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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

What about the sewers?

It's starting to look as if Daniel Smith and his team at the Pleasanton Operations Service Center that he directs are becoming more like Disney/Pixar East or Hollywood North with their creative websites and videos that are some of the best in the business. They're even in the publishing business with a new 50-page booklet written in-house that could be dubbed "Everything you always wanted to know about climate change and what you can do about it." In managing these ingenious and innovating resources, Smith has also become somewhat of an actor's agent, recruiting Pleasanton police Sgt. Mike Collins to star in a new video, "Leveraging Technology," and Laura Ryan, the city's manager of energy and sustainability, to handle the writing, data research and creative and artistic work on a multitude of pamphlets, brochures, booklets and interactive websites the Operations Center is fielding.

It used to be that work in a city's physical plant mainly dealt with mundane, but nevertheless critical services, such as water, sewers, streets, traffic signs and equipment maintenance and repair. That's still the function. But as "Leveraging Technology" shows, Pleasanton has made many of these functions high tech. Water now travels from the high Sierra to home water faucets in Pleasanton without helping hands, except for the frequent taste and purity tests in Smith's shop. Collins, in his new role as a Pleasanton film star, has viewers following a miniaturized, mobile video camera through sewer lines to check for leaks and to make sure they're flowing freely — a once dirty job city sewer workers remember in the pre-computer/video cam days.

In fact, Pleasanton's system is so well programmed and computer-driven that water managers around the country asked Mayor Jennifer Hosterman to have the Daniel Smith team go to Washington, D.C., to explain it after she talked about the work going on here at a recent U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting. But this is a tight-budget, recessionary year, so Smith, not wanting to have an East Coast trip show up on his expense report, commissioned the video and recruited Sgt. Collins to help him narrate it. Many of us have seen Collins with Officer Mike Bradley on TV30's "Cops" show, the public television program that



JEB BING

Daniel Smith, director of operations for the city of Pleasanton, at meeting of Valley Real Estate Network where he showed the nationally viewed video he produced on "Leveraging Technology."

provides information about the Pleasanton Police Department. In his new video — available on a CD from the Operations Center — Collins dons work clothes to walk with a camera crew showing and narrating the workday Operations. With Smith chiming in, Collins takes us on sewer and water line checks to automated traffic lane striping and even to computer models used to determine the strength needed for new energy-saving LED lamps used in traffic lights and soon to replace the more expensive bulbs in the city's street lights. Most impressive are the cost savings Pleasanton has made in the delivery and consumption of water, metering park sprinklers, for example, so that they shut off when sensors detect high humidity and rain.

Smith's group also has taken the lead on promoting energy conservation, developing a website that was shown to the City Council on Tuesday that is specifically designed to post Climate Action Plan (CAP) documents and to solicit community feedback in the process. The website at www.PleasantonGreenScene.org should grab your attention if only for the spectacular design and the information it offers. It also ties in with the city's Community Green Fair to be held Oct. 21, called, fittingly, Pleasanton Green Scene. Held in partnership with Hacienda Business Park, it will be the first in a series of activities and events that will be part of the overall Climate Action Plan that Smith and his team have responsibility for managing. With 75 vendors expected at this festive fair, and then to be followed by a CAP workshop Smith will hold Oct. 27, the Operations Center has a new and increasingly busy role to play in Pleasanton affairs. Let's just hope the sewers keep flowing freely. ■

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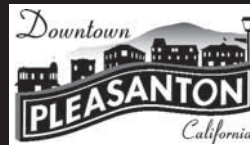
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Was Gov. Schwarzenegger right in decriminalizing carrying 1 ounce of marijuana?

Amanda Pauli

Barista

I support the governor's decision. I think that treating it as an infraction rather than a misdemeanor will save money, and I also feel that it is a more appropriate penalty.



Carie Dibish

Healthcare

I agree with Gov. Schwarzenegger because California is in major debt and if the consequences are similar to what they were before anyway, then I'm all for it.



Kevin Marlais

Courier

I think it will help our impacted prison system and it should also help our budget a bit. They'll still be getting money with the \$100 fine.



Alex Sohn

Student

I do and I don't. It's possible that since the consequences for getting caught with marijuana won't be as harsh, the number of people using it will increase. It will probably save our state some money, though, and that's important right now.



Trish Gette

Nurse

I definitely do. I think marijuana should be legalized in the state of California anyway. Marijuana isn't any worse than alcohol or tobacco, and at this particular point in our economic crisis we could use the tax income.



—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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A trial date for accused killer Ernest Scherer III has been set for Nov. 1 in Alameda County court. Scherer, 32, is accused of murdering his parents Charlene Abendroth and Ernest Scherer Jr. in their Castlewood home in March 2008.

Police arrested him 11 months later in Las Vegas although he had been a "person of interest" since the slayings.

Las Positas open house, Major Faire

Las Positas College invites the community to its open house and building dedication from 3-6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12. The event will feature tours of the campus, student performances and presentations on facility projects made possible through the Measure B bond that voters passed in 2004. At 5:15 p.m., the college will celebrate the dedication of the Barbara Francisco Mertes Center for the Arts.

The college, located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore, is hosting its 12th annual Major Faire the next day, Oct. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the central walkway on campus. This year's theme is "Plan to Succeed: Engage, Explore, Experience, Emerge."

Professionals and representatives from four-year colleges will join Las Positas College instructors to help students understand opportunities in different major fields of study and options for transfer to four-year colleges.

For more information and a map of the campus, visit the Las Positas College website at www.laspositascollege.edu or call 424-1000.

'Football-friendly ministry'

Rock Bible Church is one of hundreds of new churches set to celebrate their grand openings on 10-10-10. Services will take place Sundays from 5-6 p.m. at Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court in Pleasanton.

"I do like to joke that we are opening as a 'football-friendly ministry,'" says Pastor Scott Berglin, long time Pleasanton resident and all around sports enthusiast. "But we are actually very excited to offer a safe and accepting atmosphere that welcomes unchurched families and singles alike. All joking aside, at Rock Bible Church you will find a Christ-centered, Bible-based, community-minded ministry."

Centerpointe Church's Children's Ministry is also open for ages birth to fifth-graders during the 5 p.m. service. To learn more, go to www.rockbiblechurch.com.

'It's the economy, stupid!'

Five mayors agree it's the No. 1 issue facing the Tri-Valley at this time

By JEB BING

It's the economy, stupid!

Those weren't the exact words but that was the message from all five Tri-Valley mayors Tuesday in answer to a question about their biggest concern for their cities in the year ahead.

The mayors, who were participating in a discussion on "Obstacles and Opportunities for a Stronger Economy" at the annual Tri-Valley Mayors Summit, also agreed that while times are tough at a time of falling sales and property tax revenue, the cities here are in much better shape than many others in the Bay Area, or even in all of California.

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said that while her city has not filled more than 40 municipal job vacancies that have developed over the past two years, new multi-million-dollar business developments bode well for a brighter economic future.

Danville Mayor Mike Doyle said his town, sandwiched between the mega-retail and business

centers in Walnut Creek, San Ramon and Pleasanton, has made \$400,000 in special grants to local retailers to use in enhancing their "curb appeal."

"To date, we have awarded over 60 grants and these businesses are still with us," Doyle told the 200 guests at the mayors' forum. "This has been a very popular program and it shows the business community that we are in this together."

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena said that although a tight municipal budget for the current fiscal year has caused some layoffs and the likely closing of one of the city's three public libraries, the renovated downtown district is thriving. New, innovative programs for research companies also are under way in conjunction with the expansion of private laboratory space outside the gates of the Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national laboratories that will make the Livermore area more competitive with Silicon Valley.

Dublin also is experiencing tough economic times but Mayor Tim Sbranti said new devel-

opment is in the works that will change that. This includes a new Target Superstore at the east end of Dublin and more retail near the downtown core, including a new West Dublin-Pleasanton BART station that will open next spring and new retail inside the nearby now-closed Circuit City store.

"Dublin has provided sales tax reimbursements so that retailers can come to our city and make improvements on businesses here already," Sbranti said. "We've expedited our permit process, reduced parking requirements, and are allowing more outdoor dining to attract more business."

Mayor Abram Wilson of San Ramon, the Republican candidate for the 15th State Assembly District seat now held by Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan (D-15th), who is seeking re-election, was more upbeat about his city's financial situation now and even more optimistic about the year ahead.

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JEB BING

Nancy and Gary Harrington with their 2010 Mayor's Award for meritorious service that was presented to them Friday night at a special program in the Firehouse Arts Center.

Harringtons win 2010 Mayor's Award

Ruby Hill philanthropists announce more donations to come

Retired educators and philanthropists Nancy and Gary Harrington, who live in Ruby Hill and have contributed extensively to public art in Pleasanton, have won the prestigious Mayor's Award for meritorious service to the community.

The award was presented last Friday to the Harringtons by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman at a special ceremony in the new Firehouse Arts Center, which includes some of the Harringtons' contributions.

Also honored was the city's Community Services Manager Andy Jorgensen, who was hired as a recreation supervisor in 1989 and will retire later this year as a recognized champion of many of the city's public arts programs and the Firehouse Arts Center, itself.

In giving the Mayor's Award, Hosterman thanked the Harringtons for their generosity in donating several of the most dramatic features of the new Firehouse center. Their name marks the center's new art gallery off the first

floor lobby with a bronze sculpture positioned on an outside patio that they purchased on one of their arts-finding trips as a gift to Pleasanton. Another sculpture is of a battle-weary veteran sitting on a bench with a flag in his hand just outside the newly renovated Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street.

They also have donated two large glass marquees designed by world-renowned architectural glass artist Martin Donlon as well as a statue of Claude Monet that will be installed near the outdoor plaza area. Later this year, the city will dedicate a glass bell that was crafted for the firehouse center in tribute to the firefighters who used to serve Pleasanton from the old Railroad Avenue firehouse.

There's more to come, Nancy and Gary Harrington said in accepting the mayor's award. They are drafting a 10-year plan to add more art and sculpture in the city with a program they hope will involve the public in an ongoing

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City tweaking green building code

Planners address issues with local, state requirements

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton was in the forefront of going green, with requirements for new commercial buildings enacted in 2002 and expanded four years later to include residential. Now the city is planning to change the requirements, at least slightly, in light of the state's new standards.

The Planning Commission held a hearing last week to discuss amending the city's code with reference to the California Green Building Standards Code, known as CALGreen, before it goes into effect Jan. 1. If the city does not adopt its amendment by then, developers will be required to show they are in compliance with both sets of green building regulations.

CALGreen requires the following of new building construction:

- Reduce water consumption by 20%
- Divert 50% of construction waste from landfills
- Install low pollutant-emitting materials
- Separate water submeters for indoor and outdoor water in nonresidential buildings
- Moisture-sensing irrigations systems for large landscape projects
- Mandatory inspections of systems

CALGreen also has additional voluntary measures known as Tier 1 and Tier 2. City planning staff recommended adopting CALGreen Tier 1, which is similar to Pleasanton's current standard.

"The easiest thing would be to adopt the basic but that would be a step backwards," said Director of Community Development Brian Dolan at the Sept. 29 meeting.

Staff noted that CALGreen provides for greater uniformity of checklists, definitions and procedures throughout the state.

Downtown land use lawyer Peter MacDonald asked that the city "depoliticize green building" by keeping a level playing field for all applicants, being clear with the requirements, and making extra conditions incentive-based.

He said the city started out with a good set of requirements but then planners began to make changes to each project with "conditions creep."

"The biggest cost is dealing with bureaucracy," agreed contractor Michael Callahan, who said builders are going green on their own. "It's

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By JEB BING

It may have been one of the fastest land use approvals ever in a city known for its methodical, sometimes painstakingly-long reviews of new developments, but Clorox was officially welcomed here Tuesday as the city's newest major corporation by an enthusiastic City Council in a 5-0 vote that said "come ahead."

"It's no doubt a sign of these tough economic times," said Councilman Jerry Thorne at the end of the less-than-one-hour discussion.

The council's swift approval, with only one public comment and no opposition, followed a similarly quick approval of the same Planned Unit Development (PUD) measure just two weeks ago by the city's Planning Commission, again in a 5-0 vote with few questions or comments by commissioners.

Of course, Clorox, which has



JEB BING

This Clorox Technical Center on Johnson Drive will be sold and its 400 employees moved next year when the Clorox moves another 700 employees from its Oakland headquarters to a new corporate campus in northwest Pleasanton.

been headquartered in Oakland for years, is not new to Pleasanton. It has a technical center on Johnson Drive, which will be sold when Clorox moves at least 700 employees here onto a five-building corporate campus near Stoneridge Drive and Hopyard Road. Clorox is acquiring the now-vacant site from Washington Mutual Bank. The 400 employees now at the Johnson Drive research center also will move to the new campus.

Tuesday night's City Council approval was required because Clorox plans to build a sixth building on the site, a 65,000-square-foot two-story structure that, while large,

will house only 40 employees to work on special projects. With high ceilings, the building will be just under 40 feet tall with a cooling tower and other rooftop equipment camouflaged behind screening that could go just beyond 50 feet in height.

The campus complex is at 4900-5040 Johnson Drive and adjacent to Thoratec and Hitachi, other research and development companies. At one time, more than 3,000 employees worked on the site when it was used by former owner Providian as a credit card call center.

"We're happy to be your new home," Mayor Jennifer Hosterman

said to the lone Clorox representative who attended the meeting.

The council then moved on to other business, which included the following:

■ Receiving a report from City Attorney Jonathan Lowell that the first hearing in a court case involving Oak Grove developers Frederic and Jennifer Lin and the city of Pleasanton has been delayed until mid-November to give Pleasanton's outside counsel time to be briefed on the litigation.

■ Heard an update on the city's climate action plan that includes a city-sponsored Community Green Fair on Oct. 21 and a Climate Action Plan workshop on Oct. 27. ■

RE-ELECT MAYOR JENNIFER HOSTERMAN

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Rates, debt main concerns at DSRSD open house

By Glenn Wohlmann

Although some people have been complaining about hikes in their water and sewer services, it seemed most of those who turned out at the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) open house Sept. 30 were looking for information, not someone to blame.

DSRSD is the agency that supplies water and sewer services to Dublin and parts of San Ramon and Pleasanton. Nineteen people, a mix from all three communities, attended, asking questions about the agency's debt and their bills. Officials at the agency were a little worried about the turnout, since only two people gave advanced notice they planned to attend.

Water and sewer rates are going up in January, and DSRSD will continue its temporary surcharge until its \$50 million debt is restructured. The debt — and the surcharge — came about because the agency had to build the entire infrastructure needed for communities like Dougherty Valley and

eastern Dublin before the first home went in. When construction stopped because of the downturn in the economy, developer fees — the money paid to have homes linked to the system — stopped as well, leaving DSRSD in debt.

Among those looking for information were Dubliners Margo and John Johnson, who spend much of their time away from home, largely doing mission work for their church.

"When I looked at our last bill, our surcharge was higher than our fixed rate and our water usage," Margo Johnson said.

The two spend much of their time in Africa, something John said gives them a unique perspective.

"When it comes to water, we have more empathy than most," John said. "Water is the biggest problem in the world."

Linda Costello, also of Dublin, was worried about the \$50 million owed by DSRSD.

"That much debt was kind of

surprising," Costello said, adding she's "concerned about how much we'll be paying for our water."

After speaking to officials, she said, she came to a better understanding of the situation. Her son, Mitchell, said he has a better perspective, too, and offered a simple solution.

"We'd better get more ratepayers, otherwise we won't be able to pay off our debt," he said.

Much of the discussion focused on exactly how to address the debt issue. DSRSD is considering a number of options, including variable rate and fixed rate bonds; and bank loans and inter-fund loans, in which the agency in effect lends itself money out of reserves it has on tap for repairs and other expenses.

Public comment is part of the process, but DSRSD officials will also be talking to financial experts from the area, including people who manage money for local cities, to get their perspective on the best way to deal with the debt. ■

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all farmed lumber — why does it need to be certified?"

Pam Hardy of Ponderosa Homes told the commission that she never supported required photovoltaic wiring at \$400 per unit. It

costs \$30,000-\$40,000 per house to meet green requirements, she said, including site preparation, inspections, third-party reviews and design costs.

The commissioners discussed dropping the photovoltaic wiring regulation since it might not ever be used in individual houses.

The Planning Commission approved the amendment, directing staff to add price comparisons between projects with the different requirements for the report to the City Council, which is scheduled to address the green building amendments at its Oct. 19 meeting. ■



GLENN WOHLTMANN

District offers supplies for needy students

Gary Taylor, Pleasanton school district's Lead Warehouse/Buyer, prepares supplies to be given to students in need. It's the first time Pleasanton schools have done the giveaway, although Alameda County has had the program in place for years. Separate bags were available for kindergartners and first-graders, second- through fifth-graders, and sixth- through 12th-graders. District spokeswoman Myla Grasso said this week that 337 bags had been given, and the district is making arrangements to get bags to students who couldn't attend the giveaway.



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Wicked onboard: Krista Schaarschmidt, Colleen Kanowsky, Amalia Martinez and Miranda Kanowsky celebrate with their Weekly after winning first prize with their version of "Popular" from the play "Wicked" while on a Mexican cruise on Mariner of the Seas. The trip was to celebrate Colleen and Amalia's graduation from the eighth grade.

HARRINGTONS

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ing effort.

"We've been here for 38 years," Gary Harrington said. "Pleasanton has given much to us and we decided that we wanted to give back. So with your help after we receive the approval for what we hope to do, we ask that you share with us what will happen."

Added Nancy Harrington: "We're very happy and excited about public art. You'll hear a lot

more as we go forward. We're thrilled to be able to do what we've done."

More than 200 attended the awards celebration, an annual event held to thank those who have served on Pleasanton commissions and committees during the past year, and their guests. Also there were former mayors and City Council members, regional elected officials and some of the past winners of the Mayor's Award, a program that started in 1971.

—Jeb Bing

ECONOMY

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"We are always proactive, not reactive in meeting the needs of local businesses that drive our economy," Wilson said. "We've kept our business license fees at \$350 because we realize these businesses operate on a very thin profit margin and we want to help."

Besides "Innovation Tri-Valley," the new research program that Livermore has under way near the Livermore Lab, Pleasanton appears to be in the best financial shape as the new fiscal year moves forward.

Hosterman said a new, privately-financed independent living and care facility for seniors, called Stoneridge Creek, has been approved and should start construction by mid-2011 on Staples Ranch, a 124-acre undeveloped parcel owned by Alameda County southwest of the I-580-El Charro Road interchange. That property, which is scheduled to be annexed into Pleasanton in January, will also hold a new auto mall and eventually a retail center and possibly an ice arena.

At the west end of Pleasanton, Safeway has the approvals to build a new Lifestyle supermarket with a retail center around it across from the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Bernal and Valley avenues, along the east edge of I-680. In addition, Clorox Corp. received final approvals Tuesday night from the Pleasanton City Council to add a sixth building to a corporate campus it is acquiring from the old Washington Mutual Bank near Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive. It plans to



JEB BING

At Tuesday's Tri-Valley Mayors' forum are (from left, standing) Mayors Tim Sbranti, Dublin; Mike Doyle, Danville, and Abram Wilson, San Ramon. Seated are Marshall Kamena of Livermore and Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman.

move 900 employees into the new campus next year, including 700 from its corporate headquarters in downtown Oakland.

Besides the economy, the mayors also agreed that traffic congestion, over-regulation by the state and global competition are among other major concerns.

"We have to recognize that companies don't have to be located in the U.S. anymore to do business here," Kamena said. "Other countries are investing in business growth and innovation. We're competing with the rest of the world, not just with each other or nationally. That's why we have to continue investment here and to grow our skilled workforce."

Added Danville's Mayor Doyle: "We need to continue to work together as a region to maintain this wonderful quality of life that we have here. There are good economic opportunities for businesses of all sizes."

"Shop Local" campaigns in both Danville and Pleasanton also are promoting retail and restaurant businesses. Pleasanton's kicks off this month; Danville's has been under way with considerable success, the mayors said.

Most important — and possibly unique — is the union of the five mayors, they said.

"The fact that all five of us with different personalities and from different communities are sitting here as a team is the exception among California cities, not the rule," San Ramon's Wilson said. "This is what government is supposed to do ... putting away partisan politics and working on programs and issues that are good for all."

The Mayors Forum is held annually, sponsored alternately by each city's Chamber of Commerce. This year, the Pleasanton Chamber hosted the event, held at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. ■

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THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Jennifer Hosterman for mayor; Cook-Kallio, Thorne for City council

In a city where the municipal budget continues to be balanced even during these severe recessionary times and with millions of dollars still set aside as "rainy day" reserves, this is not the time to "throw the bums out" as some political pundits might suggest. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne should be re-elected so that their good work can continue. Along with sitting council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan, this is an effective, proven team that should stay together to handle the challenges ahead. These include meeting the provisions of a court-ordered housing element that must pass muster with Alameda Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch, the Urban Habitat affordable housing coalition and state Attorney General (and Democratic gubernatorial candidate) Jerry Brown, the principals in voiding the city's 1996 housing cap. As part of a settlement agreement, the city must provide housing sites to accommodate more than 3,000 low-to-moderate income tenants. A council-appointed Hacienda Task Force is mid-way through making its recommendations. The current council that wrestled with the lawsuit and settlement agreement needs to stay in place to finish that work.

There's more. At a time when nearby cities are laying off employees, closing libraries and cutting services, Pleasanton has remained fiscally strong. More than 40 city jobs have become vacant in the last two years and have not been filled. Vehicles that were on a scheduled replacement list are still in use. Meanwhile, multi-million-dollar developments on Staples Ranch to the east, a new Lifestyle Safeway supermarket on the west side and, most recently, the announcement that Clorox will move more than 1,100 employees into an empty corporate campus off Hopyard Road bodes well for a more prosperous 2011 and beyond. A new Firehouse Arts Center, lighted baseball fields, a restored Veterans Memorial Building and restoration of the historic Alviso Adobe all happened under the current council's watch. Add to that Money Magazine's survey that named Pleasanton one of the top 100 cities in America. These are all accomplishments that point to retaining the good government we now have.

Over her last six years as mayor, Jennifer Hosterman has spearheaded many of these achievements. She also has gained influential leadership roles with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and a number of local and regional public agencies that benefit Pleasanton, including a coveted board seat on LAFCO, which will meet in January to decide a petition to annex Staples Ranch into Pleasanton. We need her there.

Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio is a career high school civics and history teacher in Fremont who coaches her school's "We the People" class each year. Well-versed in government and Constitutional issues, she's a valuable, problem-solving council member with helpful connections in Sacramento and Washington. While she doesn't wear any party affiliation on her sleeve, she has endorsements from business and union organizations and supporters that show her to be fair and non-partisan. More than anyone, she broke the years-long impasse that had stalled extending

Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road and Livermore, which has now been approved.

Retired HP executive Jerry Thorne has used his "free" time to now represent Pleasanton on 18 different boards and committees, including service as the past chairman of both LAVTA (which operates the Wheels buses) and the East Bay Division of the League of California Cities. He is now using his financial skills to review and reform employee pensions with a recommendation expected next year on how the city can reduce its financial exposure to unfunded pension liabilities. He is also working to streamline government agencies that provide duplicate or unnecessary work, including four agencies that now handle water and sewer services in the Tri-Valley. We need to re-elect Thorne to continue that work.

Cindy McGovern has been our long-time favorite on the City Council, and before that for the years she served on the Pleasanton school board. She'd make a good mayor, but we prefer keeping Hosterman on the job to benefit from her years of experience and regional posts. Karla Brown, who is a first-time candidate for a City Council seat, is a vibrant campaigner with different views on how the council should govern. We like her persistence and regular attendance at City Council meetings. She would make a strong, effective councilmember in the next round of elections in 2012. She and McGovern believe Hosterman sometimes ignores constituents who address the council. We agree and hope the mayor, who, because of term limits, has just two more years to serve, spends more time listening and evaluating the good suggestions from the lectern as well as from each of her fellow council members.

Laursen, Bowser for School Board

For the first time in years, voters will have a choice of three new candidates vying for the two open seats on the Pleasanton school board. Both Jim Ott and Patrick Kernan, whose terms are up, have chosen not to seek re-election. The two elected will serve on a board whose most senior trustee is Chris Grant, who was appointed to the board in February 2007 and elected to a four-year term just two years ago. Also new is the superintendent, Parvin Ahmadi.

We believe Joan Laursen and Jeff Bowser can bring the experience needed at this time. Laursen, a financial analyst by training, is past president of the Pleasanton PTA Council and has served on the boards of numerous school and community organizations in Pleasanton over the last 15 years. Bowser has extensive teaching and business experience and was an administrator at Amador Valley High and in outside districts before joining Quest, where he holds a senior management position. We wish there were three positions available because Sandy Piderit also would make an excellent board member. A part-time professor with a young child in Pleasanton schools, she understands the educational needs of youth from start to finish and would be a welcome addition to the school board. 2012 perhaps? ■

LETTERS

Theater experience

Dear Editor,

I volunteered for the Firehouse Arts Center today at the matinee performance. Franc D'Ambrosio entertained to a full house. He was wonderful. For me it was such a great experience. The theater staff is the best, and nothing compares to this theater experience.

I sincerely hope the city and downtown restaurants could start being more out-of-town visitor friendly. I encountered several frustrated out-of-towners. They loved the theater and the performance. They never found the parking lot because of lack of signs. I helped them find Main Street. And showed them some of our fine restaurants close by. But to our dismay they would not be open for at least another hour.

Judy Fenton

Elect Laursen, Bowser

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton has an opportunity in November to elect to its school board Joan Laursen and Jeff Bowser, two highly qualified individuals who will ensure the best schools for our children.

Both Laursen and Bowser have lived in Pleasanton for many years and have proven track records of service to our schools. Laursen, who worked 12 years in the banking industry and understands governance and fiscal accountability, has devoted countless hours working with the state PTA and legislators to ensure valuable programs for our schools. Similarly, Bowser has worked 13 years in the private sector, has a master's degree in Educational Leadership, and currently serves as chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Pleasanton PTA Council.

Both Laursen and Bowser have extensive knowledge of public education and finance, both have backgrounds in business that have taught them to ask hard questions, and both will ensure that Pleasanton schools continue to be successful in these difficult economic times.

I encourage you to join me in voting for Joan Laursen and Jeff Bowser for the Pleasanton school board.

Jim Ott, trustee, Pleasanton Unified School District

Re-elect Thorne

Dear Editor,

Jerry Thorne, as a member of our Pleasanton City Council, has proved himself to be an effective, responsible leader and an independent thinker. He is a man of integrity, known for his grassroots efforts, who listens and works with us. His strong and experienced voice has helped bring more consensus and cooperation to the City Council, resulting in decisions and actions that serve well Pleasanton's people, businesses and government. Jerry is a trusted businessman, environmental engineer, family man and community leader.

Jerry Thorne is well recognized for
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representing our Pleasanton City Council on numerous regional, state and national commissions and boards. In Pleasanton he led the fight for lighted, multi-use sports fields, for a teen center, for a youth club and for civic arts facilities to be built on the Bernal Property. He has recognized the fast growing aging population in Pleasanton and is committed to continuing strong services to our Senior Center and to promoting programs that provide assistance to seniors including improved transportation.

Jerry Thorne is an outstanding Pleasanton City Council member. Please make certain that you and the people you know get out and vote for Jerry Thorne on Nov. 2. Let's get Jerry elected again.

Dave Melander

Laursen listens

Dear Editor,

Please join me in voting for an extremely qualified candidate for the Pleasanton School Board — Joan Laursen.

I worked with Joan when I served as co-president of Lydiksen Elementary's PFC. She is an incredibly smart and professional woman who is very passionate about education and has worked for many years to help better our schools. What I like best about Joan is that she listens! She has the ability to listen to all sides of an issue and not make snap judgments, but carefully consider and study the issues before making any decisions. Plus, she is very accessible and easy to talk to.

Joan has worked as a parent volunteer in many different areas in our schools — from classroom volunteer, to fundraising, to volunteering on school site councils and budget advisory committees. Most recently she served as the president

of the Pleasanton PTA Council. Being involved in so many different areas of our school district gives Joan the unique firsthand knowledge of what is needed to help our schools excel and help our students be successful. I encourage you to join me and vote for Joan Laursen on Nov. 2.

Cathy Ritter

Vote for McGovern, Brown

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce BACPAC has been very successful in funneling developer and business campaign contributions to candidates and winning elections. The litmus test is allegiance to the Chamber "2015 Vision," which is a developer and business friendly alternative to the Pleasanton General Plan. Apparently the Chamber doesn't like the real General Plan — which took six years of broad community involvement to develop — so they created their own version that caters to their narrow interests. And they seem to have no problem finding politicians eager to do their bidding. Why change a successful formula?

Economic vitality is critical to our quality of life and should be a high priority. But developer and business control of government is not democracy. Do you want the Chamber of Commerce calling the shots at City Hall or do you want representative government that is independent, is not beholden to big money contributors, that will manage growth and economic development in a sustainable way, and will work in the best interest of the entire community? If your answer is the latter, please join me in voting for Cindy McGovern for mayor and Karla Brown for council on Nov. 2.

Matt Sullivan, Pleasanton City Councilman

Laursen for School Board

Dear Editor,

I strongly support Joan Laursen for the Pleasanton School Board. She truly cares about the students in Pleasanton and will work hard to ensure that all students receive a high quality education. Joan takes the time to understand complex issues, having educated herself about the school finance system in California and the intricacies of the school district budget. With her professional financial background, she will be a responsible steward of the public education dollars in Pleasanton.

Joan has spent many years serving on school district committees and in leadership roles in PTA, school site councils and other school groups. She has volunteered in the classrooms and is clearly familiar with the challenges facing our students and educators today.

I truly admire her unending commitment to the students of our district. When Joan takes on a task or a position, she gives 100%. Joan is truly someone we can count on to speak up for children. An intelligent, caring and highly capable individual, she will be a tremendous asset to our community as a school board trustee. Please join me in supporting Joan Laursen on Nov. 2.

Debbie Look

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Catherine M. Nugent

Catherine M. Nugent died Sept. 20 at the age of 93 after a brief illness.

She was born in 1917 to Richard M. Nugent and Rebecca (Keppel) Nugent in Gridley. After graduating Gridley High School she earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from Chico State College. She taught for six years in McArthur,

Calif., and moved to Pleasanton in 1944. She then taught at Amador Valley High School until her retirement in 1982 and for the rest of her life continued to receive notes, cards and visits from former students.

She was an avid reader and a wonderful conversationalist who enjoyed travel, dining out with friends, gardening, cooking and



sewing. She attended Centerpointe Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Presbyterian Women. She was also the keeper of the family history for the Nugent and Keppel relatives.

She is survived by cousins Nancy Hosler Zumwalt (Wally) of Oroville, and Dr. Michael Nugent (Naomi) of Livingston, Mont. A memorial service is planned for 2:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Private funeral services have been held at Gridley-Biggs cemetery.

Rosita L. Villamor

Rosita L. Villamor, a resident of Pleasanton, died Oct. 1 after a long illness.

She was born in Tarlac, Concepcion, the Philippines, and raised in a tight knit family. She married Ramon Villamor in 1958 and they had two children.

The family immigrated to the Washington, D.C., Metro Area to pursue the American Dream. She held various positions with the Montgomery County government before retiring in 1998. They moved to Vero Beach, Fla., and eventually to Pleasanton in 2006 to be closer to their son and his family. She enjoyed shopping, dancing and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Villamor was preceded in death by her oldest son Raymond. She is survived by her husband Ramon of Pleasanton; son Rodell and his wife Ella, and three grandchildren of Castro Valley; and siblings Nenita, Francia, Mercedes,



Cezar and Ben.

Visitation will be from noon-5 p.m. Oct. 10 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton with a vigil at 2 p.m. Funeral mass and burial will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 11 at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. in Pleasanton with a reception to follow.

Kathryn Brancato

Surrounded by her family and friends, Kathryn Brancato died at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton on Sept. 20, at the age of 47, after a long fight with cancer.

She was born Sept. 23, 1962, in Saigon, South Vietnam. She and her family moved to California in 1975. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother who always put her family first.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, John; daughter Erica and her fiancé Benjamin of Pleasanton and son Zachary of Pleasanton; sister Thuy and brother-in-law Ernie Culley and nephew William of Santa Rosa. She is also survived by a large circle of close friends whom she regarded as family. Donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (<http://shop.stjude.org>) or to a charity of choice. A memorial service was held Sept. 25 at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church in Pleasanton followed by a reception at the family home.

Billie Daniel

Billie Daniel, 75, of Pleasanton died Aug. 30 at the Riverchase Nursing Facility in Birmingham, Ala., due to complications related to diabetes, after spending 13 years in the nursing home.

She was born in Charlotte, N.C., on Aug. 16, 1935, to Cleat and

Ruth (Mullis) Bartlett and married Homer Daniel in 1964. Mrs. Daniel was a registered nurse and worked at Laurel Grove Hospital (later Eden Hospital) in Castro Valley for almost 30 years. She enjoyed traveling and was especially fond of cruises. She loved living in California and was a resident of Pleasanton for 28 years before leaving due to her illness.

She is survived by a daughter and her spouse, Kimberly and Matthew Gormley of Tiburon; three brothers, Barron Bartlett of Birmingham, Ala., Monte Bartlett of Oak Island, N.C., and Dan Bartlett of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and one grandson. Everyone is invited to a celebration of her life at 2 p.m. Oct. 22 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 240 Tiburon Blvd., Tiburon.

Gladys Elizabeth Nelson

Gladys Elizabeth Nelson, a resident of Castro Valley, died Sept. 29 at the age of 96.

She was born March 15, 1914, and raised in Wisconsin. She had her own business in Marysville for many years, and upon retirement moved to Castro Valley where she lived for 21 years. Gardening was her passion.

She was predeceased by her grandson Jeffrey Gardner of Pleasanton. She is survived by her daughter Janice Gardner of Pleasanton; grandsons Ron Gardner of San Jose and Steve Gardner of Pleasanton; and three sisters, Edna Franks of Castro Valley, Doris Gerneman and Beverly Voss of Wisconsin. A memorial service was held Monday at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin 94568.

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Man charged after fracas outside bar

A San Lorenzo man has been charged with brandishing a knife following a scuffle outside a Pleasanton bar Saturday.

Brandon Alan Bucklin faces charges of brandishing a deadly weapon and public drunkenness followed the incident.

Pleasanton police Sgt. Penelope Tamm said officers driving by the Sunshine Saloon at about 1:35 a.m. Saturday noticed a crowd in the parking lot and pulled in to investigate. One man, who didn't want to be identified, told police another man had pulled a knife.

That led police to Bucklin, whom Tamm said was intoxicated.

"He was detained and during the search we found a folding knife," she said. The man who asked not to be identified later told police that Bucklin had pulled the knife during the argument.

POLICE REPORT

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

Sept. 27

Theft

- 10:21 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; forgery
- 11:33 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; grand theft
- 2:27 p.m. in the 4200 block of Mirador Drive; identity theft
- 4:17 p.m. in the 7300 block of Stonedale Drive; grand theft
- 4:49 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Drive; theft
- 5:59 p.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; petty theft
- 6:51 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Road; grand theft

Burglary

- 9:41 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

Vandalism

- 8:40 a.m. in the 8000 block of Regency Drive
- 9:00 a.m. in the 1500 block of Lagoon road
- 7:25 p.m. in the 7900 block of Villa Loop

Bicycling under the influence

- 11:41 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and St. Mary Street

Sept. 28

Theft

- 7:49 a.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall road; auto theft
- 8:24 a.m. in the 100 block of Quarry Lane, theft
- 11:42 a.m. in the 4100 block of Stanley Road; identity theft
- 12:51 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 1:08 p.m. in the 200 block of Trenton Circle; identity theft

Burglary

- 9:58 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street
- 4:11 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive
- 5:48 p.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Road

Drug/alcohol charges

- 4:04 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness
- 4:16 p.m. on Santa Rita Road; possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of someone else's prescription

Sept. 29

Petty Theft

- 5:19 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 10:24 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive

Vandalism

- 1:12 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Drug/alcohol charges

- 9:07 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Inglewood Drive; DUI
- 11:52 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Crestline Road; DUI

Sept. 30

Theft

- 8:51 a.m. in the 1000 block of Mission Drive; petty theft
- 9:16 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; forgery
- 4:30 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft
- 4:51 p.m. in the 8000 block of Rockford Place; identity theft
- 5:34 p.m. in the 7800 block of Foothill Knolls Road; identity theft

Battery

- 1:41 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Drug/alcohol charges

- 1:54 a.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Dorman Road; DUI

- 10:26 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue; DUI

Oct. 1

Theft

- 1:11 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; identity theft
- 7:35 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Burglary

- 3:11 p.m. in the 1500 block of Loganberry Way

Drug/alcohol charges

- 6:58 pm. at the intersection of Case Avenue and Valley Avenue; public drunkenness
- 8:19 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Crestline Road; DUI
- 10:23 pm. at the intersection of Trevor Parkway and Persimmon Way; possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, possession of paraphernalia, contributing to the delinquency of a minor

Oct. 2

Theft

- 4:18 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:02 p.m. in the 3600 block of S. Platt Court; petty theft

Drug/alcohol charges

- 1:26 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 1:45 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 9:11 p.m. in the 4200 block of Waycross Court; underage drinking on private property

Oct. 3

Theft

- 5:28 p.m. in the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft, two counts

Vandalism

- 8:29 a.m. in the 3400 block of Cornerstone Road
- 9:37 a.m. in the 2300 block of Romano Circle

Drug/alcohol charges

- 5:57 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill Drive and Laurel Creek Way; DUI
- 6:55 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; public drunkenness

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 13th has been cancelled. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27th.

Library Commission

Thursday, October 14, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation by the Circulation Division
- Update on Commission Outreach Goals

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, October 14, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Community Services Report – Senior and Paratransit Services (PPS), and Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled (RADD)
- Review of Proposed Fee changes for Callippe Preserve Golf Course
- Selection Subcommittee Recommendations for Appointees to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee
- Parks Projects Quarterly Status Report for July – September 2010
- Parks Maintenance Division Quarterly Report for July – September 2010

Youth Commission

Wednesday, October 13, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gingerbread Preschool, 4333 Black Avenue

- Presentation of the Youth Master Plan and Recommendation for the Youth Commission to Collaborate with the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC)
- Selection of Youth Commission Representative to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee (BPTC)
- Selection of Youth in Government Day Committee
- Current Events: Article/Book Discussion

Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee

Monday, October 11, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.
Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve regular meeting minutes of June 7, 2010 and September 13, 2010.
- Update on Youth Master Plan - Youth Master Plan Distributed
- Update on YMPIC Membership - Roster Attached
- Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee's summer work assignments – Memo Attached
 - YMPIC and Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Dates
 - Ad-Hoc Committee's Responsibilities
 - Youth Commission Collaboration
 - Implementation Work Plan

Hacienda Task Force

Thursday, October 14, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road

- Discussion of questionnaire results
- Presentation and discussion of Outline of TOD Standards and Design Guidelines

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 **Friday, October 8th at 4:00 p.m.** Postmarks are not accepted.

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

Homework: How much is too much?

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Pick a kid at random and ask him if there's too much homework. You'll probably get the look that says, "Duh. Of course there's too much homework."

It shouldn't be too surprising then that results from a survey of students in grades 6 through 12 show 33% of students think there's "way too much," and 44% think there's "too much."

Some of those students say they spend more than four hours a night completing their homework. The survey, done last spring by the Pleasanton Unified School District, shows 14% saying they spend two-and-a-half to three hours nightly; 13% spending three to three-and-a-half hours; another 13% saying they spend three-and-a-half to four hours a night; and 18% who say their homework takes more than four hours.

A recent visit to Foothill High School showed kids on both sides of the spectrum.

Freshman Josh Miller said his homework generally takes about an hour, and he can usually wrap that up during school hours.

"I rarely get anything for sign language," Miller said. "For health, my health teacher says she doesn't believe in homework. She says I should be outside, exercising."

Keaton Housman, a senior, also said he gets "maybe" an hour, adding, "It's random."

While senior Derek Kanowsky said he gets "an OK amount," he added, "I know a few of my friends just get, like, a ridiculous amount."



Students, parents,
teachers differ
on the question,
a survey says

For Kanowsky, that means about three hours a night.

Freshman Eura Bang said she averages about two hours a night.

"That's a lot of homework," Bang said.

But for her friends Troy Knatt and Diane Huang, two hours would be an easy night.

"I do five-ish. I do extracurricular stuff, so I have to squeeze that in," Huang said, explaining, "I get all As and I'm in all honors (classes)."

Knatt, who's also on the football team, said he normally gets home from practice about 6:30 p.m., starts his homework at 7, and hopes to finish by 10.

"If I have a lot, I wake up at 5 in the morning," Knatt said.

The majority of the students surveyed, 52%, say they're "always" assigned homework over weekends. Although school has only been in session for less than two months and the volume could increase, the students interviewed at Foothill gave a variety of answers.

"English is the only class that I have consistent homework in," Miller said. "She doesn't give homework on Fridays or over the weekends. She says weekends are for family."

Again, Knatt and Huang said weekend homework isn't unusual, with Bang saying she sometimes gets weekend assignments, too.

The students surveyed also say they're often required to use a computer to complete their homework, that teachers seldom or never inform their parents about their assignments, and that teachers never or infrequently coordinate the scheduling of



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Foothill High School freshman Josh Miller says he can usually finish his homework at school before heading home for the night. In photo at left, Foothill freshmen Diane Huang, Eura Bang and Troy Knatt say their homework averages from one hour to more than four hours per night.

homework, tests or other major assignments.

"I think some teachers do," Kanowsky said.

The survey, however, doesn't take into account the use of the Internet, social networking sites, texting and cell phone use while students are doing homework.

A 2007 study from Cal State University Fresno concluded: "The Internet can be a source of education but specific sites or tools on the Internet may have little to no educational value and may actually distract and take time away from homework. Cell phones too have many benefits and have given parents a means by which to keep in contact with their child. However, parents may need to monitor their child's use."

Teachers say the amount of homework they give is "just right," according to the survey. Sixth- to 12th-grade teachers in the survey also said their students spend 15 to 30 minutes completing their assignments. However, if a student has five core subjects — English, social studies, math, science and a language class — along with an arts or music class, with each teacher assigning as much as 30 minutes of homework, that could easily top three hours a night.

"There are some teachers who think they're the only class that every student has, so they give them a lot of work," Kanowsky said.

That may be why parents seem to agree with their kids. For students in grades K-5, 55% of parents say the amount of homework is just right; 23% say there's too much; and 11% say there's way too much. From sixth grade on, though, those numbers jump, with 37% saying there's too much; and another 28% saying there's way too much.

But parents don't agree about how long it takes their kids to get through their assignments. While 14% say homework takes more than four hours, most parents say it generally takes one-and-a-half to three hours; with 15% saying one-and-a-half to two hours; another 15% saying two to two-and-a-half hours; and 15% saying two-and-a-half to three hours.

"It seems to me that everyone is coming from a very different vantage point, their own thoughts about what homework should be," said Jane Golden, Pleasanton schools' Director of Curriculum and Special Projects. "It seems to me that the parents and students are more in sync with each other than they are with the teachers. The parents and students are doing the homework, and the teachers are assigning it."

Golden said the survey is part of a year-long study of the homework question.

District policy on homework

"The governing Board believes that homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline and life-long learning habits and that time spent on homework directly influences students' ability to meet the District's academic standards."

—Pleasanton Unified School District Policy 6154, adopted June 3, 2003

Survey details

The survey last spring included five categories:

- K-5 parents — 1,184 participants
- K-5 teachers — 123 participants
- 6-12 students — 680 participants
- 6-12 teachers — 178 participants
- 6-12 parents — 1,159 participants

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Author Visits

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Clubs

AMADOR VALLEY QUILT GUILD Guest speaker Bobbie Y. Jarrett, appliqué designer and publisher, will give a lecture called "My Mother's Quilt Legacy" to the Amador Valley Quilt Guild from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Bobbie is inspired by the beauty of nature and her family's tradition of quilting. Call 371-4742.

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB Barry Hoffer of the Maples for All Seasons Nursery, widely known as "The Maple Guy", will speak at the Garden Club meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, at Alisal Elementary School, Multipurpose Room, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. He will focus on the pruning of Japanese maples, his specialty for the past 15 years. Call 449-4870 or visit www.LAVGC.org.

Events

BIG MONEY GIVEAWAY The annual Lions Club "Big Money Giveaway" dinner and drawing starts at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. The event is sponsored by the Amador Valley Lions Club benefiting Lions Sight Conservation and community Projects. Silent auction, drawings and sports memorabilia. Ticket donation, \$100. Call 484-4097.

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AARON ZWIEFFEL

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NOW CHAPTER MEETING The next Alameda County Tri-Valley NOW Chapter Meeting is from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St. ACTNOW in welcoming Deputy District Attorney Sharmin Bock from the Alameda County District Attorney's "HEAT Watch" Program. HEAT stands for "Human Exploitation And Trafficking" and is a collaborative effort with other agencies to stop the sexual exploitation and trafficking of minors. Call (510) 388-5665 or email kwoof@cccfd.org.

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tinue this monthly event as long as necessary. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

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BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Caricatures combine with history for an informative and enjoyable book that celebrates the men who lived in the Valley 100 years ago — from merchants and laborers to ranchers and city fathers.

Historians Anne Marshall Homan and Richard W. Finn have put together caricatures by artist Vasco Loureiro, who sketched patrons in Livermore's Hub Saloon, which was located on First and Lizzie streets near the flagpole. They added histories of Loureiro and each of the subjects, resulting in "Vasco's Livermore, 1910: Portraits from the Hub Saloon," published by Hardscratch Press.

Forty-three portraits survive in a collection from the saloon, including two Pleasanton residents, George Johnston and Antone "Tony" Frank Schweer. They hung for many years in Hub's, which became Dan's Place when it was purchased by Dan Berry. Today his son, also Dan Berry, lives on the peninsula where the 43 portraits adorn his hallways.

"Betty Holdener (of Livermore's Holdener Dairy family) let me know that her brother-in-law had this collection," said Homan. "He lives in Burlingame so no one in Livermore had ever seen it. He moved there in the 1950s.

"After his father died, he ran the saloon for a year then decided, 'This is not for me,'" continued Homan. "He sold the saloon — but took the pictures."

She and Finn visited the Berry home, where the sketches, which are about 8-1/2 by 10 inches, hang in frames in the hallway and up the stairs. Excited, they returned home and began their research on the subjects. They also began to dig for information on the artist, who signed the portraits simply, "Vasco/10."

"No one knew anything. We didn't even know his last name," Homan recalled. "Then I was looking through old copies of the newspaper and found an article."

A story in the March 26, 1910, issue of the Herald stated: "The Hub saloon has an art exhibit which attracts a great deal of attention. It is a gallery of local celebrities executed in crayon by Vasco Loureiro. The likenesses of most of them are excellent."

With the artist's last name, their research moved quickly. They discovered that Vasco Urbano Loureiro was born in London in 1882, the son of Maria Therese Huybers, a native of Tasmania, and Artur Loureiro, from Portugal. The family moved to Melbourne, Australia, in 1884. After being educated at a Catholic school for boys, Vasco studied drawing at the National Gallery of Victoria Schools from 1901-05, and began to exhibit pen and ink sketches.

"After moving to Sydney, he drew postcards and caricatures for passengers on the harbor ferries at a shilling a sketch," reported Homan and Finn in their book. "He decided to travel around the world in ships, sketching for his living as he went."

He also gathered material for a book he planned to publish under the possible title, "Around the World on a Pencil." His travels brought him to San Francisco by May 1909, when one of the newspapers wrote: "Vasco Loureiro, a brilliant young English sketch artist, is in San Francisco taking mental snap-



Artist Vasco Loureiro did this self-portrait while serving in the army in France on March 25, 1918. It is now in the State Library of New South Wales.

shots of the city."

The word "Vasco" means "Basque," and meanwhile in Livermore, Vasco Road had been named after a nearby settlement. Perhaps the artist was doing sketches in San Francisco when someone from Livermore asked him about the name of the road, Homan conjectured.

"It was a lot easier to get here in 1910 from San Francisco," she noted. "You could hop on the train in San Francisco and come down below the Bay through Niles and on to Livermore."

Vasco also stopped at some point in Pleasanton, she said, because they uncovered two watercolors he painted here, one he called "Pleasanton" and another that shows himself with a drawing board looking at three little girls, trying to decide which to portray.

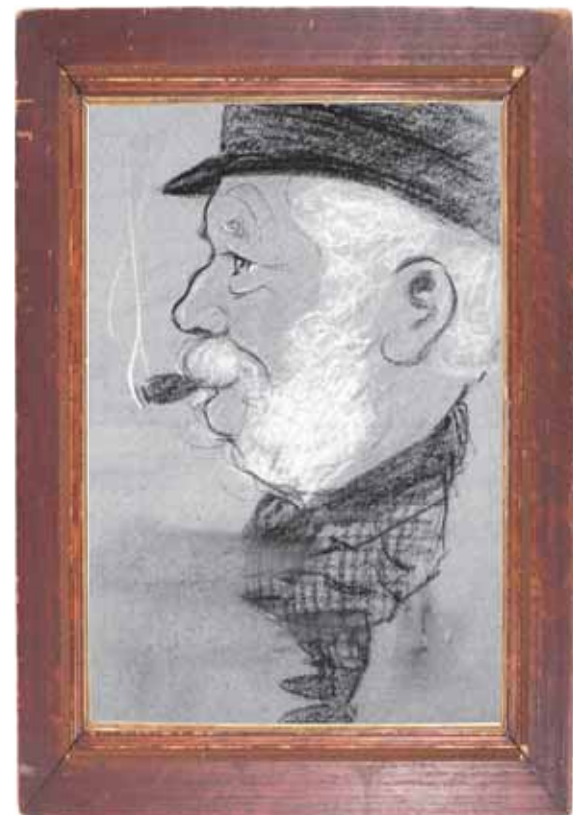
By 1916, Vasco had returned to Australia, which was embroiled in World War I. After 7,594 Australians died at the battle of Gallipoli, he joined the army, saying on his enlistment forms that he was a caricaturist and draftsman. He trained in England then served as an engineer on the western front in France; he died Aug. 3, 1918, in a hospital in England as a result from wounds, at the age of 35. His drawing books were sent to his widow in Australia, where much of his artwork from the war now hangs in museums.

Homan and Finn contacted people all over the world while doing their research, and one man is coming from Australia next week to see the original sketches and visit with them.

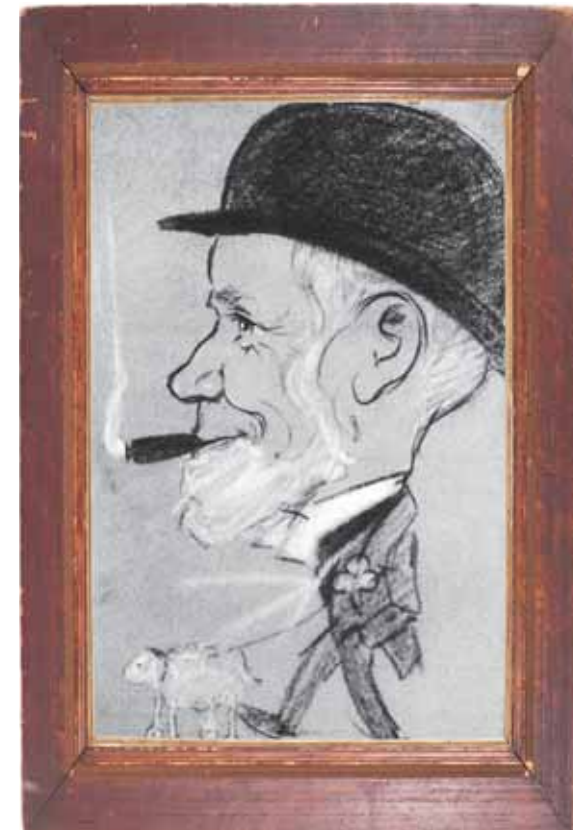
"He found photographs of Vasco and of his wife and came up with some more material," Homan said. This included information about the Pleasanton watercolors.

"We're hoping that maybe Vasco did work in Pleasanton that we haven't heard about," Homan said. "There's always a hope that one's floating around in someone's home."

"Vasco's Livermore, 1910: Portraits from the Hub Saloon" is available for \$24 at local bookstores and Arden Lane Nursery as well as at the library. Homan and Finn also give talks with PowerPoint presentations on Vasco and his portraits.



Antone "Tony" Frank Schweer moved to Pleasanton from the Eden Township with his siblings and widowed mother in 1874. In 1889 he married Maria Angelita Bernal, who had property near the racetrack. He came to own the Fashion Livery Feed and Sale Stable on Main Street, and later Schweer Mortuary. He also had 230 acres outside Livermore on Tesla Road. Vasco drew him with his boots on, so the authors conjecture he traveled through Livermore to check on his fields and cattle. He died in 1912 at the age of 50.



Pleasanton resident George Johnston, an early sheep raiser in the area, is portrayed wearing a shamrock and being led by a lamb. He was born in Ireland in 1830, came to America in 1854, and to Alameda County about 1856. He lived in the large house at the corner of Second Street and Arendt Way in Pleasanton. His obituary in the Herald stated he that spent a lot of time in Livermore because of his ranching interests.

The authors have offered to share their research with descendants of the 43 men memorialized in the drawings. To learn more, email Finn at rwfinn@wecare.net. ■



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2011 housing forecast: Small increases in sales, prices

Sales down 10% this year over 2009,
Realtor group reports

By JEB BING

A weaker-than-expected economic recovery will result in a projected decline in California home sales for 2010, although home sales are expected to edge up slightly in 2011, according to the California Association of Realtors.

The organization's just-released "2011 California Housing Market Forecast" predicts that home sales in the state for 2010 will show a decline of 10% from the 2009 sales figure of 546,500 homes sold. Sales in 2011 are projected to increase a lackluster 2% to 502,000 units compared with 492,000 units (projected) in 2010.

After two consecutive years of record-setting price declines, the median home price in California will climb 11.5% in 2010 to \$306,500 and increase another 2% in 2011 to \$312,500, according to the forecast.

"California's housing market will see small increases in both home sales and the median price in 2011 as the housing market and general economy struggle to find their sea legs," said CAR President Steve Goddard.

"The minor improvement in the housing market next year will be driven by the slow pace of recovery in the economy and modest job growth. Distressed properties will figure prominently in the market next year, but we also expect to see discretionary sellers play a larger role," he said.

"As the U.S. economy continues its tepid recovery, we'll see some improvement in California's economy," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "We expect a net jobs increase of approximately 1.4 mil-

lion jobs in California for the year to come and an improvement in unemployment figures," she said.

"The situation in the California housing market continues to be a tale of two housing markets," said Goddard.

The segment of the market under \$500,000 has been driven by distressed sales, while higher-priced areas of the state have been constrained by restricted financing options, and increasingly have experienced an increase in the number of distressed properties, according to Goddard. Sales in the low end have been constrained by a lack of inventory, putting upward pressure on prices. Multiple offers on lower-end homes have been very common.

"A lean supply of available homes for sale will drive prices up at the low end, but larger inventories and limited, less attractive financing will cause continued softness at the high end," said Appleton-Young.

"There's some indication that lenders will accelerate the number of foreclosures coming on market, further adding to the housing supply, but we do not anticipate that lenders will flood the market with distressed properties," she said.

"The wild cards for 2011 include federal housing policies, actions of 'underwater' homeowners and the strength of the economic recovery," said Appleton-Young.

"What is certain is that favorable home prices and historically low interest rates will continue to make owning a home in California attractive for those who are in a position to buy." ■

Pending homes sales show another gain nationally

Low interest rates appear to be bringing buyers back

Pending home sales have increased for the second consecutive month, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator, rose 4.3% to 82.3 based on contracts signed in August from a downwardly revised 78.9 in July, but is 20.1% below August 2009 when it was 103.0. The data reflects contracts and not closings, which normally occur with a lag time of one or two months.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said the latest data is consistent with a gradual improvement in home sales in upcoming months.

"Attractive affordability conditions from very low mortgage interest rates appear to be bringing buyers back to the market," he said. "However, the pace of a home sales recovery still depends more

on job creation and an accompanying rise in consumer confidence."

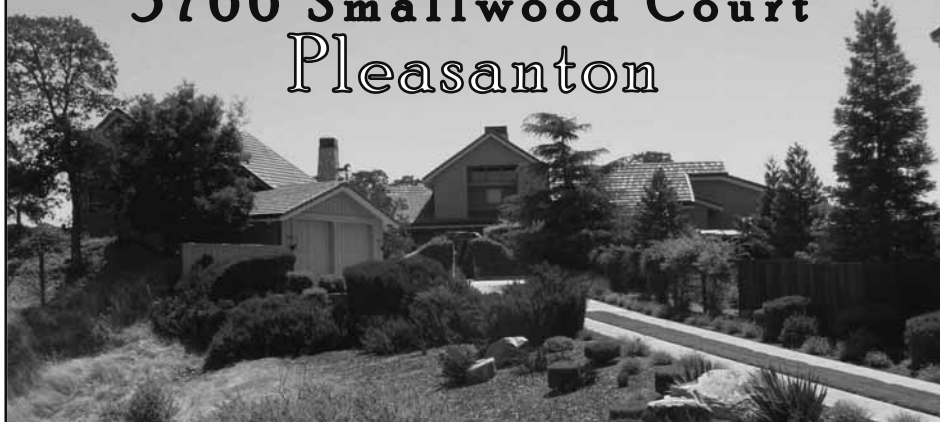
Although Yun expects a continuing steady rise in home sales from favorable affordability conditions and some job creation, he cautioned any sudden rise in mortgage rates could slow the recovery.

"Current low consumer price inflation has helped keep mortgage interest rates very attractive this year," he said. "However, recent rising trends in producer prices at the intermediate and early stages of production, along with very high commodity prices, are raising concerns about future inflation and future mortgage interest rates."

"Higher inflation would mean higher mortgage interest rates," Yun added. "In the meantime, housing affordability is hovering near record highs."

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during August 2010

Dublin

- 4765 Boxwood Way** G. & E. Cruz to J. Yap for \$639,000
- 4128 Clarinbridge Circle #6** K. & S. Shaw to L. Zhang for \$270,000
- 4108 Clarinbridge Circle** Shiells Realty to T. Zhang for \$366,000
- 10838 Inspiration Circle** H. Sagara to E. Huynh for \$870,000
- 7432 Oxford Circle** C. & D. Black to R. Annasami for \$395,000
- 5660 Signal Hill Drive** A. Hassan to V. & P. Bajaj for \$810,000

Livermore

- 5832 Elder Circle** Grissom Trust to J. & S. Cullen for \$730,000

- 308 Helen Way** C. & J. Ader to R. Hart for \$390,000
- 1486 Justine Court** GMAC Mortgage to J. & A. Bland for \$630,000
- 2916 Kennedy Street** T. Shadbolt to L. & R. Kant for \$312,000
- 879 Mayview Way** Pruss Trust to Sunde Trust for \$430,000
- 1823 Monterey Drive** C. Morgan to H. Holt for \$172,000
- 4858 Mulqueeney Common** Prendergast Trust to R. & M. Verdrine for \$359,000
- 4763 Nicol Common #1** Lynch Trust to Hu-Dea Trust for \$121,000
- 675 Ruby Road** L. & A. Pruitt to E. Ciarfaglio for \$334,000

Pleasanton

- 408 Cabonia Court** Bjorkholm Trust to Palmer Trust for \$960,000
- 3543 Capella Court** Lxs Trust Fund to L. Hsu for \$530,000

- 4016 Crest Court** R. & K. Kowshik to S. & M. Seaborn for \$555,000
- 447 Ewing Drive** E. & J. Polson to K. Belday for \$810,000
- 2305 Foothill Road** Onewest Bank to Z. & A. Ali for \$155,000
- 120 Mission Drive** Indymac Mortgage to R. Volf for \$260,000
- 153 Rocky Creek Place** Westco Realty to S. & L. Allen for \$925,000
- 7398 Tulipwood Circle** P. & E. Molz to R. & A. Bruen for \$521,500
- 1137 Via Di Salerno** Burns Trust to J. Cheng for \$1,950,000

San Ramon

- 114 Alisma Court** Roberts Trust to H. Toung for \$780,000
- 116 Allannmere Court** Tuna Trust to G. & K. Ford for \$859,000
- 2054 Bayporte Way** Deutsche Bank to N. Padmanabhan for \$565,000
- 2672 Celaya Circle** R. & C. Morec to W. & L. Childress for \$805,000
- 9796 Davona Drive** Williams Trust to M. & R. Harral for \$500,000
- 344 Eastridge Drive** C. Branson to K. Mekata for \$285,000

- 3278 Ensenada Drive** M. Sin to J. Smith for \$602,000
- 3010 Millbridge Drive** Nelson Trust to E. & T. Gatejen for \$569,000
- 2428 Millstream Lane** S. Xu to P. Mutti for \$500,000
- 431 Pine Ridge Drive #176** R. & D. Leyva to A. Linden for \$377,000
- 6 Pine Valley Place** K. White to I. Khan for \$1,075,000
- 105 Reflections Drive #11** W. & M. Forsell to A. Pasaoa for \$145,000
- 89 San Marco Place** Bac Home Loans to A. & H. Latora for \$410,000
- 7265 Sedgefield Avenue** J. & D. Parlanti to V. Madhavapedi for \$470,000
- 137 Shadowhill Circle** L. & N. Trujillo to C. & A. Wood for \$605,000
- 324 South Overlook Drive #157** J. & J. Spinelli to J. Chu for \$340,000
- 356 South Overlook Drive #201** M. Lorenzo to N. Herlihy for \$310,000
- 8450 Tiger Lily Drive** RBI Financial Group to F. Souidi for \$755,000
- 2201 Watermill Road #34** J. Lee to N. Zhang for \$540,000

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3039 Briggs Ct., Pleasanton
Offered at \$1,449,000

8274 Regency Dr., Pleasanton
Offered at \$1,398,000



4 car garage, views of the ridge, 4 bed, 3.5 bath, bonus room and office. Includes many upgrades.

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 6
Lowest sale reported: \$270,000
Highest sale reported: \$870,000
Average sales reported: \$558,333

Livermore

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$121,000
Highest sale reported: \$730,000
Average sales reported: \$386,444

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$155,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,950,000
Average sales reported: \$740,722

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$145,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,075,000
Average sales reported: \$552,211

Source: California REsource



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- Sparkling Pool and Spa w/ Waterfalls, Private Rear Yard
- Ultimate Gourmet Kitchen featured in California Home & Design and Haute Living

Offered at \$1,129,000



211 RACHAEL PLACE, PLEASANTON

- Beautiful "Country Roads" Townhome
- 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Car Attached garage
- Cherry Cabinetry, Granite Counters, Hardwood Flooring
- Walk to Charming Downtown

Offered at \$449,000



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2374 ALAMEDA DIABLO, DIABLO

- Unique Property in Diablo Country Club
- 5 + bedrooms, 5.5 baths, Over 6000 sq ft
- Sparkling Pool and Spa, Incredible Views
- Secluded and Private on Over 4 Acres

Offered at \$2,045,100

JUST SOLD



3083 CRESTABLANCA DRIVE, PLEASANTON

- Awesome "Vintage Heights" Custom Home
- Approx. 3,500 sq. ft.
- 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths (1 bed & bath down)
- Hardwood flooring—Beautiful rear yard

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 Open SUN 1 - 4 **4386 KRAUSE STREET**
BEAUTIFUL! **\$590,000**
 3 BR 2.5 BA many upgrades! Dual pane windows,private backyard with patio and fountain
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DUBLIN

5229 LONDONDERRY DRIVE
HUGE PRICE REDUCTION **\$670,000**
 5 BR 3 BA + bonus rm down.Neutral colors,open flr plan w/ frplc in fam rm.Walk to park! 925.847.2200

5990 HILLBROOK PLACE
STUNNING HOME! **\$500,000**
 3 BR 3.5 BA adjacent to hills/open space,SS appli, granite counters,hrdwd flrs,plantation shutters
 925.847.2200

7551 BRIGADOON WAY
GREAT LOCATION! **\$325,000**
 2 BR 2 BA 2-cr attd gar,quiet loc,wd flrs in main area,vaulted ceilings,open flr plan close to frwys
 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

1687 QUAIL CT
AMAZING HOME! **\$1,220,000**
 5 BR 3 BA appr 1 acre,5 car gar,workshop,media rm,updated kit w/SS appli,huge bedrms,hardwd flrs 925.847.2200

2514 MERLOT LANE
GORGEOUS HOUSE **\$939,000**
 5 BR 3.5 BA 14000 sq ft lot w/pl,1 bed/1 bath down,office on main flr,3 fireplaces,great neighborhood 925.847.2200

30 STORYBOOK LANE
ONE OF A KIND PROPERTY **\$899,000**
 WELL IS IN.Rock walls to property.Perked for septic.Paved drvwy to parcel,many imprvemnts 925-580-9050

911 CURLEW ROAD
LIGHT,BRIGHT,BEAUTIFUL **\$615,000**

4 BR 3 BA new carpet,large kit/family room combination with slab granite counters & newer appliances 925.847.2200

#10 STORYBOOK LANE
GORGEOUS PROPERTY! **\$499,000**
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1866 CORTE CAVA
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 3 BR 3 BA 1 bedroom and 1 bath downstairs and much more! 925.847.2200

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2237 KAMP COURT
BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED **\$1,025,000**
 4 BR 3 BA Approx. 2,900 sq. ft., kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances/beautiful pool
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3689 PIMLICO DR
GREAT HOME! **\$653,000**
 3 BR 2 BA w/double side yrd access,1 RV sewer hookup,kit w/new cbs,slab granite,tile flrs,updtd bths 925.847.2200

184 JUNIPERO STREET
GORGEOUS REMODEL! **\$599,950**
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VIA DI SALERNO, RUBY HILL
Premium Golf Course Lot \$690,000



New Price! Lot Acres Apx: 0.50
Flat premium lot on the 16th fairway w/ fully approved plans for a 7,300sf+ custom home. Great opp. for one of the last two golf course lots in RH!
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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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833 PIEMONTE DR, RUBY HILL
Mediterranean Estate \$2,250,000



4 Bd 3(3) Ba • 5,390+/- sq.ft., 0.70+/- Acres
Features, marble, granite, cherry finishes. Open gourmet kit, family rm, game rm, sauna, library, 4 fireplaces, pool, spa, outdoor kitchen & more!
Diane Gilfether 925.648.5443

1225 LOZANO CT, RUBY HILL
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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9663 CROSBY DR, PLEASANTON
The Preserve \$1,898,000



5 Bd 4(2) Ba • 5,200+/- sq.ft., 0.62+/- Acres
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Weiner & McDowell Group 925.251.2550

6645 AMBER LN, PLEASANTON
Open Sun 1-4 \$1,398,000



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.
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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.
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4063 FALLWOOD CT, PLEASANTON
New Price \$598,800



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.
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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 \$679,000



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.
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RACON HOLLOW CT, PLEASANTON
Beautiful Custom Home \$1,458,000



6 Bd 3.5 Ba • 3,366+/- sq.ft., 0.80+/- Acres
Private park-like setting w/ valley views. Open layout w/ grand entry & luxurious master suite. Crown molding & custom designer features.
Peggy Cortez 925.648.5454

2670 TREVOR, PLEASANTON
Fabulous Opportunity \$625,000



3 Bd 2.5 Ba • 0.07 +/- Acres
Featuring open floorplan. 1,614 sq.ft w/ attached 2 car garage. Laundry room upstairs with a corner lot location. Light and airy feel throughout!
Julia Kim 925.648.5405

6224 GUYSON CT, PLEASANTON
Val Vista \$599,000



4 Bd 2 Ba • 1,489+/- sq.ft., 0.14+/- Acres
Remodeled rancher, court. All new kitchen granite counters. Extensive new lighting, flooring & moldings. Close to schools, shopping and freeway
Glen Landrum 925.837.7110

2743 HUFF DR, PLEASANTON
REO/ Bank Owned \$629,900



3 Bd 2 Ba • 1,574+/- sq.ft., 0.12+/- Acres
Great single story home w/ gourmet kitchen, cozy living room w/ fireplace, spacious master bath and tranquil backyard patio.
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7294 KOLB PL, DUBLIN
West Dublin Beauty \$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.
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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.
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5993 CYPRESS POINT, LIVERMORE
Open Sun 1-4 \$469,950



4 Bd 2.5 Ba • 1,858+/- sq.ft., 0.23+/- Acres
Premium lot w/ updated kitchen, newer roof, relaxing pool, gas fp insert. 16' double gated RV parking. No immediate rear neighbors.
Tom Chance 925.487.6360

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

9877 FOOTHILL RD, SUNOL
Custom Home, 16 Acres \$1,890,000



4 Bd 3 Ba • 3,027+/- sq.ft., 16+/- Acres
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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Danville

4 BEDROOMS
1450 Menton Street \$939,000
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

Dublin

4 BEDROOMS
6747 Tory Way \$519,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens 785-6088

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
101 Goldstone Common \$628,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 989-6500

4 BEDROOMS
5993 Cypress Point Dr \$469,950
 Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 487-6360

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS
4386 Krause Street \$590,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

3803 Newton \$598,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

6535 Singletree Way \$598,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 519-8226

2853 Iberis Court \$629,950
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 785-1353

4571 Mohr Avenue \$699,900
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

3031 Boardwalk \$747,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

7823 La Quinta Circle \$895,000
 Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens 519-1455

4 BEDROOMS
1012 Bartlett Place \$1,085,000
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Pat Burns 876-2655

3039 Briggs Court \$1,449,000
 Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens 963-1984

860 Castlewood Place \$1,495,000
 Sat/Sun 12-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 980-8844

3902 Kral Place \$732,900
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

3232 Balmoral Court \$735,000
 Sun 11-1 Joyce Jones 398-6706

2765 Camino Casa Buena \$939,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5787

455 Montori Court \$982,000
 Sun 1-4 Remax Accord 998-5312

5 BEDROOMS
4150 Creekwood Court \$1,195,000
 Sat 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

8266 Moller Ranch \$1,230,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri Valley 980-0273

6645 Amber Lane \$1,398,000
 Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2585

6740 Via San Blas \$759,000
 Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

5063 Monaco Drive \$975,000
 Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2589

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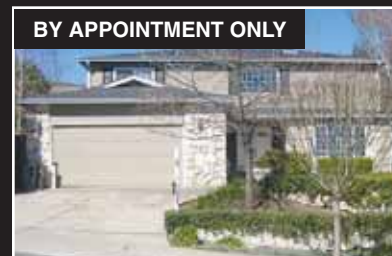
OPEN SUN 2-4

6740 Via San Blas, Pleasanton
Located in desirable Del Prado Neighborhood
 New Listing: Features 5 BR, 2 1/2 BA, built in 1971, eat-in kitchen, adjoining family room with fireplace, recessed lighting, updated bath, entertaining backyard, community pool, close to freeway, downtown Pleasanton and more.
\$759,000



OPEN SUN 11-1
 NEW PRICE! MANY UPDATES!

3232 Balmoral Ct., Pleasanton
Located in beautiful Pleasanton Meadows
 4 BR, 3 BA, updated eat-in kitchen with granite counters, stainless appliances, hardwood floors, skylight, ceiling fans, pool and hot tub. Close to schools, tennis courts, 2 playgrounds, community pool, green belt, BART and more!
\$735,000



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

11382 Dillon Way, Dublin
Located in West Dublin
 Beautiful Views...4 BR, master bedroom with retreat, or (possible 5th BR), 3 BA, new carpet in family room and downstairs bedroom, crown molding, 6 panel doors, beautifully landscaped front and backyard, close to freeway...MORE!
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<p>9663 Crosby Dr, Pleasanton THE PRESERVE \$1,898,000</p> <p>5 Bd 4(2) BA • 5,200+/- sq.ft., 0.62+/- ACRES THIS STUNNINGLY BEAUTIFUL TOTALLY CUSTOM HOME IS LOCATED IN THE DESIRABLE WEST SIDE OF PLEASANTON. THE FINEST MATERIALS & WORKMANSHIP THROUGHOUT, BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF THE HILLS AND VISTAS, BACKS TO OPEN SPACE. EXCELLENT, WELL PLANNED FLOORPLAN.</p>	<p>6645 Amber Ln, Pleasanton OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-4 \$1,398,000</p> <p>5 Bd 3 BA • 3,475+/- sq.ft., 0.49+/- ACRES BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED CARRIAGE GARDENS HOME. FULL BED & BATH DOWNSTAIRS. UPDATED KITCHEN, MEDIA ROOM, HUGE BONUS ROOM IMPROVED LOT W/ GORGEOUS POOL AND FULL SPORTS COURT. PERFECT FOR HANGING OUT OR ENTERTAINING!</p>	<p>1587 E Gate Way, Pleasanton WALNUT HILLS \$998,000</p> <p>6 Bd 5 BA • 3,760+/- sq.ft., 0.13+/- ACRES BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED HOME W/ A FULL BED & BATH DOWNSTAIRS, PERFECT FOR IN-LAWS, GUESTS OR AU PAIR. LARGE EAT-IN KITCHEN OPENING TO FAMILY ROOM W/ FIRE PLACE. BED/BATH CARRIAGE HOUSE OVER GARAGE WITH GLEAMING WOOD FLOORS AND KITCHEN.</p>	
<p>647 Bonita Ave, Pleasanton OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-4 CALL FOR PRICE</p> <p>3 Bd 3 BA • 1,838+/- sq.ft., 0.19+/- ACRES CHARMING POTTERY BARN COTTAGE IN DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON. NEWER DISTRESSED WIDEPLANK WALNUT FLOORS THROUGHOUT, CROWN MOULDINGS, DESIGNER PAINT, REMODELED BATHROOMS, PROFESSIONALLY LANDSCAPED REAR YARD AND TONS OF CHARM.</p>	<p>4063 Fallwood Ct, Pleasanton FOOTHILL FARMS \$598,800</p> <p>4 Bd 3 BA • 1,739+/- sq.ft., 0.18+/- ACRES YOU WILL LOVE THE MONEY YOU SAVE WITH THIS TERRIFIC HOME LOCATED ON PLEASANTON'S WEST SIDE WITH VIEWS OF THE RIDGE. CUL DE SAC NEAR SCHOOLS, SHOPPING ETC. GREAT BACKYARD WITH MATURE SHADE TREES AND SPA. INCREDIBLE VALUE.</p>	<p>Downtown, Pleasanton NOT ON THE MLS CALL FOR PRICE.</p> <p>3 Bd 2 BA • 1,878+/- sq.ft., 4,550+/- sq.ft. LOT INCREDIBLE CHARM AND CRAFTSMANSHIP, JUST TWO BLOCKS FROM DOWNTOWN. INCLUDES GARAGE APARTMENT (SQ.FT. NOT INCLUDED) VICTORIAN STYLE CHARM.</p>	
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5271 CRESTLINE WAY PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN BIRDLAND



4 BD 2.5 BA. Great location! Updated baths, wood flooring, crown moldings, POOL & grass area, side yard access.
\$795,000

7208 ROSECLIFF CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE



5 BD 5.5 BA 5,330sf. on a 13,242sf. lot. Entertainer's dream! Outdoor kitchen, home theater, guest suite on main level. High end finishes.
\$1,649,000

910 E MOCKINGBIRD LN. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN HAPPY VALLEY



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



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.
\$800,000

1151 DONAHUE DR. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN IRONWOOD CLASSICS



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.
\$795,000

541 GERARD CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN



4 BD + office 2.5 BA 2,573sf. on a 8,088sf. lot WOW! Amazing upgrades throughout. Tons of private space, new kitchen & baths.



1077 KOLLN ST. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN JENSEN / AMADOR

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

COMING SOON

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



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 \$1,249,000

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

PLEASANTON SEMI-CUSTOM



4150 CREEKWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON

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

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PLEASANTON \$1,695,000
Custom single level home on private country lane. Private half acre lot with 4 bed, 4.5 baths, bonus room, home theater, office, wine cellar. 1588 Foothill Rd

LINDA TRAUIG BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,499,000
5bd/4ba on .50+/-acre lot on beautiful south side of Pleasanton. Gorgeous carriage house with full kitchen, bath and laundry. Must see! 727 Vineyard Terrace

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

STEVE ELDRIDGE SUN 1:30-4:30



DANVILLE \$939,000
This formal model home has a gourmet kitchen with granite counters and has a formal LR and Formal DR and is situated on a premium lot. 1450 Menton Street

JEFFREY RUDOLFF BY APPT



SAN RAMON \$929,950
This two-story Greystone #6 property features 2900+/-sf of living space located at the end of a cul-de-sac with breathtaking views. 21 Century Oaks Ct

JIM HAYNES BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$925,000
Custom single story 5bd/4.5ba, 3776+/-sf. Many upgrades, cherry wood cabinets and floor. Large kitchen, granite counters, 6 burner Thermador stove. 850 Tolentino Ct

KAT GASKINS BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$818,500
Pristine semi-custom home! 2430+/-sf with 4bd/3ba, court location, updated kitchen and baths, new carpet and paint. Serene backyard with waterfall. 5791 San Carlos Vly

JOYCE JONES SUN 2:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$759,000
Del Prado neighborhood, built in 1971, 5 bd/2.5ba, 2469+/-sf living, 6700+/-sf lot, eat-in kitchen, adjoining family room, updated bath, covered patio. 6740 Via San Blas

JOYCE JONES SUN 11:00AM-1:00



PLEASANTON \$735,000
Updates galore, 4bd/3ba, pool, hot tub, granite counters, white cabinets, raised ceiling, kitchen skylight, hardwood flooring, updated baths. 3232 Balmoral Ct

JANNA CHESTNUT BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$709,000
Charming one story in quiet court. Easy commute access. Only 5 minutes to downtown. Updated kitchen and baths with flowing floorplan. 3124 Thistledown Ct



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