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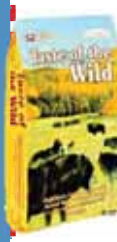
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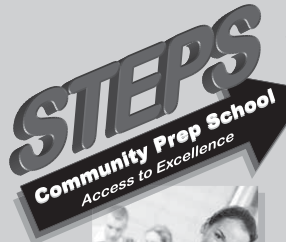
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Always shave before reaching into a bee hive

And other tips from Roy Ficken. From bee swarms to mountain lions, with thousands of dogs and cats in between, Pleasanton's animal services officer Roy Ficken has seen them all. Now the man who may be the city's best known policeman is retiring after nearly 30 years on the job. Ficken joined the force in 1982 when the dog (and people) population was much smaller. Working 40 hours a week as well as answering emergency calls, he's a friend to hundreds of pets who roam the streets and parks in town. Ficken says his eyeball survey shows that there are 2-1/2 pets for every household here. With 27,500 living units on the city's registry, that's a bunch of cats and dogs. Ficken has one of each: a friendly Gadalf II who always rides along on his patrols, and a blind black and white cat who towers over the small dog. But Ficken is known to many more as he makes his rounds, stopping frequently to chat with pet owners and watching the streets to make sure dogs are on leash and licensed.

It's not always an easy job. While in pursuit of a wild deer that had leaped a 6-foot fence into a homeowner's back yard, Ficken called Alameda County for a sheriff's deputy who had a tranquilizer gun. Standing nearby as the tranquilizer dart was fired, Ficken saw it ricochet off the deer's leg and come right back into his own left thigh. Although slightly hurt, the medicine had already left its deposit on the deer, which was removed to a rural area. Ficken, though, whose story made it into a local newspaper, spent the rest of the day hobbling around in the Police Department, drumming up sympathy and plenty of jokes for what he called the dangers of handling wild animals in Pleasanton.

Another time, Ficken was called to remove a Mastiff dog that refused to leave the side of its owner, who had died at home. Knowing that you approach a dog from his right side, Ficken tackled the animal from what was a messy scene. A few months later, a Mastiff being walked by its owner on Main Street went berserk when it saw Ficken. Sure enough, it was the same dog that had since been adopted from a shelter where it had been placed and he remembered the unpleasant encounter he had had with the officer.

Always looking for new ways to



JEB BING

Pleasanton animal services officer Roy Ficken with Gandalf II.

calm restless pets, Ficken tried his hand — literally — in moving a bee hive, having been told you can place your hand into a hive when the queen is away. What his bee instructor failed to add was that you have to have a clean-shaved hand and arm to make this move. Ficken's arm was sore for a month from all the stings the bees, disturbed by the hair, had inflicted.

After serving as a sergeant in Air Force intelligence in Germany, Ficken returned to California in 1972 intent on earning a degree at what is now California State University, East Bay, in Hayward. He aimed for a career as a foreign service officer only to find that he could speak only English and hadn't mastered Shakespeare as required. During this time, the Fremont park district offered him a part-time job at \$15 an hour, and later a full-time position as a park ranger and animal service officer. When Harry Brown, Pleasanton's first animal service officer retired in 1982, Ficken was offered the job and the rest is history. Over the years, he's only been bitten once, by a Chihuahua in Fremont; sued once (unsuccessfully) for \$3 million by a corporate pet store owner after he rescued dogs with broken bones jammed into a back room at its Stoneridge mall store and blew the whistle on the company's other outlets in Florida and Ohio where similar abuses were found; and has yet to see a live mountain lion, although he has carted away a few that were killed by cars on Foothill Road and the freeways.

A staunch believer that animals deserve the same quality of life we want for ourselves, Ficken has written the rules of the road for maintaining close working relations with the public he's served, a guideline he hopes his successor will follow as a part of the Pleasanton Police Department.

Fellow workers and friends will honor him next Wednesday at a retirement party at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street. ■

About the Cover

This whimsical pancake was created by one of the Lions Club chefs at the Special Kids Day recently at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area. The Lions will use their culinary skills to cook stacks and stacks of pancakes at the Hometown Pancake Day on June 4 at Delucchi Park. Photo by Steffi Gross. Design by Lili Cao.

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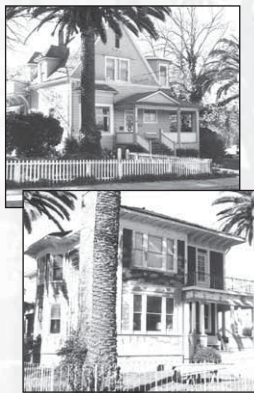
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Ginny Brumm
P.E. teacher

I chase after my 5-year-old grandson three days a week, teach P.E. at my granddaughter's school once a week, and clean the house on the last day of the week.



Sherri Wiegel
Bookkeeper

I do a half-hour of cardio, and I rotate between legs and arms every other day. I exercise after work every day and take the weekends off.

Patty Armstrong
Longaberger representative

I swim on the Masters program at Cal High. My friend and I do 3,000 yards at a time, three days a week.



Traci Saba
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Showcase at Stoneridge Mall

At least 20 local businesses and organizations, including the Pleasanton Weekly, will participate in Consumer Showcase at Stoneridge Shopping Center Sunday, showcasing their products and services between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the grand court area near Macy's Men's store. Representatives will be on hand to talk about their businesses and to field questions. The public also can enter a \$1,000 shopping spree drawing. The event is being sponsored by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

New candidates for Las Positas

Three new finalists for president of Las Positas College were scheduled to be introduced Thursday afternoon at a candidates' forum open to the public. Las Positas has been without a president since DeRionne Pollard resigned a year ago to become the president and CEO of Montgomery College in Maryland.

The three new finalists are Kindred Murillo, who now serves as the vice chancellor of Administrative Services for the Contra Costa Community College District; Barry Russell, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office; and Kevin Glen Walthers, vice chancellor for Administration of the West Virginia Community and Technical College System and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

These presentations by the three new candidates came a few months after a similar forum with four earlier candidates chosen as finalists by a search committee. One of those was hired by another college district, and the college district board chose to seek a new slate of candidates.

Library needs help

The Pleasanton Public Library is recruiting students entering grades 6 through 9 to become Kid Power volunteers this summer. These volunteers primarily register children and explain the annual summer reading game, distribute prizes and facilitate the library scavenger hunt.

A Summer Reading Odyssey, the 2011 summer reading game, begins June 11 and runs for eight weeks through Aug. 6.

Kid Power volunteers also have an opportunity to oversee weekly crafts projects and assist during the program's Game Days. Volunteer hours are flexible and students may work around their vacation and summer schedules. Attendance at one 90-minute training orientation is mandatory. Call 931-3400, ext. 8.

Two-year city budget holds the line on hiring, wages, major projects

Pleasanton sees slight rise in tax revenue, but keeps expenditures down

By JEB BING

City Council members gave a thumbs up Tuesday night to a proposed two-year budget for fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 that's not only balanced but also holds the line on hiring, wages and major expenditures.

Presented by City Manager Nelson Fialho and Finance Director Emily Wagner during a two-hour workshop, the new budgets total \$189 million in the coming fiscal year that starts July 1 and \$192.7 million in FY 2012-13. The city's

current fiscal year budget is projected to total \$185 million when the year ends June 30. Last year's fiscal year budget totaled \$183 million.

Fialho said that despite a continued sluggish economy, Pleasanton has not had to touch its millions of dollars in reserves that had been set aside in advance of the recent recession.

Most of the budget increases over the next two years were attributed to higher costs for health care and services required for municipal operations.

In addition to the key General Fund component, the city's operating budget is comprised of a number of other funds, including Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service & Trust Funds.

Wagner said that projected revenues earmarked for the General Fund are \$87.3 million in 2011-12 and \$89.7 million in 2012-13.

Tax revenue represents about 84% of the

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JAY FLACHSBARTH

Off and rolling

The Amgen Tour of California gets under way shortly after 11 a.m. Wednesday in Livermore following a night of revelry in anticipation of the Tour de France-style cycling road race. This was the first time for Livermore to host a start although the race has passed through town numerous times before, and crowds were 10 deep as they cheered on the 178 cyclists, who circled the downtown before heading to the starting point. This 81.8-mile segment of the tour was to finish on a summit of Sierra Road in San Jose between 3:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. after three grueling climbs, including the back side of Mount Hamilton. At left, Levi Leipheimer with Team Radio Shack was a top contender among the 18 professional cycling teams in the race, which goes more than 800 miles through California, finishing Sunday in Thousand Oaks.



Revised budget offers help for PUSD

Short-term borrowing may be unnecessary but other questions remain

Gov. Jerry Brown's revised budget will mean the Pleasanton school district won't have to borrow money to get through the year, according to Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services.

"I am glad to see that the governor's revised budget includes undoing the deferral that was proposed in the January budget, and actually additional deferrals," Cazares said.

She said that was good news for the district's cash flow; earlier plans called for short-term borrowing to pay bills until state money was received.

"Deferrals were going across the fiscal year. That mean dollars, cash, that I was expecting to receive in fiscal year 2011-12 were going into 2012-13," Cazares said.

The May revise calls for an additional \$3 billion for California public schools. Cazares said the revise won't affect the Pleasanton school district's bottom line other than eliminating short-term borrowing.

The district is also waiting for news about funding for children's mental health services. Gov. Brown plans to shift responsibility for mental health services for special education students from the state to school districts instead of counties, which in theory is a good idea, Cazares said.

"They're our students so we know them best," she said.

But Cazares said details about funding for

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Raising money one door at a time

Residents give to door-to-door solicitors for 'Mr. Mom,' in spite of skepticism

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

When a woman showed up at Lissa Anderson's door soliciting money to help troubled young people who'd gotten too old for the foster care system, Anderson had some reservations, but she made a \$100 donation anyway.

"My very first meeting with her was when she came to my door and rang the doorbell and it was late — it was after 9 o'clock," Anderson said. "She went on to say she was with a pro-

gram called Mr. Mom that helps children with foster care organizations that had been kicked out because they were too old, they were on the street. They were putting them up in hotel rooms, they were trying to get them jobs."

Anderson gave \$100. The second time, two weeks later, Anderson said she'd just put her kids to bed and was settled in for the night; her husband answered the door and Anderson told him she wasn't sure she trusted Mr. Mom; her

husband, however, gave another \$100.

The third time, Anderson said she was having a tough day when the woman showed up in her driveway after dark.

"I just said, 'It is so inappropriate for you to be out this time of night,'" Anderson said. "She left (but) she came back 20 minutes later. She said, 'Whatever you can give me, we're just \$125 short of our goal for what we need to raise for

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Tri-Valley cities seek 'community' recognition in redistricting

Pleasanton wants to stay in single supervisory district

By JEB BING

Five Tri-Valley cities are petitioning a redistricting commission to keep their municipalities together as new legislative districts are drawn to meet changing population centers in the Bay Area.

The city councils of Pleasanton, Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon have signed a joint letter to the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is meeting in Sacramento, calling this area "a community of interest." It asks that "our boundaries should be respected during the redistricting process."

At the same time, the Pleasanton City Council is urging that any redistricting of supervisory districts in Alameda County keep Pleasanton in a single district. Some supervisors have indicated that they would like to divide the city into two districts: with District 1, represented by Supervisor Scott Haggerty, including those parts of Pleasanton south of Stoneridge Drive, and District 4, represented by Supervisor Nate Miley, including all portions of Pleasanton that are north of Stoneridge Drive.

The county board of supervisors has established a redistricting ad-hoc committee to oversee the redistricting process. The committee is planning a series of public hearings throughout the county, although none is scheduled in Pleasanton, which is the only city being considered for a split-up.

The Tri-Valley region is spread over three neighboring valleys at the eastern end of Alameda County and the southern end of Contra

Costa County.

"Despite the fact that we are in two separate counties, our residents identify far more with the Tri-Valley region than either Alameda or Contra Costa counties," the letter signed by representatives of the five cities states.

"In fact, we believe that the Tri-Valley can be considered a model for regional collaboration throughout the state in many traditional and non-traditional ways."

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho, whose council was the last to sign the letter Tuesday night, said the Tri-Valley shares a common identity and spirit among its residents.

The joint letter further states:

"Residents of our five cities depend on the same transportation networks, we have similar demographics and sources of employment, businesses have formed partnerships throughout the area, our children play in the same sports leagues, and local governments collaborate on a multitude of regional projects.

"Some specific examples on how our five jurisdictions formally collaborate include the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, which identifies and funds needed projects to relieve congestions in our region.

"We are all partners in the Tri-Valley Housing and Opportunity Center, which is an agency that jointly manages our five cities' affordable housing programs and services.

"Tri-Valley Community Television is another entity that focuses solely on programming unique to our region.

"Other smaller agencies such as

the Dublin San Ramon Services District, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and Zone 7 are entirely within the Tri-Valley.

"Our city councils meet together in joint sessions on issues of regional concern every few months, while our mayors, city managers and staffs meet both formally and informally several times a month to further solidify public partnerships.

The five city councils also pointed out in their letter that much of their communities' cultural and economic lives revolve around the Tri-Valley. The Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau is a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding tourism options; Innovation Tri-Valley is a private sector collaborative of leading businesses firms in the five cities; the Tri-Valley Business Council represents private business interests in the five cities; and the five Tri-Valley cities are partners in I-Gate, a partnership with the Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national laboratories.

"The Tri-Valley has flourished over the years due to our tremendous cooperation," the five city councils stated. "Our region is poised for even great excellence moving forward.

Fialho said the councils want to keep the Tri-Valley in one state Senate district with any newly drawn Legislative districts recognizing the homogenous characteristics of the five cities.

Currently, Pleasanton, for one, is in three state legislative districts, two state Senate districts and two Congressional districts. ■



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Client Testimonial: Debbie Hedge (Stroke, 2006)

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Water plan calls for recycling, conservation

State mandates 20% reduction by 2020

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Pleasanton is revising its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), to meet the state's requirement to cut water use by 20% by 2020, and is looking for public input.

"It's basically a document that describes how the city of Pleasanton as an urban water supplier is going to be able to meet the future demands of water in our area," said Rita Di Candia, the city's water conservation coordinator.

The plan outlines Pleasanton's water sources — 80% is purchased from Zone 7 Water Agency with the remainder from local wells — and its demand, which has averaged about 244 gallons a day per person. The goal is to reduce that to 220 gallons a day by 2015 and to 195 gallons a day by 2020.

Much of the goal can be met by recycling water. Using recycled water

for irrigating city property would mean less use of clean water, and Pleasanton officials have developed a recycling program with water from a recycling system priced at 80% to 90% of fresh water.

Moving customers to recycled water has some obstacles, mainly from the cost of hookups and converting existing systems.

Pleasanton, however, has a three-phase plan to use recycled water, bringing it first to the Staples Ranch project by 2013. Next, it would build pipelines for water users at Hacienda Business Park, with that to be completed by 2016. Finally, those pipelines would be extended to the Sports Park, to be completed by 2018.

Funding for Staples Ranch has already been secured, and Pleasanton officials estimate the cost for Hacienda and the Sports Park

would run \$19 million.

While Pleasanton pursues recycling, Di Candia said educating people about water conservation is another key component.

"We're asking people to educate themselves as well as review the draft document," she said, adding, "There's a huge percentage of water waste through irrigation."

In addition to education, the city offers residential water surveys to help people reduce the amount of water they use.

The plan also outlines steps to be taken in the event of a drought, with measures for everything from a voluntary reduction of use in a Stage 1 water shortage to mandatory maximum reductions in Stage 4 drought.

The Urban Water Management Plan is available for review online or by contacting Di Candia at 931-5513. ■

Union agrees to retirement plan contributions

Savings will top \$1 million when fully implemented next year

By JEB BING

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho announced Tuesday night that the city and its Pleasanton City Employees Association — the union that represents 227 city workers — have agreed to a new two-year contract that freezes wages while also having employees contribute to their retirement benefits for the first time.

Starting July 1, all employees

represented by the PCEA will begin contributing 2% of their pay toward their retirement plan, which is handled by the state's CalPERS retirement system. Six months later, on Dec. 1, that contribution will rise to 3%, and then to 4% on July 1, 2012.

Up to now, the city has paid 100% of its employee contributions to their retirement plan.

Fialho said the move will result

in a \$1.1 million savings in the city's budget through March 31, 2013.

At the same time, the city and the PCEA agreed to implement a two-tier retirement program that will follow the pre-2001 retirement program in place for city employees. That move will reduce the city's unfunded liabilities by about \$3.5 million for this employee group, Fialho said. ■

Couple charged in Pleasanton drug fraud

Search warrant turns up drugs, bogus prescriptions

Two Livermore residents have been charged in a Pleasanton prescription fraud, according to a police report.

Christina Marie Singleterry, 24, and Evan Derek Becker, 27 were arrested May 12 after Pleasanton Police Department Special Enforcement Unit served a search warrant on their home. The two were charged in connection with at least 32 counts of prescription fraud, according to the report, which said Singleterry, who worked in a local doctor's office, was forging prescriptions.

Officers learned that Singleterry had been using the doctor's private information to prescribe dangerous and highly addictive narcotic pills to herself, and that she had also been fraudulently initiating prescriptions for Becker, the report said.

The search turned up prescription pills and evidence of a great deal of fraudulent activity, according to the report. Police also found evidence suggesting that other doctors in the area may have been targeted for fraudulent activity and that unauthorized prescriptions may have been issued in their

names, the report said.

Singleterry is being held at the Santa Rita Jail in lieu of \$640,000 bail. Becker is also in custody, with bail yet to be determined.

The report said the case is especially worrying because the abuse of prescription medication is a growing issue among teens and young adults in the area.

Pleasanton police are asking for help from anyone who may have additional information regarding this case. Contact Sgt. Mark Reimer at 931-5170.

—Glenn Wohltmann

CITY

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General Fund revenues, with property tax revenues representing 66% and sales tax revenues 25% of that amount.

Although many cities are experiencing sharp declines in property tax revenues as home values have declined in the past several years, Pleasanton's are not. The city is estimating property tax receipts of \$48.4 million in the current fiscal year, and the same for FY 2011-12.

The 2012-13 budget actually forecasts a slight increase of 2%, with receipts expected to total \$49.4 million.

In fiscal year 2008/09, property taxes for Pleasanton totaled \$50.4 million.

Wagner pointed recently to a slight "uptick" in sales taxes. As a result, sales tax revenue is expected to increase by 5% on both fiscal years that comprise the city's new two-year budget.

With the projected budget gain-

ing an unofficial approval by the council, department managers representing police, fire, planning, parks and other services will prepare their own budget proposals for review at another City Council workshop June 7. The council is expected to vote on the budget proposals at that meeting, and then to adopt the new two-year budget at its meeting June 21 in time to meet the June 30 deadline for approving a new municipal budget for the coming fiscal year. ■

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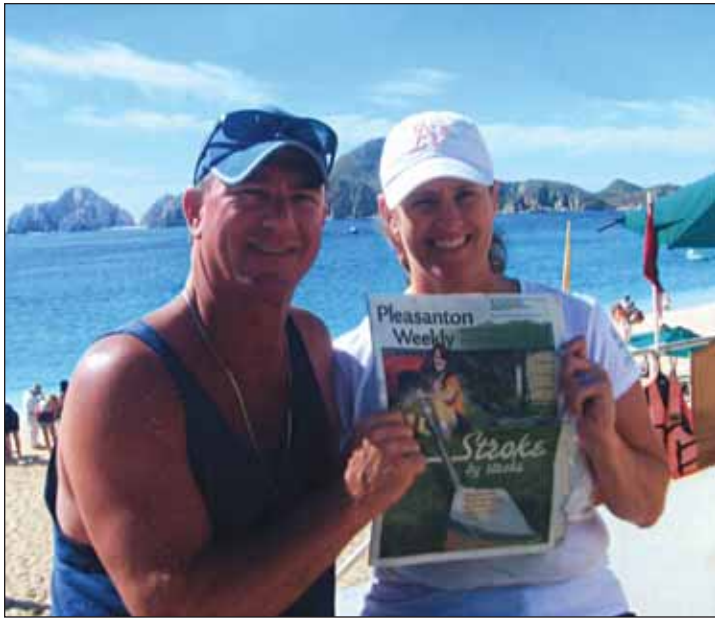
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Happy 21st Anniversary: Chris and Sandy Williams from Pleasanton Meadows celebrate their 20th anniversary in March 2010 in Cabo San Lucas.

Visit the past

Historic home tour
offers glimpse
into yesteryear

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Did a witch really live in the old Victorian house at 733 Division St.? That's what the neighborhood children used to think.

The 1895 Queen Anne style home with its distinctive turret, now owned by George and Linda Garbarino, is on Sunday's tour of six historic homes offered by the Museum On Main and the Pleasanton Heritage Association. The event is a chance to see the insides of special residences on Neal, Division, Second and St. Mary streets as well as the Light House Baptist Church on Neal at Second.

"All of these homeowners are so gracious to let us in," said museum Events Chairwoman Rebecca Bruner. "They feel that they are keeping these homes for the people



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

A historic photo shows the 1895 home on Division Street that will be open to the public Sunday on the Museum On Main home tour. Children used to say that a witch lived here.

in the community, that they belong to the community and they are the caretakers."

The homes have had some remodeling done over the decades, she noted, but all of these owners have tried to keep their houses in character with the era in which they were built.

One of the residences, the old Arendt home on Second Street, was used in the filming of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," starring Mary Pickford, in 1917, as the house where Rebecca went to live with her aunts. The old Baptist Church was also featured in the original movie and a 2009 remake with Pleasanton residents, of "Tom Sawyer."

Bruner said a bonus of the tour is that the homes are all within walking distance of each other, downtown and the Museum On Main, 603 Main St.

"You can walk from one end of town to another," she said. "That's what I've always done."

Tax-deductible tickets, \$25 each, are available now and on the day of the tour at the Museum On Main

where participants will pick up booklets containing the addresses and histories of the homes. The museum will have refreshments as well as ongoing showings of the movies "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" and "Tom Sawyer."

The money goes toward museum programs and exhibits and its archives.

Bruner said she has organized Pleasanton home tours in the past and each one elicits more stories about the history of the old houses in town. Now, she said, the tour will be an ongoing event.

"We want to keep introducing everyone to the wonderful historical buildings and information that we have had the honor as the museum to preserve for the people of Pleasanton," Bruner said. "I just think we have some wonderful older homes in town. It's really fun to see them and to see the work and care and details that go into the homes."

The home tour takes place from noon-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.museumon-main.org. ■

PUSD

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the shift are unclear and school districts across the state are waiting for more information.

Like Gov. Brown's initial budget plan, the May revise is just a proposal, and much could change before a state budget is enacted, Cazares noted.

"Like most folks, I'm hopeful that one will be enacted by June 1," she said.

One other piece of potentially good news for schools came from Sacramento recently. The Republican assembly caucus came out with its budget, which did not include extending the taxes but did support education.

—Glenn Wohltmann



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SOLICITORS

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the night.'... She just kept going and going. ... I burst into tears."

Anderson is not alone in questioning the practices of Mr. Mom and other door-to-door solicitors raising money for needy causes.

Police say they occasionally receive calls from residents concerned about the legitimacy of door-to-door solicitors.

In a recent discussion on the Pleasanton Weekly's Town Square reader forum, one resident asked others to share their experiences with Mr. Mom and quickly received numerous replies from others who had been solicited. After unsuccessfully asking the Weekly to remove the posts, Denise Dinsmore, who describes herself as the co-founder and primary fundraiser of Mr. Mom, posted her own long explanation stating that her organization is legitimate and working hard to serve troubled kids.

Dinsmore has declined to answer questions from the Weekly, including requests for the names

of the agencies or individuals who have benefited from Mr. Mom. She claims to have the required local permits to solicit and to have complied with all state laws. But according to city and state officials interviewed by the Weekly and documents on file with the state Attorney General, the group only last month obtained a business license in Pleasanton and state approval to solicit funds. Neither Danville nor San Ramon has any record of Mr. Mom applying for a business license.

All three cities prohibit any solicitations after dark, but there is a constitutional question that comes into play with enforcing the after dark restriction, according to Pleasanton Assistant City Attorney Larissa Seto.

"Technically, if an organization or person involved in a protected speech activity (such as charities and political organizations) wants to go to homes after 8 p.m., we cannot stop them. We can only encourage them to come back during more regular hours," Seto said. "In theory if the person at the home

asks them not to come back, they should not come back because that would be trespassing."

However, she said a resident who feels harassed or threatened should call police.

"Our Police Department can go out if people call and tell us where they are," Seto said. "If a police officer is available, we'll send them out."

The Mr. Mom Non-Profit Organization has been raising money in the area since 2008, according to a registration statement filed last month with the state. The group admitted in a signed stipulation agreement that it had violated state requirements by not filing proper reports since it initially solicited donations.

With the filing of the registration statement and catch-up reports, the group, which lists a Pleasanton mail drop as its address, was cleared to resume fundraising by the state on April 22.

Registration with the state Registry of Charitable Trusts is required of any charity, but does not mean an organization has obtained its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from

the IRS. Mr. Mom has no such IRS exemption, although Dinsmore says in her Town Square post that such an application is pending with the IRS. Dinsmore cites a "501(c)(3) non-profit number" in handouts that is actually the Federal Employer Identification Number assigned to Mr. Mom.

California law permits an individual or organization raising less than \$25,000 a year for a charitable purpose to operate with few constraints as long as it registers and files a short annual report. Such groups, or even individuals, don't even need to be nonprofit organizations.

For small groups, the state has no way of monitoring how funds are spent. Detailed expenditure reports are not required, but state officials refer questions to the IRS website, which lists all tax-exempt charities including detailed information on where their money is spent.

"By law, the (group or) person has a duty to use that property for its intended charitable purpose," said Rebecca MacLaren of the state Attorney General's office in an emailed statement. "If you solicit and accept money for a charity, you're responsible for making sure it gets used for those purposes. Failure to do so may subject the solicitor to personal liability for the amount received."

Those who've met Dinsmore describe her as a "sweet" 20-something who apparently can be persistent.

It was this persistence that prompted another woman, who asked that her name not be used, to give Dinsmore between \$1,000 and \$2,000 since 2008. She added that many of her neighbors have also contributed.

"This woman — she seemed very honest. She would show up at my house at 11 o'clock (at night)," the woman went on. "She would say she hasn't met their daily quota, there were times she told me that if they didn't meet their daily quota, they'd have to kick a kid out."

The woman said the last straw

came recently when Dinsmore asked that the couple contribute their entire year's donation in advance.

In her posting on Town Square, Dinsmore said Mr. Mom is soliciting donations to fulfill a financial commitment to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

However, Jan Still-Lindeman, senior director of public relations for the national office, said there's no affiliation between Mr. Mom and the Boys and Girls Clubs, and that clubs don't endorse door-to-door solicitations. Local Boys and Girls clubs contacted by the Weekly say they have never heard of the organization.

Dinsmore would not provide information on how the funds she raises are spent, but in her Town Square posting she said she is helping a "very small number of kids that have aged out of foster care" and that "we also assist non foster care kids that are in desperate need of financial support."

None of the several foster care agencies in Alameda or Contra Costa counties contacted by the Weekly, however, had heard of Mr. Mom.

"Donors have to be proactive and make sure they know who they're giving money to," said Belinda James, head of the state's charitable trust section of the Attorney General's office. "What's important is not to give impulsively but to check out the name and make sure the charity appears in our website and make sure that it's current in reporting to us. That's a red flag, if the charity isn't current on reporting to our agency."

James said potential donors should not be afraid to ask questions if someone shows up and asks for money. Ask for written information from whoever is soliciting; any reputable charity will have the answers.

"If a donor is solicited and doesn't know about the charity, the best thing to do is to ask for written information before giving a donation," James said. ■



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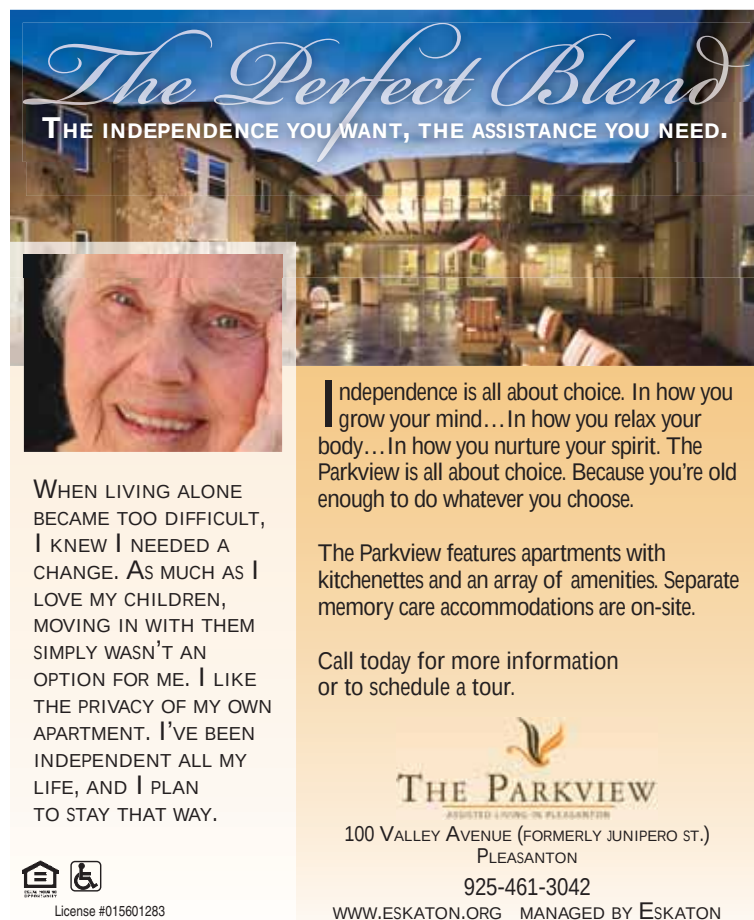
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Juan and Benjamin, brothers from Jackson Avenue Elementary school in Livermore, display their prize fish caught at Shadow Cliffs lake at the recent 20th annual Special Kids Fishing Derby, hosted by the East Bay Regional Park District and the Livermore and Pleasanton Lions Clubs. It was a chance for 150 kids to go fishing, assisted by fishermen who came from as far away as Reno to help out. The day included lots of fun activities, ending with a hotdog lunch and awards for catching the biggest fish.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Community of Character winners

Juanita Haugen, a nationally known public schools advocate and the longest-serving member ever of the Pleasanton school board, would be proud that the Community of Character program she established has become an ingrained part of our community. The program, established in 2008, recognizes those who consistently model high ethical and moral standards of behavior, including responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, honesty, respect and integrity. Mrs. Haugen died in 2007, but her Community of Character beliefs live on in the form of classroom instruction, on a plaque in the City Council chamber and on one-word banners touting each of the traits that frequently hang over the entrance to public buildings and at times under the Arch on Main Street.

Last week at a luncheon, the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative honored four individuals and a nonprofit organization with Juanita Haugen Community of Character awards for their achievements: Chuck Deckert, Ron Sutton, Joyce and Bob Shapiro and the Assistance League of Amador Valley.

Deckert joined the Pleasanton Jaycees because the organization was involved in a number of community service projects and he wanted to serve his community and make a difference. That led to his service on the Pleasanton Human Services Commission from 1988 to 1996 and more recently as Poverty Outreach Leader for the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, providing food and housing for those in need. Shortly after becoming a board member of the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society, which operates the Museum On Main, Deckert was diagnosed with leukemia. While undergoing treatments, he continued to serve on the museum board and later as a trained volunteer with the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, offering his own experience with leukemia to support, encourage and offer guidance to those newly diagnosed.

Ron Sutton, the founder and chief executive of ACCUSPLIT, a stopwatches and pedometer manufacturer in Pleasanton, travels extensively on business yet finds the time to volunteer for projects with Pleasanton North Rotary and the school district. He even organizes and manages community service projects, such as the Ed Kinney Patriot awards, the annual Fourth of July picnic in downtown Pleasanton, Green Dog Rangers (a group he leads in picking up litter along public streets and in parks), and "World Walk to Wellness," which has raised more than \$5,000 for the Pleasanton Partnerships In Education Foundation.

Bob and Joyce Shapiro were honored for their work on behalf of the Tri-Valley YMCA, Pleasanton Leadership, the Las Positas College Foundation, the Rotary Club of Pleasanton and significant outreach and community service programs in Pleasanton. They both advocate compassion, respect, honesty and integrity in their business, personal and volunteer lives. This couple shines a brighter light on all that is good with Pleasanton and all that is right for all of us. Both have worked tirelessly for nonprofit fundraisers in the community, and Joyce Shapiro currently co-chairs the YMCA's annual fundraising drive.

The Assistance League of Amador Valley consists of more than 80 women who are dedicated to serving their community. Formed in 1990 by 40 charter members from Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, the organization's goals have been to identify and fulfill worthwhile needs in the community through philanthropic programs. The organization raises about \$40,000 each year from fundraisers and receives from \$20,000 to \$40,000 in grants from local businesses and corporations. The ALAV is 100 percent volunteer staffed and all funds directly benefit the community. ■



SUE EVANS

Recipients of 2011 Community of Character awards are (from left) Ron Sutton, Chuck Deckert, Bob and Joyce Shapiro and Carol Sum of the Assistance League.

LETTERS

Stick to the facts

Dear Editor,

OK, Pleasanton Weekly. It is time to stop crying over our "dysfunctional democracy." Do you remember that last school tax? Like always, we were promised "accountability" for the expenditures. Has anyone seen any publication of this information?

How about the pandering to the senior citizens in our fair town.

"You won't have to pay it," they said, "just vote for it so someone else will have to pay."

Finally, the tax is per parcel.

The definition is "any parcel that receives a separate tax bill for ad valorem property taxes." Do you own a single unit rental? That is another parcel subject to the tax. Do you own an apartment complex? That is a single parcel and would have been billed only \$98. What about the maybe 50 apartments in this complex with 50 families that will not have to pay the tax? Of course these families will vote for the measure since they will not have to pay it.

I guess that the expensive consultants figured that there would be enough seniors and renters that had nothing to lose to pass this parcel tax. That "barely visible minority" saw through all this boondoggle to stop it. Dysfunctional my butt.

On page 3, the Weekly is asking for paid subscriptions and on the Opinion page, it resorts to name calling and belittling 35% of the active voters in Pleasanton (and its readers). Just stick to the facts: 35% of the voting population in Pleasanton did not like the choices that were given and voted it down.

David Pastor

Missed opportunity

Dear Editor,

Talk about disappointment. Are we intentionally trying to go backwards in education after so much hard work to get it to where it was only two years ago?

My oldest son attended Pleasanton Unified School District from first through 12th grade, graduating in 2005. This was before class-size reduction and specialists were added at each school site. The class size was large and as a result my son didn't learn to read until second grade, nor was it noticed that he was having a hearing problem.

My youngest son is a third-grader at Fairlands. We were fortunate enough to benefit from the smaller class size at the beginning. He learned to read in kindergarten. The class size was small enough for the teachers to recognize any learning or behavioral issues. He has benefited greatly from the extra support provided by specialists.

Why do we want to go back to the larger class size and lose some important resources needed to

help our kids, our future, succeed? By voting down Measure E that is exactly what we have done.

Measure E should have passed easily if the facts were understood. PUSD is constrained by unions and the state. If more people understood this they most likely would have seen why Measure E was so important to our schools.

I don't know what will happen with our once outstanding schools until the state's economy picks up. We missed our opportunity to help keep our schools at the high academic level we have today. What a shame for our kids.

Lori Bautista

High density housing

Dear Editor,

I am writing regarding your story in the May 13 paper, "Hundreds object to more housing near Bernal park." As one of the residents protesting the selection of Site 7 (for high density housing) I would like to commend your accurate, unbiased reporting and presentation of the facts and issues which fairly represented all parties involved. I felt that your article alerted the public to the myriad of challenges and issues faced by the residents of Site 7 and all of the other residents living within or near the other potential sites under consideration by the Town Planning and Housing Committees.

There is no easy solution to the dilemma we all face as Pleasanton homeowners who are being asked to shoulder the responsibility of adding more high density housing units to our community. My hope is that the City Council, Housing and Planning committees take the points made by the Site 7 residents into serious consideration when making the final site selections and rezoning decisions. I count my blessings every day that we live in a free society and that we as citizens can exercise our right to free speech at the recent public town hall meetings. Accurate reporting in the news is a rarity these days. Thank you again for your objective reporting and staying on top of this important issue which affects so many Pleasanton residents.

Wesley Lem and Sangita Patel

Go ahead and give

Dear Editor,

I'd like to voice my disappointment in the editorial comments in the May 6 Opinion section, "A majority vote loses out in Pleasanton." It appears that the editors are taking the approach that the Democrats in Congress are currently taking toward the growing group of Americans who do not believe raising taxes is the best way to solve our government's financial problems. To vilify a group of people who vote for what they

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OPINION

LETTERS

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believe in is very disappointing. All Americans have the right to vote as they want and should not have to be ridiculed.

Protecting the minority from the will of the majority is one of the basic tenets of our government. Chances are that those who complain now will be happy to have these protections in the future when they are part of the minority.

As I did after the last parcel tax failed, I would like to invite all of those who voted for this tax to go ahead and contribute the same amount to the schools. If you truly believe in supporting your schools, please write those checks.

Finally, I'd like to suggest that the school district and the community continue to give serious thought about where our education dollars go. It's time to start realizing that we cannot live beyond our means. It's time to start separating the "nice to have" items from the "must have" items and to make the difficult decisions required to ensure our children get a quality education in our new financial reality.

Karl Aitken

Weekly gets an 'F'

Dear Editor,

The Weekly's editorial on the parcel tax, "A majority vote loses out in Pleasanton," was an insult to the community. Saying that the opponents of the tax were right-wing and Tea Party advocates was unfounded and childish; opponents came from all political spectrums. It is clear that the editor of the Weekly was emotionally invested in the tax; since his wife works for the school district, his family income is affected. He demonstrated no professional objectivity.

The School Board members were not barred from fighting back, as the editorial states. It was clearly the opposite. The district was changing the rules with senior exemptions midway through the election, not truthfully answering questions, sending out district-paid fliers, campaigning on school property, cutting off those who disagreed with them, and generally running the campaign from the dais.

The May 8 editorial also implies that residents should stay home and not involve themselves in their government. There were no speakers with loud, demanding voices. Some were upset after being cut-off after speaking for three minutes, while the district's bylaws allow for five minutes. The district was visibly upset that the public would come to a School Board meeting to give input or ask questions. They felt that five speakers at a board meeting are too many and discussed limiting the public to one minute and to get a "hook" to stop the public from speaking at our public meetings.

Our democracy depends on an engaged citizenry, and media that is the watchdog for the people. The Pleasanton Weekly and the

School District both earned an "F" grade.

Steve Brozosky

Insulted by editorial

Dear Editor,

I'm a proud parent of a teacher. Our second grandchild is now attending Pleasanton schools, as did our three children. The Weekly's editorial May 6, "A majority vote loses out in Pleasanton," on the defeat of Measure E was disturbing and offensive. It was demeaning to those who actively opposed the measure, and to every citizen who voted against it. It's so easy to label those with whom you disagree, by implying wrongly that the "right wing" and the "Tea Party" led the fight against the measure. Obviously, the Weekly strongly favors the other end of the political spectrum. Name calling and labeling has always been part of that strategy.

The Weekly complains about California's "direct democracy" and the need for a two-thirds vote to pass tax increases. Don't forget that our nation is a Democratic Republic, not a true democracy. I'm pretty sure the Weekly wouldn't really like a government where a simple majority always prevailed. Then, there truly would be no voice for the minority.

How disgusting that the Weekly proclaimed it was thankful that those who voted No do not control the rest of the city's operations. So many honest, hard working Pleasanton citizens were insulted simply because they disagree on an issue.

Many of us have, or continue paying our dues, served in office, ran for office, volunteer, sit/sat on boards, commissions, committees and won the Community Development Award.

Now, the Weekly is asking us to pay to support them. It takes a lot of nerve to insult someone and then ask them to pay for the privilege of being insulted.

Dorene Paradiso-Carroll

Thanks, CSEA

Dear Editor,

We should all commend the Classified School Employee' Association (CSEA) union for agreeing to save cost via furlough days in their recently negotiated contract with the Pleasanton Unified School District. Because of the cost savings achieved by this concession, lay-offs were avoided for this (non-teacher) group of employees.

Thank you, CSEA, for exhibiting such extraordinary leadership in your community and compassion for your fellow workers during these challenging economic times.

David Miller

PUSD gambled funds away

Dear Editor,

Based on a questionable strategy to win an election with five additional Yes votes than Measure G, Pleasanton Unified School District gambled away \$335,000 for a special election and consultants.

In June 2009, Measure G ob-

tained 10,995 Yes votes, but it didn't pass. For Measure E, the PUSD administration worked with a consultant to pass a parcel tax with a strategy to persuade 11,000 voters to vote Yes. That's only five more Yes votes than Measure G got.

Take a look at the plan as outlined in the Nov. 9, 2010, board on the District's website. How was a strategy to obtain five additional Yes votes than Measure G received a "winning strategy"? Were the consultant's strategy, deliverables and survey data vetted by district staff prior to them being shown to the board? Or in signing off on the 11,000 voter plan, did PUSD administrators show the June 9, 2009, letter the Registrar of Voters sent to the previous superintendent with the Measure G final election results to the consultants?

With what was spent on the election and consultants, PUSD could have funded five full-time teachers instead. Did anyone in the PUSD staff bring up that the 11,000 voter strategy was only five more votes than Measure G? Or did PUSD take the word of the consultants, as they have in the past, as if they were divinely inspired and their word on any given issue is The Word revealed?

Anne Fox

Thanks, school community

Dear Editor,

A total of 13,430 voters said Yes to Measure E. Although the results were not what we had hoped for, I want the school employees to know that I appreciate everything each and every one of them did on their own time to help with the campaign and to get the message out. Remember, over 60% of the community does not have children in school, yet many of them who voted also marked Yes for Measure E.

Again, the majority of the voters said Yes. Our parents continue to support us through donations and by volunteering in our schools and classrooms every day, because they believe in our teachers, our employees and our students.

Everyone is touched by education, but not everyone is necessarily aware of what it takes to educate children in today's world, especially with the limited budget we have. We have to continue to advocate for all kids, push for reform at the state level, inform the community, and support each other and our employees.

The work that our district does is an investment in the future of our country and the world. I know the days following the election may be tough for our school community but I ask everyone to keep your chin up and know that I truly appreciate everything you do for the district and for students.

Thank you to everyone who chose education as their profession. I am honored to work with such dedicated and hard working employees.

**Parvin Ahmadi, Superintendent,
Pleasanton Unified School District**

POLICE BULLETIN

Cash machine stolen from gas station

An ATM machine worth \$3,500 was stolen from a gas station in the 4100 block of First Street between 10 p.m. May 9 and 5:58 a.m. May 10, according to a police report, which said the machine held \$1,520 in cash.

In other police reports:

A weekend commercial burglary at Livermore Allergy and Dermatology in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road netted two laptop computers worth \$700 and \$500, a \$200 digital camera, \$40 in cash, a prescription pad and a Costco credit card, a police report said. The front door was pried open with a screwdriver between 5:30 p.m. May 13 and 8:35 a.m. May 16, according to the report.

A dentist's office at the same address was also burglarized around the same period, according to a police report, which said a \$1,600 digital camera and \$35 in cash were stolen. The door to that office was also pried open.

The garage door of a home in the 4500 block of Lin Gate Street was pried open between 10:15 and 11:45 a.m. May 17, according to a police report. Antique coins valued at \$2,500 were stolen, along with three watches worth \$1,000, \$850 and \$150, two video game consoles worth \$250 apiece, \$950 in jewelry, a \$150 camera, speakers worth \$100 and a cable box valued at \$100; damage to the garage doors was estimated at \$350, the report said.

A computer worth \$1,200 and a \$40 computer bag were stolen from a vehicle in the 2500 block of Tapestry Way between 8:30 p.m. May 11 and 9 a.m. May 12, a police report said.

POLICE REPORT

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

May 10

Theft

- 6:27 a.m. in the 4100 block of First Street; grand theft
- 11:08 a.m. in the 3900 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft

Auto break in

- 8:34 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; auto break-in, marijuana possession

Vandalism

- 12:20 a.m. in the 700 block of Rose Avenue
- 1:52 a.m. in the 2200 block of Doccia Court

DUI

- 11:50 p.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Muirwood Drive

May 11

Petty theft

- 6:10 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 4:36 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

Battery

- 10:17 p.m. in the 3300 block of Medallion Court

Vandalism

- 9:11 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- 9:25 a.m. in the 4100 block of First Street
- 11:01 a.m. in the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Public drunkenness

- 1:10 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

May 12

Theft

- 9:48 a.m. in the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road; grand theft
- 11:52 a.m. in the 2500 block of Tapestry Way; grand theft
- 7:24 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:49 p.m. in the 3000 block of Gardella Plaza; prescription forgery, possession of a controlled substance

May 13

Theft

- 9:23 a.m. in the 7800 block of Knollbrook Drive; petty theft
- 3:14 p.m. in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle; theft
- 4:59 p.m. in the 200 block of Kottinger Drive; possession of stolen property, possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance
- 5:53 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Burglary

- 9:21 a.m. in the 800 block of E. Angela Street

Vandalism

- 6:53 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:06 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue; DUI
- 2:54 p.m. in the 1600 block of Tanglewood Court; possession of a hypodermic needle; possession of a prescription in another's name

May 14

Auto burglary

- 3:55 a.m. in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Drug/alcohol violations

- 11:24 a.m. in the 100 block of Spring Street; DUI
- 2:23 a.m. at the intersection of Peters Avenue and W. Angela Street; public drunkenness
- 3:10 p.m. in the 6900 block of Valley Trails Drive; marijuana possession, possession of tobacco by a minor
- 4:23 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness

May 15

Theft

- 10:10 a.m. in the 700 block of Rolling Hills Lane; theft
- 5:31 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Battery

- 9:24 p.m. in the 3600 block of Bernal Avenue

Vandalism

- 9:22 a.m. in the 1900 block of Paseo del Cajon



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PCUP 295, A Hand'N Hand Inc.** - Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Career Training Center within an existing building located at 5980 Stoneridge Drive, Suites 110 and 112.
- **PUD-85-08-22M, City of Pleasanton** - Workshop to discuss development standards and design guidelines for future mixed use development on the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station site.

Bicycle Pedestrian and Trails Committee

Monday, May 23, 2011 @ 6:30 pm
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd

- Application to League of American Bicyclists for Bicycle Friendly Community Status
- Bicycle Detection at Signalized Intersections
- Bicycle Lane Installations
- Trails Project Status Report

Energy & Environment Committee Workshop

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 @ 6:00 pm
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Review the Climate Action Plan

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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Checkmate



Chess Club offers strategies, problem solving and competition

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Chess may be the “Game of Kings” but some young non-royals are giving it a go in Pleasanton.

“You can be like a king and protect your little kingdom,” said Adam Lavine, a parent volunteer who heads up the Chess Club at Hart Middle School. “You’re commanding a little army and are like the general of a small force.”

The object of chess is to strategize how to checkmate — capture completely — the opponent’s king. Each side has 16 pieces — eight pawns, two knights, two bishops, two rooks, one queen and one king — and each kind moves differently.

“I love the fact that the queen is protecting the king,” Lavine said.

“It’s a good metaphor for life,” he added. “You get ‘people’ from different skill sets to work together and cooperate, help each other, and make the whole team stronger.”

The Thomas Hart Chess Club and Carden West School sponsored the first Tri-Valley Chess Tournament on Sunday, for students in grades 1-8. The tournament, held at Carden West, was Swiss style, meaning players were progressively matched with others closer to their skill levels so, win or lose, everyone continued to play.

“The tournament was a great success, with 44 entrants,” said Lavine. “We had a nice mix, some girls. Two sisters had to play each other in the final round.”

The Chess Club at Hart began as an activity in the afterschool Gifted and Talented Education Program about six years ago, said teacher and GATE liaison Marla Simon.

“This year, however, it’s grown a lot,” she said. GATE activities are open to all students, she explained, and Hart has many high-achieving students who enjoy learning and playing chess.

“They like the competition,” Simon said.



ADAM LAVINE

Students control their “armies” at the Hart Middle School Chess Club. Each session begins with dissecting a classic chess game, then the students play against each other.

“When they finish a game they’ll watch other people and get a lot of good information from working with one another.”

“A lot of the kids are also interested in math,” noted Simon. “I asked them, ‘What do you guys like about it?’ and they answered: problem solving, competition and strategies.”

“It’s a way to socialize and to do something fun at the same time,” she added. “They’re re-

ally excited to come. It’s mostly males, about three females — there’s a lot of male energy.”

Lavine hooks up a computer to project plays at the beginning of each club meeting, for about 20 minutes; the rest of the time is free play.

“The great thing about chess today is there is a historical record of the great games available for everybody,” Lavine said. “We can walk through these amaz-

ing games that have taken place over the years.”

“There are all sorts of tactics,” he explained. “Every week I’ll pick a classic game and walk the kids through it, to see step by step what’s happening.”

Chess at Carden West School is offered as an afterschool enrichment program on Mondays from preschool through middle school, led by the Berkeley Chess Club.

“There are a number of online chess games that the students are quite familiar with where they can test their skills,” said parent volunteer Stephanie Shah. “They are also encouraged to play with siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, friends, grandparents to enhance their skills.”

The Hart Chess Club has acquired some chess clocks, which were used for the tournament. The players had 25 minutes to play, then were given 10 minutes each for a total of 45 minutes.

The tournament cost \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door, and players were divided into Junior (grades 1-5) and Middle (grades 6-8). They followed basic tournament rules, including touch move and chess clocks, but it was not a rated or USCF-sponsored event.

“The parents were not allowed in during the tournament,” Lavine said. “I had the referee come in, he teaches at Carden West, and a parent volunteer and it was great.”

He plans to hold a second annual event next year and is debating whether to keep the Swiss style or use the knockout format. He will use some of this year’s proceeds to buy more chess clocks.

“We have some very, very good players. The kids really enjoy the game and playing each other,” Lavine said. “This generation, it’s not so much who wins and loses but they enjoy playing with each other.” ■



Tournament winners

Junior Division

First: Arun Khemani, *Hearst Elementary*

Second: David Zhang, *Vintage Hill Elementary*

Third: Mike Nguyen, *Carden West School*

Senior Division

First: Jack Zhu, *Thomas Hart Middle School*

Second: Naved Krishnamurthy, *Valley Montessori School*

Third (three-way tie): Brian Chan, *Thomas Hart Middle School*; Alex Lim, *Thomas Hart Middle School*; Kevin Zhu, *Harvest Park Middle School*

A detailed drawing of a miner in a hard hat, looking directly at the viewer. The background is a collage of colorful, abstract shapes and figures, including a group of people and a large, stylized face.

A painting of a woman waiting at a street corner. She is wearing a light-colored coat and a hat, and is holding a bag. The street sign above her reads "TOCKTON" and "1.00". A red mailbox is visible on the right.



Breakfast with friends at the HOMETOWN PANCAKE

Service groups join together to host old-fashioned f

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pancakes, sausages, orange juice and coffee in a beautiful park with lots of friends. What better way to start a Saturday? It's even free.

Pleasanton service groups are joining together June 4 to host an old-fashioned pancake breakfast at Delucchi Park on First Street near the Farmers Market. There is no charge for the pancake feast but donations are encouraged to the Pleasanton Military Families Support Group, whose members will be collecting for packages they are assembling and mailing out the next day.

"The whole idea came from the VFW," said Pat Leary, who recently became a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 in Pleasanton. "It kind of exploded from there. Lots of folks got enthused and got involved with it."

Besides the VFW, the clubs involved are American Legion Post 237, Pleasanton Lions Club, Tri Valley Rotary, Pleasanton Military Families Support Group, Rotary Club of Pleasanton North and Pleasanton Boy Scouts.

These groups are used to fundraising and know how to get things done. All of the food has been donated, and the preparation and cooking duties have been assigned:

- VFW — sausages
- Lions — pancakes
- Tri-Valley Rotary — orange juice
- North Pleasanton Rotary — coffee
- American Legion — donate plates, utensils, etc., and set up.

Boy Scouts will bus the tables. And the Pleasanton Military Families Support Group will be collecting items for their packout to arrive at bases in Afghanistan and Iraq in time for the Fourth of July. People also can give money to help with the \$12.50 per box mailing.

"It's just getting hot there," noted Chairwoman Pat Frizzell. She

suggested donating neck coolers of the kind that are dipped into water; she knows they aren't cheap but says even a contribution of one or two would help.

"They could use sunscreen, bug repellent -- nothing aerosol," she said. "They are really important when the summer weather comes."

They are also looking for small toiletries, baby wipes, foot powder, talcum powder, Cornhuskers lotion, lip balm, beef jerky and foil pouches of tuna and chicken. A complete list can be found at pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

Frizzell's team has been shopping around for red, white and blue items to keep with the Fourth of July theme for the troops, including beach balls.

"We try to always include stuff that's fun," she said. "In the summertime we always send water balloons and squirt guns."

The next day the Military Families Support Group will be at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street for the Fourth of July Packout, to assemble 250 packages to send to troops overseas.

"We move around, sort of like gypsies, we look for what's available," Frizzell said. "At Easter we were at the Masonic Lodge."

Another reason for the pancake breakfast is for folks to learn about the service groups in Pleasanton.

"We all wanted to let people know who we are," said Dave Hamm, pancake coordinator, who was just elected the incoming commander of VFW Post 6298.

"People know that the VFW, American Legion, Rotary, Lions exist but they don't know what we actually do," agreed Leary. "We are a service organization as well as a social club. I'm finding particularly that the Pleasanton post is active doing community things."

All of the clubs will have fliers and handouts explaining what their members do in the community.

"We're always surprised how many people don't know we're here," said Frizzell, adding that a woman had recently found out about them just as her son was finishing his tour of duty overseas.

"We're happy to have anybody who wants to join us. They don't have to have child in the military, so long as they support our military," Frizzell said. "We have a long email list to make them aware of homecomings, and we

Marci Gross helps the Pleasanton Lions Club serve a pancake breakfast. The Lions will use their culinary expertise at the Hometown Pancake Breakfast.



PAKE DAY

Fun and to help the troops

have a family support meeting monthly.”

“We’re really grateful that the service organizations came up with this idea to all come together and they’ve made Pleasanton Military Families the recipient of any monetary donations or materials,” she added.

The American Legion Post 237 in Pleasanton currently has 168 members, said Adjutant Rich Ghera.

“We’re always looking for more,” he said.

VFW members have served overseas in foreign wars, while American Legion members, although they may have served overseas, were not in a designated war theater, Ghera explained.

“A lot of guys belong to both,” he said.

The clubs work together to put flags and medallions on the grave of each veteran in the Pleasanton cemeteries on Sunol Avenue during the week of Memorial Day. They also attend the welcoming home ceremonies given to returning troops by the Pleasanton Military Families Support Group.

“We’re always looking for new members,” said Lions President Steve Grimes. “This year we have 16 new members; right now we’re at about 54 members.”

“We do a lot of community service,” he added. They recently served the pancake breakfast at the Special Kids Day at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area, which teams up experienced fishermen with the special needs children for a day of outdoor fun. And for years they’ve collect used eyeglasses at different spots around town, including the library.

“We put on a crab feed every year,” Grimes said. “On Jan. 28, we had 1,250 at the Fairgrounds.” They also serve pancakes to the hundreds of volunteers at the Alameda County Fairgrounds for the biannual East Bay Stand Down weekend for homeless military veterans.

The Lions were happy to lend their culinary skills to this newest community event, Grimes said.

“We want people to come out and enjoy themselves,” he added. “If they can’t donate, we want them to come out anyway.”

“Everybody is really excited about this,” Ghera said. “We saw this as an opportunity to help the Pleasanton Military Families.” ■

STEFFI GROSS

kfast at the Special Kids Day at Shadow Cliffs last month. The day on June 4 at Delucchi Park in downtown Pleasanton.

Serving pancakes — and the troops

What: Hometown Pancake Day

Where: Delucchi Park, First Street and Angela in Pleasanton

When: 7-11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 4

Who: Service groups in Pleasanton

Cost: Free but donations to the troops are encouraged. Pleasanton Military Families Support Group will have a collection booth.



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Pat Frizzell, Pleasanton Military Families Support Group

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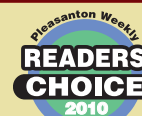
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Author Visits

TRI-VALLEY TRAILS: HIKING ADVENTURES IN THE GREATER LIVERMORE, AMADOR, AND SAN RAMON VALLEYS Authors Nancy Rodrigue and Jacky Poulsen will appear from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, May 23, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, to discuss their recently published book, “Tri-Valley Trails: Hiking Adventures in the Greater Livermore, Amador, and San Ramon Valleys.” They will provide an overview of the local parks featured and take the audience on virtual hikes, showing photographs along the way. Call 828-7252 or visit www.aclibrary.org.

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Clubs

BOOST YOUR CAREER AT TOASTMASTERS Grow professionally at Chamber Chatters, a Toastmasters club that meets from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills. Visit www.chamberchatters.wordpress.com/.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter meets the first Saturday of the month. It is a social gathering and time to explore the history of our American roots. For meeting time and location, call Susan at 699-4147.

EAST BAY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION The East Bay Executives Association is a non-profit organization for helping businesses network with other businesses. It meets at 7:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays monthly at Shari’s, 3360 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley. Call 600-7342.

KIWANIS CLUB The Kiwanis Club meets at 11:45 a.m. Fridays at Vic’s All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. For information, call 1-800-Kiwanis.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasantonnewcomers.com or call Ruby M. at 462-6404.

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. It has a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Hap’s Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit www.pleasantonrotary.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at the Hilton Hotel, 7050 Johnson Dr. Call 580-7947 or visit www.pnr-rotary.org.

SOCRATES CAFE The Socrates Cafe discusses modern philosophical questions using the Socratic method, on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at Peets Coffee, corner of Valley Ave. and Hopyard Rd. No politics involved. Call 249-1865 or visit www.digiassist.com/SocratesCafePleasanton.html.

TRI-VALLEY EXECUTIVES’ ASSOCIATION Established in 1984, the Tri-Valley Executives’ Association

helps business owners and managers develop resourceful relationships in a fun and progressive format. The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday at Vic’s All Star Kitchen, 201-A Main St. Membership is open to businesses that are not in competition with a current member of the association. Call 736-4522 or visit www.trivalleyexecs.com.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Polycom, 4750 Willow Rd. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

WRITERS CLUB MEETING Tri-Valley Branch of California Writers Club hosts Chris Baty, National Novel Writers Month, at its monthly meeting from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Oasis Grille, 780 Main St. All writers are invited to this luncheon. Baty, author of “No Plot? No Problem!,” started NaNoWri Mo, an annual November challenge to write a 50,000-word novel from scratch, in a month’s time. Cost \$21 for members and \$27 for non-members. Reserve seats by May 18 by calling 484-5924 or emailing alanger2@comcast.net.

Concerts

MAMAPALOOZA FESTIVAL A nationwide celebration of mothers who are artists, the Mamapalooza show includes rock, swing, jazz, piano, songwriting, poetry and filmmaking. The concert is from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Saturday, May 28, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$10-\$18 for adults; and \$6-\$12 for seniors and children. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT Pleasanton Community Concert Band will host a Memorial Day Concert at 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 30, at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 846-5897 or visit www.pleasantonband.org.

VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE “If Music Be the Food of Love” performance begins at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Audience members will soon hear their stomachs growl as the Valley Concert Chorale dishes up a concert of culinary delights. Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, \$10 for high school and college students with ID., children 14 and under are free. Call 462-4205.

Events

‘GRADUATION POETRY BLITZ’ Three teen poets laureate and friends will celebrate the end of school year with poetry and music from 6:30-9 p.m., Friday, June 3, at the Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Rd. Teen Poets Laureate Noelle Malindzak, Mitch Grimes and Vivian Tsai will read their poems, followed by a musical intermission featuring The Unholy Grail and The Front Porch. An open mic will take place after intermission. Cost \$5 for adults and free for students with ID. Visit www.firehousearts.org.

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MAIFEST IM BIERGARTEN San Ramon Valley German School presents its first May Festival from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Beer Garden, Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. It is a family spring celebration with traditional German food, music and children's activities to benefit the San Ramon Valley German School. Suggested donation \$10. Call 273-4100.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE This year's Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, May 30, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., with speeches by elected officials, patriotic songs, a 21-Gun Salute to the Fallen, and more. The keynote speaker will be Deputy Garrison Commander Larry Smith, Camp Parks Training Center, Dublin.

MUSEUM ON MAIN HOME TOUR Tour the lovely homes of downtown in this first annual event from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 22 at Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Discover the historic gems of downtown, historic remodels, as well as new construction built to fit right in with the charming community. Tickets. \$25. Call 462-2766.

OPEN HOUSE Meet AAA agents from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at AAA Dublin Branch, 4460 Tassajara Road, Suite B, Dublin. Get smart tips to keep kids safe in cars, and learn about auto insurance, life insurance and member benefits. Refreshments, prize drawings, and event only gifts.

PEACEFUL WAR PROTEST Pleasantonians 4 Peace has an ongoing peaceful war protest from 5 to 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at First and Neal streets. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowd-ing@pacbell.net. Visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

Fundraisers

FREE PET ADOPTIONS Valley Humane Society is participating in the second annual Maddie's Fund Adoptathon from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. June 4-5 at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. They are offering free pet adoptions to qualified homes. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

GARAGE SALE FOR THE ANIMALS Valley Humane Society will hold a huge fundraising garage sale from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, May 21-22, at 3229 Curtis Circle, to benefit its building campaign and animal care programs. The sale will feature a wide variety of gently used furniture, clothing, books, household goods and other donated items. Call 872-7668 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

GOLF TOURNAMENT ValleyCare Health Systems invites you to join them on the golf course for their 27th annual golf fundraiser Friday, June 3, at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore, with lunch, golf contests and a sit-down dinner. Proceeds to benefit the ValleyCare Emergency Room Campaign. Call 373-4560.

GOLF TOURNAMENT The HopYard Ale House will be hosting its 18th annual HopYard Golf Scramble on Monday, June 27 at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle. Barbecue lunch provided and prepared for Vince McNamara of McNamara's Steak & Chop House. The barbecue steak dinner is provided and prepared by Tony Macchiano & Pleasanton Garbage Service. Proceeds to benefit the ValleyCare Health Library & Ryan Comer Cancer resource Center. For more information call 373-4560.

Health

MINI HEALTH FAIR HCCC Human Services will present a Mini Health Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, May 22, at Shiva-Vishnu Temple, 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore. Consult physicians with expertise in internal medicine, cardiology and nutrition. Have your blood sugar and blood pressure measurements. For more information, email Human Services Chair suman1218@yahoo.com or call the Temple at 449-6255.

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Kids & Teens

THEATER GAMES Free Theater Games will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, a program in which audience members of all ages are encouraged to participate in the fun. Presented by veteran Improvisor and author Kenn Adams through Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy. Visit www.TriValleyYPA.org.

Lectures

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION & NEGATIVE EQUITY SEMINAR An informational seminar relating to foreclosure prevention, and how to reduce your negative equity. The lecture is from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 25 at Railroad Station, 55 West Angela Street Ste 100. Underwriters will be on site to review your note and deed as well as any foreclosure notices at no cost. RSVP to angel@propsolutionsinc.com by May 9, seating is limited.

Live Music

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

CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP

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DEPRESSION & BIPOLAR Depression Bipolar Support Alliance, DBSA, is a support group for people who live with depression, bipolar and other disabilities. They can help each other navigate the ups and downs of life! A place where you can be yourself and feel safe. The group meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m. every Wednesday, at St. Claire's Episcopal Church, Classroom 1, 3350 Hopyard Rd., although it is not affiliated with the church. No charge for meetings. Call 462-6415 or visit www.dbsalliance.org/pleasanton.

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210 Garage/Estate Sales

Alamo, 1401 Danville Blvd.,
May 21 9:00-4:00

Pleasanton, 3031 Boardwalk Street,
MAY 21, 9-4

MOVING SALE! toys, household items, clothing, furniture, teen boy's bike, electronics, solid South American Mahogany flooring (~200 sq.ft.), and MORE!

Pleasanton, 3231 Vineyard Ave, Current

Pleasanton, 3595 Ballantyne Dr, May 21 & 22, 8-1 and May 28 & 29 MOVING SALE- furniture, electronics, housewares, antiques, outdoor play toys and more.

Pleasanton, Mendenhall Ct, May 21, 8 - 3 BLOCK SALE!! 8am - 3pm

Multi family GARAGE SALE Pleasanton May 21st from 9-3 A wide variety of household items, toys, clothing, etc. Location is Jensen St in Pleasanton, with a cross street of Santa Rita Rd (Across from Amador High School).

240 Furnishings/ Household items

Entertainment Cabinet - 20

Loveseat Chair Ottoman and Table - \$400

Oak Buffet Barley Twist Legs - \$375

245 Miscellaneous

Encyclopedia set Compton's - \$25

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OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Castro Valley

4 BEDROOMS

20350 Wisteria Street \$429,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

Danville

5 BEDROOMS

1250 Country Lane \$1,599,950
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS

4022 Arellano Court \$587,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

Fremont

4 BEDROOMS

890 Pebblewood Court \$2,299,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Sherri Stoneberger 510-504-7177

Livermore

1 BEDROOMS

57 Meritage Common #203 \$152,500
Sun 1-4:30 Ivy LoGerfo 998-5312

3 BEDROOMS

833 El Rancho Drive \$399,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

2872 Hoya Common \$524,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

4 BEDROOMS

1197 Orchid Street \$429,000
Sun 1-4:30 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

1414 Aspen Court \$617,500
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

5 BEDROOMS

683 Shadow Mist Court \$1,295,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

1641 Call of the Wild \$899,950
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

5748 Belleza Drive \$399,950
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

3 BEDROOMS

4165 Cortina Court \$469,900
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

1835 Harms Drive \$538,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

3681 Virgin Islands Court \$599,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Connie Cox 766-3198

6026 Acadia Court \$600,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties Team 519-8226

1654 Holly Circle \$615,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

6320 Benner Court \$616,000
Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

7881 Knollbrook Drive \$649,000
Sun 1-4 Joyce Jones 398-6706

1515 Greenwood Road \$709,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950

3031 Boardwalk \$745,000
Sun 1-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

404 Pine Hill Lane \$899,000
Sun 1-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

4 BEDROOMS

2381 Romano Circle \$1,210,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties Team 202-6898

4476 Tosca Court \$1,335,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties Team 980-0273

7961 Paragon Circle \$1,369,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

7949 Paragon Circle \$1,529,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

3533 Mercato Court \$1,575,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties Team 980-0273

1724 Zenato Place \$1,599,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tom Fox 872-1275

8102 War Glory Place \$1,649,000
Sun 1:30-5 June Nye-Nebel 699-4386

558 Sycamore Road \$1,785,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

4558 Mohr Avenue \$495,000
Sun 1-4 Fred Hempy 437-5830

4184 Denker Drive \$609,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

7814 Knollbrook Drive \$679,950
Sun 1-4 Weiner & McDowell Group 251-2585

1683 Loganberry Way \$785,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

3557 Ballantyne Drive \$785,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties Team 519-8226

5801 Arthur Drive \$789,000
Sun 1-4 Ingrid Wetmore 918-0986

4969 Mohr Avenue \$799,900
Sun 1:40-4:30 Emily Barraclough 621-4097

2359 Greenberry Court \$799,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 The Engels 580-5107

3290 Marilyn Court \$889,000
Sun 1-4 Ingrid Wetmore 918-0986

3471 Kamp Drive \$929,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

3128 Paseo Granada \$939,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

5 BEDROOMS

2416 Via de los Milagros \$1,198,000
Sun 1-4 Weiner & McDowell Group 251-2585

1092 Sycamore Creek \$1,499,000
Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

1422 Whispering Oak Way \$928,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Emily Barraclough 621-4097

2541 Arlotta Place \$1,369,000
Sun 1-4 Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley 463-9500

6 BEDROOMS

35 Golf Road \$1,599,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario 260-2220

San Ramon

2 BEDROOMS

235 Copper Ridge \$290,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS

1159 Canyon Hills Road \$740,000
Sun 1-4 Weiner & McDowell Group 251-2585

9632 Broadmoor Drive \$899,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

3008 Sorrelwood Drive \$979,950
Sun 1-4 Weiner & McDowell Group 251-2585

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4 BEDROOMS

9877 Foothill Road \$1,890,000
Sun 1-4 Kristy & Company 251-2536

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6605 AMBER LN PLEASANTON  WEINER / MCDOWELL (925) 251.2550 \$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.	VIA DE LOS MILAGROS PLEASANTON OPEN SUN 1-4  WEINER / MCDOWELL (925) 251.2550 \$1,198,000 • 5 Bd • 3 Ba • 3,259+/- sq.ft. located in the desirable "Original Country Faire" neighborhood, well kept homes, large lots, mature trees, & friendly neighbors.	WEST RUBY HILL DR PLEASANTON  UWE MAERCZ (925) 360.8758 \$5,888,888 • 7 Bd • 8.5 Ba • 10,191+/- sq.ft. Stunning Italian Villa. Probably THE most spectacular home in Ruby Hill. Picturesque aesthetics inevitably transforming the past into today.	2359 GREENBERRY CT PLEASANTON OPEN SAT SUN 1-4  THE ENGELS (925) 580.5107 \$799,950 • 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2331+/- sq.ft. Remodeled & expanded Monterey Plan. Court location, heart of Pleasanton Valley. Walk to the market, to Elementary, Middle & High School.	7334 ELMWOOD CIRCLE PLEASANTON  JOE FRAZZANO (925) 735.SOLD \$599,950 • 3 Bd 2.5 Ba • 1,667+/- sq.ft. Muirwood Meadows. Gorgeous, remodeled. Prime corner location. Granite kitchen, vaulted ceilings. Excellent floorplan!
9999 LONGVIEW LN PLEASANTON  UWE MAERCZ (925) 360.8758 \$3,249,000 • 6 Bd • 5(3) Ba • 8,330+/- sq.ft. Gated custom westside French Chateau w/ stunning grounds, elevator, private tennis court, indoor pool, casino/theater and much more!	8012 GOLDEN EAGLE WAY PLEASANTON  PEGGY CORTEZ (925) 648.5454 \$3,998,000 • 5 Bd • 5(3) Ba • 8,585+/- sq.ft. Private Mediterranean Estate. Porte Cachere, grand entry, gourmet kitchen, theater. Guest house, pool, BBQ & "Wailua" gazebo & more.	1225 LOZANO CT PLEASANTON  UWE MAERCZ (925) 360.8758 \$4,299,000 • 6 Bd • 7(2) Ba • 8,877+/- sq.ft. Prepare for what lies beyond the gorgeous entry of this Italian Villa. Unrivaled setting among olive trees & lush landscaping, views of vineyards...	788 VINEYARD TER PLEASANTON  UWE MAERCZ (925) 360.8758 Call for Price • 5 Bd • 6 Ba • 5,330+/- sq.ft. Country Estate, w/ main house & separate guest quarters. Theater & Gourmet Kitchen. Heritage Oak Trees & private Driveway on 0.91 acres.	7814 KNOLLBROOK DR PLEASANTON OPEN SUN 1-4  WEINER / MCDOWELL (925) 251.2550 4 Bd • 2 Ba • 1,749+/- sq.ft., 0.10+/- Acres Stoneridge neighborhood! Open Kitchen - Family Room, hardwood floors. Wonderful backyard. Great location near shopping, freeway, etc.
1159 CANYON HILLS RD SAN RAMON OPEN SUN 1-4  WEINER / MCDOWELL (925) 251.2550 \$740,000 • 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!	4041 SAN GIORGIO CT PLEASANTON  WEINER / MCDOWELL (925) 251.2550 \$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.	207 VICTORY CIR SAN RAMON  COREY GREEN (925) 583.2173 \$749,000 • 4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,411+/- sq.ft. Gated neighborhood of San Ramon. Includes hrdwd flrs, vaulted ceilings. Updated kitchen. Spacious floor plan. Corner Lot, priv backyrd.	862 GRAY FOX CIR PLEASANTON  TONNI CHANDLER (925) 251.2556 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.	1502 VIA DI SALERNO PLEASANTON  UWE MAERCZ (925) 360.8758 \$2,899,000 • 6 Bd • 6.5 Ba • 7,100+/- sq.ft. Mediterranean Estate w/ Impressive Dual Wrought-Iron Staircase Grand Entry Foyer Staircase, open Kitchen/Nook/Family Room Area & more!
2748 WHITEHALL CT LIVERMORE  DIANE SASS (925) 583.2168 \$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.	3117 HANSEN RD LIVERMORE  DIANE SASS (925) 583.2168 \$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.	904 LOYOLA WAY LIVERMORE  CATHY DEAN (925) 251.2554 \$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.	13910 TULLOCH DAM RD JAMESTOWN  TOM BRAMELL (925) 583.2180 \$1,100,000 • 3,120+/- sq.ft., 0.79+/- Acres Lake Tulloch home. Includes; 50" flat screen TV, golf cart, pontoon boat, new aluminum dock, detached garage. storage bldg & covered RV area.	9877 FOOTHILL RD SUNOL OPEN SUN 1-4  KRISTY & COMPANY (925) 251.2536 4 Bd 3 Ba • 3,027+/- sq.ft., 16.01+/- Acres Magnificent Location, This home is only 2 years new w/ views, Single story, all located next to Pleasanton Ridge Park, Great Castle Brook Horse Barn.

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Gina Piper

5748 Belleza Dr – PLEASANTON – \$399,950
Beautifully upgraded unit with remodeled gourmet kitchen w/ granite & SS appliances, new UV coated dual pane windows, custom remote controlled blinds. Spacious living room with gas log fireplace and ceiling fan. Upgraded hall bath. Light and bright end unit.

Open Sun 1-4



Adam Golden

4022 Arellano Ct – DUBLIN – \$587,000
Premium location within subdivision. Corner Lot home that is beautifully maintained and nicely upgraded. Kitchen/Family Room combination that is great for family nights. Close to Emerald Glen Park, BART and Dublin's shopping and entertainment center.

Open Sun 1-4



Adam Golden

2872 Hoya Common – LIVERMORE – \$524,000
One of the most highly upgraded homes at Ivy at Montage. Amazing granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, travertine tile floors and maple cabinets are just a few of the fantastic upgrades. Massive kitchen/family room combination creates a large area for entertaining. Don't miss out!!!

Open Sun 1-4



Cindy Gee

7949 Paragon Cir – PLEASANTON – \$1,529,000
Gorgeous expanded Laguna Model, Upgraded floors, granite counters, upgraded baths, sparkling pool, waterfall, 4 bed 3 bath, plus bonus, theater room, office, possible side-yard access, soaring ceilings, park-like yard, Views of the Ridge!! Gorgeous must see!!

Open Sun 1-4



Cindy Gee

2541 Arlotta Place – PLEASANTON – \$1,369,000
Incredible floorplan. The Coronado model in Resort-like Laguna Oaks. 3500 sq ft. 5 bed, 3 bath bonus room, Park-like back yard, view of the ridge, sparkling pool, quiet court. Granite and much more!!

Open Sun 1-4



Cindy Gee

7961 Paragon Cir – PLEASANTON – \$1,369,000
3800+ sq ft.. Master on the bottom floor, 4- car garage, granite.. very desirable La Jolla Model in Laguna Oaks. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, bonus room, office, across from the arroyo!!! A great place to live!!

Open Sun 1-4



Andrea & Earl Rozran

3471 Kamp Drive – PLEASANTON – \$929,000
Charter Oaks, Pleasanton. Beautiful & Highly Upgraded 4BR, 3BA home w/ 2,788 sq. feet of living space on a nearly 9,000 sq. foot lot w/ pool. Please call office for info.

Open Sun 1-4



Gina Piper

4165 Cortina Court – PLEASANTON – \$469,900
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse in Siena. Many updates including hardwood kitchen floors, tile floors in entry, laundry and bathrooms. Surround sound built in. Nicely updated master bathroom shower. Great location close to Bart. Regular Sale - Not a short sale or REO

Open Sun 1-4



Linda Newton

683 Shadow Mist Ct – LIVERMORE – \$1,295,000
Amazing South Livermore Home! Electric Solar Panels for a great savings, Sports Pool, Spa, Putting Green, Outdoor BBQ, Huge Movie Room, 5 bedrooms 4 baths, over 4000 sq ft on over ½ acres with focus on details and quality throughout. Beautiful!

Open Sun 1-4



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1414 Aspen Court – LIVERMORE – \$617,500
Lovely Pulte home located in Parklane development. 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. Packaged in 2025 square feet. Sparkling and clean, ready to move into. End of cul-de-sac with a spacious, relaxing back yard.

Open Sun 1-4



Liz Sullivan

3128 Paseo Granada – PLEASANTON – \$939,000
4bdr/3ba/1bdr1ba,down/3000+sq ft/3 frpl/lge bonus rm w/wine frig,wet bar,frpl. Shutters, hd wd, vaulted ceilings,dual frpl.In mstr,u/g kitchen granite & bonus wet bar. Both have wine frig,pool & hot tub with waterfalls!! Your own resort no need to travel or pack!

Open Sun 1-4



Gina Piper

20350 Wisteria St – CASTRO VALLEY – \$429,000
Lovely 4 Bedroom, 1.5 Bathroom Home on Large Lot. Great central location. Walk to downtown Castro Valley. Very clean and well maintained!

Open Sun 1-4



Norm Nelson

4184 Denker Dr – PLEASANTON – \$609,000
4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths and 1816 sq. ft. of living space. Beautiful re-modeled Kitchen with granite counters and island, upgraded cabinetry and rich flooring. Upgraded and re-modeled bathrooms. Office/game room that could be converted to a 4th bedroom. Inviting private patio, perfect for entertaining.

Open Sat & Sun 1-4



Claudia Colwell

1654 Holly Cir – PLEASANTON – \$615,000
Charming, artsy cottage feel in this home, w/ open floorplan for entertaining, incl/ beam ceiling in eating area w/tile pavers & french doors. Soaring ceilings in lvg. rm. w/dramatic f/p. & Formal d/r. Lge mstr. w/vaulted ceiling. End unit w/lge. yd. backs to Iron Horse Trail. Award winning school.

Open Sun 1-4:30

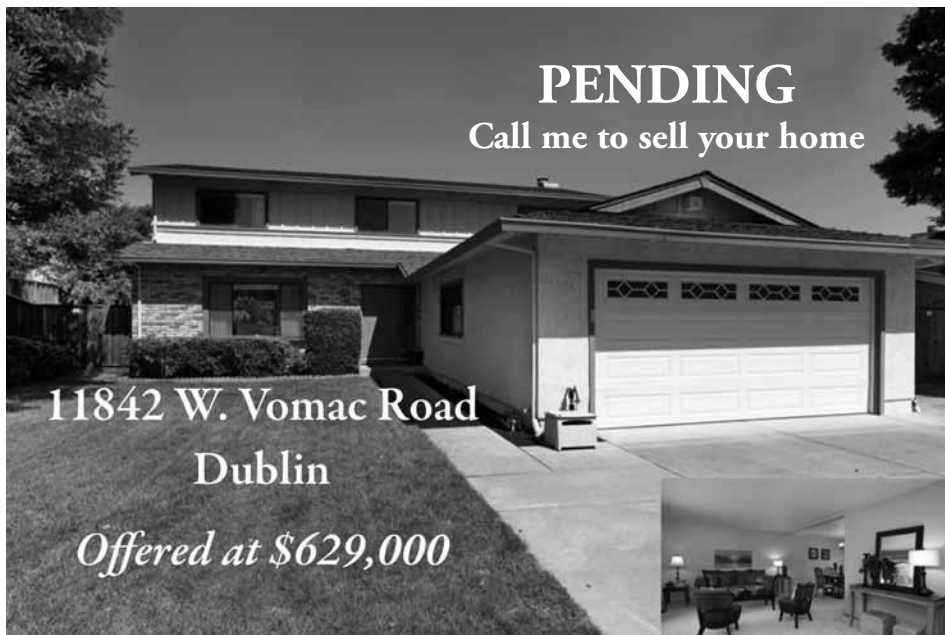


Sandy Parkins

1197 Orchid St- LIVERMORE – \$429,000
4 bed. 2.5 bath, + loft. 2187 s.f., built in 2000. Great family home in Livermore, priced to sell. Convenient location for shopping & commuting.

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2541 Arlotta Place – Pleasanton – \$1,369,000

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**3039 Briggs Ct,
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HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during April 2011

Dublin

- 8342 Cypress Court** JP Morgan Chase Bank to X. Chen for \$347,000
- 8670 Davona Drive** Garey Trust to A. Davis for \$450,000
- 3719 Dublin Boulevard** First Horizon Mortgage to V. Labrador for \$244,000
- 4673 Finch Way** T. & C. Rumberg to M. Kaube for \$643,000
- 4337 Fitzwilliam Street** Fox Trust to L. & S. Yue for \$400,000
- 4340 Fitzwilliam Street** R. Vuong to J. & A. Pitzer for \$340,000
- 6068 Hillbrook Place** W. Ho to Y. Wang for \$485,000
- 4775 Mahogany Street** P. & S. Urrutia to A. Ikram for \$618,000
- 7478 Oxford Circle** Onewest Bank to C. McGuire for \$359,000
- 7765 Peppertree Road** M. Barker to M. & D. Norton for \$405,500
- 3662 Rimini Lane** N. Chen to R. & M. Viceral for \$580,000
- 8268 Vamac Road** Woods Trust to S. & A. Salcepuedes for \$429,000
- 5509 Waterperry Place** L. Veras to A. Petchimuthu for \$635,000
- 3721 Whitworth Drive** E. & J. Song to P. Lin for \$420,000
- 8506 Zandol Court** A. & C. Acacio to H. Tse for \$500,000

Livermore

- 1775 Altamont Circle** D. & C. Anderson to M. Becker for \$536,000
- 1089 Auburn Street** W. & A. Tonis to L. Straight for \$370,000

- 1136 Bannock Street** Greenstone Foreclosure Investments to E. Chou for \$325,000
- 303 Charlotte Common** J. Tang to Arola Trust for \$410,000
- 5646 Crestmont Avenue** B. Treagan to Bossler Trust for \$325,000
- 5941 Crestmont Avenue** HSBC Bank to N. & D. Paonessa for \$310,000
- 156 Daisyfield Drive** M. & P. Gauch to L. & K. Yiannikos for \$525,000
- 4186 Drake Way** R. Fairhurst to S. & J. Clare for \$300,000
- 1089 Geneva Street** R. & G. Laundra to Friedli Trust for \$565,000
- 1430 Joy Court** Rivera Trust to K. Wilhelmsen for \$480,000
- 2499 Kobio Street** J. & M. Ching to Middleton Trust for \$850,000
- 1115 Laguna Street** Harborview Mortgage to B. Xie for \$360,000
- 4598 Maureen Circle** E. Kenyon to R. Reid for \$510,000
- 67 Medina Street** K. Brown to B. Evilsizer for \$510,000
- 3657 Montrose Place** Livermore Valley Investments to M. Singh for \$700,000
- 317 Northwood Commons** N. & O. Carrillo to C. Leonhardt for \$255,000
- 6371 Owl Way** Bermuda Npl Trust to M. & J. Meeker for \$540,000
- 1124 Pesaro Way** N. & R. Herman to R. Brown for \$785,000
- 1221 Spruce Street** Gay Trust to D. Iannucci for \$275,000
- 6117 St. Andrews Way** Federal National Mortgage to L. Limon for \$345,000
- 2648 St. Helena Court** Gordon Trust to B. & J. Scott for \$825,000
- 4106 Torrey Pine Way** Novastar Mortgage to L. Taylor for \$199,000

Pleasanton

- 359 Amador Court** J. & E. Barron to F. & K. Ruegsegger for \$415,000
- 432 Amador Court** VC Homes to R. & J. Hall for \$562,000
- 2517 Arlotta Place** Gomes Trust to C. & T. Randall for \$1,359,000
- 2834 Camino Segura** Randall Trust to W. Hwang for \$775,000
- 2138 Corte Ricardo** B. Patrick to Y. Jia for \$714,000
- 414 Division Street** Harborview Mortgage to Classic House Restoration for \$341,500
- 3502 Helen Drive** J. & D. Fillers to J. Schabacker for \$580,000
- 2853 Iberis Court** J. & C. Berard to H. & N. Raju for \$610,000
- 3464 Isle Royal Court** K. Schoonmaker to J. Rodriguez for \$470,000
- 954 Laguna Creek Lane** K. & K. Pathak to R. & G. Srivastava for \$1,468,000
- 3844 Mohr Avenue** B. & J. Barnett to Q. Chen for \$912,500
- 454 Pioneer Trails Place** Ing Bank to J. Kim for \$1,015,000
- 2457 Raven Road** White Trust to A. & M. Jain for \$655,000
- 5246 Riverdale Court** Hance Trust to A. Parish for \$470,000
- 655 St. Francis Way** Downey Savings to J. Erra for \$338,000
- 871 Sycamore Road** K. Close to Ruesga Trust for \$167,000
- 4164 Veneto Court** J. Doyle to R. & V. Byram for \$475,000
- 4163 Vineyard Avenue** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to G. & J. May for \$425,000

San Ramon

- 1174 Arrowfield Way** H. Singh to S. & P. Mutte for \$715,000
- 3 Balsam Lane** S. Nguyen to J. Chang for \$511,000
- 604 Bancroft Place** L. Yang to E. & B. Maier for \$872,500
- 9787 Belladonna Drive** S. Liu to T. Venkatachalam for \$605,000
- 9824 Broadmoor Drive** T. Young to A. Miranda for \$500,000
- 9773 Davona Drive** E. & B. Maier to L. Yang for \$530,000
- 9779 Davona Drive** K. & K. Cambra to R. Helmand for \$480,500
- 391 Eastridge Drive #28** Wells Fargo Bank to V. Lampson for \$275,000
- 232 Kent Place** S. & K. Rinne to B. & G. Rogers for \$478,000
- 1962 Lambeth Way** A. Jimenez to S. & P. Patel for \$715,000
- 4317 Lilac Ridge Road** Santos Trust to G. & G. Miller for \$1,150,000
- 6208 Murdock Way** V. & L. Daver to S. & M. Vadrevu for \$935,000
- 432 Summercreek Lane** Mutlu Trust to E. Paapanen for \$665,000
- 2539 Twin Creeks Drive** California Housing Finance to D. Kim for \$255,000
- 805 Watson Canyon Court #163** B. Price to I. Descheemaeker for \$145,000
- 725 Watson Canyon Court #214** J. Yapo to D. Zandi for \$140,000
- 133 Wycliffe Court** Selene Rmof Reo Acquisition to D. Sundaram for \$685,000

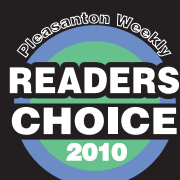
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Better market conditions, economy help state's home sales in March

But prices still dropping, Realtors' survey shows

By JEB BING

Improvement in the overall economy and favorable market conditions led to increases in both the median price and home sales in March, according to data from the California Association of Realtors (CAR).

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 514,090 units in March, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations and MLSs statewide. Sales in March increased 3.1% month-over-month and 1.5% year-to-year, aligning with CAR sales expectations for 2011.

"For the first time in many months, we are seeing a genuine improvement in the overall economy, especially with respect to jobs," said CAR President Beth L. Pearce. "However, while interest rates and current home prices are favorable, uncertainty about whether the economy has stabilized, concerns about inflation, and an unresolved state budget have created hesitation among buyers."

The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home sold in California increased 5.4% in March compared with February to \$286,010, but declined 4.9% compared with March 2010's median price of \$300,900.

"While March's median home price declined year-over-year, the decline can be attributed partly to an increase in distressed sales in recent months, and to last year's federal home buyer tax credit, which pushed both sales and home prices higher," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "As for market activity, the pace of sales for the first three months of this year is in line with our expectations for all of 2011."

Highlights of CAR's resale housing report for March 2011:

- The unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes was 5.3 months in March, down from 7.3 months in February 2011, but up compared with March 2010's 4.8-month supply. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.
- Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates averaged 4.84% during March 2011, compared with 4.97% in March 2010, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable-mortgage interest rates averaged 3.22% in March 2011, compared with 4.20% in March 2010.
- The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 56.7 days in March 2011, compared with 37 days for the same period a year ago. ■

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1422 Whispering Oak Way, Pleasanton

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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 ½ 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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215 KITTERY 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

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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

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 — PRICE REDUCED



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 \$1,499,000**

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 & slate meditation area. Walk to neighborhood park, convenient to downtown and award winning Pleasanton schools. **OFFERED AT \$1,475,000**

RUBY HILL

PRICE REDUCED



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**

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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**

PLEASANTON 900 Main Street





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PLEASANTON \$1,785,000
Security gate. Hardwood floors, cherry/stainless/granite kitchen, huge family room with stone fireplace, luxurious master suite, 5 fireplaces, skylights, shutters, pool & more! 558 SYCAMORE RD

DANIEL ALPHER BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,610,000
Warm & inviting 4391 sq. ft. estate nestled on a court with over 334k in upgrades. Quality, charm & designer touches embrace this 4 BR, 4.5 BA home! www.3372SagewoodCt.com 3372 SAGEWOOD CT

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PLEASANTON \$1,399,000
Secluded 5+/-acre estate w/360 views! Pleasanton schools & community. Custom kitchen w/granite counters, in-law suite w/private bath & entrance, large patio trek deck. Must see! 9893 DUBLIN CANYON RD

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PLEASANTON \$1,179,000
Custom built beauty! 5 BD, 3 full BA. Gleaming hardwood floors downstairs, new carpeting upstairs. Gorgeous kitchen with granite counters, large level bkyrd with fountain and views. 857 MONTEVINO DR

MOXLEY TEAM OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30



SAN RAMON \$899,000
A true masterpiece! One of a kind custom built home from the ground up. Completed in 2010, no expense was spared in features and upgrades! 9632 BROADMOOR DR

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



DISCOVERY BAY \$799,950
Beautiful single story home located on deep water. Features include granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, new carpet, two fireplaces, 3 car garage, & more. 3909 LIGHTHOUSE PL

MOXLEY TEAM SUN 1:30-4:30



PLEASANTON \$785,000
Great location! Formal living room offers hardwood flooring. Dual pane windows & new roof, crown moulding throughout & freshly painted outside. Enjoy the back yard w/ a pool & spa! 1683 LOGANBERRY WAY

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SAT&SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$709,000
3bd/2ba, "Country" model in Pleasanton Valley, 1,854+/-sqft on a 6,858+/-sqft lot, remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, newer windows and roof, remodeled master. 1515 GREENWOOD ROAD

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$669,000
4bd/3ba, 1,941+/-sq.ft, new granite/maple kitchen with built-in appliances, oak hardwood floor, full bed/bath downstairs, newer windows, roof/gutters, patio with raised deck. 3279 PICADILLY CT

MAUREEN NOKES BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$439,950
3bd/2.5ba, 2 car garage, prime location townhome. Kitchen updated w/range, d/w, tile floors, vaulted ceilings, FP, laundry, AC, enclosed front patio. Community pool & greenbelt. 7337 STONEDALE DR



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