview Mortgage to Y. Chen for \$845,000

2825 Tudor Court A. & K. Beland to S. & L. Lubatinsky for \$1,450,000

3516 Whitehall Court W. & D. Wood to G. Engelman for \$660,000

3696 Woodbine Way Long Beach Mortgage to B. & R. Boot for \$235,000

San Ramon

9005 Alcosta Boulevard #191 Homesales Inc. to S. Mishra for \$190,000

2367 Baker Way RBI Financial Group to A. Surreddi for \$711,000

456 Bridle Court Davidon Homes to W. Zhang for \$1,292,500

1127 Cedarwood Loop J. & L. Nau to T. Kishwar for \$534,000

439 Cranleigh Court Mendell Trust to W. & K. Ruh for \$2,185,000

501 Deldrin Court Wells Fargo Bank to K. & S. Chen for \$621,000

643 East Canyon Crest Road V. & F. Safiari to S. & K. Heinz for \$705,000

5107 Fioli Loop Centex Homes to R. Rodriguez for \$628,000

817 Ladera Corte B. Gault to P. Desrosiers for \$454,000

2291 Magnolia Bridge Drive Shapell Industries to B. Chen for \$805,000

6337 Murdock Way Lennar Homes to C. & A. Chan for \$2,839,000

6353 Murdock Way Lennar Homes to J. & L. Pressman for \$785,000

6377 Murdock Way Lennar Homes to Y. Luo for \$850,000

905 Regency Court Lory Trust to L. & M. Schaffer for \$1,000,000

2548 Rockhampton Road Wells Fargo Bank to S. & S. Gupta for \$490,000

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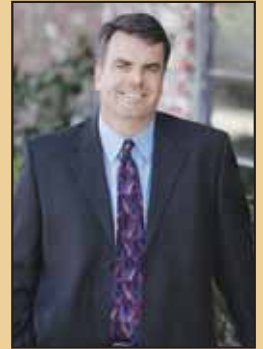
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Pleasanton Market Update— Sales Up Sharply

The Pleasanton real estate market showed some signs of life in March, with pending sales of single family homes almost double the number in February. Inventory rose slightly as well, which is not unexpected as we enter spring. It looks like the surge in the stock market, along with historically low interest rates and aggressive pricing on many homes has convinced buyers to get off their comfortable seat on the fence and buy now.

There were 45 pending sales of single family homes in >>Go to www.680Homes.com to read the rest of this article.



OPEN SUN 1-4

New Custom home with 5 BR + bonus room & office, 5 BTH, almost 1/2 acre lot with views!
\$1,769,000 5682 Sunset Creek Ct.



PRIME LOCATION!

Fabulous Country Fair home with granite & cherry kitchen, hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, and private almost 1/4 acre lot w/ pool & spa.
\$1,199,900



NEW PRICE!

Bridle Creek Area. 5 BR + Office, 5 1/2 BTH, gourmet granite/cherry/stainless kitchen, .47 acre lot, luxurious master suite, & more!
\$1,595,000



JUST LISTED!

Elegant 4 BR + office & bonus room, 4 1/2 BTH home with 3 fireplaces, granite & stainless kitchen, and resort-like private yard w/ pool and waterfall!
\$1,749,500



PENDING SALE!

West Side Pleasanton! 5BR, 3 BTH, 3 car garage, large private .23 acre lot, granite & stainless kitchen, and more!
\$899,000



OPEN SAT/SUN 1-5

Incredible Styling! Downtown Pleasanton 4 BR plus loft, 3 1/2 BTH, new construction, flat 10,000 sq ft lot, hardwood, granite, & more!
\$1,329,000 1624 Cindy Way



PENDING SALE!

Stunning Mediterranean with 5 BR + office, 4 1/2 BTH, gourmet granite & maple kitchen, 3 fireplaces, and large private .92 acre creekside lot!
\$1,395,000



OPEN SAT/SUN 1-5

Upgrades galore! Fabulous home with 4 BR + loft, 3 1/2 BTH, 3 car garage, almost 1/4 acre lot, & more!
\$1,349,000 1640 Cindy Way



JUST SOLD!

Gorgeous luxury home with 5 BR + bonus room & office, 4 1/2 BTH, over 5000 sq ft with panoramic views!
\$1,695,000

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DUBLIN
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4
MODEL PERFECT 8653 FENWICK
\$688,000
3 BR 3 BA + office, 2034 sq.ft., single story, corner lot. Glass sun rm, 3 car garage, side access, RV pad
925.847.2200



PLEASANTON
Open SUN 1 - 4
GORGEOUS SINGLE STORY \$1,799,000
4 BR 2 BA office + bonus rm, upgrd kit/opens to family room, pl/spa in backyard, court loc, hrdwd flrs
925.847.2200



PLEASANTON
Open SUN 1 - 4
MUST SEE INSIDE! 21 CASTLEDOWN ROAD
\$1,090,000
4 BR 2.5 BA views of Mt. Diablo! Kit opens to fam room/balcony. Formal dining & large master suite
925.847.2200



SAN RAMON
Open FRI/SAT/SUN 11 - 5 145 COPPER RIDGE RD.
CONDOS/TOWNHOUSES PRICES START IN HIGH \$200s
1 & 2 bd condos/2 bd townhouses, vaulted ceilings avail, w/garages, gated, renovated/upgraded
925.847.2200

DANVILLE

59 ST. TIMOTHY
GORGEOUS REMODELED HOME \$920,000
4 BR 3 BA on quiet court in Greenbrook, 2389 sf/10400 sf lot w/pl/spa, gourmet kitchen, 1 bd/1 ba down
925.847.2200

DUBLIN

6052 KINGSMILL TER
STUNNING VIEWS \$1,598,000
5 BR 5.5 BA Prof designed bckyrd, priv setting, 4 car gar/custom upgrades, gated development with comm pl
925.847.2200

7270 PROW WAY
GORGEOUS VIEWS! \$724,900
3 BR 2 BA Arx 2270 sf, Corner Lot Over 1/4 Acre, Hrdwd Flrs, Bth Bths Upgrded/Rem, Frplcs in Fam Rm/Mstr
925.847.2200

Open SUN 1-4
DUBLIN HILLS ESTATES! 6769 ONYX PLACE
\$649,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Aprx. 2253 sf, wonderful cul-de-sac location, spacious kit/eating area, private bkyrd w/ patio
925.847.2200

7086 DUBLIN MEADOWS ST. UNIT E
GORGEOUS CONDO \$197,000
1 BR 1 BA Living Room w/Fireplace. Approx. 805' w/ VIEWS. Washer/Dryer/Fridge/Micro/Dishwasher Stay
925.847.2200

HAYWARD

27917 PUEBLO SERENA
GREAT HOME! \$82,000
2 BR 2 BA Separate liv/fam, indr laundry, includes washer/dryer/kitchen appl, covered patio
925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

3300 DYER RD.
PRICE REDUCTION! \$948,000
3 BR 2 BA 29.25 acre parcel w/2000+sq. ft. home, dutch barn w/2 flrs, steel framed shop w/2 rll-up drs
925.847.2200

628 HAGEMANN DR
GREAT HOME! \$399,000
4 BR 2 BA One story, newer kitchen appli, fam rm w/frplc, some dual pane windows, side yrd access
925.847.2200

PLEASANTON

5847 SAN JUAN
NEW LISTING \$850,000
4 BR 2.5 BA aprx 2414 sf, gourmet kit w/60" prof stove, master bath w/walk in closet. Hrdwd flrs thruout
925.847.2200

6729 RANCHO CT.
GREAT HOME! \$529,000
4 BR 2 BA Hrdwd Flrs, Remodeled Kit, Sep Formal Living rm, Frplc, Rem Hall Bth, Cul-De-Sac Location
925.847.2200

3263 VINEYARD AVE., UNIT 178
SENIOR PARK \$52,000
2 BR 2 BA Senior Park w/Pl, Spa, Club House, Lrg Living rm, Sep Fam rm, Laundry rm w/ Cabs; Kit w/ Island, 925.847.2200

SAN RAMON

135 CORALFLOWER LN
BEAUTIFUL HOME \$519,900
3 BR 2.5 BA backs to pathway greenbelts, nice size bckyrd w/decorative patio, lots of natural light
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UWE MAERCZ BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$3,499,000
8400+/-sf of Luxury on Golf Course. 6bd/6.5ba, library, media room, spa retreat, tech room, gourmet kitchen. Must See!

MARK KOTCH BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$3,275,000
Ruby Hill custom 6bd/5ba 2 partial 7986+/-sf. 2 master suites/ Chefs kitchen/game room/17th fairway. 2 laundry rooms, 5 car garage. Pool,spa,outside wet bar and BBQ. On a 30,097+/-sf lot.

UWE MAERCZ BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$2,399,000
Cul de Sac lot, large backyard private sport court, great view. 5719+/-sf, 5bd, 4.5ba, 2 staircases, hardwood floors, granite counters & more!

ANNI HAGFELDT BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,825,000
5bd/4.5ba home sits on over 1/2 acre overlooking Pleasanton/Livermore Valley. No other home like this one!

DOUG BUENZ OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,769,000
Elegant 2 story custom over 5400 +/-sf on 1/2 acre corner lot. 5bd/5ba w/office & bonus room. Dramatic upgrades, beautiful views. 5682 Sunset Creek Ct.

STASIA POIESZ BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,688,888
Gorgeous contemporary 5bd plus custom home. Over 4400+/-sf, 4 car garage. 1+/-acre lot. Remodeled kitchen, stainless steel appliances, updated baths.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,450,000
Ironwood Estates 2 story, 5bd/4.5ba. Nestled within a court & close to the community pool. Spacious kitchen w/breakfast bar & opens to family room. 1 bd downstairs, bonus room upstairs. 4 car garage.

UWE MAERCZ BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,399,000
Gorgeous Ascona home in Ruby Hill! Immaculate and spacious 5bd/3ba On private cul-de-sac. Luxurious landscaping, close to clubhouse, backs up to open space with privacy galore!

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,379,000
Single level Bridle Creek. .26+/-acre premium view lot. Built by Greenbriar in 2001. 5bd/4ba, gourmet kitchen, granite, crown molding, plantation shutters. Beautifully landscaped.

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,295,000
Private upgraded Custom Single Story. Large private grounds(16,308+/-sf) Solar powered home. 4bd downstairs bonus room 3437+/-sf including separate guest cabana.

ANDY PORYES OPEN SUN 2-5



PLEASANTON \$1,149,888
Luxury 5 year old home. 3265+/-sf. w/5bd/4ba. Pool, waterfalls, outdoor kitchen, high ceilings/lots of light. Go to www.w-lagoon.com 1342 W. Lagoon

MARK JAMES BY APPOINTMENT



DANVILLE \$829,000
4bd/3ba/3car garage. Quiet Cul de sac just around corner from parking/shopping. Granite kitchen, professionally landscaped. Designer colors. Shows like a model.

TIM MCGUIRE BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$799,000
Beautiful Holiday model on large lot. Court location, 4bd/2ba 2172+/-sf. Maple/granite kitchen, granite baths.

KIM OTT BY APPOINTMENT



UNION CITY \$725,000
Beautiful 4bd/3ba has vaulted ceiling/newer carpet/tile kitchen floor/fresh paint in and out/bonus room. 1bd/1ba down. Newly landscaped.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$650,000
Near Pleasantons award winning schools. Updated home with 4 spacious bedrooms, updated baths, private spacious yard.

MARK KOTCH BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$639,950
Beautiful Coventry property. Some features include tile flooring, surround sound, 3 car garage. A must see!

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