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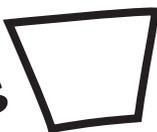
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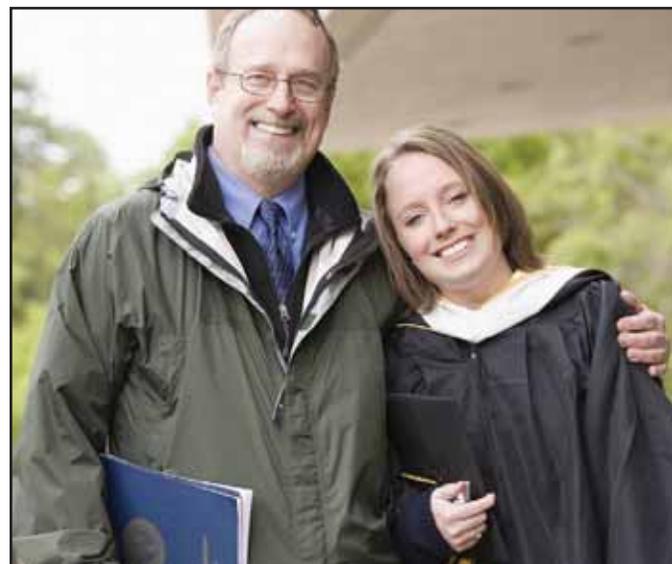
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Unique downtown toy store opens tomorrow

A new toy store opening in downtown Pleasanton tomorrow promises to be as unique in its merchandising as its owners, Dee and Rob Nitzsche, are in their concepts about what a successful toy store should be. It's an unusual venture for the two although the store with its open stage for performances, puppets and a global offering of toys that promote imagination fits in with the dreams and skills both have had along the way.

Probably none of their classmates at Purdue University where Rob received an industrial design degree in 1991 or at Michigan State and later Loyola University in Chicago where Dee graduated with a law degree would have guessed that nearly two decades later the two would own a toy business in Pleasanton, Calif. Yet here they are, successful not only in their professions but also as the entrepreneurs of [www.yourstageinc.com](http://www.yourstageinc.com), their Internet toy store that offers a wide variety of toys for fun, imagination and dreams. Also unique is that the Nitzsches have taken their profitable online business and added a "brick and mortar" component called Your Stage Toys at 63 E. Angela St., formerly where the Berry Patch was located before moving across the street last month.

The 1,000-square-foot store has display counters and racks of toys, hand puppets, and kid's room decor with a full stage in the back of the store, red curtain and all, where tots to teens can put on shows. At 10 a.m. tomorrow, Capt'n Jack Spareribs will perform for the ribbon cutting and grand opening. He's been voted the "Best Family Fun" in the Bay Area for 2009. Next Saturday, Magic Dan, a Bay Area favorite magician who has been entertaining audiences for the last 20 years, will perform on the Nitzsches' stage along with The Front Porch, a local folk band. Dee and Rob say they're setting the stage (pardon the pun) for performances at least

once a week ranging from puppet performances, magic shows, musical presentations and dances. They're especially interested in bringing out the actor and actress in every youngster and will have professionals on hand to help youths create their own show. Helping, too, will be the Nitzsches' own daughters: Claire, 10; Natalie, 8, and Taylor, 6. The three, students at Valley View Elementary School, have musical and theatrical talents of their own and played a major part in their parents' plans for an actual retail store to advance the dream.

Finding just the right spot for their daughters' birthday parties also gave the Nitzsches the idea for adding a birthday component at the new store. The plan is to have parents drop the birthday group off for an hour of play training by friends of the Nitzsches, move next door to Amelia's Restaurant where they have an agreement for food, a birthday cake and beverages, and then back to the store's stage where parents can watch their young act out the show they've learned. The toy inventory is an added incentive for parties with party-goers able to order on the store's internet site and have their gifts wrapped and ready to hand out at the party. Even grandma in Chicago can send the offspring a gift if she can't come to Pleasanton for the party.

Dee, who has been a classic performer and plays in the Wyatt Riot band at Watson Wyatt where she works as a consultant, is also active with the Barton Learning Program at Valley View. Her interests over the years have been to help children with various learning disabilities and in promoting early reading intervention for children with dyslexia and other reading difficulties. Most children who struggle with learning disabilities, the Nitzsches have found, are gifted in other ways as evidenced by the high number of them who grow up to be artists and inventors. Celebrating "the whole" child has been foremost in their thinking as they developed the Your Stage Toys concept where children and their parents can find professional guidance and fun. The store will be open daily at 10 a.m., closing at 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, at 8 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. ■

## About the Cover

Voters headed to the polls Tuesday and decided not to pass Measure G, a \$233-per-parcel tax that would have provided about \$18.3 million in educational funding. With a deadline to provide a balanced budget, the school district and its board will need to make up for the multimillion-dollar shortfalls from state cuts before the end of June. Design by Lili Cao.

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### Josephine Sandoval

I couldn't afford to take a vacation this year, but fortunately my son is paying for my trip to Disneyworld so I can be with my grandchildren. With the economy the way it is this year, and because I am a senior, it would've been difficult to pay for a vacation on my own this year.

### Farah Baqar

We were planning to go to Europe this summer with the whole family, but we decided to travel to Canada instead since it's less expensive to travel there. We are also planning to use some of the money we are saving to start the renovations on our home.



### Richard Greilich

We typically go to Hawaii every year, but this year we've decided to stay local and take shorter driving trips due to the high cost of travel this year. We will be taking a trip to the Santa Rosa area to celebrate an anniversary with some good friends of ours.

### Beth Hamilton

We decided to have more friends over for summer barbecues instead of spending a lot of extra money on trips this summer. We were planning to drive back to Mt. Rushmore this year but we cancelled the trip to save money.



### Debbie Glenn

With the economy the way it is, we're definitely going to take more "staycations" this year. We'll take the kids to several children's nature museums this year and we also have an Oakland Zoo pass which is a good value since I have three children.

—Compiled by Hillary Bessiere

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## DIGEST

### Planting helpers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Streamside Hedgerow planting days at the Sunol AgPark from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The park, located at the Sunol Water Temple, is an organic farm run by nonprofit Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE). For details visit [www.acrcd.org](http://www.acrcd.org) and click on youth education, hands-on-conservation for details. RSVPs are required. Contact Leslie Koenig at 371-0154 ext. 115.

### 'No Ordinary Summer Camp'

Middle school-age students are invited to "No Ordinary Summer Camp" put on by Las Positas College in Livermore. From 9 a.m. to noon June 15 to 26, campers can take part in activities such as yoga and fencing while learning about wellness and boosting confidence and self-esteem. The camp is \$250 plus equipment fees. Enrollment is limited to 40 students, ages 11 to 13, entering sixth to eighth grade. Register by calling 424-1467.

### Life as a Union soldier

The Museum On Main presents "Mini Civil War Presentation: The Camp Life of the Union Foot Soldier" at 7 p.m. June 10. Re-enactor Ernie Manzo will don full uniform for this free presentation at the museum, located at 603 Main St. Reservations can be made at 462-2766.

### City interpreted

After a day of "painting the town" Saturday, artists will bring completed works to the Museum On Main to be displayed from 4 to 6 p.m. A silent auction for the pieces will be during this time, with winners announced afterwards with a live auction. Proceeds will benefit the museum.

### Free driving workshop

The State Compensation Insurance Fund and the California Highway Patrol have partnered to present a statewide series of free safety workshops addressing enhanced driving strategies, from 8 a.m. to noon June 16 at the CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive., Early registration is recommended by calling Grace Virrey at 523-5617 or visiting [www.scif.com](http://www.scif.com).

### Correction

The website address for Saturday's retirement party for Bob Moorefield as mentioned in "Foothill band director marches on after 41 years" (News, page 6, May 22) should have been <http://event.pingg.com/Moorf>.

## Thousands join to dedicate Livermore Lab's National Ignition Facility

BY JEB BING

With thousands in attendance, the National Ignition Facility (NIF) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was officially dedicated last Friday, completing a construction effort started 12 years ago that included a number of funding objections that nearly derailed the project.

Political, civic and city leaders filled front row seats and a wide stage under protective three-story high scaffolding with security forces patrolling both the open-air seating area and standing on nearby rooftops. Mayors Jennifer Hosterman of Pleasanton and Tim Sbranti of Dublin were there alongside the Lab's host city and Mayor Marshall Kamena of Livermore.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger arrived late, and then led a procession to the stage, which included Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), and Con-

### World's largest laser sets the stage to 'harness the energy of the sun'

gressmembers Jerry McNerney (D-11th), Ellen Tauscher (D-10th) and Zoe Lofgren (D-16th).

"The NIF has the potential to revolutionize our energy system—teaching us a new way to harness the energy of the sun to power our cars and homes," Schwarzenegger said. "California was the home of the first working laser, so it is no surprise that the Golden State has produced the world's largest and most powerful one."

Feinstein added that the state has long served as an incubator of science and technological advances for the nation and the world.

"The National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will further that

leadership role in the 21st Century and promises to blaze a new trail toward sustainable, carbon-free energy independence," she said.

McNerney told the audience that the Lab has led the world in laser fusion research since the early 1960s.

"The National Ignition Facility ensures America's continued excellence in a field of crucial importance to our nation," he said.

Tauscher, who has backed the construction of NIF since its conception, received the loudest applause for her work over the years to keep it on track despite some congressional and other public opposition to its cost. Together with

NIF, the world's highest-energy laser system, consists of 192 laser beams that will focus nearly two million joules of energy and

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DAVE WALDEN

### Faz shows their pizzazz

A team from Faz restaurant used kitchen utensils—and food—during a team cheer competition last Friday at "A Taste of Summer" fundraiser for Hacienda Helping Hands. The event was organized by Hyatt Summerfield Suites and the Tri-Valley Community Foundation. The Hacienda Business Park—launched "Hacienda Helping Hands" as a way to give back. Six teams from Hacienda companies fired up grills in the courtyard of Shaklee for the Top Chef cook-off.

## High dive removed from aquatic center

Popular feature to be replaced with second low diving board

BY EMILY WEST

Anyone looking to cool off by taking a dip at the city's Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center may notice some changes to the pool this summer season.

In the spring, the high diving board was removed, according to recreation supervisor Ian Anderson. Not only was it broken, but it wasn't in line with Cal-OSHA safety standards, he said.

The option was to either remove the low, one-meter diving board and keep the three-meter high dive, or to remove the high dive and install an additional low diving board. Anderson said the plan is to the latter.

"More people can use [the one-meter boards]," Anderson said. "A young child is going to be scared to go up on the three-meter board. Teenagers and adults are going to be the

ones who frequent the facility less, anyhow."

Marty Maraschin, a Pleasanton resident, said he's been doing flips off the high dive for the last five years or so.

"Everybody I talk to is upset [about the removal]," he said. "A number of people are saying they may go to the high dive in San Ramon instead."

He, too, is considering foregoing his annual pass to the city aquatic center in favor of a facility with a diving board more to his liking.

"The goal is to buy another one-meter," Anderson said, adding that it hasn't been purchased yet and no installation date has been set.

The aquatics center, located at 4455 Black Ave., opened for afternoon hours this week, in addition to the weekend schedule. To learn more about the center, call 931-3420. ■

## Bosco, downtown's mascot, dies

Black lab served as grand marshal at pet parades

Bosco, downtown Pleasanton's mascot for years, died last week at the age of 13-1/2.

The black Labrador was owned by Don and Frances Hewitt and went to work every day with Frances when she was an associate director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association. He also served as the grand marshal of the PDA's pooch parade during the First Wednesday street parties each August.

Bosco frequently volunteered his services as a compassionate pet with the Valley Humane Society and on nursing home visits in Pleasanton and Livermore.

"Bosco was an icon in the downtown area and Don and I were often referred to as 'Bosco's parents' by people who didn't know our names," said Frances Hewitt, who now has her own business.

Bosco was born in Sisters, Ore. Dec. 29, 1995 and soon found that hunting was his passion. After moving to Pleasanton, he also found his other passion was bringing joy to those shopping downtown and doing business at the PDA's office, where some thought he was in charge.

A memorial service is being planned for 6 p.m. June 9 at Main Street Brewery, one of Bosco's favorite stops and also where owner Matt Billings created a special Bosco's Brew, which will be poured in the late Bosco's honor. Besides Don and Frances Hewitt, he is survived by the Hewitts' Labrador Cabo, Bosco's great nephew.

—Jeb Bing



Bosco was often seen downtown at the Pleasanton Downtown Association's offices.

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## SUN SAFETY

- Always use sunscreen and wear protective clothing.
- Make sure youngsters drink enough water.
- Watch for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke: dizziness, nausea, rapid heart beat.

## PREVENT BURNS

- Watch toddlers closely near barbecues, campfires or outdoor fireplaces. Burns are common injuries.
- Install screens or some type of barrier where appropriate.
- Metal playground equipment can get hot enough to cause burns on hot days.

## PREVENT FALLS

- Move beds and chairs away from windows. Children may jump and play, and could fall through open windows.
- Make sure low windows are closed to prevent young children from falling out.
- Install gates at the top of stairs or decks to prevent falls.

## ROAD SAFETY

- Always wear helmets and protective gear while biking, skating or skateboarding.
- Discuss bicycle and road safety with your children.
- Review pedestrian safety with children as well as adolescents.
- Never leave a child alone in a car. Temperatures quickly reach over 100 degrees.
- Drive cautiously. Children move quickly and may be difficult to see, especially when backing up. You may not see toddlers and older children playing behind a car.
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# Pleasanton's Chris Moore to take reins at Zone 7 Water

Seat vacated by Dale Myers, who announced abrupt resignation in April

Pleasanton resident Chris Moore has been appointed by the Zone 7 Water Agency Board to take the post of director after Dale Myers announced his abrupt resignation in April, leaving three years left of an elected term.

Moore, a deputy police chief with the San Jose Police Department and a licensed attorney, will fill Myers' remaining three-year term. Myers left the post citing time restraints. This will be the second time Moore has filled an unexpired term at the water agency, which wholesales water to the city of Pleasanton serving 80 percent of its residents with water

from the Delta. Moore filled former board member John Marchand's seat in 2006 for the remaining six months as Marchand became a member of the Livermore City Council. He ran for one of three open board seats last November and finished fourth out of eight total candidates.

A 22-year Pleasanton resident, Moore was selected as a White House Fellow in 1999 to provide counsel to then-U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

Moore said he hopes to be a strong voice on behalf of Zone 7 and its constituents in statewide discussions of the future of the

Delta, which conveys 80 percent of the agency's water supply. He said he also would like to be involved in both short and long-term planning for the Chain of Lakes project, which involves a series of mined-out gravel quarries between Pleasanton and Livermore which hold a key to groundwater recharge and floodwater detention.

"The Chain of Lakes is a gem for the Valley—both as a potential recreational amenity and as an effective water-resource management tool," Moore said. "It's a unique opportunity we have."

—Janet Pelletier

## LASER

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Along with this vital national security mission, NIF also offers the possibility of groundbreaking scientific discoveries in planetary science and astrophysics. By creating the conditions that exist in supernovas, in the event horizons of black holes and in the cores of giant planets, NIF will help unlock the secrets of the cosmos. A large majority of these experiments will be unclassified and will provide a rich source of previously unobtainable data to the world-wide research community.

It is NIF's third mission—energy independence—that has generated

the most excitement. Global energy demand, driven by population growth and the aspirations of the developing world, already is straining the planet's existing energy resources. Global demand for electricity is expected to double from its current level by 2030 and then double again by the end of the century. At such a pace, as many as 10,000 new power plants will have to be built to keep up with this demand. Many of these plants will burn non-renewable fossil fuels—coal, oil and natural gas—and in the process release more carbon dioxide into the environment.

As part of the global race to satisfy the world's thirst for energy, NIF will advance a new form of green energy and is scheduled to begin ignition experiments in 2010 that will focus its lasers on a very tiny target filled with isotopes of hydrogen. The heat and pressures created by NIF's lasers will force the hydrogen nuclei to collide and produce a controlled fusion reaction similar to that found in the sun.

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benefit the American people. Very shortly we will engage in what many believe to be this nation's greatest challenge thus far, one that confronts not only the nation but all of mankind—energy independence. I have no doubt that as in the past, this laboratory will again rise to the occasion and put forth a solution that exceeds expectations," said George Miller, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

"Here, in this facility, we see firsthand how interdisciplinary innovation in science and technology is applied to solve large, complex and challenging problems of national importance. The University of California takes great pride in its long association with Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. From the very beginning, UC faculty have served as advisors and reviewers of the Lab's laser programs and will continue as NIF moves into its next phase," said Mark Yudof, president, University of California. ■

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**Flamingo invasion**

Noticed any lawns covered in pink plastic flamingos lately? The Foothill High School girls basketball team is responsible, as the "migrations" serve to raise funds for next year's season. Give the team a call with a donation and an address of a house to be "flocked" with the birds, and the team will take it away from there. The fundraiser lasts through June 12, but maybe longer if there is demand, according to Coach Gina Lyng.

Freshman Madison Craig said the team has a blast taking part in the fundraiser, and that the "victims" really seem to like it.

"I heard from one person that when we were moving the flamingos, the kids cried," she said.

To learn more, contact Lyng at [ginalyng@mac.com](mailto:ginalyng@mac.com).

**Food pantry grows with need**

Valley Bible Church offers groceries Thursday nights

BY EMILY WEST

Initially starting with church members donating food, the Valley Bible Church food pantry has grown since it opened March 2008.

The pantry has been stocked with help of schools, local charities and other churches, with Nob Hill Foods and Noah's Bagels also offering bread to those in need at the

Thursday Open Pantry nights. From 6:30 to 8 p.m., the church gives away canned and non-perishable goods to last families a few days.

"It's been a blessing to see how God has supplied the food we need each week," Kim Chew said.

The effort began when Chew, a member of the Pleasanton PTA Council as well as the church, was working on holiday food baskets for families at Amador Valley High and Harvest Park Middle schools.

"I noticed the number of people needing assistance had doubled," Chew said. "This was even before the economy was really bad."

They have seen about 16 families coming each week.

"We haven't run out of food, but we've gotten pretty close some times," Wayne Johnson, pastor of community services said.

Having worked as a pastor in Pleasanton for over 20 years, Johnson said he wasn't aware of the poverty in the area until recently.

"I thought [there was little poverty because] we're in a well-off area," he said. "But we're not aware because we don't really see it. There's people under bridges, living in their cars."

"I want to do anything I can to

help the people around me," he added. "I love my community and the people in the community."

It's been a community effort, Chew said, as friends throwing holiday parties asked guests to bring canned goods in lieu of a hostess gift. A Girl Scout troop also assembled 12 baking kits to give away during the holidays.

In recent months, Pleasanton Middle School helped collect food and toys, Walnut Grove Elementary collected toiletries, Fairlands Elementary School had a food drive, and Abbie 4H in Livermore did a food drive and cash donation. Other churches have also chipped in monetarily and have referred people to the pantry.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Valley Bible Church food pantry can leave donations in the church foyer from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Volunteers are also available to pick-up items from homes. The church will have barrels at the First Wednesday street parties for people wanting to donate non-perishable items.

To learn more about the pantry, call Kim Chew at 426-2492. ■

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## City asks residents to choose trash bin size

New system, which requires sorting recyclables from trash, expected to send less waste to landfill

As Pleasanton launches its new recycling program, it's asking residents to choose which size trash bin they will use at home.

The City Council approved the changes to the current system at its April 7 meeting. The new service will require residents to separate recyclables from trash, rather than the current system where Pleasanton Garbage Service does the sorting. As part of the new program, which will begin in October, residents will have three bins—one for trash, one for recyclables and one for green waste. A new recycling bin will be delivered for glass and plastic bottles, steel or tin cans, jars, cardboard, aluminum containers or foil and paper.

There are two combination choices, both of which include a 64-gallon green waste bin and a 96-gallon recycling bin. The first choice includes a 35-gallon trash bin for a total of \$29.13 per month, while the second choice includes a 96-gallon trash cart for \$34.67 per month. A mailer that has been sent out should be sent back with a response by June 12. Those who don't respond will continue with their existing trash bin size.

The new program is expected to capture more recyclable material and send less waste to the landfill.

For more information, call Pleasanton Garbage Service at 846-2042.

—Janet Pelletier

## OF NOTE

### Amador student accepted into Coast Guard Academy

Amador Valley High School student Patrick Stueve has been recognized by the United States Coast Guard for superior academic achievement and leadership po-

tential. He will be sworn in as a member of the Coast Guard Academy's Class of 2013 on June 29.

The academy, located in New London, Conn., is the smallest of the country's five military service academies. Less than 400 appointments are offered annually from a pool of more than 3,300 applications. Stueve is the son of CDR Tim and Cherie Stueve (USCG retired) of Pleasanton. ■

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Each household will receive a designated recycling cart along with the choice of a 35-gallon or a 96-gallon trash cart to collect waste that is not recyclable or green. The new collection carts and important information about the new recycling program will be delivered to residents prior to the start of the program.

For more information, please call Pleasanton Garbage Service at (925) 846-2042.

# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Voters tough love: No school parcel tax so make the cuts

When reporters asked Senator Dianne Feinstein to comment on complaints about major cuts to state services and education following the May 19 vote against the state propositions, she said, Californians want the very best but often don't want to pay the costs. She recalled as mayor of San Francisco asking voters if they wanted more police, and the answer would come back loudly, "Yes." Do you want more firefighters? The answer would come back loudly, "Yes." Do you want to pay for them? And instantly, Feinstein said, it was always a booming, "No."

That's part of the dilemma of Tuesday's vote on Measure G, the \$233-a-year, four-year-long parcel tax that voters defeated. The hard part of it is that voters won't like where the cuts have to come from. The tax would have saved the 127 of 148 jobs that are on the line, which includes 108 certificated teachers (some of the district's youngest and brightest) and 40 classified personnel, including eight janitors. It would also have saved seven key education and school district programs that are now likely to be cut or significantly reduced, including school library services, counselors, reading and math programs and string and band programs in the elementary schools. Class-size reduction, which have kept kindergarten through third grade, as well as ninth-grade math and English classes, at 20:1 for the last several years will likely be raised to 25:1 or eliminated altogether. Even with these cuts, it's unclear if the district can make enough reductions to meet the \$18.7 million shortfall that the district must erase to meet its requirement for a balanced budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year, which starts July 1.

Pleasanton has never seen a time when voters did what they did, in view of what they were told about cuts. In the sizeable defeat of Measure G, voters said they don't want new taxes. What was astonishing to seasoned municipal and school politicians who sit on the school board and City Council, all of whom by the way who endorsed Measure G, was the anonymity of the opposition that had no organized campaign but seemed to agree that taxpayers shouldn't pay the cost of preserving and sustaining Pleasanton schools. With the state nearly bankrupt, the federal government offering only one-time stimulus funds and the once cash-cow developer fees all but gone as development stops, to balance the budget will require major and unpleasant cuts Pleasanton has seldom experienced. Teachers agreed to donate two days of their salary to help, but only if Measure G passed. Administrators, including Superintendent John Casey, have given up paydays that could save the district \$1 million. Cell phones and car allowances can be taken away, but all of these hardly add up to \$18.7 million which the school board must now find.

Puzzling, too, is that a mostly quiet opposition defeated a well-financed and organized campaign run by an outside consulting firm. Only a few who opposed Measure G ever attended a school board meeting or sent emails stating their objections and demands, so it will be difficult for board members in the aftermath of the defeat to determine just what they did wrong. One thing's for sure: It will be a long time before this or any future school board returns to the ballot box with another parcel tax proposal.

Similar to what Feinstein said about the May 19 election, Pleasanton voters said in sufficient numbers to go ahead with the cuts, trim programs, cut back on school services and force teachers to reduce their salaries and benefits. That could require a new superintendent and school board willing to challenge union contracts and make those changes. The first opportunity to test the seriousness of those who opposed Measure G will come at this time next year when the campaigns begin for the November 2010 school board election. That's when the terms of board members Pat Kernan and Jim Ott expire. In the meantime, let's hope we can find the \$18.7 million to balance the upcoming school budget without too much damage to the quality of education that Pleasanton has already achieved. ■

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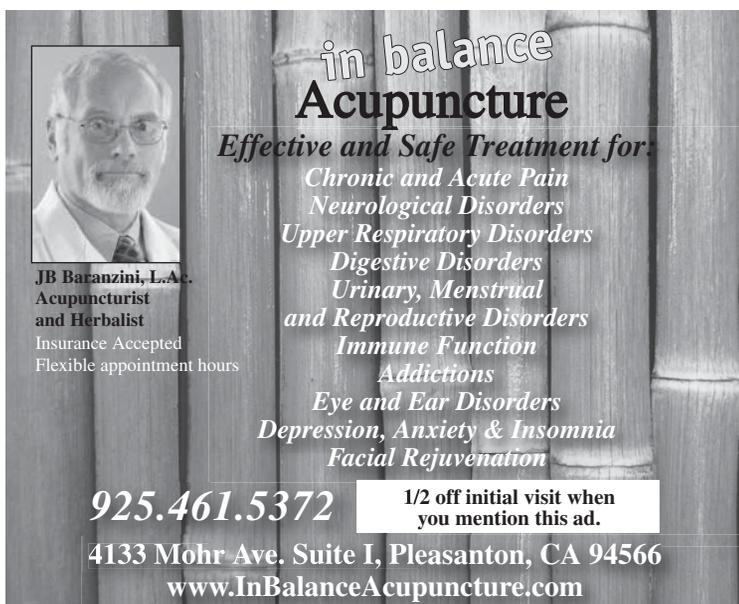
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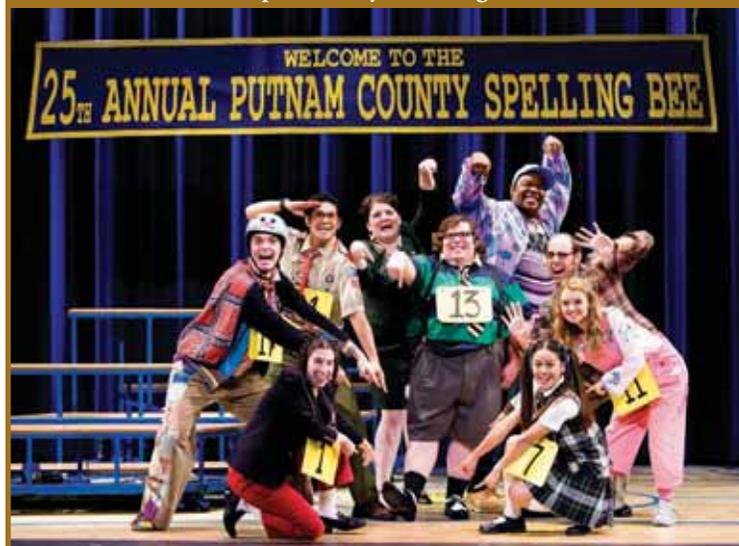
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# GUEST OPINION



By BRAD HIRST

## Music studios, private schools providing jobs

Your April 24 editorial regarding private schools and other cultural uses in business parks misses the mark on several counts ("Is commercial zoning losing out to private schools, music studios?" page 10). Both the reporting and the thinking are below your usual clear-headed logic.

By definition, Valley and Hacienda are "business parks," not "industrial parks" or "office parks." Private schools, learning schools, music studios and martial art studios are businesses. They are intended by the owners to provide a service that customers purchase. They pay property taxes, business license fees, payroll taxes and provide jobs. Hopefully, they also earn a profit because there is customer demand for their services. By the way, a public school and a significant amount of housing are also located in Hacienda "Business Park."

As someone who has built and sold over 60 commercial condominiums in Pleasanton and Livermore, I assure you of three things:

1) Their neighbors are in great favor of the varied business uses. The off-peak hours of operation and parking minimize any burden to each other. The off-peak hours provide occupancy and customer activity when the traditional business people are not present. The result is activity and security that results in reduced vandalism and pranks.

2) The "cultural" businesses are successful because they provide a

service that customers want to buy.

3) Small business owners are enthused to own their own real estate and control their occupancy costs over time. There is also equity build up and property appreciation over time.

The music studios and private schools are providing jobs. Not everyone is a machinist, roofer or newspaper editor. The music studio that you implied is taking away jobs has hired four additional instructors and purchased four new pianos in three years. Furthermore, private schools and learning centers complement and enhance our public schools. Isn't our community in favor of the highest possible studio achievement and lifelong learning?

You neglected to point out another benefit of these local services. With 90 percent of the customers being Pleasanton residents, they do not have to drive to other communities. Thus it saves time, gasoline and does not add to roadway usage. You complained about both on-site and on-street parking. Parking is in short supply when business is thriving. That is not the situation now. At both of the buildings your editorial mentioned, there is available parking at all times.

You stated that new business park opportunities are increasingly limited as Pleasanton reaches buildout. How about the many existing vacancies? How about the acreage along the south side of Busch Road, east of Valley? How about the vacant land in Stanley Business Park?

*Brad Hirst was a former chairman of the city's Economic Vitality Committee and Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and is a local businessman.*

# LETTERS

## We're now at mercy of state budget fiasco

Dear Editor,

Wednesday, I awoke to the news that Measure G failed, and my heart is heavy. Pleasanton now has the "distinction" of being one of the very few communities in this area who chose to not support schools and children by providing a steady source of income for our schools.

We can no longer count on stable income from the state. The state budget is swirling in a vortex of mismanagement and overspending—and we will be seeing more and more cuts to education. Our community could have thrown our schools a lifeline to help provide secure funds to help us weather the uncertainty of state funding. Instead, 38 percent of those who voted chose to hang onto that lifeline, and we will now continue to be at the mercy of the state budget fiasco.

To those who put their heart and soul into working on the Measure G campaign, especially Joan Laursen and Tanya Ludden, I commend you. You have worked tirelessly to try and educate the community about the very complex school funding issue and I was so impressed with how organized and professionally the cam-

paign was run.

As we look ahead to next year, our schools will see devastating cuts to teachers and programs. I hope that our community, especially those who voted against Measure G, will work with the PUSD school board to come up with creative ways to minimize the effect on our children.

*Cathy Ritter*

## Redo the redesign

Dear Editor,

I read your column regarding the font and layout changes, etc. in the recent Weekly ("The Weekly: newly designed, easier to read," Around Pleasanton,

April 20, page 3).

I was really disappointed that the quality of the newsprint has also been changed. The paper actually feels flimsy now and the quality of all the ads and photos was really blurred.

Honestly, I would not have known that it was the Pleasanton Ridge that was depicted next to the new banner if you had not mentioned it in your article. The result was really inferior. Please reconsider going back to the nice quality newsprint so the Weekly looks sharp and crisp again. The font and layout changes were unfortunately really diminished as a result.

*Suzanne Powers*

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## OBITUARIES

### Kaylynn Yaryan

Kaylynn Yaryan died in a head-on car accident on Vasco Road south of Byron May 22. She was 25 years old.

Ms. Yaryan was born Dec. 19, 1983 in San Diego. She moved to Livermore in 1998 and attended Livermore High School.

She loved the beach, the mountains and road trips. Her joy in life was her son, her friends and her family. She loved bringing joy to everyone she touched. Her job at Hallmark in Livermore allowed her to help celebrate with everyone she served. She was the world to her son and his father, family and friends. Her love and brilliant light will be forever missed.

She is survived by her 5-year-old son, Joseph Austin Schweig; his father, Joseph Alan Schweig; mother and stepfather, Renee and Jonathon Woodruff; father and stepmother, Tim and Jan Yaryan; brothers, Aaron Boyer and Jake Yaryan; stepbrothers, Joshua and Michael Woodruff; and grandparents, Sandra and Larry Howard, and Del and June Yaryan.

The family will be setting up a trust with Chevron Credit Union

for Joseph Schweig. Donations can be directed to Joseph Schweig Trust/Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 North Canyon Parkway, Livermore CA 94551.

### Jack Camacho

Jack Camacho died May 21 at the age of 71.

A 35-year Pleasanton resident, Mr. Camacho was the youngest of two children, born in Redwood City, Calif. to parents Christopher and Isabel, direct descendents from Madrid, Spain. He graduated from Sequoia High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1956. His initial duty was at Camp Pendleton, Calif. with the H&S Company, 2nd Infantry Division. He completed his military service as a Reservist, and was honorably discharged eight years later, on Aug. 24, 1964. After that, he went to work for San Francisco French Bread Company as a route sales driver. He ran a route in San Jose for 29 years and retired in 1997.

Mr. Camacho was an avid '49ers fan and season ticket holder since the days of Kezar Stadium. He even named his lovable Bichon Frise

dogs, affectionately, "Montanta" and "Frisco." His family received a condolence letter on behalf of the '49ers organization, thanking him for his years of dedication as a "49er Faithful." In addition to football, he was also a NASCAR fan and liked No. 3, Dale Earnhardt, especially for his nickname, "The Intimidator." He especially got a kick out of watching his youngest granddaughters entertain him by singing and dancing. He enjoyed vacations on the California coast and summers on the South Shore of Lake Tahoe.

He was a beloved husband to his wife of 27 years, Farolene "Micki," who preceded him in death in 1991. He was a devoted father to his daughters, Christine Ahrens and Jacqueline Camacho, and stepsons, Kenneth and Michael Farr. He was father-in-law to Jim Ahrens, husband of Christine, Karen Farr, wife of Kenneth, and Cheryl Farr, wife of Michael. He was a grandfather of eight and great grandfather of nine.

Services were held May 28 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, with burial following at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery on 5780 Sunol Blvd. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the local Valley Humane Society or your local S.P.C.A.



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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Mountain lion spotted near Mohr Elementary School

A resident reported seeing a mountain lion at lunch-time Tuesday behind Mohr Elementary School, according to Pleasanton police.

The sighting occurred at 12:22 p.m. by the school, which is located on Dennis Drive, near a vacant lot at Martin Avenue. Police attempted to search for the feline to no avail.

This is the fourth time a mountain lion has been seen in the Mohr-Martin neighborhood in the past two months, but there have been no attacks reported, according to police. A mountain lion was spotted in the same vacant lot April 27, making it the third sighting in recent weeks. On April 14, a woman jogging on a dirt path near Martin Avenue reported seeing a mountain lion lying in tall grass at about 6:30 a.m. The animal showed no signs of aggression and the woman walked away slowly, police said.

Pleasanton police are warning residents to avoid hiking or jogging alone in rural areas, especially during times mountain lions are known to be most active: at

dusk, at night and early in the morning.

Children should be closely monitored at all times in rural areas, police said. If a resident sees a mountain lion, they should stay still, face the animal and stand upright. Police recommend that you try to appear as large as possible, make noise and throw rocks or sticks to scare the animal off. Anyone who spots a mountain lion should immediately call police at 931-5100.

### Police arrest teens on burglary charges

Three teenagers were arrested Tuesday after they allegedly committed a burglary at an apartment complex near City Hall.

At 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, a neighbor told police that three young men were acting suspiciously at her complex in the 100 block of Old Bernal Avenue, according to Sgt. Barry Mickleburgh.

After officers arrived, they arrested a 16-year-old boy on burglary charges. A television, clothing and jewelry were among the stolen goods, according to police.

Further investigation led police to arrest a 15-year-old boy and 18-year-old Jonathon Fala of Pleasanton for burglary. Fala was booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, while the two minors were released to their parents with a notice to appear in court.

—Janet Pelletier

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

### May 24

#### Concealed weapon in vehicle

- 6:36 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

### May 25

#### Identity theft

- 8:17 p.m. in the 5700 block of San Carlos Way

#### Shoplifting

- 8:58 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:42 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- 3:14 a.m. at the intersection of Black Avenue and Via Espada; public drunkenness
- 5:39 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Busch Road; DUI

### May 26

#### Theft

- 9:23 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; stolen vehicle
- 2:23 p.m. in the 3100 block of Pellaro Court
- 5:34 p.m. in the 4900 block of Owens Drive; identity theft

#### Vehicular burglary

- 7:46 p.m. in the 4400 block of Willow Road

#### Vandalism

- 1:38 a.m. in the 1000 block of Harvest Circle

#### Drug violations

- 10:28 p.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue; under the influence of a controlled substance, non-narcotic controlled substance possession

### May 27

#### Petty theft

- 9:43 p.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road
- 2:39 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 3:05 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 4:44 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

- 2:34 p.m. in the 5300 block of Black Avenue

- 3:15 p.m. in the 3000 block of Badger Drive

- 9:34 a.m. in the 4200 block of Sheldon Circle

- 1:35 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue; driving with marijuana
- 6:06 p.m. in the 6200 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; marijuana possession, controlled substance possession

- 8:44 a.m. in the 7800 block of Cypress Creek Court; identity theft
- 11:01 a.m. at the intersection of Harvest and Golden roads; grand theft

- 2:40 p.m. in the 7800 block of Flagstone Drive; identity theft
- 4:22 p.m. in the 500 block of St. John Street; grand theft
- 7:53 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue; petty theft
- 8:41 p.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; grand theft

- 9:19 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway
- 9:24 a.m. at the intersection of Mohr Avenue and Santa Rita Road
- 11:51 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 6:35 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Trails Drive and National Park Road
- 6:36 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Springdale Avenue

- 12:35 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Newton Way;

- 7:03 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

- 8:05 p.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue
- 9:43 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

- 2:05 p.m. in the 3700 block of Reflections Drive

- 7:48 a.m. in the 5200 block of Forest Hill Drive; petty theft
- 11:13 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; forgery
- 12:06 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue
- 12:46 p.m. in the 2000 block of Valley Oak Road

- 10:50 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal and Valley avenues; paraphernalia possession, non-narcotic controlled substance possession

- under the influence of a controlled substance

- 9:43 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street; public drunkenness

#### Soliciting prostitution

- 7:03 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

#### Battery

- 8:05 p.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue
- 9:43 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

#### Recovered vehicle

- 2:05 p.m. in the 3700 block of Reflections Drive

### May 29

#### Theft

- 7:48 a.m. in the 5200 block of Forest Hill Drive; petty theft
- 11:13 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; forgery
- 12:06 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue
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#### Drug violations

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Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and discuss proposed 2009-10 and 2010-11 Operating Budgets and Capital Improvement Program Budgets

Planning Commission

- The June 10, 2009 Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled to June 24, 2009

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, June 11, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Transportation Corridor Trail Improvements between Spring Street and the Firehouse Arts Center
- Review of Cemetery Program

Library Commission

- The June 11, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting of the Library Commission has been cancelled.

Youth Commission

- The June 10, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission has been cancelled.

Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC)

Monday, June 8, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Review and approve Youth Master Plan Update Survey

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# Parcel tax fails

## Going forward, school district looks at cuts to balance the budget

By Emily West

Voters defeated a potential funding source for the school district Tuesday, and now members the Pleasanton Unified School District and its board are looking to reduce staff and programs in order to end the year with a balanced budget.

The measure would have brought about \$18.3 million—\$233 per parcel annually—over four years to fund seven programs identified by the community: small class sizes, reading and math support, libraries, counselors, technology instruction, music, and safe and clean schools. Measure G needed a two-thirds majority to pass, but fell short in Tuesday's special election with only 62.3 percent (10,618 votes) voting in favor.

Countywide, Piedmont Unified School District had two measures on the special election ballot, both of which passed by more than 70 percent. The total number of registered voters in the two cities was 48,901 and about 41 percent (20,141 voters) went to the polls. As of press time, the county was unable to confirm the percentage of registered voters from Pleasanton that cast ballots. Records show 40,181 Pleasanton residents were registered to vote in the May 19 election, which would make the June 2 turnout around 42 percent.

"I'm certainly disappointed," Superintendent John Casey said. "The board will be meeting over the next couple of weeks to determine what measures we have to take to address this budget deficit.

"I thank those who voted and expressed their opinion," he added, "especially those who campaigned for Measure G because certainly the board and I felt the need for it to pass."

In a special meeting Wednesday night, the board was expected to approve final layoff notices to teachers and support staff by the June 4 deadline.

"If Measure G had passed, we would have



EMILY WEST

Students at Thomas Hart Middle School take a high-tech approach in the classroom. The laptop program is one of many district offerings that may see big changes in the years to come due to budget cuts.

pulled back those 127 [of 148] layoff notices and not distributed them on June 4," Casey said.

In the past, the school board had considered a parcel tax that was intended to enhance offerings, instead of saving them. A feasibility study conducted by the Lew Edwards Group and EMC Research in June 2007 showed at

that time there wasn't a supermajority who thought the district needed more money. Survey responders said at the time, however, that they would support a tax that would address class-size reduction, vocational education and upgraded technology.

In January, the current board voted to not conduct a similar study, which would cost

an estimated \$30,000. Chris Grant, board president, said even without the survey he thought the board was obligated to bring the issue before the voters.

"Many community forums were held and folks strongly supported the parcel tax and wanted a much higher parcel tax," he said. "We felt it was important to allow the community to weigh in and to vote."

Kathleen Ruegsegger, a 20-year Pleasanton resident and former school board member and PUSD employee, said there were some deal breakers that kept her from voting in favor.

"The language could have been far more specific," she said. "It could have said 'X' counselors and 'X' number of specialists to be very specific in what it would maintain."

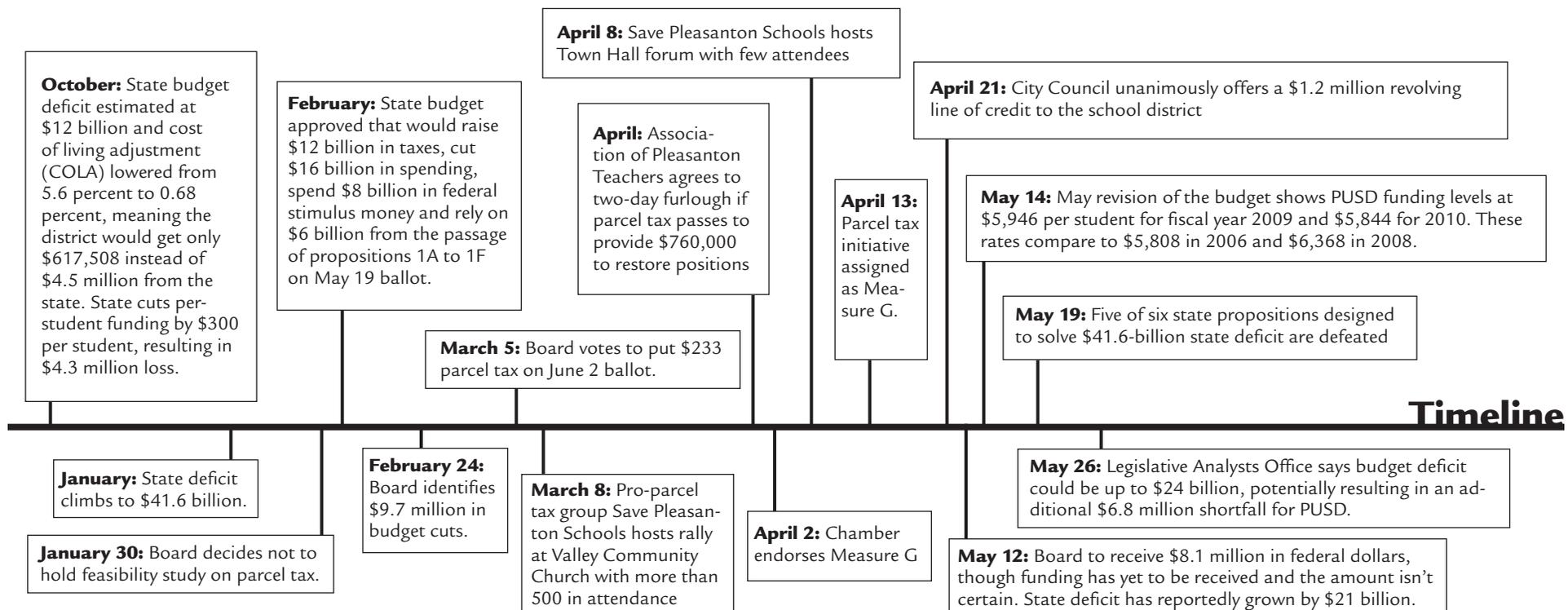
Ruegsegger said she is not opposed to the idea of a parcel tax and would like to see some changes if the board were to go for another parcel tax in the future.

"My first concern would be about letting the budget advisory committee actually comb through the budget and make suggestions directly to the board," she said. "My second would be that in another attempt, should it be needed, the community would be surveyed with specific questions about what they value."

People said they supported class-size reduction, but Ruegsegger said they should show the community the cost associated with various teacher-to-student ratios and make a prioritized list that would be used in developing ballot language.

The board held several forums and budget workshops in addition to the regular board meetings since the state announced there would be a reduction in funding earlier this year. Ruegsegger said she didn't attend these meetings, but wrote emails and spoke on the phone with the board members.

The pro-Measure G group called themselves Save Pleasanton Schools (SPS) and kicked off the campaign with a rally in April and continued with a town hall meeting as well as





JAY FLACHSBARTH

Save Pleasanton Schools held a kick-off rally in April to jump start the campaign to pass Measure G. Later, the group held a town hall meeting and volunteers walked precincts over the weekends leading up to Tuesday's election. Those opposing Measure G didn't have a formal campaign, although some in the community circulated an anti-parcel tax document and put together a website with similar information.

precinct walking. During Tuesday's election, SPS co-chair Tanya Ludden said they were tracking the seven polling locations, with 19 volunteers in the field and 30 in the office.

According to the group's website, [www.savepleasantonschools.org](http://www.savepleasantonschools.org), the group raised \$60,000 of their \$80,000 goal which would fund flyers, lawn signs, mailings, postage, office space and county fees.

While those opposing the tax didn't produce a formal campaign, some community members created a website called [www.pleasantonparceltaxinfo.com](http://www.pleasantonparceltaxinfo.com), which appears to have been shut down following the election.

A document titled "The real facts regarding the Pleasanton School District (PUSD) and the parcel tax" circulated during the campaign, with no one stepping forward to claim authorship. It claimed that, at the time, the budget cuts could be made without a parcel tax, layoffs and program cuts. A response from Casey circulated as well, causing many people to say he violated code stating he could not campaign.

The topic was addressed at board meeting in April where Paul Thompson, attorney for the school district, said the district has the right to issue factual information regarding Measure G and that the memo didn't include campaign language.

Steve Brozosky, former school board member and city councilman, stepped forward against the parcel tax, saying that many others found it difficult to do the same for fear of retribution.

"With the money the campaign for Measure G spent and no opposition campaign, the district leadership controlled the public's opinion," he said. "The reason the measure failed was the result of the district leadership, not another party 'winning.' The next month will define the leadership of the district."

Cloaked in anonymity, many people also found an outlet for their opposition on the Pleasanton Weekly's Town Square forum.

Joan Laursen, co-chair of SPS, said it felt good to have taken on the campaign challenge. Her more memorable moments were walking precincts and having parents thank her for "taking on the task for our children."

"The community is going to understand what is at stake," she said as she watched the voting returns come in Tuesday night showing G failing. "Voters were angry at Sacramento and didn't understand that [the budget deficit] had nothing to do with Pleasanton."

Now that residents have voiced their opinion by way of a vote, Grant said the board will take another look at the programs and make difficult decisions about reducing programs "in a way that still preserves the great

schools."

In the past few weeks, California's budget crisis has not improved. Instead, the deficit projections have reached \$24 billion. The Pleasanton school board already identified \$9.7 million to be cut, and the board could have to make up to \$9 million more in cuts by June 2010.

The district has said it could receive about \$8 million from the federal government, but they are only certain of \$2.5 million in one-time dollars allocated to special education over two years. About \$5.6 million was said to be coming through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, but Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, said that amount isn't set in stone. Currently, this funding has not been received by the district.

Grant said the district has been developing a list of potential cuts for the board to look over in future meetings. As for changes to class-size reduction, he said the state still appears to be committed to providing funds at the current levels.

Recently, the state allowed modification to the class-size reduction agreement. It will still provide \$4 million for a 20:1 student-to-teacher ratio in kindergarten through third grade, as well as ninth grade math and English classes, if the school district will

contribute \$1.6 million. If the ratio were increased to 25:1, the state would reduce their contribution by 20 percent, but would save PUSD \$1.6 million in teacher salaries.

"It's anybody's speculation whether that will change, but we sincerely hope that it doesn't," Grant said.

"I'm very optimistic about the future of Pleasanton schools," he added. "We have great students, an amazing community, incredibly talented teachers and support staff, and an excellent administration. The economic challenge of the state is creating havoc for all school districts and I think Pleasanton is better prepared, financially and from a leadership perspective, to weather the storm. It will be an even better school district despite the economic challenges."

For updates on the school budget, visit [www.pleasantonweekly.com](http://www.pleasantonweekly.com). ■

## Coming up

■ 5 p.m. June 5, special budget workshop (tentative)

■ 5 p.m. June 9, special budget workshop

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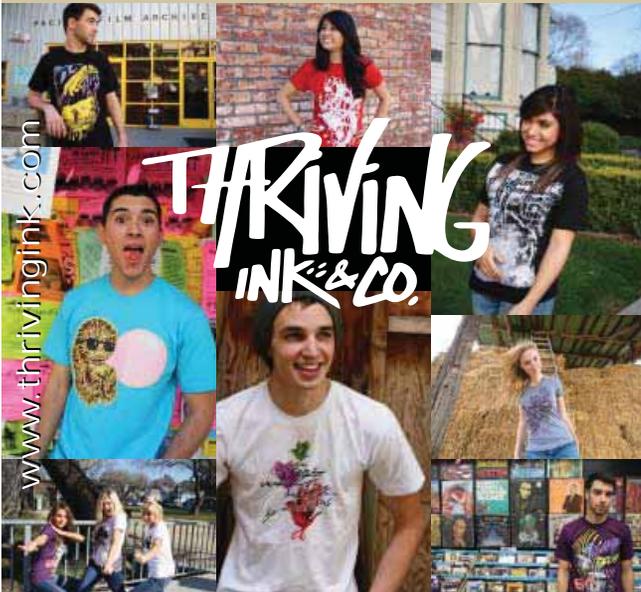


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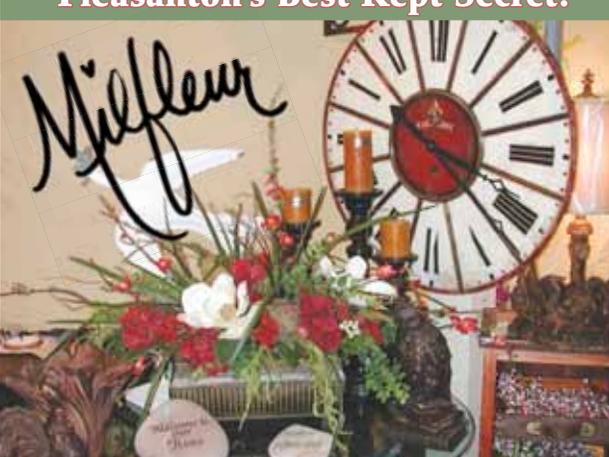
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**BOOK SIGNINGS** Published authors Lynette Pierce, Annette Langer, Len Harris and John D. Wolf will be doing brief readings and signing copies of their books from 5-6 p.m., Friday, June 12, at Skate Works, 460 Market Place, San Ramon. Visit [www.booklockerbooks.com](http://www.booklockerbooks.com).

**TOWNE CENTER BOOKS** This bookstore will host Lisa See, author of "Shanghai Girls," at 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 10; M.J. Ryan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 17; and Ayelet Waldman at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 30; all at the bookstore, 555 Main St. Reservations are recommended; call 846-8826.

## Book Clubs

**BOOK CLUBS MEETING AT TOWNE CENTER BOOKS** Towne Center Bookclub will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 10 to discuss "Story of a Marriage;" and Books About Brains Bookclub will meet at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, to discuss "How We Decide," both at the bookstore, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826.

## Clubs

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** This group meets on the second Saturday of every

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**DIVE TRIPPERS DIVE CLUB** This club enjoys getting together, sharing good times and fun, along with listening to our monthly guests, speaking on various aspects of diving from 7-9 p.m., on the second Thursday of every month, at Dive N Trips, 1032 Serpentine Lane. The club's next meeting is on June 11. Call 462-7234.

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB** This club will host its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 11, at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. This month's speaker is Ed Laivo from Dave Wilson's Nursery and he will talk about summer pruning of fruit trees. Call 417-8809.

## Concerts

**'CELEBRATE LOVE'** Catholic Community of Pleasanton will host a spring concert "Celebrate Love" at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 13, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. The children, teen and adult choirs will sing a variety of music. This concert is free, but will offerings will be accepted. Call 719-2348.

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## Events

### ADULT SUMMER READING GAME

Alameda County Libraries are hosting the Adult Summer Reading Game from June 15-Aug. 15. This year's theme is "Books Around the Bay." To participate, fill out an entry form for each book you read and drop it in the entry box at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Each library will draw one entry per week for a prize. Call 931-3400 or visit [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org).

### COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND TO PERFORM AT FARMER'S MARKET

Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 11, at the Livermore Farmer's Market, at the corner of Fourth and J streets. They will be playing a variety of musical styles. Visit [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org).

### MIRAMONT SYMPHONY RELEASE PARTY

Michael, winemaker from Miramont Estate Vineyards will be on hand to sign bottles of Symphony from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, June 6, at Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. This event is free. Call 606-9463.

### PLEASANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Adults are invited to join the Pleasanton Public Library "Reading Out West" summer reading program from June 13-July 25. Earn points to win a prize. For details, visit the Reading Out West blog on the [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library).

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## Fundraisers

**PLEASANTON ROTARY SPIRIT RUN** Pleasanton Rotary Spirit Run 5K and 10K races along with a kid's race will be held from 8-10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 21, in downtown Pleasanton. Cost is \$5-\$30. Proceeds benefit scholarships for local students. Visit [www.spiritrun.com](http://www.spiritrun.com).

**RELAY FOR LIFE CAR WASH** Team

AT&T Mighty Voices will host a Car Wash from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 6, at Wash Time Car Wash, 4257 Vervais Ave. Cost is \$5 per car. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Call 224-3333.

**RELAY FOR LIFE DAD AND GRADS SHOPPING BONANZA** Team AT&T Mighty Voices invite you to a Dads and Grads Shopping Boutique featuring various vendors from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, at Carr America Visitor Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event. Call 224-3333.

**WIGGLE WAGGLE DOG WASH** Bring your pooch for a run through the wash and rinse cycle at a Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash this summer from noon-4 p.m., Saturdays, June 6, Aug. 8 and Sept. 5, all at the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. All dog washes are free with donations greatly appreciated. Dogs should be on leashes. Call 426-8656.

## Health

**'STAY ON TRACK'** Learn strategies for setting realistic fitness goals and keeping the motivation to reach those goals from 6:30-7:15 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, at Amador Valley Chiropractic, 148 Ray St., Suite A. This event is free, but seating is limited and reservations are required; call 484-0191.

**CANCER CELEBRATION OF LIFE** Cancer survivors and those who support them are invited to an inspirational

evening and dessert reception called "Seeds of Opportunity" from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, at Faz Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Rd., 2nd Floor Ballroom, Pleasanton. Four cancer survivors will share their uplifting and inspirational stories. This event is free. Call 734-3319.

**SPRING IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR CHILDREN SCHEDULED** Clinics open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care, will be offered from 9-11 a.m., June 6, at Axis Community Health Clinic, 4361 Railroad Ave. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance; fee for some immunizations. Call 462-1755.

## Kids & Teens

**FREE MOVIE PARTY** PartyBees will host a free movie party from 4-7 p.m., Saturday, June 13, at PartyBees inside Spark Dance Studio, 3550 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Other movie parties are held on the second Saturday of every month and are free for first time attendees. Call 202-9077 or visit [www.partybees.com](http://www.partybees.com).

**KIDS' NIGHT OUT** 1st through 6th graders are invited to join Harvest Valley Christian Church from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, June 17-July 15 for some kid-filled fun, at the church, 3200 Hopyard Rd. Each week will have a special theme. Cost is \$5 per night or \$25 for the entire time. If registered by June 10, cost is \$20. Call 484-2482, ext. 106.

**SPORTS CAMPS FOR KIDS** Summer sports camps will be available Monday-Friday, June 15-July 23, at Valley Christian School in Dublin. The camps are open to the public and include volleyball, baseball, soccer, basketball and more. Prices vary. Call 560-6200.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**CAREER AND RESUME WORKSHOP** Volunteers at St. Clare's Church will help you write your resume, improve your interview skills, search on-line job sites, fill out applications and apply for assistance from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 6, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. This event is free, but donations of food will be accepted. Call 462-4802.

**INCOME PROPERTY EDUCATION SERIES** Commercial and multi-family property owners are invited to a workshop on relevant topics from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, at the Dahlin Group, 5865 Owens Dr. Cost is \$10; pre-registration is required. Visit [www.ipesevents.org](http://www.ipesevents.org).

**THE ART OF REALLY LISTENING** As part of Centerpointe's Life Education series, it will host "The Art of Really Listening" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, at Centerpointe Community Room, 3410 Cornerstone Court. June's

topic, Listening, will be lead by a professional counselor. Expect to learn how to improve your relationships through awareness and more. This event is free. Call 846-4436.

## Seniors

**VISION SUPPORT GROUP** Having difficulty using a standard telephone? CTAP (California Telephone Access Program). Come learn more about this program and try the equipment for yourself from 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.50 for residents; \$2 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

## Spiritual

**FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CANCER-MUSIC AND PRAYER** "God's Embrace: An evening of healing through music and prayer for those affected by cancer" will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 8, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church Chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. This event is free and everyone is welcome. Call 895-4670.

## Sports

**25TH TCAAT TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT** Tri-Valley Table Tennis Club will host the 25th annual Taiwanese Chinese American Athletic Tournament on Saturday, June 20, at Pleasanton Middle School Gym, 5001 Case Ave. Visit <http://tvttc.com>. Open to public. Register by June 10, 2009. <http://tcaat.org> <http://tvttc.com> Registration packets: <http://tvttc.freeforums.org>

**MINI-CLINICS AND BASKETBALL CAMP** Las Positas College will be offering basketball mini-clinics and a week-long basketball camp this summer for boys and girls grades 3-8. Different clinics will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 16-July 23 and camp will be held July 27-31. Cost for the camp is \$79. To register, call 424-1467 or e-mail [commed@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:commed@laspositascollege.edu).

## Support Groups

**NAMI TRI-VALLEY PARENT RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GROUP** This support group is for parents of children diagnosed with, or suspected of having, bipolar or other mood disorders, and meets from 7-9 p.m., on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at Pathways to Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 116. Call 443-1797.

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# Sports

## SPORTS DIGEST

### Cubs take out Phillies 7-4

The third matchup between the PFLA AA Cubs and Phillies on May 20 displayed a lot of great pitching, hitting, stealing, defense and team work. Luke Valentine started off on the mound for the Cubs, allowing no runs and making quick work of the Phillies line up in the first and second innings. Scott Kienhofer and Devin Cox teamed up to tag the Phillies runner out at first, firing up their team and closing out the first inning. Luke's SGL early in the second brought home Nick Palange for the first RBI of the game. Luke and Carter Person both stole home on wild pitches to close out the second. The Phillies rallied in the bottom of third, tying up the game 3-3. Top of the fourth, Nick Narciso worked his way around stealing bases, including stealing home. The final score was Cubs 7, Phillies 4.

### Lacrosse players play for the All-EBAL team

Congratulations are in order for the boys from the Foothill High School Varsity Lacrosse Team, who were named to the All-EBAL team for lacrosse for 2009, including: Gabriel Garcia, 1st Team Attack; Jason Koth, 2nd Team Defense; Mikey Lambrecht, 2nd Team Midfield; Broc Schall, Honorable Mention Attack; and Scott Wheaton, Honorable Mention Attack.

### Bees sting Riverdogs in Single A play

The Single A Bees played the Riverdogs May 30 rallying hard in the first inning, lasting only three minutes long for the Riverdogs. A great play by Sawyer Skerl and Sam Miller got the first two hitters out right away and the last out was a double play finished off by Jack Kesselring and Sawyer Skerl. In the following innings, strong plays were made by Maxwell Stubbs, Alex Horn and Sam Miller. Cory West and Cole Flashberger made a double play that saved the fifth inning. cover.



### Rigl, Mihov top ranked freshman divers

Emma Rigl from Amador Valley's girls varsity diving team dives into the pool and finished with Marina Mihov finished as the top ranked freshman divers in the NCS. The team's four varsity girls scored exceptionally well at the NCS meet on May 14. Alexa Hernandez (sophomore) came in seventh with a score of 335.15, Emma Rigl (freshman) came in 9th with a score of 330.35, Marina Mihov (freshman), 13th with 298.70 and Lisa Grau (junior) 15th with 282.85. All four made the 2nd and last cut of the competition, leaving 16 divers from the original 35 top divers in NCS, which comprises of 153 schools and 21 leagues. EBAL divers were 42 percent of the total girls NCS list showing how competitive the EBAL league is in diving. Further, Alexa, Emma and Marina are all new to diving with this being their first year in the sport. They are all former gymnasts.

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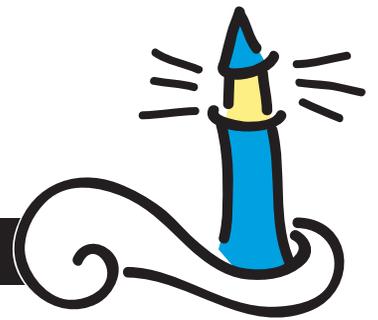
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# TAKE US ALONG



## Just one of the gals

Gal pals and ABWA Express-to-Success Network members Karen Ferreira, Gracie Santos, Kim Pace, Sandra Wing, Shelley Barry and Claudia Hess enjoy their copy of the Weekly at Buzz's, a hotspot for locals and tourists on the western shore of Oahu. Their trip was shortly before ATA and Aloha Airlines shut down and Pace said "unfortunately, we made it back to the mainland without any delays." Wink, wink.

# PET OF THE WEEK



CATHERINE HANSEN RUSH

## Lady Arthur

"Arthur," I said, "How do you feel about the food at the animal shelter?" Enough said! Arthur prefers tuna but she'll have to settle for dry food for awhile. Arthur is a 9-year-old, spayed female seal-point Himalayan whose owner recently passed away. Yes, Arthur is a girl. Arthur is declawed and she has always been an indoor-only pet. She may be shy at first but Arthur loves to be brushed and she'll warm up to you quickly with a little special attention. Because Arthur is missing her little incisor teeth, her tongue peeks out in the cutest fashion. Sometimes you can see just the tip of it. And sometimes, like now, she wants to get her point across. Arthur has pretty cream colored fur with dark markings and big beautiful light blue eyes. Visit Arthur (pet #85320) at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin, open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 803-7040.

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## HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

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### SALES AT A GLANCE

#### Dublin

Total sales reported: 9  
Lowest sale reported: \$340,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,535,000  
Average sales reported: \$660,333

#### Livermore

Total sales reported: 16  
Lowest sale reported: \$95,000  
Highest sale reported: \$809,000  
Average sales reported: \$425,531

#### Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 7  
Lowest sale reported: \$245,000  
Highest sale reported: \$2,900,000  
Average sales reported: \$1,125,000

#### San Ramon

Total sales reported: 16  
Lowest sale reported: \$215,000  
Highest sale reported: \$825,000  
Average sales reported: \$554,250

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PLEASANTON  
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5 BR 2 BA dual pane windows, built-in pl, open fir plan, approx. 2300 sq. ft., 11434 sq. ft. lot, 2 car gar 925.847.2200

6255 FORGET ME NOT CMN SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL! \$309,000

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**PLEASANTON**  
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Beautiful custom home in gated Golden Eagle Estates. Designer features throughout w/ extensive use of cherry wood, stone & more. Wine cellar, exercise room, workshop, main flr master, Heritage Oak trees, large rooms- Truly elegant.  
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2801 GRAY FOX COURT \$2,995,000  
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2156 CANOSA CT \$2,649,000  
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**PLEASANTON**  
860 CASTLEWOOD PL \$1,995,000  
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**DUBLIN**  
6036 KINGSMILL TERRACE \$1,700,000  
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**LIVERMORE**  
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**OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND**

**Danville**

<b>4 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>1675 St. David Drive</b>	<b>\$799,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty	855-6410	
<b>241 Aptos Place</b>	<b>\$979,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty	855-6410	
<b>5 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>16 Hermosa Court</b>	<b>\$1,950,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA Realty	218-1224	
<b>246 Greenbrook Drive</b>	<b>\$999,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty	855-6410	

**Dublin**

<b>4 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>7699 Topaz Circle</b>	<b>\$639,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff	997-4222	
<b>11395 Marwick Drive</b>	<b>\$649,950</b>	
Sun 1:30-4 J Rockcliff Realtors	251-2540	
<b>5 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>4511 Sparrow</b>	<b>\$649,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	336-1108	

**Livermore**

<b>5 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>777 E Vineyard Avenue</b>	<b>\$3,999,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Prudential Ruby Hill	417-2250	

**Pleasanton**

<b>2 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>3038 Yuma Way</b>	<b>\$339,500</b>	
Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC	426-3844	
<b>4113 Peregrine Way</b>	<b>\$584,950</b>	
Sat/Sun 1-4 Allied Brokers	872-8286	
<b>3 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>7283 Valley View Court</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff	765-3179	
<b>5104 Venice Court</b>	<b>\$624,888</b>	
Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC	525-2569	
<b>3484 Park Place</b>	<b>\$779,950</b>	
Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff Realtors	872-1416	
<b>792-9 Lakemont Place</b>	<b>\$798,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff	683-5689	
<b>4 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>3249 Arbor Drive</b>	<b>\$1,009,950</b>	
Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff Realtors	251-2535	

<b>1122 Baur Court</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Prudential Ruby Hill	417-2250	
<b>21 Castledown Road</b>	<b>\$1,090,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	847-2200	
<b>1608 Cindy Way</b>	<b>\$1,179,000</b>	
Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	785-7777	
<b>2333 Romano Circle</b>	<b>\$1,265,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty	202-6298	
<b>1640 Cindy Way</b>	<b>\$1,349,000</b>	
Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	785-7777	
<b>968 Summit Creek Court</b>	<b>\$1,450,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Remax Accord	719-0972	
<b>3056 Briggs Court</b>	<b>\$1,675,000</b>	
Sat/Sun 1-4 Synoptic Real Estate Group	408-202-7985	
<b>1713 Via Di Salerno</b>	<b>\$1,959,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty	202-6898	
<b>5281 Northway Road</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	
Sat/Sun 1-4 Hometown GMAC	426-3858	
<b>5769 San Carlos Way</b>	<b>\$734,900</b>	
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	895-7253	
<b>823 Country Club Circle</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty	858-1984	
<b>5 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>413 Los Rios Court</b>	<b>\$1,179,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	583-1111	
<b>7791 Palmdale Court</b>	<b>\$1,249,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 Remax Accord	918-3395	
<b>6736 Riddell Street</b>	<b>\$1,349,000</b>	
Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	846-6500	
<b>1632 Cindy Way</b>	<b>\$1,449,000</b>	
Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	785-7777	
<b>5682 Sunset Creek Court</b>	<b>\$1,749,000</b>	
Sat 2-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	998-4311	
<b>7 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>3752 Trenery Drive</b>	<b>\$2,795,000</b>	
Sun 12-3 Alain Pinel Realtors	846-6500	

**San Ramon**

<b>3 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>205 Azalea Lane</b>	<b>\$769,000</b>	
Sun 1:30-3 J Rockcliff	648-5427	
<b>4059 Lakeshore Drive</b>	<b>\$774,500</b>	
Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff	457-4551	
<b>4 BEDROOMS</b>		
<b>2887 Fieldview Terrace</b>	<b>\$959,000</b>	
Sun 1:30-4:30 J Rockcliff	323-6735	
<b>1113 Overlook Court</b>	<b>\$989,000</b>	
Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff	518-7830	

# Jumbo mortgage market holding recovery back

Ongoing credit crunch stalls sales of high-priced homes

BY JEB BING

Limited availability and unusually high interest rates in the jumbo loan market are adversely affecting the rest of the housing market.

This was just one of the insights from recent study by the National Association of Realtors.

The organization said that the ongoing credit crunch in the jumbo mortgage market has stalled home sales of high-priced homes despite some recovery taking place in some mid- and low-priced home markets. The national share of home sales above \$750,000 has fallen from 4.4 percent in 2007 to approximately 2.3 percent in 2009, and the months' supply of inventory has risen from 18.7 months to 41.1 months during that same period.

Although legislation earlier this year increased the conforming loan limit to as much as \$729,750 in high-cost areas, the mortgage market now has three primary types of loans. Loans up to \$417,000 are considered "conforming," loans between \$417,000 and \$729,500 are "conforming jumbo," and loans over \$729,500 are "super-jumbo." Although conforming mortgage rates are at 50-year lows, jumbo loans in general continue to remain very costly.

"Lenders are keeping credit standards overly stringent for borrowers at the higher end of the market, and are increasingly reluctant to make jumbo loans," said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. "The interest rate spread between 10-year treasuries and jumbo loans has also substantially increased, making jumbo loans much more costly than has previously been the case. Many people believe that the jumbo market is for the

very rich, but in many areas of the country, middle-class families need these loans to buy a median-priced home."

States that have the highest percentage of jumbo mortgages include Hawaii (43 percent of all loans are above \$417,000), California (41 percent), the District of Columbia (30 percent) and New York (22 percent). In eight more states, jumbo mortgages comprise 10 percent or more of all loans in those states (New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, Virginia, Connecticut, Washington, Nevada and Florida).

"Realtors are telling us that some lenders are treating jumbo loan buyers who have very high credit scores and a substantial downpayment as higher risks than conforming loan buyers who have lower credit scores and less money for a downpayment," said Yun. "As a result, more buyers of high-priced homes are resorting to cash purchases, while the bulk of potential buyers remain sidelined and unwilling to take out mortgages that carry interest rates much higher than those on conforming mortgages."

The resulting increased inventory of homes for sale has already doubled defaults from one year ago and will hamper a broader housing market recovery, which in turn will limit economic recovery. This also affects refinancing activity.

"The inability of homeowners to refinance their jumbo loans is holding back potential consumer spending for the overall economy," said Yun. "If they had the opportunity to refinance into historically lower mortgage rates, many current jumbo mortgage holders could save \$6,000 to \$15,000 in annual interest costs." ■

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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2009

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<b>7052 Amador Valley Boulevard</b> R. & T. Bryceson to M. Winter for \$405,000
<b>4753 Boxwood Way</b> J. & J. Choi to L. Hwang for \$610,000
<b>4018 Chanterelle Place</b> S. Sugiarto to R. Sheets for \$632,500
<b>4252 Fitzwilliam Street</b> W. Lumanlan to S. & J. Lee for \$340,000
<b>5700 Kingsmill Terrace</b> A. Ancheta to C. & T. Clevers for \$1,535,000
<b>3251 Madden Way</b> W. & P. Alsbrooks to J. & J. Choi for \$850,000
<b>6163 Moore Place</b> GMAC Mortgage to A. Murtaba for \$390,000
<b>9939 Reimers Way</b> Schaefer Dublin Holdings to W. Ng for \$740,500
<b>3730 Whitworth Drive</b> L. & B. Villagomez to S. & C. Jang for \$440,000

**Livermore**

<b>372 Adelle Street</b> Securitized Asset to L. & L. Alexander for \$205,000
<b>305 Albatross Avenue</b> Federal Home Loan Mortgage to F. Gonzalez for \$280,000
<b>1366 Buckhorn Creek Road</b> Arroyo Crossing to Laughlin Trust for \$764,500
<b>1381 Buckhorn Creek Road</b> Arroyo Crossing to J. & C. Keane for \$650,000
<b>2160 Buckskin Road</b> P. & K. Williams to M. & J. Bogdanov for \$310,000
<b>614 Caliente Avenue</b> TRA Partners to B. & K. Woodworth for \$430,000
<b>1840 Carnation Circle</b> Novastar Mortgage to K. Peters for \$345,000

<b>5403 Carnegie Loop</b> Bank of America to J. & H. Szostak for \$725,000	
<b>944 Curlew Road</b> D. Daley to E. Hall for \$375,000	
<b>1019 El Caminito</b> JP Morgan Chase Bank to F. Gonzalez for \$297,000	
<b>746 Grace Street</b> R. Elvidge to A. Carlson for \$430,000	
<b>4687 Nicol Common #1</b> P. Gronner to J. & B. Sharry for \$95,000	
<b>531 Oriole Avenue</b> Federal Home Loan Mortgage to K. Harold for \$302,000	
<b>2755 Rivers Bend Circle</b> Arroyo Crossing to B. Ricke for \$809,000	
<b>4965 Shirley Way</b> M. & J. Bruan to A. Howard for \$391,000	
<b>819 Wagoner Drive</b> K. & M. Brickwedel to R. Quijalvo for \$400,000	
<b>Pleasanton</b>	
<b>2022 Alexander Court</b> K. Benson to D. Pecoraro for \$400,000	
<b>4644 Cope Court</b> Fuller Trust to D. & K. Hunter for \$700,000	
<b>7880 East Canyon Meadow Circle</b> S. Butler to H. Blair for \$245,000	
<b>1898 Halcyon Court</b> Johnson Trust to C. Iyer for \$675,000	
<b>2822 Jones Gate Court</b> Lusignan Trust to B. Hsieh for \$655,000	
<b>2227 Manzano Court</b> Clawson Construction to K. & J. Achanta for \$2,900,000	
<b>3630 Pontina Court</b> L. Psinakis to R. & H. King for \$2,300,000	

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*3183 Half Dome Dr. Pleasanton*

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Fabulous 4 bedroom 3 bath home with separate office/loft. Approx. 2906 sq. ft., new kitchen on a huge lot with awesome views. Pool/Spa, impeccable landscape. \$899,950

**OPEN HOUSE Sunday 1-4**

*4306 Campinia Place, Pleasanton*



Ruby Hill - Rivasco  
This former model home is loaded with upgrades and a rare find, 4 bedrooms plus office, approx, 3906 sq. ft., with a 4-car garage. Great views of Mt Diablo, lake and hills. Private backyard (24,500 sq. ft.) with no rear neighbors. \$1,475,000

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# Featured Properties



**Tracy** – Located in Tracy's charming Redbridge community, this five bedroom, three and a half bathroom home with approximately 3200 square feet has a great court location. You'll appreciate the one bedroom and full bathroom downstairs. The kitchen has Stainless Steel appliances and Granite counter tops. Lovely, custom built-in media niche in family room. The pride of home ownership shows!  
**1302 Cottage Grove Court \$465,000**



**Pleasanton** – A classic and elegant single story custom home on an approximately .48 acre lot in the desirable "The Grove/Chain of Lakes" area. Elegant, new kitchen including professional Stainless Steel Wolf Range, farmer's sink, Granite, two built in refrigerators, and custom Hickory cabinets. Beautiful interior courtyard, pebble tech pool, expansive lawns and walking trail to the park and Mohr Elementary School.  
**3707 Mohr Avenue \$1,275,000**



**Pleasanton** – Gorgeous four bedroom, three and a half bathroom, Ruby Hill home with approximately 3447 square feet of living space. Large (approximately ¼ acre), beautifully landscaped, court location. Hardwood flooring throughout the downstairs, Granite counters, white cabinets, Plantation shutters and new paint and carpet. Great floor plan with downstairs Master bedroom and three bedrooms and a loft upstairs.  
**2263 Doccia Court \$1,298,000**



**Pleasanton** – Beautiful French Country Chateau with a court location. With four bedrooms, four and a half bathrooms and almost 3400 square feet, this beauty has plenty of room for entertaining and family living. First floor Master Suite with retreat and a spacious loft/media room on the second floor. Downstairs office/den with cherry, built-in, two person workstation and bookcases.  
**2560 Grappa Place \$1,599,000**



**Pleasanton** – Every detail has been carefully thought-out and crafted. This like-new richly appointed home features five bedrooms and five and a half bathrooms. There's also a formal bonus room that offers easy ingress/egress to the backyard, a wonderful full bar with 800 bottle wine cellar, five car garage, a formal office on the 1st floor, 2nd floor office/exercise room and balcony to capture the vineyard views of Ruby Hill.  
**1819 Sannita Place \$2,199,000**



**Pleasanton** – "New Construction" on the Golf Course in the gated community of Ruby Hill. A Custom-Built, five bedroom, five and a half bathroom, "Tuscan/Mediterranean" Villa with approximately 5600 sq ft and Quality Features Throughout. Great Location and Great Floor Plan with Spectacular Views of the Golf Course (13th Fairway), Mount Diablo, Nearby Vineyards and City Lights.  
**1901 Via Di Salerno \$2,988,000**



**Pleasanton** – One of Ruby Hill's Finest Homes Located on one of Ruby Hill's Finest Golf Course Lots! A Truly Custom "Santa Barbara" Style Two-Story with Five Bedrooms, Five and a Half Bathrooms, Over 7100 Sq Ft, the Master Bedroom Downstairs and Almost an Acre Lot. From the Grand Foyer to the Fabulous Rear Yard with Pool, Spa, Barbeque and Large Lawn Area, this Home is Like a Five Star Resort!  
**1857 Spumante Place \$3,375,000**



**Pleasanton** – Sitting on the 18th Fairway this stunning five bedroom, six full bathrooms, two half bathroom home has views of Mt. Diablo and the Club House. This is one of the best quality built homes in Ruby Hill with just tons of added features. With approximately 9051 square feet of luxurious living space and a huge lot, approximately .68 acres, this is one of the best lots and homes. You couldn't build it today for this price!  
**1393 Via Di Salerno \$3,790,000**



Ruby Hill Division - 101 E. Vineyard Ave., Suite 103, Livermore, CA 94550

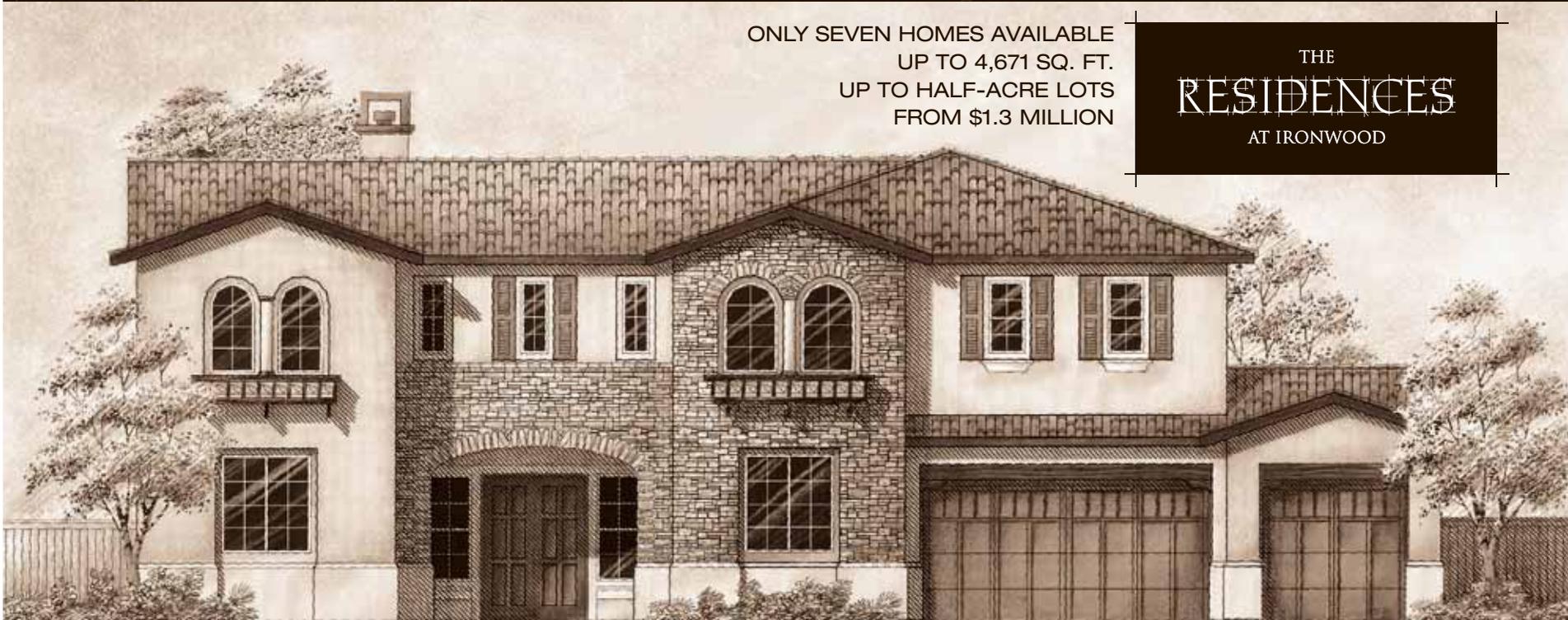
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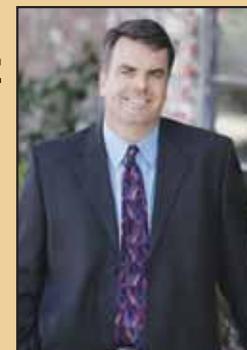
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### Pleasanton Market Update - May shows strong gain in sales

The Pleasanton market continued to show strong sales activity in May, especially on the lower end of the market. There were 71 pending sales of single family homes in May, up from a robust 63 in April. Compared to 19 pending sales in November, things are definitely on an upswing in terms of activity. In terms of inventory, there were 223 available single family homes at the end of May, down from 237 at the end of April. This also indicates continued strength in the market, as inventory should >> **Go to [www.680Homes.com](http://www.680Homes.com) to read the rest of this article.**



**OPEN SAT 2-5**  
New custom home with 5 BR + bonus room & office, 5 BTH, almost 1/2 acre lot with views!  
**5682 Sunset Creek Ct \$1,749,000**



**OPEN SUN 1-4**  
Charming 4 BR, 2 BTH single story in quiet location w/ 2 fireplaces, new carpeting, sunny upgraded kitchen, remodeled master bath & more.  
**5769 San Carlos Way \$734,900**



**OPEN SUN 1-5**  
Walk to downtown! 1 story 4 BR, 3 BTH on flat 10k lot. Granite & stainless kitchen, hardwood floors, and more!  
**1608 Cindy Way \$1,179,000**



**POOL & SPA!**  
Fabulous Country Fair home with granite & cherry kitchen, hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, and private almost 1/4 acre lot w/ pool & spa.  
**\$1,149,900**



**ALMOST 1 ACRE!**  
Stunning West Pleasanton custom home with 4 BR + bonus room & office, 4 BTH, .94 acre lot with pool & spa, and parking for 7+ cars.  
**\$1,789,000**



**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**



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**\$1,549,500**



**JUST SOLD!**  
Fabulous Walnut Glen Estates home with 4 BR + bonus room, 3 1/2 BTH, 1/3 acre lot with pool & spa, custom kitchen, and more!  
**\$1,175,000**



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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ESTATE



**3752 TRENERY DRIVE, PLEASANTON**

Gorgeous Mediterranean custom home on premium +/- one acre estate lot. Private secluded location. This home has approximately 8,402 square feet (6,141 on main level), seven bedrooms plus private office, and seven and a half bathrooms. Expansive gourmet kitchen. Antique marble, and Brazilian cherry hardwood floors. Extremely private rear grounds—great for entertaining with in-ground swimming pool. Expansive lawn area and beautiful mature landscaping. Circular driveway and oversized four plus car garage. Conveniently located in town near services, activities, and walking distance to desirable Mohr Elementary! OFFERED AT \$2,795,000

## VENTANA HILLS



**1141 LUND RANCH ROAD, PLEASANTON**

Don't miss this beautiful Gibson model in desirable Ventana Hills. Premium (.34 acre) lot backs to open space. Five bedrooms, fifth bedroom can be bonus, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,179 square feet. Upgraded kitchen with granite. Custom travertine tile flooring, new carpet throughout. Beautiful professionally landscaped grounds with Heritage Oak tree. In-ground pool and spa. Walk to neighborhood park and downtown! OFFERED AT \$1,259,000

## CASTLEWOOD HEIGHTS



**6736 RIDDELL STREET, PLEASANTON**

WOW! Don't miss this beautiful home on premium view lot (.39 acre). Panoramic views of Pleasanton Ridge. Quality built in 2002. Beautifully landscaped private rear yard, backs to open space. Five bedrooms + bonus/game room, and loft/TV area, and separate downstairs exercise room, four bathrooms. Approximately 4,100 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Crown molding, hickory wood flooring and upgraded carpet. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. OFFERED AT \$1,349,000

## BRIDLE CREEK



**827 SUNNY BROOK WAY, PLEASANTON**

Single level in Bridle Creek on .26 acre premium view lot. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2001. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private rear yard with built in pool and spa. Beautifully landscaped. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding and plantation shutters. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. OFFERED AT \$1,329,000

## CARLTON PLACE



**1312 CARLTON PLACE, LIVERMORE**

Beautiful upgraded Livermore home located on premium .41 acre lot. Views of Mt. Diablo. Beautifully landscaped grounds, private rear yard with built in pool and spa. Four bedrooms, bonus area, private office, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,680 square feet. Upgraded kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Crown molding and plantation shutters. Bamboo wood floors and 20" custom tile flooring. Three car garage. Concrete tile roof. Minutes from Livermore Valley wineries. OFFERED AT \$899,500

## PLEASANTON HEIGHTS



**857 (UPPER) ABBIE STREET, PLEASANTON**

Private upgraded custom single story home on the crest of a hill with floor to ceiling windows to take in panoramic views of Pleasanton Ridge, oak studded hills and gorgeous sunsets. You are secluded yet in the heart of Pleasanton. Walk to Main Street and enjoy downtown Pleasanton. Large private grounds (16,308 sq. ft.) with exceptional views, guest unit/cabana, large patio areas with spa, and sitting/viewing deck for relaxing or entertaining! Save money in your solar powered home. 4 bd, downstairs bonus room (5th bd option). Approx. 3,437 sq. ft. including separate guest unit/cabana. Option to expand lower level within existing house footprint! Don't miss it! OFFERED AT \$1,189,000

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**BLAISE LOFLAND** OPEN SUN 12-3



**PLEASANTON** \$2,795,000  
Georgous Mediterranean custom home. Private secluded location. 7bd/7(1)ba, Gourmet kitchen. Antique marble/hdwd flrs. Private rear grounds, pool/spa. Beautiful landscaping. 3752 Treney Drive

**MOXLEY TEAM** OPEN SUN 1-4



**PLEASANTON** \$2,095,000  
5bd 4.5ba 5,200sf.+/- Guest House. Private home with Views of City Lights, backs to Open Space. Custom molding throughout, a perfect 10! 4.5 car garage, pool/spa. 9116 Olson Court

**DOUG BUENZ** BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON** \$1,789,000  
Stunning West Pleasanton custom home with 4 BR + bonus room & office, 4 BTHS, .94 Acre lot with pool & spa, and parking for 7+ cars.

**ANNI HAGFELDT** BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON** \$1,779,000  
Stunning views from this custom home in desirable Kottinger Ranch. 5bd/4.5ba, on over 1/2 acre. Pool, bonus room – there is no other home like this one!

**STASIA POIESZ** BY APPOINTMENT



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

**SYLVIA DESIN** BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON** \$1,648,888  
Immaculate 5bd/5.5ba home. 4689+/-sf on a 18,808+/-sf lot. Solar pool/spa. Detached guest cottage. Gourmet kitchen. Backs to open space.

**MOXLEY TEAM** BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON** \$1,389,000  
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.

**M.NOKES/D.BUENZ** OPEN SUN 1-5



**PLEASANTON** \$1,349,000  
1 of 4 new homes in Downtown Pleasanton. Stunning semi-custom 4bd/4loft. Barefoot Contessa kitchen & \$73k in upgrades. Must See! 1640 Cindy Way

**BLAISE LOFLAND** OPEN SUN 2-5



**PLEASANTON** \$1,349,000  
WOW! Spectacular Castlewood Heights home on premium lot w/panoramic Views! 5bd+bonus game room & loft/4ba. Separate downstairs exercise room. Gourmet kitchen/granite/stainless. 6736 Riddell Street

**JUDY TURNER** OPEN SUN 1-4 PM



**PLEASANTON** \$1,179,000  
Pristine Ashley Model 5bd/3ba home! Amazing master suite and retreat area with spectacular views plus den off master bath. 2 fireplaces /3 car garage/surround sound throughout. 413 Los Rios Court

**TIMOTHY MCGUIRE** BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON** \$999,000  
Stunning single story on corner lot in gated golf course community of Ruby Hills. 4bd/2.5ba, 2296+/-sf with professionally landscaped yard. Must See!

**DOUG BUENZ** OPEN SUN 1-4



**PLEASANTON** \$734,900  
Charming 4 BR, 2 BTH single story in quiet location with 2 fireplaces, new carpeting, sunny upgraded kitchen, luxurious remodeled master bath, newer roof, & more. 5769 San Carlos Way

**MOXLEY TEAM** BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON** \$710,000  
Single story built in 1967 with all its retro charm! Court location side/ yard access/ updated kitchen/formal dining/private rear yard with mature trees and room for garden.

**JEFF REPINE** BY APPOINTMENT



**LIVERMORE** \$689,950  
Gorgeous 4bd/2.5ba. Former model home has custom built-ins/designer tile flooring/tree lined private backyard with custom brick patio on a 10,652+/-sf lot.

**ANDY PORYES** BY APPOINTMENT



**SUNOL** \$574,987  
Imagine listening to the water whisking down Sinbad Creek while sitting in your spa on private deck. Upgraded 3bd/2ba offers beautiful granite kitchen & .47+/- acre corner lot.

**MARK LAFFERTY** BY APPOINTMENT



**LIVERMORE** \$519,950  
Beautiful 4bd/3ba home in Sunset West. Has granite counter tops/dark maple cabinets/ hdwd flooring/ dual pane windows/ upgraded flooring/stainless steal appliances/new landscaping front and back.

