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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Hart 6th-grade girls help leukemia research

Two sixth-grade girls at Hart Middle School put zest into their assignment by teacher Terry Ludlow to undertake a community service project, raising more than \$3,500 in just a couple of weeks for leukemia research. For one of the girls, 12-year-old Katie Crawford, the effort was on the personal side. Her mother Nancy, 52, was recently diagnosed with a mild form of leukemia. Although tests show no treatments are necessary now and she's likely to have many trouble-free years ahead, the news nevertheless shook the Crawfords' Laguna Oaks household.

Kate recalls that when her mother was diagnosed with leukemia in early November, her family was devastated and heartbroken. She said that every night she would cry herself to sleep not knowing what might come the next day. Luckily, Kate adds, her mother's disease was in the early stages and her test results were as good as one with leukemia can get. As long as she stays fit and healthy, her good health and mobility should continue.

Lifestyle changes came quickly, with Nancy, her husband Robert, Kate and her twin sister Chrissy buying into a new regimen that included more exercise and healthier food. Sugars and all processed foods were the first to go. Blueberries are in along with broccoli, heavy vegetables, multi-grain bread, and, curiously, sour dough bread which doctors say also is healthy. Everyone makes sure the diet is followed, including the Crawfords' two older sons when they stop in to visit.

When Ludlow gave out the community service assignment, Kate and her classmate Gracie McKeag, also 12, set out to do as much as they could to help Nancy Crawford in her battle to keep her chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) at bay. Given that those with CLL at her age have 15-20 years before treatments may become necessary, the girls decided time was on their side so they chose raising money for more leukemia research as their class project.

Their first roadblock was when they were told they couldn't do a raffle at Hart Middle School because raffles are considered to be gambling. So then they took their campaign to Farmers Market on a Saturday morning only to be stopped again by more regulations. So May 4, Kate and Grace walked downtown streets during the First Wednesday street party, raising several hundred dollars in gift certificates and merchandise to use at a



MARTY DANIELS

Standing under the banner at a leukemia fundraiser last Saturday at the Laguna Oaks clubhouse are (from left) Nancy Crawford, her daughter Kate, Gracie McKeag and CBS-5 weathercaster Roberta Gonzales.

raffle they finally conducted last Saturday at the Laguna Oaks clubhouse.

Merchants pitched in. La di da Beauty Lounge gave the girls a gift certificate to raffle off worth \$200 for facials and more. Gift certificates valued at \$50 were given to the girls by the English Rose Tea Room, Pasta's Trattoria and Studio Seven. Other merchants offered gift certificates, including Gourmet Works, Sincerely Yours Card and Gifts, Gamma Salon, Cupid's Tooth and Fusion 3 Salon Spa. Newly-opened Balloons and Beyond provided 100 balloons that the store then strung across the archway of the Laguna Oaks clubhouse. Football Hall of Famer Rod Woodson provided a signed, official NFL football and two mini Oakland Raider helmets.

Roberta Gonzales, the weather reporter for CBS/Channel 5 and a Pleasanton resident, gave a certificate offering a tour of CBS 5 for up to four individuals. Then she went one step farther by showing up at Saturday's raffle to help the girls draw the winning tickets and make the awards.

This incredible determination to raise money for the Leukemia Research Foundation also caught the attention of Mia Sole, the start-up solar panel manufacturer in Santa Clara where Nancy Crawford heads up Human Resources. It agreed to match the amount Kate and Grace raised. With checks still coming in, that could significantly boost the contributions for research that might one day find a cure for CLL and directly help Crawford.

"I have realized that life isn't about what the future holds, it's about living in the moment," Kate said. "To not be scared was hard, but as long as we have positive attitudes and are always happy then everything will be just fine."

Besides their involvement in raising money for the Leukemia Foundation, the family has now joined the local arm of the National Charity League to volunteer on other projects. Hart teacher Terry Ludlow should be proud that her end-of-the-year class assignment is producing such good results. ■

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Sara Williams

Student/snack bar

I play Tiny Wings. It's a game that requires focus, and it's fun to get to the different islands and see how many points you can get. I play it on my friend's iPod during free time in class.

Seth Glenn

Student

I have an iPad that I mostly use to go on the Internet, but I play Angry Birds sometimes. It's fun and addicting.



Ava Choudhry

Kindergartner

I play a farm game called Farm Story and you plant things. I like to plant flowers. I like Cut the Rope, too. There are stars and pretend food that looks like a mint and you have to cut the rope and try to get it in a green guy's mouth. You get points.

Cody Connolly

Student

Words With Friends is very fun. You get to play online and you can have chats with friends. I am amazing at it.



Linda Pipe

School Secretary

I play Words With Friends because it's a way to connect and keep my mind going, and it's not a total waste of my time. I also play Euchre, which is a card game.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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Leadership class gives back

Past classes of Leadership Pleasanton have set a standard for giving back to the community, and the class that just graduated is following in their footsteps. Leadership Pleasanton's 2011 class has voted to spend \$500 of the money it raised to purchase a seat in the Firehouse Arts Theater, which will have a plaque that reads "Gifted from the Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2011."

The \$500 check was presented May 4. The class also gave \$1,600 for scholarships to future classes.

Leadership Pleasanton is a nine-month series of daylong classes, usually held the first Wednesday of each month, to learn what goes on behind the scenes with classes that include local government, the school district, transportation and the Police Department.

The next Leadership Pleasanton begins in September. Contact Kate D'Or at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 846-5858, ext. 203.

BART ridership up

BART trains are getting more crowded, especially in the peak commute hours, announced BART officials, which they see as an indication the economy is rebounding, more people have jobs to go to, and they're choosing public transit as an alternative to high gas prices.

On Sunday, BART will open early and add trains for 100th Bay to Breakers race in San Francisco, which has a start time of 7 a.m.

Hundreds object to more housing near Bernal park

Public protests high density units as city faces compliance deadline

By JEB BING

More than 200 packed a Civic Center hearing room to tell the Pleasanton City Council about their objections to plans to build high density, low- and medium-income housing on a vacant 10-acre parcel near their homes.

The property, owned by South Bay Construction, is part of a narrow strip of land alongside the eastern edge of I-680 south of Bernal Avenue. The acreage, now designated Site 7, is part of 16 sites being considered for high density housing by the council's Housing

Element task force. With 30 units per acre to be allowed in the new zoning formula, Site 7 could accommodate as many as 300 apartment units.

The South Bay property is currently zoned for office buildings with Safeway building a new Lifestyle supermarket and other retail stores at the northern edge next to Bernal.

The 11-member task force is working to find acreage throughout Pleasanton that would be suitable for high density housing. The task force must complete its re-

search and nominate enough sites to accommodate at least 2,000 new housing units that the California state housing department and a Superior Court judge have ordered the city to provide.

The protestors, many carrying signs with the designation "Site 7" crossed out, live in homes built since 2003 adjacent to the Bernal Community Park. Greenbriar Homes and KB Homes were given permits to build more than 500 homes and apartments on the Bernal site in 2001 in an agreement with Pleasanton that also gave 350 acres free of charge to

the city for public use.

Now these developments are fully occupied, and the residents of the KB and Greenbriar homes told the council that they moved there to escape the congestion and crime in their former neighborhoods and don't want high density housing across the street from where they live.

"I grew up in San Francisco in a highly congested, poor district and I moved to Pleasanton to a home with a yard and lots of open space," one woman said. "I don't want to go back

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COURTESY OF PLEASANTON PD

Mother's Day rescue just ducky

Firefighter Paramedic Brandt Jorgenson shows off eight ducklings rescued from the bottom of a storm drain at Paseo Santa Cruz and Camino Del Lago on Mother's Day morning when firefighters and Pleasanton police answered a resident's call for help. While the apparent mother duck was pacing around the top of the drain, firefighters from Engine 94 of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department gained access to the drain and safely removed the ducklings. Battalion Chief Joe Testa said the crew then took all the ducks to a nearby park for a quacky Mother's Day celebration.

Spiller sworn in as police chief

'I take my oath very seriously,' new chief says

An overflow crowd gathered at Pleasanton's City Council chamber Monday to welcome the city's new chief of police, Dave Spiller.

Spiller, accompanied by his wife, daughter, family, friends and police chiefs from around the area, took his oath of office, making him the sixth police chief since Pleasanton became a city.

City Manager Nelson Fialho told the audience of well over 150 people that both the Police Department and the community look to the chief of police for leadership, as a role model and an advocate.

"I believe Chief Spiller has all these qualities and more, and based on the turnout here, I think you do as well," Fialho said.

The city manager also listed Spiller's credentials, noting that Spiller received a bachelor's degree in science at the University of San Francisco, master's degree in arts from Saint Mary's College and is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Fialho also pointed toward Spiller's other achievements as a police officer in San Diego, and move to Mountain View, where he served as a sergeant and was tapped as a "rising star," and his rise through the ranks at the Pleasanton Police Department, where he served as lieutenant and captain.

"I take my oath very seriously," Spiller said. "I will serve with honor, respect and compassion."



JOANNE HALL

City Clerk Karen Diaz swears in new police chief Dave Spiller.

He added that he was "eager for what's to come," and hopes to be "future focused."

"I thank you for the blessing that you've given me and I thank you for the opportunities you've given me," he said. "I accept my badge as a symbol of my role in the community."

Chiefs from Benicia, Emeryville, Livermore, Mountain View and San Leandro attended the ceremony, along with many members of the Pleasanton Police Department, and firefighters from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, including Chief Jim Miguel, whom Spiller described as his "new best friend" in keeping Pleasanton safe.

Spiller also recognized Capt. Eric Finn; he and Spiller were the two top candidates for the chief's slot and ran the department together until the final selection was made.

"You and I have done a lot of good work together," Spiller said. "I look forward to our continued partnership, and I look forward to all you give to the community."

—Glenn Wohltmann

PUSD board backs parcel tax legislation

Bill would require 55% approval instead of 67% for tax increases

By GLENN WOHLTANN

In the wake of last week's defeat of the parcel tax, Measure E, the Pleasanton school board is endorsing legislation that would eliminate the two-thirds majority needed to pass parcel tax measures.

The legislation was recently proposed by state Sen. Joseph Simitian (D-11), who wants the supermajor-

ity of 67% to be changed to 55% to approve a parcel tax. The bill would apply only to school districts, community college districts and county offices of education.

In discussing the idea Tuesday night, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi noted that the recent parcel tax measure would have won in a landslide had it been a simple majority vote.

David Miller spoke out against the idea, calling parcel taxes "confiscatory" and noting the tax would affect homeowners more than renters or seniors. He said the benefits from the tax wouldn't be distributed evenly, since not all residents have children in school.

Sandy Piderit pointed out that most states don't require a super-

majority to pass a tax increase, adding that "taxes are something people pay in exchange for services." She also noted that the school board's primary responsibility is "to act in the best interests of students."

Ahmadi and board members agreed that a parcel tax is one of the few ways the district could have local

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Hike for Hope raises \$70,000 for hospice services

More than 700 hikers, volunteers gather at Sunol Wilderness for benefit

Under perfectly blue skies, 672 hikers and 62 volunteers, including two on horseback and two on ham radio, recently gathered at Sunol Regional Wilderness to enjoy the wildflowers and to be part of Hike for Hope, the annual benefit for Hope Hospice.

This was not a typical hike. The day was filled with music, laughter, and reflection as hikers took to the hills in memory of a loved one.

"Having benefited from Hospice's help and support during the passing of my mother in 2010, we find special meaning in life's renewal as we enjoyed the wonders of spring on this year's hike," Mike Koch said.

The event's chair, Dolores Bengtson, and 13 committee members were joined by retired Pleasanton Police Chief Tim Neal and retired Amador Valley High School Principal Cyril Bonanno.

Families with children, some three generations strong, learned about animals, plants and flowers in the area from exhibits at an East Bay Regional Park District naturalist education trailer. Adults and children were drawn to the collection of pelts from animals and snakes living in the park areas.

Children also enjoyed "up close and personal" visits with mounted



CHUCK DECKERT

Hike for Hope walkers enjoy the trails at Sunol Regional Wilderness park during a benefit to raise funds for Hope Hospice.

trail patrol volunteers who talked about park and trail safety and answered questions, part of the Hike for Hope's activities coordinated by Rich Guarienti of Dublin.

"Last year's hike through Sunol Regional Wilderness proved to be a great time for all no matter their

age or experience," said Mike and Ann Koch of Alamo, who joined in the hike for the second year.

This year's hike yielded over \$70,000 to be used by Hope Hospice for current and future services.

—Kathy Prado



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Two adopted, eight to go

Raptor, one of the 10 dogs rescued last month by Valley Humane Society in cooperation with Animal Planet, is out for a walk for only the second time. With her are (right) volunteer Suzanne Edholm and trainer Liz Ferrise, who is temporarily working at the Valley Humane Society to train and socialize the rescued dogs, which appear to be a Labrador-Chow mix and range in ages from 4 months to 4 years. Two of the younger dogs have found homes, and the others are in various stages of socialization.

"We're going to need a lot of volunteers during the next few weeks," said newly appointed executive director Melanie Sadek, who also owns Pleasanton's popular downtown Murphy's Paw pet store. The Valley Humane Society is moving into its new facility at 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton; and the weekend of June 4-5, it is participating in the Maddie's Matchmaker Adoptathon to place all of its dogs and cats in qualified homes.

Sadek also noted that many families are giving up their pets because they can no longer afford them, and the Valley Humane Society donates dog and cat food to shelters. Through its Animeals program, it provides regular free meals for the dogs and cats of seniors and low-income families.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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money under local control. Board Member Jamie Hintzke said she was originally against parcel taxes because the state Parent-Teacher Association opposed them with the idea that such taxes could cause inequities in districts, with higher earning districts able to pass them while poorer districts are unable to afford them.

Hintzke said poorer districts are now passing them, adding, "Maybe things here need to get worse, much worse."

The school board resolution in support of Simitian's bill passed unanimously. Similar bills have been around since 2009, when state Sen. Loni Hancock (D-Oakland) proposed changing parcel tax votes to simple majorities. That bill never made it out of the Legislature.

Even if Simitian's bill does get legislative approval, it would still need to be approved by voters.

In discussing last week's parcel tax defeat, three fundraising options were brought before the board at Tuesday's meeting.

The first is a new CORE (Community Outreach for Education) campaign. Similar to last year's effort, which raised nearly \$570,000 for the current school year, the new campaign would have funding goals for elementary, middle and high schools, with intermediate steps along the way.

For example, if \$50,625 is raised, elementary schools would each have an hour of added tech support daily. At \$101,250, an additional hour of library each day would be added to the tech support, with the steps adding tech or library hours at increments of just over \$50,000. The ultimate goal is just short of \$400,000, when four hours of tech support and three library hours would be added per site daily, with \$5,000 per site for student support programs to be determined by the schools.

Similar goals are set for middle schools, while high schools would raise money to maintain and upgrade hardware and software, for extra student support services and restoring library personnel.

A grassroots effort to maintain class-size reductions is also under way. The idea, announced by Christina Hicks, would begin by requesting pledges but not actually accepting any money. As support grows, with marketing and a website, backers hope they can eliminate increased class sizes, although Hicks suggested they might ultimately look to the schools or the union if they get close to their goals.

Hicks noted that low student-teacher ratios are especially important in early grades.

A third option mentioned by board members is the possibility of forming a foundation similar to one in place at San Ramon Valley schools, which, unlike CORE, would raise money continually, create an endowment and distribute funds where needed.

The board also finalized union contracts. The California School Employees Association agreed to additional furlough days to save jobs, specifically the Health Services Liaison, Barton Reading Program Instructional Assistant and office workers.

Concessions from the Association of Pleasanton Teachers (APT) saved an estimated \$1.7 million. The money saved, largely by continuing reductions made last year, would go to the general fund should money promised by the state not come through.

Both unions have agreed to re-open negotiations if the BRL (Base Revenue Limit) — state funding which is multiplied by average daily attendance to calculate how much the district gets — drops below \$337 or goes above \$399.

The district also formalized layoffs for FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) employees. Superintendent Ahmadi noted that the layoffs will hit more than 70 employees, since FTE figures include part-time workers.

Right now, the district is awaiting the May revise, in which Gov. Jerry Brown will announce revisions to the state budget. That's expected to come May 16, and district officials are concerned that Brown may opt for an all-cuts budget, which could mean an additional \$3 million to \$4 million in cuts for the district. ■

HOUSING

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to those conditions."

Another speaker said homeowners in the area should be consulted before such massive development plans are considered.

"Just because a site may look good on paper, based on criteria that clearly favors the future residents and builders, it is best to consult with the residents and homeowners who actually live near Site 7 and ask them if they feel that high density housing is a good idea," said Wesley Lim, a homeowner there.

Added Sangita Patel: "Site 7 already carries a high concentration of affordable housing within a 1/2 mile, yet we continue to look to add more affordable units in this area. Why are we willing to jeopardize the balance in our town when we clearly do not need to?"

The state housing mandate, part of an earlier court decision that nullified Pleasanton's 1996, voter-approved housing cap of 29,000 housing units, requires that the

council submit an approved plan by mid-August. The state will then review the plan, make changes as needed, submit the plan for an environmental impact review, and then officially approve the rezoning plan by year's end in time to comply with the court order.

Besides Site 7, the other sites under consideration are:

Site 2 — The Sheraton Hotel on Stoneridge Mall Road.

Site 3 — Stoneridge Shopping Center, with housing units to be built on open space and parking lots.

Site 4 — Open space in the vicinity of Kaiser Permanente.

Site 5 — Rosewood Auto Sales, at the northeast edge of Pleasanton.

Site 6 — 6 acres along First Street east of Vineyard Avenue known as the Irby-Kaplan-Zia site.

Site 8 — 5.3 acres owned by Auf de Maur/Richenback, located across from McDonald's at Bernal Avenue and First Street.

Site 9 — The 5.6 acre Nearon property on West Las Positas Boulevard.

Site 10 — 8.4 acres on the CarrAmerica property on Owens Drive.

Site 11 — 10 acres on the now vacant Kiewit site on Bernal Avenue near First Street.

Site 12 — Goodnight Inn's 2.3-acre site on Santa Rita Road.

Site 13 — A 12.6-acre site owned by CM Capital Properties on West Las Positas Boulevard.

Site 14 — A 12-acre site owned by Legacy Partners that was part of the gravel pits.

Site 16 — Vintage Hills Shopping Center. A 5-acre site that is now being redeveloped with retail and service businesses.

Site 17 — Axis Community Health. Just over half-an-acre that would be available once the public health center relocates into a larger facility.

Removed by the Housing Element Task force was Site 15, a 3-acre site occupied by Valley Trails Church.

After a series of ongoing protests by Valley Trails residents, the task force agreed that the site lacked the transportation, shopping and other amenities it is requiring in considering high density housing sites. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Two minors charged in gang-related incident

Two juveniles, including one from Pleasanton, have been charged with gang activity in an incident May 5 near Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard.

A woman at Las Positas Townhomes near that

intersection reported a man hiding on her patio just after 4 p.m., according to a police report, which said the man told officers he'd been threatened by two people while he was walking to a bus stop.

Police responding to the area discovered two teens in a car parked at ValleyCare Medical Center. Because the two were on probation, the car was searched, yielding a homemade dagger, the report said.

A 17-year-old from Tracy, allegedly affiliated with the Surenos gang, was charged with threats and brandishing a weapon. A 16-year-old from Pleasanton was charged with weapons possession; both were charged with involvement in gang-related activity.

POLICE REPORT

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

May 3

Theft

■ 4:03 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; petty theft, possession of stolen property

Battery

■ 5:12 p.m. in the 3200 block of Burgundy Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 8:38 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Hansen Drive; DUI

■ 11:20 a.m. on Owens Road; marijuana possession, driving with marijuana

■ 3:33 p.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road; driving with marijuana, paraphernalia possession

■ 10:31 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; under the influence of a controlled substance, marijuana possession

■ 11:51 p.m. in the 2500 block of Stanley Boulevard; DUI

May 4

Theft

■ 8:39 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; petty theft

■ 9:14 a.m. at the intersection of Via de los Milagros and Valley Avenue; possession of stolen property

■ 5:01 p.m. in the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

■ 5:13 p.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

■ 7:01 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

■ 7:18 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; petty theft

Illegal possession of a firearm

■ 10:28 p.m. at the intersection of Division Street and Pleasanton Avenue

Vandalism

■ 9:02 p.m. in the 3100 block of Catawba Court

Public drunkenness

■ 9:09 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue

May 5

Identity theft

■ 4:41 p.m. in the 140 block of East Gate Way

Burglary

■ 2:10 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

Vandalism

■ 12:59 p.m. in the 500 block of Kottinger Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 12:43 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness, weapons possession

■ 2:08 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue; marijuana possession

■ 5:28 p.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Apache Drive; public drunkenness

■ 7:51 p.m. in the 4500 block of Shawnee Way; public drunkenness

May 6

Theft

■ 1:09 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; petty theft

■ 4:53 p.m. in the 4200 block of Sheldon Circle; identity theft

Battery

■ 3:32 a.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive

Vandalism

■ 1:17 p.m. near the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and I-680

■ 11:36 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 2:50 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road; DUI

■ 7:09 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; DUI, under the influence of a controlled substance

May 7

Theft

■ 3:07 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft

Burglary

■ 5:06 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 4:12 p.m. in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive; possession of a prescription in another's name

■ 6:32 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; public drunkenness

■ 7:58 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; possession of a prescription in another's name

■ 11:12 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

May 8

Theft

■ 4:03 a.m. in the 3700 block of Selvante Street; grand theft

■ 5:44 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Burglary

■ 6:43 p.m. in the 600 block of Blossom Court

Vehicle break in

■ 5:08 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 1:54 a.m. near the intersection of I-580 and Hopyard Road; DUI

■ 2:18 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; robbery; paraphernalia possession

May 9

Theft

■ 9:05 a.m. in the 550 block of San Jose Drive; theft

■ 3:32 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

■ 8:47 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft

Vandalism

■ 10:19 a.m. at the intersection of Paseo Santa Cruz and Corte de Flores

■ 3:25 p.m. in the 8100 block of Canyon Creek Circle

■ 5:42 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Case Avenue

Auto burglary

■ 2:22 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:02 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 9:41 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 5:42 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street; DUI

■ 6:03 p.m. in the 7600 block of Olive Drive; marijuana possession

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Human Services Commission

May 18, 2011 Meeting – Cancelled

Housing Commission

May 19, 2011 Meeting – Cancelled

City Council Meeting/Workshop

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation of the 2011/12FY—2012/13FY Two Year Operating Budget Summary
- Review of prepayment of the CALPERS side fund unfunded liability for the Police Group
- Review updated user fees for development related services

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, May 19, 2011 @ 7:30 am

Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- EVC Priorities Subcommittee Reports and Discussion
- Presentation – Shop Pleasanton Program

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

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

New police chief is truly a 'cop's cop'

It's been more than half a century since a local marshal armed with a shotgun and several volunteer deputies patrolled the streets of Pleasanton. That ended in the mid-1950s when Walter McCloud was hired as the city's first police chief. He served until 1981 when he retired and was succeeded by Bill Eastman. Eastman, who after retiring ran unsuccessfully for mayor, is best remembered for vowing that "if you never give up the streets (to criminals), you'll never have to take them back." He earned a hard-on-crime reputation that made Pleasanton known among trouble-makers as a city they should never "mess with."

Tim Neal, who succeeded Eastman when he retired in 1999, kept Eastman's tough-on-crime policies but also opened up the Police Department to the general public. Police academies were formed for adults and youths, volunteer officers were trained for crowd control at downtown events; Neal even became a well-known Pleasanton spokesman at public events, on local television, at Rotary and other social organization meetings and in schools. He held two open houses at the police station with public tours and traffic safety demonstrations that attracted hundreds of visitors. Mike Fraser, a career Pleasanton police officer who succeeded Neal in 2007, was a less public figure but a strong leader within the department. He also served at a time of financial belt-tightening as the recession affected all city services. Unfortunately, health problems caused Fraser to retire last November after only four years in the post.

Last Monday, Police Capt. Dave Spiller became Pleasanton's fifth police chief. Well-known in the community and regarded by the 87 sworn officers and others in the department as a "cop's cop," his swearing-in ceremony brought loud applause from nearly 200 who packed the City Council chamber, including many off-duty police officers and firefighters who donned their uniforms to come to the Civic Center event. At age 43, it's likely that Spiller will be our chief for years to come. Besides impressive credentials that include undergraduate and advanced degrees in science, the arts and police management, Spiller has worked both sides of the table in his profession. He was a patrol officer with the San Diego Police Department, a motorcycle cop in Mountain View's department, and has worked in patrol and investigations here in Pleasanton. He was president of the police union for a year in Mountain View. Combined with his leadership role as a captain in Pleasanton, management training at Harvard and union negotiating skills gained in Mountain View, Spiller will be a valuable asset in the coming months as negotiations on a new police contract get under way.

Spiller also will have the support of Capt. Eric Finn, another career Pleasanton officer who was a runner-up for the chief's post. Like Spiller, Finn is in his early 40s, is well-known in community circles, and has equally impressive credentials. As a long-time DARE officer, he also has the uncanny ability to remember hundreds of fourth- and fifth-graders who went through the program years ago, calling them by their first names when he sees them on the streets of Pleasanton. Where some cities spend thousands of dollars to search the country for candidates for their police chiefs, Pleasanton had two top-notch officers to choose from in its own ranks. What's more, Spiller and Finn, who shared the responsibilities for running the department for the last six months since Fraser retired, have a good working relationship that bodes well for Pleasanton and its Police Department in the coming years. ■

Correction: The editorial last week should have said that TBWB Strategies, a consulting group, was paid \$85,102 by the Pleasanton school district to develop a strategy for winning the recent Measure E parcel tax election. The district spent \$200,000 to \$250,000 to hold the mail-by-ballot election.

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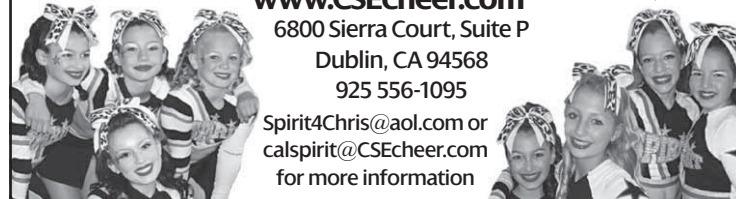
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LETTERS

'Supermajority' problems

Dear Editor,

While we don't always agree with your editorial positions, we totally agree with your comments and analysis of the Measure E vote. It was well presented and summarized the problems we are all facing with the "supermajority" vote in California.

With a granddaughter just going into high school, the impact of the "negative" vote will impact her for the next four years. This is not what we wanted when we moved to Pleasanton so many years ago. Sure, we are retired, but we would have been happy to pay \$98 for the future of our children and grandchildren.

Jackie and Alan Mode

Too much

Dear Editor,

I found the editorial in the May 6 edition personally offensive: I did not vote for Measure E. Nor am I a Tea Party member. I consider myself to be a liberal on most issues. So why was such a broad brush used on those not in agreement with your desire to see Measure E passed?

I read the ballot and the next day returned it, voting No. I will continue to vote No on any ballot measure that tries to circumvent Prop 13. Furthermore, I found it offensive to vote on a measure that would not directly affect me; as a senior I could opt out. I was not influenced by any of the subsequent rhetoric. I do not hear, read nor watch the local school board meetings as suggested in your editorial. I am not against education. Education is the most valuable tool this country has to

offer our young people.

It appears there was no organized opposition to Measure E, which should send a signal to those who would continue to pursue such initiatives in the future. Thank goodness our state has rules for passage of any new taxes.

The daily cost of living has exceeded the funds for many in this community. Now the school system wants a new tax at the same time the free Weekly is requesting membership payments. The state has yet to tell us what we will have to pay for in the future. Our federal government is suggesting we pay for more of what was once a given. When is too much too much?

P Murray

Vote, don't pay

Dear Editor,

How many of the 65-year-old-plus affirmative votes for Measure E were "bought" with the promise of not having to pay the parcel tax? Just asking.

Barbara Clink

Failing our children

Dear Editor,

Today is a sad day for the children of Pleasanton. I never thought that I would see the day in which the schools in this town are not the main priority. I grew up in Pleasanton, was educated here, began my teaching career here, and hoped that my children might someday be educated here as well.

When my husband and I started our family, we knew Pleasanton would be the best place for our children to get an excellent education. It baffles me that Pleasanton, a "Community of Character," chose to ignore the needs of our children. In the grand scheme of things \$98 per year is miniscule. It is roughly only \$8 per month, and I am pretty sure most people in this

town spend more than \$98 per year buying coffee at Starbucks.

Yes, I know for many it was not about the money, but more about the principle. I completely agree that bailing out the state on our own dime is not necessarily the answer, but neither is failing to allow our children to have the best education possible.

As a former teacher, and now parent, I am hopeful that our community can pull together and find a solution to this mess. We need to do the right thing and put the children in this community first because they are the ones that are going to shape our future.

Heidi Werner

Two-thirds vote for new taxes is good

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton Weekly's Opinion piece from May 6 is arguing that tax increases should be decided by a simple majority instead of the current two-thirds requirement.

When it comes to taxes, the government is requiring the citizenry they serve to pay more money to the government whether the citizen agrees or not. Because of this broad and intrusive nature, California has a two-thirds approval requirement in order to guard against the potential of abuse of taxation by the majority.

Let's take the parcel tax as an example. This is a situation where a broad range of citizens (voters) wish to impose a new tax upon a subset of the community (the property owners). Some voters are directly impacted by this new tax (property owners pay more) and other voters less impacted (renters or seniors/SSI recipients who are exempt). Likewise, some voters would benefit directly by the tax (parents/children) and others enjoy less benefit (citizens without kids in schools). With all these variables, how can we be sure that a simple majority approval of the parcel tax sufficiently reflects the "will of the community"? The simple answer is, you can't be sure. So, the two-thirds requirement is in place to ensure that the "will of the voter" is firmly and decisively established.

According to taxfoundation.org, California is the state ranked 49th worst business tax climate. This is with the two-thirds requirement to raise taxes. I don't think we need to make taxing any easier for our government.

David Miller

Proud of efforts

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the hardworking and dedicated volunteers who devoted their time and effort to Measure E and the Support Pleasanton Schools campaign.

While the measure did not pass, the vote was very, very close — only 830 votes shy of victory. You should feel proud of your contribution to the quality of education our children receive.

I encourage you all to continue supporting Pleasanton schools in every way possible.

Tanya Ludden, Chair,
Support Pleasanton Schools

GUEST OPINION

By ANNE FOX

When the watchdog press fails to do its job

The role of the press is to provide checks and balances and a watchdog function on government. Rather than demanding accountability from Pleasanton Unified School District for again gambling away over \$300,000 from its General Fund, the Weekly chooses to demonize citizen participation.

The editorial, "A majority vote loses out in Pleasanton," in the paper May 6 falsely proclaimed parcel tax elections would easily pass if decided by a simple majority vote. History shows, however, the first of three PUSD parcel tax elections (March 1996, \$204 Measure A) failed to get even a simple majority positive vote; 55% of Pleasanton voters said an emphatic No.

Next, you failed to disclose the "game the system" strategy that districts use to pass tax measures. Rather than honestly gauging what voters want in maximum turnout November presidential elections, districts place tax measures on low turnout, single measure special elections on purpose. They target voters who would not have to pay the tax in order to convince a small minority group of the community to vote for the tax. After all, if a so-called "66.7% supermajority" is achieved in a special election with only a 37% turnout, the "supermajority" represents just a minority, i.e., less than a quarter of all registered voters.

PUSD gambled away \$250,000 of scarce district funds in election fees to hold the special election and \$85,000 in consulting fees. Your editorial stated "...we relied on the costly expertise of Mr. Heath and fellow consultant Bryan Godbe that this time, because of their surveys and campaign strategies, victory was a sure thing."

At the Jan. 25, 2011, poll analysis School Board meeting, the consultants indicated that only 49% of those polled responded "Definitely Yes." It was surprising to see "Probably" responses also counted as favoring the measure. Trustees Valerie Arkin and Jamie Hintzke asked excellent questions, but the three remaining trustees asked no questions and seemed to have had their minds

made up already — to pursue a parcel tax at any cost — and launched into 15 minutes of off-topic speeches instead.

Rather than aiming your ire at a diverse collection of well-informed citizens who care enough to get involved in their community, the Weekly should demand that PUSD take responsibility for its bad decisions.

Meanwhile, the Weekly should encourage the School Board to listen to all constituents, have PUSD "step up" to cut administration salaries, stop \$15 million in raises when PUSD cannot afford them, come clean on their unlawful cash-

out refunding scheme, and stop caving in to union demands to save district office positions like the Health Liaison position. Priorities on



positions and programs to be retained and eliminated should be driven by the best interests of the students as determined by the governing board, not by the unions.

After all, who is really in charge? Is the dog wagging the tail or is the tail wagging the dog?

And speaking of dogs, when the press fails to fulfill its watchdog role, it fails our democracy. Blaming two to three citizens who speak at public meetings rather than elected officials, who failed not only to ask the right questions, but any questions, is outrageous.

Luckily, this is America, and thank goodness we have a free press. Watchdogs are very necessary. For the informed citizen, watchdog journalism beats lapdog journalism any day of the week.

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She worked as a senior manager for Price Waterhouse in Washington, D.C., and three ERP software development companies that develop and implement large-scale financial management systems for education and government clients.

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DANGER! DANGER! New awareness keeps young athlete injuries to a minimum on the sports fields



If there's one thing the last 20 years or so athletes to hurt their

In Little League, for every 100 pitches, the number of throws a pitcher

A big push recently came from an orthopedic surgeon in Pleasanton.

"It's a fair thing to get more training care among coaches so that young athletes get off the field," Bell said.

Signs plastered in the locker room for concussion — one of the most common injuries where they've been

"With increased awareness and obviously NFL players getting concussion when it's not a concussion in San Ramon, Calif., Raiders. "During football games, two or three, even up to

Mimran said he's seen a lot of sport. Recently, he's seen a player slam her head on the ground in the face.

Concussions have been a problem at least until recently, Mimran said. He said that's why he's along with coaches and parents to be able to recognize the signs, reporting one

"There's pressure on coaches to be pulled out of a game if the technology we use in testing is not the culture — toughen up the players there, don't be a quitter," Mimran said. "It's a huge dilemma that one of the problems with these patients like these is the extent of the problem."

He said coaches are caught in the middle, stuck between wanting to win a game and playing

"There's an inherent conflict that sometimes sway some coaches, especially if they have a player who could be a star, it's a conflict to the coach."

But Bell said there's been more awareness than ever.

"It's my opinion, with the help of coaches and teams and parents of young athletes," he said. "The evaluation of one of the most important physician and health care professionals is to let them know

In terms of sports injuries, attention, but the National Athletic Trainers' Association says severe injuries are far less common than strains, heat-related injuries, and heat stroke, repetitive stress injuries, which is damage to the end of long bones in the

"We see many more concussions than head injuries. So we always check for concussions and to see that the athletes are playing while injured. We want to prevent long-term problems when they are young."

While Bell deals with concussions, so to speak, with concussions, severity.

DANGER! DANGER!

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

g that's changed in terms of youth sports over o, it's awareness about the potential for young nselfes.

or example, there are now limits on the num- ber can make, depending on his age.

ly is on the field, according to Dr. David Bell, on and sports medicine specialist who prac-

o say we've done a better job in coordinat- ches and the trainers and parents to help the diagnosed more quickly, get treated and back id.

n locker rooms tell teens to report signs of of the biggest concerns not only in football, common, but in every sport.

wareness on TV and posts in the locker room exposure we're seeing more kids reporting happens," said Ronnie Mimran, a neurosur- who's also the neurosurgeon for the Oakland tball season, it's not uncommon for me to see p to five a week."

ees concussion injuries in virtually every s treated two water polo players, one who n a goalpost and another who caught a spike

e always been a part of sports, and at Mimran said, reporting has been a twofold problem because, s and players not being he signs of a concus- has been taboo.

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's less of the warrior culture in play these days

working with a lot of different coaches, that the re much more conscientious about injuries to said. "It's a rare coach that resists a thorough of their injured players. Most coaches trust the n professionals to thoroughly evaluate the ath- ow when they're ready to play."

s injuries, concussions may get a lot of ational Institute of Health (NIH) says that less ar more common. These include sprains and illnesses like dehydration, heat exhaustion etitive motion injuries, and growth plate in- nage to the areas of developing tissues at the n children and adolescents.

ore bone and joint, musculoskeletal injuries Some of the bone and joint injuries are minor k to make sure we know what the injury is athlete gets better treatment," Bell said. "They a body that is still growing. We want to try to problems from injuries suffered while athletes

with bones and joints, Mimran butts heads, nconcussions, which he said come in a range in

"The vast majority of concussions, if treated properly, resolve in a couple of days to a week," Mimran said. "In extreme cases, players can deal with the symptoms for the rest of their lives."

In addition to case reports from across the country, Mimran said, "I have a couple of players who stopped playing sports as a result of concussion. These players continue to deal with memory issues, headaches, the ability to concentrate."

While injuries can take place in any sport, football is the one that's received the most attention, Mimran said.

But players can take simple precautions to help minimize the potential for injury.

"Avoiding spear tackling, launching and helmet-to-helmet contact," Mimran said.

"Spear tackling," he explained, is exactly what it sounds like — using the helmet as a spear to take down an opponent — and "launching" is leaving the ground for a tackle.

"Those things are on the part of the player," Mimran said. "Having someone on the sidelines who's watching the athletes on a play-by-play basis is important, and that's not standard. The frustrating thing for me is that some teams can have eight to 10 coaches but claim they don't have the budget to hire an athletic trainer."

It's not just men and it's not just high schoolers, either. "Women's sports are just as subject to violent hits that cause concussions. The prime examples in women's sports are soccer, lacrosse, and I've had one woman rugby player," Mimran said. "You're never too young or too old to have a concussion."

The athletes most at risk are involved in a competition that many don't even consider to be a sport. It's usually played side by side with football: cheerlead- ing.

"Based on some research over the last 25 years, it's competitive cheerleading that leads to severe injuries," Bell said. "These are fatal, disabling and serious injuries, not just sprains and strains. It's really due to the fact that they do these stunts — it's not just dancing."

Sports can also lead to spine inju- ries.

"Thank God it's fairly rare. This past football season I only had three or four kids that came in for spine injuries, and certainly serious ones are very, very rare," Mimran said.

With Little League season just about to begin and after last year's injury to a pitcher in Napa, baseball has been the focus of concern, too.

Mike Ragan, a local Little League safety officer, said that position is now required across the country, which is a sign that Little League is paying closer attention to injuries.

"It's a pretty big deal in that each league has a safety director. That safety director sits on the board of every Little League. They're required to do a safety plan each year. Safety, as with everything, I think safety is only as good as the focus that's been put on it," Ragan said. "There's been a huge focus even at the district level."

He said local Little Leagues have been actively improving their safety protocols for years. Ragan describes safety "as part of the Little League experience these days."

"When we grew up, safety wasn't really mentioned. I never heard of it as a kid," he said. "But let's face it — we're all parents first and foremost and coaches second. We care about our kids, we care that they have enough fun. We may say, 'Today, let's rest your arm.' Nowadays, in pitching, there are only so many throws your arm has. That wasn't the case before."

Under current guidelines, 8- to 16-year-olds can throw 50 pitches a day, and 17- and 18-year-olds can throw 105 pitches a day, Ragan said. "If they throw a certain amount of pitches, they're required a certain amount of calendar days' rest."

Ragan stepped into the safety director position last year, prom- ising to "take it up a notch."

I think what's really fun about the role I have now is that the kids can play down the road. We look after the kids first and foremost," he said. ■

"Coaches and teams are much more conscientious about injuries to young athletes. It's a rare coach that resists a thorough evaluation of one of their injured players."

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Realtors advocate mortgage liquidity

Could take average American 14 years to save enough for today's required down payment

By JEB BING

The pendulum on mortgage credit has swung too far in the other direction after the recent housing downturn and is putting an unnecessary burden on creditworthy consumers, impeding the economic and housing market recoveries.

That's what a panel of industry experts told several thousand Realtors gathered at a special symposium in Washington, D.C. this week.

"As the leading advocate for home ownership, the National Association of Realtors believes that we cannot have a viable housing or economic recovery until credit-worthy homebuyers are able to obtain mortgage financing," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "Reforms were needed to get rid of the harmful products that led to the housing meltdown, but continuing to curtail access to affordable credit for qualified home buyers affects the entire economy."

Panelists offered their perspectives on the current state of the industry and identified numerous challenges impacting the availability and accessibility of mortgage financing and agreed that making it harder for those who can afford a safe mortgage does not further the goals of the housing or economic recovery.

David H. Stevens, former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Federal Housing Administration commissioner, told attendees the entire financial industry made bad decisions regarding risky loan products and there is no doubt that reforms are needed to get back to a level of sustainable access where qualified consumers are able to achieve home ownership.

According to the NAR, 34% of Realtors reported that the most important factor in limiting their clients' ability to buy a home was difficulty in obtaining a mortgage.

"The industry needs to work together to collectively ensure there are accessible and affordable mortgage products available to meet current demand as well as that of the 17 million individuals who will require housing in the next decade," said Stevens, NAR's incoming president and chief executive officer for the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

When asked if there has been a shift in America's perspective about the value of owning a home following the downturn, Stevens was optimistic, saying affordability is better today than it's ever been and if consumers are well qualified, have a job and can afford a mortgage they'll realize it's a better financial option and has greater social benefits such as more stable communities, better education, and lower crime.

Other panelists agreed that owning a home continues to be a goal for many families and that many Americans still consider buying a home a good long-term financial investment.

Panelists also answered questions and addressed the concerns of Realtors attending the symposium about ongoing issues with residential appraisals and improving mortgage servicing and foreclosure processing.

Hundreds of Realtors also are visiting Capitol Hill this week to urge congressional leaders to support policies that ensure qualified borrowers can obtain safe and sound mortgage financing products. Realtors will also be advocating that the current FHA loan limits be extended to prevent an immediate negative impact on the availability of affordable mortgages for numerous markets across the nation. According to NAR research, reverting to the statutory limits will reduce limits in 619 counties and 41 states and the District of Columbia. The average decline in loan limits will be more than \$58,000.

NAR also has concerns about the proposed risk retention regulation under the Dodd-Frank Act that requires lenders that securitize mortgage loans to retain 5% of the credit risk unless the mortgage is a qualified residential mortgage (QRM). High down payment requirements are being proposed by federal regulatory agencies as part of the QRM exemption. Most Americans still consider having enough money for down payment and closing costs to be the biggest obstacles to buying a home.

According to NAR estimates it could take as many as 14 years for the average family to save for their down payment. Higher down payments do not have a meaningful impact on default rates; NAR supports a reasonable and affordable cash investment requirement coupled with quality credit standards, strong documentation and sound underwriting. ■

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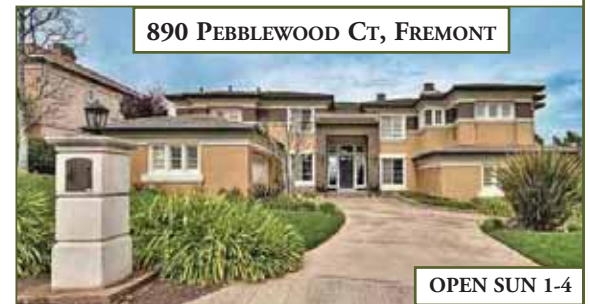
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<p>1159 CANYON HILLS RD SAN RAMON</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p>  <p>WEINER / MCDOWELL (925) 251.2550</p> <p>\$759,950 • 4 Bd • 2(1) Ba • 2,360+/- sq.ft. Exceptional home, gated community. Beautifully maintained and upgraded. Excellent curb appeal, great private yard, awesome Master Bath!</p>	<p>4041 SAN GIORGIO CT PLEASANTON</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p>  <p>WEINER / MCDOWELL (925) 251.2550</p> <p>\$398,000 • 2 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 1,316+/- sq.ft. Backs to greenbelt space. Meticulously maintained! Hardwood floors, plantation shutters, designer paint and carpet. Near park & pool.</p>	<p>6605 AMBER LN PLEASANTON</p> <p>NEW PRICE</p>  <p>WEINER / MCDOWELL (925) 251.2550</p> <p>\$1,274,950 • 3,675+/- sq.ft., 0.50+/- Acres Carriage Gardens, single level! Great floorplan w/ oversized rooms, 3 fireplaces, master w/retreat. Salt solar pool, spa & cabana w/bath, tree house.</p>	<p>862 GRAY FOX CIR PLEASANTON</p>  <p>TONNI CHANDLER (925) 251.2556</p> <p>7 Bd 7(2) Ba • 7,163+/- sq.ft., 1.15+/- Acres Gorgeous custom home created w/ attention to detail in every aspect, representing craftsmanship at its finest.</p>	<p>1867 SANNITA CT PLEASANTON</p>  <p>UWE MAERCZ (925) 360.8758</p> <p>\$2,749,000 • 5 Bd • 5(2) Ba • 7,340+/- sq.ft. Cul-de-sac w/ unobstructed views. Impressive dual entry staircase, Oversized & temp. cont. walk-in wine cellar, large Koi pond, built in BBQ.</p>
<p>2748 WHITEHALL CT LIVERMORE</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p>  <p>DIANE SASS (925) 583.2168</p> <p>\$980,000 • 5 Bd • 5.5 Ba • 4,133+/- sq.ft. Gorgeous home surrounded by lush vineyards! Brazilian cherry flooring downstairs. Inlaw over detached garage-full kit/bath. 50' pool.</p>	<p>3117 HANSEN RD LIVERMORE</p> <p>OPEN SAT 1-4</p>  <p>DIANE SASS (925) 583.2168</p> <p>\$1,150,000 • 4 Bd • 4 Ba • 3,482+/- sq.ft. Wine country farmhouse surrounded by parkland/vineyards! Awesome outside kit, private pool/spa, raised garden w/trellis & pergola.</p>	<p>5587 BECK LN LIVERMORE</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p>  <p>TOM E. CHANCE (925) 583.2175</p> <p>\$739,900 • 4 Bd • 3 Ba • 2,776+/- sq.ft. Cul-de-sac, views of Park & hills. Granite countertops, hickory flooring, 2 fireplaces, master suite w/ jetted tub & large walk-in closet.</p>	<p>904 LOYOLA WAY LIVERMORE</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p>  <p>CATHY DEAN (925) 251.2554</p> <p>\$530,000 • 4 Bd • 2 Ba • 1,900+/- sq.ft. One Story across from Robert Lvrn Center & Park! 3 car gar, corner lot + tile roof. Expanded entry w/Vaulted ceilings. Kit w/island. Hugh Mstr Ste.</p>	<p>24977 PALOMARES RD CASTRO VALLEY</p> <p>OPEN SUN 1-4</p>  <p>KRISTY & COMPANY (925) 251.2536</p> <p>5 Bd • 4.5 Ba • 6,696+/- sq.ft. • 38.83 Acres Bay Area Dream Estate Ranch. Large Bar, Octagon Livingroom, Beautiful gated 38 Acres, Private equine-horse facility, approx. 40 horse & more!</p>

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2011

Dublin

- 5466 Aspen Street** Liu Trust to F. Lin for \$650,000
- 7211 Avon Court** US Bank to R. & A. Schuler for \$420,000
- 4481 Brannigan Street** S. Chan to K. Chang for \$470,000
- 4238 Clarinbridge Circle** Wells Fargo Bank to Popridge Limited for \$305,000
- 3245 Dublin Boulevard #329** Aurora Loan Services to G. Kendrick for \$289,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #342** Toll Dublin Limited to G. Chen for \$341,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #420** Toll Dublin Limited to L. & C. Hao for \$380,000
- 3290 Maguire Way #415** P. Taneja to C. Nelson for \$290,000
- 7518 Oxford Circle #24** National Residential to E. & R. Huerta for \$377,500
- 7518 Oxford Circle** J. Kenyon to National Residential for \$390,000
- 7616 Ridgeline Drive** Schaefer Dublin Holdings to A. Hsueh for \$995,000
- 6789 Sapphire Street** New Century Home Equity to F. Mehrzai for \$500,000
- 5082 South Forestdale Circle** Barker Trust to U. Tibrewal for \$740,000
- 4842 Swinford Court** D. Ingham to L. & H. Greendorfer for \$325,000

Livermore

- 691 Alden Lane** Indymac Mortgage to P. Zhuang for \$733,000
- 1659 Altamar Way** N. & O. Cassett to W. Reed for \$360,000
- 1264 Anza Way** P. Broussard to R. & C. Strobe for \$312,000
- 1270 Asti Court** J. & J. Piper to T. Bankhead for \$580,000
- 1159 Big Basin Road** Vicencio Trust to T. Falk for \$447,500

- 4131 Bristlecone Way** Nathanson Trust to W. Guo for \$250,000
 - 1244 Brookdale Lane** Federal National Mortgage to K. Sylvester for \$432,500
 - 937 Dolores Street** Wells Fargo Bank to C. Medrano for \$261,000
 - 1194 Dublin Avenue** M. Burton to C. Raguindin for \$390,000
 - 1124 Elm Street** Deutsche Bank to B. Ashworth for \$230,000
 - 2635 Elston Street** D. & E. Green to Marsch Trust for \$600,500
 - 4250 Galloway Street** M. & D. Summers to S. & A. Vandewerfhorst for \$422,000
 - 509 Geraldine Street** T. Weldon to C. Royce for \$345,000
 - 1062 Glenn Common** Long Beach Mortgage to Y. Lee for \$168,000
 - 4357 Guilford Avenue** Peterson Trust to C. Clearwater for \$455,000
 - 1583 Justine Court** K. & Y. Lee to S. & D. Carr for \$710,000
 - 1055 Locust Street** Uncle Credit Union to W. & P. Tapley for \$240,000
 - 10555 Morgan Territory Road** Wells Fargo Bank to J. Dillmann for \$626,000
 - 1553 Morning Glory Circle** M. & J. Guptill to J. Neuman for \$420,000
 - 4749 Nicol Common #26** Bank of New York to M. Frisch for \$158,000
 - 1222 Notre Dame Court** Federal National Mortgage to L. & N. Breiz for \$320,000
 - 900 Wagoner Drive** DMR Asset Services to A. & C. Quizon for \$426,500
 - 241 Wall Street** Wells Fargo Bank to M. Amirriazi for \$305,000
- Pleasanton
- 7540 Canyon Meadow Circle #B** Leclear Trust to R. Robinson for \$250,000
 - 1623 Cindy Way** Jones Trust to Roselyn Estates for \$1,300,000
 - 6937 Corte Monterey** R. & M. Vicala to A. & V. Ravi for \$709,500

- 7629 Cottonwood Lane** T. Chao to H. & J. Brown for \$690,000
- 3116 Devereux Court** Prudential Relocation to J. & M. Chang for \$1,250,000
- 7765 East Canyon Meadow Circle** California Housing Finance to G. Vanhassman for \$258,000
- 11 Golf Road** M. & J. Malerich to Zaballos Trust for \$1,150,000
- 6179 Homer Court** A. & M. Landicho to X. Liao for \$530,000
- 6804 Inglewood Court** J. Buffer to Babbes Trust for \$485,000
- 4386 Krause Street** G. & E. Crown to A. Singh for \$520,000
- 4557 Lakewood Street** Davis Trust to P. & T. Mukherjee for \$655,000
- 3803 Newton Way** H. Dougherty to R. & A. Willmes for \$540,000
- 3703 North Hawaii Court** N. Atterbury to W. Gosti for \$438,000
- 904 Pamela Place** Kim Trust to M. & J. Mui for \$880,000
- 7831 Paseo Santa Cruz** J. & L. Herman to A. & A. Arora for \$755,000
- 2573 Secretariat Drive** K. Mitchell to C. Hadden for \$455,000
- 3736 Selvante Street** J. & D. Schmidt to B. & C. Harrison for \$3,000,000
- 5933 Sterling Greens Circle** E. & M. Schwantes to K. Dyer for \$812,500
- 4368 Valley Avenue #C4** Aurora Loan Services to C. Sun for \$335,000
- 6125 Via De Los Cerros** D. & M. Pharis to S. & U. Vaze for \$710,000
- 2459 Via De Los Milagros** Russman Trust to D. & D. Rosler for \$1,020,000
- 4143 Vineyard Avenue** Wells Fargo Bank to S. Parkey for \$315,000
- 1362 West Lagoon Road** US Bank to R. & S. Marri for \$983,000
- 3710 West Las Positas Boulevard** Fraticelli Trust to P. & K. Parihar for \$620,000

- 3145 Zuni Way** C. & B. Swift to C. Yan for \$232,000
- San Ramon
- 122 Adams Place** US Bank to M. Bal for \$460,000
 - 108 Allannere Court** G. & L. Tapangco to Guo-Zhang Trust for \$856,000
 - 3150 Ashbrook Lane** H. & S. Tang to B. & S. Jajal for \$846,000
 - 7339 Balmoral Way** R. & B. Perez to J. Lee for \$850,000
 - 7049 Briza Loop** R. & S. Kwong to A. Sharma for \$520,000
 - 150 Copper Ridge Road** Legacy Copper Ridge to J. Cairns for \$330,000
 - 290 Eastridge Drive** A. & K. Rodriguez to B. & D. Claussen for \$135,500
 - 294 Eastridge Drive** P. Burkholder to B. & J. Ng for \$149,000
 - 5260 Fioli Loop** A. Kao to M. Akamulla for \$590,000
 - 121 Mintaro Court** J. & E. Naples to C. Siddan for \$840,000
 - 2893 Morgan Drive** Wells Fargo Bank to M. Fuerter for \$632,000
 - 1914 Nancy Lane** C. Mariani to M. Yang for \$410,000
 - 175 Norris Canyon Terrace #B** R. Michael to T. Wiley for \$270,000
 - 160 Reflections Drive #23** Federal National Mortgage to H. Xie for \$175,000
 - 10057 Santa Rosa Avenue** Patelco Credit Union to M. & J. Delarroz for \$484,000
 - 537 Santander Drive** T. & M. Percival to R. Seshadri for \$670,000
 - 5525 Satinleaf Way** B. Adhikari to J. Wu for \$1,350,000
 - 7808 Veronica Court** D. Mitchell to V. Guduri for \$501,000
 - 136 Winged Foot Place** J. & H. Dowty to A. Choudhary for \$553,000

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<p>1706 MAGNOLIA CIR PLEASANTON</p> <p>JUST LISTED OPEN SUN 1-4</p>  <p>\$629,950 • 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,030+/- sq.ft. Charter Oak. Great single family detached home in a wonderful location! Beautiful private backyard with shade, fruit trees and roses. Priced to sell quickly.</p>			
<p>3008 SORRELWOOD DR SAN RAMON</p> <p>NEW PRICE OPEN SUN 1-4</p>  <p>\$979,950 • 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,740+/- sq.ft. Beautifully updated home. Dwnstrs bd & full bth. Bright & open kitchen & fam room combo. Updated kitchen w/ granite counters & more!</p>	<p>1159 CANYON HILLS RD SAN RAMON</p> <p>NEW PRICE OPEN SUN 1-4</p>  <p>\$759,950 • 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,360+/- sq.ft. Exceptional home, gated community. Beautifully maintained and upgraded. Excellent curb appeal, great private yard, awesome Master Bath!</p>	<p>321 IRON HORSE COURT ALAMO</p>  <p>\$2,299,000 • 5 Bd • 4.5 Ba • 5,780+/- sq.ft. Gorgeous European Estate, private gated ct located among majestic oaks. Flat 1/2 acre lot w/ new solar salt water pool. 6 car garage.</p>	<p>6645 AMBER LANE PLEASANTON</p>  <p>\$1,398,000 • 5 Bd • 3 Ba • 3,475+/- sq.ft. Updated Carriage Gardens full bed & bath downstairs. Huge bonus room all on an improved half acre lot w/ gorgeous pool & full sports court.</p>
<p>219 E ANGELA ST PLEASANTON</p>  <p>4 Bd • 3 Ba • 2,178+/- sq.ft., 0.10+/- Acres Tudor, walk to downtown! 300+/- sq.ft. carriage house. Gourmet kitchen, granite, hardwood floors, solid wood arched doors, private yard.</p>			

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OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30

4969 Mohr Avenue, Pleasanton

Gorgeous home in the desirable Gates neighborhood of Pleasanton. Home consists of 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA and is approximately 2103 sq ft of living space. Fabulous floor plan with a sunny open kitchen and breakfast nook that opens to the family room. Upgrades include newer hardwood floors in kitchen, family, living and dining rooms, granite counter tops & stainless steel appliances in kitchen. The home is located in a great neighborhood close to the sports park. The home also features a 3 car garage. **OFFERED AT \$799,900**



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OPEN SAT/SUN 1:30-5



9893 Dublin Canyon Road

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Secluded 5 acre estate with 360 views of countryside and city lights. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, gourmet kitchen, 2 bonus rooms and a 5 car garage. Zoned for commercial and residential, an additional second residence, horses and/or agriculture land. **\$1,399,000**



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1826 BROOKTREE WAY, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



4 BD 2.5 BA 2,047sf. on a 7,650sf. lot.
Monterey Model features updated kitchen and baths.
Spacious private backyard with NO POOL.
\$779,000

9632 BROADMOOR DR. SAN RAMON
LOCATED IN SAN RAMON ROYAL VISTA



4 BD + office, 3 BA, 3,195sf. + finished attic.
Built in 2010 with top of the line materials.
Gourmet kitchen, handmade mouldings,
energy efficient & entertainer's dream home.
\$899,000

4025 CHADWICK PLACE, DUBLIN
LOCATED IN TASSAJARA CREEK



4 BD 2.5 BA 1,972sf. on a 3,613sf. lot.
Nice open floor plan, great location!
Two story, built in 2003.
End of court location.
\$589,000

1683 LOGANBERRY WY. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



4 BD 2.5 BA 2,047sf. on a 6,500sf. lot.
Desired Monterey model. Wood floors,
crown moldings, new roof. Pool in backyard.
Walk to schools & shopping.
\$785,000

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4 BD 2.5 BA 2,000sf.+
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The latest from The 680 Blog

Pleasanton Market Update - Market slows a bit in April

After three straight months of increasing pending sales of single family detached homes, the Pleasanton real estate market hesitated in April, with a decrease in pending sales. Homes priced under \$1 million led the decline, with other market segments remaining mostly flat. Inventory, meanwhile, continued to increase across all market segments for the third consecutive month. The increase in inventory is certainly welcome news, and should help spur some activity as buyers find more to choose from. The \$1 million to \$2 million market segment actually saw an increase in pending sales for the month, which is good news. Inventory is up, but still under 200 homes at the end of April, so it is certainly not a high inventory market at this point. As we enter the prime selling season, it will be interesting to see if the market picks up some steam.

Overall, pending sales fell 15 units or 22%, from 68 in March

to 53 in April. Inventory, on the other hand, increased nearly 20%, from 157 homes at the end of March to 188 at the end of April. That dynamic increased inventory relative

to pending sales to 3.5 months in April, from 2.3 in March.

Homes priced under \$1 million made up 61% of the decline in pending sales resulted in 77% of >> [Go to www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.

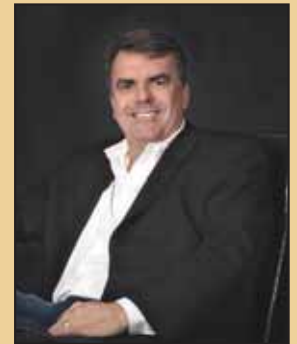


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OPEN SUN 1-4

Old world charm in a private oasis! Stunning single story custom home. 4 BR, 4 1/2 BTH, private .75 acre lot with pool & security gate, and exceptional quality!
\$1,785,000
558 Sycamore Rd



OPEN SUN 1-4

Sharp 2 BR, 2 BTH end unit in premium location with fireplace, sunny kitchen, custom tile floor, vaulted ceilings, walk-in closet, garage, and views of the canyon!
\$249,000
8185 B Mountain View Dr



PENDING SALE!

Fabulous 2 BR, 2 BTH single story end unit with 2 car garage, gleaming wide plank hardwood floors, open kitchen/living room with fireplace, upgraded kitchen, large private yard with patio. Walk to downtown! **\$475,000**



PENDING SALE!

Elegant Golden Eagle custom home with 4 BR plus office, 3 1/2 BTH, new cherry & granite kit, plantation shutters, and incredible .42 acre flat lot!
\$1,450,000



PENDING SALE!

Fabulous estate home with 6 BR + loft & office/rec room, 5 BTH, 4 car garage, stone flooring, dream kitchen, and 1.1 acre lot with pool, sports court, outdoor kitchen and views! **\$1,999,000**



JUST SOLD!

Fabulous luxury single story home with 4 BR, 2 1/2 BTH, 3 car garage, hardwood floors, upgraded kitchen, and fabulous flat .57 acre lot with pool, spa, and detached guest house & wine cellar. **\$1,515,000**



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JUST LISTED — OPEN SUN 1-4

215 KITTEERY PLACE, SAN RAMON
Excellent quiet court location. Four bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 2008 square feet. Spacious kitchen, large living room & family rooms. Lots of picture windows for viewing & natural light, vaulted ceilings. Spacious master suite with retreat and his & hers closets. Newer roof. Large rear yard with two patios (one covered), covered side yard access. Large 6,958 square foot lot. Walk to Walt Disney Elementary, Pine Valley Middle School, California High School and great neighborhood parks. Great curb appeal. **OFFERED AT \$549,000**

CHARTER OAKS



PRICE REDUCED — OPEN SUN 2-4:30

1549 MAPLE LEAF DRIVE, PLEASANTON
Highly upgraded four bedroom, plus bonus/teen room, three bathrooms. Approximately 2,541 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash, custom cabinets & stainless steel appliances. Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring, upgraded carpet & remodeled master bath. Newer interior paint. Three car garage. Completely re-landscaped private rear grounds with built-in BBQ/kitchen, custom fire pit/sitting area, slate patio, garden and play areas. Tile roof. Convenient to downtown, neighborhood park and award-winning schools! **OFFERED AT \$919,000**

SYCAMORE HEIGHTS



1092 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON
Wow! Private premium 20,180 sq ft estate lot. Panoramic views of Pleasanton Ridge, the valley and Mount Diablo. Large rear grounds with expansive lawn area and patio. Backs to open space. Five bedrooms, plus den, bonus room option (5th), five and a half bathrooms. Approximately 5,000 sq ft. Large gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops and stainless steel appliances. Crown molding throughout, new custom flooring, extensive upgraded light fixtures, new interior paint throughout. Close to downtown, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. Award winning schools! **OFFERED AT \$1,559,000**

OAK MANOR



COMING SOON

819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON
As soon as you enter you will be impressed with the unique elegance. Gorgeous custom home on private .62 acre lot. Approximately 4,541 square feet, four bedrooms (two master suites) plus office/wine room and bonus loft area and 5.5 bathrooms. Quality, high end equipment and finishes throughout. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab counters and stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors. Oversized four car garage. Beautifully landscaped Tahoe-like grounds with mature trees. Two minutes to Castlewood Country Club. **PRICE TO FOLLOW**

PHEASANT RIDGE



933 LAGUNA CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON
Beautiful Pheasant Ridge home on professionally landscaped .30 acre lot. Panoramic views of Pleasanton Ridge. This semi-custom built by Greenbriar in 2007 has a total square footage of 5,096. Six bedrooms plus bonus (media prepped) (7th), six bathrooms. Upgraded gourmet kitchen with granite and stainless appliances, three car garage, beautiful grounds include built-in BBQ, outdoor fountain, large lawn area & state meditation area. Walk to neighborhood park, convenient to downtown and award winning Pleasanton schools. **OFFERED AT \$1,475,000**

RUBY HILL



PRICE REDUCED — OPEN SUN 1-4

4355 CAMPINIA PLACE, PLEASANTON
Gorgeous upgraded single level home on .60 acre premium lot. Located in the desirable Ruby Hill private gated community. Four bedrooms, plus private office, three bathrooms, custom gourmet kitchen with granite countertops. Extensive crown molding & built-ins, Brazilian cherry flooring, expansive master suite. Professional landscaping includes: built-in BBQ, viewing/sitting area, views of surrounding hills & vineyards, covered patio and extensive lawn area. 3 car garage. Ruby Hill community amenities: *clubhouse, golf course, swimming pool, *tennis courts, large park and greenbelts (*discounted memberships now available). Close to several wineries. **OFFERED AT \$1,399,000**

STONERIDGE PARK



2812 GARDEN CREEK CIR, PLEASANTON
Beautiful Pleasanton single level close to great neighborhood parks & award winning schools. Open floor plan with three bedrooms, two updated bathrooms, 1,720 square feet. Excellent condition remodeled master bathroom, spacious family room/kitchen area. Hardwood flooring, updated fixtures, vaulted ceilings, completely finished garage. Large private rear yard with mature trees and landscaping. 6,264 square foot lot. Convenient to downtown. **OFFERED AT \$599,500**

KOTTINGER RANCH



PENDING

4241 GARIBALDI PLACE, PLEASANTON
Highly upgraded Kottinger Ranch duet with four bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms. Remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops & custom backsplash. Completely remodeled bathrooms. Plantation shutters, crown molding, hardwood flooring and upgraded carpet. Professionally landscaped private backyard includes aggregate patio and mature trees. Excellent quiet location on private 4,014 square foot lot with no rear neighbors. Community amenities include: pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, park and open space. Walk to downtown, Kottinger Park & award winning Vintage Hills Elementary. **OFFERED AT \$599,500**

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R.N., CCRN
Intensive Care Unit



Suzanne Goldberg
P.T.
Physical Therapy



Cindy McGuire
Admitting

celebrating

EXTRAORDINARY CARE



Nathan Meyer
R.N.
Definitive Observation Unit



Tia Yang
Nursing
Administration



Mishelle Spanos
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Definitive Observation Unit
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O.T.R.
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Jan Kuchinsky
R.N.
Family Birthing Center



Magda Ovadia
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Medical/Surgical
Unit



Mike Guerrero
Food Services

As we celebrate National Nurses Week and National Hospital & Healthcare Week, we take a moment to recognize those employees who make both San Ramon Regional Medical Center and our community such a remarkable place. They exemplify the commitment, skill and compassionate care we offer. This recognition begins with our special employees honored this year: **Ricky Aquino**, Diagnostic Imaging, Employee of the Year; **Pat Phruksawan, R.N.**, Medical/Surgical Unit, Hero of the Year and Florence Nightingale Award winner; **Mishelle Spanos, R.N.**, Definitive Observation Unit, Hero of the Year; and all of our 2010 Employees of the Month. From the emergency room, to the operating room, to the patient room, we're here for you.



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