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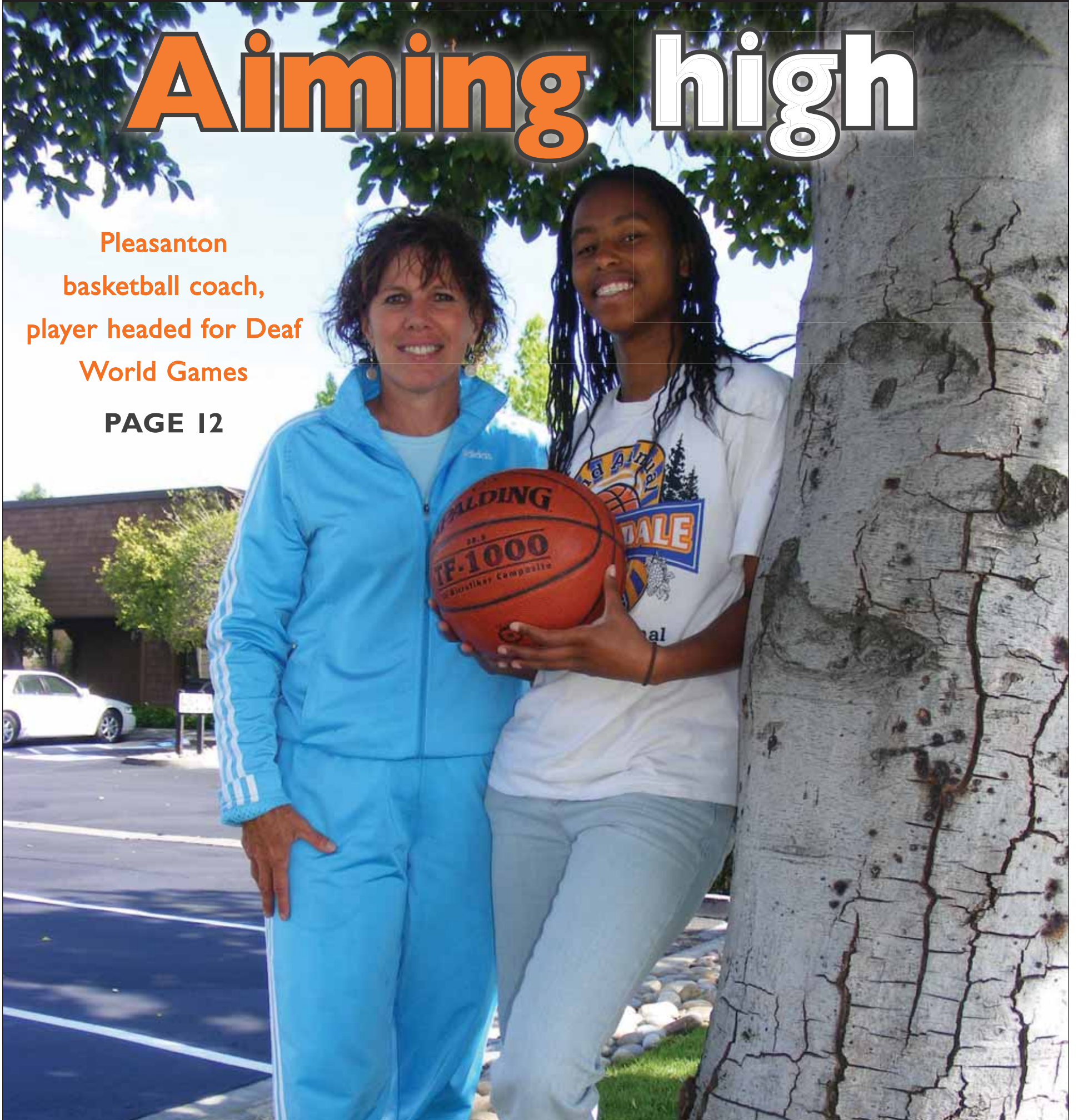
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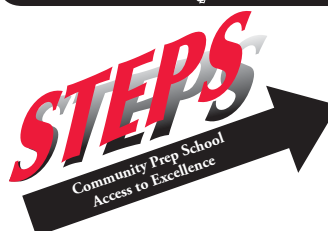
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Popular publicist hangs up her keyboard

After more than 30 years as a writer and publicist in Pleasanton, Denise Howe is shutting down her computer this week to spend more time with her husband Bob, who retired four years ago as a physicist for 37 years at the Livermore Lab. Denise is most visible on her daily walks along Crellin Road, but even better known behind the scenes serving the public relations needs of scores of non-profit organizations whose activities and fundraising successes are attributed to her good work. They're widespread, ranging from the Museum On Main in downtown Pleasanton to the Northern California



Denise Howe

Dance Conservatory in Roseville, to the Livermore Valley Opera, Tri-Valley YMCA, Volunteer Center of Alameda County, the Tri-Valley Youth Food Drive and many more. Her final release, sent this week, ended her long affiliation with the USS Hornet Museum. It promotes a family event on board the aircraft carrier-turned-museum at an Independence Day carnival and party on Sunday, July 4, including the chance to sit on the flight deck high above Pier 3 in Alameda to watch fireworks from San Francisco and Marin County.

Howe started her writing business back in the days of typewriters in 1979, preparing resumes for the jobless in another time of economic travails. Asked to fill out personnel recruitment forms, she actually interviewed individuals first and then wrote up comprehensive resumes. When she showed clients her first drafts, most were astounded to find they had done so much and were better prepared for their potential employers than they realized. Her impressive success record was widely touted and the business took off. As computers and the Internet eased the workload, she also learned the key words employers use to separate out incoming resumes for serious consideration, key words that gain the attention of recruiters and change frequently. Howe recommends those preparing resumes to Google "key words," where long lists of sites designed to help job seekers will pop up. She also recommends using a profes-

sional resume preparer, saying that her experience shows that kind of service is well worth the cost.

Her resume writing skills also caught the attention of editors at the Tri-Valley Herald, who hired her as a free-lancer to write a column about Pleasanton, and then later at the Valley Times, where she was a Pleasanton stringer for six years. It was during these years as editors sent her hundreds of press releases from non-profit organizations that Howe saw the opportunity — and the need — to open her own public relations shop to serve those organizations. Involved herself in the work of non-profits that served the needy, the elderly and hungry, Howe moved full speed into upgraded and updated computers and media distribution technology. I worked with her as a board member at the Museum On Main when Howe handled publicity about membership drives and fundraisers. Her work added new members and more funding and was the start of a major turnaround for the little-known downtown museum.

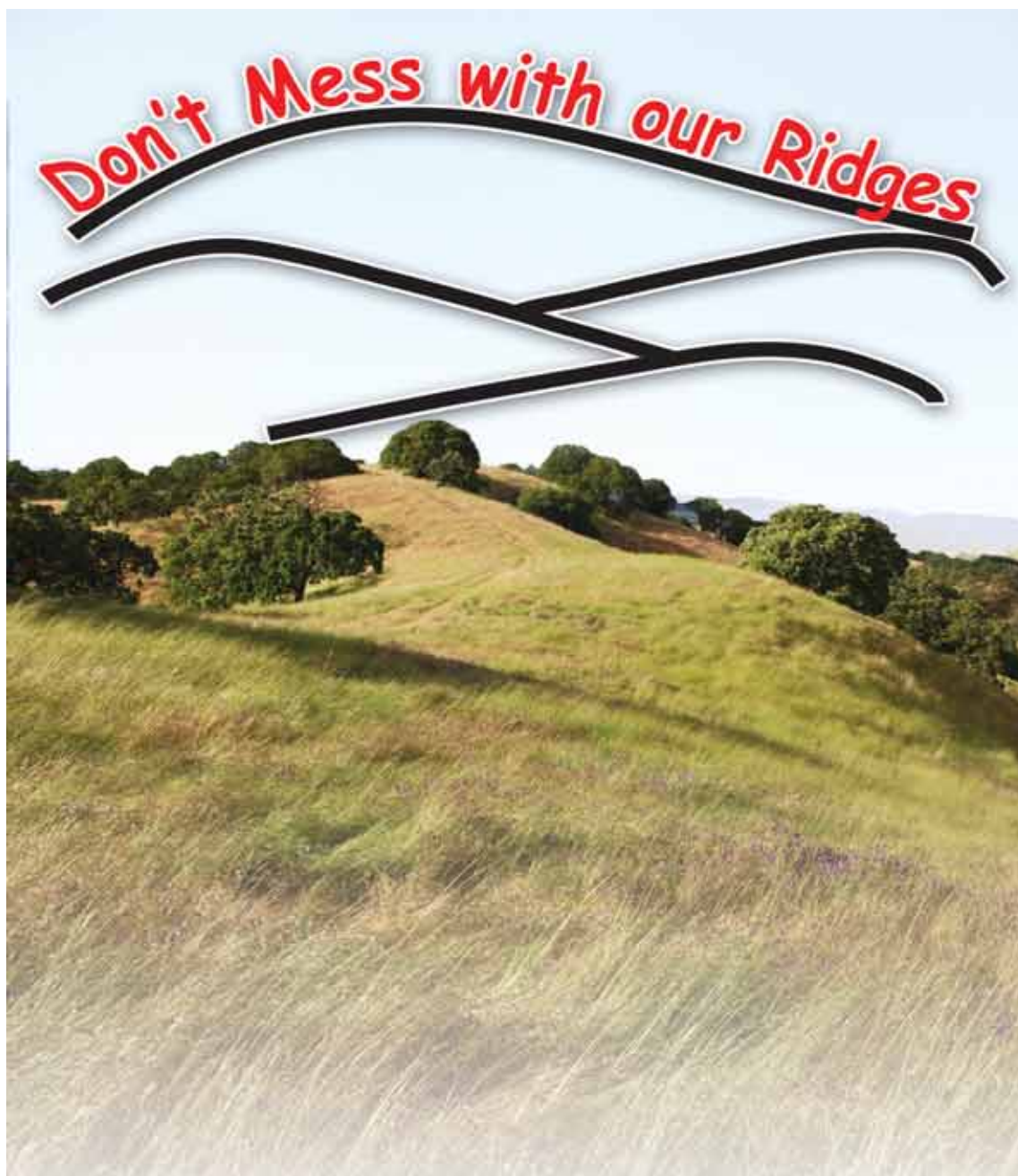
Howe's dedication to Pleasanton goes back many years. Her parents, Dodge and Bill Jamieson, both in their early 90s, are well-known benefactors in town who moved to Pleasanton in 1964. They live in the same house they bought then, but Denise isn't telling how much they paid. Bill Jamieson is retired from Sandia Labs, where he worked for 37 years, first in New Mexico and then in Livermore, which is why the family moved here. He served on ValleyCare Health System's board of directors and was its president in the 1960s when its one medical facility was Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore. He also was on the Alameda County Fair board of directors and for eight years a member of the Pleasanton Planning Commission. Dodge Jamieson also spent much of her life as a volunteer, and was a charter member of the Valley-Care Auxiliary for 40 years.

Stepping away from the keyboard to turn her business contacts over to associates, Denise Howe plans to spend more time traveling with her husband Bob and her parents. One of her first trips in retirement will be to San Diego to visit the Howes' daughter and son-in-law, Alessandra and Jeff Tharp (he's an IT specialist) and their two sons, Tyler, 8, and Braden, 6. With more time on her hands, Denise expects more baby sitting requests will be forthcoming, which is fine with her. She's also looking forward to no more deadlines, one of the key words those in the media deal with every day. ■

## About the Cover

Debbie Ayres, varsity coach at California School for the Deaf in Fremont, is taking the USA Under-21 Women's Deaf Basketball Team to the 2010 Deaf World Basketball Championships in Lublin, Poland, and Pleasanton resident Alexandria Brinkley, 17, is one of the players. Photo by Dolores Fox Ciardelli. Cover design by Kristin Herman.

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## Do you think BP is doing enough to stop the oil spill?



### Abra De La Torre

I think that they're doing the best they can since they aren't exactly sure what will work, but it seems like they're making an effort. I do wish that they were doing more to clean up the mess, which includes allowing the involvement of volunteers who are willing to help.

### Julie Stern

I suppose that given what has happened, they are now doing enough. It makes me sad every time I watch the news and see the damage that has been done, and I do wish the cleanup was moving more rapidly and smoothly. I hope that they have a whole team working to prevent anything like this from ever happening again.



### Harry Selkow

Never enough. Here's a company that has billions of dollars in assets, and I think that this is a monetary thing. First of all, they aren't giving it nearly enough attention. This is an environmental disaster: As soon as it took place they should have been all over it and extended themselves a lot further than what they are doing right now.

### Mike Shaffer

Yes they are. They are trying everything in their power to stop the leak. There has never been something of this magnitude 5,000 feet below the surface of the water, which necessitates the use of robotics because humans cannot work in that environment. Besides, it is money out of their pockets, so it is in their best interest to stop the leak as soon as possible.



### Lyndsie Roy

I don't think that they've done enough. I agreed with President Obama completely when he voiced concerns that they are spending money on advertising to improve their image rather than help clean up the spill. I've read a few news articles about people that have given them other ideas of things that might work, and I don't believe that they've exhausted all of their options.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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## DIGEST

### 'Friends' goes online

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is going green and will send out future newsletters in email form. It is requesting people to send their email addresses for the September newsletter to mominer3884@att.net.

The \$14,000 from the group's fall book sale was spent on the following:

- \$3,400 — seven book trucks
- \$350 — table in the circulation area
- \$1,200 — new projector in the meeting room
- \$6,000 — Sunday music/concert series
- \$1,000 — enhancement for adult summer reading program
- \$250 — neon "Movies" sign for DVD area
- \$2,500 — newspaper digitizing project

The group has donated \$151,793 since 2005.

### Lab helps sea lions

Scientists from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Sausalito-based Marine Mammal Center are working together to diagnose several diseases that have struck California sea lions and harbor seals. In recent months, about 17 percent of the adult sea lions that have died at the Marine Mammal Center have succumbed due to cancer, and others have become ill because of the bacterial disease leptospirosis.

The team is attempting to determine how well the Lab's Microbial Detection Array can perform pathogen discovery of as-yet-unsequenced viruses or bacteria.

"The reason the work on marine mammals is so important is that this gives us excellent training for what we will need to do when the next unknown human pathogen outbreak hits," said team leader Tom Slezak, the head of the Lab's Pathogen Bioinformatics Group.

### Tri-Valley Haven teams up with Raiders

Tri-Valley Haven, which provides shelter and services for victims of domestic violence, has been selected by the Oakland Raiders to sell tickets to all of its home games and keep a portion of the proceeds.

"People can support their favorite team and us in our mission because what we do benefits from the purchase of those tickets," said Jennifer Dow, director of Community Education and Development for Tri-Valley Haven.

Tri-Valley Haven Days with the Oakland Raiders are Aug. 28, preseason, when they play the San Francisco 49ers and Oct. 10 against the San Diego Chargers. On those days Tri-Valley Haven is hoping to have a lot of representation. Go to [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org) for an order form.

## Staples delayed despite pleas from seniors

### Late notice forces council to move hearing to Aug. 24

By JEB BING

Plans to develop Staples Ranch stalled Tuesday when a scheduled public hearing on the development had to be postponed by the Pleasanton City Council because notification of the meeting had not been handled on time to meet legal requirements.

The postponement — now to a special council meeting Aug. 24 — angered Mayor Jennifer Hosterman who called the delay "absurd."

"I've had it," a red-faced Hosterman shouted into the microphone. "These (delays) have got to stop!"

It was hoped that Tuesday's meeting would lead to a council vote on a supplemental Environmental Impact Report needed to start the specific approvals of planned developments

on the 124-acre Staples Ranch site. These include:

- Hendrick Automotive Group, which wants to build a new auto mall on its 37-acre portion of Staples, next to the junction of I-580 and El Charro Road, directly across El Charro from a 160-plus store outlet mall that Livermore has approved.
- Stoneridge Creek Pleasanton, a 45-acre senior continuing care community to be developed by Continuing Life Communities (CLC), with up to 800 units for assisted living, skilled nursing and independent living residents.
- An 11-acre retail center.
- Sharks Ice Center, a two-story, four rink facility to be built by San Jose Arena Management, a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks, with the facility to occupy about 10 acres of a 17-acre public park that the Sharks would also develop for the city.

Although the Planning Commission approved the SEIR last month, the council took the latest

postponement in stride. Tempers flared at the start of the meeting, but it was largely an acrimonious, disjointed discussion late in the evening after the council chamber had emptied that left the Staples Ranch issue in flux.

Councilwoman Cindy McGovern said that the retail center no longer had a developer, that it could be several years before Hendrick would build the auto mall and that there has been no regional agreement on street improvements to warrant extending Stoneridge Drive.

But Troy Bourne of CLC said his firm is ready to build the independent living and assisted care facility as soon as the plan is approved. Some have already placed deposits for housing units at Stoneridge Creek and are ready to move in.

One of those, Sarah Albert, said she is 81 years old and accepted the CLC offer five years ago "so that my kids don't have to be my caregiver."

"I am a true believer that responsibility and doing the right thing were and still are of critical importance," Albert said. "That's why I signed up when I received a notice five years ago that this would be built in Pleasanton."

"I urge you to begin building this now because the clock is ticking for many of us — for me and (looking at the council) for you," she said.

Her husband Ysan Albert said he is worried that he now may be rejected for a housing unit at Stoneridge Creek since he recently learned he is suffering from Parkinson's disease. The facility requires that those moving in be in good health, although once in they can stay for a lifetime.

Troy Bourne, a representative of CLC, said the Pleasanton project has taken so long that his wife gave birth to their three children during the processing period. He said the council needs to move forward on CLC's long-standing application. ■

## Pleasanton's 'other' graduates celebrate, too

### Opportunities and challenges await Horizon, Village grads

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

While most of Pleasanton's class of 2010 was still getting ready for graduation — putting the final touches on a speech, thinking about graduation parties or making final plans for the weekend — two graduation ceremonies were being held.

One was for the 10 young women from Horizon, mothers and mothers-to-be who made the decision to stay in school.

"Horizon helped me get my head on straight," said Channing Stone, who graduated in a ceremony Wednesday at the district offices. "I know that I need to move ahead in life and get back on track for me and my baby."

Stone, the mother of 10-month-old Brighton, seems to have her head on pretty straight already. She's got a summer job at Gingerbread Preschool and will study early childhood development at Las Positas College this fall.

"I'm going to be a preschool teacher," she said.

The other graduation, held at the Amador Theater, was for 43 graduates from Village High School.

Graduations tend to be solemn affairs, full of pageantry and lofty statements. The graduation at Village High was a rowdy, raucous event, with laughter and even some unintended audience participation.

The students at Village were joyous and exultant in receiving their diplomas. And, while they may not be going to Harvard, many of them are headed to colleges, with others

career-bound from the start.

When most people think of Village High, they think of "drug addicts, criminals, felons and losers," speaker Madison Schlick told the crowd.

"It is believed that Village is just a holding place for kids who are waiting to drop out," she said. "I'm proud to say that by being on stage tonight, we have proved that stereotype wrong. ... Everyone sitting behind me has gotten here by an extremely unique path, but the one thing we all have in common is that path has brought us to Village and we are graduating here tonight."

Schlick said people don't realize that many of the students at Village had problems that go beyond school: having to take care of their families, or those who've moved often or were homeless. She said all of them needed the support and encouragement that Village provides.

Like her fellow graduates, Schlick has high hopes for the future, with plans to attend junior college.

No one gets to Village by accident. Esperanza Vazquez, like most of the graduates, admitted she'd made some mistakes, mistakes that got her expelled from Amador Valley High School.

"I decided I couldn't go downhill from here, I just had to go uphill," Vazquez said. Now a graduate, she's headed to a culinary program at Diablo Valley College.

"I'm going to be a chef, own my own restaurant," she said.

Da'Ney Roberts is also headed to college. Roberts, who brought style to her gown by adding "Village High Class of 2010" in purple and white lettering, is off to San Fran-

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GLENN WOHLTMANN

Joshua Belcher holds his 2-month-old daughter, Haleigh, following his graduation from Village High last week.

# Freeway closures planned this weekend at new BART station

Crews to install pedestrian walkways across I-580

By JEB BING

After being delayed more than a year by engineering problems, contractors are back at the new West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to connect the aerial pathways that will link the station to Dublin and Pleasanton.

Starting at 11 p.m. Saturday, two lanes of westbound I-580 will be closed as construction crews prepare the walkways on the Dublin side of the freeway. All westbound lanes will actually be shut down

completely from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. while the work is under way. All lanes are expected to reopen by 9 a.m. Sunday.

Traffic will be detoured from the Dougherty Road off-ramp to Dublin Boulevard where motorists can continue traveling west to San Ramon Road, where they can re-enter the freeway.

Although the steel pedestrian pathways were manufactured and ready two years ago, Caltrans, which has oversight for the proj-

ect, determined a year ago that the welds didn't meet the proper safety requirements and could not be repaired. The state transportation agency's standards were different than those of BART, which provided the contract specifications.

A BART spokesperson said at the time that it didn't appear the weldings were unsafe, but the agency deferred to Caltrans requirement that they be rebuilt, with an additional \$2.5 million added to the total cost due to welding problems.

The station is now expected to open late this year or early in 2011.

Installation of the pedestrian walkway on the Pleasanton side will take place over two weekends with eastbound lanes affected July 10-11 and again July 17-18.

Allyn Amsk, public information officer for Caltrans, said partial

closures of the freeway's eastbound lanes will begin at 11 p.m. on both Saturdays with full closures from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. both Sundays. Eastbound motorists will face detours at Foothill Road, where they will be directed to Stoneridge Drive to the northbound I-680 ramp and then back onto I-580. ■

## VILLAGE

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cisco's Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

In a school of self-admitted class clowns, Joshua Belcher stands out. From his rendition of the Star Spangled Banner at the start of Village's commencement to the closing, a video of students, staff and teachers hamming it up to a video of "Build Me Up, Buttercup," Belcher's personality was infectious.

He's had his own challenges.

"For about the first two years, I wasn't always staying at home. I

made some bad decisions," Belcher explained. "I came to the realization that if I didn't get a high school diploma, I was never going to get anyplace in the world."

Belcher has some big dreams, to have a career as a basketball player or as a stand-up comedian. He's also got some responsibilities: He's the father of a 2-month-old baby girl, Haleigh.

For Belcher and for all the graduates, whether from Horizon or Village or Foothill High or Amador, what they make of the future is up to them. ■



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Esperanza Vazquez holds armloads of gifts after Village High's graduation ceremony last week. Vazquez is headed to culinary school, with dreams of owning her own restaurant.



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Da'Ney Roberts models the custom lettering she did on her gown. Roberts will attend fashion and merchandising school in San Francisco this fall.

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# Hot weather prompts warnings about wildfires

Tall, thick grass crop means extra fire danger

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is telling local residents to get ready: It's wildfire season.

The fire department has begun its annual letter-writing campaign, telling property owners to take action, or face the possibility that the city will do it for them — then put a lien on their home.

Battalion Chief Barry Rose said the letters went out the third week of May, giving people 30 days to get their property ready. Inspections will begin after July 4.

Rose said many people don't realize the risk of living near a wildland urban interface area, where homes are about grasslands or wooded areas.

"People don't usually think of

themselves as threatened," Rose said, explaining that most think of wildfires as being in Southern California. "We have just as great a problem and certainly as much potential."

The fire department wants people to mow their grass to a height of three inches or less, or maintain landscaping for a 100-foot radius around their homes.

That lets firefighters get between a fire and their home. Trees should have their branches cut at least five feet off the ground, and people should clear any flammable materials like dried leaves or pine needles from their gutters.

Homeowners with long driveways should make sure they are

wide enough to allow two-way traffic and that any grades or curves will still allow firefighting equipment through. It's also important that people have their addresses clearly posted.

Although the emergency dispatchers can identify a property based on where a 911 call comes from, often those calls are made from a cell phone or a neighbor, which can cause problems arriving at the scene.

Rose said fires aren't just a risk in the summer.

"The danger's there at any time," he said. "People need to take precautions all the time."

A checklist for homeowners is available at [www.firedepartment.org](http://www.firedepartment.org).

—Glenn Wohltmann

## TAKE US ALONG



**Grand reading:** Kelly Fox, 9, and Heather Fox, 7, enjoy their Pleasanton Weekly under the sun near the Grand Canyon in July 2006. (No, we have not had the photo that long!)



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## NOSE TO GLASS



By DON COLMAN

### Getting deals on wine

If you have read this column for a while, you know I have a friend that I refer to as Mike, The Everyday Wine Snob. The other day we went over to his house and he pulled out another spectacular bottle from a boutique winery that was from the early 1980s. I tell my

wife all the time that I blame him for causing me to like older, more expensive wines.

The problem is that I used to show up at his house with a nice bottle of wine from 2007 and he would pull out a wine from the early 1980s or 1990s. I had to find a way to compete.

A while back, I was stumbling around the web, doing some wine research when I came across a

website that solved all of my wine buying problems. The site: [www.winebid.com](http://www.winebid.com). Imagine, if you will, an upscale eBay that is used only to sell wine. They are an online auction for people, wineries, restaurants, etc., who are trying to unload a wine for whatever the reason.

I had two main concerns. First, how do I know if the wine has turned bad? This is the best part: [www.winebid.com](http://www.winebid.com) will only sell wine if they have inspected the storage site from where the wine came from. On top of that, they inspect every bottle prior to selling it and give you a detailed description and picture of the wine bottle. You will be alerted to seepage, depressed corks, torn labels, etc. Even with

all of that, there is the risk the wine has turned, but they do everything in their power to make sure you get what you paid for.

My second concern, how do I know how much to pay for the wine? The winebid experts know their stuff. They provide an approximate value for each wine and then the opening bid is below that. You start the bidding and hope you get lucky.

There are three ways I use the site. First is to target specific wines. For example, I am a big fan of any Far Niente Cabernet Sauvignon, which normally sells for about \$100 a bottle. Recently, I was able to buy a case for about \$45 per bottle (plus a buyer's premium — the amount you pay winebid for selling the item). Second, I use it as a great way to buy cheap wines. For

example, every week I search for all French Bordeaux wines from 2005 (this might have been the best year ever for French Bordeaux). Often I will find a bottle for \$5-\$20 — which would sell for three to four times that price at a store. Third, I use it for gifts. My brother was born in 1966 — I was able to buy him a bottle of wine from the year in which he was born. I am sure he will never drink it, but what better gift for a guy who has everything.

One word of caution. As with many auctions, it is very easy to get carried away. I learned that the hard way. Make sure you set your budget and stick to it. If you do that, you very may well find the wine deal of a lifetime. Until next time, Cheers!

**Don Colman lives in the East Bay and writes a wine blog at [www.nosetoglass.com](http://www.nosetoglass.com).**

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## READY TO RENT

REVIEWS OF NEW DVD RELEASES

By JOE RAMIREZ

### The Road

Sony DVD and Blu-Ray  
1 hour, 51 minutes  
Director: John Hillcoat



Director John Hillcoat's "The Road" is a great movie as an adaptation, but just an OK experience as a movie, probably because it's too close to its source material by Cormac McCarthy. The novel, if you haven't heard it from Oprah or the Pulitzer foundation, is a dark parable of keeping human in a world which is less than that, with author McCarthy always playing a balancing act between Sergio Leone's operatic Americana and Cornell Woolrich's comfortable nihilism. He is all faux folklore; but, unlike his spiritual cousin Stephen King, McCarthy's writing does not feel like an exercise in compulsory exhibition. There is something that works in his deliberate, gothic prose, and "The Road," his shortest, feels like one big distilled idea that is perfect for a screenwriter (or a comic book creator nowadays). Because of McCarthy's leniency, Hillcoat manages to capture not only McCarthy's feel, but also Viggo Mortensen's best performance, which confirms for me that he has earned the title of the most underrated actor working today.

Sourcing Cormac McCarthy for movie material is very strange, in my opinion, because he is so internally focused, so impression bound, that it's hard to palpate his implied prose. He has had, however, the Cohens' "No Country for Old Men" as proof enough, and even Billy Bob Thornton's "All the Pretty Horses," but it takes a very special moviemaker to understand his nuances, and especially when landscape is concerned. He knows that the American West, and especially the South, are places of mythic proportions, and sets his struggles there that are, depending on how you like your movie subtleties, biblical in proportion. Luckily, director John Hillcoat, who made 2005's "The Proposition," the Aussie equivalent of "El Topo," understands how to extol the relationship between landscape and biblical imagery so as not to come off as a pretentious brat.

"The Road" takes place in a time when the earth is dying, and a new dark age has supplanted civilization. Details are never realized for the audience and are essentially unimportant, because the movie is about human connections. Both a father (Mortenson) and son (a wrenching Kodi Smit-McPhee) are traveling in the American South trying to make their way to warmer climates and are using the highways for their trek. The world, need I say, is filled with violent survivors of this cataclysm, and it seems like cannibalism is the respected form of socializing, so the pair spends most of their time in exhausted anxiety. As the father tries to prepare his son for the dangers of the world, his morality is constantly tested with his son looking on.

The parts of the "The Road" that feel clunky are the ones which announce their principals. This is especially true for scenes between the father and son talking about carrying the light, which feels like stilted dialog lifted from a Cecil B. DeMille epic (preferably with Charlton Heston as the dad), and some of the flashback scenes (which are not in the book) with Charlize Theron, whose character comes across as unnecessary. However, Hillcoat captures the gray landscape that McCarthy paints so well, and the endless gloom that the father and son wade through. It's the subtle presentation of the apocalypse that "The Road" captures mercilessly which makes the prefab horrors of "2012" look like Legoland. ■



# OF NOTE



## Chelsea Randel

Chelsea Randel received the Girl Scout Gold Award capping her 13 years of being in Scouts with a service project for which she collected more than 800 children's books and set up a library system for six schools in Costa Rica. The Gold Award is the highest award attainable in the Girl Scouts. Randel earned the pin by completing three badges reflecting the values of the Girl Scout Law: 30 hours of leadership, 40 hours of career exploration, and 60 hours planning and implementing her service project. Fellow troop members, family and friends were present at the ceremony as troop leader Diana Nathan presented the award to Randel.

—Brittany Hersh

## Wayne Meyer

Boy Scout Christopher Wayne Meyer recently received his Eagle Scout Award concluding years of hard work and dedication. In order to receive the award, Meyer developed and built a horse mounting ramp for the physically and mentally



disabled to use at "Hoof Prints on the Heart" in Livermore. Along with the service project, Meyer earned an award for completing 50 nights of camping as well as acquiring 21 merit badges. Meyer has held many titles in the Boy Scouts throughout the years including scribe, chaplain aide and patrol leader for Troops 941 and 943. Meyer's Eagle Project advisor, former Scout Master Randy Mancini, presented him with the award at the court of honor. Meyer would like to thank Richard Lumber and the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association for their support of his project.

—Brittany Hersh

## Destination ImagiNation

A team of six sophomore students from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools won second-place honors at the Global Finals of Destination ImagiNation held in Knoxville, Tenn., from May 27-30. Team members Naveed Akhter, Sachin Dhar, Preston Hedrick and Marisa Victor from Foothill, and Hunter Laine and Arielle Siegel from Amador Valley were supervised by team manager Elizabeth Flores. The group created a water purifying machine by causing a reaction with Coke, Mentos and salt. In another challenge the team took eighth place with a structure of newspaper and glue that was able to hold 500 pounds. Competitors were 1,032 teams from 15 countries, which each used critical thinking and problem-solving skills to put together a winning design.



—Brittany Hersh



## BART to Livermore Extension Program

### Notice of Availability of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Final PEIR) and Public Hearing for the BART to Livermore Extension Program

The Final PEIR for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) to Livermore Extension Program will be available on or before Monday, June 14, 2010. The Final PEIR will be posted on the BART to Livermore website:

[www.barttolivermore.org](http://www.barttolivermore.org)

The Final PEIR may also be reviewed at selected public libraries and City offices in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

The Final PEIR assesses ten alignment options for extending BART service to Livermore. All of the alignments begin at the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station in the I-580 median. Some proceed into Livermore along I-580, others extend southeast through downtown Livermore along existing railroad or roadway alignments. Areas of potential impacts to the environment include hazardous materials, hydrology, biology, land use, cultural resources, population and housing, visual quality, transportation, noise, air quality and energy.

The Final PEIR contains responses to public and agency comments on the Draft PEIR, which was released on November 5, 2009, and contains revisions to the Draft PEIR made in response to those comments.

### Public Hearing Rescheduled for July 1, 2010

A public hearing on the Final PEIR will be held before the BART Board of Directors as part of a regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 1, 2010. Please note that this public hearing was originally scheduled for June 24, 2010. The hearing will be held in the BART boardroom at Kaiser Center 20th Street Mall, Third Floor, 344 20th St., Oakland, CA.

For further information, contact Duncan Watry at (510) 287-4840.



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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### County Fair opens Wednesday — a big boost to local economy

The opening of the 98th annual Alameda County Fair next Wednesday for a 17-day run is good news for Pleasanton, Alameda County and the fair, itself, adding millions of dollars in revenue as a record number of patrons — possible more than 500,000 — pour through the gates for a day of fun, entertainment and the special foods only county fairs serve. The fairgrounds in Pleasanton encompass some 268 acres, making it one of the largest fairs in California. Nationally, the Alameda County Fair ranks 41st in attendance among all fairs in the U.S. Although the fairgrounds are part of Alameda County and patrolled by county sheriff deputies, it's viewed mainly as the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Pleasanton Finance Director Dave Culver finds it hard to separate out sales tax revenue that comes to Pleasanton from the fair, but his tax reports spike in June and July when the fair is on. Fairgoers generally come for the day and many are from Pleasanton, but both downtown stores and Stoneridge Shopping Center see larger crowds, restaurants are usually filled and local gas stations do a brisk business on fair days. Heavier traffic is seen across the Tri-Valley, showing the benefits of the fair spread well beyond Pleasanton.

Stephen Chambers, executive director of the Western Fairs Association, reports that California's 76 fairgrounds are a statewide economic engine that is vital to the state at a time of large and growing budget deficits. In 2002, a report showed these fairs collectively generated over \$200 million in direct tax income for the state while supporting countless small businesses and employing over 31,000 people. The Alameda County Fair has a huge economic impact as hundreds of businesses, non-profit groups, and a wide range of animals from chickens to race horses, collide with thousands of guests to create the always fantastic county fair at Pleasanton. A new study showing the impact fairs have in the state will be reported at the end of the year with emphasis on how these events are helping the state and local governments in this time of economic need.

So enjoy the fair and the multitude of events, shows and unique surprises, including the late night fireworks show that starts at dusk on Friday, July 2. ■



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to comment on the editorial.

## LETTERS

### Cemetery is lovely

Dear Editor,

My friend and I attended the Memorial Day Flag Ceremony at Pioneer Cemetery on May 31. The service was lovely with all the Scouts, speakers, the band, songs, and prayers to honor those who have fought for our freedoms.

When the ceremony ended, we walked around the whole cemetery for about an hour, locating familiar names on crypts and headstones. My friend and I were so impressed with the upkeep of the grounds. The flower holders were all full of flowers; some artificial and many fresh flowers. It was peaceful and beautiful to be there.

We would like to thank whoever has been caring for the cemetery grounds and making it so lovely.  
**Marian Santos, Grace Martell**

### Frugal success

Dear Editor,

On behalf of "Save Pleasanton Hills" and the "No on D" Campaigns, we would like to express our appreciation to all of our grassroots volunteers and contributors! We ran our frugal campaign, focused on keeping expenses low while educating voters about Oak

Grove.

■ Thank you to the many volunteers who spent their Saturdays at Farmer's Market talking to citizens.

■ Thank you to our tireless walkers who spread the message by delivering hundreds of bright green fliers door-to-door, because mass mailers were too costly.

■ A big thank you to the students at Foothill High School that spread the word that this plan was environmentally damaging to our ridgelines.

■ A heartfelt thank you to our voters that knew this Oak Grove plan was not good for our city.

■ And a generous thank you to our many financial donors that came close to covering our expenses. Close, but we are not there yet.

The land owner spent over \$500,000, while our organization spent under \$10,000. However, we still have \$1,757 in outstanding bills. A \$25 check (or more) payable to "Save Pleasanton Hills" would be a big help. Please mail it to: Save Pleasanton Hills, P.O. Box 5087, Pleasanton 94566.

You passed Measure PP to protect our ridges (November 2008), and now we have defeated Oak Grove (June 2010). Pleasanton's ridges will be safe for generations to come — all because you helped and voted No on D.

**Kay Ayala & Karla Brown, No on D campaign chairs**

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# Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN & LOG

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Police searching for suspect in armed robbery

Pleasanton police are searching for a young man in connection with an armed robbery and assault around 10 p.m. Sunday night near the intersection of Foothill Road and Deodar Way.

Police say the 27-year-old victim was approached by a man who pointed a black semiautomatic pistol

at him and demanded his belongings. The suspect punched the victim in the face and took a white backpack containing his wallet and iPod Touch, then ran eastbound on Laurel Creek Road.

The victim received minor injuries. Police describe the suspect as an 18- to 20-year old black male with short hair, about 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing 150 pounds. He was last seen wearing a dark brown hooded sweatshirt and black jeans.

While police say they are following some leads, they ask anyone with information to contact them at 931-5100.

—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.

### June 8

#### Theft

- 9:14 a.m. at the intersection of Sanderling Drive and Woodthrus Road; petty theft
- 9:18 a.m. in the 2800 block of Gray Fox Court; grand theft
- 9:28 a.m. in the 4500 block of Gatetree Circle; grand theft
- 10:18 a.m. in the 7700 block of Olive Drive; automotive theft
- 2:12 p.m. in the 3600 block of Virgin Islands Court; identity theft
- 5:06 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft

#### Forgery

- 12:57 p.m. in the 5700 block of Black Avenue
- 2:27 p.m. in the 300 block of Ray Street

#### Burglary

- 1:54 p.m. in the 400 block of Hamilton Way

#### Vandalism

- 6:01 p.m. at the intersection of Kottinger Drive and Amaral Circle
- 6:52 p.m. in the 3400 block of National Park Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 7:59 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Navajo Court; driving with marijuana

### June 9

#### Battery

- 1:06 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

### June 10

#### Theft

- 2:25 p.m. in the 1200 block of Quarry Lane; grand theft
- 4:34 p.m. in the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue; grand theft

#### Vandalism

- 8:31 a.m. in the 8000 block of Ensenada Drive

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 3:57 p.m. at the intersection of Peters Avenue and Saint Mary Street; possession of a controlled substance for sale, paraphernalia possession

- 8:42 p.m. in the 2900 block of Lethbridge Avenue; public drunkenness

- 9:49 p.m. at the intersection of Riddell Street and Sunol Boulevard; DUI

### June 11

#### Theft

- 11:16 a.m. in the 3300 block of Morgan Court; identity theft

#### Vehicular burglary

- 9:43 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive
- 11:24 a.m. in the 580 block of Rose Avenue
- 12:01 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Sunol Boulevard
- 6:58 p.m. at Pleasanton Canal

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 7 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Avenue; possession of a controlled substance for sale, paraphernalia possession

### June 12

#### Theft

- 9:22 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive; automotive theft
- 3:00 p.m. in the 4100 block of Moller Drive; identity theft
- 10:15 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; grand theft

#### Vehicular burglary

- 10:11 a.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road
- 7:41 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

- 8:11 a.m. in the 800 block of E Piemonte Drive
- 9:17 a.m. in the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Planning Commission

- The June 23rd Planning Commission has been cancelled.

### Committee on Energy & Environment

Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Visit our website at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us) to view the agenda for this meeting.

### Hacienda Task Force

Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road

- Continued discussion of planning concepts.

### 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. Try cooking outdoors if your family desires hot food during the summer months. The heat from the oven can raise your indoor temperature to the point where you may feel uncomfortable and may be tempted to turn on the air conditioner. Salads and cold foods can also save you money in energy consumption and may be fun to explore different recipes.
2. While using your bathrooms remember to turn the water off while brushing your teeth or shaving. Installing a low-flow shower head will definitely pay off as well. One last thing you can do is place a soda or water bottle in the toilet tank to displace the existing water volume (make sure bottle does not interfere with the mechanisms that aid in the flushing process) leading to less water consumption.
3. Close air conditioning registers (grates) in rooms that are not being used especially while sleeping. Installing ceiling fans are also a less expensive way to feeling cool this summer and can help in the winter months as well.
4. Landscaping your property can yield benefits as well like planting trees on the South and West side of your home. Drawing the blinds or shades will keep your internal temperatures lower as well.

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

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# Aiming high

## Pleasanton basketball coach, player headed for Deaf World Games

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Coaching a deaf basketball team is different from coaching a hearing team, says Debbie Ayres, who has coached college and high school teams for almost 30 years.

"They can feel the wooden floor vibrate," she explained. "If you watched me coach you might think I'm mad. I stomp in my high heels to get their attention."

Whereas other coaches might holler to remind players of what they should be doing, Ayres needs to wave her arms — big. Only when the ball is dead and the players line up for a free throw, can she "sign" them.

"Their vision is probably more acute because they can see peripherally and they can focus better without distraction by noise," she said. "Other than that, they are just like any other basketball players."

Ayres, a Pleasanton resident, is taking the USA Under-21 Women's Deaf Basketball Team to the 2010 Deaf World Basketball Championships in Lublin, Poland, later this month. She is the women's basketball coach at the California School for the Deaf in Fremont, and one of her key players, Pleasanton resident Alexandria Brinkley, 17, is also on her USA team.

Alexandria said, with Ayres interpreting, that she comes from a family of baseball players but she's always enjoyed basketball more. She started attending California School for the Deaf as a kindergartner and always played pickup games with both boys and girls. Finally in the fifth grade she was old enough to join a team.

She is interested in drama, too, she said, but her school's drama club conflicts with basketball practice. So her adopted mom in Pleasanton suggested she try out for "Treasure Island," which was put on in April by Pleasanton Civic Arts with SF Shakespeare Festival.

"They changed the script and made the character deaf — Mrs. Hawkins," said Ayres. "She did sign language, and they learned a little."

Alexandria also looked into youth basketball in Pleasanton, she said, but it was geared at less experienced players.

On the USA Deaf Basketball team, Alexandria knows some of the other members from having played against them. Four are from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., which educates the deaf and the hard of hearing.

The team will not be able to practice together until the girls arrive in Poland.

"Each player was responsible for raising \$2,500 each for hotel and food," said Ayres, adding that they would have had to earn more to get together to practice.

"We'll get there a few days early," she said, "and play



KARINA PEDERSEN

No. 11 Alexandria Brinkley plays point guard for the California School for the Deaf in Fremont. A junior, she hopes to learn from her USA DeafWorld Games teammates this summer.

twice a day for three days."

Ayres is excited to have Alexandria, who will be a junior, on the USA team.

"Most of the girls are older, like entering college or in college, so I thought this would be to our advantage to have her play with better talent," said Ayres.

"On a team like this, my role will be to dribble and pass," said Alexandria.

She plays point guard at California School for the Deaf. Alexandria led her 2008-09 school team to the Division VI North Coast Section championship game and to this year's second round of NCS playoffs. She was also named to the Clerc Classic All Tournament Team in

Texas and the Western States Basketball Championships All Tournament Team in Arizona.

She has traveled to Spain and said she found that people there use more gesturing in their sign language.

"Now going to Poland may be easier because I have been to Spain," she said.

Ayres said she first heard about California School for the Deaf when it had to leave its beautiful spot on the UC Campus.

"It was originally in San Francisco in 1860, then moved to Berkeley. Then in 1980, when I was coming out of college about to do my student teaching, it was on television — it was on television that it was being forced to move to Fremont," she recalled.

After graduation from Chico State, Ayres began teaching physical education at a high school in Vallejo, as well as coaching basketball.

"We experienced success in varsity and junior varsity for three years," she said. "Varsity won league championships and Northern California state tournaments."

She decided to try coaching at the college level and spent a year at Iowa State University, then moved on to be the graduate assistant at University of Tennessee for Pat Summitt, the all-time winningest coach in NCAA basketball history.

"I did not play basketball in high school and wanted to learn from the best," explained Ayres.

After earning her master's degree in sports administration, she became head coach at Solano Junior College, then Cal State Fullerton for five years.

But she always remembered the California School for the Deaf.

"In the back of my mind I wanted to work there someday and coach a deaf team," she said. "After five years at Fullerton I thought that is what I would like to do."

She finally wrote a letter to the school expressing her interest. Director of Instruction Ron Stern, a basketball fan, noted that she'd worked for Pat Summitt.

"The girls entering their freshman year were very good, the middle school team was good. The boss Ron Stern, a deaf man himself, was tired of the deaf settling for mediocrity and accepting losing and that sports were just a social outlet," said Ayres.

"He wanted to raise the bar and asked for me to come interview."

She only needed a California teacher's credential to begin work at California School for the Deaf, although the school now requires teachers to be able to sign at a certain level.

"In the fall I started taking American Sign Language at Ohlone College but I actually dove into the job," Ayres said. "Needless to say I came home every day crying for the first two months. It was that challenging. It was diffi-



KARINA PEDERSEN  
Alexandria Brinkley and her teammates pay close attention to Coach Debbie Ayres, who has led them to success.



KARINA PEDERSEN  
Brinkley guards against a free throw while playing against Model Secondary School for the Deaf from Washington, D.C. The Fremont school also plays hearing teams in the North Coast Section.

cult to be accepted by the deaf community because I didn't know their language."

Nonetheless the team was successful.

"We won the Western State Deaf Championship that year so they warmed up to the idea of having me there," she remembered. "By the time the freshman group became seniors they were the deaf national champions."

California School for the Deaf plays in the Bay Counties League East, which includes private schools in Oakland and others.

"My first year I got angry inside because other teams didn't respect us. They would laugh and be silly because they were going to beat us," Ayres recalled. "We kept practicing and going to camps in the summer and improved."

The high school team won the Western States Deaf Basketball Championship in 1998, 2001 and 2003 and captured the 2001 Deaf National Championship. Following the 2001 season, Ayres was named the National Coach of the Year.

In the summer of 2002, she coached the U.S. Deaf National Team to a gold medal at the World Games in Athens, Greece.

"We had a great team, the best chemistry I've ever had on a team," Ayres said. "Then we said we needed to develop younger talent so we started the under-21 World Championships."

She has equally high hopes for the Under-21 team as she heads off to Poland for fun, adventure, some great basketball and — hopefully — another gold medal. ■

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She was born May 26, 1919. She worked for 37 years for the Daily Review in Hayward and the Tri-Valley Herald newspapers, and retired to Pleasanton. During the

next 28 years she became a devoted member of Pleasanton's senior community. As a member of the Senior VIP Club she helped turn shovels at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Pleasanton Senior Center, and when it opened in 1993 she was the first volunteer to register. She served a term as president of the VIP Club and was awarded Volunteer of the Year for the Center in 2002. She enjoyed Senior Center travel trips to Australia, New Zealand, the Panama Canal and U.S. National Parks. She joined in the formation of the Senior Center's Book Club and Opera Club, and took part in its dance and exercise classes. She was also a volunteer docent at the Museum On Main for many years.

Mrs. Becker is survived by children Mike, Rick, Steve and Stuart and their families. She was interred in a private family ceremony. A celebration of her life will be held from 12:30-3 p.m. June 20 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, for friends and extended family.

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## Civic Meetings

**IRON HORSE TRAIL MEETING** The East Bay Regional Park District with the city of Pleasanton is hosting three community meetings to discuss the 1.6-mile extension of the Iron Horse Trail from Santa Rita Road to the Pleasanton/Dublin BART station. The first meeting is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. June 22 at Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Call (510) 544-2611 or email [sdougan@ebparks.org](mailto:sdougan@ebparks.org).

## Clubs

**WATER BOND FORUM** TriValley Democratic Club will present a forum concerning the California Water Bond and the BP Disaster from 7-9 p.m. June 21 at IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Speakers will include Bill Quirk, Hayward City

Council; Eleanor Starmer, Western Region Director of Food & Water Watch; John Weed & Bob Shaver, Engineering Manager for Alameda County Water District. Call 451-4303 or visit [www.trivalleydems.com](http://www.trivalleydems.com).

## Concerts

**JENNINGS AND KELLER** Jennings and Keller, an acoustic duo based out of Miami, will perform their Fusion Folk Americana at 2 p.m. June 20 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Their music is a blend of elements that comes from their vast and wide-ranging musical backgrounds. Call 931-3405 or 931-3400.

## Events

**BUFFET BREAKFAST** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite others to join them for a Buffet Breakfast at 10:45 a.m. June 27 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2801 Constitution Dr., Livermore. RSVP to Hilda by June 25. Cost, your menu choice. Call 398-8808 or email [hskoog@comcast.net](mailto:hskoog@comcast.net).

**COCKY ASIANS COMEDY TOUR** International comedy sensation Mark Zhang and Asian rap star Bradley Lum will perform from 7:30-9 p.m. June 26 at Bunjo's Comedy Lounge, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Tickets \$15 plus two-item minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit [www.bunjocosmedy.com](http://www.bunjocosmedy.com).

**FAMILY FRIENDLY** Bring the kids, parents and grandparents for a

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**FATHER'S DAY PICNIC** Bring dad, grandpa, uncles, cousins, mom and even your dog! Celebrate Father's Day with an old-fashioned picnic from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 20 at Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Parkway, Dublin. There will be bingo, bocce ball, goofy golf, horseshoes, crafts and more. All you need to bring is your picnic lunch. Cost \$2-\$3. Call 556-4500 or visit [www.DublinRecGuide.com](http://www.DublinRecGuide.com).

**LUNCH** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite others to join them for lunch at 1:30 p.m. at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. RSVP to Sylvia by June 22. Cost, your menu choice. Call 510-568-6542 or email [hskoog@comcast.net](mailto:hskoog@comcast.net).

**MESHUGENAH COMEDY TOUR** This comedy night will be hosted by John DeKoven, who bills himself as the Republican Jew, and star Jeff Applebaum, the New York Jew, and other members of the tribe. The event will take place from 7:30-9 p.m. June 19 at Bunjo's Comedy Lounge, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Cost \$15 plus two item minimum.



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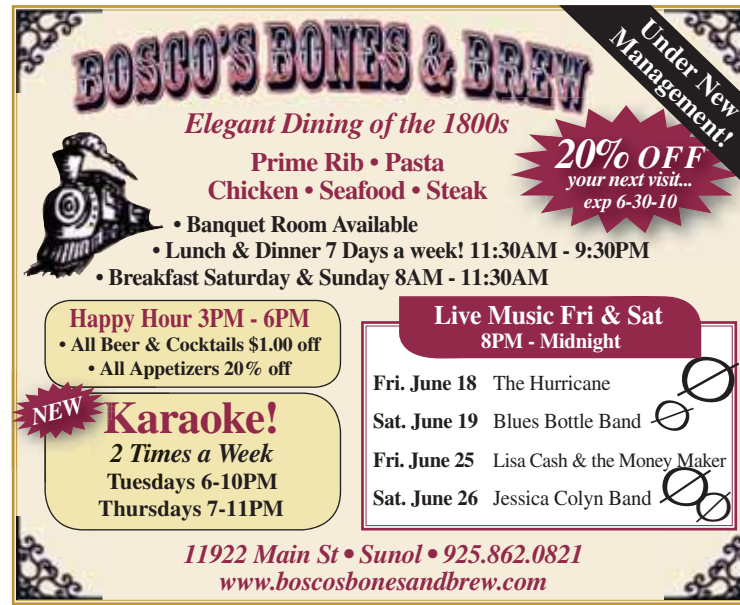
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**TRI-FOR-FUN TRIATHLON** First-timer, few-timer and many-timer triathletes will take part in the On Your Mark Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series, which starts at 7 a.m. on June 19, July 17 and Aug. 21 at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd. Entry fee for each of the three Tri-For-Fun events is \$55 in advance. Check in begins at 5 a.m., with the first wave hitting the water at 7 a.m. Call (209) 795-7832 or visit [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com).

## Exhibits

**USS HORNET FOR FATHER'S DAY** Visit the USS Hornet Museum from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 20 at 707 West Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda. The USS Hornet, a world-class sea, air and space museum with an emphasis on the legacy of the naval aviation and the Apollo 11 mission recovery, will have special family activities and tours from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. for Father's Day. Admission is \$14 for adults; \$12, seniors; \$6, youths 5-17; children under 5 free. Call (510) 521-8448, ext. 211.

## Film

**'END OF THE LINE'** The TriValley Democratic Club's next Night Movie is the film, "End of the Line," narrated by Ted Danson, showing how commercial over fishing is killing the oceans at a rapid pace. Meet and greet begins at 6:30 p.m. June 26 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. A short discussion follows the film. There will be potluck food and beverages; all are welcome. Donation \$3. Call 462-3459 or visit [www.endoftheline.com](http://www.endoftheline.com).

## Fundraisers

**A DAY AT THE RACES** Foundation for Axis Community Health will sponsor "A Day at the Races" from noon-6 p.m. July 10 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Tickets for \$50 include admission to the fair, a buffet luncheon, a lesson on placing bets, an afternoon of horseracing, a "Best Hat" contest, prize drawings and a no-host bar. Purchase tickets at [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org). Call 426-2347.

**CLOTHING DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS** Sleep Train is holding its annual Clothing Drive for Foster Kids from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 24 through July 11. Drop off new clothing items at Sleep Train, 6050 Johnson Dr. Ste.

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## Health

**BONE HEALTH SEMINAR** This seminar will present information on what people can do to prevent and treat Osteopenia and Osteoporosis. It will cover a wide range of related topics on hormones, exercise, nutrition and simple methods to incorporate into one's life. The class will be from 9 a.m.-noon June 19 at Physical Therapy Specialties, 3908 Valley Ave. #B. Cost \$5 for syllabus. Call 417-8005 or visit [www.pt-specialties.com](http://www.pt-specialties.com).

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**LATIN AMERICAN MUSICIANS** Rafael Manriquez and Ingrid Rubis, who specialize in Latin American music from the past and the present, will sing and play guitar, charango, quena and zamponas, at 2 p.m. June 26 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free. Call 931-3405.

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**COUNTRY WESTERN BARBECUE** The Pleasanton VIP Club will present its 10th annual barbecue from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. June 28 at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Michael Paul Band will be performing. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Cost \$10 includes barbecue and the show. Call 931-5370. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. [eekly.com](http://www.eekly.com)

**TOUR COLUMBIA** Pleasanton VIP Travel will host a trip to tour Columbia State Park, National Hotel and Railroad on Saturday, June 19. Bus will depart at 7 a.m. and drop off at 8 p.m., at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$78 for VIP members; \$79 for non-members. To register, call 931-5365 or sign up at the travel desk inside the Senior Center.

## Spiritual

**'IS LIFE A RANDOM WALK?'** The public is invited to attend the next monthly Eck (Holy Spirit) Worship Service from 11:00 a.m.-noon June 20 at Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 5115 Hopyard Rd. Each service focuses on an aspect of Eckankar. People of all faiths are welcome. Call 944-0118 or visit [www.eck-ca.org](http://www.eck-ca.org).

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**BASKETBALL CAMP** Las Positas College is holding Basketball Camps for boys and girls at its campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore, Monday-Friday, July 19-23 and July 26-30. Times are 9 a.m.-noon for grades 3-5; 12:30-3:30 p.m. for grades 6-8, taught by college basketball staff. Cost is \$79 per camper. Call 424-1467 or visit [www.laspositascollege.edu](http://www.laspositascollege.edu).

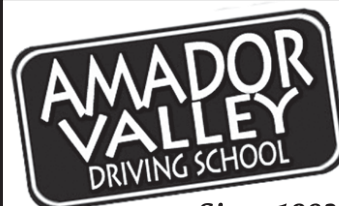
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## Volunteering

**AMERICAN RED CROSS PUBLIC BLOOD DRIVE** American Red Cross is holding a public blood drive

from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. July 14 at the Safeway Employee Fitness Facility, 5858 Stoneridge Mall Rd. One donation may help save the lives of up to three people. Call 738-1365 or visit [www.redcross-blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.org).

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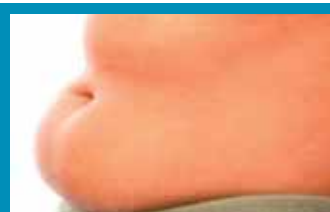


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Rage U11 champions are (from left) coach Jim, Juliet Allen, Sam Frost, Haley Okumura, Hunter Vice, Bianca Stubler, Sadie Grozier, Jessica Hayes, Sarah Broacha and Amy Schoendienst.

## Rage U11 wins Santa Cruz Pro Am tournament

Shuts out Livermore 2-0 in final game of beach soccer

BY DEBI FROST

The spring soccer division-winning Rage U11 Premier team took home another title (and a very large trophy) over the weekend when it finished in first place at the Santa Cruz Pro Am Beach Soccer Tournament.

Ten members of the team participated in the two-day event. All five games were played on sand with the games consisting of three exhausting 12-minute periods played in temperatures that reached 85 degrees.

Saturday's 8 a.m. game was the only one played on packed sand, as the Rage took the field against Dublin and won it decisively, 19-1. Then, under the blazing sun and on a very loose playing field of sand, the after-

noon became a little more concerning as the girls tied the Placer Pride, 10-10.

But thanks to careful strategy planning by beach coach Jim Frost, the girls knew they needed a shutout in their third game on Sunday in order to advance to the playoffs, and the girls delivered — ending the game with an 8-0 shutout over the Thunder.

The finals were just by coincidence against Livermore, a team that these girls have gone head-to-head with more than once. It was hot, it was getting late, but nothing was going to get in the way of the Rage winning this tournament. The team stayed on top of Livermore throughout and won the championship title with another shutout, 2-0. ■



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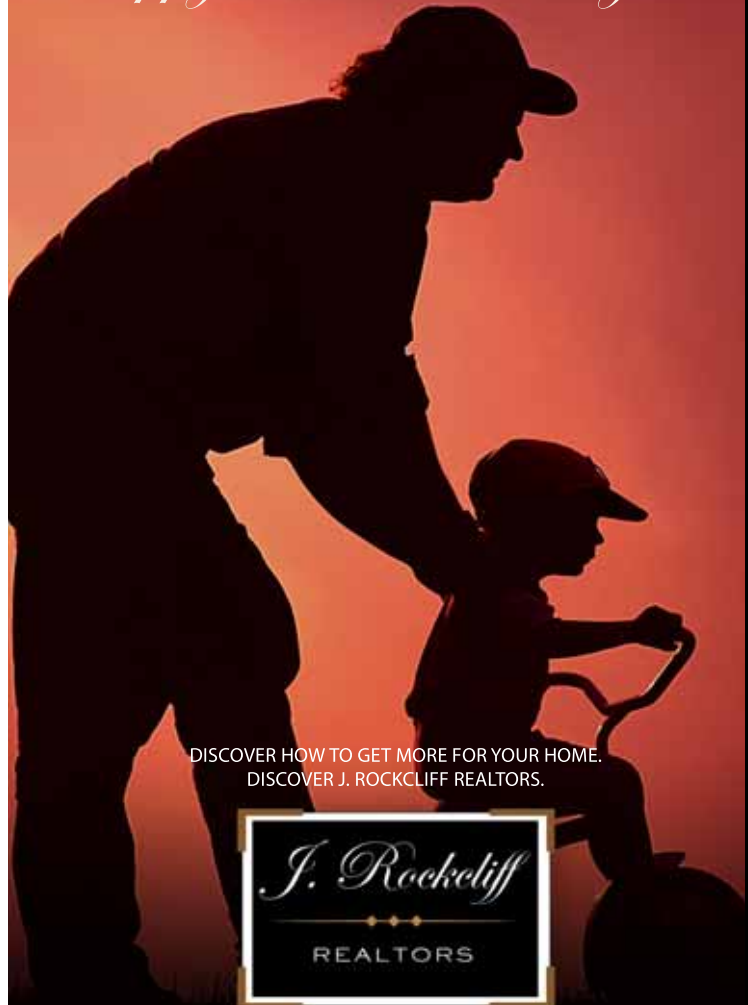
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### Dublin

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$210,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$810,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$517,600

### Livermore

**Total sales reported:** 25  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$210,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,059,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$433,320

### Pleasanton

**Total sales reported:** 13  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$305,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,695,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$603,769

### San Ramon

**Total sales reported:** 22  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$200,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$910,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$542,477

Source: California REsource

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Castro Valley

#### 2 BEDROOMS

**34442 Palomares Road \$1,537,000**  
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### Livermore

#### 5 BEDROOMS

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### Pleasanton

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**121 Summerside Circle \$439,950**  
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#### 4 BEDROOMS

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**4170 West Las Positas \$719,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-5 Doug Buenz 463-2000

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**1012 Bartlett Place \$1,100,000**  
2-5 Pat Burns 846-4982

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Sat 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**1327 Hearst Drive \$1,349,900**  
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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2010

Livermore

- 1289 Aaron Street** Federal National Mortgage to J. Matto for \$340,000
- 465 Bell Avenue** N. & L. Jensen to Piscotty Trust for \$410,000
- 1182 Bluebell Drive** First Franklin Mortgage to K. Hsia for \$320,000
- 1688 Bluebell Drive** Kondaur Capital to B. Barsook for \$320,000
- 2112 Broadmoor Street** F. Swenson to A. Lahann for \$400,000
- 1753 Corte Sueno** Citimortgage to J. Bennett for \$415,000
- 2552 Covey Way** J. & M. Freitas to D. Fenner for \$1,059,000
- 278 Edythe Street** W. & J. Potts to A. Price for \$410,000
- 826 El Rancho Drive** L. Bajarias to B. & C. Wood for \$320,000
- 1470 Elm Street** T. & C. Williams to J. Shellenbarger for \$300,000
- 1683 Gladiolus Court** Green Star Properties to A. Pounders for \$260,000
- 460 Humboldt Way** R. & L. Lee to J. Brown for \$375,000
- 2640 Kelly Street** R. Watson to H. & D. Bannister for \$310,000
- 814 Los Alamos Avenue** S. McGoff to C. & E. Booth for \$415,000
- 826 Los Alamos Avenue** S. Yang to Y. Yang for \$385,000
- 1358 Maplewood Drive** C. & C. Kim to J. Miyasaka for \$416,500
- 1302 Meadow Court** Rozoles Properties to J. & M. Freitas for \$408,500
- 2368 Rees Circle** Hodges Trust to P. & A. Malloy for \$739,500
- 55 Riverstone Common** B. Szilagyi to S. & J. Drew for \$519,500

- 1089 South Livermore Avenue** D. Owyang to D. Farmer for \$280,000
- 1025 Spring Valley Common** Downey Savings to J. & K. Mantach for \$210,000
- 2693 Superior Drive** R. & M. Wurtzer to F. & D. Costello for \$615,000
- 2977 Talinga Court** F. Silva to R. & F. Hyde for \$907,000
- 186 Tamalpais Avenue** Pruett Trust to D. Leal for \$449,000
- 5476 Windflower Drive** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to N. Parks for \$249,000

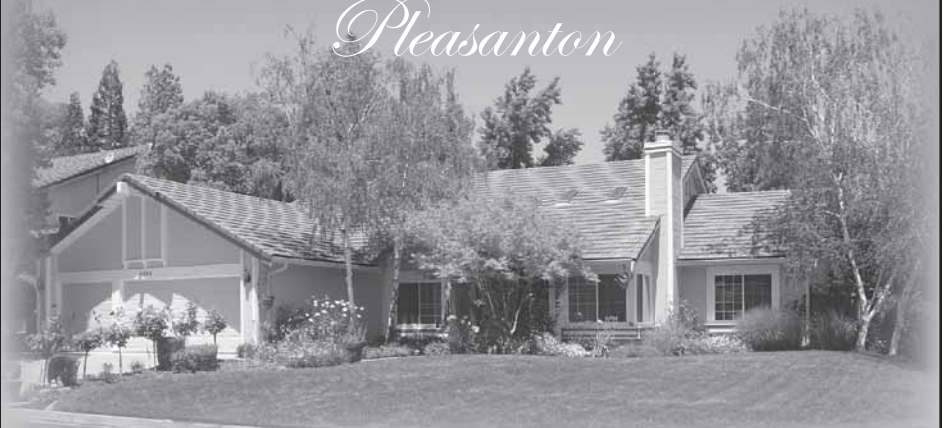
Pleasanton

- 5707 Belleza Drive** D. & K. Young to J. Kim for \$505,000
- 5423 Black Avenue #2** K. Loughery to S. Tumey for \$375,000
- 2643 Curry Street** J. Morris to Y. Ji for \$666,000
- 2733 Curry Street** Paragon Relocation to N. & N. Doctor for \$700,000
- 2149 Eilene Drive** H. & T. Nguyen to X. Li for \$565,000
- 350 Mission Drive** R. & D. Donlon to M. Meyere for \$630,000
- 4185 Rennellwood Way** Harvey Trust to M. Fox for \$519,000
- 6299 Roslin Court** Jennings Trust to M. Lu for \$560,000
- 4089 San Giorgio Court** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to B. Heine for \$379,000
- 3322 Santa Rita Road** R. & P. Ambrose to T. Helsen for \$305,000
- 2509 Secretariat Drive** Jordan Trust to C. & C. Cheng for \$420,000
- 3790 Smallwood Court** Harvey Trust to J. & M. Hekl for \$1,695,000
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**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

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

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7208 ROSECLIFF CT. PLEASANTON  
LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE



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



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



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**

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4037 NEVIS ST. PLEASANTON  
LOCATED IN JENSEN/AMADOR



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

474 VINEYARD PLACE PLEASANTON  
LOCATED CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN



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**

4187 FRANCISCO ST. PLEASANTON  
LOCATED IN JENSEN/AMADOR



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 in Country Fair up to \$700,000
- West side up to \$1.4M 5 BD around 3,000sf.
- Southern Pleasanton up to \$1.2M 4 BD 3,000sf. w/pool

**\$1,565,000**



**4897 Dolores Drive, Pleasanton**

Spectacular custom home close to downtown Pleasanton, with easy access to freeways and schools. Extensive cherry detailing throughout. Gorgeous remodeled kitchen. Sparkling pool and spa. Excellent for entertaining. 5 bedrooms, 4 full baths & 2 half baths. Offered at \$1,565,000

**\$819,999**



**5744 San Carlos Way, Pleasanton**

Great custom home in South Pleasanton with a view of Mt. Diablo. Close to freeways, award-winning schools, and beautiful downtown Pleasanton. Gated courtyard, granite counters, nice private yard. 3 bedrooms plus office, 2 full baths & 1 half bath. Offered at \$819,999



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# The latest from The 680 Blog



## Pleasanton Market Update - Sales Steady, Inventory Down

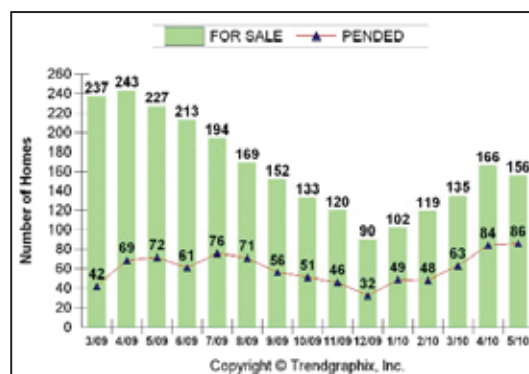
The question right now is does May represent a turning point for the real estate market in Pleasanton or is it just a pause as the market heads into summer? The market was a bit fragmented depending on the price range. Inventory was down in May from April, while pending sales were basically flat. The market for homes priced under \$1 million cooled somewhat while it heated up in the \$1 million to \$2 million segment. With the end of the federal tax credit for home buyers, it's possible that sales could slow in the coming months, even though demand has been high so far this year.

Overall, the inventory of single family homes fell from 166 in April to 156 in May, a 6% decline. Pending sales, meanwhile, increased by only 2 homes in May to 86, after climbing 15 units from February to March and another 23 units from March to April. 86 pending sales was still a high number for Pleasanton. The 156 available homes at the end of May represented approximately 1.8 months of inventory relative to pending sales, compared to 2.0 months at the end of April.

In the under \$1 million market segment, inventory increased while

pending sales decreased, cooling this segment off a little. Inventory climbed six units from 78 single family homes in April to 84 in May, the highest number since July of last year. Pending sales fell 10 homes, to 57 in May, an 18% decline. There was 1.5 months of inventory in this price range at the end of

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**JUST LISTED!**

Elegant Golden Eagle custom home with 4 BR plus office, 3 1/2 BTH, new cherry & granite kit, plantation shutters, and incredible .42 acre flat lot with pool, spa, and BBQ! **\$1,699,900**



**OPEN SAT & SUN 1-5**

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



**OPEN SUN 1-4**

**1054 Shadow Hills Ct.**  
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**



**HARDWOOD FLOORS!**

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!  
**\$799,950**



**POOL, SPA, SPORTS COURT!**

New property. Stunning Mediterranean with 5 BR + office, 4 1/2 BTH, and resort-like 1/2 acre lot with pool, sport court, and fire pit!  
**\$1,569,000**



**PRIVACY & VIEWS!**

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**



**POOL & SIDE ACCESS!**

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



**PENDING SALE!**

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**



**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**



**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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## DIAMOND COLLECTION

OPEN SAT 1-4



### 749 CRYSTAL LANE, PLEASANTON

Don't miss this beautiful home in the desirable Diamond Collection. Five bedrooms, 5th is office/guest suite downstairs, three bathrooms, updated kitchen with new granite countertops, custom tumbled marble backsplash & stainless steel appliances. Expansive mater suite with retreat & viewing balcony, new carpet throughout, three fireplaces & three car garage. Approximately 3,000 square feet. Private rear yard with in-ground pool/spa & lawn area. Lot size is 8,230. Located on quiet street. Walk to great neighborhood park and Main Street downtown Pleasanton!  
**OFFERED AT \$1,195,000**

## PLEASANTON HEIGHTS



### 4262 TAMUR COURT, PLEASANTON

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

## PLEASANTON HILLS



### 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 \$1,029,000**

## CHATEAU COUNTRY ESTATES



### 788 VINEYARD TERRACE, PLEASANTON

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

## VENTANA HILLS

PENDING! REPRESENTING BUYER & SELLER



### 998 HOPKINS WAY, PLEASANTON

Beautiful, highly upgraded home on premium lot in Ventana Hills. Four bedrooms, formal office (4th), 2 1/2 bathrooms, 2,550 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen and master bath. New hardwood flooring, newer carpet, three car garage. Private rear yard with panoramic views, built-in BBQ island, backs to open space on 9,216 square foot lot. Walk to Main Street downtown & great neighborhood park.  
**OFFERED AT \$1,069,500**

## CASTLEWOOD

PENDING



### 480 BUNKER LANE, PLEASANTON

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

## PONDEROSA VINEYARDS

SOLD



### 6259 CORTE FUEGO, PLEASANTON

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

## PLEASANTON HILLS

SOLD



### 4848 DOLORES DRIVE, PLEASANTON

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

## THE PRESERVE

SOLD



### 6229 DETJEN COURT, PLEASANTON

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

## BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD



### 806 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON

Highly upgraded Hillstar Model on premium .35 acre lot. Expansive views of Pleasanton Ridge. Faces open space. Highly upgraded with beautiful front and rear grounds. Includes in-ground pool and spa. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2002. Five bedrooms, plus guest suite and bonus room, 5 bathrooms. Approximately 4,455 square feet. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding, plantation shutters, and custom built-ins. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. **SOLD FOR \$1,510,000**

## VENTANA HILLS

SOLD



### 925 SHERMAN WAY, PLEASANTON

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

## VENTANA HILLS

SOLD



### 1141 LUND RANCH ROAD, PLEASANTON

Don't miss this beautiful Gibson model in desirable Ventana Hills. Premium (.34 acre) lot backs to open space. Five bedrooms, fifth bedroom can be bonus, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,179 square feet. Upgraded kitchen with granite. Custom travertine tile flooring, new carpet throughout. Beautiful professionally landscaped grounds with Heritage Oak tree. In-ground pool and spa. Walk to neighborhood park and downtown!  
**SOLD FOR \$1,240,000**



JANNA CHESTNUT BY APPT



**4128 STANLEY BLVD \$1,950,000**  
Exquisite, Unique, this property features 3 living structures. Grand main house, guest cottage, historical barn w/rec room & studio, pool & pool house. Must See!

PATRICIA GELLMAN AND LINDA BY APPT



**3601 PONTINA CT \$1,899,950**  
Goveia Beautiful executive home. 5100+/-sf, 4bd, 5.5ba, separate studio apartment. Surrounded by cabernet & chardonnay vines. Covered patios Built in BBQ.

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



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

MARK KOTCH BY APPT



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

SUE MCKINLEY BY APPT



**326 DIAMOND C. \$1,050,000**  
Quiet Court location with country views; "like brand new" custom home with many highly upgraded features. Huge bonus room up; 2 master bedrooms.



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LINDA TRAUERIG BY APPT



**7912 DRY CREEK DRIVE \$949,000**  
4bd/4ba, 3430+/-sf. Very private backyard with views of the hills. This home is a "10"! Truly a Must See! Go to [www.7912DryCreekDrive.com](http://www.7912DryCreekDrive.com)

MARTA RIEDY BY APPT



**2675 CALLE MORELIA \$948,000**  
Fabulous remodel on this 5 bedroom home with a cul de sac location on HUGE private lot with Koi pond, Sports Court and large lawn area.

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



**2168 GRAPE LEAF LN \$849,950**  
This is a beautiful custom home in a court location. Features include swimming pool with waterfall, granite counter tops, SS appliances, 3 fireplaces, 3 car garage.

TOM GENTRY BY APPT



**2867 VINE COURT \$848,000**  
WINE COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS BEST! Beautiful Single Story, Master Suite w/retreat, Library/Office, Chefs Kitchen, 2 firepl w gas start. MUST SEE!!!

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



**5744 SAN CARLOS WAY \$819,999**  
Nice 2-story, 3-bedroom home near elementary and middle schools, 680 freeway, and downtown Pleasanton. Many custom details. Updated kitchen and baths.

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE



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

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.

MARY JANE DEERING OPEN SAT 1:00-4:30



**1043 ESSEX STREET \$529,000**  
Beautifully updated with 2332 sqft, 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, master downstairs, huge family room, granite counters & light cabinets in kitchen, newer cabinets.

ANDY PORYES SUN 1:00-4:00



**121 SUMMERSIDE CIR \$439,950**  
All done 3 BR/1542 SqFt, NEW kitchen, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, carpeting, baseboards/crown & more located in the Greenwood neighborhood.