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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

An over-the-shoulder look at Harmer

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) is no doubt looking over his shoulder at his 11th Congressional District after voters ousted several congressional incumbents in other state primaries Tuesday.

And well he should. Of the 53 congressional districts in California, 33 are considered safe for incumbent Democrats, 19 safe for incumbent Republicans and only one — the 11th — is being eyed as possibly vulnerable.

McNerney, who is seeking reelection to a third term in Congress, has no opposition in his bid for the Democratic Party nomination in the June 8 state primary. Four Republicans, on the other hand, sensing a chance to capture the 11th District seat, are vying for their party's nomination. They include David Harmer, an attorney in San Ramon; Elizabeth Emken, a lobbyist/advocate for Autism Speaks and a resident of Danville; Tony Amador, a U.S. Marshal from Lodi, and Brad Goehring, a wine grape grower from Clements.

The district includes Pleasanton and other parts of Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties, as well as rural San Joaquin County.

Last week, more than 100 civic and business leaders filled the outdoor garden patio at Barone's Restaurant to hear Harmer, enthusiastically greeting, contributing and applauding the candidate as he railed against McNerney and what he called irresponsible spending programs the congressman has supported in Washington.

If elected, he told the crowd, he would work to un-do those programs, including President Obama's health care plan, cap and trade and stimulus funds which he said is "a shell game, taking borrowed money the government doesn't have to spend on things we don't need." A wide majority of those in the 11th Congressional District opposed those programs, Harmer claimed, but McNerney voted for them anyhow. "McNerney needs to go!" (APPLAUSE). He also praised the Tea Party movement and, at the rally, recognized the organizer of the April 15 Pleasanton event, Bridget Melson (MORE APPLAUSE). Then, building on that group's Tax Day message, Harmer said the federal government is spending too much and his priority, if elected, would



JEB BING

David Harmer campaigns at Barone's Restaurant in Pleasanton.

be to apply the brakes. He vowed to work with others of like mind in Washington to get rid of \$1.4 trillion of the \$12.8 trillion of national debt for starters, just by rescinding most of the spending that's been added to the budget in the last two years (MORE APPLAUSE).

He cited a sign on Santa Rita Road as an example of excessive federal spending. It reads that the roadway improvements are being made courtesy of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the so-called stimulus fund. If he was a graffiti artist, Harmer said he would have stopped and spray painted the words "inter-generational theft," since the work being done here will have to be paid by future generations of taxpayers all across the country.

Harmer is campaigning as a lifelong Ronald Reagan Republican. His father, John Harmer, who introduced him at Barone's, served as California's lieutenant governor under Reagan. Early in his career, David Harmer represented the Pacific Legal Foundation, where he defended property rights and other issues in state and federal courts.

Among Harmer's priorities are spending cuts and curbs, moving the government from a cash base accounting system to an accrual base much like business, curbing any funding by the House of Representatives, which controls the purse-strings, on the Obamacare health plan, removing state restrictions on interstate marketing and purchase of health insurance and beefing up the borders to stop illegal immigration. In fact, if he was an Arizona state legislator, he would have approved that state's new immigration law and encouraged the governor to sign it. (THIS TIME TO THE LOUDEST APPLAUSE). ■

About the Cover

A lead group of 725 hikers makes its way along Canyon Trail in the Sunol Regional Wilderness at the start of the first annual Hike for Hope walk, a fundraiser to benefit Hope Hospice, the area's leader in end-of-life care for individuals and their families when faced with life threatening illnesses. Cover photo by Chuck Deckert; design by Lili Cao.

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Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN

What is your opinion on the recent Arizona immigration law?



Doug Obayashi

Technical Writer

I'd wear a "Los Suns" shirt like the basketball team did to show support. I think it's a travesty that they passed it. America was built on immigration. And it's the same state that didn't pass Martin Luther King, Jr. day. But also, it's important to note it is not the whole state that backs the law, and the basketball team is a good example of that.

Amanda Paulos

Banking

I'm against it because it is kind of like being racist. It's wrong. There are a lot of Mexican people here legally that don't deserve to get profiled.



Amanda Coronado

Student

There is a lot more to the bill than people are considering. They are standing on old prejudices and making judgments out of anger. There is some good in the bill. People need to read up on it before they open their mouths.

Martyn Ansell

Accountant

It is racist, for sure. You can't stop people in the street because you suspect they are doing something illegal. These laws have been around for centuries. It is unconstitutional. It is wrong on so many fronts. I can't believe I'm in a country that would allow that.



Ray Magsalay

Horticulturalist

In 1955-56, growing up here on Santa Rita Road, I'm familiar with that whole immigration sweep. Those sweeps were something else. Immigration has put a strain on a lot of cities and I understand that, but on a humanistic side, laws like this one are a problem. It's sort of sad that it has actually come to this.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Fair offers season passes

Season passes for the 2010 Alameda County Fair may be purchased online until June 7 for \$30. Otherwise admission is adults, \$10 at the gate; seniors 62 or older, \$8; ages 6-12, \$6; free for under 6. Prices are lower if tickets are purchased in advance. A Fun Pack is also available for \$30, which includes parking, four admissions, and two Buy 1 get 1 Free Drink vouchers.

This year's Fair runs June 23 to July 11. For more information, visit www.alamedacountyfair.com or telephone 426-7600.

Honors for Callippe Preserve

Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton has once again been included on Golfweek Magazine's list of the Best Municipal Golf Courses in the nation. The 2010 list was compiled by a nationwide team of more than 475 evaluators who rated the courses on the basis of 10 standards, including routing, conditioning, variety and memorability of holes.

This marks the second time Callippe has been given the honor. The golf course, which opened in November 2005, is one of the newer courses on the list, which features some with long, established histories dating back as far as the 1920s.

Callippe Golf Course, designed by Brian Costello of JMP Golf Design Group Inc., was developed as part of an effort to create an 18-hole golf course, hiking and equestrian trails, endangered species habitat, wetland establishment and dedicated grazing land. The site is a protected habitat for the federally endangered Callippe Silverspot Butterfly, the California Tiger Salamander and the federally threatened California Red Legged Frog.

\$25,000 for Axis Community Health

Axis Community Health, the Tri-Valley's provider of medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to the uninsured and underinsured, has received a \$25,000 gift from the Elliott-Risedorph Fund.

"The community need for healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured is huge," says Steve Elliott. "Our hope is that our donation will serve as a call to action to others in the Tri-Valley to contribute and, by doing so, help provide care for those who don't have the resources."

Axis Community Health offers operates three facilities in Pleasanton and two in Livermore.

Castlewood management, union no closer to a deal

Another round of negotiations held Tuesday — lockout began Feb. 25

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The stalemate between Castlewood Country Club and its locked-out workers continues despite another negotiation session Tuesday.

"The company did not accept our proposal, nor did they move back from theirs. They haven't responded to our proposal at all," said Nischit Hegde, spokeswoman for UNITEHERE! Local 2850.

In an interview with the Pleasanton Weekly, Hegde was asked at what point the union will give up, with workers moving on to other jobs.

She said union members are more committed than ever to getting a new contract.

"I'm reminded of what one of the workers said," Hegde explained. "Before the lockout, had they been allowed to vote, maybe some of them would be willing to lose their health care, but one workers says 'there's no way' they'd accept a contract after being locked out for almost 90 days that doesn't include affordable health care."

She said a lockout is different from a strike,

in which a company can permanently replace workers.

"They cannot do that in a lockout. It's been almost 90 days and we're going to keep going," Hegde said. "The union is not busted. By law the workers are entitled to their jobs. What they have in place is a temporary work force."

She said "the workers picket nine times a week."

On a recent Friday, it seemed business as usual for the country club, with golfers playing on the course, and members walking by the strikers without a second glance.

An Alameda Superior Court judge recently blocked a request to have the strikers kicked off the property, when the club's attorney asked for a temporary restraining order on the grounds that golfers at the club need silence.

"They don't want to be reminded of the reason workers are struggling," Hegde said.

She said workers are "scraping by," but their resolve remains strong.

"They are relying on unemployment, they are relying on donations, many are relying on their savings," Hegde said.

The lockout began Feb. 25. Workers and club management are at odds over a \$739 monthly increase in health benefits. The club's management recently added stipulations to allow the workers back inside.

While Castlewood management has remained mum, one of the locked-out workers has accused the union of playing rich versus poor because it is losing members.

Castlewood bartender Steve Frietas said he was shop steward for Local 2850 for 11 years. He sat on the negotiating committee but said he got kicked off by the union because he wanted to let the members vote on Castlewood's final proposal. Frietas said he had signatures on two separate petitions, but union President Wei Ling Huber refused to allow a vote.

"We would rather take the cut than be locked

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DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Wheels bus shelter on Old Bernal Avenue is colorfully decorated with a mural by Foothill High teens. The parts of the mural are enclosed within see-through, anti-graffiti materials.

Bus stop gets beautiful

Wheels shelters blossom with colorful art by teens

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The newly colorful bus shelter on Old Bernal Avenue near the library was unveiled Wednesday evening, after Foothill High students from the Art Club painted it to represent Pleasanton.

The students worked under the guidance of their art teacher, Caroline Fields.

"The scenes are about transportation," said Fields. "Some are obvious, like the ACE train. Others are more subtle — like the bunny that alludes to the tortoise and the hare." A pumpkin is meant to represent Cinderella's carriage.

There were about 15 students involved, Fields explained, but three — Angie Son, James Kim and Chris Gomez — took the lead, including making presentations to the Pleasanton Civic Arts Commission. The process took about a year from start to finish.

"They had already pre-picked the bus stop," said Fields. "We had to accommodate the split panels and think about them in the design."

The students presented three designs to the Civic Arts Commission, which gave feedback. Then the teens did a full color mockup of the approved design, and the commission made more changes.

"It was great for the kids to experience the idea of public art," noted Fields. "As a teacher I've done many murals but not anything for the city of Pleasanton, something for our community."

"The kids put in a lot of hours," she added. "I'm very proud of them."

High schoolers from Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin have decorated some of the bus shelters in their cities and others will be done as the budget allows.

"We leave it to them to do something that depicts the community and works within the community," said Jan Cornish, community outreach coordinator for Wheels.

This Wheels Bus Shelter Art Project is a collaboration of the Livermore Amador Transit Authority (LAVTA); staff from the city of Pleasanton as well as members of its Civic Arts Commission; and the Pleasanton Unified School District. LAVTA began the project in 1999 to improve the appearance of the shelters plus to mitigate vandalism.

"We work with each of the cities and they notify the art teachers," Cornish said. "The teachers have gone above and beyond and done an excellent job with their students." ■

Marketing seminars get under way Tuesday

City-sponsored workshops aimed at beefing up shopping in Pleasanton

By JEB BING

A series of city-sponsored one-hour seminars designed to offer Pleasanton retailers help in improving marketing techniques will get under way next Tuesday.

Working with EMC Creative, an award-winning branding agency, the program will be held under the auspices of the city's Economic Development Department and its Economic Vitality Committee.

"The seminar series is among the initial steps in crafting a long-range plan to create a more robust image and memorable shopping experience for Pleasanton and its visitors," said Pamela Ott, the city's Economic Development Department.

The first seminar, "Driving Sales Through More Powerful E-mail Marketing," will be held from 8-9 a.m. Tuesday at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Pleasanton, one of four workshops that are open and free to Pleasanton businesses. It will address the best practices for using e-mail in the retail world, how to create better business relationships through email blasts and messaging, and how to measure and analyze email outreach to improve sales and traffic.

All four workshops will focus on aspects of retail marketing to maximize the message, and will allow retailers to implement practices throughout the year and in preparation for the 2010 holiday shopping season.

The next three seminars are scheduled for Wednesday, June 23; Tuesday, Aug. 31; and Thursday, Sept. 30.

"These seminars are designed to provide small- and medium-sized businesses with a snapshot of valuable information in a short period," Ott said. "Participants will come away from the seminar and be able to instantly implement new tips and strategies designed to affect the bottom line for each business owner."

The seminar series complements an online

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Silversmith named Teacher of the Year

Top honors for Amador Valley special educator

BY GLENN WOHLTSMANN

A special education teacher at Amador Valley High has been selected as Pleasanton Unified School District's Teacher of the Year.

Marla Silversmith teaches the life skills class at Amador Valley, where students learn daily living skills so they can learn to live as independently as possible. Her students run the Dons' Diner as well as a cookie business.

Earlier, Silversmith worked at Foothill, and at Vintage Hills Elementary, where she taught autistic children.

District Spokeswoman Myla Grasso said candidates for Teacher of the Year are nominated by other teachers or administrators; the se-



Superintendent John Casey congratulates Marla Silversmith on becoming Teacher of the Year.

lection process is done by a team of past teachers of the year.

The nomination form for Silversmith stated that because of her work, nearly all of the 2,500 students at Amador Valley "have learned to better understand and to embrace the world of special needs kids."

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Silversmith arranges for her students to go to football games, school dances, ice skating and Disneyland, where they practice and use the skills they've learned.

Silversmith started in the district in 2001 after receiving bachelor's and master's degrees from Cal State Sacramento, along with a special education teaching credential. ■

Pleasanton teen scores big at Intel ISEF

Teen takes fourth place in health and medicine division

An idea to help in the fight against cancer from a Foothill teen has been judged to be among the best in the world in a competition against 1,600 high school students from more than 50 countries.

Rahul Doraiswami placed fourth in the health and medicine division at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). Doraiswami said the judging was tough, but exciting.

"While the notion of being interviewed for 10 hours seems grueling, the judging process was actually energizing," he said. "Judges seemed to want to learn more about my project than evaluate it."

Doraiswami's project uses a diagnostic tool called an artificial neural network (ANN) that mimics the brain and can learn — like doctors do — how to spot the symptoms of

prostate cancer.

At the international level, he said, all the projects were "superb."

"The difference between those who placed and those who did not was very minute. I learned a lot from all the other finalists — not just their material, but their speaking skills (and) their board organization," he said. "With a little more experience I hope I could do better."

For the 16-year-old junior from Foothill High, a big part of the competition, held last week in San Jose, was meeting peers from around the world. He said there were a number

of events held so the teens could get to know each other.

"I met many fellow finalists who were incredibly bright and talented," Doraiswami said. "I became acquainted with some judges who showed interest in my project."

Doraiswami's project did well in tests, and he thinks there's a good chance it can actually find use as a diagnostic tool. He said his idea became a protected work just by entering the Intel ISEF.

Nevertheless, he said, "I am working towards making this protection more formal."

This was his first time competing at the national level, and he called it a "great experience."

"It was a pleasure to see the world's great young minds come together in one room," he said.

—Glenn Wohltmann



Rahul Doraiswami

Las Positas president hired for Maryland college

Community college launching search for its fifth president

Las Positas College President DeRionne Pollard has been selected as the new president of Montgomery College in Maryland.

"Las Positas College is a wonderful institution, and I have grown both personally and professionally during this experience," said Pollard in a statement to the college community. "Montgomery College, also a phenomenal institution, provides a unique opportunity for me to align my skills, experiences, and long-term professional aspirations with an organization sharing simi-

lar values."

Pollard was the guest speaker recently at the Pleasanton Community of Character Luncheon.

She became president of Las Positas College on March 3, 2008. Her last day on campus will be June 30. With her departure, Las Positas College will launch a search for its fifth president.

Las Positas College serves more than 9,000 students in the Tri-Valley area of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and Sunol and is one of two colleges in the Chabot-Las Positas

Community College District.

Chancellor Joel L. Kinnamon and the board of trustees are in the process of developing a transition plan for the college.

"We wish President Pollard well as she embraces this new opportunity," Kinnamon said. "Las Positas College has an established tradition of excellence and I am confident this tradition will continue as we move forward in the selection of the college's fifth president. Las Positas College is a jewel in the Tri-Valley."

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

SEMINAR

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survey that was launched earlier this month to explore consumer retail habits and provide answers

about how and why people choose Pleasanton for shopping, dining and for doing business. The responses from consumers and other stakeholders of Pleasanton will influence future strategy and recom-

mendations.

EMC Creative, a Danville firm, began working with Pleasanton when it hosted a "how to" holiday seminar last year for Pleasanton merchants. ■

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A bonus for biking

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DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

CASTLEWOOD

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out of our jobs," he said.

And, he says, most of the workers wouldn't be forced to pay the full \$739 a month, since only there are only "10 or 11 people" who need full family coverage, since many of the others have dual coverage — medi-

cal insurance they also have from their husbands or wives.

Frietas said he's also tried to have the union decertified, but claims the union is keeping members in line by offering them \$200 in cash and a gift card to help them buy groceries every week, even though most of the workers have other jobs. Frietas, who said he no longer

supports the union, also said he hasn't been getting either the cash or the gift cards.

He's also upset with the name-calling being done by some of the locked-out workers.

"Sitting there calling names, that sounds like something the union used to do in the '60s and '70s," Frietas said. ■

Trade pact could help small export firms

Deal would cut red tape, help companies expand into new markets

By Glenn Wohltmann

Whether it's Mac apple fruit or computers, there's a new initiative to help expand trade into some hard-to-reach markets. Demetrious Marantis of the U.S. Trade Department spoke to a room full of hopeful exporters Monday at an event hosted by Congressman Jerry McNerney (11th District) in San Ramon about the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement.

Marantis said the plan could open markets for U.S. goods — and especially goods from California — in countries along the Pacific Rim, including Vietnam and Singapore.

He said while many larger exporters are working to build business in those markets, the big growth in the next few years will be with small- to medium-sized companies.

"The Tri-Valley has great potential

for economic growth," McNerney said. "It's critical that the many innovative businesses in our area have the information they need about export opportunities which will lead to expansion and job creation."

While California already has a big export economy, President Barack Obama wants to double the country's exports in the next five years. Marantis said that means helping smaller companies overcome trade barriers that are keeping goods away from consumers overseas.

"There are so many opportunities to market there, particularly in the Asian-Pacific market, it's daunting to start," he said. "We have people who can hold your hand all along the way."

The new trade agreement is in its formative stages, and Marantis

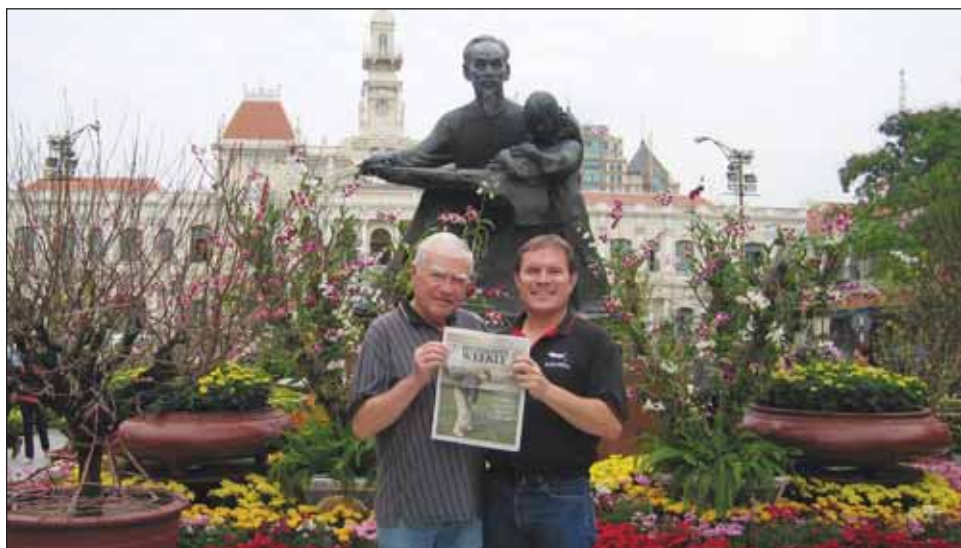
wants input from small- and medium-sized businesses in crafting the pact.

"The Trans-Pacific Partnership will require high standards," he said.

Those standards would include labor laws to prevent mass-producing products by paying workers low wages and provisions to ban "dumping" products in the United States — selling for a price lower than they sell in their own market or even lower than the cost to make them in order to drive U.S. companies out of business. The agreement would reportedly guarantee transparency and cut red tape so that goods wouldn't be left on docks awaiting government approval.

Companies interested in learning more on the agreement and how to export overseas can call 1-800-USA-TRADE. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Good morning from Vietnam: Pleasanton resident Bill Caldwell and his father Frank pose with Ho Chi Minh and their Weekly at Saigon City Hall while celebrating Tet, the Lunar New Year, during their two-and-a-half-week tour of Vietnam last year.

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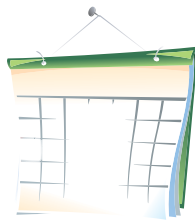
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OBITUARIES

Glenna Ruth Wilfley

Glenna Ruth Wilfley, a resident of Pleasanton for 32 years, died May 3 at the age of 77.

She was born Jan. 5, 1933, in Stoneham, Mass. After graduating from high school she went to work at a bank in Boston. After six months, in 1952, she joined the U.S. Air Force and became an air traffic controller. When she was assigned to Great Falls, Mont., she met and married Jerry Wilfley, also a controller. They moved to Pleasanton in 1957.

Mrs. Wilfley was an artist and held several shows to display her oil paintings. She was also active in stitchery, traveling the state doing promotions at department stores for Sunset Designs stitchery kits and teaching stitchery adult education classes in Livermore. She also took sculpting classes at Cal State Hayward and did some welding.

She is survived by her husband Jerry; three sons, Brian and wife Terry, and Chuck in California, Greg and wife Margie in Georgia; seven grandchildren; sister Judith Allison in Virginia; and aunt Edna Robinson in California. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. June 8 at the Pioneer Methodist Church, 1338 Lincoln Way in Auburn; and at 3 p.m. June 9 at the Pleasanton Hotel Garden, 855 Main St. Her remains will be dispersed over San Francisco Bay in sight of her beloved San Francisco.



quilting, winning many awards. She was a member of the Amador Valley Quilt Club for many years and served on its board.

Mrs. McNees is survived by her husband Ken; two daughters, Lauren McNees of Winters and Andrea McNees of Davis; sister Holly Pritchard and her husband John of Terra Linda; brother Rob Sims and his wife Val of Walnut Creek. Mrs. McNees made a remarkable battle with brain cancer for more than a year and remained positive through it all. Services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 22, St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018.

Paul Conrad Baca

Former longtime Pleasanton resident Paul Conrad Baca died May 4 at the age of 70.

He was born Oct. 26, 1939, in Socorro, N.M., and moved to California. He graduated from Mission High in San Francisco and started his lifelong career in sales and the grocery business. He was an accomplished sailor of the San Francisco Bay, scuba diver, water skier and cook, specializing in five-course breakfasts for his family and friends.

Mr. Baca was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years Ramona; daughter Shelly Ann Elkins and son-in-law Don Elkins of Pleasanton; son Jeff Paul Baca and daughter-in-law Linda Murphy of Santa Rosa; brother David Alfred Baca of Brentwood; four grandchildren, nephews and nieces. There were no services; donations in his memory may be made to Dublin Hospice or a charity of choice.

Jody (Sims) McNees

Pleasanton resident Jody (Sims) McNees died May 9 at the age of 62.

She was born March 15, 1948, on the outskirts of St. Louis, Mo., to Bill and Sue Sims. At an early age her family moved to Lafayette where she graduated from Del Valle High School. She went to Fresno State College, first majoring in art then graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology. While in college she met her future husband Ken McNees; they were married in May 1973 and resided in Belmont Shore. In 1977, they moved to Pleasanton. She had tremendous skills in art with form, shape, pattern and color. She worked with stained glass and, after moving to Pleasanton, took up hand applique,



BIRTHS

Information provided by Valley Care Medical Center.

Ziegler

A baby boy was born March 9 to Leslie and Matthew Ziegler

Knosp

A baby girl was born April 13 to Brenda and Andrew Knosp.

Kesireddy

A baby girl was born April 15 to Shruti and Rajanikanth Kesireddy.

Boot

A baby girl was born April 22 to Rihan and Brian Boot.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Time to tell us the housing cap issue is over

Pleasanton businessman Brad Hirst appeared briefly Tuesday night to thank the City Council for deciding against appealing a court order that declared Pleasanton's 1996 housing cap is illegal. We hope he's right and knows more than we do. After he spoke, City Attorney Jonathan Lowell said only that the city hopes not to appeal the March 12 decision by Judge Frank Roesch of the Alameda County Superior Court. He said that the city is in negotiations with Urban Habitat, the affordable housing coalition that won the lawsuit, to amicably settle all outstanding claims that organization has against Pleasanton. The negotiations, which are being held behind closed doors as far as we know, are complicated because Attorney General Jerry Brown also joined Urban Habitat in its suit and earlier also sued the city over its new General Plan that includes the cap along with plans for major growth in the city's workforce. Brown's suit charges greenhouse gas emission violations along with a disregard for the state's affordable housing requirements.

With the clock running — the city has just 120 days from Roesch's decision to the time it must either comply with his ruling or file an appeal — negotiations are in their crucial stage. Urban Habitat filed its suit against Pleasanton in 2006, claiming that the 29,000-unit cap violated the state's Housing Element Law in that it prevented Pleasanton from accommodating its regional "fair share" housing numbers. Although voters approved the housing cap referendum by an overwhelming majority, there were questions then about the cap's legality, especially in a state that even back in 1996 was struggling to meet housing demands from low-income and workforce housing groups. Former Mayor Tom Pico has acknowledged that the number 29,000 was crafted by leaders who wanted to limit growth to make sure Pleasanton never became another high-density city resembling San Mateo or Sunnyvale.

Many believe the cap has worked, cooling the appetites of major apartment house builders who took their developments elsewhere during the late 1990s and early in the decade that just ended. But even so, Pleasanton, like other cities in California, must now comply with the state's Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) requirements that stipulate that this city must rezone sufficient acreage to allow for another 3,277 housing units, including 2,524 affordable homes, by 2014. Although no one is ordering the city to actually build the housing units, it must make sure no restrictions stand in the way, such as task force reviews or planned unit development (PUD) processes, which city planners favor.

There's another reason we hope Brad Hirst's "intelligence" is right and that the city has decided against an appeal of Roesch's order. According to Jonathan Lowell's analysis, the city's (a.k.a. taxpayers') legal expenses litigating this case since its inception in the fall of 2006 are approximately \$500,000. Those are fees paid to outside counsel Thomas B. Brown of Hanson Bridgett and his associates and do not include the extensive "in-house" work of city staff and former City Attorney Michael Roush. The negotiations now under way no doubt also include how much of Urban Habitat's legal expenses Pleasanton will have to pay, a figure that could dwarf our own. Of course, an appeal would cost even more: those familiar with the case believe legal fees could easily top another \$250,000, win or lose.

Roesch also imposed a commercial building ban on Pleasanton until the case is settled. With the commercial market slowly regaining strength, the city needs to announce a settlement publicly and move on. ■



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LETTERS

Ridge homes will be in view

Dear Editor,

I couldn't figure out just where these Oak Grove homes are going to be, trying to wade through the ads and argument. However, voters trying to separate spin from fact are fortunate to have today's technology. Page 60 of the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet we received in the mail has Figure 36, showing the location of the 51 lots in question. If a voter can read a topographic map, one can see that the lots are all on the top of ridgelines — no question. One can go to Google Map/Satellite view and see the current path along the ridge lines where the lots are located. Google Map/Terrain View shows that these are indeed ridgelines between valleys. So not to be accused independently of spin, the Yes-on-D ad is technically correct that the park includes the highest ridge on the property. However, Google Earth can provide one a 3D view showing how the lots dominate about 10,000 feet of ridgeline; people in Pleasanton will see a long line of homes on the ridge. Good information has changed my view and I will

now be voting No on Measure D.

Please note that I am not in the area of the development, I am not affiliated with either campaign nor the group who took this to court, and until I realized where the lots are located, had been a supporter of the "tradeoff" of lots for parkland. Not anymore.

Mick Hanou

Keep our park

Dear Editor,

"No on D" signs have popped up all over our west neighborhood so I was curious to see this property. However, when I asked a few of these homeowners where this property was, no one seemed to know. One good neighbor went online and printed "Save Pleasanton Hills" info and brought it to me. After reading the flier I still don't know where the property is, but was surprised that a "9000 square foot Oakland Hills" homeowner would give permission for the use of his home in such a negative manner.

Years ago people were griping about the "hotel on the ridge" and now with all the landscaping, you

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can hardly find it.

The 58 trees that are proposed to be cut down will be replaced with thousands of trees and shrubs, which will be a great improvement over the brown dry weeds that pose a fire hazard.

How does this group expect a property owner since 1970 to just turn over their land so a handful of people can enjoy the view. If you want to preserve this land, fine, buy it.

Marvelle Inzerillo

Pleasanton 2010 or Chicago 1930?

Dear Editor,

The proposed Oak Grove development, which is on the ballot June 8, has been the subject of bitter debate for at least several years. Advocates of the project tout the donation to the city of open space, scaling back of the original proposal to fewer homes, and fundamental property owner's rights. Opponents object to the destruc-

tion of ridgelines and century-old oaks, 8,000- to 12,000-square-foot homes and the successful ballot measures PP and QQ, which would prevent this sort of development. Both sides decry the "misinformation" and "misleading statements" put forth by their opponents. I have clear evidence of obvious visual falsehoods put forth by the project supporters, but some statements by Oak Grove opponents might be viewed as misleading as well.

As you yourself decide how to vote, whether you support or oppose ridgeline homes, please consider this: The developers filed a civil lawsuit against the citizen who spoke up against their project. In 1930 in Chicago, Al Capone ruled that city through intimidation; pay "protection" money or have your mom-and-pop grocery firebombed. We must, as citizens of Pleasanton, send an unmistakable message to anyone coming into our city that such tactics will guarantee their defeat, regardless of the alleged merits of their proposed project. I enjoy open space, too, and I support keeping our ridgelines free of mansions; but first and foremost, I support sending a message to developers that tactics of fear and intimidation don't fly in this town. Please vote No on Measure D.

Bob Grove

Outlaw carrying handguns

Dear Editor,

Each May our family is reminded of California's archaic gun laws. May is the birth month of my nephew, Duncan Anderson, who at 23, was shot to death just a few blocks from his Cal State University Long Beach home on June 11, 1989.

AB1934 — Keep California Safe — is now in debate and needs your help to become California law. AB1934 revokes archaic laws that allow Californians to carry unloaded handguns in most public areas. If we had revoked these archaic laws before Duncan's death his full future and all his forthcoming contributions to California would not have been shot down by a thief with an openly carried gun — in this case loaded and deadly (can you tell if a gun is

loaded on sight?).

What a waste of a precious and promising life. Duncan, an upper-division Cal State student studying industrial design, was very talented and had a promising career and a full life ahead of him that could have contributed richly to California's now stalled economy.

Act to protect civil society. Restore Californian's hope in a safe, fear-free future. Call/write your California congress persons. Instruct them to give their full support to AB1934 — Keep California Safe.

Art S. Tenbrink

D is for 'dust'

Dear Editor,

The mysterious Lin family, from parts unknown, who never appear at public forums, were able to purchase, through their agents, large amounts of land in the Tri-Valley in the 1970s and are once again attempting to push through another eye-clogging development. This involves bulldozers scraping off pristine ridges, dumping dirt in the nearby ravines, uprooting "other oak groves" in the process, and last but not least destroying ages-old wildlife habitat. Then the cement trucks come in and 52 homes of 12,500 square feet arise out of the dust, and there will be dust. But wait, each home will need a pool, a cabana, a three-car garage, the gatekeeper's humble cottage, perhaps a landing strip for a private copter, and, of course, the obligatory small dungeon for those who don't appreciate ostentatious displays of wealth. Who really needs a 12,500-square-foot home? Have the advocates of this disaster given any thought to how much power is needed to heat and cool these places, and the amount of water they will require?

Here is a great idea for the Lin Family: Donate all the land to the city of Pleasanton as a "Preserve" and get a tax write-off. Then you will be a hero. Pleasanton will have a parade in your honor, and all the townsfolk can finally meet you. Because the Oak Grove development plan is a bad idea. However, voting No on Measure D is a very good idea.

Patricia A. Bacon

Partnership plan

Dear Editor,

By approving Measure D in June, we will be saying yes to a plan created through two years of dialogue and collaboration between Pleasanton neighborhood residents, planners and the Oak Grove property owner. The plan that emerged from that collaboration trades minimal impact for benefits we would be foolish to pass up.

By approving Measure D in June, our schools will receive initial fees upwards of \$2 million, with additional tax revenue of \$300,000 annually. The schools need this support now more than ever. Also, \$200,000 in property taxes will go to vital city services, along with \$1 million for traffic improvements.

What does Oak Grove get in exchange for all this? The opportunity to develop 51 city-approved homes, no more. The 496-acre hiking park area that Oak Grove will donate as part of the plan will protect our beautiful ridgeline and permanently block future development. That makes approving Measure D a smart choice for ensuring the future sanctity of the area as well.

Voting Yes on Measure D will provide benefits that Pleasanton sorely needs through a plan that reflects real neighborhood partnership. Let's see it through for our community.

Doris George

BART to Livermore

Dear Editor,

Unless BART to Livermore has a station near Isabel with good freeway access and abundant surface parking, it will be a gross, unconscionable waste of public funds.

With such an in-direction station, BART could serve all of Livermore and the region far better and at less than one-third the cost of Alternative 2b, endorsed by the City Council. Without that station most BART users from Livermore would drive out of direction in heavy traffic to constricted parking — and pay higher BART fares for the privilege since they are based on mileage. Many would continue crowding I-580 or Stanley Boulevard, or just skip public transit and drive instead.

An Isabel freeway intercept station, like an international airport extension, should not be subject to the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy due to the infeasibility of housing development. In both cases the extension serves the same purpose: Reduce urban automobile traffic.

Whether BART stays in the freeway median east from Isabel — which I far prefer — or continues along 2b, the Isabel station is critical.

Robert S. Allen

Curious about early settlers

Dear Editor,

Today I received my first copy of your newspaper, and enjoyed it thoroughly. My friends often discuss subjects they read about in the Weekly but until today I have not been able to join in the conversation because my name has not been on your list. I am happy to now be a paid subscriber.

Here's hoping that sometime soon you will run a series of vignettes (nothing too heavy) about our early landowners (Amador, Bernal, Castro, Livermore, etc.) whose names I see everywhere in the area but about whom I wish I knew more. Like so many of my friends and neighbors, I am enthusiastic about learning some local history. How about it?

Keep up the good work.

Sharry Bautista

If Measure D fails

Dear Editor,

What if "D" fails? In simple terms: The Lin family could sue the city of Pleasanton for breach of property rights. That could cost Pleasantonites millions, since it would be difficult suing just those citizens who voted No. The whole issue could end up in the State Supreme Court.

Or: The Lins could just forge ahead and build those previously authorized 98 homes, and they may or may not have square foot restrictions. (Fifteen percent of them would have to be affordable.) Said homes could be built on the lower areas above Kottinger Ranch. Rainwater off 98 large homes could cause an overflow in catch ponds at Kottinger Ranch, thus causing flooding of Kottinger Creek.

Or: The Lins could simply divide up their property in to 5-, 10- or 20-acre parcels and sell them off. Restrictions would then be on individual property owners, who would no doubt want a gated area and probably not be restricted on home size.

So: If "D" doesn't pass, Pleasantonites lose out by:

- A. No trial area on our East Side Hills.
- B. No real control on home sizes or size of lots/acreage.
- C. A potential lawsuit.
- D. A denser Kottinger Ranch concept.

Please think about it, then drive or walk the area. Vote Yes on Measure D.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Armed robber hits Check N Go on Hopyard

A man with a gun held up the Check N Go store in the 2700 block of Hopyard Road on Tuesday afternoon and took an undisclosed amount of cash, according to the Pleasanton Police Department.

An employee at the store, which makes payday loans or cash advances, called police at approximately 3:45 p.m. He said the man displayed a handgun before taking the money and fleeing on a chrome-colored bicycle.

The suspect was described as Hispanic, 5 foot 5 inches to 5 foot 7 inches tall, 20-25 years old with a thin build. He was wearing a tan baseball-style hat, green shirt, tan cargo shorts and green shoes. Anyone with information is asked to call the police at 931-5100.

Cash, jewelry, coins reported stolen

Pleasanton police are investigating the theft of \$8,000 in cash from an apartment in the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court. Also taken in the theft was \$825 in jewelry and coins.

The theft took place sometime between 4 p.m. April 16 and 2 p.m. May 6. Additional information is not being released because the theft is under active investigation.

Women charged in Mall incident

Three women have been charged on suspicion of shoplifting and grand theft in connection with a theft May 16 in Macy's Women's store, according to a Pleasanton police report.

Asieh Chalehzamini, 58, Mandana Fallah, 33, and Mozghan Zamani, 39, were arrested in connection with the theft, which occurred at about 5:20 p.m.

POLICE REPORT

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

May 11

Forgery

■ 11:44 a.m. in the 100 block of Serpentine Lane

■ 4:10 p.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

■ 1:18 p.m. in the 5800 block of Foothill Road

Drug/alcohol charges

■ 3:20 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Kolln Street; possession of marijuana

May 12

Theft

■ 1:45 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

■ 3:19 p.m. in the 5800 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; grand theft, vandalism

Battery

■ 7:10 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

May 13

Assault with a deadly weapon

■ 7:31 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road

Burglary

■ 5:16 p.m. in the 5400 block of Northway Road

Vandalism

■ 8:25 p.m. at Laguna Creek Road

■ 10:22 p.m. in the 5100 block of Golden Road

Prank calls

■ 7:12 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

Drug/alcohol charges

■ 5:59 p.m. in the 200 block of Spring Street; possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia

May 14

Theft

■ 3:01 p.m. in the 1400 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft

■ 5 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Vandalism

■ 10:40 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Prank calls

■ 8:24 a.m. in the 1900 block of Nicossea Court

Drug/alcohol charges

■ 1:55 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Interstate 580; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

■ 2:29 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; possession of a controlled substance for sale

■ 7:07 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; driving with marijuana, petty theft

■ 10:24 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Washington Mutual Way; DUI, driving with marijuana

■ 11:44 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue; driving with marijuana

May 15

Theft

■ 9:15 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Burglary

■ 12:22 p.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive; burglary, forgery

Vandalism

■ 7:43 p.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Drug/alcohol charges

■ 1:43 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue; DUI

■ 1:43 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; DUI

■ 4:09 p.m. in the 2100 block of Valley Avenue; DUI, driving under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia

■ 5:37 p.m. in the 300 block of Christina Court; DUI

May 16

Theft

■ 5:18 p.m. in the 4600 block of First Street; grand theft

■ 5:24 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Drug/alcohol charges

■ 1:08 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness

■ 1:23 a.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive; DUI



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- The Supplement to the Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/ Staples Ranch Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Related California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Documents (CEQA Findings, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), and Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC)). Case PSP-11 (Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment), Case PRZ-44 (Pre-Zoning/Rezoning of the Staples Ranch Site)

Consider and make a recommendation regarding: (1) Certification of the Supplement to the Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/ Staples Ranch EIR; (2) Rescission of: (a) CEQA Findings, MMRP, and SOC adopted by City Council on February 24, 2009 for the Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/Staples Ranch EIR; (b) Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment (PSP-11) adopted by the City Council on February 24, 2009; and (c) Pre-zoning/Rezoning of the Staples Ranch site (PRZ 44) adopted by the City Council on March 3, 2009; (3) Adoption of: (a) CEQA Findings, MMRP, and SOC for the Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/ Staples Ranch EIR, including the Supplement; (b) Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment (PSP-11); and (c) Pre-zoning/Rezoning of the Staples Ranch site (PRZ 44) to: PUD-C (Commercial), PUD-HDR/C (High Density Residential/ Commercial), PUD-P (Park), PUD-MDR (Medium Density Residential), or some similar combination of PUD zoning. The property is owned by Alameda County Surplus Property Authority and is located at the southwest intersection of I-580 and El Charro Road.

Hacienda Task Force

Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Pleasanton Library 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discussion of options and potential concepts for mixed use development.

Committee on Energy & Environment

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Operation Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Please visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view the agenda for the Committee on Energy and Environment.

Trails Ad-Hoc Committee

Monday, May 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber Conference Room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Trails Project Status Report

General Information

Pleasanton residents are encouraged to view the Draft Youth Master Plan on the City of Pleasanton website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Comments about the document can be submitted to youthmasterplanupdate@ci.pleasanton.ca.us until Friday, May 28.

May Tips-Bring on the Heat!

In this May series of weekly tips presented to you by the City of Pleasanton's Committee on Energy and the Environment, we offer some ideas to help you make smart spring choices that contribute to a cleaner environment and sustainable energy future.

As things heat up, take a little extra time to think about how your warm-weather habits impact the environment.

Anti-Microbial Filter?

Most room air conditioners come with reusable electrostatic filters, which may be treated with triclosan. If purchasing a unit with an antimicrobial filter, ask the retailer to replace it with an untreated electrostatic filter.

- Check if your state energy office or local utility offer rebates and trade-ins of older models to encourage the purchase of energy-efficient units. You could end up saving \$75 or more on your purchase.

- If you live in a very humid climate, look for models that are good at removing moisture; ask about the rate of water removal (in pints per hour).
- At the store, compare the energy consumption and usage costs of one model to another using the yellow "Energy Guide" label on the product

Usage tips

- If your unit has a thermostat, set it to 78 degrees F.
- At night, use your air conditioner's fan-only mode
- Use the recirculate option instead of constantly cooling hot air from outdoors.
- Turn the air conditioner off when you're out.
- Clean the filter often (biweekly or as needed), and where possible, hose down the back of the unit to remove debris that can clog cooling coils.
- Make sure window models are installed as tightly as possible to prevent hot air from seeping in around the unit's edges.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar



Looking at our carbon footprint



Dr. Hunter Lovins will speak May 25 on “Energy Efficiency and Long-Term Sustainability,” drawing from the Natural Capitalism concept she co-created to work with businesses, governments and organizations to implement a profitable approach to developing sustainable businesses and communities.

Sustainability

What: Dr. Hunter Lovins speaking on “Energy Efficiency and Long-Term Sustainability”

Who: Sponsored by Pleasanton’s Committee on Energy and the Environment, the first in its free lecture series.

When: 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 25

Where: Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Cost: Free. Call 931-5500 for reservations.

In addition: Also speaking will be Elliott Hoffman, co-founder and CEO of Natural Capitalism and Chairman of the Board of New Voice in Business

‘Planet Hero’ Hunter Lovins to speak in Pleasanton

BY SAMANTHA CAMPOS

Born into an activist family, Hunter Lovins spent a lot of time in the ‘60s raising a fuss — presumably with picket signs and peace symbols — until she realized the “traditional activist approach” just wasn’t going to work. Since then, Lovins has built a bridge between big business and environmentalism, promoting sustainability while consulting with oil and utility companies — and some of the largest corporations in the world — with her nonprofit group, Natural Capitalism Inc. She was named millennium “Hero for the Planet” by Time magazine in 2000.

Pleasanton’s Committee on Energy and the Environment is hosting a talk by Lovins on “Energy Efficiency and Long-Term Sustainability” at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Following are excerpts from a recent interview with Lovins:

Q. Why do big businesses often say they’re interested in “going green” and then oppose legislation that supports climate change efforts?

A. Often, sustainability initiatives start in the marketing department. They think it’s a good PR move — they don’t see it as core to their business. The work that we’re trying to do is to get businesses to see sustainability as essential to their corporate strategy, and as such that the traditional knee-jerk business reaction of “oh, anything environmental must be bad” is actually damaging to their PR. We’ve a ways to go yet.

Q. What more can be done to reach corporate America?

A. What you purchase on a daily basis, it really does make a difference. Anytime you buy something, ask the vendor, “Was this sustainably made?” The vendor’s likely to say, “I have no earthly idea what you’re talking about.”

Q. I get that all the time.

A. But if enough people ask that, the vendor will start to pay attention. ... what one individual does in silence doesn’t make that much of a difference, but what groups of individuals do very noisily will absolutely change the planet. If you look at the socially responsible investment movement — the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) is an effort by, literally, a group of kids. Young people out of the UK a few years back said, “We’re going to ask the biggest companies on earth — the FT 500 — what their carbon footprint is.” About three years ago, 66 percent of the biggest companies on earth reported through CDP their carbon footprint.

Q. Can you give an example of a large company that is actively changing the way it does business?

A. Last year Wal-Mart hired CDP to go to China to ask their suppliers about their carbon footprint. This is something no government could do. Between Wal-Mart and the Carbon Disclosure Project, Chinese companies are now having to reveal — which means they have to assess, they have to understand — what the carbon footprint is, which is a very strong signal to all these companies. And indeed, last October Wal-

Mart went to China, called their thousand largest Chinese suppliers together and said, here are the standards by which we are going to decide whether or not to buy from you. ... Now, is Wal-Mart green? Hell, no! But is Wal-Mart moving the needle a heck of a lot more than I could? Absolutely.

Q. How are the green efforts in America different from European countries?

A. You walk into the equivalent of a 7-Eleven just off the Champs-Elysees in Paris and half the products are proudly badged as “organic.” It is considered normal in the UK to take your little-wheeled shopping cart and walk down the street to your local green grocer and local butcher and buy stuff that’s been produced within 100 miles, that’s badged as such, and then wheel your little cart home. Americans think nothing of jumping in their SUV and driving 20 miles to a supermarket, where they have no idea where the products came from.

Q. What do you think is the government’s role in all this?

A. We practice a kind of capitalism that Randy Hayes (founder of the Rainforest Action Network) calls “cheater economics,” whereby we subsidize unsustainable behavior, which makes a certain set of products look cheaper than they really are. That’s just bad capitalism. We ought to have full-cost accounting. Right now the cost to your lungs, to unborn children, to green-and-growing things around the planet aren’t counted in the purchase price of cheap goods.

Q. Green issues seem to illicit a lot of eye-rolling from the far right. Why is that?

A. Environmentalists have made a serious mistake of casting this as a moral message, rather than — how is it that we achieve what it is that people want? Which is a high-quality life, prosperity and greater security? The corporatists have done a very good job of badging their product in convincing people that if you buy their product, you will be happier, you will find meaning in your life and it will convey stature and well-being, you will look younger, sexier ... some of us have started working with the ad industry in helping them to help companies badge themselves as green in authentic ways.

Q. So going green will also bring a gusher of greenbacks to our economy?

A. It’s also the way to enhance security. This country has been borrowing something like \$2 billion a day to buy imported oil from folks in the Middle East who don’t like us. The next wave of revolution is clearly going to be the green technologies. You will get 10 times the number of jobs from investing in energy efficiency and renewables than you get investing in building coal or nuclear plants. We do not need to be investing in these old technologies — the technologies of the last century: We want to be investing in the technologies of the future — oh, and by the way, doing that solves the climate problem.

—Samantha Campos is a reporter for the Pacific Sun, part of Embarcadero Media

READY TO RENT

REVIEWS OF NEW DVD RELEASES

By JOE RAMIREZ

House of the Long Shadows

MGM DVD
1 hr 46 mins
Director: Pete Walker

Have you ever seen Tim Burton's first animated cartoon called "Vincent"? It's one of the director's best, filled with ghoulish humor, gothic imagery and, of course, Vincent Price, whose iconic voice perfectly captures the agony of a little boy with black, tangled hair (much like the director) who has an unnatural affinity for Vincent Price movies. As he creeps around, forever tortured, like Price's Roderick Usher, he and his dog pretend to perform wicked experiments upon unsuspecting victims, if only to be interrupted by his mother. At the center is Price's voice, resonant with age, like a knotted and hollowed ancient tree, filled with the actor's perfect balance of cheese and dread. "Vincent" was made at about the same time as Price's "House of the Long Shadows" (1983), which has recently become available at Amazon as a made-to-order DVD and is worth a look due not only to Price, but his co-stars Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee and John Carradine, the quadruple threat of doom.

Not to bring Halloween six months early (or late), but Vincent Price is one of those iconic actors that still endures 20 years after his death. In fact, due to the DVD boom, I would say that Price is more (in)famous now than ever, due to the abundance of his movies on home video (check out the MGM Midnite Movies collection for some of his best). And how could you forget Price, with his tall stature, Guy Lombardo moustache and that weird, nasally, New Englander purr that sounds as if there is a plot behind every syllable. Price had 185 movie and TV credits to his

name, starting in the late '30s playing heavies and continuing into the '40s with the same type of character — the antagonist in period clothing that was suave enough to bring sinister and neurotic to the very last frame. It was in the 1950s, however, that Price scared the baby boom generation en masse so that it entered the '60s with all his best work for Roger Corman.

"House of the Long Shadows," however, finds Price in his latter years, when his gaunt presence became a caricature, but he could still rise to the occasion. The plot of the movie and his co-stars make up for this, with writer Kenneth Magee (Desi Arnez Jr.) renting a spooky house on a bet to gain inspiration for a macabre book he has in mind. To his surprise, the house is not unoccupied, with a family reunion of sorts in progress, as several members of the Grisbane family are gathered to greet their younger brother back into the world. You see, younger brother Roderick has been locked in the attic for 40 years because of a murder he committed, with family justice presiding over his fate, and this is the night of his release. Yet young Roderick, much to everyone's dread, may have escaped already.

"House of the Long Shadows" was one of my favorite movies growing up as a kid (and that tells you what kind of kid I was, and still am). The movie has that low-budget, '80s feel, with a kind of hurry-up-and-get-there mentality and murky look (due to the DVD transfer), but it is macabre enough to wade past its presentation. In fact, director Pete Walker seems to relish in the grotesqueness of the subject, with some good twists and turns, so like good pulp you stay glued to the very end, relishing in its cheeky guginol. ■

Watercolor master coming to town

Enjoy Gerald Brommer — and his paintings

The art community is welcoming renowned watercolorist Gerald Brommer to town next week where he is leading a five-day workshop for the Pleasanton Art League. He is also judging the annual Spring Show at the Alviso Adobe being held May 21-23.

"Gerald Brommer is a highly sought after artist who leads plein air watercolor and collage workshops all over the country and abroad," said Pleasanton watercolorist Charlotte Severin.

Brommer is author of more than 35 art books, many used as texts in art schools and colleges. His work is in 4,000 private collections in 37 states, five foreign countries and at galleries in California, Florida, Bermuda and London.

The Museum on Main is hosting a one-person show for Brommer from May 22-29. The public is invited to



Gerald Brommer's painting: "Early Morning Light - Mont St Michel."

meet the artist at an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the museum, 603 Main St.

Brommer also will give a free demonstration at 7:30 p.m., Monday at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The public is invited.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Teens chosen for trek to sister city

Five will participate in student exchange

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Five Pleasanton students have been selected to participate in this year's Summer Exchange Program with sister-city Tulancingo, Mexico. The students are Athena Lathos and Becca Brown from Foothill High School, and Nayo Clinchard, Andre Chan and Kathy Yuh from Amador Valley High School.

More than 85 members of the Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association (PTSCA) gathered to meet them at an early Cinco de Mayo party on Sunday, May 2. The sister-city delegation of 28 had just returned from its annual visit and had lots of pictures and fun experiences to share with them.

The students also received information packets prepared by their counterpart students coming here. They will be arriving from Mexico in mid-June to stay for four weeks, and the Pleasanton



Pleasanton high school students accepted for the sister-city exchange are (l-r) Athena Lathos, Nayo Clinchard, Andre Chan, Kathy Yuh and Becca Brown.

students will return with them for four weeks in Tulancingo.

Several of past Pleasanton exchange students also were there, from as long ago as 2001, to wish them well and share how much

this special exchange program has meant to them.

More information can be found at www.ptscaxchange.org or call Alice Pryor, PTSCA president, at 462-5786. ■



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Hiking FOR hope

Volunteers, supporters raise \$80,000 in walk for Tri-Valley hospice care

BY JEB BING

More than 700 supporters of Hope Hospice walked the trails in the Sunol Regional Wilderness earlier this month in the center's first annual Hike for Hope.

The event, which attracted experienced hikers and families out for a walk in the wilderness, also appealed in a very special way to those who spent the day remembering a loved one. Groups participating included the Palo Alto Medical Group, Chevron employees, the Tri-Valley Wine Club, the Tri-Valley Newcomers Club, and Nightingale Nursing.

The day began with hikers donning Hike for Hope T-shirts and lanyards holding the photo of the person they were remembering. Along the trail, Stan Goldberg, author of *Lessons for the Living*, serenaded guests with music from Native American and Japanese flutes, while Hike for Hope committee members distributed park-sanctioned seed packets inscribed with a special poem, whose author is unknown:

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

*We remember you.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
We remember you.
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
We remember you.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
We remember you.*

The Hike for Hope committee, a group of nature lovers and Hope Hospice supporters who started planning the event six months ago, represented communities in the Hope Hospice service area from Alamo to Livermore and Castro Valley.

Dolores Bengtson, chairwoman of the Hike for Hope committee, crafted educational brochures to help hikers recognize wildflowers in bloom.

"The day of the event was a beautiful day, and many hikers — young and old — experienced the beauty of spring time in our Sunol Regional Wilderness Park," Bengtson said. "Wildflowers were blossoming, the hills were green, and the oak

trees were magnificent. Many of the hikers were hiking in memory or in honor of a loved one, and were given wildflower seeds to scatter and also a brochure to identify the various flowers that were in display along the trails."

Kathy Molinari, a committee member whose late parents received Hope Hospice care, worked with Bengtson in planning the event.

"As I handed out the seed packets with my sister, I knew my parents were with us in spirit," Molinari said. "The concept for Hike for Hope was born out of the idea that a nature hike reflected most accurately the spirit of hospice work."

Donna McMillion, development director of Hope Hospice, added, "We believe in making every moment count and in affirming life every step of the way. A hike in the hills among the oak trees, when nature is at its springtime peak, just seemed to make sense as a way for families to be together, enjoying the outdoors, and supporting a good cause."

Hope Hospice board and staff members brought their children. Drs. Peter Wong and Michael

Malek, medical directors for the organization, were there as well as board member Kirti Ranti, an attorney and nurse.

"Sunol is a beautiful location to hike and remember those who are no longer with us but receive excellent care by the staff of Hope Hospice," Ranti said. "As part of our hike, we encouraged our 5-year old son to sow the seeds of future life by teaching him to help others in need. It was a perfect day."

In all, there were 735 registered hikers and \$80,000 was raised from the hikers, the donors, and the event sponsors.

"We wish to express our deepest appreciation to the many individual and business members of our community for their support of the Hike for Hope event," said Helen Meier, executive director. "The needs raised by Hike for Hope will be an important help in these difficult economic times."

The Hike for Hope also marked the 30th anniversary of Hope Hospice, the area's leader in end-of-life care and at a time when more



PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

(Left) Supporters of Hope Hospice start off on Canyon View Trail in the Sunol Regional Wilderness on the first annual Hike for Hope to benefit the Tri-Valley organization that provides services for families whose loved ones face a life-limiting illness. (Above) Some of the first of 735 hikers register for the event, where they receive Hike for Hope tee shirts and lanyards. (Below) Hikers tread carefully along trails that are abloom with wildflowers. (Below right) Helen Meier, executive director of Hope Hospice, embraces Kari Rayford, a registered nurse at Hope Hospice, who walked in remembrance of her daughter. Many hikers held photos of loved ones they were remembering on the Hike for Hope walk.

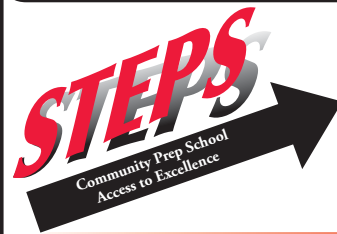


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turn to hospice services for comfort care at home. Hospice care has evolved over time and is now considered an essential option of support services for families whose loved ones face a life-limiting illness. Hope Hospice had its beginnings in 1978 when a group of Pleasanton and Livermore residents became concerned about terminally ill people facing the end of life as they remained in the hospital. Led by Richard L. Martin of Pleasanton, who was working as a church deacon in local hospitals, the group began to meet and to learn more about the hospice philosophy of care. The early objective was to respond with compassion to the emotional, physical, social and spiritual needs of terminally ill people and others affected by the loss of a loved one. Martin said that on one of his hospital visits he asked the staff about the people "at the end of the hall" and was told that they were terminal, that nothing could be done for them. He wondered why those patients weren't sent home and was

told that their health insurance would no longer cover them. They couldn't afford to go home nor to a convalescent home which would cost them even more. After he and other volunteers visited a hospice in San Rafael, he said: "I took the new found knowledge to some 'can-do' people in our community and they literally took off and managed to find ways to implement the entire program." Thus, the idea for a local home care hospice was born. Incorporated in February 1979, Hope Hospice was initially formed in a small storage room at Pleasanton Elementary School. One of the earliest volunteers, Ann Rathjen, remembered reading about it in a newspaper and decided to join the effort. "We were all in one big room," she recalled. "We got to know each other really well!" The team moved to its first office building in Dublin in 1987. Last fall, Meier led her staff in dedicating Hope Hospice's new headquarters and training facility — a 14,850-square-foot complex at 6377 Clark Ave.

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PEGGY KENNEDY AUTHOR OF 'APPROACHING NEVERLAND' For as long as she could remember, Peggy bore witness to her mother's mental illness. "Approaching Neverland" recounts Peggy and her family's attempts to deal with their mother's mental illness during a time when it was little understood and even feared. The visit is at 2 p.m. May 23 at Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Call 373-5505 or visit www.ci.livermore.ca.us/library/programs.html.

Book Clubs

PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB The Pleasanton Library's Adult Book Club meets from 7 to 8 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month except December at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. If you enjoy reading and talking about books, join our group. For more information visit www.pleasantonlibrarybookclub.wordpress.com. Call 931-3400 ext. 7.

BOOKCLUB FACILITATED BY LYNN CAREY The selection for this month is "The Vagrants" by Yiyun Li. Everyone is welcome to join this discussion at 7 p.m. May 24 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. If you have not read this book yet, mention the bookclub and receive a 15% discount. Call 846-8826 or visit www.pleasantonweekly.com. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St, Pleasanton.

Civic Meetings

COUNCILWOMAN COOK-KALLIO INVITES YOU TO A walking town hall meeting from 10 a.m.-noon May 22 at Marilyn Kane Trail, 3200 W. Lagoon Rd. Come share your thoughts about the future of Pleasanton. Call 216-1365.

Classes

PEE WEE ART TIME Preschoolers and their parents can spend the morning creating art together. Enjoy enriching toys, books and story time. Three 4-week sessions. 9:30-10:45 a.m. May 20 at Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Cost is \$80. Call 462-5915 or visit www.sites.google.com/site/peeweearttime/.

PLEASANTON LIBRARY ENGLISH CONVERSATION The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., offers free English conversations classes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, and 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Call 931-3411.

Concerts

FOLK SONGS WITH A TOUCH OF JAZZ The concert is from 8-9:30 p.m. May 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Songs from around the world set to jazzy rhythms such as England's "Scarborough Fair" and Australia's "Waltzing Mathilda," Japan, Nigeria, and more. Cost \$20 in advance; \$25 at door; Students 18 and under free. Call 866-4003 or visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE GETS JAZZY The concert is at 8 p.m. May 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Spring concert to feature folk songs from around the world. Cost \$20 if purchased in advance or \$25 at the door. Call 866-4003 or visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Events

ANTIQUÉ AND COLLECTIBLE STREET FAIRE The semi-annual Pleasanton Downtown Association Antique and Collectible Street Faire is back and will be held from 8-4 p.m. May 30, on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Admission is free. Visit www.pleasantonantiquefaire.com.

BOOTSTRAPPERS BREAKFAST Bootstrappers Breakfast expands to Dublin and Pleasanton from 7:30-9 a.m. May 27 at Athens Burger Restaurant, 6999 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Early stage technology entrepreneurs compare notes, exchange ideas, brainstorm with

peers. Cost \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door plus cost of breakfast. Call 408-252-9676 or visit www.bootstrappersbreakfast.com.

BRUNCH & SCULPTURE WALK IN PLEASANTON The Widows and Widowers of Northern California wish to invite you to join them for brunch at Pasta's Trattoria, 405 Main St. May 23 at 11 a.m. followed by a walk along Main Street to view life-size sculptures by internationally known sculptor J. Seward Johnson. Cost your menu choice. Call 462-9636. RSVP to Ruby by May 20.

CELEBRATE! A PSEE benefit to save Arts in Pleasanton Schools will be held from 5-9 p.m. May 21 and 9-6:30 p.m. May 22 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Concert line up: Concert 1-3-School Elementary Band A, 3-School Elementary Band B, Hart Middle School Band & Foothill High school Band. Concert 2-Hart Beats Vocal Group, Elementary Super Strings, Hart Orchestra and Foothill Orchestra. Concert 3-School Elementary Band C, PMS Band, HP Band & Amador Band. Concert 4-Elementary Strings Band #2, PMS Orchestra, Harvest Park Orchestra and Amador Orchestra. Concert 5-Elementary Multi-School Choir, Walnut Grove Music Man Jr. Excerpts, Harvest Park Choir, PMS Choir and Amador Choir. Tickets are \$15 for adult and \$10 for students, plus mailing fees. All concerts are ticketed separately. Visit www.psee.org.

COMEDIAN LARRY "BUBBLES" BROWN AND FRIENDS Larry "Bubbles" Brown is a San Francisco based comedian and actor. He appeared on the original "Late Night with David Letterman" on NBC. For several years, he was the traffic reporter

on Live 105 in the morning where he gained much popularity in the Bay Area. The event is from 7:30-9 p.m. May 22 at Bunjo's Comedy Lounge, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Cost \$15 plus two-item minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit www.bunjoscody.com.



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at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Call 846-3327 or visit www.pleasantonpta.org/Excellence_In_Education.html.

KILLER LAUGHS COMEDY COMPETITION Bunjo's Comedy Lounge is pleased to host the

3rd annual Killer Laughs Comedy Competition from 7:30-9 p.m. May 21 at Bunjo's Comedy Club, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Killer Laughs features some of the best and brightest comics in the Bay Area. Many who have participated in the past have moved on to do television, movies and more. Killer Laughs is a 15 round weekly competition. Cost \$10 plus two-item minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit www.bunjoscmedyclub.com.

LADIES SPA AND HEALTH DAY Bring your girlfriends for a day of food, wine, spa treatments, shopping and cooking demonstrations from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, May 23, at Elliston Vineyards, 463 Kilkare Rd., Sunol. Cost is \$15 per person, plus the cost of spa treatments. Contact Elliston for appointments at 862-2377.

XIAOPEI CHINESE DANCE First Chinese dance school in the Tri-Valley area will be performing at 7 p.m. May 23 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Students ranging in age from 4 to over 40 years old will be performing. Colorful dances, including Chinese classic, folk, ethnic minority and modern dances. Tickets \$15. Call 487-8883 or visit www.xiaopeiart.com/school.

23 and art show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 21-23 at Alviso Adobe, 3465 Old Foothill Rd. Judge Gerald Brommer. Call 846-6382.

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On Stage

'THE HEIDI CHRONICLES' Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents "The Heidi Chronicles" at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays June 6 through June 27 at the Turt Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Ln., Ste 309. Published in 1989, "The Heidi Chronicles" received the Pulitzer Prize for drama as well as the Antoinette Perry (Tony) and New York Drama Critics' Circle awards for best play. Cost \$20-\$25 for adults \$20 for children. Call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.com.

Film

THE GREAT WHITE HOPE The movie will start at 7 p.m. June 3 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Film stars James Earl Jones and Jane Alexander and directed by Martin Ritt. Call 931-3405.

Fundraisers

A TASTE OF SUMMER Charity BBQ to benefit "Hacienda Helping Hands" from 4-8 p.m. May 21 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Call 510-393-9903.

CHARITY CONCERT BENEFITING ELEMENTARY MUSIC The event is from 7-9 p.m. May 25 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. The elementary school band programs are in desperate need of help. Listen to various solos and group musical pieces performed by middle and high school students. Entrees will be available before and during the concert and refreshments will follow. Reserve tickets by email. Cost \$10 reserved and \$12 at door. Email chellerocs@gmail.com.

HELP FOR CATHY KENDRICK Barbecue, drinks, drawings, live auction and more starting at 5 p.m. June 5 at 1836 Begonia Ct. Raising money for a liver transplant and all that is to come. Cost \$25. RSVP 580-4661 or visit cchase@vcb-ca.com.

Seniors

PLEASE VIP TRAVEL American Stage Tours will host a trip for Pleasanton VIP Travel to the Culinary Institute of America and Rachel Dunn Chocolates on Wednesday, May 26. The bus will leave at 7:45 a.m. and return to/from the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$88 for VIP members; \$89 for non-members. For reservations, call 931-5365 or sign-up at the travel desk inside the Senior Center.

Spiritual

DAY OF DIALOGUE Come for an afternoon of shared stories of faith and community for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered people from 1-5 p.m., Sunday, May 23, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. Friends and family members are welcome. This event is free. Call 837-9141, ext. 315 or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Sports

PHASE 1 GROUP RIDE This easy paced, no-drop road ride is ideal for new riders, riders coming back from time off or those wanting a more social/learning environment. Meets at 10 a.m. Saturdays. Takes 20-35 miles, with a monthly ride of 40 miles. Re-group every 10 miles and 1 longer stop. Call 485-3218 or visit cyclepath.com.

Support Groups

TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. The group will host special speakers like doctors or specialists. For information, call JoAnne during the hours of 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at 875-0960.

Lectures/ Workshops

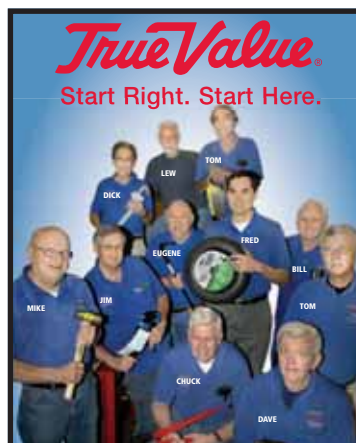
GROWING UP FEMALE WORKSHOP The workshop is from 4-6 p.m. May 26 at the Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. Mothers and their 4th-5th-grade daughters are invited to attend an uplifting workshop about body changes and the realities of being female. Led by RN specialist Amy Sluss, this two-hour workshop explores the normal changes that occur in girls ages 9-16. Cost \$75 per mother and daughter. Call 858-0702 or visit www.fab2bfem.com.

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Free throw champ

Nicole Riordan, 10, who won the state title in her age group in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, was informed recently that she is the co-winner of the 2010 International Free Throw Championship as well.

Nicole said she prepared for the free throw contest at home.

"I just shot free throws in the back yard with my dad," she said.

She made 24 baskets out of 25 attempts to win the state contest. Her scores were sent on for the international competition.

"Your precision shooting has placed you in the top one percentile of thousands and thousands of participants in the council, district,

regional and state levels of competition," wrote Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson of New Haven, Conn.

Nicole, who is completing the fourth grade at Mohr Elementary, plays on the basketball A team for Catholic Community of Pleasanton, and also competes in softball and soccer.

"I like all of them," said Nicole.

She is the daughter of Sarah and Dan Riordan.

"She's a well-rounded athlete, she has great focus," said Sarah Riordan.

A trophy is being engraved and will be presented to her by a representative from the Knights of Columbus state council. ■



Free swim lessons offered at academy

Knowing how to swim 'can save a life'

BY JEB BING

The American Swim Academy is celebrating National Water Safety Month by offering a free swim class to anyone wanting to learn. Classes are open at the academy's facility in Dublin at 6948 Sierra Ct., and at its locations in Fremont, Newark and Livermore.

"With summer quickly approaching, now is the best time to begin water safety instruction," said Matt Alberti, owner of the academy. "We

are hoping that the free class will encourage new or apprehensive students to try it out. Water safety and learning to swim are crucial. There are many sports and activities for children, but swimming is the only one that can save a life."

Drowning is the second leading cause of death in children under 4 years old. The National Institute of Health recently reported that providing very young children with swimming lessons appears

to have a protective effect against drowning and does not increase a child's risk of drowning. Children even as young as 6 months of age are able to learn how to hold his or her breath under water and keep afloat until able to reach a safe place. ■

SPORTS DIGEST

Lacross U13 wins quarterfinals

The Pleasanton Lacrosse U13A team won the quarterfinals Saturday 14-9 against the Walnut Creek Warriors.

On Sunday, the team upset the number one seed Diablo Scorpions with a final score of 7-5.

Goals were scored by Ben Smedley, Ryan Racer, Eric Carrolan,

Daniel Payne, Tristan Baylor and Javon Holland. Late in the fourth quarter Max Gershman, Mark Gaynor and Aaron LaCourse had a huge four-minute defensive stand to keep the game out of reach for the Scorpions.

Also great defensive plays by Colin Roeder and the goalie, Trey Cranney, had 11 outstanding saves leading Pleasanton to victory.

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5 BEDROOMS

10749 Inspiration Circle \$925,000
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881 Camelia \$430,000
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Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

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3 BEDROOMS

3642 Reflections Drive \$579,950
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2510

4 BEDROOMS

1525 Maple Leaf Drive \$1,049,950
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2510

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Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

2189 Pomezia Court \$1,149,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 202-6298

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Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri Valley 980-0273

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Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2585

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Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 980-8844

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 895-9950

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Sun 1-4 Legacy Real Estate 989-4144

5 BEDROOMS

1012 Bartlett Place \$1,100,000
Sun 1-4 Pat Burns 846-4982

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7914 Paragon Circle \$1,588,000
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SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$297,000
Highest sale reported: \$765,500
Average sales reported: \$464,462

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$261,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,875,000
Average sales reported: \$813,295

Source: California REsource



7823 La Quinta Court

Pleasanton

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OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4

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TOLL HOME

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DUBLIN

8034 IGLESIA DRIVE PENDING
WALK TO DOLAN PARK \$709,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Vaulted Ceilings,Rem Kit,Mstr w/Views. Updtd Bths,Prk-Like Bckyrd www.RomarProperties.
net 925.847.2200

3704 FINNIAN WAY PENDING
HIGHLY UPGRADED CONDO! \$359,900
2 BR 2 BA hrdwd flrs,updtd kit w/chrry cabs,granite slab countrs/bcksplsh,cntr islnd,minimal stairs 925.847.2200

FREMONT

19 GREENS LANE
CASTLEWOOD SPECTACULAR! \$1,299,950
4 BR 2 BA Panoramic views of golf course and easterly vistas! New kitchen & bath.

4281 WESTMINSTER CIRCLE PENDING
BEAUTIFUL HOME! \$625,000
4 BR 2.5 BA hrdwd flrs,maple cabs,tile flrs,shutters,laundry rm,gr8 flr pln,close to neighborhood park 925.847.2200

4249 NERISSA CIRCLE \$599,000
GREAT FLOOR PLAN
3 BR 2 BA 1 Stry/Vaulted Ceilings, Bck Yrd/no rear neighbors,Updtd Bths,cls to Shppng,Dining,Schl/Prk
925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

4301 CHAUCER COURT PENDING
ULTIMATE IN PRIVACY \$760,000
4 BR 2.5 BA 2975 sq ft,19600 sq ft lot w/solar htd pool,Petite Sirah vnyrd/large grassy area for play
925.847.2200

21800 MINES RD \$325,000
COUNTRY LIVING
2 BR 2 BA w/amenities!Bunk house w/1 updated bath/laundry area.Wood stove;3 generators,4 water tanks 925.847.2200

1248 DEEP CREEK \$690,000
GREAT HOME!
3 BR 3 BA 1 stry aprx. 1858 sf,kit w/SS appli,granite countrs/islnd,crown molding,fully landscaped 925.847.2200

PLEASANTON

7467 ASTER COURT
PRISTINE HOME \$670,000
3 BR 2.5 BA French doors open to deck leading to backyard!Lrg mstr suite w/walk-in closet, great views 925.847.2200

3263 VINEYARD AVE., UNIT 54 \$19,900
GREAT LOCATION!
1 BR 1 BA covered driveway,great loc in prk,comm center has pool,spa,libraryMo space rent,\$875
925.847.2200

SEACLIFF

257 CENTER AVE, UNIT A \$999,950
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
1 blk frm Seacliff State Prk,potential to be coffee shp,deli ect,upstairs poss aptmnts 925.847.2200



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Open Sun 1-4



7828 Meadowbrook Court, Pleasanton

Just listed! An entertainer's delight in Westside Pleasanton! This home has it all! Amazing upgrades throughout, gorgeous hardwood floors, large kitchen/great room with SS appliances & beautiful granite counters, bonus room upstairs, office with built-ins & spacious downstairs master suite. The home is approximately 2900 sq ft of living space with 4 bedrooms plus an office that is situated on a private 8,000 sq ft lot. Great court location close to shopping, parks and has an easy commute location. An entertainer's paradise with pool, stone fireplace & outdoor kitchen. **Offered at \$1,089,000**

Open Sat 2-4



10749 Inspiration Circle, Dublin

Just listed! Beautifully appointed 5 bedroom, 4 and a half bath. Situated in the desirable Hansen Hills neighborhood of West Dublin. With approximately 3,320 sq ft of living space, this gorgeous home has a wonderful light and bright open floor plan. This home features designer paint throughout, gourmet kitchen with a large center island with beautiful granite counters. Kitchen opens to spacious family room with built-in entertainment center to create a great room for entertaining. Plantation shutters throughout. Lovely formal living & dining room off the entry. Full bed and bath downstairs, upstairs bonus room, spacious master suite that has a custom office with beautiful built-in cabinets. Don't miss this stunning home! **Offered at \$925,000**

By Appointment



4433 Fairlands Drive, Pleasanton

Fabulous end unit townhome with vaulted ceilings in family and dining area and newer laminate floors throughout. Open floor plan with lots of natural light. Close to shopping, schools and great commuter location. Nice patio area. Don't miss this home! **Offered at \$250,000**



I have qualified buyers looking in Pleasanton for a home near downtown with at least 2,000 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms minimum, that has been updated completely or is a newer home. Priced up to \$1,150,000. I also have buyers looking in Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon or Danville for a home that has been built in the past 5 years that is either a single story or has a full bedroom and full bathroom downstairs. Priced up to \$875,000. *Please call or email me today if you are considering selling your home.*

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7208 ROSECLIFF CT. PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE



JUST LISTED
 5 BD 5.5 BA 5,330sf. on a 13,242sf. lot.
 Entertainer's dream! Outdoor kitchen, home theater, guest suite on main level. High end finishes.
\$1,775,000

1839 BEGONIA CT. PLEASANTON
 CHARTER OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD



PENDING
 4 BD 3 BA 2,541sf. w/ 8,140sf. lot.
 Recently updated, full bed & bath on main level.
 3 car garage and side yard.
\$935,000

2170 FOXSWALLOW RD. PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN BIRDLAND



PENDING
 5 BD 3 BA 2,560sf. w/ 8,030sf. lot.
 Updated top to bottom, bed & bath on main level. Picture perfect backyard.
\$875,000

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- Single Story in Country Fair up to \$700,000
- West side up to \$1.4M 5BD around 3,000sf.

The latest from The 680 Blog

Pleasanton Market Update – Low End of Market Remains Hot

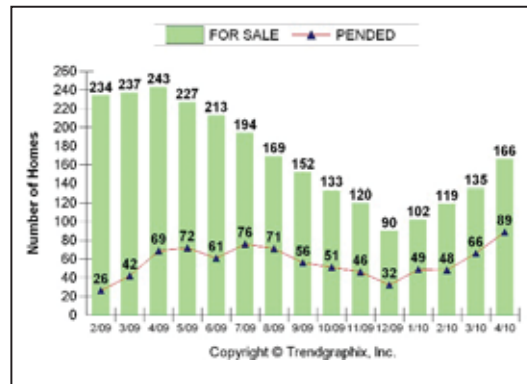
The real estate market in Pleasanton continued the trend that began in January, with both pending sales and inventory of single family homes increasing. Pending home sales increased faster than inventory again, resulting in a still tighter market. The market for homes priced under \$1 million really got hot, with pending sales increasing significantly outpacing inventory gains.

Overall, pending sales increased to 89 at the end of April, from 66 at the end of March, a 35% increase. Inventory, meanwhile grew to 166 homes in April, a 23% increase over March's inventory of 135 homes. As a result, there was 1.9 months of inventory relative to pending sales at the end of April, compared to 2.1 months at the end of March. There have not been as many pending sales in Pleasanton in at least six years.

Pending sales of single family homes priced under \$1 million increased by 21 at the end of April to 68, a 45% increase over March's 47 pending sales. Inventory only increased by nine homes or 13% to 78 at the end of April. Accordingly, there was just over 1.1 months of

inventory relative to pending sales in this price range at the end of April, compared to 1.5 months at the end of March. Homes priced under \$1 million accounted for 47% of the inventory and 76% of pending

sales at the end of April, compared to 51% and 71%, respectively, at >>Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.



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— Jay B.

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OPEN SUN 1 - 4

2516 Wilde Avenue
New property. Stunning Mediterranean with 5 BR + office, 4 ½ BTH, and resort-like ½ acre lot with pool, spa, sport court, and fire pit!
\$1,569,000



OPEN SUN 1 - 4

862 Montevino Drive
New property. Fabulous Vintage Heights home with 5 BR, 3 BTH, hardwood floors, new carpeting, and large flat .35 acre lot with pool & spa!
\$1,049,000



OPEN SUN 1 - 4

4170 W. Las Positas Boulevard
New Property. Charming 4 BR, 3 BTH home with remodeled granite & stainless kitchen, new carpeting & paint, and large lot with pool!
\$719,000



OPEN SUN 1-4

1054 Shadow Hills Court
Stunning Mediterranean with 5 BR plus bonus & office, 4 ½ BTH, and huge flat 1/3 acre lot with sport court & BBQ.
\$1,649,000



OPEN SUN 1-4

8000 Rockford Place
Stunning single story custom on 1+ acre lot with 6 car garage, hardwood floors, granite kit, finished attic/storage, and private location backing to Pleasanton Ridge open space!
\$1,699,000



JUST LISTED!

Stunning newer home in the vineyards with 4 BR plus office, 3 ½ BTH, granite & stainless kitchen, hardwood floors, plantation shutters and a private .29 acre lot!
\$1,119,000



JUST LISTED!

New Property. Extreme privacy & panoramic views! Sharp 4 BR, 3 BTH home remodeled from top to bottom on .79 acres at end of private road!
\$1,199,900



JUST LISTED!

New Property. Charming 6 BR, 3 BTH home in Rose Point with granite & stainless kitchen, hardwood floors, sparkling pool, and side access!
\$985,000



PENDING SALE!

Newer luxury 5 BR, 4 BTH single story home on prime .31 acre cul-de-sac lot with hardwood floors, granite/cherry/stainless kit, and more!
\$1,399,900



PENDING SALE!

Fabulous Warmington home with 4 BR plus bonus room, upgraded granite & stainless kitchen, plantation shutters, luxurious master suite, and large .26 acre lot!
\$679,900



PENDING SALE!

Fabulous 5 BR, 3 BTH home with hardwood floors, granite kitchen, luxurious master suite, and premium location at end of cul-de-sac next to park.
\$629,000



JUST SOLD!

Custom Kottinger Ranch home with 5 BR plus bonus room & office, granite & stainless kitchen, hardwood floors, and views!
\$1,615,000





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PLEASANTON HEIGHTS

JUST LISTED! OPEN SUN 1-4



4262 TAMUR COURT, PLEASANTON

Walk to downtown from your custom home. Great location at back of court and adjacent to Kottinger Park. Don't miss the large park-like private rear yard with in-ground pool, expansive decking, mature trees and beautiful landscaping. Approximately .27 acre lot. Views of Mt. Diablo. Everything is on one level, except downstairs bonus or guest suite. Four bedrooms, three baths at 2,524 square feet. Three car garage. Optional sauna. Walk to elementary school(s). **OFFERED AT \$879,500**

PLEASANTON HILLS

JUST LISTED! OPEN SUN 1-4



5071 MONACO DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Beautiful upgraded Harrington Model in Pleasanton Hills. Panoramic views of Mount Diablo, the valley and Pleasanton Ridge. Four bedrooms (one downstairs), three bathrooms, upgraded kitchen, crown molding, plantation shutters, upgraded doors and casings, newer dual pane windows and three car garage. Expandable option for fifth bedroom. Approximately 3,000 square feet. Lot size is 8,158 square feet with upgraded landscaping. Located on quiet street. Just steps to great neighborhood parks and Main Street Downtown Pleasanton! **OFFERED AT \$999,500**

CHATEAU COUNTRY ESTATES



788 VINEYARD TERRACE, PLEASANTON

Country Chateau Vineyard Estate on approximately 1 acre secluded lot (40,029 sq. ft.). Professionally landscaped with multiple heritage oaks, adjacent to vineyards. Panoramic views of Mount Diablo and the surrounding hills. This semi-custom beautiful private home built by Greenbriar Homes in 2008 has a total square footage of 6,476. The main house at 5,330 square feet includes five bedrooms plus library (6th), six bathrooms and a super bonus/home theater room. Also included are a four car garage and private carriage house at 1,146 square feet. **OFFERED AT \$1,995,000**

PONDEROSA VINEYARDS

PENDING



6259 CORTE FUEGO, PLEASANTON

Beautiful upgraded home in a quiet court location in Ponderosa. Four bedrooms, three bathrooms and upgraded kitchen with granite countertops. Approximately 2,400 square feet. New paint. New carpet throughout. Wood flooring, crown molding, travertine entry and hall and wood burning fireplace. Lot size is 8,822 square feet and includes upgraded landscaping, beautiful rear yard with spacious new custom stamped concrete patio, mature trees and spacious lawn area. Walk to great neighborhood parks. **OFFERED AT \$849,500**

CASTLEWOOD

PENDING



480 BUNKER LANE, PLEASANTON

Beautiful upgraded private estate on .73 acre lot, built in 2000. Panoramic views of surrounding hills. Four bedrooms, bonus/game room, 3.5 bathrooms, approximately 3,606 square feet. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Private office with custom cherry built-ins. Beautifully landscaped. Viewing balcony. Expansive very private rear grounds ideal for entertaining. Includes: pebble tec solar heated in-ground pool & elevated spa, covered cabana with built in BBQ, bathroom & heater. Bocce court, play area, oversized three car garage. **OFFERED AT \$1,495,000**

PLEASANTON HILLS

SOLD



4848 DOLORES DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Beautiful upgraded Pleasanton Hills home. Four bedrooms, plus office/nursery/workout room, three bathrooms and upgraded kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Approximately 2,710 square feet. Lot size is 10,269 square feet with upgraded landscaping. Located on quiet street with private rear yard. New carpet throughout, new interior paint. Two fireplaces. Three car garage. **SOLD FOR \$950,000**

BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD



806 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON

Highly upgraded Hillstar Model on premium .35 acre lot. Expansive views of Pleasanton Ridge. Faces open space. Highly upgraded with beautiful front and rear grounds. Includes in-ground pool and spa. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2002. Five bedrooms, plus guest suite and bonus room, 5 bathrooms. Approximately 4,455 square feet. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding, plantation shutters, and custom built-ins. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. **OFFERED AT \$1,549,000**

THE PRESERVE

SOLD



6229 DETJEN COURT, PLEASANTON

Wow! Beautiful and priced to sell. This upgraded home in the desirable Preserve community on a private .68 acre (29,506 square foot) estate lot. This beautifully landscaped property backs to open space. Enjoy the views of the surrounding open land and the quiet court location. Four bedrooms, bonus room, private office, 4.5 baths, approximate total square footage 4,689. Fully integrated home sound system with individual multi-source, multi-zone audio selection key pads. Furniture negotiable. **OFFERED AT \$1,495,000**

VENTANA HILLS

SOLD



925 SHERMAN WAY, PLEASANTON

Don't miss this Gibson model in desirable Ventana Hills. Five bedrooms, 5th is bonus, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,179 square feet. Lot size is 9452 (.21 acre lot), with large side yards. Located on quiet street. Private rear yard backs to single level home. New carpet throughout. New exterior paint. Three fireplaces. Walk to great neighborhood park and Main Street Downtown Pleasanton! **SOLD FOR \$1,068,500**



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UWE MAERCZ BY APPT



3725 WEST RUBY HILL DRIVE \$2,599,000
Grand foyer with volume ceilings & Napa Valley cast stone columns. Beautiful amended in every detail. Formal study, movie room, 900 bottle wine cellar, private vineyards.

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPT



788 VINEYARD TER \$1,995,000
Country Chateau Estate on approx 1 acre. Landscaped with heritage oaks & vineyards. By Greenbriar in 2008 has a 6,476 Sq Ft.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



7208 ROSECLIFF CT. \$1,775,000
Gourmet cook's kitchen & entertainers delight. 5 BD/ 5.5 BA w/ 5,330sf. plus theater room, office and library. Outdoor kitchen, large patio & pool.

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



4897 DOLORES DRIVE \$1,565,000
You won't find a nicer home this close to downtown Pleasanton. Stunning custom cherry detailing throughout. Gourmet kitchen, pool & spa, formal living room, views.

MARK KOTCH BY APPT



2784 LYLEWOOD DR \$1,250,000
4bds/3ba,3500+/-sf home. Expanded FR, formal DR, and LR. Upstairs bonus room. Built in 1996. Master suite with fireplace, near great schools & shopping. Large corner lot.

LINDA TRAUIG SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



7912 DRY CREEK DRIVE \$995,000
4bd/4ba, 3430+/-sf. Very private backyard with views of the hills. This home is a "10!" Truly a Must See! Go to www.7912DryCreekDrive.com for more information.

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



1773 VETTA DR \$959,950
5bd/5ba home with 3837 sf, hardwood flooring, new carpet, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, crown molding, three car garage, dual A/C & Heat, and much more.

EMILY BARRACLOUGH BY APPT



10749 INSPIRATION CIR \$925,000
Beautiful 5bd/4.5ba, 3320+/-sf in desirable Hansen Hills! Light & Bright, open floor plan, designer paint throughout, custom built in cabinets, professionally landscaped.

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



2168 GRAPE LEAF LN \$919,950
This is a beautiful custom home in a court location. Features include swimming pool with waterfall, granite counter tops, SS appliances, 3 fireplaces, 3 car garage.

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



5029 HUMMINGBIRD ROAD \$839,000
5bd/3ba, 2478+/-sqft, remodeled Birch kitchen with walk-in pantry, newer DP windows/furnace/water heater, Solarium with skylights and french doors, replastered pool.

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



4520 LIN GATE STREET \$819,000
4bd/3ba, 2,179+/-sqft home on a Court, full bed/bath downstairs, Hardwood floors, Granite eat-in kitchen, inside laundry, custom wrought iron staircase, fresh paint.

JOYCE JONES SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



4042 SUFFOLK WAY \$749,950
LOCATION...4 bd, 4th bd used as office-no closet, 3 full updated baths. Plus bonus/sunroom. Updated kitchen, granite counters/hardwood floors/stainless appliances.

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



4037 NEVIS ST. \$615,000
3bd, 2ba 1,471 sf. on a 6,000sf. lot. Hardwood floors in living room and master, open floor plan, newer windows, roof, carpeting and updated baths. Professionally landscaped.

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



654 PALOMINO DR \$539,000
3bd/2.5ba, 1,819+/-sq.ft Townhouse, desirable location close to shopping, schools and parks, remodeled Granite kitchen, basement bonus room, new carpet and paint.

