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Mayor Hosterman leads effort to approve Oak Grove

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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Trim agencies to curb water costs

Jerry Thorne may not win any popularity contests at the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA), where the Pleasanton councilman is a member of the board of directors. He wants to ax the agency as a first step toward streamlining the area's water delivery and sewer services system. Responding to a City Council decision to raise water and sewer rates by an average of \$10.40 on a bi-monthly period billing, Thorne agrees that water is a finite commodity and no doubt will cost more as time goes on, rising by another 6 to 9 percent over the next several years. But it's not all due to water shortages or the high cost of finding and pumping water for Pleasanton and other Tri-Valley users. He thinks there are just too many agencies and "middlemen" involved in the process.



Jerry Thorne

The LAVWMA board, he says meets once every other month and meetings last about 15 minutes. He suggests the work of that agency could be handled by others with the Tri-Valley cities it serves sharing the workload and expenses. Another joint-powers agency, the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) already handles maintenance work on the 16-mile wastewater pipeline that LAVWMA operates from Pleasanton to San Leandro where the effluent is discharged into the Bay. LAVWMA's facilities span from Livermore to the Bay for the sole purpose of pushing the wastewater through pipelines over the Dublin grade, through Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and into an outfall owned by the East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA), another agency that adds to a consumer's bill for water and sewer services.

Although Livermore and Pleas-

anton council members sit on the LAVWMA board, Pleasanton has no representation on DSRSD, which is also funded by business and household consumers. Years ago, when Pleasanton found itself woefully understaffed and under-funded in operating its own sewage treatment plant near where the Senior Center is now located, it contracted with DSRSD to handle the load. As a contractor instead of a member partner of the organization, Pleasanton has no representation on the DSRSD board, which is run by elected representatives from Dublin and San Ramon. Thorne suggests taking another look at that arrangement and, in the meantime, wants residents to show up at meetings to let the DSRSD management know we're watching what they do and how much they spend.

Also part of the rising cost factor for Pleasanton water is the Zone 7 Water Agency, a more visible water supplier whose president is Dick Quigley, a Pleasanton resident. Its seven-member board of directors is elected by the area it serves and provides strategic guidance for a staff of engineers, program planners and finance officers. Pleasanton water customers receive 82 percent of their water from Zone 7 which, as Thorne says, is yet another agency and board and staff financed by residential and business water customers. From Zone 7, water responsibility moves to the Delta with all of its financial issues and to the State Department of Water Resources, a major state agency that assigns water sourcing and delivery volumes.

Thorne wants Pleasanton to take the lead in streamlining the water and sewage disposal process, possibly moving toward a single agency that would do it all. As it is, with little control over all the costs associated with water, it's the City Council that has the responsibility and takes the blame when supply and delivery factors well beyond its control cause rates to rise, which it then gets blamed for. Thorne wants to change that. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman stands at the edge of a 496-acre parcel in the southeast hills that landowners Jennifer and Fred-eric Lin plan to give to the city in exchange for approval to build 51 custom homes nearby. The issue will be decided Tuesday in Measure D referendum, with a Yes vote saying go ahead and build, a No vote blocking the development and land grant. Cover photo by Jeb Bing; design by Lili Cao.

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Don't Mess with our Ridges

Newspapers say NO on D
The Valley Times
"We urge residents to vote no on Measure D and reject the Oak Grove proposal for 51 custom hilltop mega-homes"

The Independent
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Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN

If you could go anywhere tomorrow, where would you go?



Cassie Everson
Student

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Carlos Covarrubias
Project Manager

We're planning on going to Bora Bora for our honeymoon, so I could go there. Go for a weekend and come back. I've heard it's beautiful, great to get away to. Blue water, 88 degrees every day.



Doug Pyle
Attorney

Milan, for the shopping and the soccer. We were there for the Champions League semi-finals, and I would go back in a heartbeat.

Alyssa Woods
Retail/Future Teacher

I would go to Patagonia. There are penguins there! Plus I want to go to South America because it's one of the only continents I haven't been to, and I want to go to all seven continents before I die.



Connie Viera
Administrative Assistant

If I could go anywhere, I would go anywhere in coastal Europe. It is beautiful and relaxing, and I love the ocean.

—Compiled by Elyssa Thome

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

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The Pleasanton Library is running Camp I-Wanna-Read, this year's reading incentive game, from June 12-Aug. 6. In the summer program, children log their reading time to earn prizes as they enjoy a "summer at camp."

Each year, a theme is selected for the reading incentive, which is enhanced with an elaborate set within the Children's Library area. Children can sign up for the program by visiting the KP Camp Counselors tents in the Children's Department of the library, starting at 10 a.m. June 12.

Emptying the shelters

In an effort to empty Alameda and Contra Costa County animal shelters, Maddie's Fund is sponsoring Maddie's Matchmaker Adopt-a-thon on June 12-13. Maddie's Fund was founded by Dave and Cheryl Duffield.

During that weekend, more than 38 animal shelters will offer free adoptions of dogs and cats to qualified homes. Maddie's Fund will provide the groups \$500 for each adoption performed over the two-day event.

Learn more at www.maddies-adoptathon.org.

Summer jobs for youths

The Tri-Valley Community Foundation has a few spaces left in its Summer Youth Employment Program for those 16 or 17 years old who live in Pleasanton, Dublin or Livermore and come from a low-income family. For example a family with two minor children and two parents can earn no more than \$3,675 gross (before taxes) each month. A single parent with one child can earn a maximum of \$2,428 gross each month.

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For more information, call 565-5098.

Strike up the band

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band continues to celebrate its 35th anniversary by playing at the Golden Gate Park Band Festival in San Francisco at noon June 12. Its performance will be part of the annual Golden Gate Park Band Festival held next weekend at the band shell located between the California Academy of Science and the DeYoung Museum.

The Pleasanton Band will be followed at 1 p.m. by the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West from Travis Air Force Base.

Staples Ranch project moves forward

Planning Commission OKs new environmental report

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Plans to develop Staples Ranch moved forward last week when the Pleasanton Planning Commission gave its nod of approval to a new environmental report and other recommendations. Now the project goes to the City Council for a public hearing, tentatively at its June 15 meeting.

The project for the 124-acre property south of I-580 and west of El Charro Road includes a 46-acre senior continuing care community to be developed by Continuing Life Communities; a 37-acre auto mall; an 11-acre retail/commercial center; a 5-acre neighborhood park; and a 17-acre community park. The community park could have a four-rink ice center built by an affiliate of the San Jose Sharks.

"I'm personally optimistic," said Patricia Kohnen, who plans to move to the Continuing Life Communities. "We were the first couple to put down 10 percent. It will be good for the whole Tri-Valley."

The City Council voted 3-2 in February 2009 to certify the environmental report, giving the go-ahead for the development and allowing Stoneridge Drive to be extended past where it now ends at Trevor Parkway. The city was to assess whether Stoneridge Drive should be four lanes on the bridge crossing Arroyo Mocho, which is adjacent to Staples Ranch, or reduced to two lanes.

Two environmental groups — San Francisco-based Center for Biological Diversity and Alameda Creek Alliance — and a citizens' coalition

called Safe Streets filed a lawsuit the next month in Alameda County Superior Court to halt the project. They called the environmental report inadequate, noting that it did not include the Stoneridge Drive extension so violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The supplemental environmental report was presented to the Planning Commission members last Wednesday, asking them to certify it and to rescind approvals by the City Council of the old report. They also were asked to adopt the revised CEQA findings and a Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment.

A re-evaluation of the California red-legged frog showed that it is not in Arroyo Mocho, said Senior Planner Robin Griffin. Two western pond turtles were observed but

the report concluded that fencing could ensure that they would not be affected by bridge construction.

"The bridge will be striped to have one lane of travel in each direction," said Griffin, adding that it could be changed at a later date. "As drafted, the project contains flexibility."

"There will be significant unavoidable impacts," said Director of Community Development Brian Dolan.

He noted the change aesthetically of going from a rural to a developed site as well as impacts on air quality, noise and traffic.

Proposed mitigations include repaving Stoneridge Drive between Kamp Drive and Trevor Parkway with "noise attenuating pavement"; intersection improvements

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ASL for Alisal

Amador Valley High senior Caroline Federighi teaches the American Sign Language (ASL) sign for 14 to Alisal Elementary first-grader Magali Anggraze. The high school students became teachers last Tuesday, with first- through third-graders from Alisal as their pupils. ASL teacher Jen Hoenshall said the "Spring Sign" event at Amador embodies the philosophy of "learn one, do one, teach one" — learning a new skill, practicing it, then passing along that knowledge on to others.

School cuts have human faces

One tech faces uncertain future as hours get whittled

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Sixteen teachers and 45 classified employees will either be losing their jobs or have their hours cut again under the proposed 2010-11 budget from the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Some of those people who counted on the PUSD for their income are in danger of losing their homes. Others are looking at part-time jobs to make ends meet.

For library assistants and for techs, like Linda Trombadore, it's a waiting game to see how many hours they'll have cut from their schedules and from their pay.

Trombadore and her colleagues are awaiting the final figures from the Community Outreach for Education (CORE) to see who will be cut and whose hours will be reduced. Trombadore already saw the equivalent of 40 full-time days cut from her schedule. She's now looking at losing more hours as well as taking on more responsibilities.

"For next year, they're taking us down to three hours a day, so that's 15 hours (a week), but because they've terminated five techs, they also want us to work two campuses," Trombadore.

She said she left a high-paying job making \$130,000 a year to work at PUSD.

"I'm one of those people that has done everything right, I did make a conscious decision, my own doing, to take a 90 percent cut in pay 10 years ago," Trombadore said. "I wanted my son's hours. It was doable for me."

For the upcoming year, she said, she'll likely make about \$2,100 a

month from the school district — not enough to even cover her property tax, she said. Coming from the tech world, one of the careers that's suffered the least in the economy, should be an advantage, she noted, but the 10 years she spent at the school district is a problem.

"I have to get another job, but I don't know who is out there hiring 50-somethings," Trombadore said.

Her home is paid off, which Trombadore counts as a blessing, and she's reluctantly considering taking out a loan against it.

"That's everything, that's my retirement," she pointed out. "Even if I have to take a loan out on my house, I have to prove that I can pay it off."

Trombadore has no problem living small — with basic cable that runs \$15 a month, for instance.

"We go without heat, we never turn on the air conditioner. We turn off lights. We are really on top of that," she said.

Health insurance is going to be a struggle in the upcoming year, Trombadore said.

"Next year, I have to pay half my own benefits," she said. That's on top of the cost of having a 15-year-old.

"He should have a computer. I bought him one in sixth grade and he's still using it," Trombadore said.

Aside from doing more with less, Trombadore said, techs are in a position to save the district more money than they're paid, by keeping outdated equipment running.

"I have printers on this campus that are 20 years old, and the reason they work is that we make them work," she said.

She's also written grants, and last year at Walnut Grove Elementary School where she works, she cobbled together an entire lab with donations and old

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Amador parents, staff talk new principal

District plans to have finalist selected by June 22

BY GLENN WOHLTSMANN

Staff and parents of Amador Valley students want much the same things in an incoming principal to replace retiring Principal Bill Coupe Jr.: Someone who's visible, collaborative and can help teachers be their best. Parents joked they wouldn't mind someone who was independently wealthy and would be willing to work for free, either.

The school district held two forums recently seeking input, one with staff and a second with parents. Assistant Superintendent Bill Faraghan led the meetings, asking parents and staff three questions: What's working well at Amador; what are some of the challenges, and what are the characteristics you want in a new leader.

Much of what parents said was positive. Al Cohen, for instance, praised vice principals at the school.

"First of all, they're young. It helps in this day and age to be able

to relate to the students," he said.

A number of parents agreed that Coupe's leadership has brought the school's former "wild west" atmosphere under control, and they like that he's accessible to students, parents and staff.

The group agreed they'd like a principal who's collaborative with parents, especially parent volunteers they envision picking up slack as the school cuts staff.

They also think bullying at the school remains a problem. Most pointed out the recent death of a young girl as an example of how prevalent that can be.

Parents want a new principal who can connect with kids immediately, and one who listens to parents but stands up for staff — "someone who can say 'no' to parents in a positive

way" when their demands are unreasonable, said one of the parents.

School Board Member Jamie Hintzke wants a new principal to focus on staff development.

"It would be nice to have somebody who works with poor teachers, either helping them get better or get rid of them," Hintzke said. Most parents agreed.

They'd also like a new principal to be involved in activities, attending events like football games and band concerts.

Faraghan said the plan is to have candidates interviewed by a group of 10 to 12 people, with two to four selected for interviews with the Superintendent's Cabinet.

"The end goal is to try to get a finalist to the board meeting on June 22," he said. ■

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Staples Ranch Proposed Land Use Plan from the project's initial study.

STAPLES RANCH

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at Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road; and installing traffic lights at the intersection of Stoneridge and Newton Way, Guzman Parkway and Trevor Parkway.

Dolan also pointed out the benefits of the project, noting that they outweigh the impacts.

"It allows us to maintain our auto sales businesses," he said, as well as adding a greatly needed senior continuing care facility. "The ice center and special events will draw people to do business at restaurants and stores. The ice center will contribute to our community park."

The city will also add a soundwall on Stoneridge Drive between Guzman and Trevor Parkway.

"That's the only area that doesn't have a soundwall," said Dolan. "We will need a more detailed plan before we move forward."

"What are the city of Pleasanton's responsibilities to other jurisdictions?" asked Commissioner Phil Blank. "Could Dublin sue us because we're impacting their intersection?"

Consulting attorney Michael Roush said cities work together to help solve traffic problems caused in each other's communities.

"We engage in a process with our regional partners," Roush said. "There is an overarching attempt to reach agreement on all the intersections impacted."

"A letter from the city of Dublin said they support this," added Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian.

Residents near Stoneridge Drive are opposing its extension, and several spoke at the meeting.

"Stoneridge Drive was not going to be put through until the 'proper time,' when 84 was widened and other arterials were opened," said John Carroll. "The impacts will be much greater than the mitigations are going to alleviate."

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce president Scott Raty spoke in support of the Staples Ranch project and the Stoneridge Drive extension on behalf of the Chamber.

"Stoneridge Drive was the mitigation for Las Positas," he pointed out. "Not a single driveway opens on to Stoneridge Drive."

Pleasanton must also apply to the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to annex the Staples Ranch property. Before this application is made, Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and the county will discuss traffic priorities in the area. ■

Three principals opt for retirement

Two new administrators appointed, one slot remains open

GLENN WOHLTMAN

Pleasanton Unified School District is doing some personnel rearranging as a result of three principals who are retiring this year.

PUSD Spokeswoman Myla Grasso said one retirement, that of Donlon Elementary Principal Marc Schweitzer, saved a job.

"We have named Barbara Heisser as his replacement. She's been a vice principal at Lydiksen (Elementary) and Donlon," Grasso said, adding that Heisser has held a number of positions at PUSD over the years. "She was scheduled for layoff so she has been moved into

the principalship at Donlon."

Steve Maher, principal at Hart Middle School is also retiring, after lengthy service to the school district.

"He's been with our district for about 39 years. He started as a teacher" Grasso said. "That job was posted, interviews were done, the job went to Terry Conde. She is currently a vice principal there. She went against a tough group of

candidates, but she got the job."

Amador Valley High School Principal Bill Coupe Jr. has opted for retirement as well. Grasso said Coupe came to PUSD after working as a teacher in Livermore and has been principal at AVHS for 11 years.

She said no replacement for Coupe has been named yet, but anticipates an announcement by mid-June. ■



Terry Conde



Steve Maher

Artists to Paint the Town

Museum On Main sponsors painting event for the whole family

Artists are taking over downtown tomorrow for the second annual Paint the Town, sponsored by the Museum On Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton.

This is a day for artists of every media to come together to paint the sights of Pleasanton, support the museum, and enjoy the camaraderie of other artists. Plus it gives the public a chance to see artists at work and then to purchase a piece of Pleasanton art at silent and live auctions later in the day. There is no admission fee.

Artists arrive at the Museum On Main at 9 a.m. to check in before heading out to a location in Pleasanton of their choice to paint for the day. In the afternoon, the artists return to the museum with their "wet paintings" to have them judged by a



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN
Artist Jessica Huang paints last year in the first Paint the Town event.

panel of guest judges to select the works that will be a part of the silent auction from 4-6 p.m. and a live auction at 6 p.m.

Family art activities will take place in front of the Museum On Main from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will try their hand at watercolor, chalk art and face painting. There will be no charge for these activities.

There will be a no-host champagne/wine/soda bar during the silent and live auctions.

For more information about Paint the Town, contact the Museum on Main at 462-2766 or education@museumonmain.org. Artists may register until 11 a.m. on the day of the event; however, those who do not preregister cannot be guaranteed an event apron or box lunch. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Sunrise special: On their family vacation to Maui last year, Chloe and Roselle Wynne pose for photographer dad Jim with their Weekly atop Haleakala Crater aka House of the Sun at 6:30 a.m., 30 minutes after the amazing view of the sunrise at 10,023 feet above sea level.

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Brownies chip in proceeds to CORE

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

If you bought a box of cookies from the Vintage Hills Brownies this year, you helped support the Community Outreach for Education (CORE) campaign. Every year, Troop 32920 gives away a third of the money it raises selling cookies to a good cause. The Brownies — 16 in all — were given the opportunity to choose from a number of charities, and it came down to two choices: the Humane Society or CORE.

After some debate among the 8-year-olds, they chose to give their donation of \$150 from selling 1,345 boxes of cookies to CORE, and began chanting, "Save our teachers!"

"They took it to heart and we're very proud of them," said Patricia Kang, mother of one of the Brownies, Taylor. To CORE, \$150 may be a drop in the bucket, but to Taylor, it's a lot.

"We want more teachers and more opportunities to do things," the Vintage Hills second grader said. "We are giving our CORE so much money."

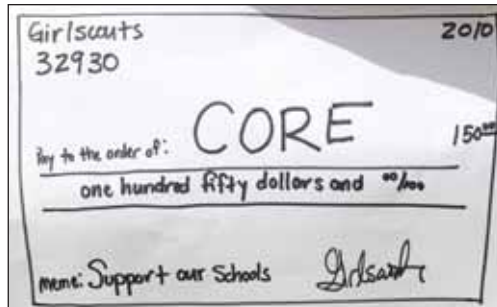
Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE) spokeswoman Debi Covello called the kids' donation "incredible."

"I think it speaks to what Pleasanton is all about," Covello said. "I think the campaign has really brought the community together. The kids have really embraced the need."

Covello said the latest CORE "Drop and Donate" day raised another \$50,000, bringing the total raised to \$442,348, about 46 percent of its goal. That's not counting the Brownies' \$150 donation.

Elementary schools have brought in \$258,752. That puts them at 64 percent of their target of \$399,375. This latest money raised has bumped elementary schools to their next level of funding: three hours tech support and two hours additional library per day per site.

Currently, middle schools have raised \$84,028,



about 36 percent of their goal. That's enough to provide middle schools two-and-a-half hours additional for library assistants and two hours tech support per day per site. If middle schools can reach \$92,813, that will pay for three hours of tech support per day per site.

High schools have raised \$89,185, or 27 percent of their target. If their fundraising tops \$100,000, Amador Valley and Foothill will each get \$45,000 for technology support, and Village will receive \$10,000; if less than \$100,000 is raised, the high schools will decide for themselves where the money will be spent.

There are some last-minute efforts to boost the totals. A coupon book for downtown merchants will be available this week at \$10 apiece. They can be bought at schools or through the PPIE website.

Covello said it's too early to tell whether the campaign will reach its goals.

"It's hard to predict. Last summer, when we did the 'I Love Pleasanton' campaign, the last week we saw a flood of donations," she said. "Folks just kind of wait until the last minute. We're hoping we're going to challenge the overall number."

Covello added that if schools are close to reaching their next goal, "We may kind of give it a last-minute push." ■

SCHOOLS

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equipment. She's also worried that students won't get the keyboarding classes they need, something she held after school this year.

Trombadore said she has a side business as a glass artist, which helps pay the bills.

Still, next year is a big concern.

"There are days I'm so worried about it I can hardly function, and there are days I think I'll make it happen," she said. ■



Walnut Grove Elementary tech Linda Trombadore.

Patriot award winners named

This year's Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards are being awarded to Brad Hirst, Dave Wright and Rosiland Wright for their involvement in the Pleasanton community. A champagne reception is being held for them from 5:30-7 p.m. June 14 at the Museum On Main, 603 Main St.

The award recipients also will be introduced to the community at the Fourth of July celebration to be held in Lions Wayside Park from 12:30-2 p.m. on July 4.

From 1998 until his final illness in 2005, Ed Kinney was the master of ceremonies for "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution" — the all-volunteer Fourth of July event for Pleasanton.

"One of the ways we wish to honor Ed's memory in perpetuity is by annually presenting the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Award to individuals who have exhibited the service behavior

entitling them to be called Community Patriots," said W. Ron Sutton, founder and producer of the local Fourth of July celebration. "Remember, it is individuals, not organizations, who change the world."

Past recipients, who serve on the committee to choose the new awardees, are as follows:

- 2005 — Jack Dove and Roger McLain
- 2006 — Hank Gomez and Juanita Haugen
- 2007 — Ron Hyde and Charlotte Severin
- 2008 — Bob Athenour, Rebecca Bruner and Howard Neely
- 2009 — Barbara Hempill and Ken Mercer

Members of the July 4 Celebration planning team include Sutton, Ward Belding, Jack Dove, Jerri Long, Lisa Lorentz, Ken McDonald, and Bob Williams. ■

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GUEST OPINION

These community leaders urge a No vote on Measure D

The natural contours of our southeast hills are a priceless asset to our community. If we allow the hill-tops to be graded, removing up to 43 feet off the tops, this asset is gone forever. Tell the developer of Oak Grove to come back with a development plan that complies with Measure PP with no grading of 25 percent or greater slopes and no development within 100 feet of a ridgeline. Save our southeast hills for all future generations of our community. Vote No on Measure D.



Cindy McGovern

Your No vote on Oak Grove means much more than protecting our hills. It says that representative democracy is alive in Pleasanton, and that business and development interests, obscenely large campaign contributions, and compliant politicians will not rule the day. We need to take back our government from these special interests and return it to the people where it belongs. You voted for new hillside protections with Measure PP. If you want that to mean anything, then vote No on Oak Grove and force the developer to return with a plan that meets your demands.



Matt Sullivan

I support property owner rights, if they follow Pleasanton's General Plan 2005-25, containing ridgeline protection. Oak Grove does not comply with important elements of our current Plan. The old 1996 General Plan directed the City Council to create



Karla Brown-Belcher

a hillside protection ordinance; they did not. Without specific protections, a few council members made up their own rules, and approved Oak Grove. Outraged citizens mobilized, gathered signatures to referend, and were sued (by the developer). Why? Because Oak Grove is not "Planned Progress." Ask for a non-ridgeline plan that follows current law. Vote No on D.

Oak Grove will not be helping our schools; in fact the developer is not paying anything to our schools. The claimed \$2 million to the schools, which we would not see for about 10 years, are impact fees paid by future homeowners toward additional facilities for the additional students that will attend our schools. These fees do not go toward teachers, programs or books. The developer is falsely trying to convince you that this development will help our school budget problems. While the schools have financial difficulties, this development does nothing to help our current situation.

Karla Brown-Belcher
Co-Chair No on D



Steve Brozosky

I've worked on campaigns in Pleasanton since the 1980s. The money spent in the last three years by the developer of Oak Grove is unprecedented, nearly \$1 million. He wants to build on our ridgelines at any cost. He hired a retired mayor as consultant for the project. He sued our city and our citizens to prevent this public vote. He continues to contribute thousands of dollars to the mayor and two City Council members, who voted for Oak Grove. Please send the message, "Our ridges are not for sale," by voting No on D.

Steve Brozosky
Pleasanton City Council (2002-06)
Pleasanton School Board Trustee (2007-08)



Kay Ayala

Visit Town Square at PleasantonWeekly.com to comment on the editorial.

Kay Ayala
Co-Chair No on D
Pleasanton City Council (1996-2004)

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Yes on Measure D

Approval of voter referendum Measure D on the local ballots in Tuesday's statewide primary election would give landowners Jennifer and Frederic Lin the right to build 51 custom homes on property they have owned in Pleasanton's southeast hills since 1977 while granting the rest of their land — nearly 500 acres — to the city for a park, hiking trails and open space in perpetuity. We think it's a good deal, probably the best we will ever see from the Lins, who have followed city guidelines every step of the way since first proposing their latest plan four years ago. Denied an earlier bid in 1993 to build an 86-home development along with an 18-hole golf course in a similar referendum, the Lins sat tight before coming back with a 98-home development, but without the golf course. Meeting stiff opposition again, the Lins worked with Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilman Matt Sullivan in downsizing their bid to just 51 homes and agreeing to give the city 496 acres. For Sullivan and Hosterman, this met their interest in creating a 2,000-acre green belt along the southeast hills from Callippe Preserve Golf Course to the west of Shadow Cliffs Regional Park on the east. The Lins even agreed to construct the part of the regional trail that would run through the new public land along with a staging area in the hills above Kottinger Ranch that would provide parking for 11 cars, a place for horse trailers and restrooms. Staging areas are already in place on other sections of the regional trail at Shadow Cliffs and Callippe, and at least two more are planned in yet-to-be-developed land adjacent to Oak Grove.

Opposition to Oak Grove didn't surface until shortly before the City Council approved the plan in late 2007. It was triggered in part by a decision by the city Planning Commission not to consider an Environmental Impact Review of the proposal, which its members said needed more study. The council, whose members along with city staff had worked with the Lins and their representatives to bring the land grant proposal and reduced number of homes to a vote, disagreed and gave the Lins the go-ahead. Former City Councilwoman Kay Ayala led a Thanksgiving week effort that was successful in collecting enough signatures to force a referendum on the council's vote. Attorneys for the Lins, believing many of the signatures had been coerced without adequate information, sued to block the referendum. They were unsuccessful both in the Court of Appeal and also on the public relations front where their actions incensed many, including Councilman Sullivan, who had initially supported the Oak Grove plan; he viewed the legal move as a violation of citizens' rights to vote on land disputes such as Oak Grove.

If the question was whether to accept a gift of 496 acres of open space in perpetuity, there'd likely be no opposition, although Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, who has opposed this deal from the start, insists that the city has no money earmarked to manage and maintain the parkland. The 51 proposed luxury homes, especially in a city that needs more affordable, workforce housing near transit centers, add a new pothole on the road to wrapping up the Lins engagement in Pleasanton. Still, with the city under orders to strip itself of a 29,000-unit housing cap and both an affordable housing coalition and Attorney General Jerry Brown (who is the Democratic Party candidate for governor) highly critical of Pleasanton's housing policies, this is no time to leave more than 600 acres of residentially zoned land uncommitted in the southeast hills. The Lins have done what was asked of them. They own the land. It's unlikely they'll be so generous the next time around. We urge a Yes vote on Measure D on Tuesday. ■



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LETTERS

Irresponsible approval

Dear Editor,

I recently wrote a letter opposing Measure D due to the City Council's irresponsible approval of the Conditions of Approval and the Development Agreement without them being vetted carefully by the Planning Commission.

Here are just two examples from the Development Agreement (which is in the voter pamphlet):

* Section 6.05(c) Prohibits the City from any "Limit or control of the location of buildings, structures, grading or other improvements of the project..." The zoning administrator and Planning Department will be powerless to modify anything (placement, orientation of buildings etc.) in this project that the developer disagrees with.

* Section 6.05 (i) Prohibits the City from imposing "...any condition, dedication or other extraction not specifically authorized by Applicable Law." This prevents the Planning Department from making any changes that the developer does not agree with. Basically, it grants carte blanche to the developer once this project is approved.

So much for each lot being individual approved.

In my opinion, conditions such as these would have never made it past the Planning Commission and should have been brought forward for public review. By approving this document and overriding the Planning Commission's disapproval of this project, the City Council majority has done a great disservice to the Citizens of Pleasanton.

Vote No on Measure D.

Philip J. Blank

Editor's Note: Philip J. Blank is a member of the Planning Commission.

Nimby Drive

Dear Editor,

A Yes on D sign in my car attracted some bicyclists at the Golden Eagle staging area to the Bernal Park western ridge trails. They asked me why I didn't want to protect a ridge I obviously enjoyed hiking. I was dismayed to learn they had no real idea as to where Oak Grove was. After I informed

them of its location and told them about the 496-acre parkland to be deeded to the city (and previously designated as a private golf course for a 100-home gated-community) their attitude about proposition D reversed.

I urge those of you in favor of D to make sure friends and neighbors understand the most basic tenets of the proposition. Be sure they know it is private land zoned as residential. Tell them to drive up Old Bernal on to the end of Hearst to view the land beyond. Notice the proliferation of No on D signs on this street whose residents are the only ones with access to the land. The street name should be altered to Nimby Drive.

The No on D group is currently in code violation, not having reported on a required 460 form, expenditures to indicate who has funded their signage and full-page newspaper ads. Who are the contributors, how much have they spent, and where do they live in relation to the property in question?

And regarding letters from school board participants, since when has serving on a school board (past or present) insured that you are only concerned with serving schools and not promoting your own interests? To characterize as insignificant the money a Yes on D victory would provide to schools is ludicrous. Does anyone think the school district would turn down the money?

John Kallio, Public School Teacher, 37 years; retired

Environmentally irresponsible

Dear Editor,

Campaign finance disclosure statements on the Pleasanton city website tell the story: As of May 22, Yes on D had spent a whopping \$379,308.60 to influence voters to support Oak Grove. No on D spent \$6,915.28. Financial support for No on D comes from local donors. Yes on D has been 100 percent funded by the property owner, Frederic Lin.

The property owner has a financial stake in the outcome and is paying extravagantly to protect his investment. As an investor he is entitled to do that; making prof-

its is his business. But Pleasanton voters should reject this slick and expensive campaign. It would be a shame to see such excessive and self-serving spending lead to victory at the polls, especially for a plan as environmentally irresponsible as Oak Grove.

Send a message to the special interests. Vote No on Measure D.

Anne Childs

Extensive grading

Dear Editor,

Friends of Pleasanton recommends an emphatic No on Measure D, a plan to develop 51 mansions on Kottinger Ridge and adjacent ridgelines. Proponents of the plan hail it as a responsible compromise. It is not.

Measure D puts gigantic mansions on the scenic, accessible, ridgetop land on the property, leaving the majority of steeply sloped, inaccessible, fragmented pieces of land as open space. The ridgetops will be extensively graded and the dirt will be deposited on 26 acres.

A ridgetop roadway will further scar the property. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 21, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 are deemed "High Visibility Lots" (see p. PLMD-28 in your voter guide) meaning they will be highly visible from the rest of the city of Pleasanton. Don't buy into the developers' claims that they'll be magically invisible and 200 feet below ridgetops.

The developers and pro-development politicians, who've received significant campaign contributions, claim they are preserving ridges, when in fact they're bulldozing nearly the whole length of Kottinger Ridge that lies within the Urban Growth Boundary. See www.friendsofpleasanton.org for more details and vote No on Measure D.

**Richard Pugh
Chairman, Friends of Pleasanton**

No on Proposition 16

Dear Editor,

PG&E gave us the smart meter to increase its profits. Now it gives us Proposition 16 to lock in those profits forever.

Currently, a city council that wants to free its citizens from the PG&E monopoly would ask the city engineer to do a preliminary feasibility study. If the study results are favorable, the council then would hire outside consultants and experts to do more detailed studies and draw up specifications for a contract for the outside provider. A citizens' vote before signing the final contract might be reasonable.

However, according to Proposition 16, the council could not even pay the city engineer for the initial feasibility study without a two-thirds vote from the citizens.

The only way a community could break the PG&E monopoly would be for private citizens to fund all of the initial costs of acquiring another energy provider and sponsoring the required election. The thousands of dollars the citizens could raise would be swamped by the millions PG&E would spend to oppose it.

Freed from any competition, PG&E can raise its rates with impunity. Vote No on Proposition 16.

Patrick Spangler

Yes on D

Dear Editor,

It's disappointing that Steve Brozosky would oppose a measure that would benefit the Pleasanton Unified School District and the city he once served. If measure D passes, \$2 million dollars comes to the school district via builder developer fees and after that \$300,000/year for years in property taxes. He is failing to recognize that Pleasanton schools could still benefit from improvements and from modernization projects.

If Pleasanton had some facilities money they could start some very beneficial projects almost immediately. One such project would purchase engineering teaching equipment for a Career Technical Education (CTE) class at Amador Valley High School. Two other projects would provide training/athletic facilities at each high school for athletes and students to study physical therapy training. Another project, supported by Mr. Brozosky when he served, the district would renovate a badly deteriorated playing field at Foothill High School. These projects sit on the shelf for lack of district funds.

It is misleading for some to say the proposed development would damage the visible ridgeline of the Pleasanton hillsides. That is simply not true. And, we are only talking about 51 homes carefully sited on hundreds of acres of hillsides that will be hidden from view with trees and other enhancements. The parks created will be for all the citizens of Pleasanton to enjoy, not just a few trespassers that ignore the private property signs. Please sign up to take a tour of the property. You won't believe how beautiful it will be for all to enjoy.

**George Hefner, Retired
Director of Facilities,
Pleasanton Unified School
District**

Vote prohibited building

Dear Editor,

I am joining Friends of Pleasanton, the Sierra Club, and three of our local newspapers' editorial boards to urge folks to vote No on Measure D.

The natural ridgeline of Kottinger Ridge inside Pleasanton's urban growth boundary is being flattened "strip mining" style to provide building pads and to construct the road. A proposed water tank is outside the voter-approved urban growth boundary. The planned ridgetop roadways and lots are on top or adjacent to over 40 deep seated bedrock and surface landslides.

Landslide risks and soils subject to liquefaction are why many cities prohibit building on slopes greater than 25 percent or at the crest of ridgetops. Pleasanton citizens overwhelmingly voted to pass Measure PP, which prohibits building in such areas, but Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and City Council

members Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio voted to place this development on the ballot so the developer can avoid Measure PP's restrictions.

On June 8, vote No on Measure D. Please visit the www.friendsofpleasanton.org and www.savepleasantonhills.com websites for more information.

Matt Morrison

Hills belong to Lin family

Dear Editor,

The majority of our very intelligent City Council voted in favor of the Oak Grove development and for very good reasons. A development plan that benefits our city in several ways was crafted, and work should have been in progress by now.

For no good reason, some of our citizens oppose this development, and initiated a campaign to challenge our City Council's decision. They claim, in their "No on D" signs: Save OUR hills!

But the fact is that the hills do not belong to the opponents of Measure D! They belong to the Lin family, the property owners. Let us not be taken in by this rhetoric, and let us assist the Lin family in developing their property within the guidelines established by the City Council. All citizens of Pleasanton will profit by voting Yes on D!

Carl Walter

Group spares no expense

Dear Editor,

Charter Properties and the Lins have spent close to \$400,000 and hired Davies Public Affairs, one of the large PR firms whose specialty as disclosed on their website is making the public "irrelevant." Their website also says, "Our unique approach has won approval for offshore oil, nuclear plants, coal plants across the country." If Oak Grove was such a good development plan, why would they have to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars inundating our mailboxes using slick mailers, "Dear Neighbor" letters, and employing telemarketers for poll after poll.

Residents are opposed to ridge-line destruction for luxury megamansions and are focused on contacting the public the old fashioned way — through walking neighborhoods, dropping fliers, and being at the farmers market. Neighbors are talking to neighbors about how destroying the ridges would change Pleasanton's character.

Despite Pleasanton residents consistently voting to protect the ridges for three decades, the proponents of the Measure D PR group have been campaigning for Measure D relentlessly and sparing no expense for months so they can bulldoze them. All of this adds up to a lopsided match between deep-pocketed land speculators and us residents.

It's time to take our town back and to get to the polls to save our ridges. Again. Vote No on Measure D.

Margo Tarver



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POLICE BULLETIN

Pricey pens purloined in Pleasanton

High end pens, some valued at as much as \$440, were reported stolen from a Stoneridge Mall store last weekend, according to Pleasanton police.

Twenty-nine Mont Blanc pens worth a total of

\$7,860 were taken from VIP Luggage between 10:45 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. The pens were in a case that was normally kept locked, said Lt. Mark Senkle.

"When the theft was discovered, the case was closed but unlocked," Senkle said. He added that an employee said he showed pens to a customer around 10:30 a.m. Saturday but may have forgotten to re-lock the case.

—Glenn Wohltmann

POLICE REPORT

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

May 25

Theft

■ 10:46 a.m. in the 1700 block of Harvest Road; identity theft

■ 5:12 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall road; grand theft

Burglary

■ 10:41 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Road

■ 4:17 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court; vehicular burglary

Vandalism

■ 8:49 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Vervais Avenue

■ 9:45 a.m. at the intersection of Corte De Flores and Paseo Santa Cruz

■ 12:39 p.m. in the 3000 block of Valley Avenue

■ 5:13 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; vandalism and battery

Public drunkenness

■ 12:06 p.m. at the intersection of Case Avenue and Bernal Avenue

May 26

Theft

■ 8:09 a.m. in 5600 block of Highcrest Court; petty theft

■ 9:31 a.m. in the 4800 block of Drywood Street; theft

■ 1:45 p.m. in the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

■ 4:06 p.m. in the 300 block of Badger Drive; theft

■ 4:22 p.m. in the 5200 block of Caparelli Street; identity theft

■ 4:39 p.m. in the 5000 block of Monaco Drive; petty theft

■ 5:30 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Johnson Drive; petty theft

■ 6:56 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

■ 10:56 p.m. in the 2700 block of Curry Street; petty theft

Burglary

■ 4:45 p.m. in the 3600 block of Fieldview Court

Battery

■ 4:29 p.m. at the intersection of W Las Positas Boulevard and Muirwood Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 1:04 p.m. in the 5000 block of Owens Drive; possession of marijuana, vandalism

■ 7:52 p.m. at the intersection of Spring Street and Main Street; DUI

May 27

Theft

■ 11:06 a.m. in the 4200 block of Stanley Boulevard; petty theft

■ 12:31 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

■ 1:31 p.m. at the intersection of Rose Avenue and Main Street; grand theft

■ 1:33 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

■ 3:57 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street; petty theft

Vehicular burglary

■ 7:14 a.m. in the 1300 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

■ 6:23 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

DUI

■ 11:59 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

May 28

Theft

■ 8:58 a.m. in the 600 block of Concord Place; automotive theft

■ 2:16 p.m. in the 500 block of Touriga Court; theft

■ 2:56 p.m. in the 4000 block of Schween Court; petty theft

■ 4:01 p.m. in the 600 block of Concord Place; petty theft

■ 4:51 p.m. in the 5400 block of San Antonio Street; grand theft

■ 8:10 p.m. in the 4200 block of Bevilacqua Court; grand theft, vandalism, trespassing

Battery

■ 11:04 p.m. at the intersection of Spumonte Place and Piemonte Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 12:13 a.m. in the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue; public drunkenness

■ 4:30 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue, public drunkenness

■ 7:02 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue; possession of marijuana

May 29

Theft

■ 11:43 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft

■ 4:11 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Drive; grand theft

■ 5:53 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft

■ 8:45 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft

Burglary

■ 12:38 p.m. in the 4700 block of Sutter Gate Avenue

■ 1:27 p.m. at the intersection of Glenda Court and Parkside Drive; burglary, possession of stolen property

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 4:42 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

■ 8:43 p.m. at the intersection of Koll Center Parkway and Valley Avenue; DUI

May 30

Theft

■ 1:56 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; theft

■ 2:00 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

■ 4:23 p.m. at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Division Street; automotive theft

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 1:36 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and W Las Positas Boulevard; DUI

■ 3:25 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Bernal Avenue; DUI, driving under the influence of a controlled substance, driving with a suspended license

■ 6:15 p.m. near Interstate 680; driving under the influence of a controlled substance

May 31

Grand theft

■ 9:03 a.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Reflections Drive

Vandalism

■ 6:26 p.m. in the 4900 block of Monaco Drive



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• PCUP-268, Michael Gemma

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a beauty salon in an existing building located at 287 Old Bernal Avenue.

• PCUP-269, Muslim Community Center - East Bay

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a religious facility within a portion of the existing building located at 5724 West Las Positas Boulevard.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and approval of plans for the "Bernal Bridge Offsite Mitigation Pond Observation Deck"
- Bernal Property Specific Plan/Financing Plan
- Community Services Report – Youth and Family Services Programs

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation of Proposed Public Art Giving Plan by Nancy and Gary Harrington
- Approve contract for Theatrical Production and Theatre Education Services for Civic Arts Stage Company and Civic Arts Presents Programs
- Third Quarter Review of FY 2009-10 City Grant Projects
- Appointment of Civic Arts Commission Representative to the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee

Library Commission

Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Library Commission Goals - Outreach
- Children's Summer Reading Update

Youth Master Plan Implementation

Committee

Monday, June 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Summer JamFest Debrief
- Report regarding public review of the Youth Master Plan
- Transition of YMPIC staff duties
- Review and discuss Ad-Hoc Committee summer meetings.

Energy Tips

In this June 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 choices that contribute to a cleaner environment and sustainable energy future.

Tips to save money on Summer Utility Bills

1. Change your central air conditioning/heating filter with a new one. Have your system checked by a professional to make sure it is working as efficient and effectively as possible. If it comes time to replace your unit you may be eligible for a tax credit (check at <http://www.energystar.gov/>). Look for a unit with the most energy efficiency ratio at (being the highest level of efficiency).
2. Make sure your house is sealed as well as possible to prevent conditioned air from escaping. You can hire an "Energy Auditor" who may be able to use the latest technology to find inconspicuous leaks. Someone who is handy can use smoking incense to track where possible drafts or leaks are located. The "leaks" can then be sealed with common materials such as caulk, spray foam, weather stripping, etc. found at most hardware stores.

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

Science extravaganza

Teens share the excitement of chemistry with younger students

By GLENN WOLTMANN

It was hard to tell who was having more fun at Amador Valley High School's fourth annual Spring Science Extravaganza — the elementary school students from across the district or the high school students putting it on.

The two-day show featured interactive events for the kids, everything from making slime, like the green glop that's a Nickelodeon staple, to looking at rocks beneath a microscope to being inside a soap bubble.

"It's like a science fair the chemistry class puts on for kids," explained Josh Rosenblatt, an Amador senior. "They like to have fun. They really enjoy all the booths — they're really interactive."

The extravaganza had 34 exhibits, all created by chemistry students themselves, said chemistry teacher Heather Pereira. She said those same students also raised the \$6,500 to \$7,000 to stage the event by doing fundraisers.

"It's all hands-on," Pereira said. "We try to make it 'make and take.'"

It took 600 Amador Valley students working in shifts to stage the show for 1,200 kids, and clearly the high schoolers were having a great time helping the youngsters have a great time themselves.

"I was so excited to get them," said Tawney Hauser, a 16-year-old junior. "We were running and laughing and jumping."

The elementary school students were captivated from the moment they walked into the Amador Valley gym.

"Ewwwww!" they cried, grimacing as a high schooler held out a live lizard from the reptile exhibit. Although they had fun coloring hats with lizard designs on them.

The event featured, among other things, a display of oo-bleck, a mixture of cornstarch and water that has the properties of both a solid and a liquid; a chance to shoot a ball through a basketball hoop using air pressure; and a display of carnivorous plants.

Pereira said she's looking forward to a few years from now, when the students who went through the extravaganza as youngsters reach high school and get the chance to stage the event for the next set of kids from the elementary schools. Then they'll see who really has the most fun. ■



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Amador Valley sophomore Courtney Davies shows a young student how to use a microscope.



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Amador Valley High School junior Danielle Ketner blows a bubble around 6-year-old first-grader Kishan Gorur from Lydiksen Elementary at Amador's Spring Science Extravaganza.

Presenting 'The Heidi Chronicles'

Drama is an unflinching portrayal of the baby boomers

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre opens "The Heidi Chronicles" tonight in its Studio Theatre on Serpentine Lane.

Published in 1989, "The Heidi Chronicles" received the Pulitzer Prize for drama as well as the Tony and New York Drama Critics' Circle awards for best play. The play, a series of interrelated scenes, is an unflinching portrayal of the baby boomer generation's coming-of-age. Heidi Holland is a character typical of many women born in the post-World War II era: She is intelligent, well educated, and attempting to make it in a society dominated by men.

The chronicles of Heidi Holland, played by Emily Garcia, take her from high school graduation to a distinguished career as an art history professor and published writer to a 40-something woman who has come to realize that having it all isn't synonymous with happiness. Gradually distancing herself from her friends, she watches them move from the idealism and political radicalism of their college years through militant feminism and, eventually, back to the materialism that they had sought to reject in the first place.

Heidi's story includes the paths taken by her friends — the wrong-for-her Scoop (Dustin Battaion), whom she (and we) can't help loving; a charismatic doctor (Cin Seperi); and her longest girlfriend Susan (Chelan Glavan). Heidi comes to accept the fact that liberation can be achieved only if one is true to oneself.

The cast also includes Michelle Bellaver, Joel Butler, Katherine Jestice and Sara Worthing.

The play was written by Wendy Wasserstein, and it contains adult language. This production is directed by Susan Hovey. ■



ERIC K. WOOD

Emily Garcia and Dustin Battaion star in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production of "The Heidi Chronicles."

Baby boomer journey

What: "The Heidi Chronicles"

Who: Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse)

When: June 4-27; performances at 8 p.m. Fridays/Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays

Where: TVRT Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton

Tickets: \$25 for adults (18-60); \$22 for seniors (60-plus); \$20 for juniors (under 18); \$19 each for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets. Go to www.trivalleyrep.com or call 462-2121

'Poetry Rocks in Many Languages'

Guest poets contribute the beauty of foreign tongues

The city of Pleasanton welcomes guest host Liz Fortini to its next Century House Featured Poets Series event, "Poetry Rocks in Many Languages," from 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

"Hearing poetry in another language highlights the power of poetry to express emotion," said Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman.

Fortini, who is a Pleasanton poet, writer and online poetry publisher, will host an afternoon of poetry in the languages of Western Europe. Other guest poets participating will be educator and published author Jabez Churchill, and former Poet Laureate of Dublin, Ronnie Holland. All three poets will read their original European-language works along with the English translations.

"For more than a decade, Liz Fortini has led a global community of poets who write in many languages," said Grossman. "We are delighted she will read and share her expertise on the synergy between poetry and culture. In addition, we are looking forward to hearing Jabez's Spanish-language poems as well as Ronnie's works in French."

After an intermission and light refreshments, the public will be invited to participate in an open mic, reading original poems of up to 40 lines in a Western European language as well as translations. Original poems in English are also welcome.

Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Admission is \$5, free to students with ID. For information, contact Michelle Russo at 931-5350.

"Later this year, we will host another 'Poetry Rocks' event featuring languages from another part of the world," said Grossman. ■



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View FROM THE TOP

Mayor Hosterman leads effort to approve Oak Grove

BY JEB BING

The view from the top of Pleasanton's southeast hills is magnificent. Down below to the north is the 215-acre Kottinger Ranch subdivision, which was the first part of the southeast hills that was peeled off from land bought by Jennifer and Frederic Lin and their family in 1977. Bought from the Lins by a developer, Kottinger Ranch today holds 156 custom homes.

Now the Lins are planning to offload the rest of their Pleasanton properties with a plan for 51 more custom homes at the end of Hearst Drive in a development called Oak Grove and by giving the rest of the land — 496 acres — to the city to be used as a public park and open space in perpetuity. The 51 planned home sites are scattered downhill from the top of the hills, mostly in a series of cul-de-sacs that would be graded for 7,000-9,000-square-foot houses with one larger lot designed to hold a home as spacious as 12,500 square feet.

Depending on the source of the informa-

tion, up to 10 of the homes would be visible from other hilltop developments, such as Grey Eagle at the end of Crellin Road, and from lower elevations in other parts of Pleasanton.

The plan was approved by the City Council in a 4-1 vote in the fall of 2007 after four years of public hearings and civic and community meetings. That decision brought objections from a citizens' group that collected more than the 3,800 signatures needed to force a referendum on the council's decision, which is what Measure D on the ballot Tuesday is all about.

Opponents to the Lin development include former Councilwoman Kay Ayala and council

members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan. Backing the plan are Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne. Although Sullivan supported the Lins' plan when it was voted on by the council, he later changed his mind and has been an active opponent since Ayala and her citizens' group formed the referendum coalition, and more so after the Lins filed a suit in Alameda County Superior Court contesting the methods used in gathering signatures to force a referendum.

Opposition centers on building homes in the southeast hills that could be visible from other parts of Pleasanton. Support comes from

those who believe this is the city's chance to acquire 500 acres of future parkland and trails free of charge, pointing out that in his opinion 51 homes in a city with 27,000 is a small number in return for what is the largest land grant to Pleasanton since the 1970s.

For the most part, the campaign for Measure D — a Yes vote on Tuesday — to allow the Lins to build Oak Grove and give the rest of the land to the city, financed by the Lins with colorful materials, has been sent to voters over the past several months. Mayor Hosterman has signed some of the Lins' promotional materials that have been sent to homes in the opposition, it's been a grassroots effort on at Farmer's Market on Saturdays with yard signs stating "No on D" throughout the city. Opponents have voiced their reason for voting against Measure D at City Council meetings.

To say Measure D has become a hotly charged would be an understatement. The opposition could have been even feistier. The coalition led by Mayor Hosterman, Jerry Thorne and Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio insisted on placing the referendum on Tuesday's ballot in conjunction with the statewide primary instead of waiting for the November General Election in November, as many opponents wanted. This avoided the issue before voters at the same time as the city is also seeking re-election.

When the Lin family bought the Kottinger Ranch property, much of it was grazing land for cattle ranchers who leased the site. The ranch had stock ponds provided water. Today, the ranch is used to graze on the remaining undeveloped land. One of Pleasanton's water tanks is located on the southwest quadrant and is accessed from Benedict Court at the top end of Kottinger Ranch, which includes a padlocked



This group of city, civic and business leaders, along with neighbors, gather at the end of Hearst Drive in Kottinger Ranch where the planned 51-home Oak Grove subdivision and 496 acres of wooded trails and parkland begin. Fate of the project, which has the approval of the City Council, will be decided Tuesday in the vote on the Measure D referendum.

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 tenance personnel. Opponents of the Lins'
 plan say that water tank, which can be seen
 from the Bernal Community Park, is not quite
 as high as the rooftops of some of the homes
 proposed in the area, which would be even
 more visible.



When the council approved a Planned Unit
 Development (PUD) for Kottinger Ranch in
 1984, it was intended as the first phase of the
 Lins' planned development of the hills leading
 to the upper reaches of their property, and the
 Lins' acreage was rezoned to accommodate
 this future development.

That "next phase" was Kottinger Hills, an
 86-home development of more conventional
 homes similar to those being constructed in
 nearby Vintage Heights, along with an 18-hole
 golf course and approximately 237 acres of
 dedicated open space. The City Council gave
 its approval to this project on Oct. 20, 1992.
 Those who by then had bought homes in
 Kottinger Ranch were incensed and gathered
 enough signatures to place a referendum on
 the ballot to overturn the council's action. That

referendum was approved on Nov. 2, 1993.

Four years ago, the Lins submitted a new
 development plan calling for 98 custom
 homes with a 5-acre neighborhood park and
 a new water tank, but no golf course. The re-
 maining open space, about 200 acres, would
 be given to the city free of charge for public
 access to trails, equestrian paths and open
 space in perpetuity. With city officials and
 some in Kottinger Ranch, Vintage Hills and
 Grey Eagle Estates still concerned about more
 homes in their neighborhoods and traffic on
 their streets, the Lins, their development and
 legal representatives and community leaders
 started a series of meetings to determine what
 kind of development, if any, would be accept-
 able to all.

Hosterman and Councilman Sullivan, al-
 ready partners in an effort to acquire an open
 space boundary around the south and east
 urban limits of Pleasanton, joined in.

Over the course of the last three years, these
 groups have met in homes, with the leaders
 of the Kottinger Ranch Homeowners Associa-
 tion, in public workshops and civic meetings.
 In the end, the Lins agreed to reduce the
 number of home sites planned to 51, down
 from 98, and to increase their gift of open
 space to the city to 496 acres. Accompanying
 this agreement was a pledge of \$1 million to
 mitigate traffic and for street widening proj-
 ects and even more school crossing guards. It
 seemed like a fair plan for all.

A citizens' group, headed by Ayala, dis-
 agreed. The result is a referendum that will ask
 voters to make the decision on June 8: Yes to
 proceed with the development and the gift of
 496 acres to Pleasanton. No, to block the de-
 velopment with no land grant from the Lins,
 who will continue to own the property that is
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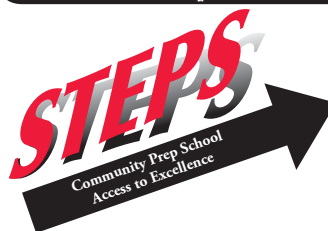
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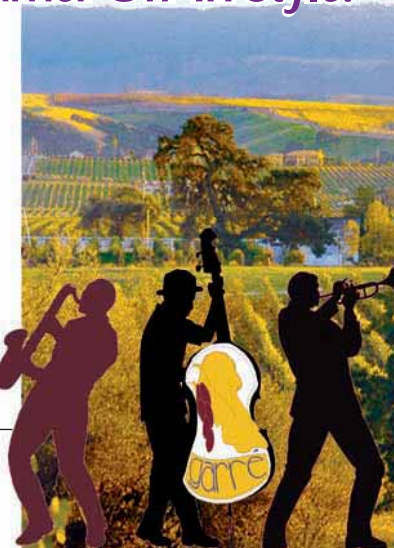
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Events

HOOK AND LADDER RUN Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation and Wente Vineyards will host the second Hook and Ladder Run on June 6 starting with the kids fun one-mile run at 6:30 a.m., kids one-mile run at 9:30 a.m., and both the 5k and 10k runs at 8 a.m. at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. No dogs. No picnicking. Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase. For more information and to register online, go to www.onyourmarkevents.com.

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'SURVIVOR' GOLF TOURNAMENT This two-person speed scramble charity golf tournament will take place 6 a.m.-7 p.m. June 14 at Ruby Hill Golf Club, 3400 W. Ruby Hill Dr., to play 100 holes of golf in about 10 hours. It benefits both the American Heart Association and CancerCare. Cost \$750 per person or \$1,500 per team, limited to first 26 teams. Call 353-0760 or email kbtagain@me.com.

HELP FOR CATHY KENDRICK

Cathy's friends are raising money for a liver transplant for her with a barbecue, drinks, drawings, live auction and more starting at 5 p.m. June 5 at 1836 Begonia Ct. Cost \$25. RSVP 580-4661 or visit cchase@vcb-ca.com.

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Donate your hair to Locks of Love to make ponytails for cancer patients, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. June 6 at Image Salon, 6280 W. Las Positas Blvd. Haircuts are free for those with 10 inches of hair or more to donate. Hair must be free of chemical treatments and healthy. Lots of fun activities and prizes! Call 484-3650 or visit www.image-salon-spa.com.

PLEASANTON HERITAGE ASSOCIATION TAG SALE

The fundraiser is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 5 at Heritage Home, 303 Neal St. Sale of antiques, vintage items, art, toys, household items, tools, moldings, windows, doors, clothing, bikes, donated by the community and neighborhood. Funds raised will benefit garden awards, historic preservation awards, and disaster preparedness events. Donate Today. Email kriehbaumf@aol.com.

Health

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pants will receive a free lunch. Call 734-3319.

Kids & Teens

INTRO TO JEWISH CULTURE SCHOOL Jewish, but not religious? Meet the families of the Jewish Culture

School, from 5-7:30 p.m. June 12 at Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Community's traditional short non-religious Havdalah ceremony and pizza dinner. Families with young children who might be interested in Tri-Valley Cultural Jews or the Jewish Culture School are welcome as guests. Call 485-1049 or visit www.Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

M.O.M.'s READING TIME The Centennial Light is the topic for the M.O.M.'s (Museum On Main's) reading time, from 10-11 a.m. June 9 at the Museum On Main, 603 Main St. This free literacy program is designed to introduce preschool-aged children to books and activities about the unique people, cultures, and events in their community. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT AT THE LIBRARY Preschoolers will have a rollicking time of music, movement and all-out fun with Kindermusik instructor, musician and gymnast Andrea Gaspari from 10:30-11:15 a.m. June 9 at Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. For ages 18 months-4 years. Call 931-3400, ext. 8, or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/.

Lectures

'DEAD IN THE SIERRA' LECTURE The Museum On Main Ed Kinney Lecture Series presents filmmaker Warren Haack for a screening and discussion of his narrative film, "Dead in the Sierra: The Legend of Joaquin Murrieta and Joaquin Valenzuela," at 7 p.m. June 17 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Admission is \$5 for members and seniors, \$10 non-members, and \$3 for students and teachers with ID. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Live Music

THE VOODOO FIX With roots in the blues, they are embarking on their summer tour and will be performing at 8:30 p.m. June 11 at Wild Vine, 2187 First St., Livermore, and at 6 p.m. June 12 at White Crane Winery, 5405 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Call 216-2269 or email thevoodoo@gmail.com.

On Stage

'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM' Livermore School of Dance Ballet Division will present a full-length ballet of Shakespeare's comedic tale, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," at 7 p.m. June 5 and 2 p.m. June 6 at Livermore High Performing Arts Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore. Cost \$12. Call 245-9322 or visit www.livermoredance.com.

'FOOTLOOSE' JAZZ AND TAP Livermore School of Dance Jazz and Tap divisions will present "Footloose," a diverse show with music and dance styles for everyone, at 7 p.m. June 4 and 2 p.m. June 5 at Livermore High Performing Arts Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore. Tickets \$12. Call 245-9322 or visit lsodjazz@yahoo.com

'PETER PAN' SENIOR TRIP Pleasanton Senior Center is presenting a trip to the Threesixty Theater in San Francisco to enjoy "Peter Pan" on June 9. The bus leaves the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and stops at Westfield Center for shopping and lunch. Then on to the theater. Cost is \$88 and includes the bus ride and the performance. The bus returns at 6 p.m. Call the travel desk at 931-5370 or Joanne Kelly at 224-9888. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

Recreation

NATURE'S WONDER CLUB: DINO STORY Where did the dinosaurs go? Come and meet them and hear about all the great old ones and what their world was like, from 10 a.m.-noon June 12 at Alviso Adobe Park, 3465 Foothill Rd. Cost: \$5 resident; \$8 non-resident. Call 931-3483 or email enicholas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Seniors

CHP SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM The California Highway Patrol's Senior Volunteer Program provides seniors an opportunity to make definitive contributions toward improving public safety and service. Learn more about this program and get involved in the field of law enforcement, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 8 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost \$1.75 resident, and \$2.25 non-resident. Call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Sports

BASKETBALL MINI-CLINICS College basketball staff will hold basketball clinics for boys and girls at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 15-July 15. Clinics are 9-11 a.m. for grades 3-5; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for grades 6-8. Cost is \$79 per player. Call 424-1467 or visit www.laspositascollege.edu.

Volunteering

AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS Attend an orientation for American Red Cross volunteers to learn about ways to greet, inform and thank blood donors or post fliers at key locations, from 4-6 p.m. June 10 at Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, 5556-B Springdale Ave. Advance sign-up required. Call (510) 594-5165 or visit blackstonea@usa.redcross.org.

TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE NEEDS YOU! Do you love animals? Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is holding an orientation for new volunteers at 1 p.m. June 6 at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Come and learn about volunteer opportunities like fostering dogs, cats, socializing shelter animals, helping at adoption events and fundraisers. Age 18 and over. Cost is \$10 cash or check to help cover the cost of materials. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvrar.org.

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OBITUARIES

Elsie Valleen Marie (Constantini) Aboud

Elsie Valleen Marie (Constantini) Aboud died at home surrounded by her family May 25 at the age of 74.

She was born prematurely on Valentine's Day 1936 in Oakfield, N.Y., to Guiseppe and Maria (Di-Gennero) Constantini. She spent her early years in New York where her parents ran a boarding house. They later moved to Phoenix where Elsie met her future husband, Henry Aboud Jr., in the eighth grade. She married Henry on Oct. 31, 1953, and they eventually settled in Pleasanton in 1965. She worked to help her husband through dental school. While raising a family, she was president of the Women's Dental Auxiliary, sold real estate, did secretarial work for Liberty Mutual and worked for JC Penny for 20 years until her retirement.



After retirement she volunteered at the Pleasanton Senior Center for several years, completed the Pleasanton Police Citizens Academy, and assisted at the Superior Court, Tri Valley Youth Court.

Mrs. Aboud loved trains, Roy Rogers westerns, hot air balloons, playing "Moonlight Sonata" on her baby grand piano, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed family reunions in Phoenix and New York, loved gambling trips with family to Las Vegas and Laughlin, but best of all loved family get-togethers at her house in Pleasanton.

Mrs. Aboud is survived by her husband of 57 years, Henry Aboud Jr.; sister Anna Fava and husband Geno of New York; sister Edna Bradley of Concord; brother John Constantini and wife Muriel of San Pedro; her children Sharon Caldera and husband Bruce of Pleasanton, Ray Aboud and wife Chevelle of Tracy, Elena Kneale and husband Chris of Tracy, Henry Aboud III and wife Migle of Nevada; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 2 p.m. June 4 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3574 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Fight for the Cure, P.O. Box 650309,

Dallas, TX. 75265-0309; or Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin, Ca. 94568.

'Maggie' Eileen Di Laura

"Maggie" Eileen Di Laura, a long-time resident of Pleasanton, died at the age of 85 of a heart attack May 15 at Valley Medical.

She and her husband Sam owned and operated Di Laura's Restaurant on Main Street in Pleasanton for 35 years. After closing the restaurant, she followed her husband to Los Alamitos Race Track where he cooked for the jockeys. When he passed away in 1992, she took over the position of cook. Seven years later, she retired and returned to Pleasanton. In her retirement she enjoyed baking and doing crafts. She also enjoyed coffee downtown with the old-timers of Pleasanton.

Mrs. Di Laura was predeceased by her son Gerald; she is survived by her children Richard, JoAnne and Sammy; adopted daughter Gloria; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was buried May 24 at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside with a memorial service the following day at the Simulcast Building at the Fairgrounds. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

BIRTHS



Piper Annika Vieler

Piper Annika Vieler was born to parents David and Erika Vieler of Pleasanton and siblings Jordan, Cole, Emily and Cade at 4:58 p.m. May 10 at ValleyCare Medical Center. She weighed 9 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 inches long.

Sadie Brooke Wollesen

Sadie Brooke Wollesen was born May 4 to parents Brooke and Will Wollesen, brothers Daenen and Davis, and sister Haley Rae. Brooke is from Pleasanton and a graduate of Amador Valley High School Class of 1995; Will is from Saratoga. Sadie weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.



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HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

4848 DOLORES DR., PLEASANTON, **\$950,000**



This beautifully upgraded Pleasanton Hills home offers four bedrooms, plus office/nursery/workout room, three bathrooms and an upgraded kitchen with stainless steel appliances. It is located on a quiet street with a private rear yard and features new carpet throughout, new interior paint, two fireplaces and a three car garage. Sold by Blaise Lofland of Alain Pinel Realtors. (925) 846-6500

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2010

Livermore

- 852 Almaden Court** L. Revi to G. Brar for \$374,000
- 1480 Aspen Court** M. & S. Galletti to S. & J. Meafou for \$400,000
- 1738 Dawn Street** Kundert Trust to C. Laray for \$435,000
- 2422 Decker Lane** W. & E. Hilby to S. & E. Grimes for \$671,000
- 930 El Caminito** Federal National Mortgage to A. & J. Glenn for \$390,000
- 349 Hummingbird Lane** D. Smith to W. Heidt for \$445,000
- 5455 Lawson Court** Bank of America to S. & L. Tidwell for \$735,000
- 1392 Meadow Court** C. Rudnicki to F. & K. Gonzales for \$439,000
- 440 Meadowlark Street** J. Moreno to C. Rhodes for \$305,000
- 2082 Mezzamonte Court** J. Rivera to Y. Tang for \$699,000
- 330 Michell Court** L. Vanhorn to Z. & O. Sober for \$405,000
- 2294 Minerva Court** R. Case to J. & S. Hippel for \$1,075,000
- 1085 Murrieta Boulevard #225** Credit Suisse First to A. Theiss for \$103,000
- 1927 Paseo Laguna Seco** US Bank to N. Lehr for \$170,000
- 1046 Peppertree Place** S. Morris to C. & N. Ball for \$620,000

- 1755 Prima Drive** Nelson Trust to S. Odhi for \$1,033,000
- 2681 Rivers Bend Circle** Arroyo Crossing to J. Concannon for \$743,000
- 1808 Vancouver Way** Weiss Trust to Williams Trust for \$520,000
- 2701 Vernazza Drive** D. Garren to D. & M. Robinson for \$844,000
- 423 Virginia Drive** D. & H. Soares to B. Daggett for \$415,000

Pleasanton

- 6234 Alvord Way** J. & J. Lee to J. Cavanaugh for \$530,000
- 2858 Camino Segura** C. & H. Sun to K. & M. Cho for \$770,000
- 4101 Cortina Court** M. Lobe to S. Li for \$382,500
- 628 Del Sol Avenue** Wells Fargo Bank to A. & V. Chin for \$735,000
- 4391 Diavila Avenue** Strickland Trust to R. Gurumurthy for \$752,000
- 1021 Division Street** P. & K. Capiz to C. Williams for \$612,000
- 1414 Elliot Circle** M. Galli to L. Chen for \$540,000
- 2367 Goldcrest Circle** HPM Investments to P. Bebell for \$390,000
- 5806 Stonecliff Vista Lane** W. Ruby to J. Jang for \$962,000
- 1171 Sunset Creek Lane** A. & S. Beg to G. Wohlenberg for \$1,480,000

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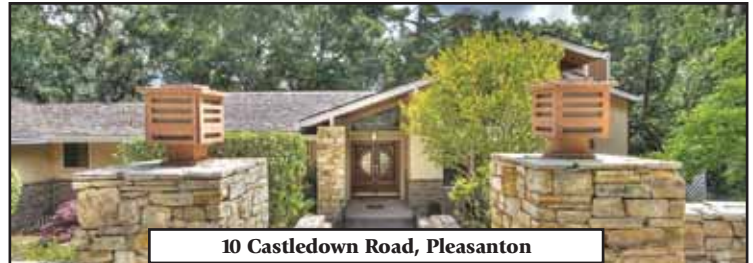
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8242 Moller Ranch Drive, Pleasanton

Gorgeous views of Mt Diablo and the Tri-Valley. 4 BR, 3 BA, light and spacious home in rarely available Moller Ranch in Pleasanton's West Side. Updated kitchen with granite counters & island. Offered at \$1,075,000 OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4

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7823 La Quinta Court
Pleasanton

Single Story Elegance
at Golden Eagle

Spacious and light-filled
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath
floor plan w/ 2,550 sq. ft.
Incredible updates and
neutral decor include travertine tile, plantation shutters and granite counter tops. Gorgeous ridge views and Golden Eagle amenities.
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5063 MONACO DR PLEASANTON
Upgraded semi-custom home w/Mt Diablo View. 5 bedrooms plus theatre room w/fireplace plus den! Theatre-fully sound-proofed. **\$1,099,000**
Diane Sass 925.462.2068

PREMIUM LOT



7914 PARAGON CIRCLE PLEASANTON
5 Bd/ 3.5Ba. Premium .46 acre lot with over \$300k in landscaping, pool, spa, bbq, fountains & more! Views! 2 bdrms, plus office downstairs. **\$1,588,000**
Phyllis Weiner 925.872.1416

CUSTOM BUILT



8044 GOLDENEAGLEWAY PLEASANTON
Designer features throughout w/ extensive use of cherry wood, stone & more. Level park-like backyard, pool, spa, lrg grass area. **\$2,852,000**
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PANORAMIC VIEWS



2801 GRAY FOX COURT PLEASANTON
4 Bd/ 3.5Ba 1.91 acres of privacy. Resort-like backyard w/ pool, spa, swim up bar, barbeque, palm trees. www.2801GrayFox.com **\$2,095,000**
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OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



860 CASTLEWOOD PL PLEASANTON
4 Bd 3 Ba, 4,300 sq. ft., 0.50+/- acres. Custom home. Included; full Castlewood CC membership w/ the sale & 1st years mo. dues. **\$1,695,000**
Steve Mattos 925.980.8844

OPEN SUN 1-4



1525 MAPLE LEAF DR PLEASANTON
Popular floor plan with 1 B/R & BTH downstairs, 3 B/R + Bonus upstairs. Gourmet Kit w/ top of the line SS Appl., Granite Counters & MORE! **\$1,049,000**
The Engels 925.251.2510

CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN



581 HAPPY VALLEY ROAD PLEASANTON
Country seclusion and privacy, yet close to schools, shopping. Great floorplan, huge rooms. Beautiful yard with pool, spa, patio. Room for horses, boats, etc. **\$1,098,000**
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OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



8098 BRITTANY DRIVE DUBLIN
Beautifully appointed 4 bd, 3 ba Dublin Hills home w/ wood floors, custom light fixtures oversized Master bedroom w/ loft area, full bd & ba downstairs. **\$798,800**
McDowell & Weiner 925.251.2550

DOWNTOWN



4524 2ND STREET PLEASANTON
Stunning remodel! Walk to all that downtown Pleasanton has to offer. Custom Cherry Cab's. Granite Slab. S/S appliances. Harwood floors thru-out. **\$899,000**
Todd Martinez 925.251.2571

HIGH END UPGRADES



7810 BLOOMFIELD TER DUBLIN
4 bd/ 3.5 ba. Remodeled w/ high end upgrades. AGA gourmet stove, Sub-Zero Frig, Stone stairs, Bonus Room, Cherry plank floors. **\$975,000**
Vickie & Bill Keller 925.583.2182

HANSEN HILLS



11305 BAY LAUREL ST DUBLIN
Bright & open floor plan, in beautiful Hansen Hills home. Located in the western foothills of Dublin, this home features 4 bedrooms 3 baths & approx 2,700 sq.ft. **\$799,950**
Susette Clark-Walker 925.251.2547

CUSTOM DUBLIN HILLS



7870 GALWAY CT DUBLIN
5 Bd/5.5 Ba. Gorgeous, brand new custom, features; solid quartz counters, natural cherry, home theater. www.7870Galway.com **\$1,538,000**
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WEST DUBLIN WITH VIEWS



11482 BAY LAUREL ST DUBLIN
Views/ bright and open floorplan! 4 Bd (4th bedroom is an office), 3.5 Ba, bonus room w/ built-in desk & storage, beautiful landscaping, 3 car garage. **\$859,000**
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UPGRADED DUET



523 INDIAN HOME RD DANVILLE
Beautifully updated Sycamore home. Tile entry. Remodeled kitchen w/maple cabinets. Large spacious L/R w/ views of greenbelt and tennis court area. **\$639,000**
Todd Martinez 925.251.2571

BENT CREEK ESTATES



517 COLUMBIA CREEK DR SAN RAMON
Open and bright floor plan. Gour. kit w/ breakfast bar + nook. Large lot w/ dog run, garden area, decking, spa, sprinklers. 3 car garage. **\$699,000**
Denise Ivaldi 925.251.2532

UPGRADED AND BEAUTIFUL



411 SHERIDAN CIR LIVERMORE
1 bd & ba down. Granite counters w/island, tile backsplash, formal living & dining, bonus room w/fireplace, sound system wired inside & outside. Pool, Built-in BBQ **\$749,000**
Bill and Vickie Keller 925.200.6764

EXCELLENT CORNER CT



1135 BROOKDALE LN LIVERMORE
Lg Lot w/ potential for side yard access. Beautiful Light & Bright. Built in Curio Cabinet. Yard includes striking rose garden & large patio area. **\$419,900**
Karen Huntoon 925.455.7020

SOUTH LIVERMORE



758 TRAVISO CIR LIVERMORE
5 Bd, 3.5 Ba, 3 car garage + LARGE Family & Living Room! Granite & S/S in kitchen. 1 bedroom and full bath downstairs. **\$850,000**
Gail Henderson 925.980.5648

COURT LOCATION



6581 WILLOWVIEW CT LIVERMORE
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\$798,800

4 GREAT PROPERTIES AVAILABLE



8044 Golden Eagle, Pleasanton \$2,852,000
Golden Eagle Estates 5 Bd/ 4.5 Ba 5,828+/- sq.ft.



2801 Gray Fox Ct., Pleasanton \$2,095,000
Foxborough Estates 4 Bd/ 3.5 Ba 5,065+/- sq.ft.



7914 Paragon, Pleasanton \$1,588,000
Laguna Oaks 5 Bd/ 3.5 Ba 4,592+/- sq.ft.



7870 Galway Ct., Dublin \$1,538,000
Contemporary Living 5 Bd/ 5.5 Ba 5,000+/- sq.ft.

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**7971 Foothill Knolls
Pleasanton**

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**417 Norris Canyon Terrace
San Ramon**

Designer upgraded first floor 2 Bedroom, 2 bath ground floor Condo with No stairs and fabulous serene, private setting. This Spacious 1100 square foot condo features an oversized deck backing to a private and quiet hillside setting. Designer paint, 2 spacious bedrooms, 2 Full baths, large & open kitchen-living room set up, oversized deck, 1 car garage and 1 assigned parking space, Inside Full Sized washer and dryer, and So Much More! **Priced to sell in the mid - \$300,000's**



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PENDING **3704 FINNIAN WAY**
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

LIVERMORE
6056 CLIMBING ROSE COMMON
GORGEOUS UPGRADED HOME! **\$445,000**
 3 BR 2.5 BA + upstairs loft,kitchen w/tile countrs,SS appli,hrdwd flrs in kit/fam/dining,1/2 bth down 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

DUBLIN
5143 S FORESTDALE CIRCLE
BEAUTIFULLY UPGRADED **\$740,000**
 5 BR 3 BA large bedrooms,w/additional loft/play area,hrdwd flrs,granite counters,great location 925.847.2200

FREMONT
4249 NERISSA CIRCLE
GREAT FLOOR PLAN **\$550,000**
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21800 MINES RD
COUNTRY LIVING **\$325,000**
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3655 VINEYARD
WALK TO DOWNTOWN **\$475,000**
 2 BR 2 BA hrdwd flrs,dual pane windows,master w/sep blocked glss shwr,walk-in clst,patio/cvered deck 925.847.2200

7432 OXFORD CIR
VERY LIGHT & BRIGHT! **\$407,900**
 2 BR 2.5 BA hrdwd flrs down stairs,wshr,dryer,frige all stay,2 master beds/1 w/sitting area,gr8 loc 925.847.2200

5123 SHALIMAR CIRCLE
CHARMING TOWNHOUSE **\$405,000**
 2 BR 2.5 BA bamboo flrg thruout,upgrded kit cabs/cntr tps,mstr bth/built in dining bar,nice treks deck 925.847.2200

1248 DEEP CREEK
GREAT HOME! **\$675,000**
 3 BR 3 BA 1 stry aprx. 1858 sf,kit w/SS appli,granite countrs/islnd,crown molding,fully landscaped 925.847.2200

3263 VINEYARD AVE., UNIT 54
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749 CRYSTAL LANE, PLEASANTON
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PLEASANTON HEIGHTS
OPEN SUN 1-4



4262 TAMUR COURT, PLEASANTON
 Walk to downtown from your custom home. Great location at back of court and adjacent to Kortinger 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**

CHATEAU COUNTRY ESTATE



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**

PLEASANTON HILLS
PENDING SALE



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**

PLEASANTON 900 Main Street



SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$180,000
Highest sale reported: \$950,000
Average sales reported: \$549,200

Livermore

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$103,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,075,000
Average sales reported: \$541,050

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$382,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,480,000
Average sales reported: \$715,350

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 24
Lowest sale reported: \$160,000
Highest sale reported: \$932,000
Average sales reported: \$556,083

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Dublin

4 BEDROOMS
8098 Brittany Drive \$798,800
 Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2550

5 BEDROOMS
10749 Inspiration Circle \$925,000
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 621-4097

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5121 Bianco Court \$675,000
 Sun 1-4 Legacy Real Estate 989-4144
7823 La Quinta Court \$925,000
 Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 519-1455

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 Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2510
8242 Moller Ranch Drive \$1,075,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 202-6898

4350 1st Street \$1,299,000
 Sun 1-4 Legacy Real Estate 989-4144
860 Castlewood Place \$1,695,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 980-8844

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 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 202-6898

749 Crystal Lane \$1,195,000
 Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

1327 Hearst Drive \$1,399,000
 Sun 1-4 Assist 2 Sell 939-7653

1054 Shadow Hills Court \$1,649,000
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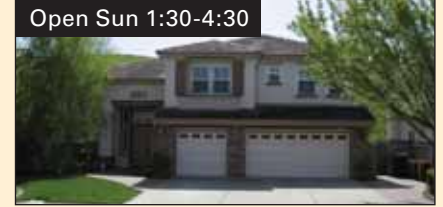


By Appointment



7828 Meadowbrook Court, Pleasanton
 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 \$1,070,000**

Open Sun 1:30-4:30



10749 Inspiration Circle, Dublin
 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**



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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



JUST SOLD
 4 BD 3 BA 2,541sf. w/ 8,140sf. lot.
 Recently updated, full bed & bath on main level.
 3 car garage and side yard.
SOLD FOR \$895,000

2170 FOXSWALLOW RD. PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN BIRDLAND



JUST SOLD
\$10K OVER ASKING
 5 BD 3 BA 2,560sf. w/ 8,030sf. lot.
 Updated top to bottom, bed & bath on main level. Picture perfect backyard.
SOLD FOR \$885,000

4037 NEVIS ST. PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN JENSEN/AMADOR



PENDING
 3 BD 2BA 1,471sf. on a 6,000 sf. lot.
 Hardwood flooring, updated baths, newer roof & windows. Professionally landscaped rear yard.
\$615,000

474 VINEYARD PLACE PLEASANTON
 LOCATED CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN



PENDING
 3 BD 2 BA 1,444sf. on a 5,886sf. lot.
 Open floor plan, updated kitchen, family room and living room. Private yard move in ready.
\$485,000

JENSEN/AMADOR ESTATES
 IN PLEASANTON



COMING SOON
 4 BD 2BA 1,524sf. on a 6,624sf. lot.
 Open gourmet kitchen, indoor laundry, hardwood flooring. Outdoor kitchen and pool.
\$585,000

BUYERS NEEDS

- Single Story Pleasanton or Livermore up to \$900,000
- Single Story in Country Fair up to \$700,000
- West side up to \$1.4M 5BD around 3,000sf.

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The latest from The 680 Blog

Who Controls Property Values?

This is a question as old as the real estate business itself. Who controls property values? We all know that sellers do not control property values. Sure they can set the asking price, and control the condition of the property, but not the value of a given piece of property. Yes, they can improve the property and theoretically increase the value that way. But conventional thinking has always been that the buyers control the property values. You know the tried and true saying that a **property is worth what a buyer is willing to pay for it**. And this has certainly been the case for as long as I can remember.

But things have changed. Do buyers still have input as to the value of properties? Yes, of course they do. Without buyers, there is no sale, and therefore no indication of the value as dictated by the law of supply and demand. But there is a new sheriff in town in this debate. One can make a very strong argument that it is now the Banks that control property values (well okay, banks and mortgage companies). Banks control property values in two ways:

First of all, thanks to recent changes in the appraisal process, prop-

erties are now worth **what a buyer is willing to pay for it and what a bank is willing to appraise it for**. And we are seeing more and more often that banks are appraising properties for less than what the buyer

has offered. Is this a conscious decision? Partly. Banks have become



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— Jay B.

Go to 680Homes.com for more information on these homes and other properties.

OPEN SUN 1-4



1054 Shadow Hills Court

Stunning Mediterranean with 5 BR plus bonus & office, 4 1/2 BTH, and huge flat 1/3 acre lot with sport court & BBQ.

\$1,549,000

OPEN SUN 1-4



5719 Athenour Court

Fabulous Moller Ranch home with 4 BR, 2 1/2 BTHS, hardwood floors, granite & maple kitchen, luxurious master suite, designer carpeting, and private rear yard!

\$835,000

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!



New property. Stunning Mediterranean with 5 BR + office, 4 1/2 BTH, and resort-like 1/2 acre lot with pool, spa, sport court, and fire pit!

\$1,569,000

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

COMING SOON!



Elegant Golden Eagle custom home with 4 BR plus office, 3 BTH, new cherry & granite kit, plantation shutters, and incredible .42 acre flat lot with pool, spa, and BBQ!

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!



Stunning newer home in the vineyards with 4 BR plus office, 3 1/2 BTH, granite & stainless kitchen, hardwood floors, plantation shutters and a private .29 acre lot!

\$1,119,000

PENDING SALE!



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

PENDING SALE!



New Property. Charming 4 BR, 3 BTH home with remodeled granite & stainless kitchen, new carpeting & paint, and large lot with pool!

\$719,000

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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JENNIFER MALAKOFF BY APPT



7033 MORGAN TERRITORY RD \$5,750,000
Over 12,000 sqft of Luxury Living with ultra-high end features, and quality craftsmanship inside and out. Garage 12 cars and entertain 100s. Stunning Views!

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 SUN 1:00-4:00



4897 DOLORES DRIVE \$1,565,000
You won't find a nicer home this close to downtown Pleasanton. Stunning custom cherry detailing throughout.

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



1528 FREDERICK MICHAEL WY \$1,100,000
Custom single story home with over 4000 square feet on the southside of Livermore.

LINDA TRAUIG OPEN SUN 1-4



7912 DRY CREEK DRIVE \$974,900
4bd/4ba, 3430+/-sf. Private backyard with views of the hills. This home is a "10!". Truly a Must See! Go to www.7912DryCreekDrive.com for more information.



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MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



2168 GRAPE LEAF LN \$899,950
This is a beautiful custom home in a court location. Features include swimming pool with waterfall, granite counter tops, SS appliances, & much much more.

BLAISE LOFLAND SUN 1:00-4:00



4262 TAMUR COURT \$879,500
Walk to Downtown! Custom Home! New Carpet! Great Location, Back of Court & Adjacent to Kottinger Park. Private Rear Yard with In-Ground Poo.

DOUG BUENZ SUN 1:00-4:00



5719 ATHENOUR CT \$835,000
Clean, sharp, Moller ranch home. Private location. Granite kitchen, gleaming HW floors, soaring vaulted ceilings, gas fire place, and luxurious master suite.

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



5087 BLACKBIRD WAY \$809,000
4bd/2.5ba, 2200+/-sf, remodeled kitchen, Hardwood floors, new interior/exterior paint, newer furnace/AC/roof with spacious backyard. Just blocks from Woodthrush

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



5029 HUMMINGBIRD ROAD \$799,000
5bd/3ba, 2478+/-sqft, remodeled Birch kitchen with walk-in pantry, newer DP windows/furnace/water heater, Solarium with skylights and french doors.

SALLY MARTIN BY APPT



4224 TAMUR COURT \$749,000
4 bd/2 bath in great location! Updated kitchen & appliances. Updated baths w/tile. All living space on one floor. Expansive screened-in deck with roof. Near park, schools.

DAN GAMACHE, SR. BY APPT



4552 1ST ST \$585,000
Cute & Quaint, Built in 1890! 2bd/1.5ba, 1410+/-sf, 5300+/-sf lot. Forced air heating, spiral staircase, FP stove, FD, high ceilings. Outside storage used to be a garage.

SALLY MARTIN BY APPT



2168 ARMSTRONG DR \$575,000
New kitchen appliances. Upgraded bathrooms with granite, sinks, cabinets. Expansive ceilings in living & dining room. Close proximity to schools.

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 and basement bonus room.

THIS SUMMER, SAN RAMON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER WANTS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AND TEACH THEM SAFETY. SUMMER IS THE PEAK ACCIDENT AND INJURY SEASON FOR CHILDREN. THE MOST FREQUENT INJURIES ARE DROWNINGS, FALLS, AND BICYCLE, CAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS.



Summer Safety FOR YOUR KIDS.

WATER SAFETY

- Never leave children unattended around a pool or water – not even for one minute. Accidents occur fast.
- Flotation devices are not drown-proof.
- Children should always wear a life vest while boating and near open water.
- Always close your pool gate. Double-check the gate after people have been in the pool area.
- Review your pool rules and safety with family, friends and babysitters.
- Learn CPR. You could save a life.

SUN SAFETY

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

PREVENT BURNS

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

PREVENT FALLS

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

ROAD SAFETY

- Always wear helmets and protective gear while biking, skating or skateboarding.
- Discuss bicycle and road safety with your children.
- Review pedestrian safety with children as well as adolescents.
- Never leave a child alone in a car. Temperatures quickly reach over 100 degrees.
- Drive cautiously. Children move quickly and may be difficult to see, especially when backing up. You may not see toddlers and older children playing behind a car.
- Always put your children in car seats or seat belts.

Safety tips are brought to you by the Pediatrics Department at San Ramon Regional Medical Center:

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