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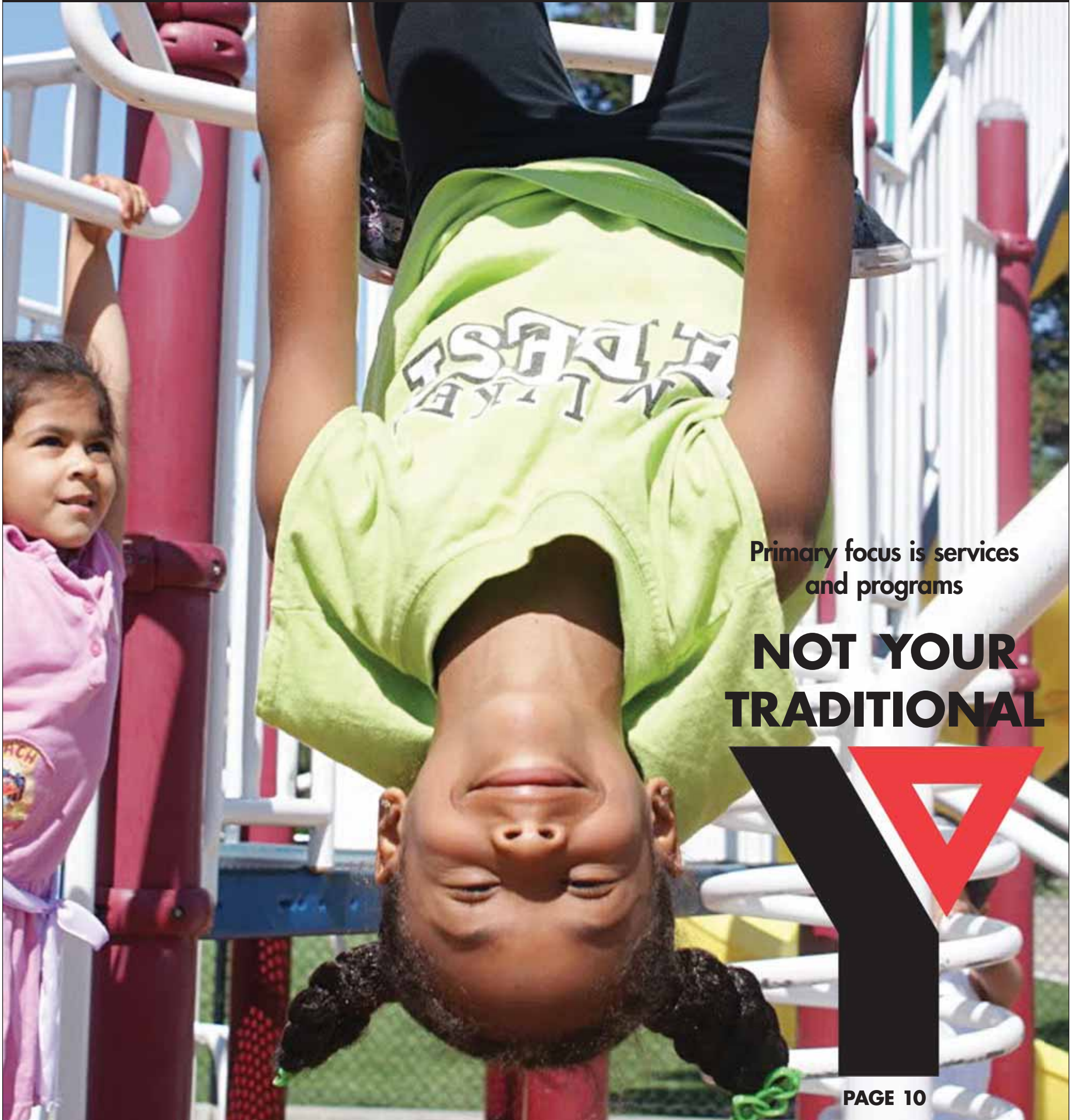
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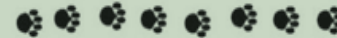
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Kids to pets, Lori Rice finds a new interest

Lori Rice, a well-known school volunteer whose fundraising talents have brought more than \$1.5 million to various organizations, has taken the helm of the Valley Humane Society just in time to lead its \$750,000 building campaign. Rice recently stepped down as head of the Athletic Boosters at Amador Valley High School where her son Kevin will graduate next year. A daughter, Catie, who will be a junior at Chico State University, is also an Amador graduate. It was Rice's volunteer efforts through their school years that helped meet the funding and supply needs of, first, Kinder Kirk Pre-school when it was part of the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, later Vintage Hills Elementary School, which both children attended and where she was president of the PTA, and most recently at Amador. Her other interests — life-long, she says — are small animals, which is why she's now moving from kids to pets in her volunteer efforts.

She has two dogs and three cats at home. Her husband Mike, a vice president at Allied Materials in San Jose, like pets, too, but five's enough. He supports his wife in her work at the Humane Society, especially in her goal of finding other suitable homes for wayward cats and dogs as well as the organization's educational outreach and collaborative programs that enrich the bond between people and companion animals to eliminate unnecessary euthanasia.

Although Rice is best known in the school communities of Pleasanton (her father is Bill James, former superintendent of the Pleasanton school district), she decided against a career in teaching, preferring to work outside the classroom on helping schools meet their needs. She joined the Humane Society in 2006 when it shuffled its board, phased out its paid executive director position, and asked her to help its new leadership team expand its community services. VHS was incorporated in 1987, and in 1991 rented a small 900-square-foot building on Spring Street in downtown Pleasanton. In 2006, with a new board in charge, VHS moved into a 2,100-square-foot modular building on land that the organization had purchased on Nevada Street, near the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department headquarters. The expansion was partly financed by a major contribution of \$1.4 million from the estate of Joyce Keeler, a Livermore resident and former teacher who had adopted a cat from VHS.

For Rice, the VHS mission of advocating responsible pet ownership meshes with her lifetime of caring for animals and contributing to their welfare. She's continuing her close connection to education by promoting programs that show youngsters what a big responsibility it is to own a pet. She often goes with other volunteers into second-grade classrooms for hands-on demonstrations on proper care and feeding, lessons on what vaccinations they need and even a tutorial on how much good pets and pet care costs. Another program she's advocating is to "loan" pets to the elderly in nursing homes and at the Veterans Administration medical facility in Livermore where permanent ownership is discouraged. VHS provides the food and veterinary care.

VHS also partners with food pantries such as Open Heart Kitchen and Meals on Wheels to provide food for family pets. Rice said Meals on Wheels delivery volunteers sometimes find the plates that held the evening meal are on the floor with the needy sharing their meager daily fare with a pet. Rice says these needs have multiplied as the economy has soured with individuals determined to keep their pet even if it means doing without. VHS also accepts "surrendered" pets. These are generally dogs that can't be kept because of a divorce or downsized housing since many apartments don't allow pets. Dogs, though, can usually find a new caregiver. It's harder with cats, especially with cats 5 years old or older. Cats are more independent and aren't high on the public's adoption interests, so she's working on placing them with seniors who can find comfort in having a small pet and whose housing allows them.

The \$750,000 fundraising campaign Rice is leading will help furnish the proposed 5,200-square-foot building that's proposed for the Nevada Street site. That will include meeting rooms, a multi-purpose room and more space for taking in "surrenders" while new owners are found. The building also is planned with clever pathways, such as Kitty City, Doggie Drive and Canine Court. A medical suite will include four isolation rooms to allow animals to heal from disease or injury and rooms will have glass fronts so visitors — "who hopefully are also potential adopters," Rice says — can see the work going on at the Valley Humane Society.

Rice remembers that her work at preschool, Vintage Hills Elementary and Amador Valley High's Boosters depended on the enthusiasm and hard work of many other volunteers. She's hoping to find the same spirit in her new role. Volunteers can obtain more information and sign up at www.valleyhumanesociety.org. ■

About the Cover

McKenzie Reese hangs out at the Tri-Valley Y's summer day camp. All kinds of camps are the specialty of the national and local YMCAs. Photo courtesy Tri-Valley YMCA. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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Do you think the verdict in the Johannes Mehserle trial was fair?



Kathy Bennett

I have a hard time with it. I disagree with the rioting afterward, but I think that he should have known the difference between his Taser and his gun. I feel that he's guilty. If that was the best the jury could do, it was fair. I think it was murder.

Greg White

I think it was a fair trial. It's tough to be a police officer and you run into very difficult challenges every day.



Garry Bardakos

I think the Mehserle verdict was fair. I don't think he meant to shoot him on purpose, but he did make a mistake and he needs to pay a penalty for that.

Shirley Loeffler

It was fair. He should have known the difference between his gun and his Taser because he should have been trained on it. He probably deserves the least amount of jail time that the involuntary manslaughter verdict allows.

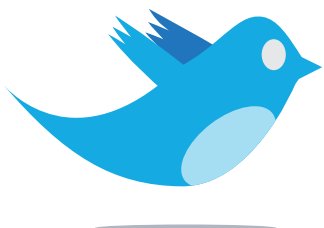


John Bessiere

I think the jury was limited on what they could do. It's unusual for a police officer to be convicted of a crime while on duty, but he deserved to be punished. Hopefully better training in the future will prevent anything like this from happening again.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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Newsfront

DIGEST

East Bay shelter overwhelmed

Budget cuts led to the closure of the animal shelter in San Leandro at the end of June, meaning about 13 dogs, 17 cats and five other animals were moved to the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin. In order to alleviate some of the overcrowding, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) is sponsoring an adoption fair from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the facility at 4595 Gleason Drive.

Adopters of dogs will receive three training sessions, a bed, leash, collar and food. Cat adopters will receive a bed, food and toys, as well.

TVAR also needs volunteers to help socialize the dogs and cats or to provide a foster home. Call 803-7043 or by email contact@tvar.org.

Dance lessons at library

Have you ever wanted to dance at a library? Social ballroom instructor Christopher Li is giving free ballroom dancing lessons from 1-3 p.m. three Monday afternoons at the Pleasanton Public Library.

Different dances will be featured each week: July 26, tango and rumba; Aug. 9, foxtrot and swing; and Aug. 16, dance party including the hustle. The lessons are open to teens through seniors and no registration is required. Li was a bronze finalist at the 2010 USA Dance National Championships.

Breast cancer benefit

A fundraiser for the past three years organized by Paul Strohl and Frank New has split proceeds between sponsor Fernando's restaurant and the merchants who donated prizes. However the benefit changed when Strohl and his wife, Denise Rhys, had a close friend diagnosed with breast cancer recently, after Rhys' sister died from the disease 20 years ago.

On Sunday, after a round of golf at the Pleasanton Fairways Golf Course, everyone will meet as usual at Fernando's at 5 p.m. for the annual barbecue and drawings. But this year 100 percent of the proceeds will go toward the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. About 20 merchants have donated prizes. Cost is \$20. Drawing tickets are four for \$20. The event is open to the public.

Corrections

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City may settle affordable housing litigation issues Tuesday

Staff report says city would pay \$1.9 million in legal fees, scuttle housing cap law

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council is expected to agree to a court order Tuesday that scuttles a 29,000-unit housing cap law approved by voters in 1996 and to provide more affordable and workforce housing to meet future state housing requirements here.

The agreement, according to staff reports prepared for the council meeting, also calls for paying \$1.9 million in legal fees to lawyers from Urban Habitat and Public Advocates, the two housing coalitions that filed the successful suit in 2006 to invalidate the housing cap. Tom Brown, an attorney who represented Pleasanton as outside counsel in the litigation, already has been paid

about \$500,000 for his work.

As costly as the settlement agreement will be, if the council accepts it, it could have been worse. The affordable housing coalitions claimed their legal fees topped \$4 million. Attorney General Jerry Brown, whose office joined in the suit against Pleasanton, also had legal fees but has agreed to waive those now that a settlement has been reached.

Tom Brown, who handled the city's legal battle, advised against appealing the decision by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch. He said an appeal would escalate the costs for all the parties involved and would likely be unsuccessful.

Following his ruling March 12,

Roesch gave Pleasanton until August to appeal his decision or accept it and remove the housing cap. In the meantime, he barred the city from issuing any non-residential building permits, a move that has exacerbated commercial interests that have held back on plans to expand their facilities here or to build new ones.

With the final settlement agreement expected to be formally approved at a council meeting Aug. 17, according to staff reports, it's expected that Roesch will lift the permit ban.

Although the housing cap will be stricken from the city's General Plan, no one expects the floodgates to open for more home construction. A growth management law

restricts new residential building permits in Pleasanton to no more than 350 a year, a number that hasn't been seen in years. Given the current market doldrums, it's unlikely more than a few permits will be requested this year or next, with those most likely for room additions, not new homes or apartments. Even the housing cap, which Roesch found in violation of state law, hasn't been a factor in limiting housing growth in Pleasanton. As of today, with 27,000 homes and apartments built, the city is at least 2,000 units short of reaching the cap.

After the Roesch decision, the City Council appointed Mayor

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Miguel sworn in as new fire chief

Modesto veteran brings 27 years of experience to new post

James Miguel was sworn in as the new chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department on July 8, succeeding former Fire Chief Bill Cody, who retired last October.

More than 100 well-wishers filled Fire Station No. 1, which is also the department's headquarters, as Deputy City Clerk Karen Gonzales of Pleasanton conducted the brief swearing-in ceremony. City leaders, including Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and City Manager Nelson Fialho of Pleasanton, and Mayor Marshall Kamena and City Manager Linda Barton of Livermore, welcomed the new chief and his family to loud applause.

Fialho and Barton led the six-month search for a new chief.

Miguel has 27 years of fire service experience, including eight years as fire chief for the Modesto Fire Department.

As fire chief, Miguel will oversee a 129-member department that serves both Livermore and Pleasanton and handles emergency medical response, fire suppression, rescue emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and more. The department also provides public education and emergency preparedness for local residents and businesses.

—Jeb Bing



JEB BING

Susan Miguel pins the chief's badge on her husband Jim during ceremonies last week that officially swore him in as the new fire chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Money Magazine names Pleasanton in 'best cities'

City is only one in Bay Area to earn annual national honors

Money Magazine, in its annual survey of the best places to live in the U.S., ranks Pleasanton 63rd nationally and third in California, citing the city's good climate, low crime, excellent schools and superb recreational programs and facilities.

Only Irvine, with a population of 208,000, and Yorba Linda, with 66,000 residents, ranked higher among California cities, scoring 22nd and 38th, respectively. The only other California city among the country's top 100 is Rocklin, with 53,000 residents, which ranked 65th. Pleasanton, based on preliminary estimates of the 2010 census, has about 68,000 residents.

Pleasanton has often scored among top U.S. cities in various surveys. Recently, it was graded first in personal income among cities its size with an average income level of more than \$125,000, although the Money Magazine survey lists the median income here today as \$134,282.

Money Magazine calls Pleasanton "a family-oriented town an hour from both San Francisco and Monterey (with) one of the strongest school districts in California."

"It also boasts 40 parks peppered with sports fields, picnic areas, 22 miles of scenic trails and public art displays," the magazine reports.

It adds: "Art lovers will soon have even more to enjoy: The Fire-

house Arts Center, scheduled to open before the end of 2010, will house a new theatre, several art galleries, and classrooms."

In fact the only drawback to moving here is the high price of homes, but Livermore Realtor Toni Dalrymple said that even so, Pleasanton stacks up pretty well when comparing to other top cities.

"It's touted as a family-centered town with parks, golf courses and the article comments on the higher than average reading and math scores for the local schools," she said.

Statistics listed by Money Magazine that give Pleasanton an edge over most other American cities include:

■ Median family income: \$134,282 compared to an average of \$90,957 for other "best places to live in America cities."

■ Median home price: \$465,000 vs. \$239,391.

■ Reading test scores in public schools: 63.6% vs. 22.9%.

■ Math test scores in public schools: 45.8% vs. 22.9%.

■ Annual air quality index average: 72.0% vs. 77.8%.

■ Personal crime risk (per 1,000): 1 vs. 2.

■ Annual precipitation (inches): 22 vs. 37.4.

■ Annual number of clear days: 44 vs. 29.

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Holy cow! A hole in one

Alex Chin, 11, who attends Pleasanton Middle School, hit his first hole in one, on the 15th hole at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore on July 2.

"I was excited and shocked at the same time when I got the hole in one," Chin said. "I just aimed the ball straight at the hole."

Chin has been a Junior Golfer at Las Positas since he was 8 years old under the Director of Instruction Andy Nisbet and has been playing golf since he was 4.

"My dad liked golf and I watched it on television," said Chin.

He has played this particular course about 15 times but it is the daily practice that helped him achieve the feat.

"I practice 15-20 hours a week, either in my back yard, at the golfing range or at Las Positas," Chin said.

As for the future he will continue to play for the next few years and follow his favorite golfer Phil Mickelson, ranked No. 2 in the world, on television.

—Brittany Hersh



COURTESY CHIN FAMILY

Now showing: Movies in the Park

Free films in the park begin Thursday

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Bring your own popcorn but leave your wallet at home as you enjoy free weekly Movies in the Park with family and friends, starting July 22.

The city of Pleasanton will air the movies at dusk on six consecutive Thursday evenings at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave., on a giant screen that measures 26 feet diagonally. The 23-acre park is centrally located and features picnic/barbecue facilities, two play structures, plenty of open space and ample parking.

Seating will be cordoned off in sections with blanket seating in the front, low-back beach chairs in the center, and camp chairs and other higher positioned seating in the rear, to accommodate for the best viewing. The city

asks patrons to refrain from placing blankets or chairs on the lawn area prior to 10 a.m.

This second annual summer film series kicks off July 22 with "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs," adapted from Ron and Judi Barret's popular children's book in which a scientist tries to solve world hunger, and instead brings food raining down in cities and towns. The film is rated PG.

The next movies scheduled are as follows:

- July 29 — "Hotel for Dogs"
- Aug. 5 — "Casablanca"
- Aug. 12 — "Hairspray"
- Aug. 19 — "Star Trek"
- Aug. 26 — "The Princess and the Frog"

For more information about the film series, call the Parks and Community Services Department at 931-5340. ■

Harmer claims fundraising momentum

BY JEB BING

David Harmer, the Republican candidate for Congress in the 11th District that includes Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, raised \$402,244 between April 1 and June 30, ending the quarter with \$233,046 in available cash on hand, his campaign spokesperson said Monday.

"David Harmer has increased his fundraising momentum since winning the primary as GOP donors unite behind his campaign," said campaign spokesman Tim Clark. "We are firmly on track to meet our general election finance goals."

For the year, Clark said that Harmer's

broad-based finance effort has netted over \$788,000 from 2,102 individual donors.

Clark said that in the first quarter of 2010, Harmer out-raised incumbent Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) by nearly \$100,000.

"McNerney raised \$282,251 in Q1 while Harmer, despite not entering the race until mid-January, raised \$380,964," Clark said.

Harmer, who won the GOP primary in June to compete against McNerney, who is seeking reelection to his third term in Congress, is an attorney who has served as in-house counsel to several U.S. companies. He also has worked with the Heritage Foundation, Cato Institute and the Pacific Legal Foundation. ■

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Lawsuit dropped against ValleyCare Health System

Patient-Physician Alliance decides against pursuing claim

By JEB BING

An organization calling itself the Patient-Physician Alliance has dropped its lawsuit against ValleyCare Health System that charged the Pleasanton-based nonprofit with lacking a sufficient number of physicians to care for patients and focused on costs, not patients.

ValleyCare representatives called the suit, filed in Alameda County Superior Court in September 2009, "baseless." It was prepared to fight

the charges in court and initially asked the court to dismiss the case.

"ValleyCare was eager to present its case to the court, and was confident that the court would rule in ValleyCare Medical Foundation's favor," spokeswoman Madonna D'Angelo said in a statement.

"Today, we learned that the Patient-Physician Alliance lawyers have dismissed their lawsuit entirely, without waiting for the court's ruling, and without negotiating any

settlement or other terms with any of those they sued," the statement said.

"This lawsuit is now over, and ValleyCare Medical Foundation looks forward to continuing our work to serve the community," D'Angelo added.

The suit by the Berkeley-based Patient-Physician Alliance alleged that the health system did not have the required number of physicians; focused on controlling costs, not on patient care; and was creating

a monopoly for care in the Tri-Valley.

A spokesperson for the alliance told California Healthline, a daily digest of information related to health care, that "the situation at ValleyCare is 'complicated' and that the issues raised in the suit 'have not disappeared,' even though the suit was being dropped."

On its Website, the Patient-Physician Alliance, located at 821 Bancroft Way in Berkeley, claims

that it "provides a platform for aligning physician and patient interests, values, and improved outcomes and overall wellness."

Its agenda, the statement adds, "is to inform and mobilize physicians and patients through leadership training, best practices, and other action-oriented strategies."

For more information on the alliance, log on to its Website at www.patientphysicianalliance.com. ■

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Jennifer Hosterman and Councilwoman Cindy McGovern to be a negotiating team to meet with representatives the attorney general's office, Urban Habitat and Public Advocates. City Manager Nelson Fialho, City Attorney Jonathan Lowell and outside counsel Tom Brown also attended those meetings, which took place weekly at various locations.

According to staff reports, the negotiating team had five goals. They included retaining local control over rezoning efforts already under way for new affordable and market rate apartments in Hacienda Business Park, restoring the city's non-residential permitting authority as quickly as possible, ending all outstanding litigation that hasn't yet been adjudicated related to the housing cap, and affordable housing and General Plan issues, including two outstanding unfair discriminatory housing claims filed in 2006.

In reaching a settlement agreement, the staff report states that the City Council will agree to:

- Repeal the housing cap from the General Plan and wherever it is referenced in other city documents, including the city's housing element. Although the housing cap was approved in 1996 by an overwhelming margin of voters, the court order requires the council to scuttle it.

- Expedite a task force study on the Hacienda Business Park housing plan, with its recommendations to be completed within six months of the final settlement date.

- Prepare a housing element within the next 12 months that will basically spell out how Pleasanton plans to develop over time, where housing units for all income levels will be built, and that the numbers will comply with state requirements for meeting anticipated housing needs in the community.

- Adopt a resolution reiterating the city's commitment to non-discrimination in all type of housing,

specifically including affordable housing for families with children — an action Urban Habitat and Public Advocate representatives demanded.

- Prepare within 18 months a "Climate Action Plan," as requested by the attorney general's office, that will address the effects of vehicle miles traveled here given a large workforce with a smaller number of residents in that workforce. This plan will meet the requirements of greenhouse emission controls sought by the state.

- Pay all legal costs associated with the various lawsuits and threatened litigation in an amount of \$1.9 million.

The proposed settlement agreement, as stated in the staff report, is on the council's Tuesday night agenda. Representatives of the attorney general's office and the affordable housing coalitions are expected to participate in the meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. in the City Council chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

MONEY

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- Median age: 38.7 vs. 35.3.
- Completed at least some college: 79.2% vs. 71.5%.

Also, we tend to spend a bit more time on the road with a

median commute time of 25.8 minutes vs. 21.4 average for best places.

By the way, Money Magazine's choice for the very best all-around city in America is Eden Prairie, Minn. While its population is about the same as Pleasanton's, its

housing prices average \$235,000 with almost no commute time required.

Even Eden Prairie has its drawbacks, though. Low temperatures in January tumble down to 3.7 degrees above zero.

—Jeb Bing

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Tule treasures:

Jennifer Fraser's third-grade class from Hearst Elementary School visits an Ohlone domed house made of tule in the Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness Park in February 2009.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Fair's success boosts local economy

We've written before about the economic benefits to Pleasanton of hosting the annual Alameda County Fair. The results are in from the fair's 17-day run that ended last Sunday, with April Mitchell, manager of event sales and marketing for the fair, reporting that more than 418,000 fairgoers decided to "Come Out and Play" at the Pleasanton fairgrounds. Despite a still-sluggish economy and searing heat over one weekend, the fair scored the second highest attendance in 20 years. It amounted to a 19 percent increase over 2008, and just 3 percent less than the 2009. Wherever you went in Pleasanton, there were long lines of fairgoers taking a break to shop downtown, at Stoneridge Shopping Center and many of the neighborhood retail centers. Even restaurants reported a boost in diners who chose more refined dining than the unique and somewhat less healthy food at the fair food booths, which included corn dogs, funnel cakes and even chocolate-covered bacon.

The Alameda County Fair has been rated the "Fastest Growing Fair in America" with a record 22 percent increase in attendance last year, and almost the same again this year. Ranking 41st on the list of the Top 50 North American Fairs, the Alameda County event is one of the largest fairs in California and is the largest event in Alameda County. Right from opening week when fairgoers were attracted by a spectacular fireworks show at the start of the Independence Day weekend (along with a few stings from angry wasps whose ground nest was disturbed), the crowds kept coming, gassing up their cars at local stations and more than usual spending the night in Tri-Valley motels. In the current economy, many regional fairs have experienced challenges and reduced attendance numbers this year, Mitchell said. Consequently, Alameda County Fair officials are extremely pleased with attendance for the 2010 Fair.

Thousands also came out to play the horses, always a special attraction at the fair's racetrack, the oldest one-mile horse racing track in America that dates back to 1858. The sons of Spanish Don Augustin Bernal constructed it, and wealthy horse owners shipped their horses from the east to Pleasanton for training during the winter months. They still do. With Bay Meadows closed and other fairs cutting back on schedules, the fair's racetrack and its satellite racing facility are revenue producers both for the Alameda County Fair, which is self-supporting, and Pleasanton, which shares in sales taxes from the fair. Although the amount wagered at the race-track was down 10 percent this year — \$34,417,963, compared to \$38,521,097 in 2009 — Rick Pickering, the fair's CEO, said the wagering was better than expected given this year's economic downturn and other unusual circumstances. The fair ran 12 percent fewer races this year due to the reduction of thoroughbreds in California. Hollywood Park cancelled three days of racing for the same reason. Enthusiasm and daytime television viewing of the World Cup served as another distraction. Overall the Alameda County Fair's decrease in wagers was better than the decrease experienced at Golden Gate Fields' spring race meet.

Also during this year's fair:

- Donations to the Alameda County Food Bank totaled more than 5 tons of food.
- The average amount paid per animal at the Junior Livestock Auction was up 4 percent for a total of \$495,284.
- Total entries at competitive exhibits totaled 16,185, up 2 percent from a year ago.
- The lives of more than 100 dogs that had previously been scheduled to be euthanized were saved in a special adoption program at the fair.

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. The Alameda County Fair has a huge economic impact as hundreds of businesses, nonprofit 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. Its success this year is a tribute to Pickering, Mitchell and their team who are already at work planning an even more dynamic fair for 2011. ■



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LETTERS

July 4 xenophobia

Dear Editor,

An otherwise enjoyable Fourth of July event was marred when, after a song, one of the speakers told the crowd, "If that didn't get you excited, we don't want you as a member of our community! Don't come back!"

I disagree with that sentiment, and I am writing today to voice two ideas in response to it. First, to the speaker: I am a member of your community but you do not speak for me, so in the future please try to avoid telling people what "we" believe. Second, I don't think that whether or not a person is excited by patriotic or martial music is a good reason to tell them that they're not wanted and that they should get out of Pleasanton.

Unfortunately, something that could have been enthusiastic, though perhaps mildly inane, ("If that didn't get you excited, I don't know what would!") came out as something ugly, xenophobic and exclusive.

While I support free speech rights, I wish that those who had such thoughts would at least keep them to themselves in the future, and especially not purport to speak for the people of Pleasanton.

Kevin Heller

Cleanup shows character

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the father and young son that were observed cleaning up litter remaining at Harvest Community Park on Harvest Road following the fireworks display on July 2. They took time and personal responsibility to beautify our community park for the neighborhood and all that would pass by the park. It was a beautiful demonstration of the civic responsibility, patriotism and character that we stand for in Pleasanton.

Such lessons learned by our children can never be duplicated in any other setting or institution. The memory and the positive feelings derived will foster integrity in the life of a young future community leader.

Joanne Gunson

Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative

Bird care at fair

Dear Editor,

We attended the Alameda County Fair on July 11, the next

to the last day. After a long couple of weeks the fair conditions were reasonable but I was saddened by the condition of some of the birds. They obviously were stressed as quite a few of them were missing large patches of feathers and were being plucked by other birds in the same cages. There was at least one sign up stating that the birds were being cared for by their owners, indicating to me that someone had complained already about their condition. I think that the length of the fair is too long for some of these animals and the owners need to act more responsibly and remove them when signs of stress occur.

Rosanne Slingsby

Staples Ranch delays

Dear Editor,

The lead article, "More Delays for Staples Ranch," for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business Connection insert in the July 2 Pleasanton Weekly succinctly summarized the frustrating situation in which hundreds of local seniors now find themselves. None of us could have foreseen that five years after Continuing Life Communities (CLC) indicated to the city of Pleasanton that it wanted to build a world-class lifecare community on the Staples Ranch site, we would still be on hold.

Stoneridge Creek, the CLC's beautifully constructed and landscaped retirement village, with villas, garden terrace residences and apartments for independent living plus state-of-the-art assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, is still waiting for City Council approval of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for Staples Ranch. Hundreds of seniors have made financial commitments to move into Stoneridge Creek when it is completed. As the Chamber's article says, "The frustration among supporters of the very popular CLC project was palpable" when the City Council in June postponed the public hearing for approval of the SEIR until Aug. 24.

The ongoing delays imposed by special interest groups on the development of Staples Ranch not only threatens the city with the loss of a beautiful retirement facility, they also deny the city's seniors the right to choose where to live their remaining years.

Barbara Hempill

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OBITUARIES

Julia Henriette Breitling Wolters

Julia Henriette Breitling Wolters died June 12 of natural causes at her home in Pleasanton at the age of 66.

She was born July 17, 1943, to William Fredrick Breitling and Mathilde Henreitte Seiter Breitling. She graduated from West High School in Salt Lake City in 1961 and married Fredrick Charles Wolters III on Sept. 20, 1972, in the Salt Lake City Latter-day Saints temple. Her life was devoted to service and she found great joy in helping others. She loved being a homemaker and ran a daycare from home during the years her husband went to college and graduate school. She taught children's classes each Sunday, and for the past eight years served as caregiver for seniors working for Visiting Angels.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Gertrude Witt, Marilyn Brown and Lorna Malmberg and brother Harold Breitling. She is survived by her husband Fredrick; children Katherine Thomas (Austin), Jennifer Barker (Tony), Christine Matsubara (Jesse); and six grandchildren.

Services were held June 23 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton. The next day there was a small family graveside service at Memorial Gardens in Livermore.

Michael Maine Mulvihill

Pleasanton resident Michael Maine Mulvihill died suddenly June 16 at the age of 68.

He was born July 25, 1941, in Oakland and graduated from St. Mary's College High School. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he owned a successful popcorn business, Jack 'n Jills, and was known by his friends as "Popcorn." He loved fishing, especially telling fishing stories about the sturgeon that got away, cooking and spending time with family and friends. He resided in Danville and Pleasanton for most of his adult life.

Mr. Mulvihill is survived by his son Michael Edward Mulvihill, daughter-in-law Melissa Selner, and grandson Quinn Mulvihill. A funeral was held June 25 at St. Augustine's Church in Pleasanton with burial at Holy Angels Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

Mildred Lucille Davis

Mildred Lucille Davis, a Pleasanton resident, died June 29 at the age of 93 after a general deterioration of her health.

She was born Nov. 9, 1916, in Murray, Iowa, and moved to Crookston, Minn., where she grew up on a farm. In 1940 she moved



to Berkeley, where she worked in retail and had fun living with roommates. She married Jack Davis in 1950. She was very active in the Mormon Church.

Mrs. Davis was predeceased by her husband Jack in 1987. She is survived by her son, David Lawson of Livermore; and five grandchildren. A funeral was held June 6 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton with burial at Los Gatos Cemetery in San Jose.

Charles Robert Hokanson Sr.

Charles Robert Hokanson Sr., a Pleasanton resident, died of pneumonia June 15 at the age of 80.

He was born in Virginia, Minn., and spent his early years in Red Wing, Minn. At 13, he moved with his family to Richmond, where he was a four-letter scholar-athlete at Richmond High School. He attended Stanford University on scholarship and played varsity football and track, graduating with a BA in 1952 and an MA in 1954, both in education. At Stanford, he was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and played in the 1952 Rose Bowl. After several years teaching middle school students in Richmond as well as the children of officers at Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines, he enjoyed a 28-year career with Lucky Stores in the Bay Area, retiring in 1992.

Mr. Hokanson married Janet Heiser in 1968, and they moved to Pleasanton in 1970, building a house and raising three sons. He was a long-time member of Centerpointe Presbyterian Church. He loved working in the back yard, playing with the family pets, fishing and traveling to visit his sons.

He was predeceased by his parents, Swan Hokanson and Anna "Mimi" Hokanson Alexander, his stepfather Rudy Alexander, and his brother and sister, James "Jim" Hokanson and Mary Ann "Mollie" Saunders. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Janet Hokanson; sons Charles Hokanson Jr. of Arlington, Va., Chris Hokanson of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Craig Hokanson of Pleasanton.

A Christian memorial service was held July 9 at the Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Hayward. Charitable donations may be made in his memory to the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton.

Jack Fiorio

Jack Fiorio, a lifetime Pleasanton resident, died June 18 at the age of 88.

He was born Aug. 5, 1921, in Livermore to Lillie and Charles Fiorio. He attended Pleasanton schools, graduating from Amador Valley High School in the class of 1939. After graduation

he volunteered for the U.S. Navy in World War II where he was an aviation machinist mate. While in the Navy he met Patricia and they married following the end of the war in 1946. They settled in Pleasanton and raised their family. He owned Fiorio's Market and Meat Service for more than 40 years, making it one of Pleasanton's longest family-owned businesses.

While in high school, Mr. Fiorio was the first Alameda County All Star in the 4-H program, and he continued his relationship with the 4-H through his business. He was a former Scoutmaster in Boy Scout Troop 948 of Pleasanton. As a veteran of the war he joined the American Legion Post in Pleasanton and served as Post Commander. He also was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Pleasanton.

He was one of the founders of the Amador Valley High Boosters Club and was instrumental in the construction of the Pleasanton Masonic Hall where he was a member of the Freemasons. He served on many church committees and as an elder in the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church. Later in life he served as "Big Sir" of the Pleasanton Sirs Association and was active in the Pleasanton Senior Center and a member of its V.I.P.s.

Mr. Fiorio was one of Pleasanton's storytellers and was often interviewed by schoolchildren or the museum for some point of Pleasanton's past. He saw this as an obligation to carry on local history as his mother was born on Main Street in 1896. One of his last appearances was at the dedication of the mural depicting old Pleasanton on the side of his former building on Peters Street.

He was predeceased by his wife Patricia in 1990 and his son-in-law John Del Duco. He is survived by his children Gary (Melinda) of Manteca and Jacki Del Duco of Livermore; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A service was held June 25 for family and friends at the Pleasanton Senior Center.



BIRTHS

The following information on Pleasanton births was provided by ValleyCare Medical Center.

Bajer
May 21 — Bedrie and Emir Bajer, a boy

Carpenter
May 26 — Kathryn and Andrew Carpenter, a boy

Whiteside-Hatter
June 7 — Ashley Whiteside and William Hatter, a boy

Kuznetsov-Maleev
June 18 — Inga Kuznetsov and Ivan Maleev, a boy

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By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

The Tri-Valley YMCA may not have a traditional setting, with the typical health club and swimming pool, but it's found a place in the community.

"We basically are called a program branch," explained Kelly Dulka, the local Y's executive director. "We run programs throughout the Tri-Valley, but all in rented facilities."

The YMCA is now known at the national level as simply "The Y." Dulka said legally, it will still be the YMCA, although she pointed out that people have been calling it "The Y" for years.

"We're not changing our name, we're changing what we're referred to," she said. "We're going to be implementing it over a year and a half."

The local Y has found its niche in the community, offering programs primarily designed for young people.

That includes a number of programs not normally considered part of the Y's mission, like kindergarten readiness for both the child and his or her parent, college tours, and soon, adult day care.

"A lot of people have said to us, 'That's not a

typical Y program, is it?' and I always say the same thing: Any social service, any recreational service, any kind of youth development or senior development, health and wellness program, there's a Y in this country that's doing it and doing it well," Dulka said.

The Tri-Valley Y is picking up the ball after two adult day care centers, one in Pleasanton and one in Livermore, closed their doors. That new program is expected to open this fall.

The Y also keeps its doors open year-round with day care centers in three of Pleasanton's elementary schools and one middle school.

"We know the most dangerous time for middle school is from 3 to 6 (p.m.)," Dulka said. "Kids think, 'We're fine home alone,' but that's where the risk is."

Of course with summer in full swing, the Y is more closely associated with camps, and the local Y has its share: day camp, specialty

camps, sleep-away camps and holiday camps.

"Our traditional day camp is what you think about, with cheers and songs and games and lanyards and friendship bracelets and all that kind of stuff," Dulka said. "Our camp is all summer long. We have a day camp program that we offer kids from kindergarten through high school. The high school part is teen leadership development.

They're campers in leadership training, so part of their curriculum is leadership development. The Y talks about the bait and switch; kids come in thinking they're going to camp and they leave with great leadership skills."

Also for teens is the Y's well-known Youth in Government program, which culminates with a day in Sacramento with participants taking on the roles of legislators.

"It's legendary, what (bills) the kids have

gotten through. It's really impressive," Dulka said. "Just in talking about it with the kids, they're changed because of this program."

This year, the Y also began a college tour program, with 20 students from the three local cities it serves.

"The reason we decided to offer some things in college planning — we also did some college workshops and work with families on making sure kids are taking the right things in high school — is because the school districts were cutting back," said Dulka. "They were cutting back on counselors, the counselors were tasked with more students and weren't able to provide as many services as they have in the past."

Filling those kinds of needs seems to what the local Y is all about. That's why, for example, it expanded kindergarten readiness to include parents.

Program Director Kris Farro said kindergarten readiness programs have been going on for about five years.

"We've had really great feedback from the school district that our kids are ready for kindergarten and they're on target with their phonics and their math skills; they can sit



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Kelly Dulka, local Y’s executive director

down for the required period of time,” Farro said. “We realized we weren’t helping the families get ready for kindergarten, so we’ve developed a program to work with them to identify which school is their home school, what day do they have to register by, how do they fill out those forms, where do they get the forms.”

Among the problems, she said, were language and transportation barriers.

“They just weren’t able to navigate the system. We’ve made it so they just come on site to where they’re already bringing their child. They don’t have to go to another school to set up another meeting, they just come directly to the site and we pretty much work one on one with the parents and do some coaching on how to get them ready for school as well,” Farro said.

And while it may not have a gym or a pool, Dulka said the local Y is “definitively in expansion mode,” looking to add a space in addition to its current Pleasanton office, where it can open more programs for adults.

“We’re hoping to offer Zumba and kickboxing and more yoga classes, Mommy and Me (a class for mothers and toddlers), prenatal exercise classes,” she said. That’s on top of recent additions like its mentoring program, which has matched 30 mentors

What does the Y offer?

- Adult day care for frail elders, expected to begin this fall in Dublin
- Health and wellness programs
- Camps: day camp, specialty camps, holiday camp
- Child care and child development programs
- Community programs that include Youth in Government, Guides and Princesses, teen leadership development, service learning, mentoring
- Community classes, from floral design and jewelry-making to parent education workshops

and mentees, and its popular Guides and Princesses program, which has 250 families in the Tri-Valley.

Dulka said her primary focus is always on bringing in money.

“I do the fundraising and I make sure the staff has the resources they need,” she said. “We make sure the staff loves their job. We can’t pay them enough, but we make sure that they know how important they are in the lives of the children they serve.” ■



From far left: Zach Braunstein, Katie Dulka and Amelia Pennewell are all smiles as they take a break on a trip to the zoo; Samaan Beliakoff, Jada Worster, Bronwyn Gordon, Daniel Terpugoff, Kiana Lum and Kayla Cameron surround counselor Mellanee Sigg at the YMCA’s summer day camp program; and Rhea Kodkani, Parker Brown and Vanessa Varrelman practice their roller skating skills at a recent YMCA outing.

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Robbery suspect arrested at home

A Pleasanton man has been charged with robbery and battery after an incident in the 400 block of Tawny Drive.

“About 1:40 a.m. July 11, we got a call of a robbery that had just occurred. Officers met with the victims and a suspect was named,” Pleasanton Sgt. Jim Knox said. “Pleasanton officers responded to the residence of the suspect and located him there. He was identified by the victims and placed under arrest.”

Knox said cash and a wallet were taken.

Ashar Khan, 21, of Pleasanton has been charged; Knox said the incident remains under investigation.

POLICE REPORT

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

July 6

Burglary

- 12:22 a.m. in the 2100 block of Arroyo Court

Vandalism

- 9:40 a.m. at the intersection of

- Hopyard Road and Coronado Lane
- 12:47 p.m. in the 500 block of Peters Avenue

Battery

- 8:06 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

Drug/alcohol charges

- 12:33 a.m. at the intersection of Owens Drive and Hopyard Road; DUI
- 3:29 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Blvd.; DUI

July 7

Theft

- 3:42 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 9:11 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street; petty theft

Burglary

- 9:13 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; vehicular burglary
- 7:04 p.m. in the 3100 block of Paseo Robles

Drug/alcohol charges

- 9:43 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Greenwood Road; DUI
- 9:45 p.m. at the intersection of Dougherty Road and Sierra Lane; DUI
- 9:46 p.m. in the 3800 block of Hopyard Road; DUI

July 8

Theft

- 9:04 a.m. in the 5300 block of Springdale Avenue; auto theft
- 11:01 a.m. in the 800 block of Main Street; identity theft
- 2 p.m. in the 500 block of Saint Mary Street; petty theft
- 2:02 p.m. in the 3500 block of Utah Street; identity theft
- 6:09 p.m. at Canyon Creek Circle; theft
- 9:27 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Burglary

- 9:35 p.m. in the 100 block of Neal Street

Vandalism

- 9:16 a.m. in the 1900 block of Harvest Road

Drug/alcohol charges

- 10:09 p.m. in the 500 block of Pine Hill Road; underage drinking on private property
- 10:24 p.m. in the 2500 block of Stanley Boulevard; DUI

July 9

Theft

- 5:10 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
- 6:22 p.m. in the 3200 block of Balmoral Court; identity theft
- 8:49 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

Burglary

- 9:22 a.m. in the 5900 block of Laurel Creek Drive

Drug/alcohol charges

- 10:13 p.m. in the 4400 block Black Avenue; driving under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a prescription belonging to another person, paraphernalia possession
- 11:15 p.m. in the 5900 block of Owens Drive; DUI

July 10

Battery

- 8:23 p.m. in the 400 block of St. John Avenue

Drug/alcohol charges

- 12:40 a.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; driving by a minor with a blood alcohol content of more than .01
- 1:43 a.m. in the 3200 block of Bernal Avenue; DUI

July 11

Theft

- 10:06 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 11:06 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; grand theft
- 5:58 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: PDAM-03, Pleasanton Gateway, L.L.C. (Scott Trobbe) – Approve an application to extend the Development Agreement between the City of Pleasanton and Pleasanton Gateway for an additional seven years regarding an eight-building office development totaling 745,000 square feet on an approximately 39.22-acre site at 6750 Bernal Avenue
- Public Hearing: PDR-715, Consider the application of Steven Jeffrey for modification to conditions of approval for existing rear yard improvements at the residence located at 927 Montevino Drive
- Public Hearing: Consider protests related to the Annual Weed Abatement Program and adopt a resolution confirming the 2010 weed abatement assessments for collection on the county tax roll
- Adopt a resolution reciting facts of the June 8, 2010 General Municipal Election concerning Measure D; Oak Grove Development Plan
- Consider approval of a Tentative Agreement between the City of Pleasanton and Urban Habitat Public Advocates and Attorney General

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Approve changes to the City Fee Assistance Program
- Selection of Commission Chair
- Roundtable Discussion Overview

Hacienda Task Force

Thursday, July 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Senior Center Meeting Room, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Information regarding the Preliminary Settlement Agreement
- Discussion of responses to Planning Concepts questionnaire
- Discussion of Fieldtrip

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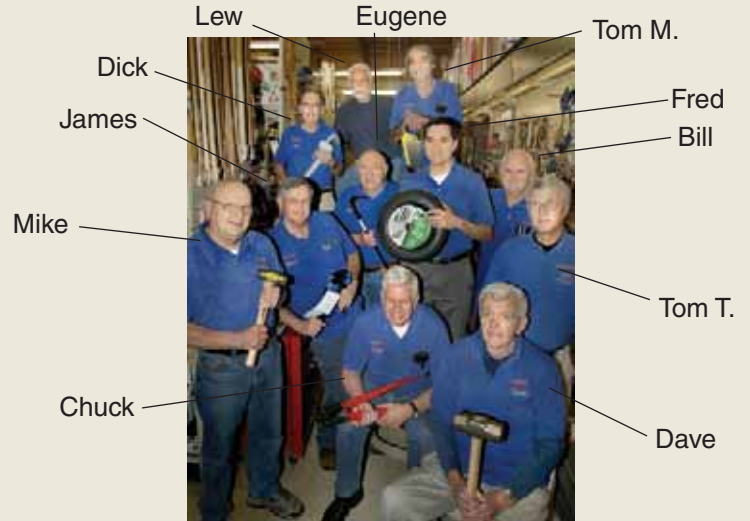
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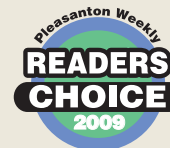
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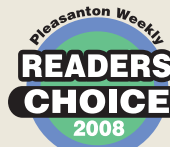
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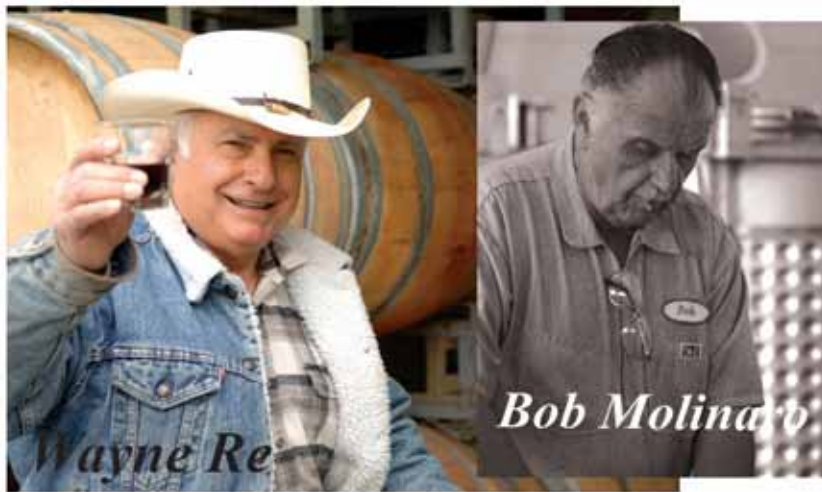
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Class Reunions

AMADOR VALLEY CLASS OF 1990 This private party reunion is from 7:45 p.m.-midnight. Sept. 11 at Redcoats, 336 St. Mary St. Tickets are \$35 by June 11 or \$40 by Sept. 1. No tickets at the door. Call (916) 768-5734 or visit www.amadorvalley1990.com.

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Clubs

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Concerts

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Events

MICROSOFT EXCEL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS Vicky Austin of Las Positas College will host a workshop about things every user should know about Excel and tips for power users from 5:45-8 p.m., Wednesday, July 21, at Hilton Pleasanton, 7050 Johnson Dr. Cost is \$25 for dinner and the program; \$5 for program only. Visit [http://\\$aap-laspositas.org](http://$aap-laspositas.org).

PEACEFUL WAR PROTEST Pleasantonians 4 Peace has an ongoing peaceful war protest from 5 to 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at First and Neal streets. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at

mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowling@pacbell.net. Visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF VINCENT VAN GOGH A presentation by artist Marlene Aron at 2 p.m. July 18 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Explore through slides and photographs the intense, personal journey of Vincent Van Gogh, a journey of self-discovery that led this great artist to experience the depths of despair and the heights of exaltation. Call 931-3405.

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.

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Fundraisers

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CHARITY DOG WASH Dogtopia is holding a dog wash fundraiser for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office K9 Association from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. July 18 at its store, 7132 Johnson Dr. For \$15, local canines will be bathed, towel-dried and spritzed while their human counterparts enjoy food, games and other activities. The K9 Association is a nonprofit group that raises money for K9 equipment and the medical care and funeral expenses for retired K9's. Call (847) 945-1300.

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COMMUNITY CRAFT AND RUMMAGE SALE Living Vine Fellowship will host its first Community Craft and Rummage Sale from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 17, at the church, 4100 First St. Individuals are invited to host a booth to sell their items for free. E-mail Communitykindness101@gmail.com.

On Stage

FREE SHAKESPEARE — 'TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA' "Two Gentlemen of Verona" is a comedic story of youthful love. The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, July 24 - Aug. 8, and family day is at 6 p.m. July 31 at Bernal Community Park, 6700 Koll Center Parkway. Appropriate for all ages. Call 931-5340 or visit www.civcartsliterary.org.

'JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT' The Bankhead Theater presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at 8 p.m. on Fridays

and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, July 23 through Aug. 8, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets \$25-\$35. Call 373-6800 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Political Notes

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN BARBECUE Tri-Valley Republican Women hosts its sixth annual barbecue from 2-7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Food, fun and patriotic festivities! Speakers will include candidates running in the November election. Cost \$20. Reserve tickets by July 31. Call 462-4931 or visit www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org.

Seniors

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS Dublin Senior Center offers different programs and activities including "Tattle Tales" which helps seniors write their life story from 12:30-3 p.m., on the first and third Monday of every month; a Reading Group that discusses new books every month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month; and the Needle Arts Group that enjoys quilting, sewing and knitting from 1-4 p.m. every Monday; all at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for each activity. Call 556-4511.

TECH TUESDAY A new computer class with Las Positas College student volunteers will guide you through various programs, applications and answer computer questions. Class is from 10-11:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost \$5 resident, \$6 non-resident. Call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Spiritual

'RIDING THE WAVES OF CHANGE' ECK Worship Service will be held from 11 a.m.-noon July 18 at Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 5115 Hopyard Rd. Eck is another name for Holy Spirit. Service focuses on an aspect of Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God. All faiths are welcome. Call 944-0118 or visit www.eck-ca.org.

DISCOVER GOD'S GOODNESS THROUGH CREATIVITY, PART 2 "Mandalas: Pathway to Goodness" will be presented by Kathy Miranda from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.), Friday, July 23, at San Damiano, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. By incorporating images as well as gifts of nature, create a personal Mandala that reflects the goodness of your sacred story. Cost is \$60, including lunch. Call 837-9141, ext. 315, or visit www.sandamiano.org.

Sports

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.

Support Groups

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month, and from 7-9 p.m., on the second Wednesday of every month, at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP Overwhelmed by clutter? Learn how to deal with it by attending this support group, which meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Rm. 7. Call 200-1943 or visit www.clutterless.org.

WIDOWS OR WIDOWERS GRIEF RECOVERY Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse recently or within the last few years? Find hope, support and successful ways to process this significant life event at a widows/widowers group that meet for 10 weeks starting July 14, from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. Registration required. Cost \$10. Call 833-9013 or visit www.valleycommunitychurch.org.

WOMEN WITH ADHD SUPPORT GROUP A support group for women, mothers and daughters living with ADHD or executive function challenges meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at DeLatti's Ice Cream, 5424 Sunol Blvd. Call 872-8728 or email kathryn@bellamenti.com.

Volunteering

AMERICAN RED CROSS PUBLIC BLOOD DRIVE The American Red Cross is holding a public blood drive from 1:30-6:30 p.m. July 29

at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. One donation may help save the lives of up to three people. Sponsor Code: PLEASANTON925 to schedule an appointment. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS Pleasanton Public Library needs volunteers for its Homebound Service, which provides homebound residents with library books, videos and CD's to community residents. Also, the library hosts the Pleasanton Reads Project that needs volunteer tutors to provide one-on-one instruction in both basic literacy and English as a second language to residents over 18. Students and tutors usually meet once per week at a mutually convenient time and place. Tutoring and all necessary materials are free of charge. Contact Jan Bauman at 931-3411 or jbauman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE Do you love animals? Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is holding an orientation for new volunteers, from 1-2:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Learn about volunteer opportunities like fostering dogs or cats, socializing shelter animals, helping at adoption events and fundraisers, and many other roles. For ages 18 and older. Cost is \$10 cash or check to help cover the cost of materials. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvar.org.

Workshops

CHILDREN'S WRITING ART WORKSHOP Designed for children entering second-fourth grade, the workshop will combine writing, geography, world literature and fun, creative activities from 2:04 p.m. July 19 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. They will write and illustrate two poems in a light-hearted session led by award-winning poet Sherry Weaver Smith. Registration is required. Call 931-3400, ext. 8.

GROWING UP FEMALE WORKSHOP Mothers and their fourth- to fifth-grade daughters are invited to attend an uplifting workshop about body changes and the realities of being female from 10 a.m.-noon, Friday, July 23, at Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce offices, 777 Peters Ave. Cost is \$75 per mother/daughter pair. Call 858-0702 or visit www.fab2bfem.com.



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A profound romance with the Alameda County Fair

Pleasanton resident offers her reflections on annual rite



JEB BING

Diane Farrell describes the carnival rides at the fair as “stomach-churning.” Could she have been referring to this one?

By DIANE FARRELL

I didn't expect to feel the way I do about our local county fair. I look forward to the three-week summer festival as I would anticipate the arrival of a long-lost best friend or my kids returning home from college.

It didn't start this way. Twelve years ago, bringing the family to the fair was a mixed experience at best. Happy kids and bored parents, riding ridiculous rides. Carnies shepherding tender children onto stomach-churning rides. Youngsters begging parents to play impossible games costing small fortunes to win stuffed animals worth \$3.

But it grew on me. The kids aged, as did we parents, and the unique beauty, nostalgia and familiarity of the fair took root.

Where else can you go and find such comfortable diversity? The young, the old; all sizes and colors of human flesh. Gray-haired ponytails alongside shaved-head 5-year-olds. Baseball caps, cowboy hats and fedoras. Broomstick skirts, Hawaiian shirts and halter tops.

Where can you go and smell that special mix of fragrances ... grass and cotton candy, grilled meat and live animals, flowering plants and popcorn? Where else can you hear the sounds of squealing kids, bleating goats and the hawkers of wares? Where do you see the flashing colored lights of carnival rides and funnel cake stands, canopied trees swaying in the wind, and middle-school kids dueling with light sabers?

Where else can you experience the special flavors of carnival cuisine? The taste of soft frozen yogurt, grilled corn on the cob, and melt-in-your-mouth spun sugar. Slushie-style margaritas, weak enough for a pre-teen. Giant beers and fatty, foot-long corn dogs. Fresh fish tacos and hand-dipped caramel apples.

Where else can you hear top-quality musicians playing their hearts out to a half-filled bandstand? Moths hover above the players and disappear into the colored lights. During a smokin' rock concert, a toddler with her hairbrush microphone is belting out with unrestrained passion in uncanny time with the music. Her face contorts with seemingly genuine anguish, unlikely given her limited years on earth. A rock star in the making, she moves out into the crowd who wonders why they didn't bring their cameras so they could be the first to post the video on YouTube.

Where else can you move from rock concert to country band within four minutes, CD and T-shirt table alongside the stage? The band plays a truck-driving song while two youthful blondes ride a nearby mechanical bull, in time to the music and to the delight of every male from 18 to 85. You can't script this stuff. The band moves smoothly from truck-driving sound to Texan to Cajun, and the lead singer sets aside his guitar for accordion and then for harmonica. The fiddler is more gifted with his hands than a brain surgeon. Two fair-haired brothers perform break-dance, clog-dance moves with spectacular athleticism. An elderly Asian woman in mandarin-collared red blouse claps in time to the music.

Then it's off to the wine garden for a jazz-blues band, where 1-year-olds bop to the beat among the Arthur Murray-trained couples. Is there a more heartwarming sight than mother sashaying cheek to cheek with her baby beside the middle-aged couple swing dancing?

The fair. It's hip to call it a stay-cation these days. But it's much more than that to me.

It's where I entered and sold my first photograph. Where I saw favorite bands up close and where Barry Williams signed my purse. Where my kids grew from elementary school to too-cool-to-go. Where we've had the same guy dispense my frozen yogurt six years in a row. A place where my husband is regularly photographed in the winner's circle at the racetrack because he's been there so frequently he knows horse trainers and jockeys. He comes home, more often than not, with pockets full of cash and great stories.

The fair is where I can find hot tubs and model trains, fine art and hot sauce, rabbits and old tractor equipment. I know the layout like the back of my hand. I know where to park my car or I can walk if I'm in the mood for exercise.

This is no ordinary fair. It's my hometown fair and I watch it leave Pleasanton with emotions like those I feel when my kids go off to college. It's a bittersweet, poignant moment, but they'll be back. So will the fair and so will I.

Diane Farrell grew up attending the San Mateo County Fair. She has lived in Pleasanton going on 14 years and is director of the Career Resource Center at University of Pacific in Stockton.



COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

Farrell's husband is regularly photographed in the winner's circle at the racetrack because he goes so often he knows the trainers and jockeys.



JAMES FARRELL

Diane Farrell poses with the photograph she entered into the fair competition this year.



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What an outstanding location for this spectacular home in the downtown area. It is within walking distance from restaurants, shops and downtown Pleasanton! Soaring ceilings, rich flooring decorator paint and décor throughout, plus a long driveway leading to lush gardens and a private rear yard. This distinctive Pleasanton home was listed and sold by Norm and Grace Nelson of Prudential California. (925) 463-6175

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Danville

4 BEDROOMS

6975 Johnston Road \$1,697,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Dublin

4 BEDROOMS

11382 Dillon Way \$750,000
Sun 1-4 Joyce Jones 398-6706

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS

308 Helen Way \$379,900
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

4 BEDROOMS

240 Summertree Drive \$619,950
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

1929 Fiorio Circle \$468,500
Sat 1-4 Henderson Prop. 699-0604

3 BEDROOMS

3631 Vine Street \$539,000
Sun 1-4 Rick Hempy / Valley Brokers 719-0160

5775 Athenour Court \$784,888
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 525-2569

1151 Donahue Drive \$869,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Moxley Team 600-0990



272 Rachael Place \$439,950
3 BD/ 2.5 BA
Open Sun 1-4
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698-4422

4 BEDROOMS

3323 Prairie Drive \$1,100,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 525-2569

8155 Regency Drive \$1,540,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 519-8226

860 Castlewood Drive \$1,695,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 980-8843

3766 Smallwood Court \$2,395,000
Sun 1-4 Tom Fox 872-1275

1510 Poppy Bank Court \$599,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 525-2569

3232 Balmoral Court \$749,950
Sun 2-4 Joyce Jones 398-6706

6723 Corte Santa Maria \$759,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 734-5061

4803 Del Valle Pkwy \$759,500
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 734-5061

1750 Orchard Drive \$779,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 200-5272

4838 Woodthrush \$815,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

7633 Chestnut Way \$850,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Valley Brokers 437-5830

5791 San Carlos Way \$889,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 963-8322

5 BEDROOMS

5063 Monaco Drive \$1,099,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 699-9508

4150 Creekwood Court \$1,195,000
Sun 1-4 Blaise Loffland 846-6500

8274 Regency Drive \$1,469,000
Sun 1-4 Prudential Cal Realty 963-1984

1054 Shadow Hills Court \$1,495,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

5744 Hanifen Way \$1,495,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 200-2525

San Ramon

4 BEDROOMS

2672 Celaya Circle \$825,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 519-8226

1412 Asterbell Drive \$999,950
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2510



JUST LISTED
Calle Del Lago
4 bd, 3 ba,
2300+ sq. ft. Close
to Tennis Park,
Remodeled kitchen
Offered at \$769,000



JUST SOLD
2117 Black Oak Ct.
Sold for \$2,350,000



JUST SOLD
2556 Arlotta Pl.
Sold for \$1,355,000

JUST LISTED! 8274 Regency Dr., Pleasanton
Laguna Oaks beauty with views of the ridge. 4,100+ sq. ft. with 5bd, 3.5ba and remodeled gourmet kitchen on 20,000+ sq. ft. lot. Offered at \$1,469,000



Open Sun 1-4



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7914 Paragon Circle, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 4,592+/- sq.ft. 	West Ruby Hill Dr, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 4.5 Ba • 6,689 +/- sq.ft. 	5744 Hanifen Way, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 4.5 Ba • 4,021+/- sq.ft. 	1525 Maple Leaf Dr, Pleasanton 4 Bd • 3 Ba • 2,541+/- sq.ft. 	2801 Gray Fox Ct, Pleasanton 4 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 5,065+/- sq.ft. 
Laguna Oaks \$1,588,000 Popular floor plan w/ 1 Bd & Ba downstairs, 3 B/R + Bonus upstairs. Gourmet Kit w/ top of the line SS Appl., Granite Counters & Tumbled Marble Backsplash. Weiner & McDowell 925.872.1416	Italian Villa, Ruby Hill \$2,599,000 Grand foyer w/ volume ceilings & Napa Valley cast stone columns. Formal study, movie room, 900 bottle wine cellar. Uwe Maerz 925.360.8758	Open Sun 1:30-4:30 \$1,495,000 Spectacular Sycamore Heights home including a vineyard with views. 0.43 acre lot w/ custom engineered pool, waterfall feature & multi-colored lighting. Kelly Patterson 925.200.2525	Charter Oaks \$999,950 Popular floor plan w/ 1 Bd & Ba downstairs, 3 B/R + Bonus upstairs. Gourmet Kit w/ top of the line SS Appl., Granite Counters & Tumbled Marble Backsplash. The Engels 925.251.2510	Mediterranean Villa \$1,995,000 Gorgeous gated hilltop home w/ panoramic views on 1.91 acres of privacy. Custom built single level home with quality and character. Weiner & McDowell 925.209.0343
860 Castlewood Dr, Pleasanton 4 Bd • 3 Ba • 4,300+/- sq.ft. 	1750 Orchard Dr, Pleasanton 4 Bd • 2 Ba • 2,167+/- sq.ft. 	5063 Monaco Dr, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 3,079+/- sq.ft. 	1625 Via di Salerno, Pleasanton Acres +/- 0.49 	2538 Vineyard Ave, Pleasanton Acres +/- 0.79 
Open Sat & Sun 1-4 \$1,695,000 Above 18th Green, Panoramic Views, Quiet Serene Setting 800 SF Master suite marble fireplace Huge Walk in closet. 20 X 24 Great room. Granite in kitchen. Steve Mattos 925.980.8843	Open Sat & Sun 1-4 \$779,950 Gorgeous, remodeled home in Pleasanton! Expanded & remodeled kitchen. Professionally landscaped. Anne Martin 925.200.5272	Open Sun 1-4 \$1,099,000 Pleasanton Hills home w/Mt Diablo View! 5 bedrooms plus theatre room w/fireplace plus den and MORE! Diane Sass 925.699.9508	Ruby Hill Land \$899,000 Big flat golf course lot on 16th fairway w/ approved plans (incl. Ruby Hill & City) for a 7,000sf plus custom home! Uwe Maerz 925.360.8758	Land \$399,950 Fabulous Mt. Diablo Views! Located across the street from clara lane. In the vineyard avenue corridor specific plan. Kelly Patterson 925.200.2525
DeMarcus Blvd. Unit 481, Dublin 2 Bd • 2 Ba • 1,399 +/- sq.ft. 	6667 Maple Dr, Dublin 4 Bd • 2 Ba • 1,600 +/- sq.ft. 	11482 Bay Laurel St, Dublin 4 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 2,936 +/- sq.ft. 	5063 Round Hill Dr, Dublin 5 Bd • 4.5 Ba • 4,200 +/- sq.ft. 	7735 Squirrel Cir, Dublin 3 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 1,940 +/- sq.ft. 
Walk to BART \$429,000 Sought after complex, walking distance to BART & shopping! Style features w/ downstairs bedroom & bath. Chris Dickson 925.251.2507	Recent Major Remodel \$559,900 Highly upgraded. Gourmet kitchen w/ new cabinets & granite. Cozy fireplace. Huge yard, close to everything. Carolyn Hastings 925.648.5363	Hansen Hills Beauty \$829,950 Professionally landscaped backyard. Views of Mt.Diablo & hills, bright & open floor plan, large kitchen & more! Susette Clark-Walker 925.251.2547	Dublin Ranch Home \$924,900 Oversized yard, downstairs bed & bath plus office, granite counters, large master w/jetted tub, & much more! Joe Frazzano 925.735.7653	Pool, Willow Creek \$632,500 Granite/stainless steel kitchen, freshly painted inside, hardwood floors downstairs, separate dining & family rooms. Diane Sass 925.699.9508
758 Travisso Cir, Livermore 5 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 3,573 +/- sq.ft. 	411 Sheridan Cir, Livermore 5 Bd • 3 Ba • 3,412 +/- sq.ft. 	2470 Sheffield Dr, Livermore 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,875 +/- sq.ft. 	636 Sycamore Ct, Livermore 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,553 +/- sq.ft. 	6581 Willowview Ct, Livermore 4 Bd • 3 Ba • 2,380 +/- sq.ft. 
South Side Livermore \$839,000 Room to roam inside and a fabulous low traffic location. Granite & stainless steel in kitchen. 1 bd & ba downstairs. Gail Henderson 925.980.5648	Upgraded & Beautiful \$739,000 1 bd & ba down. Granite counters w/ island, tile backsplash, formal living & dining, HUGE bonus room w/fireplace. Bill & Vickie Keller 925.200.6764	Rare, South Livermore \$848,000 Custom built on a flat 1/2 Acre Lot. Huge backyard including detached 4 car garage w/ spacious side yard. Corey Green 925.899.6011	RV Parking \$679,900 Court Location. RV Parking & private backyard for entertaining. Granite counter tops and MUCH MORE! Corey Green 925.899.6011	Court Location \$567,000 Great floor plan in back of court location. Bed & full bath downstairs. Large family room and more! Michael Bowers 925.734.7177

Blackhawk East 4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300	Blackhawk West 3880 Blackhawk Rd. Ste. 200 Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000	Danville 15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000	Lafayette 3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Ste. 100 Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330	Montclair/ Piedmont 6116 La Salle Ave., Ste 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800	Orinda 89 Davis Rd., Ste. 100 Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000	Walnut Creek 1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500
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 2479 CHARDONNAY WAY
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DANVILLE
 Open SUN 1 - 4
 PRICE REDUCED! 6975 JOHNSTON ROAD \$1,697,000
 4 BR 3 BA 19+ acres, living w/stone/travertine frplc, 9 stall barn covered indoor arena & MUCH more!
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PLEASANTON
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 DREAM HOME! 4838 WOODTHRUSH \$815,000
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 5 BR 3 BA 1.4 level acres, pl/spa, covered/lighted arena w/sand ftng, 5 stall barn w/pipe paddocks 925.847.2200

7432 OXFORD CIR
 VERY LIGHT & BRIGHT! \$394,900
 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

FREMONT

4249 NERISSA CIRCLE
 GREAT FLOOR PLAN \$500,000
 3 BR 2 BA 1 Stry/Vaulted Ceilings, Bck Yrd/no rear neighbors, Updtd Bths, cls to Shppng, Dining, Schl/Prk 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

1248 DEEP CREEK
 GREAT HOME! \$649,000
 3 BR 3 BA 1 stry aprx. 1858 sf, kit w/SS appli, granite countrs/islnd, crown molding, fully landscaped 925.847.2200

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

2237 KAMP COURT
 BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED \$1,098,000
 4 BR 3 BA Approx. 2,900 sq. f.t., kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances/beautiful pool 925.847.2200

2350 SANDPIPER WAY — PENDING
 1 STORY BEAUTY! \$729,000
 3 BR 3 BA Quiet loc w/curb appeal, his/hers bths/closets. Granite kit cntrs/new SS appli/maple cabs 925.847.2200

2921 YORKSHIRE
 A BEAUTY! \$710,000
 4 BR 2.5 BA updated master bth, kit w/newer appli/granite counters, neutral décor, large fam rm, comm pl 925.847.2200

1327 BORDEAUX ST
 BEAUTIFUL HOME! \$700,000
 4 BR 3 BA vaulted ceilings, open flr pln, remodeled kit w/stone counter tops, huge fam rm, laminate flrs 925.847.2200

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2703 MOHAWK CIRCLE
 BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED \$665,000
 4 BR 3 BA Bd/full bth down, vaulted ceilings, updated kit w/newer appli/lighting, updated baths 925.847.2200

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DUBLIN - Beautiful Dublin Ranch home in Highgrove. This home is spacious with vaulted ceilings and lots of light. Upgrades throughout including chefs kitchen with granite slab countertops, ample maple cabinetry, mud room and large pantry. This home is a must see. 1 bedroom downstairs.

5071 ROUND HILL DR \$905,000



PLEASANTON - Gorgeous, newly remodeled kitchen w/light cherry cabinets/GRANITE/stainless ovens/pantry/stainless sink/newer laminant floors/ PLANTATION SHUTTERS, shows like a model!!!walk to Tennis Park/shopping/schools/great for commute 5 bedroom, 3 bath,1 bd and full bath downstairs, Must see! sell!!!

6246 CAMINO DEL LAGO \$769,000



DUBLIN - Great Dublin Ranch Home! Large Corner Lot! Light & Bright With Vaulted Ceilings! Bedroom and Full Bath On First Floor. Fifth Bedroom Is Large Retreat Off Master Bedroom. Over 2500 Of Living Space. Excellent Investment In Highly Desirable Dublin Ranch!

5631 APPLGATE WAY \$664,900



PLEASANTON - Beautiful 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home ready for new owners. New carpet, fresh paint, upgraded kitchen, granite slab counters,upgraded bathrooms,tile & laminate wood flooring, light fixtures, dual paned windows & MORE. Lovely court location in an established Pleasanton neighborhood.

3632 OLYMPIC CT N \$649,000



LIVERMORE - "TRADITIONAL SALE" Light & Bright home w/lots of windows for light. Upgraded kitchen with granite cntrs. wood cabs, s/s appl. & crown molding . Cathedral ceilings in lvg. rm. & spacious formal DR. Tile flr in baths, laminate floors in kit/FR. Private, spacious yard w/ no rear neighbors. Bonus room.

541 SADDLEBACK CIR \$479,900



PLEASANTON - Downtown Pleasanton! Great Starter Home On Large 5000 sf Lot. Walk To Downtown Farmer's Market, Shops, Restaurants and Parks. Great Opportunity To Not Pass Up On!

4390 1ST ST \$464,900



PLEASANTON - End Unit. Awesome floorplan**Don't miss this fantastic opportunity in a wonderful neighborhood. GREAT location, backing to greenbelt. Very spacious and open floorplan. Master on first floor. Gorgeous wood floors. beautiful community with walking trails.

5336 BROOKSIDE CT \$449,00



LIVERMORE - Cute single story home! Great court location! Seperate living room and family room plus master suite. Beautiful hardwood flooring. Large backyard with pool - perfect for outdoor entertaining! Walking distance to schools.

4022 COMPTON CT \$299,000



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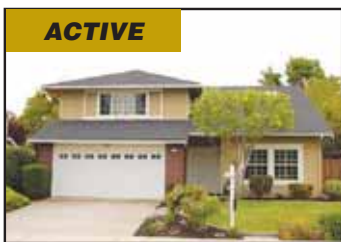


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COMING SOON

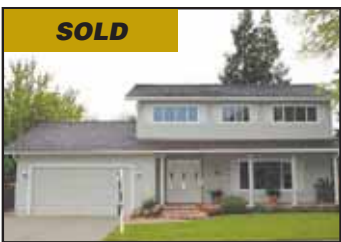
COMING SOON IN PLEASANTON

Beautifully updated and expanded Heatherspring model in Pleasanton Valley, 5bd/3.5ba, 2,672+/-sq.ft on a 9,965+/-sq.ft lot, updated kitchen and baths, and a newly resurfaced "Pebbletech" pool/spa with a sports court. Please call for private showing or details.



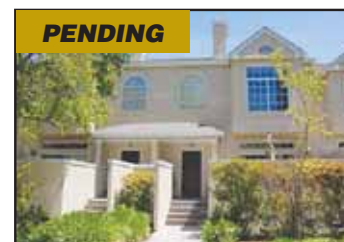
PENDING

5029 Hummingbird Rd,
Pleasanton
5bd/3ba
2,478+/-sq.ft with a pool
Offered at \$799,000



SOLD

5087 Blackbird Way,
Pleasanton
4bd/2.5ba
2200+/- sq.ft
Sold for \$780,000



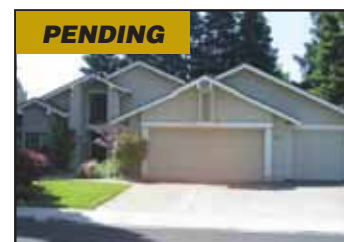
PENDING

654 Palomino Drive,
Pleasanton
3bd/2.5ba
2,300+/-sq.ft
Offered at \$539,000



SOLD

5369 Mallard Drive,
Pleasanton
4bd/2.5ba
2,087+/-sq.ft with a pool
Sold for \$800,000



PENDING

2786 Calle Alegre,
Pleasanton
4bd/2.5ba
2,274+/- sq.ft
Offered at \$869,000



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7208 ROSECLIFF CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE



AVAILABLE
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.
\$1,750,000

910 E MOCKINGBIRD LN. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN HAPPY VALLEY



COUNTRY QUIET, CITY CLOSE
1.2 acre lot with existing structures - buildable lot.
Single level home 1,937sf. 3 BD 2.5 BA. Barn,
workshops, chicken coop!...Endless opportunities.
\$1,235,000

541 GERARD CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN



APPROVED PLANS FOR GUEST HOUSE
4 BD 2.5 BA 2,573sf. on a 8,088sf. lot.
Remodeled and updated throughout.
Gourmet kitchen and private office downstairs.
\$849,000

1151 DONAHUE DR. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN IRONWOOD CLASSICS



JUST LISTED! OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30
3 BD 2.5 BA 2,163sf. on a 5,500sf. lot.
Open floor plan, hardwood flooring throughout.
Single level built in 2005, move in ready.
\$869,000

5846 CORTE MARGARITA PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN COUNTRY FAIR



JUST LISTED
4 BD 2.5 BA 2,016sf. on a 7,605sf. lot.
Tile floors, granite counters and an open floor plan.
Pool and private lawn. Quiet court location.
\$825,000

4187 FRANCISCO ST. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN JENSEN/AMADOR



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

COMING SOON

3 BD 3BA 1,679sf. townhouse
in Dublin Ranch, \$449,000

BUYERS NEEDS

4 BD 2,500+/-sf. newer home w/ pool
or large backyard, \$900k+/-

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4150 CREEKWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON
Don't miss this private, Pleasanton home on
premium 1/2 acre lot. Large multi media/game
room, upgraded kitchen and bathrooms with
granite. Five bedrooms, three full bathrooms,
hardwood floors, two fireplaces, three car garage,
4,002 square feet. Large secluded park-like rear
yard includes expansive Trex deck, in-ground
pool, Hot Springs grande covered spa, waterfall/
pond, playhouse, zip line, large lawn area, mature
redwood trees and large cemented side yard area.
Walk to great schools & neighborhood parks.
OFFERED AT \$1,195,000

DIAMOND COLLECTION



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 master 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 square feet. Located on quiet
street. Walk to great neighborhood park and
Main Street Downtown Pleasanton!
OFFERED AT \$1,169,950

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

CHAIN OF LAKES

FOR RENT



1844 MARTIN AVENUE, PLEASANTON
Highly upgraded rental in Pleasanton. Premium
secluded location in desirable Chain of Lakes
area on .75 acre lot. Professionally landscaped,
private park-like yard with in-ground pool, spa
and waterfall. Four bedrooms, large office (4th-
two workstations), three baths. Gourmet kitchen
with granite. Approximately 3,300 square feet.
Excellent condition! **\$4,500/MONTH**

PLEASANTON 900 Main Street



JANNA CHESTNUT BY APPT



4128 STANLEY BLVD \$1,799,000
Exquisite, unique property features 3 living structures. Grand main house, guest cottage, historical barn w/rec room & studio, pool & pool house. Must see! www.4128StanleyBlvd.com. Pleasanton

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



7208 ROSECLIFF CT \$1,750,000
Gourmet cook's kitchen & entertainer's delight. 5 BD/ 5.5 BA w/ 5,330sf. plus theater room, office and library. Outdoor kitchen, large patio & pool. Pleasanton

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



7909 DORAL CT \$1,699,000
Fabulous Golden Eagle luxury home with 4 bedrooms plus office, 3 baths, remodeled cherry & granite kitchen situated on a private .42+/- acre lot with pool, spa, BBQ and stunning views! Pleasanton

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



2516 WILDE AVENUE \$1,499,000
Incredible Mediterranean 5bd + retreat, sunny granite/stainless/tumbled stone kitchen, luxurious master, .50+/- acre resort like lot/pool/spa/sport court/fire pit/huge lawn area & more! Pleasanton

DOUG BUENZ SUN 1:00-4:00



1054 SHADOW HILLS CT \$1,495,000
Just listed! 5bd + bonus room + office, 4.5 bath home, situated on huge 1/3 acre flat lot. Custom granite kitchen, outdoor kitchen, sports court, stunning view of ridge! Pleasanton



MARK KOTCH BY APPT



2784 LYLEWOOD DR \$1,210,000
4bds/3ba, 3500+/-sf home. Expanded FR, formal DR, and LR. Upstairs bonus room. Built in 1996. Master suite with fireplace, near great schools and shopping. Large corner lot. Pleasanton

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPT



749 CRYSTAL LANE \$1,169,950
Beautiful home in the desirable Diamond Collection. Updated kitchen, expansive master suite with retreat & viewing balcony. Walk downtown. Private rear yard with in-ground pool/spa. Pleasanton

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5071 MONACO DRIVE \$1,029,000
Upgraded Harrington Model in Pleasanton Hills. Views of Mount Diablo, the Valley and Pleasanton Ridge. Upgraded kitchen, crown molding, plantation shutters. Walk to downtown & parks! Pleasanton

MOXLEY TEAM SUN 1:30-4:30



1151 DONAHUE DRIVE \$869,000
3bd 2.5ba 2,162sf. Single level. Hardwood flooring, open kitchen, large master suite. Formal dining, nook & bar seating. Walk to community pool. Pleasanton

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541 GERARD CT \$849,000
4BD 2.5BA 2,573sf. Gourmet kitchen with nook, dining room/living room off kitchen. Large family room. Large master suite w/ 3 closets. All updated. City approved plans for guest house. Pleasanton

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5846 CORTE MARGARITA \$825,000
4BD 2.5BA 2,016sq.ft. Tile floors, granite counters and an open floor plan are perfect for entertaining. The rear yard offers a pool and private lawn. Quiet court location in central Pleasanton. Pleasanton

JOYCE JONES SUN 2:00-4:00



3232 BALMORAL COURT \$749,950
Updates galore, 4bd, 3ba, w/pool, hot tub, granite counters, white cabinets, raised ceiling w/sky light in kitchen, hardwood flooring, beautifully updated baths, indoor laundry and MORE! Pleasanton

KAREN CROWSON SUN 1:00-4:00



240 SUMMERTREE DRIVE \$619,950
Fabulous curb appeal, corner lot 2239+/-sf, 4bd/3ba well maintained home. Outdoor living at its best with sparkling pool, fiber optic lighting, Pebble Tec finish. Built in barbeque. Livermore

JOY SCHMIDT SUN 1:00-4:00



308 HELEN WAY \$379,900
Great Southside location w/inviting floorplan. Updated kit & baths. Formal dining rm. Sep family rm. Shows beautifully. Great schools. Livermore

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SPEAKER

Mark Lollar, M.D.

Obstetrician/Gynecologist

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