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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

After 4 years of effort, wars still go on

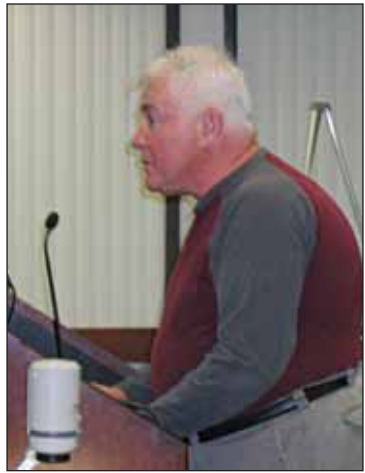
Just a day after nine U.S. troops were killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan and two weeks after learning that a Livermore soldier had died from wounds received two years ago in Iraq, peace activist Fred Norman was at the Pleasanton City Council meeting Tuesday again asking that it “do something” about these wars. A leader along with Councilman Matt Sullivan in the Pleasantonians 4 Peace group that holds twice-monthly vigils and anti-war protests in downtown Pleasanton, Norman said Tuesday marked the fourth anniversary of his regular appearances at council meetings where he asks the same question: “Why won’t you do something?”

Norman is a retired Marine and Air Force enlisted man who over the years has soured on military actions in other countries. He remembers a time when his bomber squadron was rushed into duty because Russian planes were detected heading our way. As his nuclear armed unit headed east with its payload, the alert was cancelled and Norman and his unit turned around and returned to base. That and other issues along the way made him doubt the information the military and government gives to the public, a doubt that continues this day.

Norman believes local government holds more weight with Washington than pro-war or anti-war politicians and pundits. He told the council again Tuesday that he’s always hoped that it “would think of something that would lead other city councils across the country to join in and lead the decision-makers in Washington to realize that there are people in this country who are against these wars.”

Norman said that during the last four years that he has been speaking against the wars before the Pleasanton council, 1,700 American troops died in Iraq and another 1,000 have now died in Afghanistan. And during those four years, he said the council has refused to try to do anything to stop these wars.

“I’m not sure why,” Norman said. “Maybe it’s because of elections, that if you oppose the war, maybe people won’t vote for you. Maybe



JEB BING

Fred Norman at the Pleasanton City Council meeting.

it’s because you support these wars. If so, your lack of action makes sense. Maybe it’s because you believe it’s not a Pleasanton issue even though we have Pleasanton citizens on active duty over there right now. Maybe it’s because you don’t know what to do.”

Norman said the council could take some action, either adopting a resolution opposing the war or holding a public forum to discuss the war and how Pleasanton should respond, as Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Sullivan have suggested. But always lacking majority support when those proposals were made, the plan never came to a vote.

“It could happen, but it won’t,” Norman lamented. “The war will continue; many more Americans will die. And city councils all across this nation will do nothing.”

Why does Norman keep going to the Tuesday night council meetings with the same request when all he hears in return is a “thanks for coming?”

“Well, as a stubborn old Marine when I first asked you to do something four years ago, your refusal made me so angry I vowed to continue doing this as long as I live,” he told the council. “I’m not dead yet so you can expect me to be here again.”

Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsor candlelight vigils at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesdays of the month in front of the Museum On Main, 603 Main St., and hosts a Peaceful War Protest from 5-6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesdays of the month at the corner of First and Neal streets. Call Cathe at 462-7495, e-mail Matt at mjs7882@gmail.com, or visit www.pleasantonians4peace.org for more information. ■

About the Cover

Rush hour traffic moves at a snail’s pace in southbound lanes on I-680 near Andrade Road as ceremonies heralding the opening of toll/express lanes occurs on adjacent Mission Road where this photo was taken. Open to solo drivers with FasTrak responders, toll lane can cost up to \$4 for full 14-mile segment with motorists expected to cruise at 50mph or faster nonstop. Cover design by Lili Cao, photo by Jeb Bing.

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What are your thoughts on the new I-680 express lane?



Ron Pereira
Electrician

I think it's a great idea. They should charge single riders to use the lane, but carpools should continue to be free. I would definitely consider using it.

Rodger Baxter
Insurance sales

I think it's a good idea. There are so many commuters who are driving alone, and if they can pay to use the carpool lane it would help the overall flow of traffic. I probably wouldn't use it myself because I am able to time my commute to avoid the heaviest traffic.



Olga Sulger
Education

I think it's a great idea because the state of California is in need of funds, and the commuters are in need of help to get through the terrible traffic. It's beneficial for everyone.

Mose Bamont
Inside wireman

I think it defeats the purpose of what a carpool lane was meant to be. Now all single drivers have to do is pay a toll and they are able to buy into it. It's not helping the environment by any means; the state is basically saying that they only care about money.



Ann Loflin
Retired

It makes a lot of sense. If you don't mind paying the toll, you can speed along. Drivers that have an allowance from their companies probably wouldn't mind anyway, and it would be a nice option for those times when you need to get somewhere quickly.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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Local pipeline on 'risky' list

PG&E officials released a list Monday of the company's 100 riskiest sections of gas pipeline, following the deadly natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno on Sept. 9. The line closest to Pleasanton is between Vasco Road and Sunol and runs roughly along the Vallecitos Road corridor and south of Ruby Hill.

Citing a potential for ground movement, PG&E noted that it would "evaluate the potential replacement of 7,000 feet of pipe — located on steep slopes from the North Livermore Valley to Vasco Road."

PG&E engineers use the list to plan future preventive maintenance and monitoring, PG&E president Christopher Johns said at a news conference in San Francisco.

Fred LaCrosse on CTV30

Legendary broadcaster Fred LaCrosse, a veteran news anchor, reporter and talk show host in the Bay Area for past 45 years, is serving as guest host for "Tri-Valley Community Focus" on Tri-Valley TV in September and October. The show airs on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 30.

"My goal is to try to make sure that the guests are as comfortable as they can be so they can get their information out to the public," said the Emmy-winning LaCrosse. "You don't try to be a star, you're a facilitator."

The Tri-Valley Community Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves the communities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and San Ramon.

RV show at the Fairgrounds

With interest in traveling in motor homes on the rise, attendance at the 16th annual Northern California Fall RV Show could reach pre-recession levels when the exhibits opens today.

"RVing remains one of the most economical ways to take a trip now and for years down the road," said show organizer Mike Nohr, who noted that the recession delivered the worst blow to the RV industry in his 35 years in the business.

The show is being held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds through Oct. 3. Cost is adults, \$7; seniors (62-plus), \$6; children 15 and under, free.

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City Council axes ice rink for this year's holiday season

Both San Jose Sharks, city lost money as rink failed to attract sponsors, enough skaters

By JEB BING

As expected, the Pleasanton City Council voted 4-0 on Tuesday night to suspend for at least a year the holiday ice rink operation that occupied part of the public library parking lot for six weeks over the past Thanksgiving-to-New Year's period.

Councilman Matt Sullivan was absent from the meeting.

The rink, installed and operated by San Jose Arena Management, a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks hockey team, never met expectations, with ticket sales and sponsorships failing to cover its \$292,000 in operating costs. Receipts instead totaled \$217,000.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the city government and the Sharks spent about \$100,000 in capital expenditures to set up the facility in the library parking lot last November, including providing supplies, equipment and security services. Although the special utility needs remain in place, those costs would be incurred again if a site other than the library lot is used for a future ice rink.

"If there had been a profit in the operation, our agreement with SJAM spelled out clearly that the city would have been reimbursed for

energy and security costs that we paid," Fialho said. "Also, if there had been a profit, 10% of the revenue would have been paid back to the city for the cost of personnel and other expenses. If there had been a profit after that, the remainder would have been distributed to nonprofit organizations. That didn't happen."

The portable rink, owned by SJAM, is being stored at the city's Operations Center in Pleasanton. The city's agreement with the Sharks is that the rink can be acquired by the city after five years if it's wanted.

Fialho said the library parking lot was chosen after owners of two downtown properties — the former Domus store and Round Table Pizza — declined the city's bid to use one of their parking lots for the ice rink.

As an alternative to place the ice rink closer to downtown, it was considered for Delucchi Park, but that proposal was withdrawn due to neighborhood complaints over potential noise and traffic at that site.

"In hindsight, that was a good decision," Fialho said. "We had never had experience having an ice rink here and we probably would have had to rebuild the park after the rink sat on the park grass for six weeks."

Although the rink was intended to serve as an economic stimulus to downtown stores and restaurants, it also failed to meet those goals with the library lot too far from the business centers on Main Street.

Fialho said Dublin's ice rink, which was located in a Toyota dealer's used car lot, proved to be a more attractive rink with Dublin viewing it as a community service, not a retail store stimulus.

He suggested Bernal Community Park as a possible future site for an ice rink, although SJAM rejected that location for this year as too remote. SJAM also declined offers to locate this year's rink at the Alameda County Fairgrounds or in a parking lot section of the Stoneridge Shopping Center because of high land use rents required by those organizations.

"I'm disappointed," said Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. "I thought the ice rink was a great opportunity for Pleasanton."

Councilwomen Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Cindy McGovern also said they were sorry to see the rink canceled for this season. Both talked about how excited their grandchildren were to be on the ice and try ice skating for the first time. ■



DINO VOURNAS

Patrons enjoy the opening gala of the Firehouse Arts Center last Friday night.

Firehouse Arts Center opens!

Hundreds turned out last Friday and Saturday for ceremonies celebrating the opening of the city's new \$10 million downtown Firehouse Arts Center with the first in a series of major performances and musicals starting tonight.

A sold-out \$125-a-ticket opening gala gave those at the dressy Friday night event a chance to tour the facility and hear special musical presentations in the center's 227-seat flexible theater. Many women wore evening gowns and men donned tuxedos for one of the few formal theater functions in Pleasanton.

On Saturday, it was a more casual crowd that filled the seats and much of the outdoor standing area. Speakers from the Pleasanton Civic Arts Commission and Firehouse Arts Center, as well as Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) and State Sen. Ellen Corbett (D-10th), praised Pleasanton for its architecturally stunning complex. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman cut the ribbon about mid-morning as the Firehouse Arts Center opened to the public.

The complex, which is located at 4444 Rail-

road Ave. at the end of Division Street, just a one-block walk from Main Street and downtown Pleasanton, will be open daily. An architectural blend of modern design combined with part of the old historic fire station built in 1929 makes the arts center representative of old and new Pleasanton in one building. A donors wall in the main lobby honors those who have made major contributions to the center; a brick courtyard outside contains the names of more than 200 donors of firehouse bricks.

The first major city-sponsored event was scheduled to take place last night with a special free performance by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band for the Sister City delegation from Tulancingo, Mexico.

Then a full season of entertainment kicks off tonight with performances by master jazz guitarist Earl Klugh.

Tomorrow, celebrated composer musician Mose Allison will perform, with award-winning pianist Evelyne Brancart in a Chopin piano concert performing on Sunday. ■

Clorox to move 700 workers to Pleasanton

Planning Commission mum on tenant as it OKs major changes

The Clorox Co., a landmark business with a long history in Oakland where it is headquartered, plans to move much of its workforce into the empty 26-acre campus of the former Washington Mutual Bank call center in Pleasanton next year.

Besides transferring as many as 700 employees and contract workers from its Oakland headquarters to Pleasanton, the company also plans to shutter its existing research facility, also on Johnson Drive, transferring its 400 management and research staff to the new corporate campus.

LBA Realty, which represents Clorox, won the approval last week of the Pleasanton Planning Commission to modify the 26-acre commercial center on Johnson Drive for Clorox to use for its expanded research and development operations. The proposal next goes to the City Council where it is likely to be approved Oct. 5.

Although commission members knew of Clorox's plans to occupy the former WaMu campus, none asked questions to LBA's representative Paul Thometz about the new tenant, which was unusual given the scope of the Planned Unit Development modification they were considering.

It was learned that Clorox executives had asked Pleasanton officials to keep the plans under wraps until Clorox employees and shareholders had been told. The company also is involved in efforts to keep the Oakland A's baseball team in Oakland with major contributions promised to the city-driven campaign. Publicity about its move to Pleasanton.

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In touch with the residents

Tri-Valley mayors communicate with constituents in different ways

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Tri-Valley mayors reach out to their residents in different ways but they all agree on one thing: If people are unhappy about something they don't hesitate to tell the mayor.

Danville Mayor Mike Doyle hosts a monthly informal coffee morning to give residents a chance to meet with him and town officials, continuing a tradition begun in January 2007. There have usually been about 20 attendees, said Town Manager Joe Calabrigo, who always attends. The average cost this year has been \$168.

Mayor Doyle recalled that he used to hold 10 a.m. daily coffee sessions downtown at the Rising Loafer on Hartz Avenue in the 1990s, as a councilman and as mayor.

"People knew I'd would be there. Everybody would come up, for years and years and years," he said. "I got a lot of publicity. Newspaper people knew that at 10 o'clock I'd be there."

Doyle said that people approach him everywhere — walking around town, in stores, at restaurants, at weddings, funerals and any social gathering. He'll meet people at Town Hall by arrangement, especially if he wants to include a staff member.

"I personally will go anywhere they want to see me," he said. "Some people feel much better

talking to you one-on-one away from the town offices."

In Pleasanton, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman also prides herself on being accessible.

"I went to every single First Wednesday, hung out on Main Street, and shook hands with 350 people," she said. "I go to farmers market every six or eight weeks; I have a big sign that says 'Mayor Jennifer Hosterman' and I stand underneath it."

She can answer questions on the spot or set up an appointment.

She sends out NuAlerts to tell people electronically where she is and what she's doing.

"I get a tremendous amount of email and I'm proud of the fact that with 70,000 residents, I have been able to answer every single email I've received in six years of service," she said.

She also never misses a chance to visit a classroom to make a "kid connection" or to lead them on a tour of City Hall.

She alternates her grocery shopping locations and makes eye contact with people if she has time to stop and talk. She also keeps regular drop-in office hours Friday afternoons at City Hall although she suggests that people call first for an appointment at 931-5003.

And she walks Main Street often.

"I will pop in and ask people how business is going," she said.

"When I see a vacancy I call the property owner and ask how to get a tenant."

San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson also believes in the kid connection, which he achieves through the Street Smarts traffic safety program, reading at schools, attending ceremonies for Eagle and Gold Scouts, and when elementary school students study city government.

"We bring the third-graders in and they have mock City Council meetings," he explained.

Wilson noted that he appears twice a month on the Tri-Valley Mayors Report on Channel 29-30 Community Television, plus each quarter randomly picks businesses and has lunch with them. He also attends Chamber of Commerce events.

He says people often approach him when he enjoys Central Park on weekends.

"After eight years I have an advantage," said Wilson, who became mayor in 2002. "People feel free to come up and say hello."

San Ramon also started a program last year called Government 101 for residents to take a series of classes with different department heads to learn how the city runs.

"I come in and speak to them personally," said Wilson. "There are no holds on the questions — that's the ultimate open government."

And he said he returns every telephone call.

"I encourage residents to come in one-on-one," he said. "You lose something if you email. If I get an email I usually pick up the phone and call them." His home telephone number is listed on the city's website.

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti set up his own website to keep residents



JEB BING

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, shown as a luncheon, says she never misses a chance to talk to residents, responds to all telephone calls and emails, and keeps office hours on Friday afternoons.

informed and updates it continually, including posting videos.

"I think that's something that's been very well received," he said. "Candidates typically now launch those things for elections but rarely maintain them after elections." He also sends out messages via Facebook and NuAlerts.

"Those are something I'm proud of, the utilization of technology, coupled with the more traditional forms," he said, noting that he's been to more than 30 neighborhood events since he was elected in 2008.

"I've let it be known that I'm willing to go anywhere in the city at any time," he said. "There have been times that I come out on a specific issue, or sometimes there is no set agenda."

"Any time there's a city event, I'm there and talking to people," he said.

Dublin may host a farmers market in Emerald Glenn beginning in the spring but Sbranti noted that although such markets are popular, not everyone goes to them. So he also targets Little League games, the

Heritage Center, the Senior Center and other places.

Sbranti, who grew up in Dublin and attended its schools, teaches social sciences at Dublin High School and is its activities director.

"So I'm very accessible that way, too," he said. "I think my outreach in the community is very extensive."

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamenia says the city's quarterly issues of highlights go out to every resident, which helps him reach the community.

"I make sure my office and telephone number are in there," he said.

He said he probably receives 548 emails a day, although about half of those are from regional committees and other governments.

"I respond to each person who has a request," he said. "It's not uncommon for me to be here on Sunday."

He's also out and about, at street fairs and festivals, at the Livermore Farmers Market and at ribbon cuttings.

"It just seems like no matter where I go, there's always some issues that will crop up," said Kamenia. "It's fun to talk to residents."

At the recent opening of the downtown fountain, he said he stayed for four hours, listening to people's praise and concerns.

"Half the time it's a matter of them loving what's going on in Livermore," he said. "The other half of the folks are wondering what's happened to something we used to do."

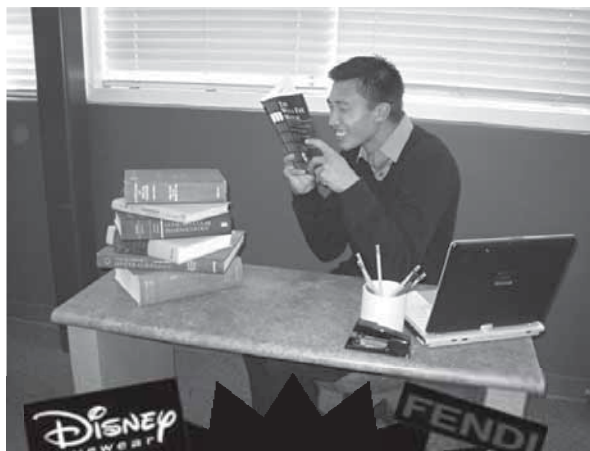
He also noted appearing on the quarterly Mayor's Report on Channel 30.

"I'm surprised how many people will recognize me because of that program," he said, adding that people ask him to expound on topics mentioned on the program.

Each of the five mayors said they enjoy interaction with residents.

"I just love meeting and talking to people," said Danville Mayor Mike Doyle. "My favorite saying is, 'You don't have to fight City Hall — it belongs to you.'" ■

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Foothill grad hopes to make it big with TV pilot

'Keeping Up with the Guptas' premieres in Beverly Hills tonight

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Armed with an idea, a video camera and a little help from his family, a recent Foothill High School grad is ready to make his mark in Hollywood.

Sunny Tripathy didn't exactly expect his YouTube video to go viral, much less become a pilot for a TV show. He said the whole thing began on a trip home from UCLA for winter break when he got the idea to make a video about his family.

"I have a very funny and comical family. I was thinking it would be kind of funny, some of the things that went on back home," he explained.



Sunny Tripathy

"When I got home, I told my family about the idea. At first they were hesitant, because they're a very traditional family. My dad's an engineer, my mom's a teacher — regardless, I was able to persuade them."

Tripathy, who's majoring in economics with a minor in film, posted his short video about his family on the Internet, without expecting much to come of it. "We filmed it and we put it on YouTube and just shared it with friends and family," he said. "We just thought it would be some kind of an in joke." Before too long, though, that video, "Keeping Up with the Guptas," had been viewed 30,000 times. There was fan mail and even websites with responses.

"It took us by surprise. There were celebrity tweets about it, it was in the newspaper," Tripathy said. "I had a friend at NBC — she saw it and said, 'You guys have some potential there. It's actually a serious show that could go somewhere.'"



He enlisted the aid of a fellow Foothill grad, Sahil Punamia, who's the show's assistant writer and director. Together, they rewrote the script, adding drama and conflict, and ended up with a 38-page screenplay.

"We had hundreds of people auditioning for roles," Tripathy said. The crew was college students from across the country, from Berklee College of Music in Boston to UC Berkeley, with students from UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Riverside and Los Angeles Film School all getting involved.

"It became one of the biggest, if not the biggest, student collaborations ever," Tripathy said.

He plays a character with the same name, and Sumi Raman, another Foothill graduate, plays his sister.

Then came the filming. Typically, he said, it takes six weeks and a half-million dollars to put together a pilot. Tripathy and Punamia put theirs together in 72 hours, at a cost of about \$1,000.

Tonight, Tripathy, Punamia and Raman along with their colleagues,

including Foothill alumni Matt Clark and Danial Asif, who helped with the marketing, will find out if the idea is a hit. "Usually a TV pilot is pitched quietly to the networks, but because we had so much publicity, we're just going to go big," Tripathy said.

The red carpet premiere of "Keeping Up with the Guptas" will take place at the Tanzore Lounge in Beverly Hills. Tripathy said directors, hip hop artists and "all sorts of cool talent will be coming" to support the show.

"There'll be live performances — It's kind of an all-out event," Tripathy said.

Tripathy said he'll be looking to raise money for the World Hunger Project as well as promoting his TV show. But executives from Fox and NBC will be there, and Tripathy is optimistic about his chances.

"The eventual goal is — it would be great if it gets picked up," Tripathy said. "If not, we've got incredible experience for the projects we're working on. We're not even worried. We had a great time doing it." ■

'Parent Project' helps with teen years

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Calling all parents with troubled teens: There is light at the end of the tunnel.

So says Teresa LeMay, who is teaching an 11-week parenting course beginning Tuesday, called "Parent Project: Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior."

The class usually includes parents whose teenagers have been runaways, involved in drug abuse, domestic disputes, gangs or having trouble with the challenges of blended families. Frequently the teens' behavior has included cutting school or failing classes.

"If you have teens you are having a hard time with, this class is for you," LeMay said. "I believe with all my heart and soul in this program."

LeMay, who has two grown children and teaches special education at Alisal Elementary School, credits the program with "saving my life." She received 40 hours of specialized training to become a certified Parent Project instructor.

"I wanted to give other parents hope that there is light at the end of the tunnel," she said. "The Parent Project gives parents a series of building blocks to create a strong foundation for a renewed, positive relationship with their teenagers."

LeMay teaches the class at the Pleasanton Police Department, and police experts join in some of the sessions. This year Sgt. Michael Tryphonas, who is in charge of youth and community services, will take part.

Step by step, parents are given tools for how to listen without arguing and how to make teenagers accountable for their own choices. They are given weekly "home

practice" assignments, then at the next class parents may share how well the strategies worked with their teens.

"These strategies really work," said LeMay.

For example, parents may tie school success with a teen's weekend plans.

A parent might say, "Since you have chosen not to do your homework, you also have chosen not to attend the school dance this weekend."

"Change happens when a person gets tired of things not going the way they want them to," LeMay said.

She noted that parents sometimes continue to meet as a support group after the course is ended.

"Another officer still is meeting with the support group of our first class, seven years later," LeMay said. "Friendships and bonds of trust are formed as parents learn that they are not alone in facing problems with their teenage children."

The Parent Project is jointly sponsored by Amador Valley Adult & Community Education and the Pleasanton Police Department, in partnership with Pleasanton PTA Council. It was started in Ontario, Calif., 20 years ago and has been offered several times in Pleasanton during the last seven years.

The next Parent Project session will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, Sept. 28-Dec. 14. Class size is limited to 20 parents. Cost is \$95 per parent with a 10 percent discount for couples. To register, call Amador Valley Adult Education at 426-4280; go to www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted; or visit the Adult Ed office at 215 Abbie St. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Ooh la la: Pleasanton residents Diane Mascote McRae and Tanya Butler Spott, who have known each other since high school, enjoy their Weekly on an all-expense paid trip earned by Diane through her Pampered Chef business.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery PLOTS FOR SALE

As a courtesy to the residents of Pleasanton, we want to insure everyone is aware that the city will soon begin selling property at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery. Restricted property sales will begin on October 1, 2010. For best selection of plot location you may want to schedule an appointment now for October. If you would like additional information regarding the sales process or have any questions regarding the cemetery, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Candidates address senior issues, schools at Ridge View

Each gives introduction, then asked same three questions

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

Six candidates, five minutes and three questions. That was the format Tuesday when Pleasanton mayoral and City Council candidates met with about 30 seniors at Ridge View Commons.

All six agreed about the first question, whether there's an ongoing need for more senior housing in the city.

"Who in their right mind would say we don't need more senior housing?" said mayoral candidate and current Councilwoman Cindy McGovern.

Her opponent, incumbent Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said housing was needed "at both ends of the spectrum, not only at market rates, but for low income (residents)."

Asked why it took so long to approve Staples Ranch, which will include residential housing for seniors, all four already on the City Council pointed toward traffic issues.

Karla Brown, seeking her first term on the council said, "Procedures were not followed," adding, "Everyone came to the table and worked out a deal."

Fred Watson, also seeking a first term on the council, said, "As we move forward, let's learn from these events."

The six also addressed the city's role in keeping class sizes low for kindergartners and elementary school students.

Incumbent Councilman Jerry Thorne said the city and the school district "are looking at ways of sharing services to save money."

"It is a travesty the way we teach in this state," said incumbent Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, a teacher herself. "The number of third-graders who cannot read equals the number of jail cells 20 years later."

The six also had the chance to introduce themselves, with some candidates spending more time on their introductions than answering the three questions.

Hosterman pointed toward her record of keeping the city fiscally healthy, saying she has ideas for adding employees.

McGovern asked the group if their needs as seniors were being met, and spoke of her record as a school board member and a 30-year volunteer in the community.

Cook-Kallio told the group that she's been an advanced placement history and government teacher for 34 years, and joked that more senior housing is needed, saying, "I want someplace to live."

Both Watson and Thorne joked that they should be wearing aprons: Watson, because he's manager of Open Heart Kitchen, a nonprofit organization that serves meals to the needy, and Thorne because he's served meals at the senior center for five years.

Brown told the crowd she's a native Californian.

"My parents were raised during the Depression, and they made us all fiscal conservatives," she said.

The event concluded with the candidates mingling and talking one-on-one with the seniors. ■

CLOROX

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anton could dampen its credibility, it was said.

Apparently members of the City Council have also been briefed on the Clorox moves but also have kept the plan secret. Clorox, it was learned, had hoped to keep the move quiet until after the Oct. 5 council meeting.

The behind-the-scenes move to Pleasanton is similar to the move here from Oakland by Safeway Inc. Safeway moved much of its employee base but kept its headquarters and management team in Oakland for a period following the move, much as Clorox is planning.

Clorox will add a sixth building to the five-building campus, which earlier was also used as a call center by the former Provident credit card company. At one time, the street leading to the site from Hopyard Road was named Provident Way, with the city approving a name change to Washington Mutual Way when the bank purchased the property.

The site at 4900-5040 Johnson Drive is adjacent to Thoratec, another research and development company that manufactures medical devices.

The 65,000-square-foot sixth building planned by Clorox will increase the overall building area on this 26 acre site from 287,967 square feet to 352,441 square feet.

Clorox is a leading manufacturer and marketer of consumer products with fiscal year 2010 revenues of \$5.53 billion. With approximately 8,300 employees worldwide, the company manufactures products in more than two dozen countries and markets them in more than 100 countries. Founded in 1980, The Clorox Company Foundation has awarded cash grants totaling more than \$80 million to nonprofit organizations, schools and colleges. In fiscal 2010 alone, the foundation awarded \$3.5 million in cash grants, and Clorox made product donations valued at \$8.8 million.

—Jeb Bing

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LETTERS

Special time for the arts

Dear Editor,

I want to recognize the astronomical level of public involvement currently being experienced in the arts in Pleasanton. Coming fresh off a successful grand opening of our Firehouse Arts Center, with hundreds of people attending opening events over three days, without a doubt, creativity is in the air. Everywhere there is talk of the visual arts, gallery showings, an upcoming monthly art walk, musical presentations at the new theater, a revived Amador Theater, opera performances, dance performances and more. It is truly a special time for creating, enjoying and learning in Pleasanton.

The Firehouse Arts Center is a flower of many cultivators. The city, generous donors, artists, arts organizations and others have all played a part in weeding and watering this project to fruition. One group that played a huge part was the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, which sprouted from the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC), a nonprofit arts advocacy group for over 30 years. As the Foundation winds down its efforts, it will fold back into PCAC to keep the arts well nourished in Pleasanton.

We encourage you to ride this tidal wave of community involvement all the way to the shore, by joining Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council. Several membership levels are available at www.PleasantonArts.org, or call 931-1111. Also, be sure to make your way to the new Firehouse Arts Center soon, for an event or simply to take in the beautiful architecture and gardens.

Again, thank you so much to the residents of Pleasanton and its surrounding communities for all of your support!

**Rob Woodworth, president,
Pleasanton Cultural Arts
Council**

Parade was meant to present military band

Dear Editor,

Regarding the Sept. 8 editorial, "Parade? What parade?" we are distressed that the U.S. Marine Band parade, held at 2 p.m. Sept. 3, was cause for discontent by the Pleasanton Weekly and the public. The statement that the video you watched lasted 1 minute and 22 seconds is confusing, and I'm sure gives some the impression that the entire parade lasted that amount of time. In reality, the four-and-one-half block route

took considerably longer.

The Marine Band was preceded by the four-man Color Guard. Bringing up the rear were two Highland Dancers carrying a banner, a piper and a re-enactment "Highland Warrior," who intermingled at times with the folks watching, to their apparent delight. The spectators increased as the parade made its way up Main Street. At the "Arch" the crowd was nearly as large as the "March Under the Arch" had been in previous years. Along the route many spectators applauded the Marine Band.

We are deeply distressed that the parade has caused any anguish among residents. Our aim was to promote our games at the Fairgrounds but also to give to the people of Pleasanton a chance to see and hear a fine military band.

Bottom line, we agree that the "parade" was too small. We have two choices for the future: Either do not plan any activity downtown on the Friday preceding the Games, or expand the event to include more entities. Also, we would consider holding the parade closer to 4 p.m. to allow school children to attend.

**Floyd P. Busby,
Parade Chairman
Caledonian Club
of San Francisco**

Vote for Piderit

Dear Editor,

I am supporting Sandy Piderit for Pleasanton School Board this November. Sandy has been involved in our schools and is a dedicated and knowledgeable volunteer. A parent of a young child in our schools, she has degrees in mathematics and business and is a college professor of graduate business studies. She would be an asset in helping us through our difficult financial environment.

I have come to know Sandy as an articulate, hard-working individual of high integrity who is ready to work hard for our children and is willing to ask the right questions in order to make the best decisions. She is a person who will encourage community input and will seek out those with differing opinions in order to understand all viewpoints on a particular matter. I am confident that Sandy would make an effective school board member who puts kids first. I encourage you to join me in voting for Sandy Piderit for Pleasanton School Board.

**Valerie Arkin, Trustee,
Pleasanton Unified School
District**

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

School board candidates: Where they stand

If the answers to questions posed to them at a recent school board candidates' forum are any indication, Pleasanton voters will have a tough choice deciding which two of the three they should vote for. All three candidates, Sandy Piderit, Joan Laursen and Jeff Bowser, emphasized their unique experience that they say qualifies them, in particular, to be elected, but there was general agreement from the three on many of the issues. All three have volunteer experience at Pleasanton schools, and all three think the school board needs to do a better job of communicating with the public. All agree the district is, in general, doing a good job, but needs to continue to attract and retain qualified teachers, and that having students do well on tests is not the best way to measure a teacher's ability.

Piderit, a visiting associate professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, said that she was sought out to chair the interview panel that ultimately chose Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi to head the district. In addition, she says she has a unique perspective of what happens when students go off to college and that she has helped students make the jump from elementary to middle school.

Laursen focused on her 15 years as a volunteer at schools, and hopes to rebuild a shared vision for the future. Vowing not to make any "pie crust promises" — a line from the movie "Mary Poppins" — Laursen said that she can promise to be an advocate for children.

Bowser, an executive at Qwest Communications who holds a master's degree in Educational Leadership, promised to bring a business approach to the board. As a manager at companies with multi-million-dollar revenues, he knows the business side of education.

The differences among each candidate became more apparent as they answered questions submitted by some of those attending the forum, which included supporters of each of the candidates. While each of the three steered clear on whether they support a parcel tax, they had different views about other revenue enhancements. Bowser, for example, supported the work being done by groups such as Core (Community Outreach for Education), PTAs and site councils at the schools. Laursen, who helped with the CORE campaign, as well as fighting for Measure G, a prior parcel tax measure, noted the state of California is funding schools below the national average and said the state needs to realign priorities. Piderit proposed drawing on existing relationships with parents and businesses to help support the district.

On motivating students, Laursen recommended a partnership between teachers and parents. Piderit said teachers need to "find that spark" that can draw a student's attention and create motivation. Bowser pointed to Village High School, saying that the school's graduation ceremony in particular is a success story for some students who might be called unmotivated. All three agreed that how well a teacher's students do on standardized tests is only part of the way to evaluate performance, with Piderit suggesting a "multiple measures approach" that includes tests but adds observation by a teacher's peers and the administration, patterns of teaching, and the role of the teacher in the school. Bowser pointed out that test scores in a district can even affect the real estate market. He agreed with a broader approach, including observation and peer review, but asked if the district can measure the success of a student by an SAT score. Laursen said test scores are just one piece of the puzzle and should not be part of a high stakes decision about hiring and firing a teacher.

Asked why they are seeking school board positions, Piderit said she has a lifelong passion for education and that she wanted to "play it forward." Bowser joked that his parents taught him to "leave a place nicer than you found it," while Laursen said she was educated in the public school system, herself, and that "public education is really important to me." On the topic of what the role of a school board is, Bowser said the chief role is to listen to the community, and that while people may not agree with a decision the board makes, at least they can be sure their opinion was heard. Laursen outlined three areas of importance: hiring of a superintendent and staff, balancing the budget and setting the direction and vision of the schools' future. Piderit said one key role is accountability; she said, "Schools guide students to the path of responsible citizenship." ■



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OBITUARIES

Lucille L. (Ullrich) Seabrook

Lucille L. (Ullrich) Seabrook a Pleasanton resident since 2006, died Sept. 3 at the age of 96.

She was born June 21, 1914, in Downer, Minn. She married Manfred J. Seabrook in Williston, N.D., and they moved to Michigan where

they farmed and raised their family. In Mrs. Seabrook's retirement years she spent winters in Florida with friends or California with her granddaughter. Her passions were dancing, playing cards and being active with the Senior Citizen Centers in Oxford, Mich., and then in Pleasanton, where she had lunch and played bingo. On



the weekends she played pinocle at the Vineyard Villa Senior Mobile Home Park.

She was preceded in death by her husband Manfred. She is survived by her sons Wesley (Margo) Seabrook of Waterford, Mich., and Gerald (Helen) Seabrook of Phillipsburg, Mo.; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held Oct. 30 at her church in Oxford, Mich. Donations may be made to Oxford Senior Citizens 76 Dunlap Circle, Oxford, MI 48362.

James A. Wedin

James A. Wedin died Sept. 14 in Pleasanton at the age of 85.

He was born Aug. 24, 1925, in Hector, Minn., to Arthur C. Wedin and Mayme (Schwartz) Wedin. He graduated Hector High School in 1943, entered the Navy V12 Program, and received his commission at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in June 1945. He was discharged in 1946 and entered the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineer-

ing. He moved to California and worked for Coast Manufacturing and later started Pace Plastic Co. to manufacture fiberglass ladders. He worked for Xircom Corp. in Minneapolis until he suffered a stroke, at which time he returned to California.

He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia and son James Askins. He is survived by his brother Paul Wedin (Jeanine) of Glencoe, Minn.; his sister Dorothy Topp (Leroy) of Vashon, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• PRZ 55, City of Pleasanton

Application to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to reference the California Green Building Standards (CalGreen) Code, with local amendments to address specific green building issues, and other related green building amendments.

• PTR 7981, Mike Bedker, Americap Property Solutions

Application for Tentative Map approval to subdivide a 0.876 acre parcel located at 3835 Vineyard Avenue into ten residential lots for townhouses and three common-area lots.

Applications are being accepted for the new Ad-Hoc Housing Element Task Force

The City Council is accepting applications for five at-large members for the new Housing Element Task Force. Applicants must be residents of the City of Pleasanton with an interest in understanding the housing needs of the community and recommending where the City should plan for future housing. Applicants should be willing to attend at least one or two meetings a month from late October 2010 through November 2011.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or on the City's web site at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Please indicate you are applying for the Housing Element Task Force. For additional information, please contact Janice Stern, Planning Manager, at 925-931-5606 or jsstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Applications must be received no later than **Tuesday, September 28th at 4:30 p.m.** Postmarks are not accepted.

Energy Tips

Reducing dependence on central air conditioning in your home will reduce environmental impact and relieve your monthly energy bills. There are many easy ways to reduce air conditioning use: Closing shades and curtains on the sunny side of the house, closing the doors to unused rooms, using ceiling fans, and turning up your thermostat. But when you use your air conditioner, remember to change the filter regularly: Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer and less efficiently, increasing energy use. If you replace your filter monthly, you will enjoy the maximum energy, cost, and health benefits.

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

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

POLICE BULLETIN

Police seek information on motorcycle crash

Pleasanton police are looking for more witnesses to an early Sunday crash that left a motorcycle rider with extensive injuries.

A police report said the incident occurred at about

1:08 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive. One person who saw the crash said the rider, who was headed northbound on Hopyard, suddenly swerved right and hit the raised median that separates the right turn lane from through traffic. The report said the rider then lost control and was thrown from the motorcycle.

The driver, who has not been identified, was taken to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley. Anyone with information about the crash is asked to contact Pleasanton police at 931-5100.

POLICE REPORT

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

Sept. 14

Theft

- 6:37 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; possession of stolen property
- 12:05 p.m. in the 2900 block of Moreno Avenue; identity theft
- 1:02 p.m. in the 3500 block of Ovella Way; identity theft
- 3:54 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; theft
- 3:57 p.m. in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft
- 4:19 p.m. in the 5000 block of Carducci Drive; identity theft
- 5:42 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; grand theft
- 6:18 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; grand theft
- 9:47 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; petty theft

Vandalism

- 10:04 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 3:17 p.m. in the 100 block of Laguna Creek Way

Drug/alcohol charges

- 5:57 p.m. at the intersection of Ewing Drive and Mavis Drive; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance; under the influence of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

Sept. 15

Theft

- 10:04 a.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road; theft
 - 5:38 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft
 - 5:40 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; petty theft
 - 6:40 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- #### Burglary
- 9:56 a.m. in the 4600 block of Sierrawood Lane
 - 3:59 p.m. in the 7800 block of Applewood Way

- 5:38 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; automotive burglary

- 6:06 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; automotive burglary

- 6:57 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; automotive burglary

- 7:44 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; automotive burglary

Battery

- 3:16 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Kolln Street

Vandalism

- 9:26 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol charges

- 9:44 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and California Avenue; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 10:15 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

Sept. 16

Theft

- 6:37 p.m. in the 6700 block of Sant Rita Road; petty theft, vandalism
- 6:53 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft, vandalism
- 10:41 p.m. in the 6700 block of Arlington Drive; grand theft

Burglary

- 4:02 p.m. in the 1000 block of Nolan Court

Battery

- 4:35 p.m. in the 2300 block of Foothill Road
- 8:50 p.m. in the 3600 block of Glacier Court; battery of a senior citizen, endangering the safety of a senior citizen, vandalism

Vandalism

- 10:17 a.m. in the 5900 block of Gibraltar Drive
- 3:57 p.m. in the 4600 block of Klamath Court
- 6:34 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Marijuana possession

- 9:57 p.m. at the intersection of Sutter Gate Avenue and Jones Gate Drive

Sept. 17

Theft

- 3:36 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting, possession of stolen property
- 8:25 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft

Vandalism

- 9:53 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

Public drunkenness

- 11:20 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Sept. 18

Theft

- 7:44 a.m. in the 1000 block of Rutledge Place
- 10:31 a.m. in the 3300 block of Medallion Court
- 1:54 p.m. in the 1100 block of Autumn Court; auto theft
- 2:35 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft, lock picking, paraphernalia possession

Vandalism

- 6:03 p.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Under the influence of a controlled substance

- 9:22 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Sept. 19

Theft

- 2:11 a.m. in the 5100 block of Independence Drive; petty theft
- 2:26 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft
- 2:41 p.m. in the 3400 block of Virgil Circle; identity theft

Vandalism

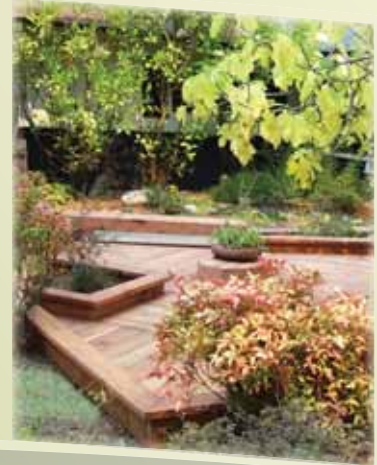
- 10:49 a.m. at Arroyo de la Laguna
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I-680 southbound express lane is just a start

WHY WE NEED TOLL



Top photo, Rush hour traffic moves at snail's pace in southbound lanes of I-680 near top of Sunol Grade. Below, from left, State Sen. Ellen Corbett (D-10th) and Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman (center) join onto new toll lane; same car breaks through promotional banner. Top right, CHP division chief Teresa Becher warns motorists there will be no "grace" period for solo drivers who don't pay toll; Right, center, State Sen. Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty dedicates new toll lane.

By JEB BING

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and State Sen. Ellen Corbett (D-10th) were reasons themselves to add toll lanes to Bay Area freeways.

Both arrived about 30 minutes late for the new I-680 toll/express lane kick off ceremonies on Mission Road near the Sunol Valley Golf Club because they were stuck in traffic.

In fact, the ceremonies that involved nearly 40 state, regional, county and local officials couldn't have offered a better photo-op. As speakers congratulated each other for their work in planning and implementing the new 14-mile-long toll lane, vehicles on the 680 freeway down below were stretched bumper-to-bumper on the Sunol Grade, with a usual weekday morning backup in the

southbound lanes that seemed unusually heavy for the 10 a.m. start of the ceremonies.

I-680 is an important north-south route providing the major link from Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley to Santa Clara County, San Jose and the Silicon Valley. Thousands of cars travel the route each morning, also using the freeway's congested northbound lanes each night. Next to I-580, which one day also will offer toll lane-relief to commuters, 680 is one of the most congested freeways in the Bay Area.

The new toll lane opened at 5 a.m. Monday, providing 50-60 mph travel to solo drivers willing to pay the \$4 fee to drive from Andrade Road south to Milpitas. But so far, too few drivers are taking advantage of the service, still traveling in traffic all week that seemed even more congested than usual.

Haggerty and Corbett, in their remarks at the kick-

off celebration, said they would happily have spent the money if toll lanes were available so that they could have made the ceremony on time. They won't have to wait long. Bijan Sartipi, the District 4 director of the California Department of Transportation, said more toll lanes are planned.

Although a first for Northern California, freeway toll lanes have become common — and crowded — in Southern California. Not only do they speed traffic for those willing to pay, they provide needed revenue for a state woefully short of transportation funds to keep pace with a steady increase in traffic. During the current economic recession, congestion has been somewhat reduced, but officials expect it to get even worse as the economy and job availability improves.

The 680 toll lane operates from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays from Andrade to Highway 237 in Milpitas with no toll

charges assessed from other times and days. The toll lane controls more occupants, hybrid vehicles than by the state.

Solo drivers who also have a FasTrak when crossing Bay Area monitors the traffic sure they have paid transponders in the inside their foil envelope charged for the trip.

Teresa Becher, division of the California motorists to make s

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JEB BING

...n others in toll lane dedication; Caltrans officials drive car wrapped as an I-680 Express Lane promotion... n. Ellen Corbett says new lane will save time and the environment with faster commute trips; Lower right,

...m 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on weekdays. At... s, no tolls are charged to solo drivers. ... continues to be free for carpools with two... motorcycles, buses and those driving... t have special stickers issued earlier

... want to use the new toll lane must... reader, the same one used to pay tolls... Area bridges. A police officer visually... to watch for solo drivers and make... their tolls. If drivers of carpools have... their vehicles, they should put them... envelopes to make sure they are not

... vision chief of the Golden Gate Divi-... nia Highway Patrol, cautioned solo... ure their transponders are positioned

correctly on their vehicle's front windshield and that the batteries are full strength.

"The last thing we want to do is delay a motorist or other traffic by pulling someone over with a FasTrak device who is legitimately using the lane, only it didn't work," she said.

The toll lane project is sponsored by the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Construction of the express lane, which is wider than conventional lanes, cost \$17.6 million with the electronic toll system costing \$11.4 million. The special lane is separated from the free lanes on I-680 by a solid double stripe with three off-lane areas and three entryways in the 14-mile stretch.

"This new express/toll lane in the 680 freeway and those to come will reduce congestion and help people get to their jobs and back home again faster while also reducing vehicle emission," Corbett said. ■

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Auditions

'THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA' Civic Arts Stage Company will hold auditions for "The Princess and the Pea" from 1-5 p.m. Sept. 25-26 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Saturday auditions are open to ages 9-adult who wish to audition for leading roles. Sunday auditions are for 6-adult who are interested in supporting roles. Call 600-1606.

Author Visits

'RAISING MARIO TWICE' Christine Scharmer will talk about her book, "Raising Mario Twice," at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Her book is about the first seven years of recovery for her son Mario who in 2002 at the age of 18, under the influence of alcohol, drove into a light post at 60 mph. Call 931-3405.

RUTH GASTEN ON HITLER'S GERMANY Ruth Gasten, known for parenting classes, will be sharing the story of her life in Hitler's Germany, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Towne Center books, 555 Main St. Her book, "Accidental American," relates the events through the eyes of a young girl who later escapes to the United States with her parents. Reservations not necessary but always helpful. Call 846-8826 or visit www.townecenterbooks.com/ events.

Book Clubs

PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB This club meets next at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Pleasanton Public Library,

400 Old Bernal Ave., to review "Sag Harbor" by Colson Whitehead, his warm and funny autobiographical coming of age story set in the African-American community of Sag Harbor. October's book is "Stones into Schools" by Greg Mortenson. Call 931-3400, ext. 7, or visit www.pleasantonlibrary-bookclub.wordpress.com.

Classes

LOVE SHOULDN'T HURT Classes on domestic violence will take place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Oct. 23 and Oct. 30, at Las Positas College Room 203 in Livermore. Statistics show that one in every three women will be abused during their lifetime. This course will cover the definition of domestic violence, and the pattern of misusing power to control and hurt someone in an intimate relationship. Cost \$59, and \$5 for materials. Call 216-2025 or email nasiehsani@gmail.com.

Clubs

AAUW WELCOME TEA The Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin Branch American Association of University Women will host a welcome tea for current and prospective members from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25, at Lynnwood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Information available about interest groups, activities, and AAUW programs to further women's education. Call 484-3321.

Concerts

CHOPIN OPENS FIREHOUSE CLASSICAL SERIES Belgian pianist Evelyne Brancart will perform

Chopin from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. This opening concert of the Firehouse Classical Series will include Chopin's 24 Etudes, op. 10 & 25, and Schumann's Sonata No. 1 in F# minor, op. 11. Cost is \$16, \$20 and \$24; senior tickets, \$20; student tickets, \$12. Call 931-4848. Purchase online at www.firehouse-arts.org.

Events

'IN THE SHADOW OF THE RAVEN: EDGAR ALLAN POE' Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson brings his talent and fascination for Edgar Allan Poe to life in this unique one-man play at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Using a combination of biographical information and the dramatic interpretation of Poe's literature, Hudson provides an in-depth theatrical experience of the life and works of one of America's best-known and enigmatic personalities. Call 931-3405 or visit www.duffyhudson.com.

DEAF NATION The event is Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Deaf Nation is the foremost touring trade show for and about deaf people, providing exhibitions and entertainment around the United States. Includes exhibitions, entertainment, seminars, workshops, children's activities and more. Admission is free. Visit www.deafnation.com.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 is hosting its 35th annual Holiday Boutique from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. A variety of handmade gift items, jewelry and

home and holiday decorations will be for sale. Call 606-7676.

PET ADOPTION Professional dog trainer Janice Tan will be available to evaluate dogs and assist adopters from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26, at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Free with adoption of dogs & puppies: 3 free private classes valued at over \$200, bed, collar, leash and food. Free with adoption for cats and kittens: toys and goodies bags. Sponsored by TVAR. Call (408) 202-6708 or visit www.tvvar.org.

RUMMAGE SALE Assistance League of Amador Valley, a philanthropic organization serving the needs of children, teens and seniors in Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton, is having a gigantic rummage sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, at Amador Valley High School Parking Lot, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Items will include furniture, household goods, books, toys, children's items, gardening, sporting goods, jewelry, plus Christmas decorations. Call 484-1354.

SATURDAY NIGHT FUNNIES WITH 'CHICAGO STEVE' "Chicago Steve" Barkley, a 27-year comedy veteran of stage and screen, will be the headliner from 7:30-9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25, at Bunjo's Comedy Lounge's Saturday Night Funnies, 6513 Regional St., Dublin. Also appearing are Patrick McDermott, Chris Remmers and Trenton Davis. Cost \$15 plus two-item minimum. Call 264-4413 or visit www.bunjocosmody.com.

TWISTED SILVER FALL 2010 TRUNK SHOW A special trunk show event for Twisted Silver Jewelry, featuring an exclusive "Studio 7 Arts" fall 2010 collection of designer jewelry with new pieces that are uniquely designed and handmade, including necklaces, earrings and bracelets, will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25,

at Studio 7 Arts Gallery, 400 Main St. Call 846-4322 or visit www.studio7finearts.com.

WINE FOR A CURE The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is proud to announce the third annual Wine for a Cure at 5 p.m. Sept. 25 at John Madden's Goal Line Productions, 5959 Coronado Ln. Cost \$75 and up. Call 415-989-6500 or visit www.nca.cff.org/wineforacure.

Exhibits

PIRATES OF EMERSON-HAUNTING FIELDS Award-winning pirates are bringing thrills and chills back to Pleasanton at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., with over 4 acres of haunted houses, theater, games, and a fiery pirate ship from Oct. 1-31. General admission is \$20. Not recommended for children under 13. Call (510) 657-2121 or visit www.PiratesofEmerson.com.

Film

'DIRT! THE MOVIE' "Dirt! The Movie," which takes a humorous and substantial look into the history and current state of the living organic matter that we come from, starts at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. An insightful and timely film tells the story of the glorious and unappreciated material beneath our feet. Discussion follows the film. Call 803-7266 or visit www.aclibrary.org.

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MEAT SALE Foothill Athletic Boosters will be selling a variety of USDA inspected choice meats from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd. Meats (NY steaks, rib eye, filet mignon) and seafood (shrimp and scallops) are purchased directly from wholesale suppliers. Proceeds support all Foothill Athletic teams. Call 989-2036 or visit www.foothillsports.com.

Kids & Teens

KIDSAIRE- AMERICA'S FAMILY EXPO The event is on Saturday, Sept. 25 and Sunday, Sept. 26 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Featuring over 250 interactive exhibits and non-stop family entertainment, including the Wiggles, and elephant rides. Call 866-8600 or visit www.thekidsfaire.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

'LEARN AND PLAY WITH ME TODAY' WORKSHOP Pleasanton Public Library will host a six-week workshop "Learn and Play With Me Today" for parents and children ages 1-3 from 10-11:15 a.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Nov. 3 and 10, at the Pleasanton Public Library, Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The program will emphasize play and the role of parents as their children's primary teachers. Pre-registration is required and open Sept. 15; call 931-3400 ext. 8.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SEMINAR Hear how colleges evaluate applicants and the latest in college admissions trends at a seminar from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Presented by Diane Keller, certified college consultant. Call 963-2932 or email drkellercc@yahoo.com.

PROJECT READ The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., will present a new Tutor Training and Orientation for Project Read from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, for volunteers to teach adults to read, write and speak English. No teaching experience needed. Tutors volunteer once a week and all materials are provided. Call

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Live Music

FRANC D'AMBROSIO Enjoy Franc DiAmbrosio's celebration of songs from Silver Screen classics such as "Singin' in the Rain" and "Moon River" as well as tributes to his own memorable appearance in "The Godfather, Part III," at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets \$15-\$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$15 for children. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org or call 931-4848.

GRANT LANGSTON & THE SUPERMODELS International Americana Country artist Grant Langston and his band will be performing from 8:30 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Oct. 1, at the Pleasanton Hotel, Farmer Restaurant, 855 Main St. His latest record, Stand Up Man, is available for free at grantlangston.com. Call (213) 364-3656 or visit www.grantlangston.com.

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MOSE ALLISON Hear Mose Allison, whose songs cross all musical boundaries and have been sung by artists from Van Morrison to Bonnie Raitt, from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Cost \$22 to \$32. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org. Call 931-4848.

On Stage

LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA'S 'DON GIOVANNI,' A CONTEMPORARY DON JUAN A contemporary interpretation of Mozart's opera, "Don Giovanni," as realized by Stage Director Mark Streshinsky will be performed at 8 p.m., Saturdays, Oct. 2 and 9; and at 2 p.m., Sundays, Oct 3 and 10, at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Opening Night Gala is at 5 p.m. Oct. 2 for \$55. Tickets \$39-\$64. Call 373-6800 or visit <http://livermoreperformingarts.org>.

MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents "My Way: A Musical tribute to Frank Sinatra" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays from Sept. 17-Oct. 10 at Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Ln., Suite 309. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$20 for students. Call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.com.

Spiritual

MOMS FALL WORKSHOP Christian mothers will explore themes such as self-esteem, friendships, stress and everyday spirituality at a seven-week workshop from 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays, Sept. 27-Nov. 8, at St. Elizabeth Seton's Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Take some time for yourself and meet other moms with similar interests. All denominations are welcome. Cost \$20. Call 462-2088 or email kimrice@sbcglobal.net.

Sports

WOMEN'S TRIATHLON Experience your moment of triumph with the See Jane Run Women's Triathlon on Sept. 25. Event will take place at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd, at 8 a.m. To register, call 415-814-1530 or email Deb at deb@seejanerun.com. Fees will vary on registration.

LACROSSE CLUB-(BOYS) Registration is open for spring 2011 season for new and returning players for age groups: U9,U11,U13,U15, and high school. Register before Nov. 1 to avoid \$50 late fee. Tryouts for team placements to be held Dec. 4 and 11. Register for new player clinic on Nov. 14 at Hart Middle School. Email mdcranney@gmail.com.

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Former local athlete in new battle

Fundraiser set for tomorrow

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

A former Amador Valley High School track star is in a race for her life, this time against brain cancer, but she's got her friends cheering her on.

Monica Van Wegen graduated Amador Valley in 1997. She's now 31 but still holds the school's track and field record in the 200-meter run.

Van Wegen has been battling cancer for nearly four years, according to her father, Gary.

On April 21, just a day after her 31st birthday, doctors discovered a large tumor developing in her brain. Van Wegen immediately went into surgery to have the tumor removed and start aggressive chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

"In May she went in, they did a very major surgery," Gary Van Wegen said. "The surgeon said she'd need surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and probably clinical trial drugs."

Her father said that, despite everything, "she's in very good spirits."

"She's the same bubbly person, other than not having any hair left, you basically can't see any impairment," he said.

As Gary ran through a list of her accomplishments, it was clear how proud he is of his daughter. He explained that Monica was both a cross country runner and a sprinter, something unusual in sports.

She was the 1996 North Coast Section (NCS) 800-meter champ and the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) 200-meter record holder from 1996 to 2000, and was a member of the Amador Valley relay team that placed eighth in the country.

"She was quite a delight. I could not have written a better plot of success," said Gary Van Wegen, a track coach himself. "She was all I could ever ask for as an athlete."

Monica went on to Chico State where she studied physical therapy. She attended graduate school at University of Southern California and was scheduled to start her Ph.D. program this fall at University of San Francisco.

Her friends have put together a fundraiser to help out with the high cost of her treatments. Jennifer Dolder has been friends with Monica since their days on the track team.

"When I heard from Monica how sick she was, it really broke my heart. Monica is such a kind, caring, active healthy person. No one deserves to go through this, but especially someone as amazing as Monica," Dolder said. "When I heard that

she was having a lot of out-of-pocket medical expenses, I immediately started brainstorming ideas on what we could do to help out."

A friend, Jarrod Dillion, put her in touch with the Oakland As, who helped them put together a tailgate party to raise funds. That's set for tomorrow, Sept. 25.

Meanwhile another friend, Gretchen Meyer, came up with the idea of holding a drawing to raise additional money.

"She has been working really hard to get local businesses involved in making donations," Dolder said.

She said while raising money is important, it's about more than just the money.

"I want Monica to see how much she is loved, and how much we are all pulling for her recovery. It was important for me to give Monica something to look forward to in spite of all that she is going through," Dolder said. "I wanted to help her family with some of the expenses of Monica's treatments so that they had one less thing to stress about."

Coping with Van Wegen's illness has been difficult for Dolder and their other friends.

"She's so healthy, so athletic and takes good care of herself," Dolder said. "It's just so hard for us to understand why this is happening. When you talk to her, she sounds the same: positive, vibrant."

Dolder said she expects between 85 and 100 people to attend the tailgating event.

Gary Van Wegen said he's been told that friends from as far away as Oregon, where Monica lived for a few years, are headed down for the party, along with a couple of her former coaches.

He said Monica is at home now and is looking forward to the tailgate party.

"Monica is hoping to be there to be able to see all her friends, family and even those who don't know her, but are supporting her fight," Dolder said.

Meanwhile, Gary Van Wegen is hoping the clinical trial drugs — those not approved by the FDA — will help Monica.

"Maybe some miracle will happen," he said. ■



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Monica Van Wegen, when a student at Amador Valley High, was the 1996 North Coast Section 800-meter champ and the East Bay Athletic League 200-meter record holder from 1996 to 2000.



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Jennifer Dolder,
Van Wegen's high school friend



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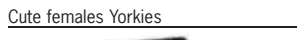
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Pleasanton, 2584 Willowen Way, Sat. Sept. 25, 2010 (8-3)

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215 Collectibles & Antiques

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Graco Quattro Tour Travel System - \$100

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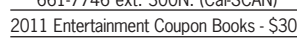
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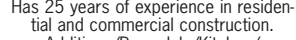
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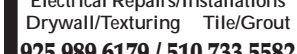
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SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 3
Lowest sale reported: \$379,000
Highest sale reported: \$490,000
Average sales reported: \$419,667

Livermore

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$155,000

Highest sale reported: \$930,000
Average sales reported: \$453,867

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$309,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,150,000
Average sales reported: \$816,818

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during August 2010

Dublin

3783 Dunmore Lane #185 B. Brooks to S. & L. Mediola for \$390,000
7613 Kilrush Avenue Shiells Realty to C. & R. Smith for \$490,000
3316 Monaghan Street M. Antolini to Johnson Trust for \$379,000

Livermore

4162 Bishop Pine Way M. & R. Bunch to E. Aquino for \$350,000
1863 Blackwood Common D. Chavez to K. Fox for \$420,000
167 Campo Court England Trust to A. Barlow for \$930,000
1324 Chateau Common #206 E. Barbata to S. Andujar for \$155,000
761 Cottonwood Court L. & M. Delara to P. Battaglia for \$536,500
1187 Cromwell Street HSBC Bank to Lin Trust for \$390,000
726 Estates Street S. & S. Hites to E. Ferea for \$362,000
6302 Forget Me Not Structured Asset Mortgage to D. Zhao for \$290,000
662 Heligan Lane #4 Shea Homes to S. & K. Medearis for \$472,000
3940 Inverness Common M. & L. Lewis to J. & J. Gile for \$375,000
2259 Linden Street Bank of New York to F. Grill for \$285,000

623 Orange Way T. & A. Berry to G. & L. Bonnand for \$451,500
2689 Pillsbury Court Kirby Trust to E. & M. Anderson for \$691,000
4167 Torrey Pine Way Foster Advantage to G. Hurst for \$305,000
2867 Vine Court Gentry Trust to J. Anderson for \$795,000

Pleasanton

5336 Brookside Court Mehan Trust to Gluck Trust for \$470,000
4226 Echo Court Wells Fargo Bank to H. Bhutani for \$430,000
3379 Ledgestone Court Ponderosa Homes to G. & S. Hu for \$1,216,000
857 Madeira Drive Triwin Realty Group to J. Avila for \$680,000
5433 Old School Road W. & C. Johnson to J. & T. Melone for \$910,000
2106 Palmer Drive D. Barreto to T. & B. Wilson for \$1,080,000
2427 Raven Road Rossi Trust to W. & G. Granucci for \$680,000
4467 Shearwater Court A. Chau to S. Sotankur for \$600,000
4223 Sheldon Circle Downey Savings to J. & B. Nelson for \$309,000
1382 Via Di Salerno S. & B. White to M. & S. Betker for \$2,150,000
3655 Vineyard Avenue T. Hulick to J. Chappellet for \$460,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Dublin

4 BEDROOMS
7294 Kolb Place **\$649,000**
 Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2547

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS
264 Rachael Place **\$424,950**
 Sun 1-4 Empire Realty 858-6906
1077 Kolln Street **\$650,000**
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Moxley Team 600-0990
4571 Mohr Avenue **\$699,900**
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787
3031 Boardwalk **\$747,000**
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

272 Rachel Place
\$439,950
3 BD/2.5 BA
 Open Sun 1-4
 Pat Huffman Real Estate
 Pat Huffman
 698-4422

4 BEDROOMS
860 Castlewood Place **\$1,595,000**
 Sat/Sun 12-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2544
3766 Smallwood Court **\$2,395,000**
 Sun 1-4 Tom Fox 872-1275

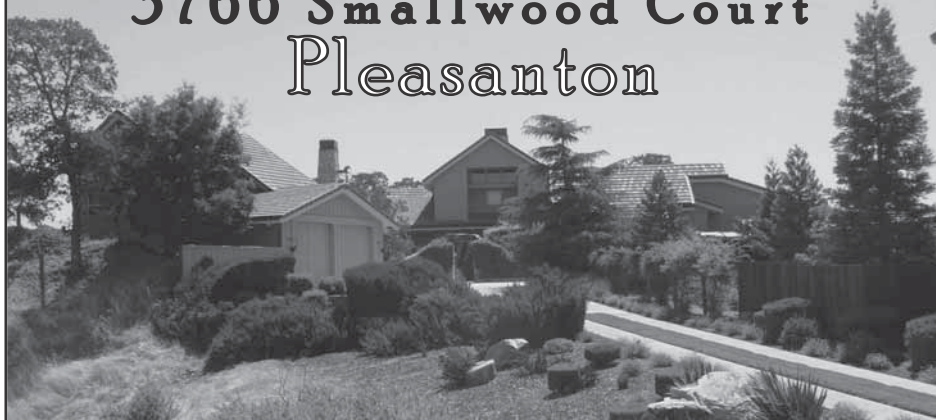
3124 Thistledown Court **\$709,000**
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111
3902 Kral Place **\$732,950**
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787
3232 Balmoral Court **\$735,000**
 Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111
7633 Crestnut Way **\$799,000**
 Sun 1-4 Valley Brokers 437-5830
5266 Muirwood Drive **\$875,000**
 Sun 2-4 Keller Williams 998-9692
2765 Camino Casa Buena **\$939,000**
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787
6434 Paseo Santa Maria **\$955,000**
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 989-6844

5 BEDROOMS
8266 Mollner Ranch Drive **\$1,230,000**
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri Valley 980-0273
7208 Rosecliff Court **\$1,649,000**
 Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990
5063 Monaco Drive **\$975,000**
 Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 583-2168

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5 BEDROOMS
9877 Foothill Road **\$1,890,000**
 Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2536

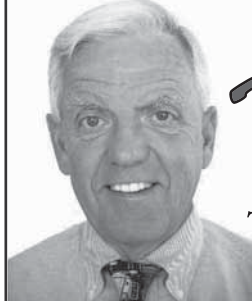
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- SOLD (Buyer & Seller Represented)**
 2801 Gray Fox Ct.,
 Fox Borough Est., Pleasanton.
\$1,850,000
- SOLD (Buyer & Seller Represented)**
 581 Happy Valley Rd.,
 Happy Valley, Pleasanton.
\$1,025,000
- SOLD (Multiple Offers, over list)**
 6636 Amber Ln.,
 Carriage Gardens, Pleasanton.
\$1,502,000
- SOLD**
 3737 Nichole Ave.,
 Chain of Lakes, Pleasanton.
\$1,495,000
- SOLD (Buyer & Seller Represented)**
 6768 Arlington Dr.,
 Carriage Gardens, Pleasanton.
\$1,030,000
- PENDING (Multiple Offers)**
 8098 Brittany Dr.,
 Silvergate, Dublin.
\$748,800
- PENDING (Multiple Offers)**
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 Pleasanton Heights, Pleasanton.
\$688,000



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Classic Italian Villa \$4,500,000



6 Bd 7(2) Ba • 8,877+/- sq.ft., 0.65+/- Acres
Stunning Ruby Hill Estate. Nestled in an unrivaled setting among olive trees and lush landscaping w/ mile long views of vineyards.
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1819 MADDALENA CT, RUBY HILL
Exquisite, Prime Lot \$1,400,000



Lot Acres Apx: 1.27
Located on the West side featuring an over-sized flat building pad w/ Mt. Diablo, vineyard, & golf course views. Cul-de-sac, private neighbors.
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Premium Golf Course Lot \$690,000



Lot Acres Apx: 0.50
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7914 PARAGON CIR, PLEASANTON
Laguna Oaks \$1,498,000



5 Bd 3.5 Ba • 4,592+/- sq.ft., 0.46+/- Acres
\$300k in landscaping, pool, spa, BBQ, fountains & more! Beautifully maintained & upgraded thruout. Views. 2 bdrms, plus office downstairs.
Weiner & McDowell Group 925.251.2585

CASTLEWOOD PL, PLEASANTON
Open Sat & Sun 12-5 \$1,595,000



4 Bd 3 Ba • 4,300+/- sq.ft., 0.53+/- Acres
Castlewoods St. of Dreams. Quiet Serene Setting 800 SF Master suite marble fireplace Huge Walk in closet. 20 X 24 Great room 15' Ceilin.
Steve & Lorraine Mattos 925.251.2544

6645 AMBER LN, PLEASANTON
Carriage Gardens \$1,498,000



5 Bd 3 Ba • 3,475+/- sq.ft., 0.50+/- Acres
Beautifully upgraded custom home features 5 spacious bd, improved 1/2 acre lot. Pool, spa, waterfall, slide, sport court and more.
Weiner & McDowell Group 925.251.2550

1587 E GATE WAY, PLEASANTON
Walnut Hills \$998,000



6 Bd 5 Ba • 3,760+/- sq.ft., 0.13+/- Acres
Full bed & bath ds, perfect for in-laws, guests or au pair. Large eat-in kitchen opening to family room w/ fire place. 1 bed/bath carriage house.
Weiner & McDowell Group 925.251.2550

4063 FALLWOOD CT, PLEASANTON
Foothill Farms \$624,880



4 Bd 3 Ba • 1,739+/- sq.ft., 0.18+/- Acres
You will love the money you save with this terrific new listing located on Pleasanton's West Side with views of the Pleasanton Ridge. Quiet cul de sac.
Weiner & McDowell Group 925.251.2550

3258 ROYALTON CT, PLEASANTON
Court Location \$625,000



3 Bd 3 Ba • 1,941+/- sq.ft., 0.15+/- Acres
Value! court location, upgrades; new dbl pane windows, new flooring, new carpet & new baths! New ext/int paint, recessed lights in kitchen.
Khrista Jarvis 925.855.4065

3905 FAIRLANDS DR, PLEASANTON
Lovely Neighborhood \$659,000



4 Bd 3 Ba • 2,540+/- sq.ft., 0.19+/- Acres
Very nice home in lovely neighborhood. Hardwood floors, bonus room, large yard perfect for entertaining, great schools & much more!
Lisa Doyle 925.855.4046

5063 MONACO DR, PLEASANTON
Open Sun 1-4 \$975,000



5 Bd 3.5 Ba • 3,079+/- sq.ft., 0.18+/- Acres
Semi-custom Pleasanton Hills home w/Mt Diablo View! 5 bedrooms plus theatre room w/fireplace plus den! Theatre, remodeled kit w/pine cabinets.
Diane Sass 925.583.2168

10749 INSPIRATION CIR, DUBLIN
Gorgeous Home \$884,900



5 Bd 4 Ba • 3,317+/- sq.ft., 0.16+/- Acres
Backs to open space, large eat in kitchen w/ slab granite, spiral staircase, designer paint, large master suite w/office area, luxurious master bath.
Joe Frazzano 925.735.7653

7294 KOLB PL, DUBLIN
Open Sun 1:30-4 \$649,000



4 Bd 3 Ba • 2,026+/- sq.ft., 0.16+/- Acres
Updated and Expanded Briarhill Beauty Beautiful West Dublin home! Located on a cul-de-sac, this home has it all.
Susette Clark-Walker 925.251.2547

4073 ROSEHILL PL, DUBLIN
Greenbriar Home \$739,950



4 Bd 2.5 Ba • 2,545+/- sq.ft., 0.11+/- Acres
Don't miss your opportunity to own this beautiful Greenbriar home. This home has over \$100,000 in upgrades and much, much more.
Susette Clark-Walker 925.251.2547

4601 NEWHAVEN ST, DUBLIN
SummerGlen \$629,000



5 Bd 2.5 Ba • 2,211+/- sq.ft., 0.10+/- Acres
Dramatic, light-filled formal spaces, volume ceilings & hardwood flooring. The backyard features an area for a hot-tub, outdoor speakers.
Roger A. Clark 925.251.2508

1071 ALISON CIR, LIVERMORE
Stratford Park \$599,950



4 Bd 3 Ba • 2,400+/- sq.ft., 0.21+/- Acres
Features a granite pool and backyard, updated master bathroom. Possible SYA. This home is a good deal for this area.
Bill and Vickie Keller 925.583.2182

1489 COLLEGE AVE, LIVERMORE
South Side Victorian \$699,000



3 Bd 3 Ba • 2,348+/- sq.ft., 0.19+/- Acres
Bordering open space w/ access to bike path. Coffered ceiling, crown moulding, french doors, Oversized clawfoot tub. View of valley hills.
Angela Adams 925.583.2186

636 SYCAMORE CT, LIVERMORE
Amber Ridge \$679,900



4 Bd 2.5 Ba • 2,553+/- sq.ft., 0.21+/- Acres
Popular Sagewood Flr Plan. Extremely well kept home, hrdwood flrs, granite counters, beautiful landscaping, huge sideyard access & much more!
Corey Green 925.899.6011

3622 EAST AVE, LIVERMORE
Zoned RG-12 Multi Units \$369,000



4 Bd 1.5 Ba • 1,920+/- sq.ft., 0.27+/- Acres
Very unique, FULL BASEMENT 800+ SqFt not included in above Sq.Ft. Side Yrd Driveway w/ 2 Car Det Garage w/Office and Large Fenced Pool.
Michael Swift 925.251.2588

9877 FOOTHILL RD, SUNOL
Open Sun 1-4 \$1,890,000



5 Bd 3 Ba • 3,027+/- sq.ft., 16+/- Acres
\$300k in landscaping, pool, spa, BBQ, fountains & more! Beautifully maintained & upgraded thruout. Views. 2 bdrms, plus office downstairs.
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7208 ROSECLIFF CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE



OPEN SUN 1-4

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.
\$1,649,000

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

5846 CORTE MARGARITA PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN COUNTRY FAIR



PENDING

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

1151 DONAHUE DR. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN IRONWOOD CLASSICS



PENDING

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.
\$799,500

541 GERARD CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN



PENDING

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

1077 KOLLN ST. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN JENSEN / AMADOR



JUST LISTED

OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30

3 BD 2 BA 1,475sf. on a 6,500sf. lot. Remodeled
and expanded. Master w/ walk in closet. Open floor
plan, updated throughout, pool, spa & side yard.
\$650,000



PENDING

2187 ROAN CT. LIVERMORE
LOCATED IN SPRINGTOWN

4 BD 2 BA 1,349 sf. on a 7,455 sf. lot
Lots of natural lighting, newer appliances in
kitchen. Quiet court location. Side yard access.
\$392,000

COMING SOON

Located in Pleasanton Meadows.
5BD 3BA, 2,441sf. 6,937sf. lot.
Court location, side yard access.
Needs a little TLC
\$690,000

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1588 FOOTHILL ROAD, PLEASANTON

New custom single level home on Private Country Lane off of Foothill Road. This private half acre lot is located adjacent to Golden Eagle with ridge views. Four bedrooms, bonus room/guest quarters, home theater room, private office, lockable 400 bottle wine cellar, 4.5 bathrooms, 4762 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops, top of the line appliances. Oversized three car garage (4th car option). In-ground pool, detached permitted room (office/workout room) seller to credit buyer for brand new landscaping. Near Castlewood Country Club.
OFFERED AT \$1,695,000

BRIDLE CREEK



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 private guest suite/bonus room (5th), 5.5 bathrooms, 4,434 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 no through traffic. Close to downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park.
OFFERED AT \$1,549,000

VINSANTO



2845 VINE COURT, LIVERMORE

Beautiful highly upgraded home in excellent condition. Panoramic views of vineyards and surrounding hills. Five bedrooms (4th is private office, 5th in guest house/casita), four bathrooms (4th in casita). Approximate total square footage 3,553. Upgraded kitchen with granite countertop & backsplash, two fireplaces, plantation shutters throughout, three car garage. Private gate & rear grounds include separate guest house/casita, expansive exposed aggregate patio, lawn area, fruit trees and vineyards. No backyard neighbors. Close to wineries & golf courses.
OFFERED AT \$849,000

KOTTINGER RANCH



OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30

1327 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Great location! Beautiful semi-custom home on .40 acre lot. Expansive deck with panoramic views! Private rear grounds. Five bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, 4,026 square feet. Upgraded gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, newer paint & carpeting, extensive hardwood floors. Expansive master suite. Community pool, park, tennis courts and open space. Walk to Main Street and award winning schools!
OFFERED AT \$1,269,000

BRIDLE CREEK



897 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

Single level in Bridle Creek on .29 acre premium view lot. Built by Greenbriar Homes in 2000. Beautiful views of Pleasanton Ridge. Private rear yard with built in pool. Beautifully landscaped. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Crown molding and plantation shutters. Close to Downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park.
OFFERED AT \$1,399,000

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4150 CREEKWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON

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

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DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,499,000
Fabulous Golden Eagle luxury home! 4bd/ 3ba, granite/cherry kitchen, pool ,spa, BBQ, stunning views of the ridge! 7909 Doral Court

MARK KOTCH BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,159,900
Stunning 4bd/3ba home. Expanded family room and wet bar. Large bonus room upstairs. Coronado Plan with bedroom downstairs. 2784 Lylewood Drive

TREVOR CREAGER BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,450,000
JUST REDUCED! This gorgeous lot has stunning 360 degree panoramic views! 3.5+/-acre parcel. Bring your horses & building plans! 622 Happy Valley Road

KAT GASKINS BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$854,950
Pristine semi-custom home! 2430+/-sf with 4bd, 3ba, court location, updated kitchen and baths, new carpet and paint. Serene backyard 5791 San Carlos Way

GINA HUGGINS BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$789,000
This home has 5bdr/3full bath, with 1bdr/1bath downstairs. Formal living and dining area. Side yard access. Newer solar heated pool. 1626 Peridot Drive

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$785,000
3bd/3ba, 2,042+/-sf, Tiger hardwood floors, eat-in Granite/Alder kitchen, new 50-yr roof, dual pane windows, Plantation shutters. 4166 Hall Court

JOYCE JONES SUN 2:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$735,000
Updates Galore, 4bd, 3ba, w/pool, hot tub, granite counters, white cabinets, raised ceiling w/sky light in kitchen, hardwood flooring. 3232 Balmoral Court

JANNA CHESTNUT OPENSUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$709,000
Charming One Story in quiet court location. Easy commute access. Only 5 minutes to downtown. Updated kitchen and baths. Must See! 3124 Thistledown Court

SALLY MARTIN BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$679,000
Great location! Living space on 1 floor. Kitchen features granite slab, updated cabinetry, appliances & tile floor. Updated bathrooms with stone. 4224 Tamur Court



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