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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



Salute veterans on Memorial Day in Pleasanton

Memorial Day ceremonies are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, with the observance this year moved to Centennial Park on the open grounds next to the Pleasanton Senior Center. Although the ceremonies have traditionally been held at the city's cemetery on Sunol Boulevard, the increasing community participation has caused the observance to outgrow the limited space for parking and seating.

It's disappointing to see Monday's ceremonies moved out of the old I.O.O.F cemetery. Sure, the new site is more spacious and will accommodate more chairs and cars, but it won't have the "memorial" feel, where so many of us have sat for so many years paying tribute to the hundreds of military veterans buried there and whose gravestones are almost within arm's reach. The symbolism of remembering them while listening to praises about them and also about those from Pleasanton serving in harm's way today, accompanied by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band and its patriotic music, often brought tears to many eyes. For a city that's known for its downtown parades, the county fair and a shopper's paradise with a regional mall and historic downtown, Memorial Day always offers a solemn side of Pleasanton that hundreds of us appreciate.

More than 500 veterans are buried at Pioneer Cemetery, which was established early in the 1800s and contains the remains of many Pleasanton area pioneers and some who died much more recently than many of us knew. Each year my family walks through the grounds and the adjacent Catholic cemetery to remember those we knew and to read the markers of those who are part of Pleasanton's history. With both Pioneer and the adjacent Catholic cemeteries open on Memorial Day, we'll still do that.

Last year, cars that were double-

parked on the narrow roads at Pioneer Cemetery blocked the driveways starting at the main gate. One woman who fell ill during the ceremonies had to be helped to Sunol Boulevard to get aid. That's when the event planners realized the ongoing risk of packing a cemetery that's woefully short of emergency services with too many people and made the decision to move the observance elsewhere.

I hope that decision doesn't detract from the same solemn feel. It shouldn't. The same stiffly pressed uniforms of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts will help us remember those who serve, and the abundance of color guards and American flags will keep our country and freedom in mind. You may even want to come early. The Pleasanton band, under the direction of Bob Williams, will provide patriotic music starting at 10:15 a.m. The pre-ceremony music will include "Crimson Fields," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "An American Elegy," and "Armed Forces-The Pride of America." During the ceremony, music will include "Taps," "God Bless America" and "Stars and Stripes Forever." At the conclusion of the ceremony the band will play "Sons of the Brave," "Transit of Venus," and "The Bride-Elect."

Speakers at this year's ceremony will include Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton), Deputy Garrison Commander Larry Smith of the Camp Parks Training Center and Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. Joe Steiber, commander of the Pleasanton American Legion post, will serve as master of ceremonies for the Memorial Day event.

A 21-gun salute to "the Fallen" will be conducted by the Air Force R.O.T.C. honor guard from UC Berkeley, followed by a benediction by Capt. Matthew Holder, the military chaplain at Camp Parks.

Even though the observance will be held down the street from the cemetery, local Scout troops will still place plaques and flags on every grave at both the Catholic and Pleasanton Pioneer cemeteries, another reason to pay a visit before or after Monday's ceremonies. ■

About the Cover

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Student

It will make people here realize that many children overseas don't have enough to eat, and it's good for the community to get involved and help those who aren't able to help themselves. I'm planning to make over 4,000 meals tonight.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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Outdoor concerts to begin

Concerts in the Park begin next Friday with Magic Moments playing music from the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

The free summer concerts are presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and sponsored by local businesses. The 2011 lineup will include a variety of music, from rock, big band, blues and country to '50s and '60s oldies, soul, Motown and Latin Rock.

The concerts will take place from 7-8:30 p.m., Fridays, June 3-Sept. 2, at Lions Wayside Park, at the corner of First and Neal streets. Blankets or chairs may be placed on the lawn to hold spots only on the day of the concert, and no plastic tarps or rocks to hold down blankets are allowed.

Minor matters

Pleasanton cigarette stores are apparently doing better when it comes to stopping minors from buying tobacco products.

A sting last month netted five retailers that sold to an underage undercover decoy sent in by police. A similar sting May 23 yielded only one charge. Mission Pipe Shop in the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road sold to the decoy, according to a news release; the clerk in that store was issued a citation.

People who sell tobacco products to a minor can be cited with misdemeanor offense or be subject to civil action. Fines for a first offense begin at \$200. During the sting, police also checked retailers to see that signs were posted noting that sales to minors are prohibited and checked to see that all the stores visited had valid tobacco retail licenses.

Transbay tube repairs

BART's Transbay Tube is undergoing maintenance and repair work this weekend and next on the cables that provide power to the track, and BART anticipates 20-40-minute delays for Pleasanton trains in both directions.

During the hours that work is being done, trains originating and ending in Pleasanton will not travel through the Tube so passengers will need to transfer to other trains at the 12th Street Station in Oakland. Work is being done this three-day weekend as follows:

May 28: Work starts after last train Friday and ends at 7:30 a.m.

May 29: Work starts after last train Saturday and ends at 2:30 p.m.

May 30: Work starts after last train Sunday and ends at 2:30 p.m.

Scherer to serve two consecutive life sentences

Family urges that he never be released, after killing his parents

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Ernest Scherer III received two consecutive life sentences without parole May 20 for the murder of his parents, Ernest Scherer Jr., 60, and Charlene Abendroth, 57, in their Castlewood home in March 2008.

He was also sentenced to two consecutive one-year terms for use of a deadly weapon. The two first-degree murder convictions included the special circumstance of murder for financial gain.

In statements to the court last Friday morning before the sentencing, his family members said they lived in fear during the year it took police to arrest him. His aunt, Carolyn Oesterle, said she still suffers from nightmares and troubled sleep more than three years after the brutal double slaying.

"He hit his parents with a bat, then slashed their throats to make sure they were dead," said Oesterle. She urged that he never be released.

"Whoever reconsiders this case should bear in mind the devastation these murders have caused my family," she said in a statement to the court.

Oesterle said her nephew grew up in a comfortable middle-class family with generous parents. She blamed his "sick, selfish lifestyle" for the crime, in which Scherer stood to share an inheritance worth well over \$2 million.

"As far as I can see, there are no mitigating circumstances," she told the court.

She also noted that Abendroth was hit 20 times in the head and that when her brother Scherer Jr. was attacked, "before he died, he probably realized it was his own son."

Scherer III's sister Catherine Scherer wept when speaking before the court, saying the killing of her parents left a void in her life.

"The murder of my parents has effectively left me without a family," she said. "Dreams were lost, promises were broken, and our lives will never be the same."

She added that her daughter has been diagnosed with reactive detachment disorder as a result, and her husband lost his job because he needed to care for their children while she spent time dealing with the trial and her parents' estate.

Scherer III, 32, a graduate of California High School in San Ramon, spoke briefly on his own behalf.

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GLENN WOHLTMANN

Cures for canines

Officer Jess Perryman of the Hayward Police Department, left, works with veterinarian Bob Lucas to practice bandaging Flashover, an Irish Setter, during an emergency medicine course for more than 60 K-9 officers at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday. The event featured training on everything from heat exhaustion to poisoning, rattlesnake bites, trauma and cardiopulmonary circulatory resuscitation (CPCR), which includes mouth-to-nose revival. The K-9 officers from more than 30 locations also received dog trauma bags donated by Sage Centers for Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Care. The day was sponsored by Pet Food Express in cooperation with Cover Your Canine, an organization that helps provide bullet-proof vests for police dogs.

Downtown's Farmer Restaurant to close June 5

Pleasanton Hotel owner seeking new eatery for popular site

By JEB BING

The Farmer Restaurant in the Pleasanton Hotel on north Main Street will close after its last diners are served on Sunday, June 5, it was announced this week.

City officials said Sue Martinovich, who owns the hotel building at 855 Main St., is in the process of negotiating with a new restaurant to fill the space. She hopes to complete the negotiations in time for a new restaurant to open by the end of summer.

It's the second time in just a little over two years that the hotel's restaurant has closed. Restaurant owner Bill Laube and his wife Vernie were forced to give up the restaurant they had operated in the hotel since 1983 when Martinovich refused to renew their lease. Laube said 40 employees lost their jobs after a closing-down gala he held on New Year's Eve at the end of 2008.

It's not clear who will lose their jobs in this latest closing. Shannon Gallagher, a graduate of Foothill High School, is the bartender; Melissa Orgain is banquet manager; Rinaldi is the restaurant's business manager, and Roberto Ortiz is the head chef.

The restaurant closing is not a surprise. It's been known for several months that Martinovich was working with a broker to sell the restaurant

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New state money draws parents to PUSD meeting

Revamped PPIE will become a fulltime school fundraising organization

More than a dozen people spoke at Tuesday night's school board meeting, asking for help in keeping physical education instructors, reading programs and smaller class sizes.

With the May revised state budget, speaker Mary Jo Carreon told the board, "Things are not as dire as they were three weeks ago."

Carreon asked the board to bring back the two science specialists and physical education specialist that were cut from the budget for the 2011-12 school year.

"We are a team and those team members need to be reinstated," she said.

Karen De Baca Martens told the board it needs to show leadership following the defeat of the

parcel tax, Measure E, earlier this month.

"How would you address the naysayers, the community that said no?" Martens asked. "They said, 'We don't trust you.'"

Martens and Carreon were among the group that spoke about raising money for class size reduction. The group, Pleasanton CSR, turned out about 50 people to lobby for its cause. The group wants class sizes in grades K-3 kept at 25 to 1, instead of being raised to 30 to 1 as proposed by the district for 2011-12. That group, which has been taking pledges, has raised \$130,000 in promised money in less than two weeks.

Christina Hicks, organizer of the push to

maintain class size reductions, pointed out that the group's goal is to raise \$325 per student in kindergarten through the third grade. That comes to about \$1.3 million, and Hicks hoped the difference between what the group raised and the total needed could be provided by the district.

The hope was that with some tweaking of the district's budget and with some funding restored under Gov. Jerry Brown's May budget revision that the district would have money for their programs. Those hopes were dashed — for the time being, anyway — when Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, explained that most of the money would go toward eliminating

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deferments of state money slated for schools across the state.

Cazares explained that what started as a \$7.7 million budget deficit for the district now ranges between no shortfall and a maximum of \$4.54 million. The district also has \$1.7 million from teachers' union concessions that it's keeping in reserve.

For now, Cazares advised not making changes to the district's budget until the state passes its own budget, which would have the final numbers for school funding. She noted that the current state budget still contains a risky assumption. The extension of taxes that were due to expire July 1 would become tax increases. Republican legislators have vowed to block any increase in taxes.

"We have to hold steady just a little bit longer," Cazares told the board. "We're hopeful that if we don't have an on-time budget, we'll have an almost on-time budget."

Last year the state's final budget was passed in October, the latest ever delay in California, and well after the district was required by law to pass its own budget.

"The numbers are changing very quickly," said Board Member Joan Laursen, who worried that California still has a \$10 billion deficit to address. "I'm still very concerned that this (promised funding from the state) is going to unravel in the next month."

The board, however, did agree to consider what programs could be restored should additional funding come to the district.

"If we do come up with a budget that allows us to restore some of

the cuts we've made so far, we need to know what to do," Cazares said.

School board members also heard about plans to reorganize the fundraising group Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE) Foundation, which will move to year-round fundraising tailored specifically to the needs of schools.

PPIE plans to create a closer working relationship with schools. Its new structure would create a school advisory board with three members each from elementary, middle and high schools, which will decide fundraising priorities. The board, made up of teachers and parents, would gather input from each school to decide priorities; that input would be used to set PPIE fundraising goals.

PPIE's CORE (Community Outreach for Education) campaign, meanwhile, has raised more than \$91,000. That campaign, like last year's, will donate to specific projects with goals for each level of funding reached. That campaign was begun immediately after the parcel tax, Measure E, was defeated and will continue until mid-June.

The board also heard about steps being taken at Pleasanton Middle School to address program improvements after some Hispanic students failed to reach proficiency in math required by the state. The school began intensive intervention immediately after being notified, with a math academy held before and after school for the struggling students, along with additional help for English learners.

PMS is apparently not alone in failing to make the grade. Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said she'd recently received a letter from the state that other schools in the district could end up in program

improvement status for the coming year. She did not discuss what schools need improvement at Tuesday night's meeting.

The board also discussed its revised homework policy, although several members had concerns about specific aspects of the policy. Laursen said the policy, which allows, among other things, homework in elementary school, is not in keeping with research that says after-school assignments have little to no impact on student performance. She also questioned whether the new policy would draw down test scores, and said she was concerned about whether teachers would be able to coordinate assignments to avoid stacking homework.

Board Member Jamie Hintzke questioned what would happen if a teacher didn't follow the new policy and what recourse a student would have in that case.

A second reading, along with possible changes suggested by the board, is set for the June 21 board meeting.

The board also formally adopted \$258,000 in concessions made by the California School Employees Association, calling for five furlough days for 12-month employees and three furlough days for others. That allowed for the return of some CSEA members, among them the school health liaison and some office employees.

The salary schedule for management was also approved by the board; the pay remains at the 2009-10 level, which, it was noted, saved the district \$90,000.

The board also approved \$185,000 for new math textbooks for fourth- and fifth-graders.

—Glenn Wohltmann



GLENN WOHLTMMANN

Renaissance woman

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D., Pleasanton) presents Amador Valley High School sophomore Claire Williams with bronze and silver Congressional awards on Tuesday, during a visit to her leadership class, for her work in public service, personal development, fitness and exploration. In presenting the award, McNerney challenged other students in the class to "get really good at something you love to do ... just shine at that and you'll go far."

Williams will receive a gold award June 23, following in the footsteps of her sister, Sarah, who was also so honored. To earn the awards, Claire Williams taught literacy at the Pleasanton Library, served meals at the Open Heart Kitchen and help put on event for children in foster care, completing more than 600 hours of public service. She also mastered Beethoven's Sonatina in G Major, studied music theory and raised her level of piano playing for the personal development component, and increased her strength, power and endurance to advance to the premier double slot in varsity tennis. Williams also completed a trip to Italy, where she immersed herself in the culture and traced her great-great-grandfather's journey to the U.S.

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with rumors that she is also inter-

ested in selling the hotel.

She has owned the two-story building since 1980, long after the facility actually offered over-

night rooms for guests. She ran the ground floor restaurant for three years before selling that operation to the Laubes, who made the front end into a white tablecloth upscale restaurant best known for its lamb chops and Sunday brunches.

Martinovich, who comes from a restaurant family, opened the Elegant Farmer with her former husband and parents at Jack London Square in 1980. A down-home type of restaurant, it was an immediate success in competition with high-price upscale eateries at the square, serving what Martinovich says was "normal food at very reasonable prices."

That was the appeal she tried to bring to Pleasanton, taking off the white tablecloths to serve simple, plain American food. Her fried chicken entree was among the most popular.

Although Martinovich has been active in Pleasanton Downtown Association events, her once ambitious plans to expand both the hotel and the restaurant never materialized. She told city officials that she intended to extend the north end of the hotel into a one lane driveway that runs alongside the building and then to open an outdoor restaurant with tables and service along the banks of the Arroyo Del Valle.

That never happened although both the PDA and city planners encouraged her to proceed with those plans. ■

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"I just want to say that I agree with a lot of what was said about my upbringing. I was blessed," he told the court. "I was loved."

He seemed to once again try to deflect guilt, saying if people saw on television that police at a murder scene had found DNA they couldn't identify and size 12 sneaker prints, both of which were found at the scene, they would come to a different conclusion about who was responsible.

"I'll never understand how they (the jury) reconciled the DNA," he told the court.

Scherer III appeared at the sentencing in Alameda County Superior Court in Oakland in his red jail outfit with one hand cuffed to a waist shackle. He was found guilty of the double murder on March 28, more than three years after it happened and has remained in jail since his arrest in 2009.

He was set to be moved to state prison immediately after his sentencing Friday.

Before the sentencing, Judge Jeffrey Horner denied defense motions for a new trial. In deciding the two life sentences should run consecutively, Horner cited the "horrific nature" of the crime and the level of planning and sophistication involved.

"The real truth of this hideous event is far, far worse ... the fact that their son would do this to them," Horner said in deciding to have the two life sentences run back to back. "A sentence should reflect the damage — the horror the defendant unfolded upon his parents."

Scherer III, a former Eagle Scout turned professional poker player, was arrested a year after the murders and it was nearly another two years before he was brought to trial. It took three months for the case to be laid out to jurors but less than 11 hours for that jury to convict him on all counts: two charges of murder for

financial gain, one count of committing multiple murders, and a use-of-a-deadly weapon charge for using a sharp instrument to kill his parents.

The sentencing had an unusual turn of events when it was disclosed a female juror had been in communication with Scherer in jail.

"Not a lot of people have the opportunity to correspond with one of the people that convicted them," Scherer said.

It was revealed that Scherer and the juror had exchanged "non-verbal communication" — smiles — to each other during the trial, although the prosecution and defense disagreed on who began the exchange.

Prosecutor Michael Nieto produced copies of the correspondence between the two, noting that the female juror never wavered in her belief that Scherer III was guilty. Nieto, however, was concerned about what he saw as the defendant's attempts to coerce her into thinking he was innocent.

After sentencing Scherer III, Horner turned his attention to the family and friends of the murdered couple.

"Words fail me. There is no adequate way for me to convey or express the enormity of your loss. Nothing ... can ever close these wounds," he said, adding he hoped the family "can at last put them to rest in their hearts, their souls and in their loving memories."

Most of the jury showed up in court Friday morning to hear the sentencing.

"I spent three months of my life doing this, and I wanted to see the conclusion," said juror Paul Rollins. "I'm really glad I came."

He added he was shocked to learn about the correspondence between the juror and Scherer III.

Scherer has been held in an isolation cell and was put on suicide watch six days before the sentencing, a deputy told the Weekly.

Abendroth and Scherer Jr. were well known in the community. She was an accounting and lecturing professor at Cal State East Bay. Scherer Jr. was actively involved in the Republican Party and was a former San Ramon Valley school board member. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Senior trip down under: Lisa Grau and Kelly Avon visit Sydney Harbor on their senior trip after graduating from Amador Valley High last June. Trip highlights included scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef, surfing in Cooslangata, climbing the Sydney Harbor Bridge, holding a koala and petting kangaroos. They now attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and UC Berkeley.

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Lindsey Roffey, general manager and sommelier of Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, introduces an auction lot with auctioneer Damon Casatico at the 17th annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction, where \$225,000 was raised for local children's charities with a gourmet dinner and bids on unique wine and vacation packages.

The beneficiaries of the recent 2011 Wine Auction are Open Heart Kitchen's Weekend Box Lunch Program that provides needy Tri-Valley kids with nutritious lunches when they are not at school; Children's Skin Disease Foundation's Camp Wonder in Livermore; and ValleyCare Foundation's Mobile Health Unit, which provides primary health care and immunizations to uninsured and underserved children in the Tri-Valley area.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Oak Grove keeps coming back

Oak Grove keeps coming back. Jennifer and Frederic Lin, who recently filed for permits to build 10 ranchettes on the 526 acres of wooded land they own in Pleasanton's southeast hills, have now filed a petition with the state Court of Appeal to take another look at their earlier request to build 51 custom homes on the site. That request, once approved by the City Council, was rejected by voters in a referendum last June. A Superior Court judge rejected the Lins' legal argument that the referendum was illegal because they already had signed development agreements approved by the council. It's that action that the Lins are now asking the Court of Appeal to reverse.

The Lins, who have owned the property since 1979, have been rebuffed several times, both in court and in voter referendums. Their first bid to build some 100 homes on their property along with a public golf course won City Council approval, but later was rejected in a voter referendum. Then, they came back with a 98-home proposal without a golf course. Told by city officials that it was unlikely such a large housing project would be allowed, they agreed to downsize the plan to 51 homes and also offered to give the city free of charge some 450 acres for a public park and open space. The council liked the idea but many others did not, fielding petitions calling for the June referendum. The Lins sought court orders to block the county registrar's validation of the petitions and also the referendum, but so far have been unsuccessful.

So now the city government finds itself in the awkward position of defending itself against the Lins in the Court of Appeal while also considering their new petition for a downsized, 10-ranchette development by the same landowners. So far, planners have yet to review the Lins' latest proposal, waiting a full year after last June's referendum before considering a new plan for the same site, as required by law. Even then, because the Planning Department, Planning Commission and City Council are working with the council-appointed Housing Task Force to meet state and court-ordered deadlines to rezone more sites for affordable housing, it's unlikely the Lins' plan will be considered until late this year, if then.

Still, with the Lins and their San Francisco law firm preparing for another court fight while also no doubt watching closely from the sideline as the 10-unit ranchette plan makes its way through municipal channels, Pleasanton will need to make sure all bases are covered. Most think that the Lins, who have lost all of their court battles so far, don't stand a chance this time either before the Court of Appeal. But that's what most thought before, after the city's Housing Cap law was held valid by a lower court and then overturned by the same Court of Appeal.

One way or the other, the Lins seem likely to build homes on their land in the southeast hills. ■

YOUR TURN

The Pleasanton Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or issues of local interest.

Submit letters to the editor of up to 250 words and guest opinion pieces up to 500 words with a short bio to editor@PleasantonWeekly.com. Include your name, address and daytime phone number so we can reach you. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length, objectionable content, libel and factual errors known to us. Anonymous letters will generally not be accepted.

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For more information contact Editor Jeb Bing at (925) 600-0840.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE



By GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

Journalism is an investment

The Pleasanton Weekly staff is humbled by and appreciative of the outpouring of support we have received so far in the Support Local Journalism membership drive. Hundreds of Pleasanton residents have chosen to invest in our community by supporting the Weekly's journalists financially. As of press time, we only needed 330 more members to meet our goal.

According to a recent survey, the Pleasanton Weekly is the most trusted of the local media outlets, best understands the community and best keeps its readers connected to the community. Our goal is to educate, inform and engage readers of our print newspaper and visitors to our website. Our value was exhibited just this past week when we warned residents about a questionable group soliciting door-to-door in our community. We were alerted by a post on the Town Square forum and, through hours of research and investigation, brought to light something that residents need to know.

This is only one example of the services journalists provide. Imagine trying to stay informed on the issues before the City Council or school board without journalists covering their meetings, asking questions and presenting analyses for debate and discussion throughout the community. We also offer a valuable platform for that debate and discussion on our Town Square forums.

Local weekly newspapers have traditionally been the heart and soul of a community's identity



and culture. They reflect the values of the residents and businesses, challenge assumptions and shine a light on our imperfections and aspirations. The corresponding electronic media is an extension of that with the benefits of immediacy and ease of distribution. It takes journalists to cover meetings, analyze thousands of reports, write stories, keep the website updated and monitor forums.

So we can continue to provide the quality journalism you have come to expect from the Weekly, we are asking those who can to support us financially by becoming a "subscribing member" for as little as 17 cents a day. As a member, we will provide you with some special "perks" that you might enjoy or appreciate, including a "Support Local Journalism" bumper sticker, a small gift and some special invitations to events.

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We believe the vast majority of residents have always shared our view of the value and necessity of a strong local media and are willing to provide support equal to two or three cups of coffee a month to secure its future.

Thank you for doing your part to keep strong local journalism alive and well in Pleasanton.

LETTERS

Need constructive solutions

Dear Editor,

Letters from opponents of Measure E display anger that seems out of proportion with a parcel tax of less than \$10 per month. When the Weekly editor expressed disappointment with the defeat and compared opponents to Tea Party members, opponents expressed outrage, said they were "insulted," proceeded to fling false charges of dishonesty, hurled a sequence of "dogsults," and issued an "F grade." If it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then I can see how some of these people might be mistaken for Tea Party members.

Most of the opposing letters did not address specific provisions, but cite complaints that Measure E wouldn't fix. Yes, out of a large pool of retirees, 15 receive very large pensions (from Calsters, not

from PUSD). Yes, many Measure E tactics seemed kind of stupid: expected return on investment, political consultants, statistical "predictions," key constituencies, etc. — this is what you get when you run a school system like a business.

Some complaints were flimsy distortions of the truth: It is not false to say that Measure E failed when a majority voted for it, Measure E strategies were not the Weekly's to "fail to" disclose, and "honestly gauging what voters want" would be more *séance* than science — and an open invitation for more accusations.

One consistent thread is the refusal to support a parcel tax, even for education, as revenge for — whatever. As we watch our government and services collapse around us, this position is reminiscent of a medieval doctor's prescription: "The floggings will continue until the patient improves." This destructive attitude must be replaced by constructive solutions for the problems that we all face today.

Mike Moran

POLICE BULLETIN

Cash, flat screen TVs taken in business burglaries

Three businesses in the 4400 block of Stoneridge Drive were hit in a burglary between 3 a.m. and 11 a.m. May 19, police reports said.

A \$600 36-inch flat screen TV and \$100 in cash were stolen from one of the businesses, according to one report. A 35-inch flat screen TV, \$1,000 in jewelry, a \$200 DVD player and \$100 in cash were taken from another. No information was available about what was taken from the third. The rear doors of all three were

pried open, the reports said.

Other police reports gave the following information: Two hundred feet of copper wire valued at \$2,260 was stolen in a commercial burglary in the 5000 block of Johnson Drive between 3:30 p.m. May 18 and 10 a.m. May 19.

A \$1,100 Gucci purse, \$500 Gucci wallet, \$150 sunglasses, \$140 in cash, credit cards and keys were stolen May 19 from 24 Hour Fitness in the 5800 block of West Las Positas Boulevard. The purse and its contents were left in a locked bank of lockers at about 10:45 a.m. and were missing at 11:10 a.m.; there was no sign of forced entry.

Jewelry worth \$1,100 was stolen from a structure in the 3200 block of Omega Circle between 1 a.m. May 1 and 8 p.m. May 19; a \$400 sapphire, diamond and gold ring, a diamond and \$400 ruby, diamond and gold ring and an antique \$300 diamond and gold ring were taken.

POLICE REPORT

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

May 16

Theft

■ 4:10 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft

Burglary

■ 7:18 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 8:35 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 9:07 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

Battery

■ 5:31 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway

May 17

Theft

■ 2:50 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

■ 11:34 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from a dependent adult, DUI, possession of stolen property

Burglary

■ 11:55 a.m. in the 4500 block of Lin Gate Street

■ 2:25 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 12:35 a.m. in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance,

possession of a hypodermic needle, under the influence of a controlled substance

May 18

Theft

■ 5:37 a.m. in the 800 block of Gray Fox Circle; petty theft

■ 10:50 a.m. in the 3300 block of Busch Road; identity theft

■ 3:01 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

■ 4:09 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; possession of stolen property

■ 4:36 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 5:40 p.m. in the 3300 block of Prairie Drive; grand theft

Burglary

■ 4:14 p.m. in the 2200 block of Greenwood Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 1:32 a.m. at the intersection of Amador Court and Vineyard Avenue; DUI

■ 2:20 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

May 19

Theft

■ 1:51 p.m. in the 5000 block of Hummingbird Road; grand theft

■ 2:17 p.m. in the 5800 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; grand theft

■ 9:40 p.m. at the intersection of Tawny Drive and Touriga Drive; possession of stolen property, possession

of a firearm by a convicted felon

■ 11:53 p.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; identity theft

Burglary

■ 10:17 a.m. in the 5000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 12:32 p.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

May 20

Theft

■ 1:06 p.m. in the 3200 block of Omega Circle; grand theft

■ 5:14 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft

Battery

■ 7:19 p.m. in the 3300 block of W. Ruby Hill Drive

■ 10:28 p.m. in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

May 21

Theft

■ 4:11 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Pickens Lane; grand theft

■ 7:34 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

May 22

Theft

■ 5:38 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft

Battery

■ 1:44 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 11:34 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; driving with marijuana

OBITUARIES

Ronald Joe Graham

Ronald Joe Graham died May 22 after suffering a severe heart attack at the age of 62.

He was born Feb. 20, 1949, to Ruby Lee Swanson and

Robert John Graham in Alamogordo, N.M. As a young child, he moved to Fortuna, Calif., where he was raised with his brother Roger and sister Rendi.

Mr. Graham was the founder of the Graham Piano Studio, which operated for over 20 years in Pleasanton. He influenced students and audiences around the world through his teaching and his performances in Europe, Latin America, South America, Egypt and the Caribbean. His interests later in life included music, wine, travel, baseball, read-



ing and good (or bad) jokes.

Mr. Graham is survived by his wife Nooshin; his mother Ruby; his sister Rendi; his children Ron Jr., Elaine and Bonnie; and his stepdaughters Jasmine, Natalie and Juliet Roufchaie. He will be memorialized at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St. in Pleasanton from 9-10 a.m. Sunday with a reception until noon. He will be interred at 2:30 p.m. at Westwood Hills Memorial Cemetery in Placerville next to his father and brother.

Claudine Wharton

Pleasanton resident Claudine Wharton died May 15 at the age of 86.

She was born July 17, 1924, to Claude and Birdie (Beckham) Salmon, the youngest of four daughters, in Fresno. The family moved to Oakland in 1930. She was active in school and very involved with Jobs



Daughters. After high school she worked at the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland.

She married Pfc. Philip Balousek and in 1945 gave birth to a son, Philip Jr., who died in 2010, and in 1947, a daughter, Nancy Lucile, who died shortly after birth. She raised Phil in Walnut Creek then Santa Ana, and after a divorce, moved back to the Bay Area in the 1960s and went to work for Breuners Furniture Co. in Oakland.

She loved antiques; in 1969, she and her second husband Herbert Stevens bought and operated Cottage Antiques in Murphys. She moved back to the Bay Area when widowed, to be near family. In 1981 she was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran Church in Hayward and began working as the church secretary, a position she held for 10 years.

For almost 20 years Claudine has made her home in Pleasanton with the love of her golden years, husband Walter Wharton. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St. in Pleasanton.



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Housing Task Force

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hearst Elementary School, 5301 Case Avenue

- Discussion regarding potential sites for rezoning
- Review Preliminary Draft Housing Element

Staples Ranch Meeting

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 @ 6:30 pm

Mohr Elementary School Auditorium, 3300 Dennis Drive

- Public Information regarding construction activities scheduled for the Staples Ranch Property

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

Dancing in the rain

Fundraisers help Kaitlin's family with expenses while she fights leukemia

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Kaitlin Gallagher, 15, has managed to keep a bit of her teen lifestyle going even during an extensive stay at UCSF children's hospital to undergo leukemia treatment.

To share the tales of her medical battle against the disease, she started a blog that begins with a quote by Vivian Greene: "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning how to dance in the rain."

"As bad as 'being in the hospital fighting cancer' may sound, I am actually enjoying my stay," Kaitlin wrote May 2 in a post titled "Living in Luxury."

"After 3 room moves, I was given the suite. It is a nice big room that looks more like a hotel room than a hospital room. The wood floors, nice cabinets, and wall murals of the beach make it very comforting. In addition, the many posters, cards, gifts add to the decor and bring home here. The only big no-no is flowers and plants because of the bacteria or fungus they may have."

She began posting April 26 at www.kaitlinsluckymia.blogspot.com, explaining that she was diagnosed with stage 4 leukemia after discovering a lump in the middle of her throat in February. She details the long process of ultrasounds, biopsies and blood work to make the diagnosis.

"On Wednesday the 20th it was confirmed that I had stage four mature B-cell Leukemia and we began chemotherapy the following day. Currently I am still at the children's hospital at UCSF and am responding to the treatment really well! I have completed the 'mini' round 1," she wrote.

During the next month she talked about her treatments — chemo, spinal taps and pills, and more pills. She shares her reactions and talks about her visits from friends and family, posting fun photos along the way. She stopped going to her classes at Amador Valley High, where she is a sophomore, but continues her school work at home or in the hospital.

"The docs, nurses, and other staff are all awesome," she wrote May 2. "Being a 'teaching' hospital, I feel like a patient on Grey's Anatomy. The drs do their rounds in the morning and about 5 of them come into my room and stand around my bed discussing how it's going and next steps."

Her friends set up a booth near Angela Street at the May 4 First Wednesday to raise awareness about Kaitlin's plight.

"It went really well. Our kids in Pleasanton are pretty amazing," said family friend Christine Hoopes, who helped orchestrate the event. "Our booth was loaded with these kids. The boys actually cut their hair — they were doing this for Kaitlin."

On May 5, Kaitlin reported on a trip home to Pleasanton:

"To my surprise, my friends decorated my front yard with the best welcome home ever. There was a big sign that had been hand painted, 'Welcome home Kait, Love all your Peeps!' And on the lawn must have been



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This photo of Kaitlin Gallagher was framed for a First Wednesday booth that kicked off fundraising efforts, which include an event Monday at Rockin' Jump in Dublin.

1,000 peeps to welcome me, literally."

She was able to stay home for a couple of weeks, where she was able to go through her Catholic Confirmation ceremony. And she attended her softball team's game as well as a game of her brother's.

"It was freezing at the Sport's Park but the fresh air felt good," she blogged.

Then it was back to UCSF for another round of treatments.

*"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning how to dance in the rain."
— Vivian Greene*

Her latest blog is headed: "A spoon full of Pudding makes the medicine go down..."

"I have never had an issue taking pills, but when they start giving you 10-15 per day and some are not coated and taste awful, it quickly becomes an issue," she wrote. "After gagging several times and trying new 'tricks,' I now take my pills with nothing else, but Chocolate Pudding."

On her blog, Kaitlin also tells about various fundraisers to help her family during this difficult financial time. They include sales of rubber bracelets and a Twisted Silver Jewelry Party.

Rockin' Jump, the new "ultimate trampoline park" at 5875 Arnold Road, Suite 100, in Dublin, is hosting a one-day event from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday, May 30, to help Kaitlin's cause, and Hoopes hopes that everyone in the community will participate to show support. Call ahead to reserve a jumping time slot by the hour. Tickets are \$12.

Comments on Kaitlin's blog commend her spirit, and she, in turn, thanks everyone repeatedly for their help.

"My closest circle of friends and my family visit regularly and are the best medicine I could be receiving," she wrote. ■

Kaitlin's friends stayed up until midnight skewering Peeps then met at 6 a.m. to plant them and put up welcome home signs for her return May 5. Someone called the Peeps company, which donated a huge box, while others cleared the store shelves of Peeps left over from Easter.



EILEEN LUBOW

POETIC PLEASANTON



By DEBORAH GROSSMAN

Enjoy evening of pure poetic fun

The Pleasanton Teen Poets Laureate will present the Graduation Poetry Blitz from 6:30-9 p.m., Friday, June 3, at Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

Celebrate the end of the school year and start of the summer with the Teen Poets Laureate — Noelle Malindzak, Mitch Grimes and Vivian Tsai — who will kick off the evening with a reading of their poems.

During intermission, Karl Wente and "The Front Porch" will play music while free refreshments are served. Open Mic follows for teens, young adults and everyone.

All are welcome to read an original poem, two pages or less. Soft drinks and snacks will be included in the \$5 price for adults. Admission and refreshments are free for students with ID.

The teens are designing on eve-

ning of pure poetic fun. Come down to listen. Or, put your shy cap on the rack and cook up some poetic lines.

Recipe for a Poem

By DEBORAH GROSSMAN

*Pull the idea from your wackiest hat:
Tell us the antics of your long-lost cat.*

Share the ditty deeds of the dog or how your prince turned into a frog.

*Start with powerful words, one at a time,
take free verse liberties or add some rhyme.*

*Mix in colorful images, slam in some rage,
crack a joke or two on the page.*

*Stir in some emotion, add a dash of detail
top it off with a surprise — a memorable tale.*

Sign your name and be heard at the Teens' Poetry Blitz on June 3rd!

Deborah Grossman is Pleasanton's Poet Laureate. Email her at pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY JESSICA LIPSKY

More than a dozen historic aircraft will land at Livermore Municipal Airport on Sunday, March 29, for a three-day salute to veterans and the incredible machines they flew.

The Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom tour will open two bomber planes — a B-17 Flying Fortress and a Consolidated B-24 Liberator — as well as a P-51 Mustang, a Russian Yak-18 and several other trainer aircrafts to the public for tours and flights during the Memorial Day holiday.

Four World War II veterans will be on site as well as WWII merchandise for sale and the Swinging Blue Stars, a female vocal group that specializes in performing songs from the 1940s and '50s.

The festivities begin at noon Sunday, with bomber tours until 4 p.m. Tours are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children; veterans are "pre-paid." Hour-long flights will be given before and after tours for \$425.

If you hesitate to take a flight because you're prone to nausea, vertigo or are just easily shaken, never fear. I was recently given the opportunity to travel back in time to fly a "mission" and survived to tell the tale.

Last week, I took a day off work to brave the wild blue yonder, also known as the skies of the Central Valley. My day began in Livermore where I met Kevin Ryan, stop coordinator for the Memorial Day event, who would fly me to Bakersfield for my date with history.

Ryan, a Pleasanton resident, has been involved with the Collings Foundation for 19 years but as I gazed uneasily at his 1976 Cessna 182 (a dual engine, four-person aircraft), I couldn't help but hum Buddy Holly's "Peggy Sue" and pray that this wouldn't become The Day the Journalist Died.

Forty minutes later, we were cruising 7,000 feet in the air nodding our heads to the sweet sounds of Bachman Turner Overdrive on Ryan's portable radio. Even as Ryan allowed me to "take the wheel" for a few miles, the 90-minute flight was incredibly smooth (albeit extremely cold) and definitely didn't prepare me for what lay ahead.

Four WWII era planes sat on the tarmac at Bakersfield's Meadows Field Airport and as volunteer crews scurried about preparing the planes for flight, history lovers and aviation enthusiasts climbed through the bombers and pretended to fire weapons, which a young child eagerly enacted for his delighted mother.

A Boeing B-17, a heavy bomber that got most of the notoriety during the war, was the more popular plane by passenger count. With a wingspan of 103 feet and maximum speed of 250 miles per hour, this bomber was named Nine-O-Nine in honor of a plane that flew 140 missions and took down three Nazi aircraft with its 13 machine guns.

Never one to go with the crowd, I chose instead to board Witchcraft — the world's only fully restored and operating B-24. Witchcraft saw combat in the Pacific Theater in operations ranging from bombing (the plane can carry 8,000 pounds of bombs) to resistance force operations, and it flew 130 missions under the British flag.

As I stepped onto the bomb bay with a WWII enthusiast from Templeton, I tried to imagine what it would



Before a flight, every plane's four propellers must be rotated in the British flag; each bomber had two waist guns in addition to Nazi aircraft while each bomb represents a mission.

have been like to be one of the 10 crew-cut young men who would navigate the narrow pathways of the bomber daily.

Witchcraft's four engines started in a dull roar that rattled everything not bolted to the plane and soon was reminiscent of the Nascar races my dad dragged me to as a child. Shortly after we became airborne, the pilot rang the "bail out" bell and we were free to roam around the plane, sit in any of the gunner seats, and try to keep our balance — which is where the problems arose.

The B-24 bomber has no sealed or pressurized cabin, no lights to guide you toward the lavatory (in fact, there isn't a restroom at all), and it quickly became clear that this wasn't a flight for the faint of heart.

I'm usually a brave person — I have no fear of heights or speed and generally like dangerous situations — but as I climbed into the nose of the plane and sat in the bombardier's seat I was overwhelmed by nausea. The front of the plane shakes like the worst turbulence I've experienced during a flight and I wasn't remotely prepared for the cold air that whips your face and neck when you stand to look through the nose gunner.

I grinned weakly at my fellow passenger and headed for the body of the plane where two waist gunners are





...ne times to ensure that excess oil from each of the nine pistons is removed. Below, l-r: The Witchcraft flew 130 missions under nose and tail gunners as well as bombardiers and ball turrets; swastikas on the B-17 bomber represent the number of destroyed

perched on the sills of "windows." When one of the crew motioned for me to stand behind the gun for a picture, I knelt down and immediately received an ice cold blast of air up my back and, much to my chagrin, had to run for cover as the photographer, clad in cargo shorts, laughed.

If I learned anything from my flight on Witchcraft, it was that I would be a terrible member of the aircrew. Not only was I developing vertigo but I couldn't handle weather that my airplane mechanic grandfather would have scoffed at. Because B-24s had a range of 3,000 miles, their crews would routinely fly for hours at 25,000 feet where temperatures could be sub-zero. To keep from freezing to death, crews would wear heated suits that could be plugged in near the gunner seats.

Well, if I couldn't actually get a heated suit I would have to pretend, and I crawled on my hands and knees toward the bomb bay and the tail gunner. I was stunned to find the bay open, with one of the crew sitting leisurely as his right leg hung out of the plane. He smiled at me and nodded his head toward the open doors, which bordered an inches-wide plank that I, apparently, was expected to walk across.

My eyes widened and I shook my head in fear. No way

was I going tightrope walk 1,500 feet in the air. I would lose one of my favorite shoes, if not my life, and my roommate would be mighty upset that she had no one to help pay rent.

Once the doors were closed and all limbs were safely inside the aircraft, I made my way to the tail gunner where I sat for the remainder of the flight and pretended to drop bombs on whatever caught my eye. My inner sadistic 10-year-old rejoiced and my real, wimpy self was overjoyed to find a spot on the plane that wasn't terribly windy.

A little over an hour from the time we took off, Witchcraft landed in Bakersfield and I boarded Ryan's Cessna yet again to fly toward Livermore. Although I drove home barely handling the wooziness caused by flying all day, my ride in an amazing piece of history is officially my favorite reporting assignment to date — and the closest I'll ever get to using a time machine.

So if you have the gumption, take the afternoon off and enjoy a bumpy ride through history. While the price may be high at \$425, a fellow passenger summed it up neatly:

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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 grounds, 5353 Sunol Blvd., before the Memorial Day Service, which begins at 11 a.m. Call 846-5897 or visit www.pleasantonband.org.

Events

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FIRST WEDNESDAY STREET

FAIR: JUMP INTO SUMMER First Wednesday will take place from

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Pillars of the Tri-Valley is a chance to learn about dozens of nonprofits and their role in the community, and meet with staff and board members in a job-fair setting. It is designed to bring together leaders with vision and experience and nonprofit organizations that match their passions. The event is from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, at Carr America Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr. There is no charge,

but please preregister at www.trivalleypillars.org. Call 734-9965.

POWDER-PUFF PRE-GAME The senior girls take on the junior girls in the annual "Powder Puff" football game, from 5-7 p.m., Friday, June 3, at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita

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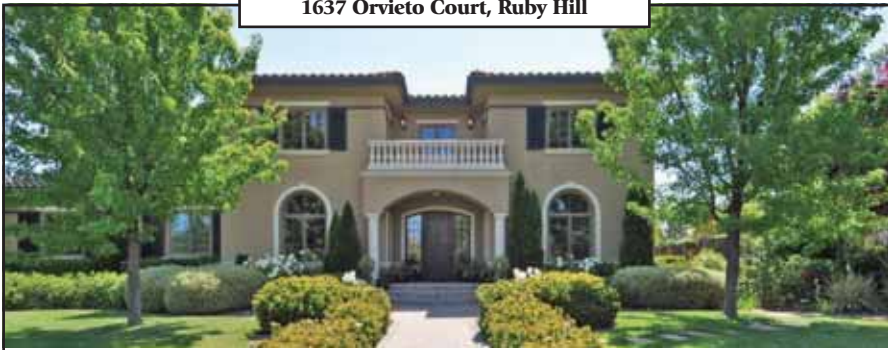
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Tri-Valley sees 27 home foreclosures

By JEB BING

Foreclosure activity showed a significant increase last month in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon despite a slight surge in conventional sales and an uptick in the economy.

Only recently, Mark Skilling reported on his Mark@ForeclosureRadar.com site that foreclosure sales saw a dip with bank-owned inventories (REOs) mostly flat.

Some Realtors suggested that sales opportunities in the mid- to low-priced housing market fell because incentives for first-time homebuyers went away. That left more sellers whose home mortgages were more than they could afford with fewer prospective buyers.

Pleasanton saw four foreclosures in April, according to CalREsource, a real estate reporting service.

They ranged from a 903-square-foot home on Arroyo Court that was obtained by Dublin Limited for \$139,700 to a 1,368-square-foot home on Francisco Street that was valued at \$570,000.

Five foreclosures took place last month in Dublin, with investment groups acquiring properties ranging in value from \$245,500 for a 1,234-square-foot home on De Marcus Boulevard to a 3,790-square-foot home on

Woodrose Circle, acquired by the Silvergate Investment Group for \$708,400.

Livermore saw the most foreclosures during the month, with 10 listed between April 7 and April 25. The lowest-priced foreclosure was a 960-square-foot home on Elm Street, taken over by JP Morgan Chase Bank for \$199,203. The most expensive was a 2,274-square-foot home on Ridgcrest Circle, acquired by ING Bank for \$602,799.

There were eight foreclosures last month in San Ramon, ranging from \$149,121 for a 949-square-foot home on Reflections Drive to a 4,558-square-foot home on Calico Court that was taken over by Bank of America for \$1,007,500.

This report is provided by California REsource, a title abstracting company. The home addresses, sales price, square footage and other data are based on information supplied from property transaction records which, in some cases, may not be complete.

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East Bay luxury home sales up again

Pleasanton, Danville among top cities in \$1-million-plus market

By JEB BING

Luxury home sales and the median sales price in the East Bay both rose once again in April from the previous month, although the indicators were off from their year-ago levels.

A new market report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage shows that a total of 105 homes sold for more than \$1 million in Alameda and Contra Costa counties in April, up nearly 17% from the 90 sales in March. The median sale price also edged up 1.2% last month to \$1,275,000.

While sales continued to improve in 2011, last month's total fell below year-ago levels when 129 million-dollar properties changed hands. The median sale price was off fractionally from April 2010 when it stood at \$1,285,000.

Other market indicators also offered reason for encouragement. It took just 48 days on average to sell a luxury home, down from 72 in March and 52 a year ago. And sellers received an average of 98% of their asking price, up from 96.5% last year and 97% the previous month.

The figures were derived from Multiple Listing Service data of all homes sold in Alameda and Contra Costa counties for more than \$1 million last month.

"We've seen gradual improvement in the luxury market over the past year, but the gains aren't always a straight line, as evidenced by the year-over-year decline in sales last month," said Rick Turley, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "It's not surprising to see a bit of volatility in the market at this stage as the overall economy and job market try to build some momentum."

Turley said it's difficult to measure sales in April with last year since the federal tax credit was still in effect a year ago. Although the credit supported more entry and mid-priced home sales, it indirectly spurred activity in the million-dollar market as more sellers of lower-priced homes took the opportunity to move up to more expensive properties.

"The encouraging fact for the Bay Area is that pending sales are actually on the rise when compared to last year, both in terms of number of homes and especially in the median sale prices," he said. "Given those sales in the pipeline right now, there's reason for optimism as we head into June and the summer months."

Some key findings from this month's Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage East Bay luxury housing market report:

■ The most expensive sale in the East Bay last month was a seven-bedroom, seven-bath, 6,754-square foot home in Piedmont that sold for \$4.5 million;

■ Piedmont boasted the most million-dollar sales with 15, followed by Lafayette with 13, Pleasanton with 12, Fremont with 10 and Danville with eight;

■ There were six multi-million-dollar sales last month, exactly the same number as the previous month and a year ago.

Turley said Coldwell Banker sells more multi-million dollar properties in Northern California than any other company. Last year, it sold more than 27% of properties over \$3 million and more than 33% of homes priced above \$5 million.

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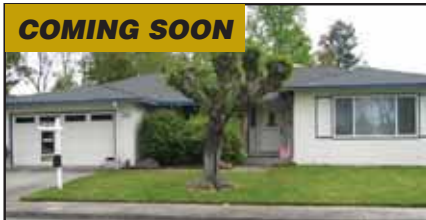
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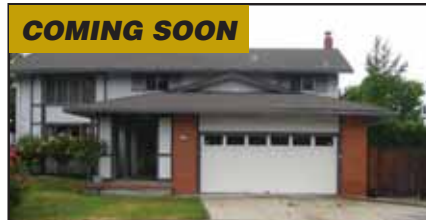
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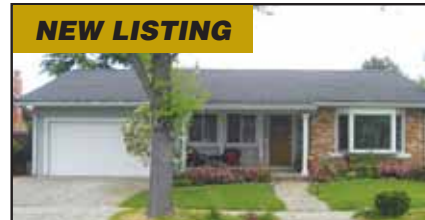
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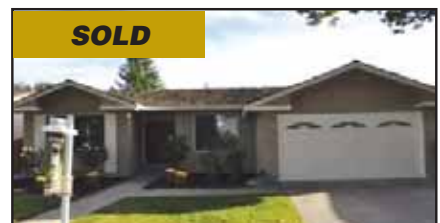
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- 7568 Brigadoon Way** A. Sikander to V. Kalley for \$440,000
- 7374 Cronin Circle #39** K. & K. Datwyler to G. Attiyeh for \$260,000
- 5425 De Marcus Boulevard #422** A. Flores to Mok Trust for \$226,500
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard #322** N. Eddinger to S. Gyani for \$307,000
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- 7546 Honey Court** A. Nacu to J. & E. Nguyen for \$389,000
- 8034 Iglesia Drive** M. & R. Fiegel to B. & A. Greene for \$652,500
- 8683 Longford Way** Greyhound Properties to H. Rivera for \$390,000
- 6855 Mansfield Avenue** J. Ramaswamy to K. Li for \$360,000
- 7058 Mansfield Avenue** US Bank to N. & A. Dionisio for \$430,000
- 5728 Newfields Lane** P. & J. Lewald to B. Lee for \$826,000
- 3071 Ridgefield Court** G. & S. Hankins to P. Urrutia for \$830,000

Livermore

- 273 Abalone Place** S. & C. Biehl to C. & A. Noon for \$770,000
- 6101 Augusta Way** A. & M. Shah to G. & C. Hazelhofer for \$360,000

- 4367 Cherry Blossom Way** J. French to D. & W. Barrington for \$630,000
- 972 Coronado Way** L. Hurl to D. Verdeck for \$315,000
- 4977 Dana Court** M. & T. Coutant to L. & B. Erickson for \$540,000
- 1862 De Vaca Way** E. Goldstein to A. & M. Minto for \$225,000
- 3934 East Avenue** Bac Home Loans to B. & C. Lockhart for \$261,000
- 614 Escondido Circle** Dorough Trust to S. Behm for \$678,000
- 5285 Irene Way** Homeland Corporation to B. Patrick for \$435,000
- 430 Jensen Street** C. Smith to K. & A. Lund for \$380,000
- 683 Loyola Way** M. & D. Messa to J. Lopez for \$536,000
- 1913 Monterey Drive** D. & K. Lamarre to C. Wilson for \$190,000
- 712 North P Street** Deutsche Bank to D. & J. Voltz for \$288,000
- 690 North Street** T. & M. Wendler to M. Patterson for \$287,500
- 6390 Owl Way** M. & E. Mazuchowski to A. & C. Aladi for \$600,000
- 817 Polaris Way** H. & J. Albert to D. & L. Bain for \$660,000
- 5520 Rainflower Drive** C. Chan to K. Poon for \$359,000
- 5873 Rainflower Drive** Wallis Trust to K. Dillon for \$465,000
- 636 Sycamore Court** Neuschwander Trust to G. Stewart for \$620,000
- 47 Trinity Circle** JP Morgan Chase Bank to Center For Life Enrichment for \$300,000
- 1129 Ventura Avenue** RCMIF-CS II Limited to C. Veach for \$175,000
- 1714 Verdite Street** M. Mall to J. & M. Bell for \$676,000
- 214 Windward Common** P. & E. Muir to T. & J. Melendez for \$220,000

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- 3863 Antonini Way** R. & S. Panjabi to D. & S. Sagar for \$1,508,000
- 520 Bunker Lane** American Home Mortgage to B. & F. White for \$1,150,000
- 3658 Camelot Court** Wells Fargo Bank to J. & J. Henshaw for \$550,000
- 2888 Camino Segura** F. & C. Alamillo to H. Chen for \$675,000
- 2697 Chocolate Street** S. Mukhopadhyay to L. Krantikari for \$663,000
- 6185 Crater Lake Court** Nomura Home Equity to J. Chow for \$407,500
- 1409 Elliot Circle** R. Berger to D. Deng for \$525,000
- 4457 Fairlands Drive** Lets R-A-D Limited to S. Maraj for \$255,000
- 4663 Gale Avenue** Gunn Trust to G. & J. Oconnor for \$331,000
- 1830 Harms Drive** J. Bell to B. & D. Segale for \$547,000
- 2160 Inverness Court** Moreno Trust to G. & S. Kisor for \$850,000
- 509 Junipero Street** Douglas Trust to J. Ko for \$645,000
- 1586 Loganberry Way** B. & A. Rajagopalan to S. Touati for \$832,000
- 3123 Montpelier Court** R. & C. Meader to Y. Sun for \$625,000
- 3768 Nicole Avenue** Dennis Trust to C. & E. Nohava for \$1,515,000
- 6366 Paseo Santa Maria** P. & S. Niemuth to J. Mundaden for \$860,000
- 675 Romeo Court** G. & M. Kadomatsu to A. Arora for \$1,200,000
- 4440 Seminole Way** J. Medina to Z. Liu for \$335,000
- 3664 South Hawaii Court** M. Kaufman to N. Tyagi for \$470,000
- 7233 Stonedale Drive** G. & B. Barcome to T. Ma for \$550,000

- 3698 Touriga Drive** Epps Trust to Zhong Trust for \$540,000
- 7288 Valley Trails Drive** E. & J. Shadd to T. Kim for \$470,000

San Ramon

- 3517 Aldwych Way** J. Morando to A. & R. Roncal for \$760,000
- 401 Arlewood Court** Pta Trust to N. Shah for \$739,000
- 144 Canyon Green Place** P. & S. Rentein to R. Levitt for \$575,000
- 2320 Canyon Lakes Drive** J. Santrizos to J. & S. Park for \$581,500
- 1212 Cedarwood Loop** T. & M. Khan to A. & S. Banerjee for \$486,000
- 114 Copper Ridge Road** Legacy Copper Ridge to A. Barone for \$215,000
- 178 Copper Ridge Road** Legacy Copper Ridge to S. Wong for \$235,000
- 66 Dos Rios Place** Bohnet Trust to C. & E. Sadeghian for \$765,000
- 2957 Enfield Street** K. & J. Yi to M. & N. Hsing for \$815,000
- 2821 Oak Creek Drive** A. & V. Melgoza to C. Degoey for \$470,000
- 3083 Paddington Way** Y. Chen to J. Shao for \$760,000
- 4 Peach Blossom Lane** N. Heyde to N. Bidhurakanthu for \$535,000
- 105 Reflections Drive #23** HSBC Bank to X. Li for \$200,000
- 3720 Segovia Court** Ritter Trust to V. & L. Daver for \$699,000
- 980 Springview Circle** J. Bradshaw to S. Kalyanaraman for \$590,000
- 4210 West Canyon Crest Road** J. & T. Ruble to E. Snyder for \$863,000
- 2230 Whitetail Lane** M. & L. Gonzales to S. Cunningham for \$415,000
- 6113 Yardley Lane** M. Castellanos to V. Vadrevu for \$480,000

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The latest from The 680 Blog

The Ins and Outs of Seller Disclosure Statements

Disclosure Statements are required in virtually every real estate transaction. They are an important part of the process, and crucial in terms of managing liability for a seller and creating a level of trust for the buyer. And most sellers think completing disclosure statements is about as much fun as filling out an employment application to be Arnold Schwarzenegger's maid. The main document is the Transfer Disclosure Statement, which is a 3 page standardized form that asks several questions about the property. This document is required on all transactions, with a few exceptions (probate sales and foreclosures are the 2 most common). The other document that is normally included is the Seller Property Questionnaire, which is a 4 page list of additional questions about the property. There are a couple of other minor forms, including a Lead Based Paint Disclosure and Earthquake Hazards Report, and Natural Hazard Disclosure Statement. But clearly the Transfer

Disclosure Statement and Seller Property Questionnaire are the 2 most important, as they detail the seller's knowledge of the property.

In real estate law, the seller is required to disclose all past or present material facts or other significant items affecting the value or desirability of the property. Of course, this is a fairly generic statement, and is open to some >> **Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.**



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



PENDING SALE!

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



PENDING SALE!

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



PENDING SALE!

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



PENDING SALE!

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



JUST SOLD!

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



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3616 NICOLE AVENUE, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN MOHR MARTIN ESTATES



JUST LISTED

5 BD 3.5 BA 4,460sf. on a 3/4 acre lot. Remodeled kitchen w/ large island, breakfast nook, granite counters & Brazilian cherry floors. Master on main level. Four car garage, private backyard w/ large deck & swimming pool.

CALL FOR PRICING

1683 LOGANBERRY WY. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



AVAILABLE

4 BD 2.5 BA 2,047sf. on a 6,500sf. lot. Desired Monterey model. Wood floors, crown moldings, new roof. Private yard with pool & grass area. Walk to schools & shopping.

\$785,000

1522 POPPYBANK CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN CHARTER OAKS DUETS



JUST LISTED

4 BD 2.5 BA, 2,020sf. on a 2,850sf. lot. Location, privacy, updated, turnkey, & move in ready. Updated kitchen with granite countertops. Private backyard perfect for entertaining.

\$630,000

1826 BROOKTREE WAY, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



PENDING

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

\$779,000

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



AVAILABLE

4 BD + office, 3 BA, 3,195sf. + finished attic. Built in 2010 with top of the line materials.

Gourmet kitchen, handmade mouldings, energy efficient & entertainer's dream home. Backs to the 4th hole green.

\$899,000

1226 SHADY POND LN. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE



PENDING

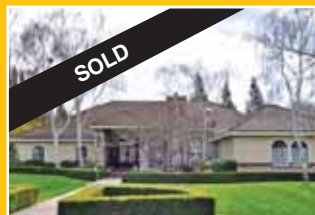
Amazing backyard! 6 BD 6 BA 5,096sf. on 15,712sf. lot. Top of the line upgrades throughout. Private location, BD, office & full bath on main level.

\$1,550,000



PENDING

3088 CRESTABLANCA DR. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN VINTAGE HEIGHTS
Custom 4 BD 3 BA 2,788sf. on a 10,462sf. lot. Bedroom and full bathroom downstairs. 3 car garage, hardwood flooring.



SOLD

3768 NICOLE AVE. PLEASANTON
FOREVER MOHR ESTATES
4 BD 2.5 BA Single Story.
Pool/spa, side yard access and a detached casita with full bath AND a full wine cellar under the casita. Private 1/2 acre lot, three car garage.
\$1,515,000

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819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON

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CHARTER OAKS



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**

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



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**

SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

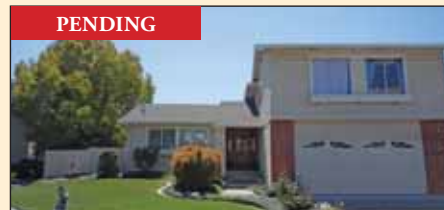


PENDING

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, Castledwood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. Award winning schools! **OFFERED AT \$1,559,000**

SAN RAMON



PENDING

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**

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**

CANYON MEADOWS



SOLD

7860 - G CANYON MEADOWS CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Beautiful Pleasanton single level condo, spacious floorplan with three bedrooms, two remodeled bathrooms, 1,257 square feet. Excellent condition, completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, tile & laminate flooring, updated light fixtures. Patio with storage. Walk to community clubhouse, pool/spa, gym/exercise facility & tennis court(s). Close to award winning schools and Stoneridge Mall. **OFFERED AT \$319,500**

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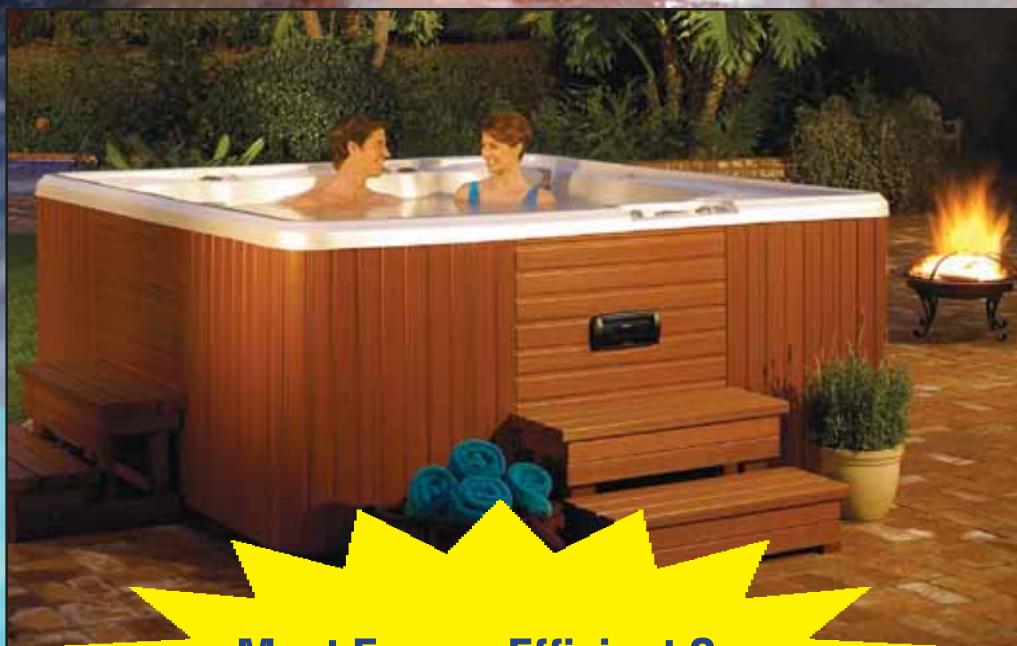


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