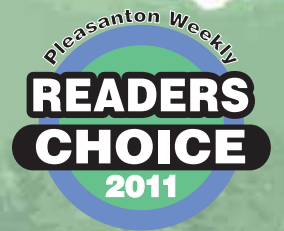


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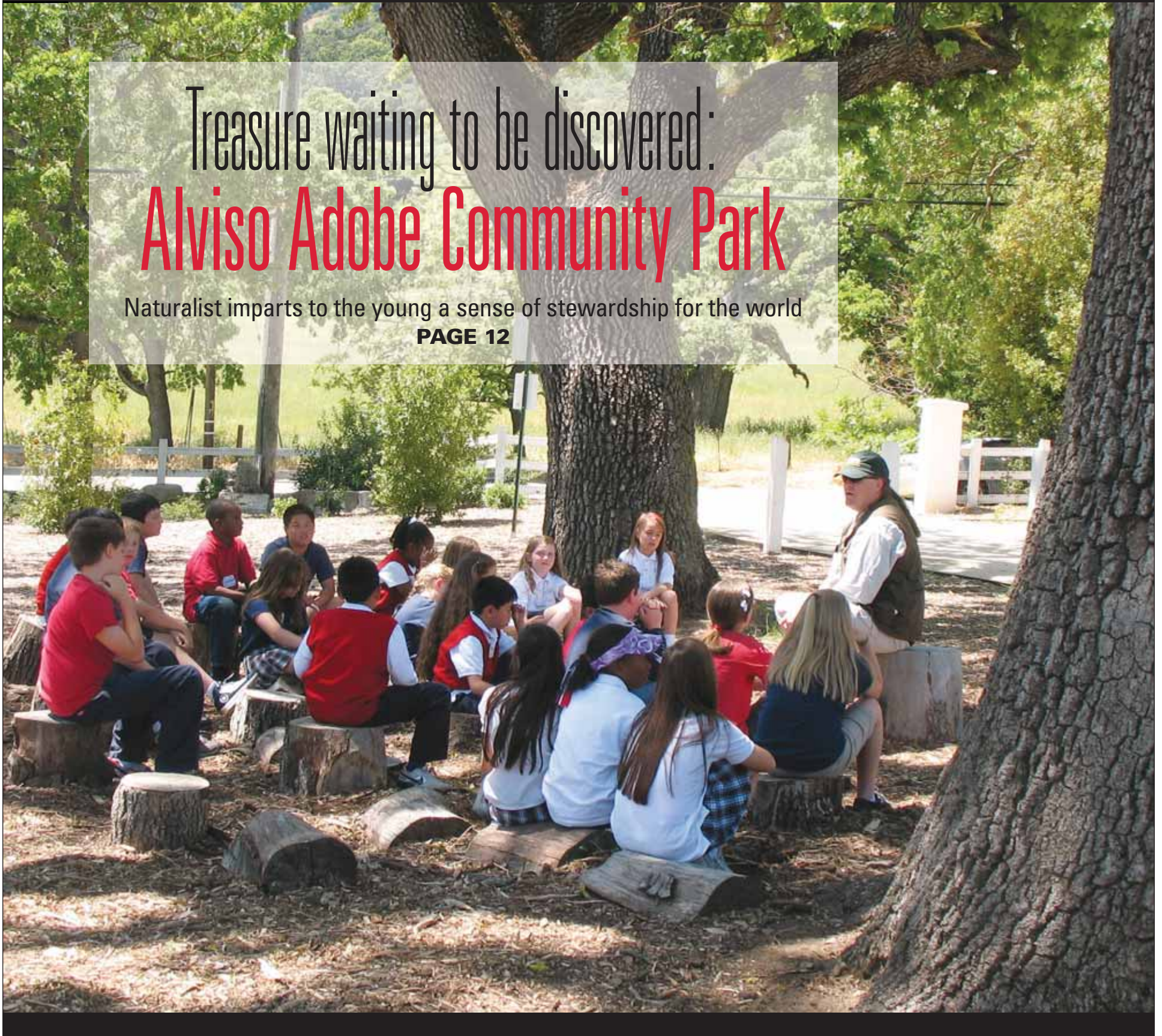
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

After helping thousands, Hope Hospice's leader retires

Helen Meier will retire next Friday from a career that has served thousands of those in need over the last 48 years, including the last nine as executive director of Hope Hospice. Her work has included managing homeless programs in San Francisco, Tri-Valley Haven for battered women and their children in the Tri-Valley, and most recently expanding the work of the hospice organization that provides end-of-life compassionate care and, just as important, grief counseling and ongoing support for those who are left behind. In between, she found time to work with the United Cerebral Palsy Association in San Francisco, researching and then helping San Francisco mass transit to develop buses with special lifts to accommodate the disabled. Her book, "Accessible Transit in the U.S. from 1970-1980," has provided guidelines for transit systems throughout the country.

Meier graduated from the State University of New York's Oneonta campus with a degree in education, determined to be a teacher. But marriage and a move to Costa Rica to work for the next six years with an interdenominational mission group changed that, as well as her career interests. Her two children — Wayne, a school teacher, and Cynthia, a lieutenant with the San Francisco Fire Department — were born there. Once back state-side, Meier became director of a small nonprofit, the Health of San Quentin, staffing a visitors' booth outside the prison walls where she arranged for transportation and lunch for those visiting the prison. That's where she also became a vocal advocate for improving prison conditions and medical care, which she found appalling at the time. Later she joined the United Cerebral Palsy group where she worked with the San Francisco Municipal Railroad on ways to provide access for the disabled. Up to then, she recalls, if you were in a wheelchair or couldn't climb the stairs, you couldn't use public transportation.

Meier moved to Livermore in 1985 to become director of Tri-Valley Haven, a job she held for 12 years. The Haven had challenges similar to bus access for the disabled; until she arrived, the Tri-Valley had no domestic violence

shelter. Later, she worked briefly as director of development for the Valley Community Health Center, which is now Axis Community Health, raising \$1 million in contributions at a time when the center's entire budget was \$4 million. Then it was back to San Francisco where she was asked to head Compass Community Services, a program that helps the homeless. She established a homeless shelter in the Tenderloin district, which today accommodates homeless families including 72 infants and toddlers who are registered there this spring.

Hope Hospice, as with so many programs she's touched, was a 12-year-old organization when she was hired as executive director. Its budget then was less than \$2 million and it has grown to \$7 million this year. Its service along the I-580/I-680 corridor has tripled in that same period of time with a staff of 60 doctors, nurses



Helen Meier

and others in expanded facilities in Dublin. Her experience in individual care and service fit well into the needs of Hope Hospice, whose mission is to help people face their mortality and help them stay comfortable and as close to their families as possible. Hospice care enables those with terminal illnesses to stay in their homes with trained volunteers coming to relieve caregivers for a few hours to shop and rest. This week, Hope Hospice was caring for 70 patients.

Meier's office is filled with letters of appreciation. "You not only concentrate on the patient but you bring to the entire family tender, loving care," writes one Hospice family member. "The support you provided with your guidance and good nature was like a blanket of comfort during one of the most emotionally challenging times of my life," writes another. Wrote Sue Ellen: "My mother spent the last seven months of her life being helped by two other hospices, but you were the one with the compassion and concern for her existence. When you came into our lives, you offered nothing but help, friendship, and ultimate care and concern."

For Meier, these are messages she'll take home next week when a remarkable career comes to an end.

Editor's note: For more about Hope Hospice, call the organization's 24-hour information line at 829-8770, or visit the service's headquarters at 6377 Clarke Ave., Dublin. ■

About the Cover

City Naturalist Eric Nicholas talks to visiting students beneath towering oak trees at Alviso Adobe Community Park. The site offers three eras of history, from the Native Americans to the Californios to its days as a dairy farm. Photo by Jerri Pantages Long. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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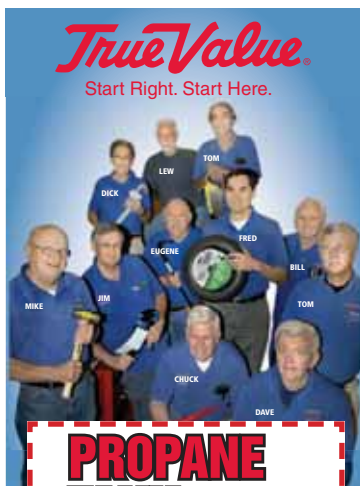
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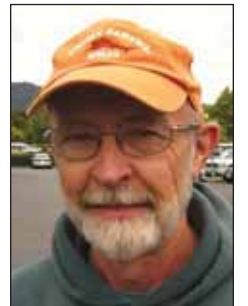


Martha Carrillo
Nanny

I'd have dinner with my parents. They live in Mexico, and I haven't seen them for two years. I talk to my mom every four days or so, but I would love to be able to share a meal with them.

Joe Roth
Retired

My wife, Leslie. She's great; we've been together for 32 years and she's a lot of fun. She's taken me down this path of mid-century modern and we have a wonderful time treasure hunting. I'd take her to our favorite restaurant in San Francisco, Tadich Grill.



Matt Clifton
Student/roller hockey player

Wayne Gretzky. He's the one who brought hockey to California; without him, hockey probably wouldn't have expanded here. I started playing hockey when I was 12, and I probably wouldn't have if it hadn't been for him. I'd like to pick his brain.

Shawna Donalaya
Sales and marketing

I'd say (fashion designer) Betsey Johnson, because she's crazy and fun and I'd like to see where she gets her ideas.



Diana Pettit
Merchandise

I would eat with Barbra Streisand, because I admire her music and movie career. I also respected the way she handled her son's death with such dignity.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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DIGEST

Pancakes in the park

Service groups in Pleasanton, including the Lions, VFW, Rotaries and the American Legion, will be serving pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee from 7-11:30 a.m. tomorrow morning at Delucchi Park at First and Angela streets. The Hometown Pancake Day meal is free but donations to the troops are encouraged, and Pleasanton Military Families Support Group will have a collection booth.

The next morning at the Vets Hall on Main Street, the group will package items at 2 p.m. to ship to troops overseas to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Light bulb still shines

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is hosting a free celebration from noon to 4 p.m. June 18 to mark the 110th year for the world's longest burning light bulb, which is in Station 6 at 4550 East Ave. in Livermore. Now referred to as the Centennial Light Bulb, it was manufactured by the Shelby Electric Co. of Ohio and was first used by the Livermore Fire Department at its hose cart house on Second Street in 1901. It continued to burn at other fire department facilities before it was installed at Station 6 in 1976.

Its authenticity has been recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records and Ripley's Believe It-Or-Not. It is also the subject of a documentary, "A Century of Light," which will be shown at the Vine Cinema in Livermore at 7 p.m. that same Saturday.

Free pet adoptathon

This weekend, in an attempt to empty the animal shelters in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, dogs and cats will be adopted to qualified homes free in Maddie's Matchmaker Adoptathon. Last year's event saved the lives of 2,000 animals.

Maddie's Fund, founded by David Duffield, has \$2 million set aside to pay each shelter or rescue group \$500 for every dog/cat adopted. To make sure no pet is left behind, \$1,000 will be given for every adoption of a senior or treatable pet, and \$1,500 for every adoption of a senior pet with a medical condition.

Stoneridge Shopping Center is hosting adoptions plus serving as command central for the Adoptathon. Other adoption locations include Valley Humane Society, shelters and rescue organizations, PETCO, PetSmart and Pet Food Express.

Supervisors' boundary changes would split Pleasanton in 2

Cook-Kallio opposes plan unveiled at Dublin hearing

By JEB BING

Two Alameda County supervisors took a plan for redrawing their district boundaries to Dublin on Tuesday night in a public hearing that generated little interest and opposition only from Pleasanton.

Theirs was the first of six public hearings the five county board supervisors are conducting between May 31 and June 9 to gain comments from those in the districts that are affected by boundary changes. County boards must review their supervisory boundaries after each decennial census and must redraw their district boundaries to attain roughly equal populations.

Only 20 took seats in the spacious Dublin City Council chamber to hear the supervisors and county staff.

Tuesday night, Michael Munk of the Alameda

County Community Development Agency, who is assisting the board in the redistricting process, said the recent 2010 Census shows that the county's population has increased by 4.6%, or by 66,530 to 1,510,271, compared to 1,443,741 in the 2000 Census.

Although modest compared to the overall 10% population growth for California as a whole, Alameda County's growth was uneven, with a 9.8% increase in Scott Haggerty's District 1 compared to a population loss of 5.38% in Nate Miley's District 4.

Haggerty's district now represents the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, most of Fremont and a portion of Sunol and Dublin. Miley, who is president of the county board, represents most of Dublin, Castro Valley, east Oakland and several smaller communities.

Munk said that to comply with redistricting requirements, the target population for each of the five supervisory districts should total about 302,000 in population. Supervisor districts also should be contiguous and have easily identifiable geographic boundaries.

"They also must comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to assure fair and effective representations for racial and language-minority groups," Munk said.

For these reasons, Haggerty and Miley showed a new supervisory district map that had been prepared for the redistricting hearings that shows Pleasanton would be split into two districts along the north and south lines of Stoneridge Drive.

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JEB BING

Hundreds pay tribute to veterans

Hundreds turned out for Monday's Memorial Day observance, many carrying small flags and all joining in singing patriotic songs during the ceremonies. This year's ceremonies were held for the first time outside the Pleasanton Senior Center. Traditionally held at the city's cemetery on Sunol Boulevard, last year's peak attendance overwhelmed the limited open space available there, with roads into the cemetery and on Sunol Boulevard also filled to capacity.

Hosted by the American Legion Pleasanton Post 237 with the assistance of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Pleasanton Post 6298, the ceremony included music by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band and Memorial Day speeches and remembrances by Pleasanton Vice Mayor and Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) and Deputy Garrison Commander Larry Smith of the Camp Parks Training Center.

Pleasanton Marine injured in Afghanistan

Amador grad airlifted to Bethesda Medical Center for treatment

Marine Lance Cpl. Cody Waller, son of Beth and Mike Waller of Pleasanton, was seriously injured Friday in Afghanistan when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his unit, his family reported Tuesday.

He had been in Afghanistan for about a month and was on duty as a machine gunner when the grenade hit. He sustained shrapnel injuries to his leg, temporal bone of the skull and his neck, according to reports.

Waller was airlifted to the Ramstein Air Base in Germany for emergency treatment, and then on to Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland, where his condition is listed as serious but stable.

Cody and his twin brother Justin graduated from Amador Valley High School last June and both enlisted in the Marines at that time. Justin Waller is serving with a Marine unit in Southern California.

—Jeb Bing

Teen drug abuse is rampant, say cops, counselors

Some students estimate half of middle-schoolers smoke marijuana

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

It could happen to your child and your family. That was the message Tuesday morning at a Hart Middle School meeting to discuss drug abuse by students. Parents and teachers seemed shocked at what some Hart Middle School students said.

Students interviewed by counselor Tammy Schoonover estimated 25% drink alcohol and 50% smoke marijuana.

"I do see a lot of kids that are moving in that direction and it really saddens me," Schoonover said.

The estimate of the prevalence of drug and alcohol use prompted one woman in the audience to whisper, "Oh my God."

Principal Terry Conde reminded the group to "keep in mind that these answers are from our kids."

Schoonover told the group of 40 or so — mostly teachers — that students said kids use code words so their parents don't know what they're talking about, and often use Facebook to communicate their plans. She said the students told her that frequently parents don't have their child's Facebook password and aren't "friended"

by their children on the popular social network.

Officer Ryan Tujague, part of the Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit, said marijuana and alcohol abuse is the tip of the iceberg when it comes to drug use by teens in Pleasanton. He pointed toward a recent nationwide study that put use of the prescription narcotic OxyContin and its generic counterpart Oxycodone by teens at more than 41%, with marijuana use at just over 20%.

Tujague said students crush OxyContin pills and snort the powder, use aluminum foil to heat

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Handles Gastropub moving into Pleasanton Hotel

Farmer to close Sunday, new eatery opening in fall

The Farmer Restaurant in the Pleasanton Hotel on north Main Street will close Sunday with a new restaurant to replace it in September.

Restaurant staff has been handing customers glossy cards along with their table checks, promoting Handles Gastropub as the new restaurant.

Handles bills itself as a restaurant that features "American comfort food" while also offering 30 craft beers and 16 local wines. Mixed drinks also will be available.

On its Facebook page posted Friday, Handles Gastropub lists its general manager as Brent Schwager, who is also listed as the operator of Mountain Winery in Saratoga. Brian Hampton is named as the chef of the new Handles restaurant here.

Handles will be the third restaurant in just a little over two years in the hotel.

—Jeb Bing



GLENN WOHLTMANN

The fun of science

Junior Raquel Fraticelli (right) and sophomore Samuel Peters explain rocks, gems and minerals to students from Lydiksen Elementary at Amador Valley High School's annual Spring Science Extravaganza. Students from all the district's elementary schools were invited to see science in action with activities that ranged from the science of slime to experiments with dry ice.

"It's just fun to see how the kids want to do all the things we do on a regular basis in high school chemistry," said junior Matthew Guglielmo. "It's something to look forward to."

The 550 high school students involved raised their own money for the two-day event, with T-shirt and entertainment book sales and the help of a grant from Pleasanton Partnerships In Education.

Seminars planned to help with mortgage problems

Cities also launching fundraiser for Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center

By JEB BING

The city of Pleasanton will co-host two free housing education symposiums to observe Tri-Valley Housing Opportunities Week starting tomorrow.

The seminars, being held in collaboration with the cities of Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon, will cover a broad range of topics related to housing including financial literacy, foreclosure prevention and homeowner-ship education.

The first seminar will focus on the subject "I'm Behind on My Monthly House Payment — What's Next?" It is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon tomorrow in the Dublin Library, just behind the Dublin Civic Center on Dublin Boulevard.

Led by local nonprofit agencies, attorneys and Realtors, the workshop will have information about how to pursue a loan modification, the foreclosure process, the short sale process, how to ease the transition of losing a home, as well as resources and infor-

mation on "next steps."

Then Thursday, June 9, the seminar will focus on the question: "Is the Real Estate Market Meeting the Needs of First-Time Homebuyers?"

Hosted by the Tri-Valley Affordable Housing Committee, this meeting will be held in the Regional Meeting Room in the Dublin Civic Center from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and will again include representatives of the real estate and mortgage loan market.

Also in the coming week, an open house is planned from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 8, at the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center, 141 N. Livermore Ave. in Livermore. The event will kick off a major fundraising campaign for the center and will also serve to highlight services and opportunities for business and community partnerships.

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it and inhale the vapors, or melt it down and inject it. He explained that those ways ingest the entire contents at once, as opposed to taking a pill. Tujague confirmed in a separate conversation that one student at Pleasanton Middle school had recently been busted with the drug.

He said he knew little about Oxycodone when he started with the special unit, which focuses on drugs, gangs and prostitution.

"It was a baptism by fire. I had no idea about this," Tujague said, adding those involved are often "not your typical kids that you would think of as addicts."

He said teens involved with Oxycodone, which he described as "drugstore heroin," can be straight-A students, athletes or cheerleaders.

Tujague said use of the narcotic is often a straight path to harder drugs, especially now that the manufacturer of Oxycotin has reformulated it to make it uncrushable and to turn to gel when mixed with water, making it impossible to shoot and difficult to snort.

"We do have heroin in our city because of Oxycotin," he told the crowd. He said some young people have turned to heroin because it's less expensive — \$50 for a gram, which can last for multiple highs versus \$140 for an Oxycodone pill — despite knowing that heroin can be cut with things like shoe polish or even rat

poison, and added that drug use is often linked to crime, such as a recent string of burglaries, with addicts pawning items to buy drugs.

Five women who are part of the recently formed group Mothers with a Purpose confirmed what Tujague said. The women, identified only by their first names, shared their stories of coming to grips with the addiction of a child.

One mother told about her child who became addicted while attending Foothill High School. She said he first used Oxycotin, then moved to heroin; she said she was unaware until she received a call from another parent.

"Needless to say, I was totally shocked. Little did I know that my journey had just begun," she told the crowd. "This is a journey we're going to be on for the rest of our lives."

She told about finding needle marks between her child's toes and how he would try to kill himself by shooting up as much as he could. Eventually his drug use led her to kick him out of the house, and he wound up living under a bridge with track marks up and down his arms.

"I thought I'd never see him again," she said, adding that she finally got the call she hoped for: "Mom, I need help. Please help me. I'm done."

That led to an up-and-down journey, with her son finally hitting bottom and taking the first steps toward recovery.

Another mother told about her son, "a popular athletic boy who

liked everybody and everybody liked him," who turned to Oxycotin use and began associating with unfamiliar people.

"I felt like a prisoner in my own home," she said, breaking into tears.

Her son is now in recovery, and she offered some simple advice for others who have a son or daughter they are concerned about: Limit the amount of cash that children have access to. Monitor calls.

"Lock up your prescription drugs, including cough syrup, she said. "Don't think it can't happen to you."

Cough syrup, according to Tujague, is often readily accessible for kids who can get several bottles and drink them at once or mix them with fruit-flavored drinks for a cheap high.

Heather Mackey, a teen counselor with Axis Community Health, said she sees some general trends. She said middle school students generally use marijuana, but the time they get to high school, they use it "all day every day," graduating to harder drugs, including Oxycodone and ecstasy, a hallucinogen.

Mackey said Pleasanton teens often start later and some go right to pills, which can be much harder to kick.

Another mother, whose son is also a recovering drug addict, said, "I would have sat in a meeting like his and said 'Not my kid' — but it was my kid."

"Addiction is not a choice, it's a disease," she added. "It can and will happen to the most perfect family." ■

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Alps as a backdrop: The Exner family — Al and Terry, Mike and Sara, Scott and his girlfriend Lia Wrightsmth, and their guide (in red) Rolinka Bloeming — share their Weekly on the hotel balcony in Murren, Switzerland, as they travel to celebrate Terry's graduation from the UC Davis MBA program and Mike's acceptance into the MBA program at USC.

SUPERVISORS

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Haggerty would continue to represent the part of Pleasanton south of Stoneridge Drive; Miley would pick up the portion of the city north of Stoneridge Drive and west of I-680, including Hacienda Business Park and Stoneridge Shopping Center. He would continue to represent most of Dublin although the new boundaries would still give Haggerty the eastern sector of that city.

The proposal brought an immediate objection from Pleasanton Vice Mayor Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who spoke on behalf of the City Council.

"I want to emphasize that we don't want Pleasanton split," she said. "We like the experienced representation we have for our population of 70,000 people."

Pleasanton officials pointed out that the city already is split into three state legislative districts, represented by Assembly members Joan Buchanan, Mary Hayashi and Bob Wieckowski, and by two congressmen: Jerry McNerney and Pete Stark.

"We want to keep Pleasanton in a single supervisory district as it is now," Cook-Kallio said.

But former Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart disagreed.

"Dublin now has two supervisors (Miley and Haggerty), and I wouldn't want it any other way," she said at Tuesday night's hearing. "It's nice to know that there are two supervisors on the county board who are supporting us. We would be concerned about changing this."

Although Haggerty said he will wait until after all the hearings are held and comments made before making a decision on boundary changes, he and Miley both said they favored boundary changes. Haggerty said his district now is too big geographically, stretching as it does to the San Joaquin County line and south into most of Fremont.

"I'm not prejudging this plan," Haggerty said. "But it makes

it a lot easier when you have two supervisors representing the smaller cities."

"I need to respond to those who say this city (Pleasanton) shouldn't be split," he added. "Fremont will probably say the same thing. They don't want to be split either. I'll approach this redistricting plan the same way I did the last time. I won't decide until the final vote."

Five more hearings were scheduled, each hosted by supervisors who represent those districts. They were Wednesday in the Hayward City Hall; Thursday at the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association; Monday, June 6, in the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley; Wednesday, June 8, at the Alameda County Administration Building, 1221 Oak St., Oakland; and Thursday, June 9, at the Fremont Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd.

The deadline for submitting comments on the redistricting proposals is June 10, with the ad-hoc committee that is conducting the public hearings to submit its report and recommendations June 13.

The county board is expected to vote on the redistricting plan July 12 with a final reading of the ordinance that's passed to be held July 26.

In reviewing population changes in Alameda County at Tuesday night's hearing, Munk said that in the last 10 years, the cities with the largest gains are Dublin, up 53.6% to 46,036; Emeryville, up 46.5% to 10,080; Albany, up 12.7% to 18,539; and Livermore and Pleasanton, both up 10.4% to 80,968 and 70,285, respectively.

Oakland, Fremont, Hayward and Berkeley, the largest cities in the county with populations above 100,000, grew only modestly or not at all. Oakland, in fact, saw a 2.2% population loss with 8,760 leaving the city to drop its population to 390,724.

Of these larger cities, Berkeley grew the most, up 9.6% to a new population of 112,580. Fremont saw a 5.2% gain to 214,089, and Hayward's population rose by 3% to 144,186. ■

'Mothers' step up to fight teen drug abuse

Meetings, website help connect parents of addicts

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

If you know a teen has a drug problem, tell the parents. That's one message from Mothers with a Purpose.

"You have to speak up to save someone's life," said one of the founders.

She recalled a parent she knew slightly calling a few years ago to tell her about her child who was away at college, saying: "Your child is using drugs uncontrollably."

"At first I was livid," she recalled. But the dad went to the college, bought an over-the-counter drug test and confronted their child.

This was the beginning of their journey, dealing with their offspring's addiction to pain reliever Oxycotin and heroin, and the child's recovery-fall-recovery-fall cycle until reaching bottom, truly recognizing the addiction and the need to fight it every hour of every day.

The mom meanwhile spotted another mom she'd known through their children's school years, going through the same

hell. They began to share their plight and together discovered the drug problem that exists in Pleasanton, the Bay Area and the entire country.

At first they grabbed a handful of moms they knew were dealing with similar problems and said, "We need to talk. We have something in common," and held meetings in their homes, starting Mothers with a Purpose. When an article about the group appeared in the Weekly in January, things "went crazy," she recalled.

They found great support with the schools and police, and Foothill High loans them a room for a meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

"Our child's got a disease they're going to have the rest of their life, and we're here for support," one mother said.

"My child was bullied and had self-esteem issues," she explained. "These kids try to escape these sad feelings."

Taking drugs makes them feel wanted and accepted, but many

have the gene to become addicted. It's not just the "stoners" or kids who appear to embrace the drug culture, they emphasized. It can be a jock, an honor student, a band member — anyone.

"We knew nothing until we started this group and we'll never know it all," said one of the founders. "People need to understand it's a disease and nothing to be embarrassed about. It's like diabetes or cancer."

Although their young adult children have moved out of the community and are currently pursuing productive lives, the two mothers say they are in touch every day and dread the phone call that tells them something bad has happened.

"It's not only the kids who go through the 12-step program, it's us, too, working through the program," explained one. "I believe in what we're doing, and I'm trying to show my child that if you believe in something, you can do it."

For more information, go to www.motherswithapurpose.org. ■



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Place: Wente Vineyards - 5050 Arroyo Rd, Livermore, CA 94550

Benefits: The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 that supports: Injured and Fallen Firefighters, Burn Foundation and Local Charities in the Tri Valley.

Course: The 5K is a run/walk that is 50% paved and 50% dirt road and is stroller friendly. The 10K is 90% dirt road and 10% paved road. Strollers are not allowed in the 10K. Both runs travel through Sycamore Grove Park and are very flat with only one hill on the 10K. The Kid's 1 Mile Fun Run (for ages 12 & under) will take place at Wente Vineyards at about 9:45 a.m. No dogs.

Register at: www.onyourmarkevents.com

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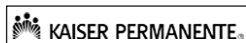
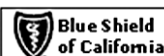
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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Haggerty out of sync in plan to split city's supervisory district

An Alameda County plan to split Pleasanton into two separate supervisory districts makes no sense. The plan, as outlined Tuesday night, would take Supervisor Scott Haggerty's District 1 and divide it to include only the portion of Pleasanton south of Stoneridge Drive while turning over the part of the city north of Stoneridge to Supervisor Nate Miley, who represents much of Oakland and a large part of Dublin. Haggerty would keep a section of east Dublin that he now has as well as Livermore and much of Fremont, his longtime political base. Pleasanton officials oppose the plan, arguing that the city has long been split into three state Assembly districts which gives it little clout in dealing with municipal issues in Sacramento. Adding a second county supervisor would also water down its influence on the county board. As it is, none of the three Assembly members — Joan Buchanan (15th), Mary Hayashi (18th) and Bob Wieckowski (20th) — live here and, in fact, are seldom seen at public, business and City Council meetings. Haggerty is well-known in all these circles; Miley is not.

We understand that significant population shifts over the last 10 years requires that the county redraw supervisor boundaries so that they are roughly equal. Population gains of 10% in Pleasanton and Livermore and 5% in Fremont have increased the numbers in District 1 while Miley's District 4 in Oakland has lost population, more than even a 53% gain in much smaller Dublin can make up. Still, the proposed map as shown Tuesday night is out of sync with the strong commonality that has developed over these same 10 years among Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. These Tri-Valley cities often speak with one voice on major issues affecting BART, freeways, housing, business and social issues. Pleasanton and Livermore share a fire department. The mayors of the three cities travel to Washington to lobby for key programs they support. Their City Councils meet regularly on joint municipal concerns.

To support this strong working relationship, the Tri-Valley should also have a single Alameda County supervisor. The misfits in this proposed new boundary realignment are Fremont in Haggerty's district and Dublin in Miley's. Fremont would be a better fit in Supervisor Nadia Lockyer's District 2, where she already has Newark and part of Hayward along the I-880 corridor. Miley's district should be expanded westward into the densely populated Bayside communities. Oakland would still have its three-supervisor voting block: Miley, Wilma Chan and Keith Carson.

Haggerty said Tuesday that he will keep an open mind before voting for new boundaries. More public hearings are scheduled next week including a major one Thursday in Fremont, where new supervisory boundaries are expected to draw heated opposition similar to Pleasanton's this week. Like those in Fremont who face being redistricted out of the rest of their city, we hope the county supervisors will recognize the political and practical needs to keep the Tri-Valley together as a single, vibrant district in Alameda County. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Parking lot check leads to forgery bust

A check of the Wal-Mart parking lot May 23 led to multiple forgery charges against a woman, a police report said.

Officer Mark Sheldon was doing a routine check of the lot at about 10:15 p.m. that Monday night and

approached a car with its light on. A consent search of the car led to the discovery of 67 forged Visa debit cards, along with paraphernalia needed to create more, according to the report, which said a false driver's license was also turned up in the search.

Leona Charmaine Savoy, 36, was booked on charges of forgery in connection with the false driver's license, identity theft, counterfeiting of debit cards and modifying the magnetic strips on the cards.

In other police reports:

Front doors of two businesses were smashed May 28. The door of Dicky's in the 6600 block of Koll Center parkway was smashed around 1:08 a.m.; minutes later, at around 1:20 a.m., the front door of Plaza Market and Liquor in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue was smashed. No information was available about whether anything was stolen from either location.

A laptop computer valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen May 27 from a building in the 7800 block

of Marigold Court, along with \$420 in cash and coins. The theft took place between noon May 11 and 4:30 p.m. May 27. The victim also reported \$491 in charges to a Visa card stolen in the break-in.

A postage machine worth about \$1,000 was stolen from a business

in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road between 6 p.m. May 12 and 1 p.m. the following day, according to a report filed May 27.

A burglary at the Massage Journey in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road netted \$719 in cash, along with credit card receipts.

POLICE REPORT

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

May 23

Petty theft

- 10:18 a.m. in the 5900 block of Gibraltar Drive
- 3:40 p.m. in the 7500 block of Stonedale Avenue

Auto burglary

- 8:04 a.m. in the 6300 block of Alvord Way

Sale of tobacco to a minor

- 6:35 p.m. in the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road

May 24

Theft

- 9:10 a.m. in the 5700 block of Hidden Creek Court; petty theft
- 1:01 p.m. in the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue; misappropriation of property
- 4:19 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road petty theft

Burglary

- 12:43 p.m. in the 3300 block of Medallion Court

Battery

- 7:19 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 10 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Ave

May 25

Theft

- 8:53 a.m. in the 240 block of Tapestry Way; mail theft
- 5:49 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 5:52 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 6:43 p.m. in the 5600 block of Case Avenue; auto theft
- 8:30 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 9:30 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 10:15 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; identity theft, forgery, creating a counterfeit access card, possession of counterfeiting access card equipment

Burglary

- 12:38 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Auto burglary

- 2:07 p.m. in the 7300 block of Linwood Court

Vandalism

- 8:20 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue
- 3:46 p.m. in the 1400 block of Elliott Circle
- 3:47 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street

Drug/alcohol violations

- 7:47 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; possession of a controlled substance for sale, sale of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance
- 8:06 p.m. at the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and Hopyard Road; DUI
- 9:23 p.m. at the intersection of Maywood Drive and Stonedale Drive; controlled substance possession, paraphernalia possession

May 26

Theft

- 11:37 a.m. in the 5900 block of Knoll Woods Court; identity theft
- 3:50 p.m. in the 700 block of Avio Court; grand theft
- 4:03 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 5:21 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
- 10:25 p.m. in the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft

May 27

Theft

- 11:13 a.m. in the 3100 block of Zuni Way; identity theft
- 11:54 a.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road; grand theft
- 2:13 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement
- 3:41 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; theft of services
- 5:31 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 5:58 p.m. in the 7800 block of Marigold Court; two counts grand theft

Burglary

- 10:25 a.m. in the 1400 block of

Stoneridge Mall Road

- 3:20 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Auto burglary

- 10:41 in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:18 a.m. in the 1300 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 6:58 p.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard; DUI
- 8:48 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; possession of a hypodermic needle, paraphernalia possession

May 28

Theft

- 2:43 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; auto theft
- 2:50 p.m. in the 600 block of Sycamore Creek Way; forgery
- 8:25 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft

Burglary

- 1:24 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue
- 1:28 a.m. in the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

Vandalism

- 1:54 p.m. in the first block of California Avenue
- 5:12 p.m. in the 600 block of Main St

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:26 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 8:15 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; DUI, under the influence of a controlled substance

May 29

Theft

- 3:26 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 5:30 p.m. in the 7700 block of Fairbrook Court; theft

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:41 a.m. in the 800 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- 2:10 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 3:09 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; paraphernalia possession
- 7:05 p.m. in the 800 block of Rose Avenue; DUI



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council Meeting/Workshop

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and comment on the Association of Bay Area Government's (ABAG) and Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Initial Vision Scenario for the Bay Area
- Review 2011/12FY—2012/13FY Operating Budgets and presentation of individual department budgets

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PCUP-296, Summer Time Learning Center**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a State exempt child care learning center at 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 109, during the summer only.
- **PCUP-297, Jay and Indumathy Ganesh, Nrithyollasa Dance Academy**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a dance studio at 4430 Willow Road, Suite K.
- **PCUP-298, Irvin Jones, Faith Community Worship Center**
Application for a Conditional use Permit to operate a religious facility within two tenant spaces located at 6642 and 6644 Owens Drive.
- **PRZ-59/PUD-38-03M/ PDR-965/Tract 7534, Lynn Jansen**
Applications for: (1) rezoning approximately three acres of the existing approximately four-acre site at 1623 Cindy Way from A (Agriculture) District to PUD MDR (Planned Unit Development – Medium Density Residential) District; (2) a PUD Minor Modification to PUD 38 to allow second floor windows on the rear elevation of 1635 Cindy Way (Lot 7, Tract 7534) and to include 1623 Cindy Way as part of the Roselyn Estate development; (3) for Design Review approval to construct an approximately 2,720 square foot two-story home with an approximately 580 square foot attached garage at 1618 Cindy Way (Lot 9, Tract 7534); and (4) modifying a condition of approval for Tract 7534 to allow the continued use of the existing driveway to 1623 Cindy Way.
- **Adoption of a resolution finding that the Capital Improvement Program for FY 2011 through FY 2014 is consistent with the City General Plan**

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

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, June 6, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, June 9, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

- Visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view information regarding the Civic Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings

Library Commission

Thursday, June 9, 2011 - Cancelled

Youth Commission

The Youth Commission does not meet during the months of June, July and August.

Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee

Monday, June 6, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.
Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- YMPIC Year in Review and Youth Website Update Presentation
- Receive and Discuss "Consolidate the YMPIC and Ad Hoc and Establish a New Youth Master Plan Oversight Committee" Memo

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

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

BIRTHS



Simon Haden Hilton

Stephen and Michelle Hilton welcomed a son, Simon Haden, to their family at 4:21 p.m. April 12 at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. His three older brothers, Caleb, Isaac and Luke, are very excited to have another boy in the family.

Also born at ValleyCare Medical Center in April were:

- April 2, a boy, to Shannon Kelley and Kevin Ridolfi
- April 6, a boy, to Everlyrose and Brian Walrath Jr.
- April 11, a girl, to Chi and Tyson Lawrence
- April 19, a girl, to Kimberly and Jareq Terzich
- April 24, a girl, to Britni and Mark Miller

France honors Pleasanton man for his part in liberation

Paratrooper recalls feats that earned him two Bronze Stars

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Robert L. Vannatter admits the job doesn't sound too appealing: to jump out of an airplane on top of the enemy. But the paratroopers who spoke to the new Army recruits in 1942 made it sound good.

"You get significantly higher pay, a special uniform — boots, caps — and were promised to be roughest and toughest," Vannatter, 90, recalled last week at his home in Kottinger Gardens. "The extra pay meant I could send more home to Mom."

Raised in a coalmining town in West Virginia, he dropped out of high school to work loading coal to support his mother and six younger siblings after the death of his father. In 1942 he enlisted in the Army, and was assigned to the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd American Airborne Division.

Vannatter fought on D-Day in Normandy, in the Battle of the Bulge, and when the Allies entered Germany. He was awarded two Bronze Star Medals for heroism.

Today Vannatter was named a "Chevalier" of the Legion of Honor at the French consulate in San Francisco for helping to liberate France.

He recalled being sent to England in December 1943 and the friendliness of the British. D-Day plans were top secret — until the night of June 5-6, 1944.

"Then we were moved to an airfield, briefed and shown maps. They said, 'Here's where you're going to land, here's what you're going to do. Take this town.'" Vannatter was radio operator for the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Edwin J. Ostberg.

"Our primary objective was an important bridge. We had to preserve the bridge so our troops could cross the river and proceed inland," Vannatter said. "It was hard to take — the Germans were defending it furiously."

He recalled lining up to make the jump: "The leader gives the command: 'Stand up and hook up, check gear, stand in the door, go.' Someone called out: 2:38. It was a historical time."

"It was dark," he continued. "You couldn't tell where you were going to land. I wasn't afraid. I was anxious to get to it. We'd been stationed in England, waiting, waiting."

He landed on his back in three to four feet of water, weighted down with 150 pounds of weapons, ammunition, a gas mask, K rations, and his radio. He managed to tuck his feet under his body to lift his nose out of the water and then flip onto his side and struggle to his feet.

"The radio never did work, it was soaked," he said.

He saw the flashing light planted by the path finders that had jumped before him, and Lt. Col. Ostberg was there. They continued on to Chef-du-Pont.

"We were basically unopposed through the one-street town until we came within about

200 feet of the bridge. At that point, the Germans opened fire," Vannatter wrote in memoirs he composed at the request of World War II researchers. "They were in foxholes lining both sides of the road Sharpshooters were picking our men off from homes on a high knoll to our left."

After hours of battle, a soldier told Vannatter that he'd seen the colonel lying partway in the water, not moving. They pulled him into a small brick building, found that he was alive and left him for the medics, then returned to the battle.

"We fought the Germans hedgerow by hedgerow," Vannatter said. "We ended up with 40% of our regiment killed, captured, or still lost."

On the sixth day of battle, his company was moving along a paved road when it was suddenly attacked by a long row of the powerful German 88mm gun.

"It was the only time during the war that I was resigned to dying," Vannatter wrote. But then "a godsend American light tank ap-

peared from nowhere."

After 32 days of combat, driving the Germans deeper and deeper into France, the 82nd Airborne Division was returned to England. It returned for the Battle of the Bulge in late December, trucked to outpost positions since the weather precluded flying.

What Vannatter remembers most about this battle "are the extreme cold, the almost continuous bombardment by German artillery, land mines, booby traps," and the fact that his commander and the communications chief were blown up when their jeeps ran over land mines. Vannatter was promoted to staff sergeant and become communications chief.

On March 24, the 507th was the first parachute regiment on the ground in Germany during Operation Varsity. Vannatter found himself landing in the trees.

"The chute had snagged on an upper branch however, and brought me to a soft spongy stop with my feet about twenty feet above the ground. 'Damn it,' was my natural thought of disappointment," he wrote.

He maneuvered to five feet off the ground and was figuring out how to load his carbine, when he noticed a lone German soldier on the ground. He managed to bluff the man into not only surrendering but cutting him down from the tree and accompanying him through artillery fire to join the Allies.

Vannatter was in Essen, Germany, when the war ended.

"The non-fraternization rule ended and we went out looking for women," Vannatter said with a laugh. "We had a pretty good stay in Essen. There were a lot of breweries. We were trading cigarettes for beer, we treated them fairly. The Red Cross made sure we had plenty of candy bars, we were giving them to kids."

He was sent to another division of the 82nd Airborne, which occupied the American section of Berlin toward Potsdam.

"There was terrible destruction," he recalled. "Potsdam was mostly destroyed."

When his train to Berlin stopped for the soldiers to eat, a mess worker informed him that they'd filled his large duffle bag halfway with coffee.

"I got to Berlin with all this coffee and I went to Potsdam. I could have owned that place," he said.

He returned to the States where jobs for GIs were plentiful and went to University of Dayton. He moved to San Diego to work as an engineer, and retired in Sunnyvale in 1987. Meanwhile he'd married and had three children. His wife died in 1975.

"I forgot about the war," Vannatter said. Then a few years ago he was invited to be a guest of honor in the Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade.

"I said, 'No way,'" he recalled. "Then I called my family and told them and they said, 'Do it!'"

His daughter lives in El Dorado Hills, one son is in Scotts Valley and another in Southern California. They are accompanying Vannatter to the French Consulate today.

"My family gets a big kick out of it, they're really thrilled," he said. "They're calling their friends, and they're coming from Phoenix and Portland."

"I had mixed emotions," he added. "I was thankful but not overly impressed."

He said he appreciates the Bronze Stars he earned by his actions, but pointed out that other recognitions are only because he was there — and he is still alive.

But he noted his respect for the French people.

"Citizens sheltered, fed, and hid lost troopers who had landed far from their intended drop zones, at a great risk to their own lives," he wrote in his memoirs.

On his wall hangs a certificate of a star named after him.

"The daughter of the colonel I saved bought me a star ... a star named Robert L. Vannatter," he explained. He seemed pleased with this honor. ■



Top: Robert L. Vannatter, 90, displays paratrooper photos at home, along with a framed copy of Congressman Jerry McNerney's acknowledgment in the Congressional Record of his heroic deeds, and the certificate of a star named after him by the daughter of a colonel whose life he saved in WWII. PHOTO BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI.

Left: Robert L. Vannatter participates in the Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade with (l-r) granddaughter Lauren, daughter Susan and granddaughter Anna, and his youngest son, Dan, in the front seat. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO.

Girl Scout Bridging on the Golden Gate

Pleasanton's Troop 30191 were among the 5,000 participants at the 2011 Girl Scout Golden Gate Bridging event held May 7 when girls from 12 states walked across the Golden Gate Bridge to symbolize their "bridging" from one level of Girl Scouts to another. Troop 30191, which has been together since kindergarten at Vintage Hills Elementary and is now finishing sixth grade at Pleasanton Middle School, participated to celebrate their bridge from Junior to Cadette Girl Scouts.

After walking across the bridge they traded "swaps" (small items made to symbolize the event) with girls from many different troops and participated in activities sponsored by the Girl Scouts at Crissy Field. Troop 30191 members are (front row, l-r) Shayne Estill, Emily Twisselmann, Chloe Wohlenberg, (back) Melissa Simonds, Leah Beckman and Emily Benson.



Ready for summer reading

Staff from the Pleasanton Public Library is gearing up for "A Summer Reading Odyssey," the 2011 summer reading game that runs June 11 through Aug. 6. Currently staff is recruiting students entering grades 6-9 to train as Kid Power volunteers to help explain and run the program, which includes a library scavenger hunt. For more information, call the Children's Desk at 931-3400, ext. 8, pick up a flier at the library, or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library.

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Treasure waiting to be discovered: ALVISO ADOBE COMMUNITY PARK

*Naturalist imparts to the young
a sense of stewardship for the world*



You don't have to drive far to enjoy one of Pleasanton's newest attractions. Opened 32 months ago, Alviso Adobe Community Park is located at 3645 Old Foothill Road, less than a mile north of Bernal Avenue.

There are many reasons to make the short trip. First of all, these are some of the most scenic acres in our region, with panoramic views eastward over the valley. The 7-acre property is graced with magnificent oak trees that are likely more than three centuries old.

During those three centuries, and even before those acorns sprouted into saplings, this was a chosen spot for human habitation. As far back as 3240 B.C., people lived on the land. This is a historic site, with a timeline literally stamped into the curving paved walkway. Pleasanton naturalist Eric Nicholas helps everyone understand what the site has to offer.

"One of the best parts about my job is that I get to meet many visitors more than one time," said Nicholas. "In my profession, in most cases, you run into students and public participants, and you see them only once. Due to the program here at Alviso Adobe and throughout Pleasanton, I have the opportunity to share my love of nature and history multiple times, so I can hope that my message is well imbedded in our visitors."

Nicholas meets preschoolers visiting with their parents, then often sees the same youngsters in their third- and fourth-grade class visits. Some later attend vacation nature day camp sessions and return as counselors-in-training.

"All of my programs are inter-connected and self-perpetuating," explained the naturalist, adding with a laugh, "I have a sneaking suspicion that the city of Pleasanton will be blooming out naturalists in the future."

Visitors can learn about the Ohlone Native Americans who gathered acorns for food, leaving behind the rock where they used stone implements to grind the nuts into meal. (Those who wish to "leave their mark" can try for themselves the art of chipping away

stone to form a cup-shaped indentation for grinding acorns. Sunglasses are required for eye protection for this endeavor.)

Centuries later, the land was part of the 12,000-acre Rancho Santa Rita. Built in 1854, the Alviso Adobe — now restored — was the first permanent home in what has become Pleasanton.

The adobe was declared a state historic landmark in 1954. It had been in continuous use from when it was built until the Meadowlark Dairy closed its operations at this location in 1969 after 50 years. The dairy farming era is portrayed at the site with a reconstructed milking barn, now used for classes and crafts as well as exhibits. Among other things, children can learn that milk once was delivered in glass bottles.

In fact, there is a lot for people of all ages to learn while visiting this community park. The grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk, but the buildings and inside exhibits are open only Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission fee.

A good introduction to the many aspects of this park is taking a free tour, offered the first Sunday (June 5) and last Saturday (June 25) of each month, 2-3 p.m. Families are welcome to bring picnics to the site.

Come for the scenery, soak up the history, then consider taking part in some of the programs being offered. These are detailed in the Summer 2011 edition of the Pleasanton Community Services Activities Guide, which was mailed to residents in April. It's still available at the public library or online: www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/service/recreation/current-activities-guide. Registration can be done online or via mail.

Naturalist Eric Nicholas loves to share his enthusiasm for nature and history. He brings an unusual background to his position. Born in Livermore and raised in Union City, he became a trail guide for the Sierra Club at age 17, adding river rafting guide skills by age 19.

Nicholas traveled throughout the western United States, visiting a dozen Indian reservations over a pe-



Summer classes at the adobe (check city schedule for time and cost)

JUNE

4 — Naturalist Fables (ages 2 and up); Walkabout: The Naturalist's Journey (at Laurel Creek Park — ages 8 and up); Atlati Club (spear-making and throwing — ages 11 and up)

9 — Hill Hoppers (ages 3-5)

11 — Horse n' Around — (ages 5 and up)

12 — Wascawwy Wabbits! — (live rabbits — ages 2 and up)

26 — The Natural Arts (ages 3 and up)

JULY

3 — Ice Cream Social (ages 3 and up)

9 — A-Ticket A-Tasket, a Green and Yellow Basket (Basket-weaving, ages 6 and up)

23 — Hidden Worlds (ages 5 and up)

AUGUST

13 — Dino-Story (about dinosaurs, ages 5 and up); The Warp and the Weft (the history of the loom, ages 6 and up)

20 — Scoot-en Around (about snakes, ages 5 and up); Tracker Out and About (ages 10 and up)

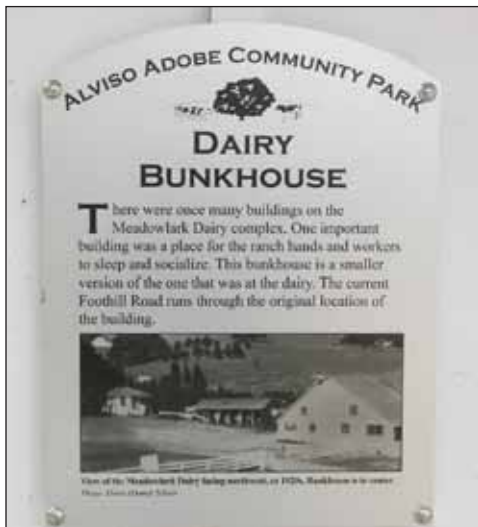
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Clockwise from lower left: Etched into this circular plaque is a map of the Meadowlark Dairy farm layout: Naturalist Eric Nicholas talks to visiting students inside the milking barn; fourth-grade students (front) Sarah Burton and Sarah Petero from Valley Christian School “make their mark” in the park by chipping out a grinding stone, while wearing the provided protective sunglasses; a plaque commemorates the site of the dairy; school children (front to back) Joshua Prieto, Matthew Loeffler, Timmy Dumatol and Kyle Morrison peer down at the grinding rock, which proves how early the site was inhabited.

riod of three-and-a-half years to learn the skills of the older Native Americans. First he would visit a school on the reservation, to find out the names and locations of the tribal elders. Then he would visit each one, offering his labor in exchange for their teachings.

“I did the things they no longer could take care of, like chopping firewood or fixing roofs,” said Nicholas. “They taught me about using native plants for food and medicine, tracking animals — skills that were dying out.”

Nicholas would then spend one to three months alone in the forest or desert, practicing what he had learned, refining his survival skills. At the end of that time, he would return to the school where he started, to demonstrate those skills to young students, lead field trips, and connect the teachers with the elders he had met.

Now Nicholas shares what he learned with classes visiting Alviso Adobe from local schools, as well as with the general public. Nicholas estimates that about 90 classes have visited this school year. In addition, he has gone out to classrooms and other sites to conduct another 130 programs.

Besides offering one-time classes (which usually cost \$3-\$6 for residents, plus another \$2 for non-residents), Nicholas offers vacation day camps. There are Winter Ramblers, Spring Striders, and, during the summer, from June 20 to July 22, one-week sessions of Ridge Runners Nature Day Camp for those who will enter grades 1-5 next school year.

Those entering grades 6-9 can sign up to become counselors-in-training. Day camp alumni and counselors-in-training also have a special week of their own camp. Four- and five-day day camp sessions are offered, for a fee of \$150 or \$188, respectively, for residents and non-residents. If they include an overnight camp-out, the five-day session fee is \$248. Some camperships may be available for those needing financial assistance.

Nicholas has two part-time assistant naturalists

and a part-time office helper. Beyond that, the program relies on volunteers.

“The great thing about volunteering with the environmental education division of the city is that we’re starting at the ground floor, so there is the opportunity to offer insights to help shape the program,” said Nicholas. “People trickle in, we find out what their interests are, and we help them develop their contributions as volunteers.”

In particular, Nicholas is seeking those who may have skills in what he terms “rural crafts,” so that these can be demonstrated to visitors, who could have a hands-on experience in trying the crafts. Those interested in volunteering in any capacity should contact him at 931-3479 or enicholas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

“My goal as a naturalist is to find that sense of wonder in our youth and to provide an opportunity to retain it,” said Nicholas. “There are so many things calling and distracting them — it is imperative to impart to (young people) a sense of love and stewardship in caring for the natural world when we have finished our work here.”

Many people had a role in shaping this very special community park. A citizens’ task force worked with city staff and architects to develop the concept of portraying three distinct eras of the history of the land. One of the task force members was Dave Hartman, then a teacher at Lydiksen Elementary School. His words are inscribed on the adobe wall that frames the entry to the park:

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LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB The Garden Club will meet from 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, June 9, at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. for a potluck supper followed by introduction of its new board and a member panel. Members will share their successes this season. Visitors welcome. Visit www.lavgc.org.

Concerts

CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO The California Guitar Trio's 20th anniversary tour will perform from 7:30-10 p.m., Sunday, June 5, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The trio, known for technical skill and humor, creates classical re-working of jazz, blues, surf tunes as well as its own compositions. Tickets are \$16-\$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$12 for children. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Fridays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of First and Neal Street. Enjoy '50s- '70s Legends of Early Rock music from Magic Moments on June 3, then come back on June 10 for rock/alternative with Batch 22.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform at the Livermore Farmer's Market from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 9, at the market, which is located at 4th Street in Livermore. Call 846-5897 or visit www.pleasantonband.org.

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they discuss how to better each piece before it is released to the public. Call 461-5084.

FIGURATIVE ARTIST LINDA RYAN Local artist Linda Ryan, whose works feature inspired figurative paintings expressing movement and color, will be at Studio Seven Arts Gallery dem-

onstrating and discussing her work from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 4, at 400 Main St. Linda sees figures as a celebration of form and an expression of our humanity. Children are also welcome to paint on the floor. Call 846-4322 or visit www.studiosevenarts.com.

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HOOK AND LADDER RUN Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation and Wente Vineyards will be hosting the third annual Hook and Ladder Run on Sunday, June 5, at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd.,

Livermore. Starting with the kids fun one-mile run at 6:30 a.m.; 5k and 10k run start at 8 a.m. No dogs allowed. Water and refreshments will be provided after the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase. For more information and to register, go to www.onyourmarkevents.com.

LE VIN AU JARDIN Celebrate the release of Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery's new wine Chateau Molyneaux with music by Les Farrington of Pleasanton and Executive Chef Tracy Flores providing food. The event is from 12:30-5 p.m., Saturday, June 4, at Rodrigue Molyneaux, 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore. Stroll the garden and sip wine. Do not miss - these wines will go fast. Cost \$10. Call 443-1998 or visit www.rmwinery.com.

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE Pleasantonians 4 Peace is sponsoring a Candlelight Vigil at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, at the Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor our veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond the

conflict to a more peaceful world. Call Cathe Norman at 462-7495 or email Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com.

Exhibits

'A DIFFERENCE OF PERCEPTION' The Harrington Gallery will display surrealistic works of three prominent artists from June 9 through July 7, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The exhibit showcases the artwork of Bill Weber, Bill Sala and others, along with a new collection of hyper-realistic renderings by Ron Norman. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. A donation of \$2 is suggested. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

ARTIST LU JIAN JUN The artwork will be on display from June 1 through July 4 at Studio Seven Arts, 400 Main St. His paintings featuring symmetry and distinctive insight into the human condition that stands alone in today's world of art. Call 846-4322 or visit www.studiosevenarts.com.

Fundraisers

CHARITY PRO AM GOLF TOURNAMENT Callippe Preserve Golf Course will host a Pro Am benefit tournament for the Amador Valley High School Independent Living Skills Class at 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 6. Check-in is from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and the format is one gross; one net of fivesome. {Professionals should bring four amateurs, and all amateurs must have a USGA index.} Entry fee of \$125 includes green and cart fee, box lunch, dinner, a small bucket of range balls, a tee prize and awards. Call Doug Giannini at 426-6666, ext. 20 or email dgiannini@playcallippe.com.

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.

IMAGINE A MILE OF QUARTERS! Bring your sack of loose quarters and help wind these coins around the parking structure located behind Amador Valley High School to make one mile of quarters from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, June 5, at Valley Community Church on Sunday, 4455 Del Valle Parkway. All quarters collected will support a mission trip to Spain this summer. Call 846-6622.

PLEASANTON HERITAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SALE Pleasanton Heritage Association is holding a "Tag Sale" from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, June 4, at 303 Neal St. Items for sale will include antiques, collectibles, toys, clothes, tools, furniture, books, kitchen ware, pottery and much more. PHA is a nonprofit organization, benefiting our community's heritage charm. Call 846-3859.

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- ★ **99¢ Carnival Rides All Day - June 27**
- ★ **99¢ Wacky Wednesdays** (\$3 admission after 3 pm)
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a.m., Saturday, July 23, is a “celebration of life” that brings the community together in a united effort. Teams are being organized now to take turns walking around the track, and fundraisers are being held. Visit www.relayforlife.org/pleasantonca.

Health

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program of Alameda County offers free counseling about Medicare each month. Must be 65 and older. The appointments begin at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. To schedule your appointment, call 556-4511 by the prior Monday.

LEARN AT LUNCH ValleyCare Health System is hosting a free Learn at Lunch event from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, at ValleyCare Health System, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240. Hear registered dietitian Anne Moselle speak about “Wellness After Cancer.” All registered participants will receive a free lunch catered by the LifeStyleRx Cafe. Call to register by June 6; 734-3319.

Lectures

CHIROPRACTIC BENEFITS FOR SENIORS

Chiropractic benefits have been an under-utilized benefit of Medicare since the early '70s. Dr. Walsh will discuss expectations seniors should have when seeking chiropractic care, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 14, at the Senior Center, 5353

Sunol Blvd. Topics will include safety, treatment frequency, common patient ailments, and unique challenges to treating seniors. Cost \$1.75 for residents and \$2.25 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

DONLON FAMILY HISTORY BY

BERT DONLON Special Program on Genealogical Research, from 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, at Congregation Beth Emek, 34 Nevada St. Learn how one man researched one of the very early Irish families of the Tri-Valley and Oxnard areas. His firm belief that it is up to us to write and preserve our family histories led him to write four family history books. Visit www.l-ags.org.

FRANCHISING 101 This interactive presentation and discussion on the franchise industry will discuss various types of franchises, costs, financing, territories, etc., from 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. There is no charge for the lecture. Call 218-2332 or visit www.compassfranchisegroup.com.

Live Music

HARP EXTRAVAGANZA Acclaimed professional harpists Celia Chan Valerio will perform “For the Love of Harp” at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Chan Valerio will perform a medley of the Godefroids’ memorable works, written at a time when harpists were still creating the sound of the new double-action

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On Stage

‘FEMME FATALE’ Sultry songstress Laura Ellis brings “Femme Fatale,” a multi-media show of music, dance and Film Noir clips to town at 8 p.m., Saturday, June 4, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Using her smooth, sensual voice and stage presence, vocalist Ellis plays the temptress, personifying the dangerously seductive woman seen in the Hollywood crime dramas of the 1940s and ‘50s. Tickets are \$20-\$30 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$12 for children. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

‘Godspell’ Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is presenting “Godspell,” a success on and off Broadway during an era of theatrical experimentation, from June 3-26 at its Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Performances are at 2 p.m. Sundays and 8 p.m. Fridays/Saturdays. Tickets are \$20-\$25. Call 426-2121 or go to www.trivalleyrep.com.

Seniors

BRAIN MATTERS Enjoy a morning of fun while learning how to keep your brain active and your memory sharp. The class is held from 10-11:30 a.m. the first and third Fridays of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Word

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Sports

MORNING GROUP RIDE - CYCLING A group ride starts at 8:30 a.m. every Saturday from Cycle Pros Bike Shop, 728 Main St., meeting in the parking lot. The ride breaks into groups based on skill and distance. The regular ride usually covers 25-40 miles at speeds of 14-18 mph. The long ride covers 35-60 miles at a brisker pace. Routes vary each week. On Sundays

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Support Groups

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.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES

SUPPORT GROUP Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly meetings and other events such as “pack outs” of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. It is now collecting for the Fourth of July pack out, to be assembled at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 5, at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

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3 BEDROOMS

29 Brookdale Court \$869,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc. 280-8500

6 BEDROOMS

1311 Laverock Lane \$3,199,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Michael Hatfield Broker 984-1339

Danville

5 BEDROOMS

214 Pinewood Ct \$1,159,000
Sat 12-4/Sun 12-5 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

6 BEDROOMS

175 Diablo Ranch Court \$2,299,000
Sun 1-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2500

Livermore

2 BEDROOMS

1610 Bluebell Dr. \$297,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors 583-1111

3 BEDROOMS

307 Bernal Avenue \$269,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Connie Cox 766-3198

4043 Compton Court \$325,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

614 S. Livermore Ave \$599,950
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 583-1111

1054 Essex Street \$475,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

736 Sunset Dr \$380,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS

698 Austen Way \$731,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 583-2173

5 BEDROOMS

2421 Livorno Court \$979,950
Sun 1-4 Natalie Kruger 847-7355

2748 Whitehall Court \$980,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 583-2168

2137 Bella Vista Pl \$1,090,000
Sun 1-4 BHG Tri-Valley Realty 463-9500

Oakdale

4 BEDROOMS

15303 Orange Blossom Road \$799,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gene & Cindy Williams 918-2045

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

2574 Heatherlark Court \$425,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Connie Cox 766-3198

5748 Belleza Dr \$399,950
Sun 1-4 BHG Tri-Valley Realty 463-9500

3 BEDROOMS

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

1654 Holly Circle \$608,000
Sun 1-4 Claudia Colwell 323-5031

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

7863 Foothill Knolls \$949,000
Sun 12-3 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

2598 Secretariat Dr. \$515,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 583-1111

4165 Cortina Ct \$469,900
Sun 1-4 BHG Tri-Valley Realty 463-9500

4956 Blackbird Way \$724,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Intero - Pleasanton 251-2500

4 BEDROOMS

5071 Monaco Drive \$1,049,999
Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

6605 Amber Lane \$1,259,000
Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 872-1416

2350 Gloria Court \$1,649,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario 260-2220

3650 Platt Court \$599,950
Sat 1-4 Connie Cox 766-3198

4058 Suffolk Way \$674,950
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

7517 Trotter Way \$739,000
Sun 1-4:30 Sheri Platter 858-5400

3298 Monmouth Court \$749,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Joyce Jones 398-6706

5801 Arthur Drive \$775,000
Sun 1-4 Ingrid Wetmore 918-0986

1549 Maple Leaf Drive \$899,500
Sun 2-4:30 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

1008 Malaga Court \$999,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Claudia Colwell 323-5031

1962 Nicosia Ct \$1,091,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 583-1111

465 Adams \$950,000
Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel Realtors 583-1111

4969 Mohr Ave \$799,900
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 583-1111

603 Blossom Court \$1,725,000
Sun 2-5 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

326 Diamond Court \$978,000
Sun 1-5 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200


2350 Gloria Ct \$1,649,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

6491 Arlington Dr \$739,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

1522 Poppybank Ct \$630,000
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

5071 Monaco Dr \$1,049,999
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

3147 Lansdown Court \$859,000
4 BD / 3 BA
Open Sat/Sun 1-5
Dennis and Sally Baker
518-5916



5 BEDROOMS

2416 Via de los Milagros \$1,198,000
Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 872-1416

1920 Nicosia Court \$1,280,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties Team 980-0273

4340 Campinia Place \$1,315,000
Sun 1-4 Debby Johnson Abarita 989-6844

2281 Doccia Ct \$1,119,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 583-1111

1422 Whispering Oak Way \$928,000
Sun 1:30 - 4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 583-1111

727 Vineyard Terrace \$1,450,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

2691 Calle Alegre \$1,099,950
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

857 Montevino Dr \$1,179,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

3616 Nicole Ave \$1,825,000
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

6 BEDROOMS

35 Golf Rd \$1,599,888
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

San Ramon

3 BEDROOMS

1041 Lakeridge Pl \$579,950
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D.A. launches program to help homeowners avoid scams

By JEB BING

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley has announced the creation of a new program entitled the Homeowner Education and Loan Protection Program (H.E.L.P.) that is designed to address crimes involving real estate and to target real estate fraud.

O'Malley's program will address fraud not only within Alameda County but also will work in conjunction with California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris to build a comprehensive statewide response to these crimes. Harris talked about that effort Monday in Los Angeles.

The Alameda DA's new program will serve to protect a victim's home, prevent large-scale scams and hold individuals criminally accountable. H.E.L.P. will partner with law enforcement agencies, community groups and financial institutions to provide effective strategies to improve local, regional and national capacity to identify, intervene in, investigate and prosecute real estate fraud cases while supporting and educating homeowners against fraud.

O'Malley is warning homeowners to watch out for a new real estate scam in which homeowners are asked to pay upfront fees to companies that offer to negotiate with banks to reduce or eliminate existing mortgages in exchange for a new loan at a lower interest rate. Regarding the latest consumer protection announcement, homeowners are urged to be wary of any company or product that charges advanced fees for any loan modification or reduction service. Charging advanced fees for any type of loan modification or loan reduction service is against the law in California, and is punishable by criminal charges or civil fines.

She said the Principal Loan Reduction Scam has many variants, but some common themes to the scam will help homeowner identify it. These include:

- Homeowners are solicited by mail, email, or even in person to participate in a program that will reduce or eliminate their existing mortgage in exchange for a new loan at a lower interest rate at 20 to 50% of the original value of the loan.

- Homeowners are asked to pay upfront fees of any amount to help get their existing mortgage reduced or eliminated.

- Homeowners are told that there is a program through the U.S. Treasury or the Federal Reserve Bank that provides money to homeowners which allows them to pay off their existing mortgage.

- Companies tell homeowners that they have found laws based on the Uniform Commercial Code (U.C.C.), Admiralty Laws, Trust Laws, Bankruptcy Laws or in the "sovereign laws of the United States" that allow their loan to be reduced or eliminated.

- Homeowners are offered a new loan for their home at a lower rate without having to pay off their old loan.

- Homeowners are told that their current loan has been paid off, when in fact it has not. This creates a danger that homeowners may lose their home to foreclosure because they stop paying their mortgage thinking it has been paid off.

"This scam has the potential to ensnare hundreds of homeowners who are either facing foreclosure or falling behind in their mortgage payments," O'Malley said. "The threat to public safety through this scam is huge because victims of this scam stand to lose their home to foreclosure."

She added: "Beside the individual harm to the consumer, a wave of new foreclosure brought about by this scam could cause a secondary wave of foreclosure that could stall any economic recovery our state is hoping for."

In January 2011, the District Attorney's Office obtained a Grand Jury indictment against Alan David Tikal, Bruce Blankenhorn, Luis P. DeLeon and attorney Linda Voss for running a variation of the Principal Loan Reduction Scam against a dozen homeowners in Alameda County. Tikal, who was running the scam under the company names "KATN Trust" and "CAA Inc. (Caring About America, Inc.), is currently in custody in Alameda County on \$780,000 bail, and faces 29 felony counts of real estate fraud. ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2011

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7610 Arbor Creek Circle D. Stevenson to B. & N. Ottoboni for \$273,000

4425 Brannigan Street N. Kravatz to L. Lopez for \$235,000

4286 Clarinbridge Circle H. Borchard to S. Gurram for \$345,000

7833 Creekside Drive D. Harbin to H. & K. Nabizad for \$530,000

7252 Cronin Circle Lowrance Trust to L. Levin for \$305,000

3245 Dublin Boulevard #107 Greenleaf Properties to Stein Trust for \$290,000

6972 Dublin Meadows Street #B L. & R. Gonzales to S. Ivie for \$135,000

8196 Elgin Lane C. & J. Gomes to P. & F. Gutierrez for \$340,000

3420 Fintlin Way #422 Toll Dublin Limited to Z. Jiang for \$416,500

7860 Firebrand Drive J. & J. Lorenzo to E. Choi for \$365,000

3290 Maguire Way #218 K. Kelso to C. Fu for \$178,000

4548 Mirano Court Sorrento to Dublin Ranch to A. Avseyev for \$650,000

8203 Mulberry Place D. Heston to M. Antonacci for \$390,000

3467 Rimini Lane R. & C. Fager to S. Ganerwal for \$665,000

3499 Rimini Lane J. Ayers to A. Ngo for \$702,500

3747 Rimini Lane Sorrento at Dublin Ranch to J. Beam for \$590,000

8905 San Ramon Road J. & D. Dsouza to J. Cleese for \$359,000

5711 Signal Hill Drive J. Lee to A. & K. Moir for \$950,000

7016 Stagecoach Road #G Federal National Mortgage to L. Hillery for \$165,000

7889 Tamarack Drive American Red Cross to Springtime Properties for \$335,000

7431 Tehan Court M. Skelton to J. Divita for \$267,000

Livermore

2138 Calla Lilly Common GMAC Mortgage to D. Luke for \$400,000

147 Daisyfield Drive Michel Trust to S. Pyda for \$620,000

1070 Dana Circle P. Peterson to T. Hubner for \$505,000

5299 Desiree Avenue Marsh Trust to M. Archibald for \$425,000

6109 Forget Me Not R. & A. Demeterio to S. Chowhan for \$260,000

2425 French Oak Place Norton Trust to Vincent Trust for \$853,000

1035 Geneva Street M. & A. Colella to Norton Trust for \$524,000

1257 Gonzaga Court Bear Stearns to M. Dasilva for \$380,000

1752 Jennifer Drive W. Veach to C. & K. Wilson for \$503,000

1017 Jessica Drive Relocation Advantage to D. & K. Jose for \$619,500

4221 Las Positas Road Dickinson Trust to A. & K. Spina for \$550,000

2210 Leccino Court M. & R. Aranador to A. & L. Kheirloom for \$1,050,000

5106 Lillian Court Graham Trust to T. & L. Hernandez for \$325,000

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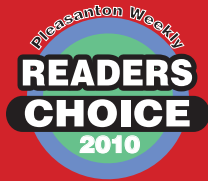
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2421 Livorno Court, Livermore
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2350 Gloria Court, Pleasanton
 Beautifully updated 4 BR, 3 BA single story with in-law unit, backing to Pleasanton Ridge. Main house is 3363 sq. ft. In-law unit is 1200 sq. ft. Custom gourmet kitchen, master suite with sitting area, oasis backyard with pool, spa, covered patio, built in BBQ. **Offered at \$1,649,000**



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SOLD! Represented buyer

215 Obsidian Way, Livermore
 Beautiful, must see executive home with designer touches; gourmet kitchen; formal dining; crown molding; expansive patio for entertaining with pool and spa. Located in Sandhurst neighborhood. Full bedroom and bath on main level with door to pool area. Don't miss this beauty!



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4276 Churchill Drive, Pleasanton
 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Community pool, tennis, park side access. One block to Fairlands school.
\$709,000



1162 Hearst Drive, Pleasanton
 Kottinger Ranch 4BR+ bonus room. Updated with granite. Level backyard with pool, spa, sport court and side access. Beautiful views. Three car garage. **\$1,329,000**



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3650 Platt Ct, Pleasanton
 Lovely 4 BD, 2 BA in amazing court location only steps from greenbelt, park and playground. Ready for summer outdoor entertaining with a nice big, landscaped yard and patio deck with shade cover.
\$599,950



Open Sat/Sun 1-4

3681 Virgin Islands Ct, Pleasanton
 Lovely 3 BD, 2.5 BA home with NEW kitchen and remodeled baths. Upgrades everywhere including fresh paint, crown molding, recessed lighting and new interior doors. New patio plus side yard access. **\$599,950**



HOME SALES

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1275 Locust Street JP Morgan Chase Bank to A. Barnes for \$236,000

1035 Marigold Road J. Duke to O. Thomas for \$255,000

1134 Marlys Common Marquardt Trust to K. Underhill for \$337,500

1085 Murrieta Boulevard #217 Federal Home Loan Mortgage to G. & L. MacKin for \$95,000

555 North I Street W. Jacobs to D. & C. Schaefer for \$250,000

672 North South Street Regan Trust to R. Londagin for \$540,000

215 Obsidian Way W. Cabot to J. Brown for \$765,000

1647 Placer Circle Muat Trust to R. & M. Lowery for \$458,500

727 Polar Way B. & S. Collom to V. Reiter for \$550,000

639 Saddleback Circle K. Raymer to J. & R. Stanford for \$390,000

1650 Sorrento Place W. & S. Offill to L. & R. Rivera for \$1,570,000

646 South Street Wills Trust to W. Elmer for \$312,500

1297 Spring Valley Common Federal National Mortgage to A. Kirch for \$149,000

3604 Thornhill Drive R. Trumpp to J. Adams for \$740,000

857 Ventura Avenue J. & B. Rodriguez to R. & M. Mendonca for \$228,000

838 Vinci Way M. Henneman to Foxworthy Trust for \$840,000

2174 Westbrook Lane S. & T. McVey to C. & K. Ladiou for \$552,500

95 Windward Common #6 Federal Home Loan Mortgage to R. Cazares-Araiza for \$251,000

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816 Abbie Street Herlihy Trust to J. & M. Cordano for \$850,000

5102 Angelico Court I. Plashchinsky to S. Gillani for \$495,000

3861 Brockton Drive Federal Home Loan Mortgage to J. Ghera for \$262,000

3008 Calle De La Mesa L. Bennardo to R. Tang for \$615,000

6832 Corte De Flores S. & P. Daniel to R. & S. King for \$685,000

1152 Crellin Road R. Hery to R. & A. Paras for \$600,000

5271 Crestline Way J. & B. Bosse to J. & G. Bedell for \$785,000

5287 Crestline Way Haskell Trust to D. & E. Schakelfield for \$720,500

1921 Fiorio Circle M. Amaro to A. Pinti for \$555,000

7894 Flagstone Drive D. Zbrudzewski to M. & R. Castle for \$770,000

3576 Florian Street Chen Trust to T. Xu for \$587,000

19 Foothill Place Wells Fargo Bank to A. & M. Kak for \$1,102,000

7370 Hilldale Drive R. & P. Tuggle to R. & S. Singh for \$693,500

812 Hopkins Way L. & J. Purnell to K. & M. Keswani for \$988,000

3782 Kamp Drive Lind Trust to D. Hsu for \$623,500

404 Mission Drive C. Bryan to K. Chuang for \$620,000

495 Neal Street A. Shaw to L. Fairchild for \$644,000

3300 Newport Street Ponderosa Homes to R. & K. Miller for \$862,000

3312 Newport Street Ponderosa Homes to R. & K. Ruckteschler for \$761,500

1996 Paseo Del Cajon B. Huang to X. Wu for \$720,000

838 Sunny Brook Way Johnson Trust to T. & R. Stanley for \$1,460,000

576 Tawny Drive Mensing Trust to E. & A. Miller for \$687,000

7349 Tulipwood Circle I. Singleton to P. Wong for \$515,000

1034 Via Di Salerno J. & A. Ritchie to S. & S. Rush for \$1,455,000

3845 Vineyard Avenue #10 Federal National Mortgage to M. Enlow for \$104,500

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NEW LISTING!

3298 Monmouth Court
Pleasanton Meadows...4 bdrms, 3 full baths (1 bd & ba downstairs), updated kitchen, solar panels, end of cul-de-sac, backs to greenbelt w/ playground and community pool.
Offered at \$749,000

OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4



7881 Knollbrook Drive
West Pleasanton...3 bdrms, 2 baths, updated kitchen w/ granite counter tops & stainless appliances. Three skylights, hardwood flooring, bay window, huge side yard access.
Offered at \$649,000

PENDING



450 Bonita, Pleasanton
Downtown Pleasanton...4 bedrooms, 3 updated baths, updated galley kitchen with granite countertops, stainless appliances, hardwood flooring, MORE!
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FOOTHILL KNOLLS

JUST LISTED — OPEN SUN 12-3



7863 FOOTHILL KNOLLS, PLEASANTON
 Beautiful single story on private premium .35 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 2150 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash, custom cabinetry and high end European appliances. Hardwood flooring, French doors, vaulted ceilings, newer windows, newer tile roof. Master suite includes custom built-in closet/dresser area, French doors to rear grounds, private bathroom with dual sinks. Very private professionally landscaped rear grounds, with no rear neighbors. Recently re-plastered and tiled pool/spa with new equipment. Built-in kitchen/BBQ island with refrigerator. Mature trees, patios and lawn areas. **OFFERED AT \$949,000**

OAK MANOR



819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON
 As soon as you enter you will be impressed with the unique elegance. Gorgeous custom home on private .62 acre lot. Approximately 4,541 square feet, four bedrooms (two master suites) plus office/wine room and bonus loft area and 5.5 bathrooms. Quality, high end equipment and finishes throughout. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab counters and stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors. Oversized four car garage. Beautifully landscaped Tahoe-like grounds with mature trees. Two minutes to Castledown Country Club. **OFFERED AT \$1,649,000**

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**

CHARTER OAKS

JUST REDUCED — OPEN SUN 2-4:30



1549 MAPLE LEAF DRIVE, PLEASANTON
 Highly upgraded four bedroom, plus bonus/teen room, three bathrooms. Approximately 2,541 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash, custom cabinets & stainless steel appliances. Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring, upgraded carpet & remodeled master bath. Newer interior paint. Three car garage. Completely re-landscaped private rear grounds with built-in BBQ/kitchen, custom fire pit/sitting area, slate patio, garden and play areas. Tile roof. Convenient to downtown, neighborhood park and award-winning schools! **OFFERED AT \$899,500**

SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

PENDING



1092 SYCAMORE CREEK WY, 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, Castledown Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. Award winning schools! **OFFERED AT \$1,559,000**

RUBY HILL

PENDING



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**

SAN RAMON

PENDING



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

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. **SOLD FOR \$312,000**

PONDEROSA

SOLD



6914 CORTE MADRID, PLEASANTON
 Beautiful single level, extensively remodeled home in Ponderosa. Three bedroom, two completely remodeled bathrooms. Remodeled gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertop, expansive center island/breakfast bar and stainless appliances. Hardwood flooring, crown molding and upgraded fixtures. 1,612 square feet. Newer roof. Professional landscaping with brick trimmed aggregate patio and lawn area. Across from Del Prado Park. Close to Pleasanton's Sports Park and minutes from downtown. Award winning schools. **SOLD FOR \$645,000**

KOTTINGER RANCH

SOLD



1327 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON
 Great location! Beautiful semi-custom home on .40 acre lot. Expansive deck with panoramic views! Private rear grounds. Five bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, 4,026 square feet. Upgraded gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, newer paint & carpeting, extensive hardwood floors. Expansive master suite. Community pool, park, tennis courts and open space. Walk to Main Street and award winning schools! **SOLD FOR \$1,163,500**

NEW CUSTOM SINGLE LEVEL

SOLD



1588 FOOTHILL ROAD, PLEASANTON
 New custom single level home on private country lane off of Foothill Road. This private half acre lot is located adjacent to Golden Eagle with ridge views. Four bedrooms, bonus room/guest quarters, home theater room, private office, lockable 400 bottle wine cellar, 4.5 bathrooms, 4,762 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops, top of the line appliances. Oversized three car garage (4th car option). In-ground pool, detached permitted room (office/workout room) seller to credit buyer for brand new landscaping. Near Castledown Country Club. **SOLD FOR \$1,625,000**

DANVILLE RANCHER

SOLD — REPRESENTED BUYER



752 TURRINI DRIVE, DANVILLE
 Large beautifully updated ranch style home on over 1/3 acre premium lot in Danville! Three bedrooms, private office (4th), three bathrooms. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops and stainless appliances. Large master suite and bath, professionally landscaped with outdoor kitchen, in-ground pool, boat/RV parking, and side yard access. **SOLD FOR \$900,600**

GREY EAGLE ESTATES

SOLD — REPRESENTED BUYER



27 GREY EAGLE ESTATE, PLEASANTON
 Secluded 5,904 sq ft. custom home on premium 5.3 acre estate in desirable, gated Grey Eagle Estates. Panoramic views of the valley and Mt. Diablo. Five bedrooms, plus bonus room, office, 2nd office/hobby room, 3.5 bathrooms. Four car garage. Beautiful grounds include private vineyard, in-ground pool and spa. **SOLD FOR \$1,900,000**

VINSANTO

SOLD



2845 VINE COURT, PLEASANTON
 Beautiful highly upgraded home in excellent condition. Panoramic views of vineyards and surrounding hills. Five bedrooms (4th is private office, 5th in guest house/casita), four bathrooms (4th in casita). Approximate total square footage 3,553. Upgraded kitchen with granite countertop & backsplash, two fireplaces, plantation shutters throughout, three car garage. Private gate & rear grounds include separate guest house/casita, expansive exposed aggregate patio, lawn area, fruit trees and vineyards. No backyard neighbors. Close to wineries & golf courses. **SOLD FOR \$809,000**

LOS OLIVOS

SOLD



2951 PICHOLINE COURT, LIVERMORE
 Beautiful, highly upgraded Los Olivos home on professionally landscaped private .25 acre lot. Don't miss it! Five bedroom (bonus room 5th), 3.5 bathrooms, plus detached studio/guest quarters (1 bed/1 bath). Approximately 3889 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, granite slab countertops and stainless steel appliances. Highly upgraded spacious master suite with granite. Beautiful grounds include large private patio, spacious lawn area, garden/play set area, and atrium/side patio. Views of surrounding hills. Minutes to quality golf courses and Livermore Valley wineries. **SOLD FOR \$950,000**





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DANIEL ALPHER BY APPT



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LINDA TRAUIG SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$1,450,000
5bd/4ba on .50+/- acre lot. South side of Pleasanton. Gorgeous carriage house with full kitchen, bath and laundry. Must See! 727 VINEYARD TERRACE

MARK JAMES BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$1,375,000
Stunning single level 4bd/3.5ba, open floor plan, huge kitchen & FR. Rear yard has it all - far too many amenities to list. Must see! Not a short sale. 1358 LENNOX LN

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,200,000
5bd/3ba, 3396+/-sf home. Tumbled marble floors w/marble accents. Office downstairs w/wine closet, spacious master retreat, pvt yard framed w/pergola columns graced w/ aged wisteria. 2281 DOCCIA CT

DIANE SMUGERESKY SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$1,179,000
5bd/3ba, 3501+/-sf beauty! Large upgraded kitchen w/granite counters & stainless steel appliances. Gleaming hardwood floors downstairs, new carpets upstairs, with views of Mt Diablo! 857 MONTEVINO DR

DAN GAMACHE, JR. SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$1,099,950
Rarely available 5 BR, 3 full BA, original Country Fair home situated on a huge lot! 1 BR/1 BA downstairs. The ultimate family neighborhood, quiet street, near parks and schools. 2691 CALLE ALEGRE

MARTA RIEDY OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,091,000
Beautiful and rarely available single story in Ruby Hill! 4 BR/3 BA, 2627+/-sf situated in cul-de-sac. Walk to tennis and club house. Don't miss this great opportunity! 1962 NICOSIA CT

TIFFANY ROSE OPEN SUN 2-5



PLEASANTON \$950,000
Custom entertainers dream home! 4 BR/3 BA, 3345+/-sf perched upon a hill, views of city lights, large upper deck, pool, amazing sunsets, directly across from award winning Valley View Elem. 465 ADAMS

EMILY BARRACLOUGH SUN 1:30-4:30



PLEASANTON \$928,000
Beautifully appointed home near schools, parks, downtown, and 680. Kitchen upgraded with granite counters, ss appliances, & breakfast nook. Don't miss this stunning home! 1422 WHISPERING OAK WAY

DEBI BODAN SUN 1:00-4:00



LIVERMORE \$849,000
Experience excellence! This home offers 5 BR, 4.5 BA, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, shutters, premium lot, four car garage, side access, stamped patio w/ arbor and room for a pool. 1096 CARRARA WAY

EMILY BARRACLOUGH SUN 1:30-4:30



PLEASANTON \$799,900
Gorgeous home in the desirable Gates neighborhood. Home consists of 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and approx. 2100 sq ft of living space. Fabulous floor plan with a sunny open kitchen. 4969 MOHR AVE

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SAT & SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON CALL FOR PRICE
Stunning 4bd/2ba, 1923+/-sf "Colony" model, remodeled throughout, hardwood floors, granite kitchen, beautiful Travertine bath, plantation shutters, turnkey home and an absolute "10"! 4483 SHEARWATER CT

MARK LAFFERTY SUN 1:00-4:00



DISCOVERY BAY \$749,950
Beautiful single story home located on deep water. Features include granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, new carpet, two fire places, 3 car garage, & much much more. 3909 LIGHTHOUSE PL

GAIL HENNEBERRY SUN 1-5



LIVERMORE \$719,000
One of a kind! Magnificent 4bd/2.5ba home with breathtaking 16,271+/-sf lot. Remodeled kitchen with stainless steel appliances, hardwood flooring, great area. 1219 REGENT PLACE

MOXLEY TEAM SAT & SUN 1:30-4:30



PLEASANTON \$630,000
Updated home throughout. Granite counters & open feel in the kitchen. Large master bathroom w/ tub, dual sink granite counter on cherry wood cabinets. Private backyard. 1522 POPPYBANK CT

BRAD SLABAUGH SAT & SUN 1:30-4:30



LIVERMORE \$599,950
Quality, charm & location join together in this heritage home in old South Livermore! Enjoy downtown living! 2058 sq ft. (approx) large lot, large sitting porch & basement too. Must see! 614 S LIVERMORE AVE

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$540,000
This beautiful home has many designer touches. Updated kitchen, 3 BR, 2 BA, vaulted ceilings in living room. 2 car attached garage, quiet, private rear yard. Close to schools, shopping, 680. 271 TOMAS WAY

SALLY MARTIN SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$515,000
+/-1421 sf home on a +/- 6,840 sf lot. 3 BR/2 BA w/oversized master. Updates: hardwood floors, new paint, newer windows & doors, private patio entry. NO HOMEOWNERS' DUES. 2598 SECRETARIAT DR

LESLIE FAUGHT OPEN SAT & SUN 1-5



LIVERMORE \$297,000
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