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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Salute to our summer interns

Our two summer interns at the Pleasanton Weekly are heading back to school after about three months of learning about newspapers while also updating our awareness of life on the high school and college campuses these days. Brittany Hersh, a journalism major at Azusa Pacific University in Southern California where she'll graduate next June, lives with her parents Grace and Robert Hersh in Ruby Hill. A 2007 graduate of Amador Valley High School, she's passionate about history, particularly the American Revolution and World War II, and hopes to combine a career in journalism with work at a museum where she can produce publications focused on historical works.



Rachel Thompson

called it, was a major part of her work as she followed up with individuals in charge of these groups, often making more than 20 calls a day and handling at least that many in return. There were few dull moments with many of those providing the information Rachel has now keyboarded into the new guides. Since the magazine format on high quality paper sets them aside from other publications, the Info's have become household directories everyone can turn to for help, whether it's finding someone to call if the outdoor streetlight goes out in front of your house or using one of the Info maps to find a park for "open lot" baseball or picnic tables. Adding to her interest were the many community activities that she hadn't heard of. She plans to grab extra copies of the Info's to share with her classmates at Monte Vista to show them "all the cool organizations out there that most people aren't aware of."

For Brittany, her summer at the Weekly was a chance to earn points in Azusa Pacific's journalism program. I sent regular reports to Dr. Marcia Berry, who is the director of internships in the school's Communications Studies Department. Brittany had the chance to cover a variety of assignments ranging from a benefit dog wash to a story about high school performers traveling to four cities as part of a summertime jazz tour. Her work here also gave her time to continue as a manager of the Birds and Small Animals exhibit during the Alameda County Fair. During the opening Friday night fireworks show, a nest of yellow jackets was disturbed and one young woman rushed into the small animals area in agony. Brittany called the paramedics first, and then sent me a note about the yellow jacket attacks, giving us a lead on the story and proving her talent at handling breaking news.

My thanks to both young women for their great contributions to our summer intern program. ■



Brittany Hersh

Our other newsroom intern was Rachel Thompson, who will be a senior this year at Monte Vista High in Danville. A school cheerleader and also a budding "Dancing with the Stars" candidate as an active member of a private dance studio team, she is the daughter of Christa and Martin Thompson of Danville. Skilled at computers and research, we put her to work editing Info San Ramon Valley, a resource guide for Alamo, Blackhawk, Danville, Diablo and San Ramon that will be published Sept. 27. At the same time, she researched and updated information to be published Oct. 8 in Info Pleasanton/Dublin, a resource guide for these two communities.

This was Rachel's first job. Since there are hundreds of details and data to check, she started by emailing service organizations, community groups and city and civic organizations for updates on everything from department directors to the days of the month and times that youth commissions and energy committees will meet in the coming year. Playing phone tag, as she

## About the Cover

Life imitates art on Main Street as artist Gary Winter leans up beside his "stick figure" cowboy, one of many he's placed around town to create some fun. Photo by Jerri Pantages Long. Cover design by Kristin Herman.

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# Streetwise

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QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ON THE NATIONAL MALL.

## What do you think of Michelle Obama's trip to Spain?



### Craig Noel

LATROBE, PA.  
Steel mill worker

They had the opportunity to go, so she should take advantage of it. They're in office for a reason. I can't do the job, and we pay taxes regardless. It doesn't bother me at all.

### Isabel Kratville

OMAHA, NEB.  
Student

I think it's a little wrong. Not everyone in this country can afford a vacation, so to pay for a nice trip to Spain with taxpayers' money seems a bit unfair. I do feel like we should give something back to her though.



### Sue Kratville

OMAHA, NEB.  
Homemaker

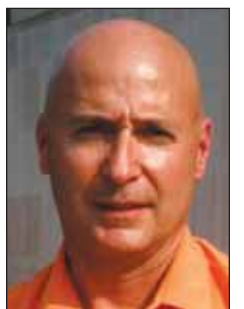
We need to be aware of how our money is being spent, but we are also a world power that needs to have positive representation. Michelle Obama has done a fabulous job; she is classy and smart. It is unfortunate that people of importance must have tight security, but we have a responsibility to protect our First Lady.



### Mike Kennedy

DALLAS, TEXAS  
Architect

It doesn't bother me at all. That's what you sign up for when you elect a president, and the family deserves a life, too. I hope they enjoy the four or eight years they have in office.



### Ray Olson

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
Employee, federal government

I hope she has a good time. Spain is a wonderful country, and she deserves the vacation.



—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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# Newsfront

## DIGEST

### Party attackers guilty

Two men have been found guilty of misdemeanor charges in an attack in Pleasanton last year that left the victim beaten and unconscious.

Devon Fergusson and Devin Kettle were convicted in a jury trial Aug. 5 of a single count each of battery resulting in serious bodily injury. The charges stem from a high school house party in which Dublin high schooler Brandon Tahtaras was beaten after a dispute over a broken beer bottle.

Alameda County Assistant District Attorney Teresa Drenick said five men jumped and beat Tahtaras; information about the other three allegedly involved in the beating was not available. Sentencing for Fergusson and Kettle is set for Aug. 23.

### Pleasanton swim season a success

The city's summer Learn-To-Swim program at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center had 2,642 children enrolled, overseen and taught by 89 lifeguards. The swim center also had 24 junior lifeguards who took a preparatory course to learn about first aid and lifesaving skills, and worked under the guidance of certified lifeguards to learn more about the responsibilities of the job.

This evening Pleasanton will end its 2010 swim season with the annual Splash Day Event, a carnival-type celebration at the Aquatic Center. Dozens of swimmers and their families join swim instructors from 6-9 p.m. today for open swim, decorations, games and skits. Staff will wear costumes with a Super Hero theme.

### Interim president for Las Positas

The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has named Dr. Guy F. Lease as interim president for Las Positas College. Lease replaces Dr. DeRionne Pollard who accepted a position in Maryland, until a permanent president is selected.

Lease served as superintendent/president at Lake Tahoe Community College District for 18 years and later as interim president at Fresno City College. He received his Ed.D. in educational administration from the University of Southern California and his masters degree in business administration from the University of Utah. He has chaired six California community college accreditation teams, and served for 10 years on the board for the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges.

The trustees will launch a nationwide search in the fall for a new president.

## Oak Grove developers sue Pleasanton to force OK on housing project

### Claim opponents failed to include development agreement in June 8 referendum

By JEB BING

In a move that could impact voter turnout and preferences in the Nov. 2 mayoral and City Council election in Pleasanton, landowners of 562 acres in the city's southeast hills are asking the Alameda County Superior Court to rule that they can proceed with plans to develop 51 large lots on a part of their property for custom homes.

Although Pleasanton voters sided with opponents of the development June 8 in a referendum that overturned the council's approval of the project Nov. 2, 2007, the developers, Jennifer and Frederic Lin, argue in their suit that the referendum only concerned Ordinance No. 1961, which was a Planned Unit Development (PUD) plan for how the lots would be placed, not the project approval.

They claim that the council, as part of its action in 2007, also approved Ordinance No. 1962, which was the more important development agreement that authorized the Lins to proceed with their development. By failing to include 1962 in their referendum, the Save Pleasanton's Hills citizens' group headed by former Councilwoman Kay Ayala missed its opportunity to referend the council's 4-1 vote that allowed the development.

The one council vote against Oak Grove in that Nov. 2, 2007, meet-

ing was by Councilwoman Cindy McGovern, who is now a candidate for mayor in the upcoming municipal election in November. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne, all candidates for re-election in November, voted to approve Oak Grove. Councilman Matt Sullivan also voted in favor, although he later sided with opponents on subsequent votes as efforts by Ayala's group moved forward.

Karla Brown, a Realtor who also is on the November ballot seeking a seat on the council, joined Ayala as co-coordinator of the citizens' group to back the referendum to reverse the council's approval of Oak Grove.

In a series of legal moves following the council's 2007 vote, Ayala's group and the Lins battled it out in Superior Court, the state Court of Appeal and the state Supreme Court, with the Lins challenging the validity of signatures on petitions Ayala and her supporters filed in early December 2007 to force a referendum.

Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled in favor of the Lins, but that decision was overturned by the Court of Appeal and subsequently the Supreme Court decided against hearing an appeal of that ruling. After two-and-a-half years of litigation that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, which the Lins had to pay (although no specific



Aerial view shows 562-acre Oak Grove development site, which starts at the end of Hearst Drive in the Kottinger Ranch subdivision on the city's southeast side.

amount has been given), the referendum was finally held last June 8.

Curiously, this new suit by the Lins seeking "Injunctive Relief" so that they can proceed under the Ordinance 1962 development agreement that they, the council and City Manager Nelson Fialho signed, was filed the same date although they only delivered a copy of the suit to City Attorney Jonathan Lowell late last Friday. Until then, neither the city nor the public was aware of the lawsuit.

By suing the city and the City Council, the Lins have now brought the local government into the fray — and the costs — of the Oak Grove approval issue. Up to now, a majority on the council has monitored the dispute between the Lins and Kay Ayala's group but decided against having its then-City Attorney Michael Roush join in the court cases, thereby avoiding any extra legal costs

other than Roush's time in attending court hearings. That decision by the council angered Ayala and her supporters, who spent hours complaining about the inaction at City Council meetings during much of the last two years.

With the approval of the referendum that overturned the council's 2007 vote of approval for Oak Grove, Ayala and the Save Pleasanton's Hills coalition thanked voters and considered their efforts a success. With this new suit by the Lins, they can't be so sure.

If the courts declare the Lins' development agreement still in force, they can proceed to develop Oak Grove, which would include giving nearly 500 acres of their property to the city of Pleasanton free of charge for use as a public park. That agreement also commits the Lins to pro-

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## Stand Down at Fairgrounds helps homeless vets

### Doctors, dentists, vision care specialists volunteer at biannual event

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Hundreds of volunteers turned out over the weekend to help 700 needy veterans at the biannual East Bay Stand Down at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Over the course of the four-day campout, the homeless veterans received special services that included everything that someone living on the streets could need — from doctors, dental treatment and vision services to 12-step programs. They also were given sleeping bags, clean clothes and new shoes as well as ditty bags decorated by local youths.

The Stand Down also brought veterans the company of their peers, like Mike Gainer, who received the benefits of two prior stand downs and came back this year to volunteer as a tent leader.

Gainer joined the Army in 1976, when he was 17, and

struggled after he left the service in 1983, at times becoming homeless. He's now a peer counselor in Oakland, and although he says he's not where he wants to be yet, he's on the way. Gainer took vacation time to dedicate a long weekend to help the people who helped him, and he worked with the 19 vets bunking with him in Tent C.

"I'm trying to help them coordinate and engage in services," he said.

Gainer, who admits he's energetic by nature, said he has to work hard to contain his enthusiasm.

"I had to tone it down — I don't want to burn out," he said.

Gainer's enthusiasm came through as he talked with one of his bunk mates, Ron Gaskell, going over a list of services

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## Guess, 4 other new stores opening at Stoneridge

### Simon Group names veteran executive as new manager of mall

Stoneridge Shopping Center will open five new stores before the end of the year, including Guess, a retailer of luxury American name-brand clothing.

At the same time, the Simon Property Group, which owns and operates Stoneridge, announced that it has promoted Mike Short as the center's new general manager.

Short previously worked at other Simon properties, including Hilltop Mall in Richmond, Coddington Plaza in Santa Rosa and Santa Rosa Plaza. Prior to joining Simon, Short had 10 years of diverse management experience within the shopping center industry.

"Stoneridge Shopping Center is the premier shopping and dining destination of the East Bay," Short said. "I am excited for the opportunity to help steer the center during this time of extraordinary growth."

Besides Guess, Stoneridge, which

currently has five department stores and over 165 specialty stores, also will welcome MAC Cosmetics, LoveSac, Brighton Collectibles and Massage Journey.

Of the new stores, Guess is expected to open later this summer and will be the only East Bay location of the international brand, with a 4,200-square-foot space on the lower level in Grand Court.

MAC Cosmetics, a popular makeup company, will also opening this summer and will be located on the lower level close to Guest Services. The new retail spaces will cover close to 10,000 square feet.

LoveSac, which sells beanbags and "alternative furniture," will open this summer on the upper level near Macy's Women's, just the second Bay Area location for the store.

Massage Journey, a former kiosk that offers on-the-go deep tissue

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## Kernan out of school race

Three so far have filed to run for two open seats

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Longtime Pleasanton School Board Member Pat Kernan has confirmed that he will not seek re-election.

"It's been a long week, and I've had many discussions with Parvin (Ahmadi, Pleasanton school superintendent) and a number of board members, and I am not going to be re-upping for my fourth term," Kernan said.



Kernan is currently the board's clerk and has served since the late 1990s. As an incumbent, his filing deadline was Aug. 6.

Board member Jim Ott has also opted not to run, and three people have filed for the two seats that will be vacated. Non-incumbents had until midnight Aug. 11 to file campaign paperwork.

The winners will be sworn in Dec. 14.

Jeff Bowser ran unsuccessfully for the Pleasanton school board two years ago and has announced he will try again. Bowser has a long history with the Pleasanton Unified School District, first as a teacher at Village High School, then as an administrator at Amador Valley High. He's now a manager at AT&T.

Sandy Piderit, who moved to Pleasanton in 2008, is also seeking one of the two open seats. Piderit is currently a visiting associate professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

Joan Laursen, president of the Pleasanton Parent Teacher Association Council, announced her candidacy in March. Laursen has been active in local school programs and fundraising campaigns. She also headed last year's effort to gain voter approval of a parcel tax and has spearheaded community fundraising campaigns. ■

## Fundraiser for Robert Harrison

Popular Pleasanton coach undergoes liver transplants

BY JEB BING

The Pleasanton North Rotary Club will hold a benefit fundraiser tonight to raise money for Robert Harrison, a Pleasanton resident who has undergone two life-saving liver transplants in the span of three weeks to treat a medical condition known as HHT (Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasias).

Rotary Club president Brian Damiani, an investment advisor, said the Western-style barbecue and dance will start at 6 p.m. at the Alameda County Fairground's Ivy Glen pavilion.

"When we were made aware of Robert's condition and the overwhelming medical expenses facing him and his family we knew we had to act," Damiani said.

"As a well known local baseball and football coach, Robert has given untold hours of coaching and mentorship to the children of Pleasanton through youth sports," Damiani said. "Now, in his time of

need, we felt this was our opportunity to give something back to an individual who has given so much to the Pleasanton community."

Food will be provided by Lockeford Meats in support of the Rotary Club. DJ Scott Ricker of Dynamite Sound and Lighting will donate his services for dancing and line dancing.

The event is open to the public with admission tickets costing \$20 for adults, \$10 for those 17 and under, with children 6 years old and under free. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Robert Harrison family, Damiani said.

An account also has been opened for the Robert Harrison family for those who wish to contribute separately from the Rotary Club fundraiser. Donations can be made to The Robert Harrison Family, Acct. No. 80000525007, First Republic Bank, 249 Main St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. ■

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Dogs are crowd-pleasers, from chihuahuas to mastiffs

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Doggies were mellow last Wednesday evening at Lions Wayside Park as they entered the 2010 Pooch Parade at First Wednesday, which was themed "Dog Days of Summer."

Canines were clothed as baseball players, fairies and sausages. One with rubber ducks stuck to him was wearing a sign reading "Chick magnet." Some owners — young and old — were outfitted to match.

At 6 p.m. the Pleasanton Fife & Drum Corps led the dogs up Main Street and down, returning to the park to complete their event entries and to hear the winners of the contests as well as drawings.

The trick competition was held in front of the crowd and everyone applauded as they went through their paces. The winner, Bogie, fetched a small cooler for his owner Diana Kimbrough and, after she

opened it, drew out a canned soda and carried it to her.

The parade is sponsored by the Tri-Valley Puppy Raisers and is a fundraiser for training guide dogs for the blind. This year 210 dogs registered at \$10 for each category.

The winners were:

■ Most Creative Costume: 1st place Bella & Tobiko with Shirley Wu; 2nd place Asha with Barbara Erwin; 3rd place Woody with Marta Skoog

■ Cute Enough As Is (naked pooch under 30 pounds): 1st place Lucy with Brian and Esther Ramsell; 2nd place Boomer with Alex Nottingham; 3rd place Silo with Natalie Szabados

■ Best Team Outfit (human and pooch): 1st place ...clair with Erin Brandes; 2nd place Toots with Sara Anderson; 3rd place Benny with Amanda Cooper



■ Oldest Pooch: Reba at 16 years 8 months with the Purnell family

■ Cute Enough As Is (naked pooch over 30 pounds): 1st place Zibah with Conrad Levoit; 2nd place Sophie Jane with Karen Borie; 3rd place Pilot with Larry Valenzin

■ Puppy Fun (pooches under 2): 1st place Tobiko with Keith Shintari; 2nd place Calypso with Carlos Diaz and Janet Diersen; 3rd place Brody with Patti & Rich Ambrose

■ Farthest Pooch: Sophie Jane with Karen Borie from Long Beach

■ Senior Pooch (10 years and older): 1st place Cyrus with Janet Diersen; 2nd place Bogie with



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pooches strut up Main Street shortly after 6 p.m. in the annual Pooch Parade at last week's First Wednesday. At left, Callie, an Imperial Shih Tzu, is dressed as a wind-up toy by her owner, Margaret Stone.

Diana Kimbrough; 3rd place Levi with Christopher Glaeson

■ Best Trick: 1st place Bogie with Diana Kimbrough; 2nd place Winston with Kathi and Steve Finley; 3rd place Sadie with Sherry Konig

First-place winners received \$20 gift cards; second place, \$10 gift cards; and third place, \$5. All of the winners received ribbons.

"But it's really all about the bragging rights," said the emcee. ■

## Woman headed to court Monday to enter plea on sexual assault charges

Allegedly began attempt to seduce 14-year-old who was dating her daughter

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A Livermore woman recently arrested for allegedly having sex with two boys is due in Pleasanton Superior Court on Monday to enter a plea on 67 felony charges.

Christine Shreeve Hubbs, 42, was booked into Santa Rita Jail for the alleged sexual assault of two boys which police said began in December 2008. Hubbs was arrested Thursday on suspicion of having sex with the underage boys since then, police said.

She began making advances on one of the boys when he was 14 and dating her daughter, also 14, officials said.

The charges include counts of oral copulation, lewd acts on a child, and exhibition of lewd material to a minor.

Hubbs allegedly sent messages and nude pictures of herself to the boys from her cell phone. After contacting the victims, she would then allegedly drive them in her black 2006 Hummer H2 to dif-

ferent locations in Livermore and have sex with them, police said.

She also faces charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor; police allege she let a group of boys shoot a plastic pellet gun from her car, Livermore police Lt. Matt Sarsfield said.

Court records show Hubbs drove boys ages 9 to 14 around Livermore on June 29, hitting speeds of up to 60 mph. The boys shot Airsoft guns — purchased for them by Hubbs — and hit a youngster on a

bicycle, according to court records, which also state that Hubbs did nothing to stop them.

That information came to police attention while they were investigating the alleged sexual assaults by Hubbs. No one was seriously injured by the plastic pellets, and Sarsfield said none of the boys in the car has come forward as a victim in the sexual assault case.

Hubbs has been married for about 20 years to her husband Timothy, a dentist, and has three children, according to her Facebook and MySpace pages. More than half of the 36 friends on MySpace have pages displaying ages 18 or younger.

Hubbs' Facebook page says she works in the dental office and that she "taxi(s) kids around after school."

Police began their investigation into sexual assault charges after receiving a tip from someone connected to Hubbs. Both victims are cooperating with the investigation, Sarsfield said. The first victim was contacted after police received the tip. The second victim came forward voluntarily a few days later, he said.

Police say Hubbs provided the victims with Visa gift cards, dinners at restaurants and video game consoles.

Hubbs hired a lawyer last week after learning of the investigation, Sarsfield said. She was arrested Thursday evening and was ordered held in Santa Rita Jail on \$4.3 million bail.

—Bay City News contributed to this story.

## TAKE US ALONG



### Salute to the Weekly:

Kristen, Kevin and Marilyn Ludt and their Weekly visit the Naval Civil War Museum in Columbus, Ga., where they attended Kevin's graduation from basic training at Fort Benning.



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## Museum announces first Heritage Awards

Recipients lauded at 'Brothels' fundraiser

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum On Main recognized the first recipients of its new Heritage Awards on Saturday at its annual fundraiser, "Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits."

The awards were established earlier this year to recognize efforts to preserve the community's history. The Board of Directors felt that recognizing people for their often unsung work is a central part of the museum's mission.

For several months, the Museum solicited nominations, which were reviewed by history and preservation professionals along with members of the board.

The recipients of the awards were chosen as follows:

■ **Historic Preservation-Commercial:** Bud Cornett, for significant and lasting contributions to the history of Pleasanton through the renovation and restoration of the Kolln Hardware Building as an extraordinary effort to maintain the historic character of the downtown.

■ **Historic Preservation-Residential:** Teri and John Banholzer for the renovation and the restoration of their home on St. Mary Street as an outstanding effort in the use of original and replicated historic materials to reconstruct

their building to maintain the character of the neighborhood.

■ **Historic Organization:** Alameda County Fairgrounds as it approaches its 100th anniversary for its contributions to the quality of life and by maintaining community traditions.

■ **Historic Business:** Christesen's, which has been a part of the downtown Pleasanton landscape since 1923 and has done much to keep the community connected to its historic roots as a farming and ranching community.

■ **History Educator of the Year:** Nicole Dalesio, a third-grade teacher at Fairlands Elementary for her innovative work with her students in studying local history and for promoting her love of this community and its history worldwide through her amazing video productions.

■ **Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award:** Bill Apperson for his significant and lasting contributions to the history of Pleasanton and sustaining the important contributions and legacy made by the Apperson and Hearst families in this community.

Museum On Main is located at 603 Main St. in Pleasanton. Call 462-2766 or visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). ■

## Company accused of not paying workers has history of such claims

State shows judgments going back to 2006

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Pleasanton staffing company accused of swindling temp workers in Oregon and California has judgments totaling more than \$12,600 against it going back to 2006, state records show.

Aptitude Staffing Solutions of Pleasanton has a total of nine cases at the state Department of Industrial Relations, which handles wage claims. Seven of those cases have been resolved: The company made a payment of \$458 to Christopher Sandaine on an outstanding judgment in August 2006; Aptitude was ordered in January 2007 to pay \$3,300 to Yameko Frederick, including \$2,982 under labor code section 203 which, according to state code, "occurs when an employer intentionally fails to pay wages to an employee when those wages are due."

In March 2008, Carrie Martin received a judgment from the labor board against Aptitude totaling \$1076 under the same code section, and in December 2009, Aptitude was ordered to pay Cynthia Lopez \$7797. This included unpaid wages, a section 203 judgment and \$1,840 in "other compensation," although the reason for that additional compensation is not spelled out in state documents. One case was dismissed

because the worker making the claim did not appear, and information on the other case was not available from the labor board.

Aptitude Staffing Solutions, owned and operated by Darren Lawson, according to state records, also has two pending cases in California and an investigation has begun in Oregon over claims from temp workers hired by him to work at two Safeway warehouses.

One of the workers in Oregon, David McMullen, said he has two main concerns about Aptitude. McMullen, who said he's owed \$563, is worried about taxes on the wages he earned.

"He (Lawson) was taking out taxes, but what if he wasn't paying them?" McMullen said. He also said that some of the workers in Oregon aren't filing claims.

"It's too much of a hassle," McMullen said. "I just think the guy should be held accountable."

The firm has operated in Walnut Creek and in Pleasanton, where Aptitude's business license expired nearly two years ago.

Aptitude claims 10 employees in one online site, while at another site, it claims 600 employees. Meanwhile, Aptitude operates out of a single rented office at a local firm specializing in providing office

space and receptionist services.

Aptitude no longer seems to be posting jobs on the Internet, although some lingering positions — some as late as mid-July — are still on several popular sites for jobseekers.

The company also claims on its LinkedIn site that it began operations in 2001, although its owner, Lawson, claims in his online resume that he worked for internationally known recruiter Robert Half at that time.

In an online bio, Lawson claims to provide "services to Fortune 500 companies and representing top talent nationwide," and says he wants to provide "satisfaction and fulfillment of executing a placement that contributes to the well-being of all parties involved."

Although Aptitude promises "advanced recruiting technology," McMullen said that technology was mostly last-minute calls from Lawson.

"He'd call me with hours that he needed filled. I called around and put people in those spots," McMullen said.

McMullen said he thinks Safeway — which last week said it had severed relations with Aptitude — should be held accountable, too.

"They knew we weren't getting paid," he said. "They allowed it." ■

## OAK GROVE

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viding other amenities, including \$1 million in traffic mitigation fees, an all-terrain fire truck and an advance on fees future homeowners in their development would be assessed by the Pleasanton school district.

Further, because the development agreement was signed in November 2007, the 30 days opponents have to file for a referendum have long since passed.

Also, while the council carefully sidestepped entangling the city in the Ayala vs. Lins court cases, thereby avoiding any cost to taxpayers, it could now be on the hook for hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars in legal fees if it defends itself in the Lins'

new lawsuit, where it is the sole defendant. If the council decides to defend the city against the Lins, the legal battle could well extend once again to the Superior Court, Court of Appeal and state Supreme Court no matter which side prevails as the process moves forward.

At its next meeting, on Aug. 17, the City Council is expected to approve a settlement agreement that will award two affordable housing coalitions \$1.9 million in (taxpayer-paid) legal fees they incurred in their successful court fight to nullify the city's 1996 housing cap, which the city has now done. In addition, the city also paid its outside counsel Tom Brown \$500,000 for his legal services in representing the city in the litigation.

The council could also vote to

accept the Lins' argument that the June 8 referendum left Ordinance 1962 in place and allow the Oak Grove project to proceed. That would require a majority vote and no legal costs. The same three who voted in favor of Oak Grove — Hosterman, Cook-Kallio and Thorne — still constitute the majority on the council, at least until the Nov. 2 municipal election.

If the council decides to defend the city against the Lins' suit, it will likely argue that Ordinance 1961 and Ordinance 1962 were inseparable, that a "poison pill" provision was inserted into the language of both ordinances that in effect makes one invalid if the other is declared invalid.

But in their lawsuit, the Lins, through their attorney Andrew B.

Sabey of the San Francisco law firm of Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP, argue that the poison pill language was only included in the text of the ordinances and was not "a condition or term in the actual Development Agreement."

"The Development Agreement is an integrated contract and makes no reference to the 'poison pill' language whatsoever," Sabey states in the lawsuit.

"The city has ordered the PUD referendum petition to be placed on the ballot for the June 8, 2010 regular election," Sabey continues in his Development Agreement brief filed the same date. "The referendum, if successful, would set aside the PUD Ordinance. Setting aside the PUD Ordinance will give rise to a claim, already in-

formally asserted by proponents of the PUD Referendum Petition, that referendum will also have the effect of setting aside the Development Agreement even though the Development Agreement itself was not referended and should remain in full force and effect regardless of the outcome of the PUD Referendum Petition."

"Thus," Sabey adds, "the pending PUD Referendum Petition presents a circumstance requiring the city to acknowledge, protect and reaffirm the Development Agreement and the vested rights it confers in favor of the Lins."

If the City Council decides to defend the city against the Lins' claim, the first hearings in Superior Court are expected to start in late spring or summer of 2011. ■

## STONERIDGE

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messages, will open in a permanent location near the Cheesecake Factory mall entrance this summer.

Later this year, Brighton Collectibles will open on the upper level above Grand Court. The jewelry and accessories retailer expects to be open before the Christmas holiday shopping season starts.

In addition, the existing Gap spaces at the mall are currently undergoing a complete remodel to bring the Stoneridge locations in line with the brand's existing store concept.

"We are thrilled to increase the



lineup of shops at Stoneridge Shopping Center," said Carrie Williams, director of marketing and business development. "Complementing our extensive selection of retailers, these fantastic additions will continue to improve the shopping experience for our customers." —Jeb Bing

## STAND DOWN

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Gaskell hoped to receive before leaving Sunday.

Gaskell, who served in the Army from 1973 to 1985 and in the National Guard from 1988 to 1994, is homeless — one of an estimated 15,000 homeless vets in Northern California.

Not everyone can be helped, Gainer said, noting that one of his clients wouldn't come, despite the services the Stand Down offers.

Job placement help was available, along with residential pro-

grams and legal and tax advice. The Social Security Administration was on hand, as was the California Department of Motor Vehicles and even a court.

That court was started in 2000 by Pleasanton Judge Ron Hyde after he learned about legal services offered at the original stand down, which is still held annually in San Diego.

"I decided because we're called East Bay Stand Down, we should have more than Alameda courts here," Hyde said. "This was the first multi-jurisdictional homeless court in the U.S."

The Stand Down may help

many, but it's not easy work. Some of the veterans have post-traumatic stress disorder, or alcohol or drug problems. Some have emotional problems.

Although no one from the Tri-Valley was there to receive services, volunteers from Pleasanton and Contra Costa County, including judges, came to help.

That included Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton), who was in town for the weekend before heading back to Washington for Tuesday's vote in the House of Representatives on the jobs bill the Senate passed last Wednesday. ■

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### The multi-million-dollar gamble

As we reported exclusively in our daily online edition Monday ([www.pleasantonweekly.com](http://www.pleasantonweekly.com)) and in today's print edition of the Pleasanton Weekly, a multi-million-dollar development project called Oak Grove is still very much on the table. This despite a 54% vote by Pleasanton voters against Oak Grove in a referendum June 8. At that time, 6,065 voters cast ballot opposed to Measure D, which would have accepted the City Council's decision in 2007 that approved Oak Grove, with 5,104 voters favoring the plan. A total of 11,169 registered voters. The landowners of the 562 acres called Oak Grove — Jennifer and Frederic Lin — want to develop 51 custom home lots on a portion of the land and have agreed to give 496 acres free of charge to the city of Pleasanton for use as a park. In a lawsuit filed June 8 and served on the city last Friday, the Lins claim that only Ordinance 1961 was part of the Measure D referendum. That ordinance dealt with the layout of the proposed lots, or the Planned Unit Development (PUD). The actual development agreement giving the Lins the right to develop Oak Grove was contained in a companion Ordinance 1962, which was not referended. It's still in force, the Lins' San Francisco law firm says. Because it was approved in 2007, the 30-day period to referend that ordinance has long since passed and the Lins' suit filed in Alameda County Superior Court seeks injunctive relief to let the project proceed.

This puts the council members, whether in favor of Oak Grove or opposed, in a dilemma. If Ordinance 1962 rules, they have to decide if it's worth what could be millions of dollars in legal fees to fight the claim in hopes that the courts eventually will rule that both ordinances were paired together. It was thought at the time the two ordinances were inseparable with a "poison pill" clause that rules that if one was declared invalid, the other one would be voided, too. That will no doubt be the argument City Attorney Jonathan Lowell discusses with the council behind closed doors early next month when a decision is made on how to respond to the Lins' lawsuit.

The suit comes at a difficult time for the council. Next Tuesday, it will sign a settlement agreement with two affordable housing coalitions that successfully battled the city in the courts over its 1996 housing cap law, which has now been declared illegal. As part of the settlement, the city will pay the coalitions \$1.9 million in legal fees after already paying its own outside legal counsel Tom Brown \$500,000 for defending the city over a three-year period.

Earlier, the city negotiated a costly settlement with the Guggenheim Corp. over the council's refusal to allow Daniel Guggenheim his bid to convert the 204-unit Vineyard Villa mobile home park from rental units to condominiums. Guggenheim had sued Pleasanton for \$29 million in damages. The council reversed its decision after the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal ruled that a similar action by the city of Goleta constituted "a taking of the Guggenheims' Rancho Mobile Home Park property" in that city.

If City Attorney Lowell and other legal advisors determine that the Lins are right, that Ordinance 1962 was not part of last June's referendum, it would seem foolhardy and costly to try to prove otherwise. Those opposed to Oak Grove at any cost have to look at their mistake in not clearly adding both ordinances to the Measure D referendum petition and ask if it's worth the risk of duking it out to the final bell where the courts could rule that the Lins can develop Oak Grove anyhow with Pleasanton taxpayers footing all of the legal costs. ■



Visit Town Square at [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com) to comment on the editorial.

## LETTERS

### Let digging begin at Staples Ranch

Dear Editor,

Through a number of sources, we have heard that an agreement regarding the development of Stoneridge Creek Continuing Life Communities and other Staples Ranch property is at hand. It has been a long time coming!

As prospective residents of Stoneridge Creek, we are thrilled that the many involved entities, i.e., the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, as well as Alameda County, Alameda Creek Alliance, Safe Streets Pleasanton and other involved parties have all worked together to assure that each group's needs are met. We are thankful for all their efforts. It is our fervent hope that the details of this long-awaited asset to Pleasanton can now be approved by our City Council at its meeting Aug. 24. Let the digging begin!

**Bart and Barbara Costerus**

### Clock is ticking for seniors

Dear Editor,

If the people impeding the approval of Stoneridge Creek Continuing Life Community could see its sister communities in Southern California at Carlsbad and Thousand Oaks, they would be anxious to see a similar high quality, architecturally beautiful development become part of the city of Pleasanton. More importantly, Stoneridge Creek will be a much needed addition to living options in Pleasanton, in the Valley, and in the Bay Area for seniors as they age and become infirm.

Stoneridge Creek CLC has listened to the groups that have had objections to the development of the Staples Ranch area. Stoneridge Creek's willingness and diligence in addressing their concerns shows the corporation's desire to be an excellent neighbor in Pleasanton.

For entry into Stoneridge Creek, residents must be able to live independently according to state regu-

lations. As the days, months and now years (nearly five) go by, many would-be residents are becoming unable to meet that requirement. Pleasanton residents who had planned to live in Stoneridge Creek have had to withdraw their applications and move away to obtain similar living arrangements.

We urge the City Council members to do what is necessary to approve Stoneridge Creek soon! Once approvals are in place, it will take an additional two-and-a-half to three years for completion and for residents to be able to move in. The clock is ticking for many of us who hope to be residents of Stoneridge Creek.

**Karen and Darryl Albertson**  
Livermore; former Pleasanton residents for over 30 years

### BofA needs parking

Dear Editor,

I am responding to Rayan Fowler's letter to the editor published July 23 regarding the need for Bank of America to open up its parking lot to the public. While I understand the need for more parking throughout downtown, as a Bank of America customer, I can tell you that I am extremely frustrated when I cannot find a place to park in the lot on a Saturday, during the farmers market, to do my banking. As Ms. Fowler states, people are in and out of the farmers market in 30 minutes, but that doesn't help me out for the less than five minutes I need to do MY banking! So please understand that your convenience is also an inconvenience to me!

**June Wong**

### What's your opinion?

Write a Letter to the Editor at [Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com) or put your opinion on Town Square at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com). Letters must be 250 words or less.

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Charges made after shoplifting sprees

Four women have been arrested on grand theft charges after thefts at two local stores, according to police reports.

In one incident at about 2:50 p.m. Aug. 6, clothing worth \$416 was stolen from Kohls on Rosewood Drive. Raylene Marie Hernandez, 24, and Paula Renee Escalera, 23, were charged with grand larceny. Their addresses were not available.

In the other incident, Mirta Bersalet Rodriguez-Reyes, 26, and Mayra Michelle Rodriguez-Reyes, 22, both of Fremont, were arrested at about 1 a.m. Aug. 4 in con-

nection with the theft of jewelry, clothing and sunglasses totaling more than \$522 from JC Penny at Stoneridge Shopping Center. They were charged with grand larceny.

### Teen charged in Pleasanton car theft

A 19-year-old has been arrested in connection with the theft of a 1990 Toyota Camry on Aug. 4, according to police reports.

Christopher Shawn Schwenk, no address listed, was charged with auto theft and auto burglary. The car was stolen from the 1500 block of Santa Rita Road, the report said.



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve the Settlement Agreement between the City of Pleasanton and Urban Habitat Public Advocates and Attorney General
- Public Hearing Continued from July 20, 2010: PDAM-03, Pleasanton Gateway, L.L.C. (Scott Trobba) – 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

### Human Services Commission

Wednesday, August 18, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2009
- Review FY 2009/10 City Grant and Contract Service Agreement Mandatory Final Performance Reports
- Roundtable Discussion Overview

### Housing Commission

Thursday, August 19, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approval of Management Assessment Subsystems (MASS) Report for Pleasanton Housing Authority
- Approval of Renewed Agreement with Barcelon Associates for Management Services for Kottinger Place and Ridge View Commons
- Presentation by Bruce Fiedler of Pleasanton Gardens Regarding Smoke-Free Policies for Multi-Family Housing
- Update Regarding Status of the Housing Element and Related Matters

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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## POLICE REPORT

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

### Aug. 2

#### Theft

- 5:41 p.m. in the 4400 block of Willow Road; identity theft
- 6:06 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft
- 8:48 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft

#### Burglary

- 10:13 p.m. in the 9100 block of Olson Court; burglary

#### Battery

- 1:24 p.m. in the 3600 block of Fieldview Court

#### Vandalism

- 8:50 a.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Muirwood Drive
- 8:53 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Street
- 1:43 p.m. in the 2800 block of El Capitan Drive
- 4:38 p.m. at the intersection of Meadowbrook Court and Forest Hill Drive

#### Drug/alcohol charges

- 12:59 a.m. in the 300 block of Ray Street; public drunkenness, obstructing justice
- 12:07 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue; bicycle riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- 5:19 p.m. in the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court; possession of a controlled substance

### Aug. 3

#### Theft

- 9:58 a.m. in the 6010 Johnson Drive; grand theft
- 3:18 p.m. in the 100 block of Wild Flower Lane; forgery
- 4:25 p.m. in the 3800 block of Kamp Drive; identity theft
- 5:01 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft

#### Automotive burglary

- 8:56 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Drive

#### Vandalism

- 11:46 a.m. at the intersection of

Stoneridge Drive and Trevor Parkway

- 11:48 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Vervais Street
- 10:08 p.m. in the 2100 block of Rheem Drive

#### Drug/alcohol charges

- Midnight in the 800 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- 6 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue; DUI

### Aug. 4

#### Theft

- 12:51 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 12:56 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of stolen property
- 10:55 a.m. in the 200 block of Trenton Circle; identity theft
- 11:14 a.m. in the 2400 block of Skylark Way; identity theft

#### Burglary

- 8:20 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

#### Vandalism

- 3:32 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Drug/alcohol charges

- 4:19 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- 9:33 p.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue; possession of marijuana
- 11:27 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and St. Mary Street; public drunkenness
- 11:40 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street; public drunkenness

### Aug. 5

#### Theft

- 7:51 a.m. in the 3500 block of Mendenhall Court; auto theft, burglary
- 9:37 a.m. in the 4800 block of Saginaw Court; identity theft
- 2:12 p.m. in the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue; grand theft
- 10:23 p.m. in the 7100 block of Johnson Drive; identity theft

#### Burglary

- 6:10 a.m. in the 3200 block of Flemington Court
- 5:51 p.m. in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Court

#### Automotive burglary

- 11:54 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 1:22 p.m. at the intersection of Vine Street and Birch Creek Drive

#### Battery

- 7 p.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Drug/alcohol charges

- 12:32 a.m. at the intersection of St. Mary Street and Peters Avenue; public drunkenness
- 1:42 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive; public drunkenness
- 2:05 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Old Bernal Avenue; public drunkenness
- 6:22 p.m. in the 800 block of Main Street; possession of alcohol by a minor

### Aug. 6

#### Theft

- 1:21 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; grand theft
- 4:37 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 4:49 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft
- 8:03 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

#### Burglary

- 11:41 a.m. in the 5200 block of Crestline Way

#### Battery

- 7:10 p.m. at the intersection of First Street and E. Angela Street

#### Drug/alcohol charges

- 1:10 a.m. in the 400 block of St. Mary Street; public drunkenness
- 2:52 p.m. in the 8100 block of Moller Ranch road; DUI

### Aug. 7

#### Theft

- 1:17 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street; grand theft
- 6:47 pm. in the first block of W. Angela Street; grand theft

#### Battery

- 1:33 p.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Threats

- 9:45 p.m. in the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Drug/alcohol charges

- 12:52 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; DUI
- 5:55 p.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; public drunkenness

### Aug. 8

#### Forgery

- 2:39 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street

#### Burglary

- 8:21 pm. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Battery

- 2:32 a.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Vandalism

- 7:31 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Drug/alcohol charges

- 1:44 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI
- 10:50 p.m. in the 600 block of Peters Avenue; public drunkenness

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# Transitions

WEDDINGS ● ENGAGEMENTS ● OBITUARIES ● BIRTHS

## OBITUARIES

### Jacqueline Ray Ritchie

Jacqueline Ray Ritchie died Aug. 7 in Pleasanton at the age of 45.

She was born June 8, 1965, in Wells, England. She was a member of Scotland's National Table Tennis Team in 1981-82, and she majored in interior design at Napier University in Edinburgh. She lived in Pleasanton for 15 years and was a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Oakland, and was a keen swimmer, skier and tennis player. She loved life and loved parties.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years Colin Ritchie and sons Cameron Grant Ritchie and Stuart Ray Ritchie of Pleasanton; parents Ray and Isabel Hammond of Falkirk, Scotland; and sister Kirstie Dawson of Strathnaver, Scotland. A celebration of her life was held Aug. 12 at Graham Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton. The family will be taking her ashes back to Scotland for scattering. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice in Dublin or to the Cameron and Stuart Ritchie College Fund, c/o Nancy Wigley, 3565 Whitehall Court, Pleasanton 94566.



the North End of Boston. His mother died when he was very young, and he and his brother and their father struggled to survive during the Depression. He met and married Kitty, and they both served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Buccella was called "Stado" by his friends as a young man. More recently, everyone knew him as "Ed," "Eddie" or "Fast Eddie." He worked for more than 30 years for Daniels Printing Co. in Boston and Everett, Mass., where he operated printing and bindery machinery.

In 2004, he moved to the West Coast to live with his daughters and their husbands in Pleasanton and in Central Point. He traveled with his family to Maui, Arizona, Southern California, on camping trips and to Las Vegas. He loved horse racing and poker, and played poker with his friends at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife Kitty and brother Bob. He is survived by his daughters and son-in-laws Cynthia and Bob Flaherty of Pleasanton, and Sylvia and Bill Horton of Central Point, Ore.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held in Boston in late September.



### John Louis Emmons

Pleasanton resident John Louis Emmons, CEO of Peregrine Falcon Corp., which he co-founded, died of cancer in Pleasanton on July 20 at the age of 52.

He was born on Dec. 27, 1957, in Van Nuys, the only son of John Burton Emmons and Emily Charlotte French Emmons. He graduated

from Purdue University in 1980 with a degree in biology and became a science teacher and coach at St. Stephen's School in Bradenton, Fla.

In 1985, he moved to Fremont and worked as a sales representative for A.H. Robbins and Searle Pharmaceuticals. He earned an MBA from St. Mary's College in 1992. He was married in 1987 to Victoria Stober, a health care executive.

In 1994, Mr. Emmons and his partner, Rob Hardesty, formed the Pleasanton-based Peregrine Falcon Corp., an engineering and manufacturing company specializing in lightweight components for the aerospace industry.

Mr. Emmons, known to his friends as Jack, was an avid chef and golfer, known for his acerbic wit, support of young people, love of travel and sport, and generosity. He was often seen downtown on weekends walking his dogs, eating at Main Street restaurants, or handing out bottles of champagne to Tully's employees who worked Christmas Day. He was past president of the Rotary Club of Warm Springs in Fremont and a member of Castlewood Country Club.

He is survived by his wife Victoria Emmons of Pleasanton; stepdaughter Katharine Stober and son-in-law Robert Tuck of New York; sisters Leslie Bennett of Houston, Texas, Judy Hanson of Buffalo, N.Y., and Susan Johnson of Knapp, Wis.; pets, family, friends and colleagues. Funeral services were held at St. Clare's Episcopal Church on July 28. Donations may be made in his name to the Rotary Club of Warm Springs Foundation, P.O. Box 14665, Fremont 94539.



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### Estero (Ed) Buccella

Estero (Ed) Buccella died July 16 in Central Point, Ore., at the age of 90 after dividing his time the last few years between there and Pleasanton.

He was born May 25, 1920, in Somerville, Mass., and grew up in

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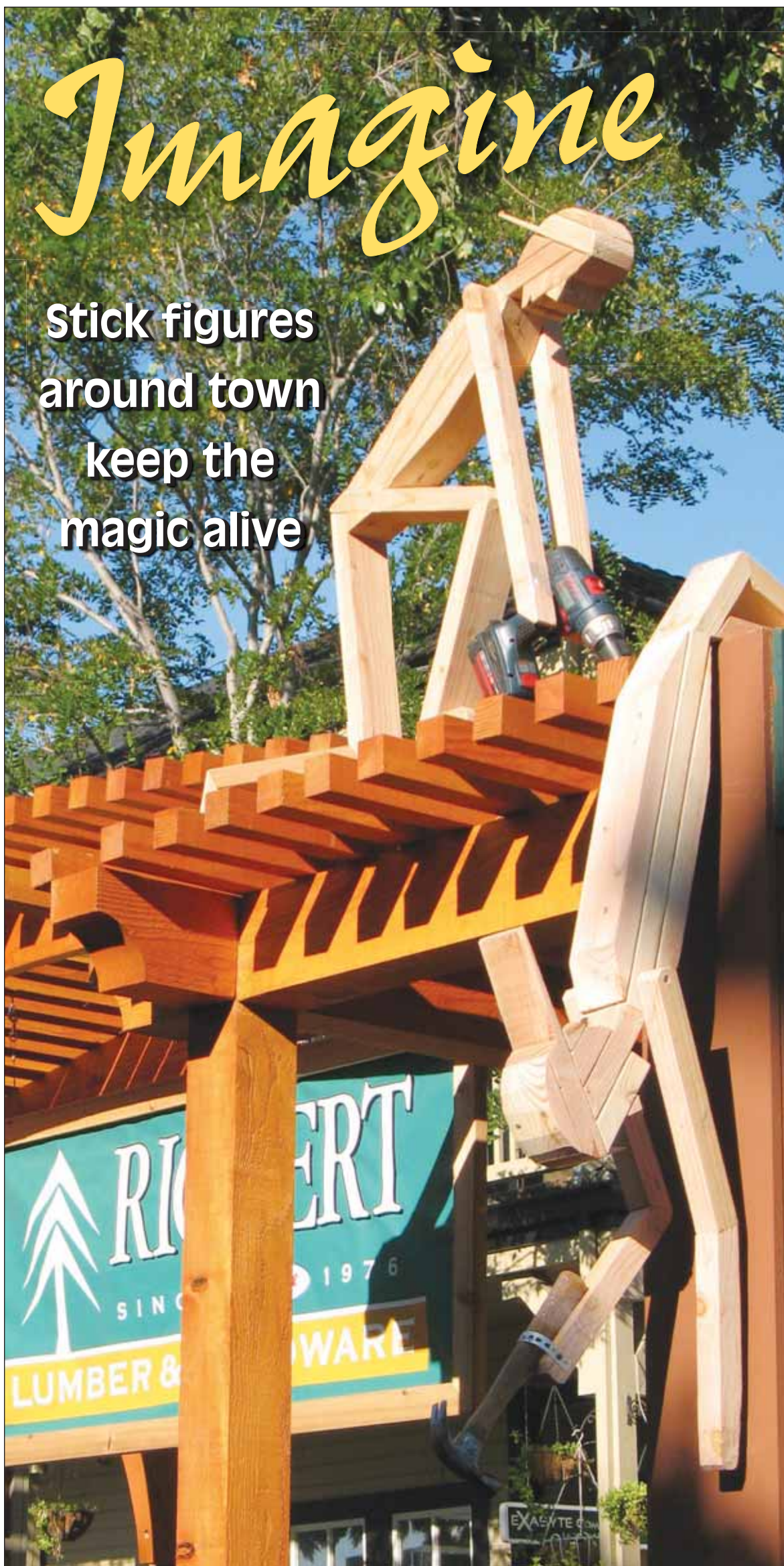
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# Imagine

Stick figures  
around town  
keep the  
magic alive



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One stick figure drills while another leans over precariously to hammer in a nail atop the Richert Lumber booth at First Wednesday.



Just one of the boys — not. This two-by-four figure lines up with the other motorcycles people smile.

BY JERRI PANTAGES LONG

Imagine.

That single word has been the credo of Gary Winter, and he wants others to adopt it, too.

Artist, designer, inventor and entrepreneur, Winter also is a man with the message: “Use your imagination!”

To help people do just that, he has transformed “stick figure” sketches into life-size statues made of two-by-four lumber, Gorilla glue and wood screws. These are appearing at different places around town.

If you happen to glance up at the historic tower on the east end of the Pleasanton arch sign, you can glimpse a window washer leaning out of the second-story window. Drive by a Victorian home, and you may catch sight of wooden figures mowing the lawn and trimming the hedges.

“If I can get a person to do a double-take, then I know I’ve jolted their imagination and gotten them out of their rut for that instant,” Winter said. “Especially in these times, we need something to smile about.”

Sitting side by side on a Main Street bench might be one “person” reading the Pleasanton Weekly next to another sending text messages. While farmers market is in session on Saturdays, some of Winter’s life-size stick figures can be viewed outside of the Berry Patch shop at the corner of Main and Angela streets. A skateboarder crouches, going full speed, with his dog keeping up. A cowboy leans against a post, hat tilted down over his face.

Wryly noting that “art is the first thing to go” when the economy hits a downturn, Winter decided to devote his creativity to helping others “dream wisely” — one of his favorite sayings, and one he often signs on his artwork.

“I’m trying to create some fun, to keep the magic alive,” he said.

He began transforming sketches to sculptures last winter, even before the announcement of the 11 Seward Johnson bronze life-size figures coming temporarily to town.

“I was trying to think of something I could make my son for Christmas,” Winter recalled, “and the idea of the skateboarder just came into my mind, in full detail. That was the beginning.”

Winter said he began creating the whimsical stick figures not to sell — although two have been ordered — but to inspire.

He has a website, [www.SNGear.com](http://www.SNGear.com), which lists “Inspire and Activate and Inspire,” which lists ways to help people translate their dreams. The site even provides a sample song entitled “Get your SN Gear” sung by his friend, Michael Winter.

The “S” stands for “success” on the site. “SNGear is a concise guide for staying focused on success,” Winter believes that “the gears in life: Forward, neutral, reverse.... Learn to throw your hat away, and leave the fear behind.”

Winter knows from personal experience that well-meaning friends and family can be too quick to say that a dream is “impossible.” He has had several dreams that would have dreamed possible. “I’ve turned my dreams into challenges, asking, ‘What if that?’ He hopes to speak in a way that offers lessons to entire families on how to imagine a better day.

“People come up to me and ask, ‘How do I do that? I could never think of that.’ But that’s not true. All of it is imagination. Unfortunately, I’ve stopped using that gift,” said Winter. “I have ideas that float by, without ever being put on paper and turned into plans. I want to help turn those ideas into my small part to stimulate the imagination right here in my hometown.”

Winter has a profound love of the world. He is proud to be a second-generation Californian. His grandfather, Frank Moniz, came to California from the Azores, where he was establishing what became the company in San Francisco.

“He had these horse-drawn wagons that would go down to the Embarcadero, load the ships and offload the redwood. The wagons were brought down from the mountains,” Winter. “His wagons would have been used directly to the building sites,” and the mansions being built on the hills.

The horses had to plod down the streets, so the teams had to be given them time to rest and recover. Winter’s main home was in Alamogordo.



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COURTESY GARY WINTER

Woody and the Two-by-Fours perform with the cowboy in attendance. The band can be viewed at Richert Lumber Co. on Sunol Boulevard.



JERRI PANTAGES LONG

This window washer works away above Main Street at Division in the building that once housed Koln Hardware.

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the 850-acre Sky Ranch near Bollinger Canyon Road to pasture his horses. One day Barrett rode into Pleasanton on horseback, looking for more horses to buy, and he fell in love with the area, purchasing another 100-acre ranch in Sunol, southeast of Pleasanton.

As a boy in the 1950s, Gary Winter would travel between these family ranches in the summertime.

"That's why I fell in love with Pleasanton at such an early age," he said.

His fondness for the area's golden hills and oak trees has been captured in murals he has painted in Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Livermore. The largest of these is the Pleasanton mural, on the side of Strizzi's Restaurant on St. Mary Street at Main. It measures 50 feet by 16 feet and incorporates the Alameda County Fairgrounds, "site of the oldest one-mile race-track in the United States," and Phoebe Apperson Hearst's former estate, which is now the site of Castlewood Country Club.

When building owner Gene Finch agreed to the project, creating the mural required Winter to put into practice all the steps he outlines in SNGear.

"I tried to get the picture in my mind, exactly what I was going to do," Winter said. "I would not allow myself to think 'can't.' If I got stuck on trying to figure out one part of the mural, I would simply work on another area until the solution came to me."

Considering that his great-grandfather was in the lumber business, it seems appropriate that Winter's sponsor for the stick-figure sculptures is local Richert Lumber Co.

Richert's, founded in 1976, has become in part an art gallery for Winter's latest creations, including a life-size, four-member rock band called — appropriately — "Woody and the Two-by-Fours." They can be viewed at 5505 Sunol Blvd. during store hours.

"Gary approached me with his 'stick figures,' and I loved the idea immediately," said owner Tom Richert. "Our contributing to public art is giving back to our community. Art defines a community, and the more we demand, the more we will benefit."

Current economic circumstances make it particularly difficult for local artists, he noted.

"We all have an appreciation of art, but a reluctance to spend public money in support,"

Richert said. "I hope the simple wooden 'stick figures' will be a beginning of art blossoming in our town. Let the community enjoy the eclectic art put forth by those willing to bear the costs. Encourage art, and allow retailers to spend on art as much as they would spend on a sign, as a way of drawing attention to their businesses."

Visit Richert's double-size First Wednesday booth on Main Street in September and you will see several of the stick figures, holding a tape measure, using a level, and performing other handyman activities. Towering above the booth are the largest stick figures of all — each 15 feet high — holding a banner, which says ... "Imagine." ■

### Using his imagination

Artist Gary Winter has also done the following:

■ **Cylindrical Concepts** — Designed and built a line of home and display furniture based on industrial-size cardboard tubes.

■ **The Swirl** — With brother Benjamin, invented the Swirl, a grooved, foam football that sold more than 1 million and won a 1991 award from Business Week as "Best Product Design of the Year." It's now part of the permanent collections in the Museums of Modern Art in both New York and San Francisco.

■ **Nail art** — Tapped thousands of nails into redwood to create art pieces. Two are in Ripley's Believe-It-Or-Not museums: a motorcycle and an enlarged coin. Winter translated the Presidential Seal into nail art as a gift for President Ronald Reagan, and was commissioned to create a nail art logo plaque for Habitat for Humanity to present to former President Jimmy Carter.

■ **Pleasanton miniatures** — Winter's little wooden figures of local landmark buildings have attracted more than a thousand collectors.

■ **Murals** — Painted murals on walls in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and San Ramon, seeking to preserve our heritage of rolling hills and oak trees.

For more information visit [www.GaryAWinter.com](http://www.GaryAWinter.com) or [www.SNGear.com](http://www.SNGear.com)



JERRI PANTAGES LONG

Artist Gary Winter found fame in Pleasanton with the wooden miniatures he created of landmarks around town, shown here for sale at Berry Patch.

## Rolling over the rivals

**Bocce Under-21 champ headed for 'fierce' world competition**

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Joey Bernardi compares his bocce ball style of play to the game of chess.

"It's assuming what your opponent is going to do next," the Pleasanton resident explains. "The stereotypical game is checkers; when I play, it's chess."

Bernardi, 21, is obviously successful on the bocce court: He is the U.S. Under-21 champ and is headed for the International Championships being held at a new facility in Rome starting Sept. 27.

"From what I hear, it will be something like I've never experienced before," he said. "It's a huge deal. The bleachers will be packed."

Bernardi recalled being stunned by the intense competition when he attended his first international competition in Toronto in 2008. The other country's players are fierce, he said, especially those from Italy, Brazil, Canada and China.

"It was my first rude awakening," he said. "My lucky shots are their normal shots and God forbid they get lucky."

The last American to go to the international Under-21 tournament finished 29th out of 32, he noted.

Bernardi comes from a long line of bocce ball players; his sister Navina, 16, is also a champ and competed in Italy with a local team. Joey began to pursue the game seriously after one fateful day on the rugby field.

"I went to De La Salle High School in Concord where I played rugby for three years," he explained. "An unfortunate incident caused me to tear my ACL (anterior cruciate ligament), MCL (medial collateral ligament) and meniscus about five minutes into the game."

He continued to play, went home and iced his knee, then went to bed.

"It swelled to the size of a cantaloupe," he recalled. "I showed my dad in the morning, kind of proud, and he said, 'You're going to the emergency room.'"

The doctor laid out clearly for Bernardi that another injury could mean an end to snowboarding, which is his first sports love. So he had to find another outlet for his competitiveness.

"About that time they were building Campo di Bocci in Livermore," he remembered so he began to play at the facility.

"At first it was a recreational thing, then I got kind of competitive," he said.

"You see a lot of families there," he added. "A grandson can beat a grandfather and vice versa."

His parents, Dario and Natalina, are both Italian-American, and Joey

began playing bocce at his grandfather's house in San Jose. He was participating in the bocce nationals when his grandfather Romano Bernardi was nearing the end of his two-year fight against cancer.

"Me and three of the other competitors were kicking it at my house in Pleasanton and my dad came outside and told me my grandfather had passed away," he recalled. "The first thing that came to me was to go see my grandma. I love her to death. I went down that night and stayed until 4 in the morning. Then my dad woke me up and said, 'We gotta play, huh?'"

Joey not only played but won and had his medal engraved "for Nonno Romano."

Bernardi has a lot of family in Italy — his mom was born there — and he speaks the language. He's in constant touch with cousins, whom he's visited several times.

"I leave Sept. 4 and am spending two weeks with my family in Northern Italy, Venice and Torino," he said.

He is a senior at Santa Clara University, which is back in session Sept. 20.

"I've worked very hard for three years so if I couldn't get time off from school I wasn't going to go," he said. "I went to all my teachers and they were incredibly supportive. They all knew it's a once in a lifetime deal."

Bernardi said that bocce players may be mostly older than the college level but said competitors are "starting to get younger." The bocce community around Pleasanton is extensive, he remarked, and includes John Madden and other well-known people who've been helpful to him.

"My dad, of course, is very good — normally he beats me up pretty good," said Bernardi. "Everything I shape myself to be is after him."

He added that he admires his mom, a civil engineer, and he is majoring in civil engineering to follow in her footsteps.

He also noted that while bocce is not physically exhausting, it takes different skills — which is where the comparison to chess comes in. ■

### Pasta send-off

**What:** 'Arrivederci Joey' pasta dinner to send off Joey Bernardi and his coach Ben Nicosia to bocce world championships in Rome

**When:** 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 23

**Where:** Campo di Bocce, 175 E. Vineyard Ave., Livermore

**Cost:** \$20, cash bar



Joey Bernardi puts on his game face while preparing for the International Under-21 Bocce Championships being held in Rome in September. Bernardi, a senior at Santa Clara University, says players from other countries raise the game to a whole new level.

PHOTO BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



## NOSE TO GLASS



BY DON COLMAN

### Thinking inside the box

I can't believe I am writing an article on this, let alone admitting to anyone that I have done this. I drank wine from a box. There, I said it. My guilt should be gone and I should be free to return to my regular wine drinking habits. But that is not the case, because I actually liked it.

Boxed wine has historically been known as "hooch" or the dregs that wineries would dump into a plastic bag, package in a box, and sell at ridiculously low prices. That is all starting to change. There are some wineries and wine marketers who are starting to realize that it can make a lot of sense. Here is why:

■ First, wine and air don't mix. There are thousands of gadgets (some borderline ridiculous) that you can buy that will remove air from a bottle once it has been opened. The design on these boxes creates a vacuum so that all unused wine remains untouched by oxygen.

■ Second, the environment. Even with recycling programs for wine bottles, there is a significant environmental benefit to moving to boxed wine (they create about half of the carbon footprint of a wine bottle).

■ Third, so many of us want to have one or two glasses of wine a night — but wrestle with the idea of saving the rest of the bottle. The box wine is the ideal answer as you can literally pour one glass of wine and then store the rest effectively for a month or longer.

■ Fourth, cost savings. In this economy, who doesn't want a deal? Typically, a box wine is equivalent to four bottles and you can buy it for the same price as buying less than two bottles of the regular stuff. Why such a difference in price? Boxed wine saves the wineries significant money, which savings are then passed on to the consumer (for example, research the cost of corks and the shortage of the cork trees, and you will get a feel as to one aspect of the cost of winemaking).

Here is the problem. As with all wine, there are good ones and there are bad ones. This is most obvious in the box wine market. The trick — find a reputable producer and stay with them. I found that Underdog Wine Merchants has created a website called [www.betterwines-betterworld.com](http://www.betterwines-betterworld.com) that covers all of the benefits of box wine. On top of that, it outsources much of its wine production to different quality wineries from around the world — many of which sell the same wine within bottles.

One wine in particular that caught my attention was Australian Sauvignon Blanc from Silver Birch. It is a refreshing and fruitful with a very smooth yet complex finish. I did a little test of the Silver Birch box wine vs. another Australian Sauvignon Blanc bottle wine — and found both to be very pleasing. The catch, I only had one glass of each — and then stored the rest for one night. When I had a glass the following night, the box wine had maintained all of its characteristics, while the bottle had lost some of the freshness, picked up some acidic tones, and was generally not enjoyable.

I must confess, if I were having a dinner party, I would be inclined to stay with bottles of wine. However, anytime my wife and I are looking for one glass of wine with dinner, these boxed wines are going to be at the top of my list.

The best part about these wines, as with most wines produced today, is that they are made to drink right away. These wines will not improve with age — so drink up knowing that you don't have to finish the box in one sitting.

On another note, if you want to get out and enjoy a fun Labor Day weekend — take a peek at the Livermore Harvest Wine Celebration. It is a great way to sample local wine, meet winemakers, and have some end of summer fun. Check out [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org) for more information.

Until next time, Cheers!

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



### Junior Achievement internship

Rahael Elizabeth Borchers (center), a senior at Amador Valley High School, was chosen by Bank of America's Student Leaders Program to participate in an eight-week, paid internship with the nonprofit Junior Achievement of Northern California. She was chosen due to her leadership and service in the community.

In addition to the internship Borchers attended a week-long Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. The summit included meetings on Capitol Hill, leadership sessions and environmental activities to show how service and nonprofits benefit communities economically.



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### Pleasantonians in musical

Pleasanton residents Olivia Cantrell and Charles Platt are performing in StarStruck Theater's musical production of "Les Miserables" (school edition) at Ohlone College Amphitheater in Fremont. Cantrell, a 2010 Valley Christian High School graduate, plays a "lovely lady" while Platt, a freshman at Amador Valley High School, is part of the ensemble and performs multiple roles such as a laborer, beggar, student and

chorus member.

"Les Miserables" is based on Victor Hugo's classic novel set in 19th century France and tells the story of ex-convict Jean Valjean as he tries to start a new life while being pursued by policeman Javert. Performances are at 8:15 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, July 23-Aug. 14. Tickets cost \$20 to \$25.



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Charles Platt

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## Author Visits

**WINE SEEKERS GUIDE TO LIVERMORE VALLEY** Celebrate with author Thomas Wilmer at 6 p.m. Aug. 28 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. The first exclusive guide to this little-known wine region, introducing adventurous wine lovers to more than forty wineries, the owners and wine-makers, and their superb wines. Reservations will be helpful, call 846-8826. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St, Pleasanton.

## Book Clubs

**PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB** This book club meets next at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The book this month is "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout, 13 rich narratives that offer insights into the human condition - its conflicts, tragedies and joys. The Sept. 27 book is "Sag Harbor" by Colson Whitehead. Call 931-3400 ext. 7 or visit [www.pleasantonlibrarybookclub.wordpress.com](http://www.pleasantonlibrarybookclub.wordpress.com).

## Careers

**NCHRA TRI-VALLEY** Northern California Human Resources Association is holding a class from 6-7 p.m. Aug. 19 at Faz Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Rd. This is a chance to network with peers and meet like-minded folks in an informal setting. Call (415) 291-1992 or visit [www.nchra.org](http://www.nchra.org).

## Classes

**PET CPR** Pet owners will learn to recognize emergencies, perform CPR and first aid, and administer medications and more from 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 15 at Murphy's Paw, 410 Main St. Presented by the American Safety Academy. Cost \$50. Call 1-877-380-4CPR (380-4277) to enroll and ask about the \$10 off coupon.

## Concerts

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** Enjoy great music from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at Lions Wayside Park (corner of First and Neal streets), a wonderful community event. Come enjoy pop rock from Finding Stella on Aug. 13, and come back for some rock 'n roll with

the Cocktail Monkeys on Aug. 20. Visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

## Events

**15TH ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING AND LUNCHEON** Tri-Valley, California Convention and Visitors Bureau will host its 15th annual Partnership Meeting and Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. This event is open to CVB partners and prospective members with a cost of \$55 for partners and \$65 for non-partners. To purchase tickets, visit [www.trivalleycvb.com/meetings](http://www.trivalleycvb.com/meetings).

**HAPPY HOUR FOR WIDOWS** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you for Happy Hour from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 19 at Sheraton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd. RSVP to Marge by Aug. 17 at 828-5124. Cost is your choice of food or beverage.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BIRD & SUPPLY SHOW** The event is from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Birds & supplies at wholesale cost to the public. Hand feed baby parrots. There will be prize drawings. Cost \$7 and children under 10 are free. Call 510-785-6647 or visit [ncabird.com](http://ncabird.com).

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DOLL AND TEDDY BEAR SHOW** This show and sale is from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., featuring more than 130 tables of lovable dolls and teddy bears. Doll repair dealers will be at the show to discuss your needs. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 6-14. Call 947-1572 or visit [www.herman-show.com](http://www.herman-show.com).

**SATURDAY NIGHT FUNNIES WITH SAMMY OBEID** Sammy Obeid, a Bay Area native, will be onstage from 7:30-9 p.m. Aug. 14 at Bunjo's Comedy Club, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Cost \$15 plus two-item minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit [www.bunjoscomedy.com](http://www.bunjoscomedy.com).

**SUMMER OPEN HOUSE** Thomas Coyne Winery is holding an open house from noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 21 and Aug. 22 at its Historical Tasting Room, 51 E. Vallecitos Rd., Livermore. The winery plans to release six exciting new wines and will serve a selection of fine cheeses and fruits. Everyone is invited to

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## Fundraisers

**ECYCLE FOR OPEN HEART KITCHEN** Benefit Open Heart Kitchen while recycling e-waste from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 14 at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Recycle televisions, monitors, laptops, flat screens, cell phones and extension cords (wire), with a \$5 per item charge for computers, stereos, telephones, printers, copiers, DVD/VCR, fax machines, and \$15 for microwave ovens. Checks payable to Open Heart Kitchen. Cash donations accepted. Call 570-1543.

**SISTER CITY BARBECUE** Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City group is holding a fundraiser Aug. 14 at the fairgrounds with social hour, silent auction, barbecue dinner, live auction and dancing under the stars. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Ivy Glen barbecue area, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Cost is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door per adult and \$10 per child. Call 600-8414.

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**MURPHY'S WAG & WALK** Enjoy an hour-long dog walk in downtown from 9-10 a.m. Aug. 14 at Murphy's Paw, 410 Main St., then return to the store for free Peet's coffee, just in time for a beautiful farmers market. Call 600-8925 or visit [www.murphyspaw.com](http://www.murphyspaw.com).

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**GROWING UP FEMALE WORKSHOP** Mothers and their fourth- to

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**Lectures/ Workshops**

**WALL DECOR** Learn the secrets to arranging artwork, mirrors and more at "Give Your Walls Something to Talk About," from 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 14 at Ethan Allen, 4230 Rosewood Dr. Seating is limited. RSVP at 734-6675 or visit [www.ethanallen.com](http://www.ethanallen.com).

**'OUR BRAIN: PROTECTING YOUR GREATEST ASSET FROM SPORTS CONCUSSIONS'** San Ramon Regional

Medical Center will host a free community seminar on "Your Brain: Protecting Your Greatest Asset from Sports Concussions" from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the hospital, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. A tour of the Sports Performance Institute will be held from 7-7:30 p.m. This seminar is free, but reservations are required; call (800) 284-2878.

**BIG SUR WILD CALIFORNIA** Mature Adults Program lecture is at 1 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. National Geographic presents a comprehensive view of the spectacular California coastal area known as Big Sur - through the eyes of three intrinsically connected native creatures. Call 931-3405.

**RANCHERS OF THE AMADOR-LIVERMORE VALLEY** Museum On Main presents the next 2010 Ed Kinney lecture series at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. A panel of local ranchers will discuss the history and practices of ranching in the Amador-Livermore Valley. Tickets are \$5 for members and seniors; \$10 for non-members; and \$3 for students or teachers with ID. Visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

**THREE STAGES OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION** To effectively communicate with children, one needs to adapt, based on their physical, emotional and cognitive developmental stages. Family mediator Sharon Tom will speak on the subject from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 16 at

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**Live Music**

**JOHN PALOWITCH TRIO** The trio will perform at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., featuring John Palowitch on saxophone, Jonathan Stein on bass, and Jeff Marrs on drums. They play in the traditional jazz horn trio setting while reaching to influences from modern jazz, classical musical, pop rock and beyond. Free. Call 931-3405.

**ZINGERS SING!** The Zingers will perform show tunes, songs from American Broadway musicals, popular music from the '20s, '30s and '40s, plus standard choral works, both secular and sacred, from 2-3 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free. Call 931-3405.

**Miscellaneous**

**FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER GRAND OPENING** The new Firehouse Arts Center will have its grand opening from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 18 at 4444 Railroad Ave. Following the dedication, the public is invited to view the facility, which features a performing arts theater, art gallery and arts classrooms. The free open house will have music, refreshments, drawings and activities for children. Call 931-5340 or visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**On Stage**

**'MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING'** Woman's Will perform "Much Ado

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**Support Groups**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND** A meeting of the Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will take place from 1-3 p.m. Aug. 14 at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Cafeteria Room 2, Livermore. It is for anyone who is blind or is experiencing vision loss; the organization can help people to adjust. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl, 449-9362.

**Volunteering**

**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. Aug. 15 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](http://www.tvar.org).

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### Livermore

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**6390 Owl Way \$639,000**  
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 583-2196

### Pleasanton

**3 BEDROOMS**  
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3 BD / 2.5 BA  
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**351 Ewing Dr. \$628,000**  
Sun 2:40-30 Faran Honardost 922-0822

**1151 Donahue Dr. \$835,000**  
Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

**3536 Olympic Ct S \$575,000**  
3 BD / 2.5 BA  
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## Home sales decrease but prices are rising

June sales decline blamed on tax credit expirations

BY JEB BING

Home sales decreased 4.2 percent in June in California compared with the same period a year ago, while the median price of an existing home rose 13.6 percent, the California Association of Realtors reported this week.

"Buyers who scrambled to close escrow in May to take advantage of federal and state tax credits before they expired impacted the number of homes sold last month," said CAR President Steve Goddard. "Although we expect sales to be lower in the second half of the year because of the absence of the government stimulus, they should remain above the long-run average and be significantly higher than the trough in 2007, when sales bottomed out."

"Although the tax credits are no longer available, it's important to keep in mind that home prices are substantially below their peaks and interest rates remain at historic lows, making this a very affordable time for many first-time buyers to purchase a home of their own," he said.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 492,800 in June at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations statewide. Statewide home resale activity decreased 4.2 percent from the revised 514,230 sales pace recorded in June 2009. Sales in June 2010 decreased 11.1 percent compared with the previous month.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2010 would be if sales maintained the June pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during June 2010 was \$311,950, a 13.6 percent increase from the revised \$274,640 median for June 2009, CAR reported. The June 2010 median price decreased 3.8 percent compared with May's \$324,430 median price.

"As we anticipated, home prices have continued to post modest gains, due in large part to the lean inventory of homes for sale in many regions of the state," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Ap-

pleton-Young. "This has contributed to market stability and bodes well for the remainder of the year."

"We're also seeing an increase in home sales at the higher-end of the market, a reflection of the slight thaw in jumbo financing, although there still is a long way to go before jumbo loans are readily available to qualified buyers," she said.

Highlights of C.A.R.'s resale housing figures for June 2010:

- CAR's Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in June 2010 rose to 4.8 months, compared with 4.2 months in June 2009. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

- Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates averaged 4.74 percent during June 2010, compared with 5.42 percent in June 2009, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable-mortgage interest rates averaged 3.86 percent in June 2010, compared with 4.93 percent in June 2009.

- The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 43.3 days in June 2010, compared with 44.3 days (revised) for the same period a year ago.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by CAR and DataQuick Information Systems, 232 of the 372 cities and communities reporting showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

Statewide, the 10 cities with the highest median home prices in California during June 2010 were: Manhattan Beach, \$1,737,500; Los Altos, \$1,618,500; Saratoga, \$1,425,000; Palo Alto, \$1,308,500; Laguna Beach, \$1,230,500; Newport Beach, \$1,150,000; Los Gatos, \$1,045,000; Rancho Palos Verdes, \$1,000,000; Cupertino, \$980,000; and Lafayette, \$946,250.

Statewide, the cities with the greatest median home price increases in June 2010 compared with the same period a year ago were: National City, 59 percent; Newport Beach, 52 percent; Richmond, 52 percent; San Bernardino, 47 percent; San Pablo, 38 percent; Fairfield, 37 percent; Walnut, 34 percent; Colton, 32 percent; Imperial Beach, 31 percent; and Poway, 30 percent. ■

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Dublin

**Total sales reported:** 6  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$211,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$430,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$371,000

### Livermore

**Total sales reported:** 30  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$154,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,135,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$526,500

### Pleasanton

**Total sales reported:** 33  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$194,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,090,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$709,333

### San Ramon

**Total sales reported:** 12  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$260,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,287,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$782,458

Source: California REsource

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 2010

### Dublin

**7622 Arbor Creek Circle** Keck Trust to M. Wallis for \$352,000  
**4272 Fitzwilliam Street** Procidia Trust to M. Parry for \$395,000  
**8202 Holanda Lane** T. Blank to M. Oliveira for \$430,000  
**3421 Monaghan Street** R. Neil to D. Seto for \$430,000  
**3425 Monaghan Street** D. David to X. Dufour for \$408,000  
**7026 Stagecoach Road #A** California Housing Finance to J. Johnson for \$211,000

### Livermore

**4628 Almond Circle** N. Chapman to M. & L. Weise for \$665,000  
**1035 Arrowhead Avenue** Primacy Closing Corporation to Z. Xiao for \$290,000  
**1057 Auburn Street** Johnson Trust to D. & C. Leavitt for \$445,000  
**526 Bernal Avenue** Deutsche Bank to M. Garcia for \$244,000  
**327 Brittany Place** J. & W. Wagner to Henrich Trust for \$740,000  
**730 Catalina Drive** E. Burkhead to J. Monge for \$465,000  
**2425 Chardonnay Way** Fuss Trust to T. & S. Bond for \$1,135,000  
**4301 Chaucer Court** D. & S. Bartlett to M. O'Brien for \$750,000  
**1355 Daisy Lane** D. Ong to S. Palalay for \$270,000  
**886 El Rancho Drive** Aurora Loan Services to C. Bruce for \$310,500  
**5645 Firestone Road** Tri Valley Golden Investments to D. Bracelin for \$338,000  
**6448 Forget Me Not** L. & S. Phipps to C. Jaber for \$240,000  
**2280 French Street** M. Gill to R. & P. Irani for \$855,000  
**5526 Greenwich Avenue** Foster Trust to C. Pitka for \$350,000  
**523 Heligan Lane** Shea Homes to T. Vargas for \$511,000  
**530 Humboldt Way** R. & J. Burrus to J. Riblett for \$339,000  
**1567 Juniper Street** J. & S. Pickering to W. Johnson for \$335,000  
**815 Katrina Street** Bank of America to C. & P. Grimes for \$432,000  
**285 MacKenzie Court** Goldman Sachs Mortgage to M. Lenoski for \$620,000  
**1830 Marini Lane** D. & M. Melis to P. & A. Banke for \$725,000  
**1953 Monterey Drive** Federal

Home Loan Mortgage to D. Kropf for \$154,000  
**1677 Sardonyx Road** T. & L. Harper to T. Melendrez for \$704,000  
**3007 Talinga Drive** HSBC Bank to T. Le for \$875,000  
**3047 Talinga Drive** T. Cartlidge to R. & H. Bruce for \$1,081,000  
**2767 Vernazza Drive** R. & M. Hanley to K. Kusalo for \$775,000  
**1025 Wagoner Drive** A. & M. Staggs to L. Brechbill for \$385,000  
**1179 Wagoner Drive** R. & M. Woolsey to B. McCormick for \$401,500  
**5466 Wildflower Drive** J. & S. Ness to B. Baker for \$650,000  
**5448 Windflower Drive** F. Khandan to C. Grover for \$340,000  
**1390 Winding Stream Drive** Wells Fargo Bank to T. Sosine for \$370,000

### Pleasanton

**7467 Aster Court** Cartus Financial to S. & A. Weir for \$700,000  
**3552 Ballantyne Drive** C. Wei to C. Dong for \$746,000  
**5610 Belleza Drive** Federal National Mortgage to R. & S. Sahu for \$375,000  
**5752 Belleza Drive** Townsend Trust to K. Wechsler for \$430,000  
**480 Bunker Lane** Emery Trust to S. Jayaraman for \$1,465,000  
**8020 Canyon Creek Circle** V. & J. Miller to P. Russell for \$550,000  
**3059 Crestablanca Drive** K. Wechsler to S. Luan for \$1,079,500  
**459 Del Sol Avenue** Wesco Realty to A. Caicedo for \$618,000  
**4427 Downing Court** Pelen Limited to F. Louwaert for \$591,000  
**1767 Germano Way** M. & M. Pak to Chiu Trust for \$2,090,000  
**550 Grapevine Drive** S. & S. Chikkala to R. Manikandan for \$600,000  
**3179 Half Dome Drive** Dickinson Trust to D. Jung for \$630,000  
**4779 Harrison Street** Javelina Sky Development to S. & R. Taran for \$360,000  
**3852 Keneland Way** L. Jack to F. & S. Zima for \$225,000  
**5151 Merano Court** G. & J. Xu to K. Gona for \$555,000  
**862 Montevino Drive** E. & S. Nowak to A. Rao for \$1,075,000  
**502 Montori Court** M. & D. Culver to X. Fu for \$900,000  
**5266 Muirwood Drive** P. Fitzsimmons to R. & M. Gallagher for \$490,000

**4037 Nevis Street** J. & E. Zaine to S. Jin for \$612,000  
**2005 Olivia Court** Grsw Stewart Real Estate Trust to V. Ayyagari for \$700,000  
**1643 Orchard Way** Larson Trust to T. & C. Lojewski for \$860,000  
**3504 Ovella Way #12** Stjohn Trust to P. & S. Muppidi for \$1,350,000  
**3966 Pimlico Drive** American Home Mortgage to P. Click for \$250,000  
**2528 Raven Road** M. & L. Skolnick to P. & L. Dai for \$845,000  
**3642 Reflections Drive** J. & A. Sprague to A. & J. Bridenbaugh for \$555,000  
**1299 Royal Creek Court** S. & T. Dunston to Z. Chen for \$1,010,000  
**2291 Segundo Court** JK Partners to M. Hagenbach for \$194,000  
**4544 Sierrawood Lane** J. & Y. Cardenas to I. & J. Alfonso for \$530,000  
**7562 Stonedale Drive** Gartenschlaeger Trust to J. Webster for \$485,000  
**4042 Suffolk Way** Zucker Trust to E. Choi for \$767,500  
**230 Tomas Way** G. & C. Priddy to W. & L. Lee for \$600,000  
**474 Vineyard Place** R. & B. Crump to D. & J. Durr for \$490,000  
**4025 West Las Positas Boulevard** F. & D. Merlin to I. Zhou for \$680,000

### San Ramon

**7670 Balmoral Way** Brookfield Santorini to R. Tikku for \$1,287,000  
**2708 Bollinger Canyon Road** D. & K. Ji to S. Ahn for \$260,000  
**2210 Canyon Lakes Drive** Travis Trust to N. & Y. Chung for \$710,000  
**612 Carrington Court** RWW Properties to J. Braganza for \$855,000  
**160 Copper Ridge Road** Legacy Copper Ridge to P. Gates for \$350,000  
**2073 Echo Place** E. Okabe to J. Velasco for \$610,000  
**5058 Holborn Way** A. & N. Mass to Lin Trust for \$988,000  
**7541 Interlachen Avenue** P. & S. Ghery to T. Winter-Patterson for \$590,000  
**203 Maui Court** T. Shaw to Ayala Trust for \$825,000  
**21 Pine Valley Place** G. & J. Davies to D. & M. Barth for \$1,135,000  
**3302 Sleeping Meadow Way** Gardiner Trust to D. & M. Riley for \$910,000  
**2154 Watercress Place** Giolzetti Trust to G. Choi for \$869,500

Source: California REsource

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**4427 DOWNING COURT, PLEASANTON — \$601,000**



Love at first sight! This totally remodeled Val Vista home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and almost 1,600 square feet. The striking granite kitchen features cherrywood cabinetry and overlooks a beautiful patio and garden. This incredible home sold over the asking price.

Dave and Sue Flashberger represented buyer & seller (925) 463-0436  
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**1909 BROOKTREE WAY, PLEASANTON — \$635,000**



This lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom Country model is located in Pleasanton Valley. The 1,696+/- square foot home sits on a 7,200+/- square foot lot. It features hardwood floors, a new 40 year roof, windows, furnace and A/C. It is conveniently located within walking distance of K-12 schools.

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**1349 LAWRENCE ROAD**  
**PRICE REDUCED!** **\$1,299,000**  
 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

**6975 JOHNSTON ROAD**  
**PRICE REDUCED!** **\$1,697,000**  
 4 BR 3 BA 19+ acres, living w/stone/travertine frplc, 9 stall barn covered indoor arena & MUCH more! 925.847.2200

## DUBLIN

**4685 SUMMER GLEN**  
**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** **\$929,900**  
 5 BR 4 BA Lrg kit/fam rm w/eat-in dining, granite kit cntrs, wd flrs on main level, soaring ceilings 925.847.2200

**3499 RIMINI LN**  
**GORGEOUS!** **\$799,500**  
 3 BR 2.5 BA + media/bonus rm, kit w/slab granite, dark wd cabs/accents, beautiful patio, 80K in upgrades 925.847.2200

**10784 SORNOWAY LN**  
**BEAUTIFUL DEVELOPMENT** **\$427,900**  
 3 BR 2.5 BA 2 car attached garage, tile entry way, hrdwd flrs in fam rm, kit w/solid surface counter tops 925.847.2200

## LIVERMORE

**2479 CHARDONNAY WAY**  
**BEAUTIFUL ESTATES HOME** **\$1,299,900**  
 5 BR 3.5 BA pl/spa/putting green in bckyrd, 1/3 acre lot, 2 bds down, master w/replace, loft area upstairs 925.847.2200

**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**  
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## PLEASANTON

Open SUN 1-4 **2237 KAMP COURT**  
**BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED** **\$1,050,000**  
 4 BR 3 BA Approx. 2,900 sq. ft., kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances/beautiful pool 925.847.2200

**4838 WOODTHRUSH**  
**DREAM HOME!** **\$815,000**  
 4 BR 2.5 BA lrg priv yrd w/inground spa, kit w/ grnite countrs/beautiful cbntrs, eat-in area/hrdwd flrs 925.847.2200

**1327 BORDEAUX ST**  
**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** **\$689,000**  
 4 BR 3 BA vaulted ceilings, open flr pln, remodeled kit w/stone counter tops, huge fam rm, laminate flrs 925.847.2200

**4386 KRAUSE STREET**  
**BEAUTIFUL!** **\$595,000**  
 3 BR 2.5 BA many upgrades! Dual pane windows, private backyard with patio and fountain 925.847.2200



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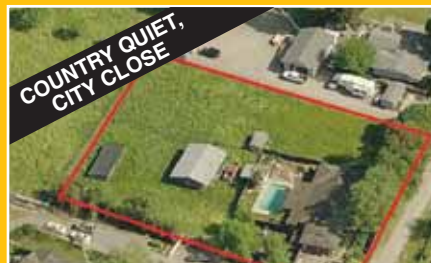
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**7208 ROSECLIFF CT. PLEASANTON**  
 LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE



**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



**OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00**  
 4 BD + office 2.5 BA 2,573 sf. on a 8,088 sf. lot WOW! Amazing upgrades throughout. Tons of private space, new kitchen & baths. **\$799,000**

**1151 DONAHUE DR. PLEASANTON**  
 LOCATED IN IRONWOOD CLASSICS



**OPEN SUN 1:00-4:00**  
 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. **\$835,000**

**5846 CORTE MARGARITA PLEASANTON**  
 LOCATED IN COUNTRY FAIR



**OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30**  
 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**

**5133 GENOVESIO DR. PLEASANTON**  
 LOCATED IN VALENCIA



**PENDING WITH 3 OFFERS**  
 4 BD 3 BA 1,926sf. on a 3,550sf. lot. Open floor plan, updated granite kitchen with dinette area. Bedroom and FULL bath on main level. **\$729,000**



**7647 ARBOR CREEK CIR.**  
 LOCATED IN DUBLIN'S WEST SIDE

**JUST LISTED**  
 2 BD 1 BA 764sf. with garage. Updated top to bottom, indoor laundry and designer touches throughout. **\$325,000**

## COMING SOON

3 BD 2 BA Jensen/Amador neighborhood in Pleasanton, single level w/ pool. Updated throughout.

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**OPEN SUN 1-4**

**4520 Lin Gate Street, Pleasanton**  
4bd/3ba, 2,179+/-sq.ft  
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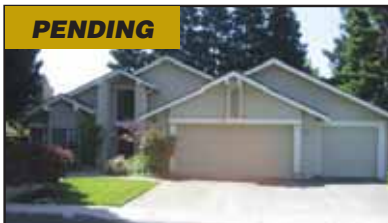
**OPEN SUN 1-4**

**1545 Orloff Drive, Pleasanton**  
One story, 4bd/2ba, 2,348+/-sq.ft on a  
9,734+/-sq.ft lot. Offered at \$799,900



**PENDING IN 3 DAYS**

**1275 Summer Court, Pleasanton**  
5bd/3.5ba, 2,672+/-sq.ft with a pool  
Offered at \$859,000



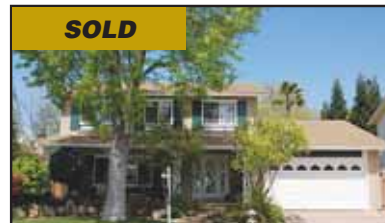
**PENDING**

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



**PENDING**

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



**SOLD**

**5029 Hummingbird Rd, Pleasanton**  
5bd/3ba, 2,478+/-sq.ft with a pool  
Sold for \$785,000



**SOLD**

**5087 Blackbird Way, Pleasanton**  
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**BRIDLE CREEK**



**COMING SOON**

**863 SUNNY BROOK WAY, PLEASANTON**  
Upgraded Avalon model in Bridle Creek on premium .28 acre lot. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private rear yard with built in fire pit, custom pergola and putting green. Beautifully landscaped. Five bedrooms, private office plus (5th is private guest suite/bonus room), 5.5 bathrooms, 4434 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Custom tile and hardwood flooring, plantation shutters. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2001. Located on quiet street with through traffic. Close to downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. **OFFERED AT \$1,549,000**

**THE COTTAGES AT DUBLIN RANCH**



**JUST LISTED**

**4444 CHANCERY LANE, DUBLIN**  
Beautiful upgraded Westcott model in excellent condition! Three bedrooms, plus bonus area (4th bedroom), 2.5 bathrooms, 2,250 sq. ft. Granite countertops, hardwood floors, all appliances included. Master suite includes spacious sitting/viewing balcony. Washer & dryer included. Spectacular views and easy access to two car garage (drive straight in). Across the street from new park. Walk to Emerald Glen Park. Not far from Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center and Dublin Ranch Golf Course. **OFFERED AT \$529,000**

**ORIGINAL COUNTRY FAIR**



**2468 VIA DE LOS MILAGROS, PLEASANTON**  
Desirable "Original Country Fair". Excellent location. Convenient to everything. Walk to all levels of schools & parks. Customized highly upgraded home with five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, bonus/game room, 3,787 square feet. Three car garage, remodeled kitchen with granite and custom backsplash, custom cabinets & built-ins, plantation shutters throughout, newer high quality roof, two wood burning fireplaces. Very private beautiful grounds include, in-ground black bottom solar heated pool & spa, exposed aggregate patio with flagstone, beautiful landscaping on .27 acre lot. **OFFERED AT \$1,369,000**

**PLEASANTON SEMI-CUSTOM**



**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 \$1,145,000**

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<b>Open Sun 1-4 \$1,890,000</b> Style Dreaming of a Home with nice Views of the Valley, Great Castlebrook Horse Barn, Also a 4 car storage and carport Barn with loft, Pleasanton Ridge water. <b>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</b>	<b>Formal French, Ruby Hill \$2,699,000</b> Custom new construction home sits on a premium lot at the end of a Cul-de-Sac. Featuring gorgeous architectural detail & quality throughout. <b>Uwe Maerz 925.306.8758</b>	<b>Laguna Oaks \$1,588,000</b> 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." <b>Weiner &amp; McDowell 925.251.2550</b>	<b>Mediterranean, Ruby Hill \$2,250,000</b> Features; marble, granite, cherry finishes. Library, 4 fireplaces, huge 5-car garage. Incomparable 0.70 acre yard, pool, spa, outdoor kitchen & more. <b>Diane Gilfether 925.648.5443</b>	<b>Carriage Gardens \$1,498,000</b> Beautifully upgraded custom home features 5 spacious bd, improved 1/2 acre lot. Pool, spa, waterfall, slide, sport court and more. <b>Weiner &amp; McDowell 925.251.2585</b>
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7930 Racoon Hollow, Pleasanton 6 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 3,366+/- sq.ft.	3258 Royalton Ct, Pleasanton 3 Bd • 3 Ba • 0.15+/- Acres	5063 Monaco Dr, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 3,079+/- 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.
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<b>0.80+/- Acre Lot \$1,495,000</b> Private park-like setting w/ pool for this beautiful custom home with amazing valley views. Spacious open layout and custom designer features throughout. <b>Peggy Cortez 925.648.5454</b>	<b>Full of Upgrades \$659,000</b> Nice home, wonderful neighborhood, court location! New: roof, dbl pane windows, flooring, carpet, baths, ext. & int. paint, w/ recessed lights in kitchen. <b>Khrista Jarvis 925.855.4065</b>	<b>Open Sun 1-4 \$1,049,000</b> Upgraded semi-custom home w/ Mt Diablo View! theatre room w/fireplace plus den! Cathedral ceilings & MORE! <b>Diane Sass 925.699.9508</b>	<b>Open Sun 1:30-4 \$1,495,000</b> Spectacular Sycamore Heights home including a vineyard w/ views. 0.43 acre lot w/ custom engineered spool, waterfall feature & multi-colored lighting. <b>Kelly Patterson 925.200.2525</b>	<b>Charter Oaks \$999,950</b> 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." <b>The Engels 925.251.2510</b>
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4524 2nd Street, Pleasanton 4 Bd • 3 Ba • 1,675+/- sq.ft.	2670 Trevor Pkwy, Pleasanton 3 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 1,614 +/- sq.ft.	6124 Corte Padre, Pleasanton 5 Bd • 5.5 Ba • 5,000 +/- sq.ft.	4073 Rosehill Pl, Dublin 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,550 +/- sq.ft.	4752 Mahogany St, Dublin 3 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,180 +/- sq.ft.
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<b>Downtown \$789,000</b> Stunning remodel on desirable 2nd St. Walk to downtown Pleasanton. Custom Cherry Cab's. Granite Slab. S/S appliances. Harwood floors thru-out. <b>Todd E. Martinez 925.251.2571</b>	<b>Open Floor Plan \$649,000</b> Mohr Schools! Attached 2 car garage. Laundry room upstairs w/ corner lot location. Light & airy feel throughout! <b>Julia Kim 925.648.5405</b>	<b>Resort Setting \$630,000</b> Gorgeous, new custom contemporary with so many top of the line features. \$50,000 Landscape Allowance! <b>Mahshid Shaghafi 925.648.5340</b>	<b>Open Sun 1:30-4 \$749,000</b> Beautiful Greenbriar home is located on a wonderful court location in the desirable Rainsong development. Entertainer's dream with professional landscaping. <b>Susette Clark-Walker 925.251.2547</b>	<b>Corner Lot \$634,900</b> Regular sale, vaulted ceilings, upstairs loft, downstairs den, neutral colors, spacious master, large yard, corner location. <b>Joe Frazzano 925.735.7653</b>
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11689 Padre Way, Dublin 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,584 +/- sq.ft.	7870 Galway Ct, Dublin 5 Bd • 5.5 Ba • 5,000 +/- sq.ft.	411 Sheridan Cir, Livermore 5 Bd • 3 Ba • 3,412 +/- sq.ft.	636 Sycamore Ct, Livermore 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,553 +/- sq.ft.	6390 Owl Way, Livermore 5 Bd • 3 Ba • 2,554 +/- sq.ft.
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<b>\$80,000 Remodel \$719,900</b> 4 Bd+LOFT, Vaulted ceilings, bay window/ kitchen, new windows, new heater and A/C unit and much more! <b>Joe Frazzano 925.735.7653</b>	<b>Contemporary Living \$1,538,000</b> Gorgeous, new custom contemporary with so many top of the line features. \$50,000 Landscape Allowance! <b>Weiner &amp; McDowell 925.251.2585</b>	<b>Upgraded &amp; Beautiful \$729,000</b> 1 bd & ba down. Granite counters w/ island, tile backsplash, formal living & dining, HUGE bonus room w/fireplace. <b>Bill &amp; Vickie Keller 925.200.6764</b>	<b>RV Parking \$679,900</b> Court Location. RV Parking & private backyard for entertaining. Granite counter tops and MUCH MORE! <b>Corey Green 925.899.6011</b>	<b>Open Sun 1-4 \$639,000</b> Pride of Ownership is reflected in this gorgeous home. 4 bd, + a downstairs office & 3 full ba. Expanded & remodeled kitchen w/slab granite & more. <b>Bowers Team 925.785.3795</b>
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<b>Blackhawk East</b> 4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300	<b>Blackhawk West</b> 3880 Blackhawk Rd. Ste. 200 Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000	<b>Danville</b> 15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000	<b>Lafayette</b> 3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Ste. 100 Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330	<b>Montclair/Piedmont</b> 6116 La Salle Ave., Ste 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800	<b>Orinda</b> 89 Davis Rd., Ste. 100 Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000	<b>Walnut Creek</b> 1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500
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