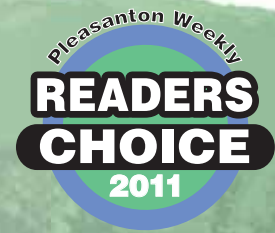


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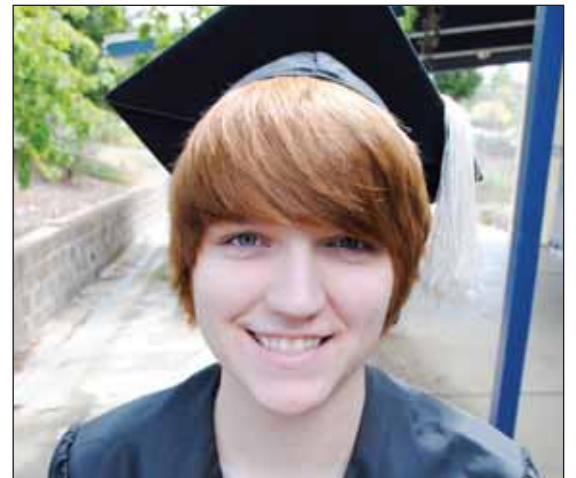
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Summer of fun heading to Pleasanton

With graduation exercises at both Foothill and Amador Valley high schools tonight and a summer crowd of more than 2,000 expected for the Friday night Concerts in the Park, a summer of exciting activities and warmer temperatures are under way in Pleasanton. Although the popular concerts have only been rained out once, when Foothill's band was supposed to play, last Friday with its intermittent drizzle brought smaller crowds to hear the music of Magic Moments for the first concert of the season. Tonight's rock and dance music by Batch 22 should fill Lions Wayside Park, with the Houserockers next Friday and Ruckatan's Latin music June 24.

The Alameda County Fair opens June 22 with 15 days of live horse racing before the fair closes July 10. Then a three-day Independence Day holiday that includes the city's Picnic in the Park celebration July 4, featuring the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, will keep downtown Pleasanton busy. That will be followed by the always popular mid-summer First Wednesday street party July 6, which, with the fair still in town, should keep downtown restaurants and streets filled with shoppers, always a pleasing sight for merchants who are looking for an economic turnaround this summer. Domus will reopen its store in mid-July, bringing back a downtown retail attraction to help the area prosper. Another event, always sold out, is the summer Wine Stroll scheduled for Thursday, July 14.

The Friday night concerts, where the Pleasanton Weekly joins forces with the Pleasanton Downtown Association, have been a mainstay of downtown entertainment since the early 1980s when Joyce Shapiro brought the concept to Pleasanton from Chico, which started hosting outdoor performances. Held at first only in August, our concerts gained in popularity as families brought box lunches, lawn chairs and blankets to Wayside for a summer evening of fun, good music, dining and refreshments. With the PDA picking up sponsorships, the organization also benefits with food vendors now grabbing early parking spaces along First Street to take advantage of the crowds.

Bringing attention and local dollars to downtown Pleasanton is part of a push to bolster Pleasanton busi-



Jim Ott of Pleasanton plays guitar with the "Fool's Gold" country music band during a 1987 concert in Lions Wayside Park.

nesses and the community. With average attendance on good weather nights at 2,500, it's easy to see why. The audience ranges from newborns to those in their "maturing" years, from lively dancers near the stage to those in wheelchairs. People have learned to stake their spots on the grass with a blanket hours before show time, although new rules put into effect last year limits "advance spotting" to the day of the event.

In addition to this full summer of events, the PDA has launched ShopPleasanton.com to raise awareness of the value of shopping locally. This new program is designed to connect Pleasanton shoppers with local businesses. It features a directory of nearly all businesses in Pleasanton, profiles of companies, special offers and coupons, restaurant menus, photos, maps, event announcements and more. Representatives of the PDA and the Pleasanton Weekly will be on hand at tonight's concert to promote the efforts.

Here's a full list of upcoming concerts:

Tonight - Magic Moments, 50s, 60s, 70s, The Legends of Early Rock

June 10 - Batch-22, Rock/Alternative Dance Covers

June 17 - The Houserockers, Rock & Soul

June 24 - Ruckatan Latin Tribe, Latin Reggae World Music

July 1 - Rooster's Teeth, Rockin' Blues

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Taking the stage at graduation: (Top row, l-r) Cynthia Gil, one of the speakers Wednesday at Village High School's graduation; Foothill valedictorian James Ding; Omsri Bharat, one of Amador Valley High's two valedictorians; (center) Sahil Aggarwal, Amador's other valedictorian; Erin Cornford, another speaker at Village's graduation; (below) salutatorians Kathy Yuh of Amador and Max Wang of Foothill. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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Fair history book

Just in time for this year's Fair, which runs June 22-July 10, Arcadia Publishing has released the book, "Alameda County Fair," as part of its "Images of America" history pictorial series. Author Victoria Christian, a resident of Sunol, selected most of the book's images from the Alameda County Fair Association archives.

The Bernal family built the original racetrack in 1859 on its 52,000-acre ranch. Years later, businessman Rodney G. MacKenzie acquired the racetrack and approached a group of county businessmen and ranchers with a proposal to hold a county fair on his property. The first Alameda County Fair ran from Oct. 23-27, 1912.

The 128-page, soft cover book sells for \$21.99 at local bookstores.

Adoptathon places 2,200 pets

Despite the rain last weekend, more than 2,200 shelter dogs and cats found homes during the second annual Maddie's Matchmaker Adoptathon, which was held at 70 locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Maddie's Fund expects to give about \$2 million to the 46 participating shelters for all the adoptions processed.

"My family and I spent the weekend visiting many of the participating locations," said Dave Duffield, Maddie's Fund founder. "The joy we saw in the animals, as well as the volunteers and the adopters, is the reason we created Maddie's Fund."

The big emphasis during this year's event was to find homes for senior pets and for pets who had been treated for medical conditions. Organizations reported that about 30 percent of all their adoptions qualified as senior and/or treatable.

Rain doesn't dampen packout

The Pleasanton Military Families Support Group reports that it had a successful Summer/Fourth of July Packout for the troops, despite the main collection taking place Saturday in the rain. At the Pancake Breakfast, \$2,600 was collected, which covered the postage for sending comfort and care items to the troops serving overseas.

On Sunday, the volunteers meet at the Veterans Hall on Main street and in less than two hours had filled 187 boxes and loaded them into vehicles, packed up the remaining supplies and cleaned up.

School board appropriates \$2.4 million to keep class size, restore P.E.

Governor's May budget revision assures state funding to un-do some cuts

By JESSICA LIPSKY AND GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Pleasanton school board has voted to rescind \$2.4 million of the cuts it made earlier this year after better-than-expected numbers came out in Gov. Jerry Brown's May budget revision.

While Pleasanton Unified School District officials admit there is still uncertainty and speculation about the state budget, funding numbers in the revision gave them assurances that they could restore some reductions while remaining fiscally conservative.

With its new money, the administration voted last Friday to maintain the 25 to 1 student-teacher ratio in grades K-3, at a cost of \$1.3 million, and to restore physical education sections at elementary schools for \$400,000. Part-time reading specialists also will be reinstated at nine elementary schools for a total cost of \$400,000.

"We are absolutely thrilled that we are able to rescind some of these reductions," said Board

Member Joan Laursen.

More than 40 people attended the meeting to thank the board for restoring programs and to advocate for additional class time at the high schools. Residents were quick to point out that the three additional class times per school, at \$17,000 each, were the least pricey item on the board's list.

"I really do want to have seven periods because ... I want to continue to take sciences," said student Zane Manna, who added that he couldn't take biology because there are only six periods a day. "I want to actively challenge myself because it's getting tougher and tougher to get into the top colleges."

In a 3-2 vote, the board passed a resolution to allocate \$50,000 to Foothill and Amador Valley high schools for an additional three class times during the 2011-12 school year. Voting against it were Laursen and Jeff Bowser, who advocated

for fiscal prudence.

"We cut almost \$20 million over the past several years and having a seventh period is a luxury, a luxury we can't afford," Bowser said.

While the board also allocated \$50,000 to elementary schools for remedial programs and \$200,000 for counseling services, Bowser encouraged everyone to continue fundraising and fighting.

"It's not over yet, we're going to be back in the same situation next year," he said.

Despite Bowser's warning, many in attendance seemed relieved by the vote.

"I like everything that they've done and I'm delighted that they took time to hear suggestions. Every step is an improvement," said Marilyn Palowitch, president of Amador Friends of Music.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said the district hopes to restore all programs in a few years. ■



FILE PHOTO

Bicyclists check out the trail maps at Pleasanton's Augustin Bernal Park, which has a staging area for the Pleasanton Ridge. The East Bay Regional Park District is working on plans to open more acreage to the public and to add another access point.

Plans continue for Pleasanton Ridge

Park District releases overview after April meeting

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The East Bay Regional Park District has released a summary of the questions, with answers, from hundreds of people at a Pleasanton meeting in April on the draft land use plan for Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

"People voted a long time ago keeping this as open space," said Senior Park Planner Julie Bondurant. "They also want education programs or exhibits. That's why we had this community meeting, to focus on access and trails from a recreation standpoint."

The Park District has been purchasing parts of the 7,352-acre property with money from bond measures, including WW, since the 1980s, and a few years ago added the Sunol Ridge property, she explained.

"A lot is open to public but the most northerly part is still in the land bank," she said. This part of the property, more than 2,200 acres, is undergoing long-term planning.

Planned improvements so far include 12 miles of narrow and service road trails for

a total trail system of 62 miles. The system will also incorporate about 2 miles of unsanctioned trails and close nearly 10 miles of service road and unsanctioned narrow trails, according to the district. About 4 miles of service roads will have their width reduced to create narrow trails.

"We've largely developed a multiuse trails plan that includes narrow and service road trails to create the network," Bondurant said. "From the community at large, the input we've heard is they want more narrow trails. Yes, they're generally easier to construct ... a road takes heavier equipment and a wider swath of land."

"Most of the land, including Pleasanton Ridge, was ranched and farmed over time and so when the district buys land they inherit these old roads," she added. "Sometimes that's what gets used exclusively. Sometimes they don't serve recreational or service function and we might look at rerouting over time."

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1st plan for redistricting out today

Pleasanton wants 3 Assembly districts cut back to one

By JEB BING

Voters and politicians are anxiously awaiting the release of proposed changes in the congressional, state Assembly and state Senate district boundaries today by the voter-created independent redistricting commission.

The 14-member Citizens Redistricting Commission was formed in 2008 after California voters approved a ballot measure that transferred authority for drawing state political boundaries from the Legislature to the new panel.

The commission has until today to complete the first draft of a statewide map that could significantly change the geographic and ethnic makeup of the districts.

The issues and challenges facing Pleasanton for the most part also impact the neighboring cities of Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville.

Currently, Pleasanton is split into two congressional districts with Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-11th) presiding over most of the city, and with Congressman Pete Stark (D-13th) responsible for a northwest portion of Pleasanton, mainly the area west of Foothill Road. Congressman John Garamendi (D-10th) represents Livermore and much of Contra Costa County. Because of population shifts from Oakland to Contra Costa and the eastern part of Alameda County, all three districts could face boundary changes.

Pleasanton also is one of the only cities its size in California that has three separate Assembly districts. Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) serves in the 15th District, which covers about 15% of the city in the northeast section. Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi (D-Castro Valley) represents the much larger 18th District, which covers the area north and west of First Street and Santa Rita Road. Assemblyman Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) was elected last year to represent the 20th District, which includes Vintage Hills and Ruby Hill.

Also facing redistricting is the state's 10th Senate District, represented by Ellen Corbett, a Democrat

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Lab gifts benefit Pleasanton science students

**\$10,000 grant allows high schools
to use instrumentation for more accuracy**

By JEB BING

Through a \$10,000 gift from Lawrence Livermore National Security, the entity that manages the Livermore Laboratory, students in Pleasanton high schools are using upgraded equipment in their science labs to better assist them in obtaining accurate data, completing projects on time and meeting science curriculum goals.

A portion of the LLNS gift — \$5,000 — was presented to Foothill High School's science department to acquire additional sets of probe ware and upgraded instrumentation in the school's science labs.

Up to now, science teachers were required to share one set of probes among multiple classrooms, which often took time and led to data inaccuracies.

The remaining \$5,000 was presented to Amador Valley High School.

"Additional equipment allows us to use instrumentation, instead of indicators, in many labs," explained Craig Kelso, a science teacher at Foothill whose biology classes are benefiting directly from the Lab's



BOB HIRSCHFELD/LLNL

Science teacher Craig Kelso and students examine a photosynthesis project during a biology class at Foothill High School. Equipment was purchased with funds from Lawrence Livermore National Security.

gift. "This will improve the data we evaluate from qualitative to quantitative data and allow us to perform mathematical analysis of the data."

"We believe it is important for you to have the necessary equipment for your research," Lab representative Cindy McAneney told Kelso and his students during a visit to his freshmen/sophomore biology class.

Watching as the new equipment was being used with experiments on photosynthesis, she added, "It is a fantastic opportunity for me to represent LLNS in presenting you with this gift."

She said LLNS provides funds to nonprofit organizations dedicated to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. ■

REDISTRICTING

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and former mayor of San Leandro.

Clearly, it's a numbers game with the commission required to draw new boundaries to meet population targets. The population in each of the state's 53 congressional districts must be as close to 702,905 as possible, based on the decennial census taken in 2010.

The 40 state Senate districts have target populations of 931,349 and the 80 Assembly districts should have a population of 465,674, according to the census.

But the Tri-Valley cities of Pleasanton, Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon want the commission to look at the commonality of their region as well as population.

In a letter to the Redistricting Commission, the mayors and city councils of those cities petitioned it to keep their municipalities together as new legislative districts

are drawn to meet changing population centers in the Bay Area.

"Despite the fact that we are in two separate counties, our residents identify far more with the Tri-Valley region than either Alameda or Contra Costa counties," the letter stated. It continued:

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

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

"We are all partners in the Tri-Valley Housing and Opportunity Center, which is an agency that jointly

manages our five cities' affordable housing programs and services.

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

"Other smaller agencies such as the Dublin San Ramon Services District, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and Zone 7 are entirely within the Tri-Valley.

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

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

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

A separate ad-hoc committee established by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors is also assessing boundary lines of the five county supervisor districts, with the last hearing on those proposed changes held last night in Fremont. Its work has no effect on the state-wide redistricting. ■



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Police are investigating a June 2 robbery at Sweet Tomatoes in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road.

Just before midnight, two men with bandannas across their faces entered the restaurant; one approached an employee, showed a handgun, and asked the worker to hand over the store's cash, according to police Sgt. Jim Knox.

After receiving the restaurant's

money, the two men left and were last seen headed toward Inglewood Drive on foot, and no vehicle as spotted, Knox said.

The suspects are described as Hispanic males in their mid-20s. One was described as 5 feet 6-7 inches tall, weighing between 140 and 160 pounds with a medium build. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark gray pants

and black shoes.

The second suspect was described as 5 feet 4-6 inches tall, also weighing between 140 and 160 pounds with a medium build. He was wearing a dark blue hooded sweatshirt and dark blue pants.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact them at 931-5100. ■

Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards to be presented June 20

Four being honored for good things they've done for community

Friends and family members are invited to a champagne reception on June 20 at Pleasanton's Museum On Main to honor the recipients of this year's Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards: Chuck Deckert, Joanie Fields, and Pat and Bob Lane.

The annual award is presented to those whose actions inspire and motivate others to demonstrate love, pride, faith, belief and devotion to the community. They are chosen by the July 4th Celebration Planning Team and a committee of past award recipients.

Deckert, a former Human Services commissioner, said this position helped lead him to other community activities.

"I got to know a lot of 'important people,' to make connections, and to meet the executive directors of major service organizations," Deckert said. "As a result, I was invited to serve on boards of directors."

Fields' role model for community service was her grandmother.

"She would cook for the church's



Chuck Deckert



Joanie Fields



Pat and Bob Lane

congregational dinner and for the Lions Christmas Dinner at the Veterans Hall, and I got to help her, as a little girl," Fields said. "My grandmother took in foster children and state mental patients, to help them out. She was my light."

Nominated as a team, Pat and Bob Lane are often seen together as they work on various community projects.

"I wanted to make Pleasanton the town I'd have loved to grow up in," Pat Lane said of her efforts.

She brought the farmers market to downtown Pleasanton 18 years ago and continues as its official

greeter each Saturday morning.

The seventh annual awards reception will take place from 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, June 20, with presentations beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the museum, at 603 Main St. Each of this year's recipients will be introduced, with a summary of the many good things they have done for this community.

The award recipients also will be introduced to the community at the Fourth of July celebration to be held in Lions Wayside Park from noon-1:30 p.m. July 4.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

BART riders asked to try out new seats

Seat lab coming to Pleasanton on Monday

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

As BART plans to replace its aging train cars with a Fleet of the Future, it is asking riders to try out seat options and give feedback. The interactive seat lab will be at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station from 3-6:30 p.m. Monday.

So far, at seat labs held in six other locations, riders have said they would like wider aisles on the trains, even if it means giving up as much as 2 inches in seat width, said BART officials.

Wider aisles would make it easier for customers on crowded trains to get to the train doors, riders said, and would make the new cars more comfortable for those who have to stand during peak periods. Plus wider aisles would make riding BART easier for people with disabilities.

BART seats are now 22 inches wide, which is among the widest of any transit system. Smaller 20-inch seats would allow the trains to ac-

commodate more people.

"It's totally OK to get a little bit closer if it means more space to accommodate people," said Carrie Harvilla, a BART rider who toured a seat lab recently in Union City.

In a random sampling at the seat lab, about 90% of those surveyed said they found 20-inch-wide seats acceptable.

"I prefer the width of the current seats, but I understand that there are tradeoffs to be made," Christian Schultz, at the Union City seat lab.

The sampling also found:

■ 63% preferred forward-facing to sideways seats

■ 97% found 27 inches of legroom acceptable (compared to 29 inches currently)

■ Respondents rated cleanliness at 6.28 and comfort at 4.88 on a scale with 1 being "not at all important" and 7 being "very important"

■ 49% preferred no armrests and 36% wanted armrests

The survey also includes ques-

tions about accommodations for bikes, luggage and strollers, passenger information, seat materials and design ideas.

At the Union City seat lab, rider Michael Jordan noted the importance of accommodating people with disabilities.

"There's got to be access to available seating near the doors," he said.

He also suggested more prominent signage of the notice that seats must be given up for people with disabilities. "The signs now are too small," he said.

Another five seat labs are scheduled through June. Industrial designers will use the feedback to come up with three renderings, and later this summer the public will have a chance to give input on them.

The Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station is located at 5801 Owens Drive. To receive updates on BART's Fleet of the Future, visit www.bart.gov/cars. ■

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Tournament travel:

The Pleasanton Weekly didn't travel far from home this time but it was an exciting weekend with the Phantom softball team, which took first place at the Livermore Summer Kick-Off Tournament 2011 on Memorial Day weekend. Coaches are Geoff Fuller, Ron Jones and Pete Schlag; players are Jessica Shockley, Sarah Layer, Allie DeFazio, Lauren Hermes, Natalie Taratino; Hope Alley, Lauren Kong, Claire Fuller, Lucia Castaneda, Aliya Lubrin; and (front) Liberty Schlag and Kaitlyn Jones.

RIDGE

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The plan also proposes areas to picnic, camping sites for backpackers, and places for educational components, as well as a vegetation management program to remove invasive species to benefit native plants.

Many of the questions centered on access to the Ridge from other trail systems and from city streets.

"Traffic will be one of the components of the environmental analysis that will be conducted for the Land Use plan in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)," according to the meeting summary.

It also noted that volunteers will be required in order for the park to achieve its full potential, including possibly for interpretive programs, to patrol on foot and by bike and horse, and to maintain trails.

"We've really been out working on staging and an access plan,"



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Nat Lopes of Hilride, a trail building company that worked on a comprehensive concept for the Park District, discusses the multiuse trails plan at the April meeting.

Bondurant said. "Right now there is only one staging/parking area, along Foothill Road toward the southern end of park. Another staging area is proposed at the in-

tersection of Foothill and West Las Positas Boulevard — there the park does touch Foothill road. We don't have many places where the park touches public road." ■



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Donlon students aid Japan

A fifth-grade class at Donlon Elementary School raised more than \$1,000 to help in relief efforts following a tsunami and earthquakes in Japan. Students collected donations and gave rubber wristbands that said, "I helped Japan," raising a total of \$1,103.41.

"I thought it was really amazing that these kids came up with the idea," said Varsha Clare from the Red Cross. "They set the bar at \$1,000 and they came up with it. I was impressed."

Pictured are (l-r) Jacob Reid, Alana Setiyadi, Erin Thrush, Dario Tommasini, Jacob Vilevac, Ingrid Yeung, Wilson Zhang, Thomas Hsu and teacher Eryn Neidle presenting the check to Clare and Gregory Portillo from the Red Cross.

Other members of the class that participated in the donation drive are Kaitlyn Jones, Daniel Jorgenson, Yuna Jeong, Meghan Hogue, Jeffrey Green, Britney Gajo, Yasmin Ghaemmaghani, Allison Earle, Blake Bettencourt, Katie Diktakis, Rochelle Cloward, Benjamin Chen, Nick Brdar, Cameron Bowers, Abhishek Bhatt, Kushaan Bahl, Alana Setiyadi, Sophia Ondi, Taarini Madusudan, Alina Liu, Justin Lin, Rachel Lee, Kellie Kordes, Logan Beavers and Qasim Ashraf.

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THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Facing the 21st century

Congratulations to the Class of 2011, the largest ever to receive diplomas from Pleasanton's high schools. A total of 1,166 students will walk across the stages set up tonight on the football fields at Foothill and Amador Valley high schools. For Amador, this is its 88th graduating class; for much newer Foothill, it's the 38th class to receive diplomas since the school opened. Another 80 graduated earlier, including 70 from Village High School and 10 from Horizon High, a special school operated by the Pleasanton school district. After graduation night parties and a few weeks to rest up, most of these graduates will leave for college, having gained admission to state and national schools despite tough acceptance policies because of the excellent credentials Pleasanton high school diplomas offer.

Although jobs continue to be at a premium, the types of career opportunities available to the Class of 2011 are mind-boggling. They're far different from careers graduates considered just a decade ago when most jobs were in the brick-and-mortar industries, and in construction, retailing and teaching. Those jobs still offer opportunities, but the recent growth of Internet-based Apple, Google, Facebook, Amazon.com and other now-billion-dollar companies offer far different possibilities in "cloud" technologies. And who better to go after these promising careers than those in the Class of 2011 who have spent much of their school years with a cell phone at the ear or learning ever-faster texting skills. Graduates might take their parents on a drive through Hacienda Business Park or Silicon Valley to see how few of the businesses now there were even around in the years they finished high school.

Ecology and environmental college majors and subsequent careers also have wide appeal to today's high school graduates. Gone are the days of typewriter whiteout and carbon paper, replaced by the delete button and carbon footprint. As the public and government regulators demand more green building and energy conservation, college admissions officers and employers are already in hot pursuit of those who want to specialize in these careers. Because of the Pleasanton school district's long focus on "going green" — from rooftop solar panels to trash cans for recyclables — high school graduates here are ready to take on that challenge.

Particularly noteworthy also are the 30 or so who will graduate next Wednesday from the Adult Education program that is operated by the Pleasanton school district and helps those who, for whatever reason, never received a high school diploma. They're completing that step now and often under trying circumstances, raising a family and holding down a job as well. They can provide good testimony for those questioning the value of a high school education. In today's tough job market, so-called lower-level and clerical jobs increasingly require a diploma. These older graduates are also finding more interest from prospective employers they've contacted who are impressed by their perseverance to learn skills needed throughout the workforce. They deserve our congratulations, too. ■

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WIPEOUT contestant does it for her girls

*TV show competition
turns out to be
exciting but painful*

By KATIE LYNESS

"Wipeout," the ABC TV show where contestants endure extreme water obstacles that seem to get more difficult as the season progresses, is one of the few television programs that entertains a wide variety of viewers. Though it is popular among many families, most working mothers would never consider actually competing on the show themselves — but that is exactly what happened to Ananda LaBerge.

LaBerge would sit with her two young daughters, Annika, 9, and Tasha, 6, every week to watch the show, which was a favorite of theirs. Because her daughters loved the program so much, they dared their mom about one year ago to just submit an application to be a contestant.

Not thinking anything of it because the show receives so many applications, LaBerge went sent in hers. In fact, she learned that the show receives about 75,000 applications, so she assumed that they would merely pass right over hers. Until they called her down to Burbank for an interview.

Then she realized she might actually have the chance to participate on the show. They also told her to make a videotape, where she answered many questions. LaBerge says that she answered the questions intentionally with some crazy responses because she knew the show was looking for people who would be entertaining.

Weeks later, she was again contacted and asked to fill out lots of paperwork, to sign liability waivers, and to receive a physical examination. LaBerge describes all of that as just being "easy" because all it required was time.

Finally, almost a year later, the show

contacted LaBerge to say she had been chosen to be a contestant, and that she had to go down to its set in the Santa Clarita mountains near Los Angeles. She was given \$10 to pay for gasoline and, other than that, she was on her own in terms of finding a place to stay and a way to get down there in about a week.

She was also told she could not bring her children and family because no one is allowed on the set other than the participants. This was a disappointment because she had intended to bring her daughters along to motivate her.

Because she was given such late notice, LaBerge did not have much time to prepare, she said, but she did exercise at her local gym, Break Free Fitness. She noted that she worked on her oxygen therapy, assuming that it would come in handy.

Going into the show, LaBerge thought she could win. She knew that she was in great shape. But it turned out to be much harder than she anticipated.

The first of the three days of filming, the contestants were required to arrive at the set at 5 a.m. The contestants were told the order for competing, and LaBerge found out she would be 14th.

Then the crew checked the participants' outfits to make sure they were appropriate, and next LaBerge filmed an interview with "Wipeout" host Jill Wagner.

All of the participants were given nicknames to go by and props to reinforce their specific personalities to the viewers. Ananda LaBerge became known as "Anaconda" for the three days and

If you
set a goal,
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Ananda LaBerge,
"Wipeout" contestant



stood
up at
her interview
with a fake snake.

Excited and scared, LaBerge completed the obstacles, but she said it was nerve-racking because there were hundreds of cameras surrounding the course to capture the contestants at every angle.

Afterward, she said it was awkward because while the contestants were waiting to find out if they could move on to the next round, they were confined to a trailer, not allowed to discuss their own experiences or watch the other contestants. This was done to keep everything confidential prior to the airing of the show.

"All you see on TV is the obstacles, but in reality the set was like a graveyard of older obstacles and sets," LaBerge said, explaining that made it surreal and unusual. It also was incredibly muddy because it had just rained.

The obstacles themselves, LaBerge described as painful.

"They are actually these huge sets, the water is about 47 degrees, the obstacles are 10 feet from the water, and after falling off them it feels like you've hit cement," she said. "It's exhausting and brutal."

The obstacles are also full of soap suds to make them slippery, and on TV so much is edited out that it does not actually portray the amount of time the courses actually take, she added. The initial course takes about five to six minutes per person, but it

feels longer, and the second course had the remaining contestants stay in the unbearably cold water for almost 25 minutes.

LaBerge said going into it she had no idea how painful the experience would be. Afterward she had bruises covering her body and had difficulty walking for about three days, and she assured herself that she would never repeat this experience.

But it was not completely negative. Actually, there were many positive aspects, she said. For instance, at her daughter Annika's insistence, she brought Girl Scout cookies to sell for her — Jill Wagner bought three boxes, which was perfect because her daughters were the reason she participated on the show in the first place.

LaBerge also said she believes everyone should "go for the brass ring" and her experience helped her to reinforce her motto to her children. She showed them that if you set a goal, you should take the chance and not be intimidated by its difficulties. Also, just because she's a mom, she doesn't have to shy away from fun and challenges.

Her daughters love telling people that their mom was on "Wipeout" since they love the show, and they are especially excited to see it when their mom's show airs, probably this summer.

Would LaBerge recommend participating on the show to anyone? She warned, "Only go for it, if you're into pain."

Katie Lyness is a youth correspondent for the Pleasanton Weekly. She just completed the eighth grade at Pleasanton Middle School and will attend Amador Valley High.

'A Difference of Perception'

Surrealistic works on exhibit at Harrington Gallery

An eye-opening experience awaits patrons at the Harrington Gallery's final exhibit of the 2010-11 season, "A Difference of Perception," which opened last night with a reception.

"This is a fantastic surrealism and hyper-realism exhibit featuring five Bay Area artists: painters Bill Sala, Ron Norman, Bill Weber and Peg Magovern, and sculptor Jason Griego," said Julie Finegan, visual arts coordinator for the Firehouse Arts Center, who set up the exhibit Tuesday.

"Bill Sala, a very unassuming and self-taught artist from Castro Valley, paints in the style of the old masters, first laying in values and then adding color," Finegan explained. "Extremely fine detail, haunting and vast landscapes, and strange, vacantly staring figures dominate his work, in which few brushstrokes are visible."

"Jason Griego's sculptures, cast from a mixture of bone and resin and embedded with found objects, depict visceral, economical, sometimes winged female forms."

The exhibit showcases the unconventional and imaginative artwork of the surrealists, along with a new collection of hyper-realistic renderings by Ron Norman.

"I hope my art goes beyond the factual," said Norman. "My aim is for my drawings to show more than what is actually there. A solitary moment, a slightly surreal feeling, a new way of looking at something."

Peg Magovern is a pencil artist from Danville, who says on her website, "From the first pencil stroke up until the last one, the final outcome remains unclear. ... One line at a time... just pure, hand-drawn art. The rest is from my heart and soul."

Bill Weber, a Brentwood resident, has murals displayed throughout California. He is also a



"Nature Becomes Her" by Peg Magovern.



"Love at First Sight" by Bill Sala.

painter, sculptor, illustrator, architect, holographer, digital artist and photographer.

The Harrington Gallery is located at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton; its

hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and for one hour prior to each Firehouse Arts Center performance and during intermission. A donation of \$2 is suggested. ■

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'Godspell' delivers the message

Energy never flags in Tri-Valley Rep production

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Jesus brought the world a powerful message. And the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre delivers it with energy, talent, surprises and humor in its production of "Godspell," which opened Friday and plays through June 26.

"Godspell" was part of the Jesus Music movement that combined rock with gospel in the early 1970s, dovetailing with the era of theatrical experimentation. The show has no traditional plot but features Jesus in a Superman T-shirt, played by Tomas Theriot, delivering his parables to nine followers, who act out the lessons in imaginative pantomimes and charades, adding in a little soft shoe for good measure. Director Susan Hovey remembers performing in "Godspell" under the direction of her mother so she leapt at the chance to direct this production.

"There is something wonderfully theatrical inherent in 'Godspell,'" she says in the program. "I dare say, its very essence and construction is the very best of what I love about community theatre itself."

You can tell that she and choreographer Emily Garcia let loose with their imaginations and the cast. Each of the 10 members shines with talent — singing, dancing, acting, comedic — and Act I is non-stop action that shakes the rafters of the small studio theater.

The cast also interacts well with the four-piece band performing onstage, whose members occasionally

are included in the action. Music director is Greg Zema.

The biggest musical hit from "Godspell" was "Day by Day." It has become part of the popular culture, proven in the movie "Meet the Parents" when Greg (Ben Stiller), who is Jewish, musters the lyrics to "Day by Day" when asked to say grace over his first meal with the family.

Act II becomes more serious with the approach of the passion and crucifixion. There is no resurrection, which drew criticism when "Godspell" first came out, but this puts the focus not on Jesus' divinity but on his message of love, forgiveness and acceptance. The cast delivers this message with zany zeal, and abundant hugs and love, in keeping with its flower child origins. ■

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Auditions

‘HAIRSPRAY’ Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre auditions for the musical “Hairspray” will be held at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 18, and at 10 a.m. and noon, Sunday, June 19, at Triple Threat Dance, 315 Wright Bros. Ave., Livermore. Bring 32 bars of up-tempo Broadway or R&B. There will be no tapes or a capella allowed. Be prepared to dance and be prepared for script readings. Bring a current resume and head shot. Call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

‘THE BRODY BUNCH ON WILLIGAN’S ISLAND’ The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is holding auditions at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 11, and 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 13, at Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Ln. #303. Prepare 32 bars from a classic Broadway song (no Wildhorn, Webber, Larsen, etc.) Cold read from script. Accompanist provided. Bring sheet music in your key, no tapes or CDs, no a cappella. Call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

Author Visits

‘TWO KISSES FOR MADDY’ Author Matt Logelin will be discussing his book, “Two Kisses for Maddy, A Memoir of Loss and Love,” at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 19, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Towne Center Books will sell “Two Kisses for Maddy” at the event. Call 846-8826 for pre-sale information.

Class Reunions

AMADOR VALLEY 1981 CLASS REUNION Class of 1981’s 30-year reunion will be July 29-31. To be on the mailing list or get more details about the reunion weekend, follow them on Facebook at Amador Valley 1981. Go Dons!

Clubs

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

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter meets the first Saturday of the month. It is a social gathering and time to explore the history of our American roots. For meeting time and location, call Ann at 510-507-5509 or email anar-ciso@comcast.net.

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

GNON (GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING) The group meets once a month after work at various locations throughout the Tri-Valley. The networking event runs from 5:30-8 p.m. Visit www.gnontrivalley.com for upcoming dates and locations or call 487-4748.

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

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month.

The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasantonnewcomers.com or call Ruby M. at 462-6404.

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

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

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

TRI-VALLEY EXECUTIVES’ ASSOCIATION Established in 1984, the Tri-Valley Executives’ Association helps business owners and managers develop resourceful relationships in a fun and progressive format. The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday at Vic’s All Star Kitchen, 201-A Main St. Membership is open to businesses that are not in competition with a current member of the association. Call 736-4522 or visit www.trivalleyexecs.com.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Pkwy.,

Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

Events

‘BE A HERO’ Pleasanton Public Library will host “Be a Hero,” its adult summer reading program for library patrons ages 18 years and up, from June 11-July 30. Read or listen to three books or attend three library programs, or any combination of the two, and enter a weekly drawing for prizes. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call 931-3400 or visit www.adultsummerreading.wordpress.com.

ALVISO ADOBE TOURS Learn about what happened in the past on the site that is now Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Rd., from 3-5 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 28. You’ll also hear about opportunities to be part of the volunteer team. Call 931-3485 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

CANCER SURVIVORS’ CELEBRATION OF LIFE Cancer survivors will gather for the 19th annual Celebration of Life to honor those who have shared their path toward health and healing, from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, at Faz Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Road. A distinguished panel will tell stories from the heart about their experiences as cancer caregivers. Dessert reception will follow. Reserve before June 17 at 734-3319 or e-mail mpirishti@valleycare.com.

COMMUNITY HEALING CIRCLE Join monthly gatherings that offer a unique potential for individual and group healing in a welcoming and sacred environment. Techniques will be demonstrated to empower you to re-align every aspect of your life. The event will be held from 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, June 13, at Community Healing Circle, 3950 Valley Ave., Suite B. Donation is suggested. Call 784-5956 or e-mail joyofhealing@claudiaj.com.

HAPPY HOUR The Widows and Widowers of Northern California would like you to join them for Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, June 16, at the Sheraton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Road. Cost your choice of food and beverage. RSVP to Kathy by Tuesday, June 14 at 398-8005.

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE

Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsors a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. The group reflects on the human and monetary costs of the war, honors veterans who have sacrificed, and visualizes ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. They plan to continue this monthly event as long as necessary. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

SPIRIT RUN More than 1,300 runners are expected to participate in the 18th annual Spirit Run on Father’s Day. Race-day registration will be accepted starting at 7 a.m., Sunday, June 19, at the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Main Street. The 10K run will start at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K run at 8:20 a.m. Register online by going to www.spiritrun.com. Online pre-registration closes at midnight June 15.

TOAST GIRLS NIGHT OUT

NETWORKING Raise your glass to toast the third anniversary of GNON (Girls Night Out Networking) at a marvelous extravaganza from 5-9 p.m., Thursday, June 16, at McGrail Vineyards, 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore. The event will take place in the tasting room and appetizers will be served. Cost \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Women from the Tri Valley are encouraged to come. RSVP at gnontrivalley.com by June 9 or call 487-4748.

Exhibits

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.

MASTER ARTIST SUSAN HOEHN

Local master painter Susan Hoehn creates masterful original works of art depicting local landscapes. Her bright paintings are inspired by the vineyards of the California wine country. Meet Susan from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 11, at Studio Seven Arts Gallery, 400 Main St. She will demonstrate and discuss her work. Children can paint on the floor. Call 846-4322 or visit www.studiosevenarts.com.



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Donations of new clothing items, such as shirts, dresses, pants, shorts, onesies and socks, can be made at any Sleep Train store. For more information on the location of the nearest store, go to www.sleeptrain.com or call 1-800-378-2337. Donations can be dropped off daily through July 10 at any Sleep Train location. Sleep Train.

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

Health

CANCER SURVIVORS PRE-RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING

Sue Schepers, Survivor Chairperson of the 2011 Pleasanton Relay For Life, will welcome cancer survivors from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at Chevy’s, 5877 Owens Dr. There will be appetizers, soft drinks and dessert. All cancer survivors in the community are invited to attend the meeting. Call 833-2699.

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.

Kids & Teens

HORSE N’ AROUND Gather the clan and hitch up your wagon to learn about the history we share with these wonderfully intuitive creatures that helped shape the world we live in... it’s the horse, of course! There will be crafts, some horsing around and a visit from a special guest from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 11, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Cost \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. Ages 5 and up. Call 931-3485.

LADYBUG GIRL DAY Have your photo taken with Ladybug Girl from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 18, at Golden Apple Learning Store, 4807 Hopyard Rd. Hear about her adventures with her sidekick Bingo and friends, the Bug Squad. Free prizes, picture fun, art fun, story fun, projects and more. Grand prize drawing at noon. Call 460-5163 or visit www.goldenappletoys.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

‘BEAR IN MIND: THE STORY OF THE CALIFORNIA GRIZZLY’ The Ed Kinney Lecture Series will present “Bear in Mind: The Story of the California Grizzly” at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June

15, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The exhibit “Bear in Mind” is on display at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. and will be open on the day of the lecture from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for members and seniors; and \$3 for students and teachers with ID. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

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.

WALK AWAY THE PAIN Walking is one of the most repetitive activities that we do throughout our lives. Poor walking habits can lead to injury. Learn how to walk correctly to improve your strength, mobility, overall health and to get rid of pain. The lecture is from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 14, at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost \$1.75 for residents and \$2.25 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Political Notes

‘RANKED CHOICE AND INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING’ TriValley Democratic Club will host guest speaker, Steve Chessin, of Californians for Electoral Reform, who will talk about “Ranked Choice and Instant Runoff Voting,” at 7 p.m., Monday, June 20, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Learn why this method is more democratic. There will be a Q&A and refreshments will be served. Visit www.trivalleydems.com.

Seniors

FREE MEMORY SCREENING FOR SENIORS Caring Solutions is sponsoring free memory assessment on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511 for a 30-minute appointment. Preregister by the Monday prior to reserve an appointment. Informational materials are available at the Senior Center.

LUNCH PROGRAM The lunch program sponsored by Spectrum Community Services is from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.25. Reservations required a day in advance by 1 p.m. Call 931-5385.

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It’s a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings; and 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday monthly.

Support Groups

HOPE HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Hope Hospice offers ongoing grief support services for adults, teens and children including a Transitions Support Group; Tragic Loss Support Group; individualized grief support; caregiver support; on-site support for schools; youth organizations and the workplace; community support services; a resource library; and more. For more information or to register, call 829-8770.

INTEGRATED MIND AND BODY GRIEF SUPPORT This comprehensive set of grief support services is offered at the Hope Hospice Grief Support Center from 5-7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Ste. 100., Dublin. Services include various forms of gentle touch as well as guided imagery, meditation and stress management. Restore the energy depleted by grief. No charge. Call 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.

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. 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.

TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS & ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS Tri Valley Support Group for Fibromyalgia, Lupus and all forms of Arthritis meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Tri Valley Support, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. They are in need of volunteers to help. Call 875-0960.

TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. It hosts special speakers like doctors or specialists. For information, call JoAnne during the hours of 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at 875-0960.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GRIEF RECOVERY Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery will host a 10-week class, which will meet from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, July 13-Sept. 14, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy. week. This class is free, but the workbook is \$10. Registration is required; call Linda Husted at 833-9013.

Volunteering

AMERICAN RED CROSS PUBLIC BLOOD DRIVE The blood drive is from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 at Schneider Electric, American Red Cross Bus, 161 South Vasco Rd., Livermore. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.red-crossblood.org and use sponsor code: schneiderelectric925.

AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION The Pleasanton Blood Donation Center will hold a volunteer orientation from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, June 16, at 5556-B Springdale Ave. Tour the center and learn ways to greet, inform and thank the community’s blood donors. Advanced sign-up required. To learn more or to register, contact Anne at 510-594-5165 or email blackstonea@usa.redcross.org.

BARTON READING PROGRAM Tutor training begins in September. No experience needed, they will train you, all materials provided, ongoing support. For more information contact Christina Clark at 596-0292 or email christina.clark2@comcast.net.

GARDEN CHORES AT ALVISO ADOBE Be a steward of the land as you plant, water and weed the garden at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road, from 10-11 a.m., Saturdays, now through Aug. 27. Ages 5 and up. No charge. Call 931-3485 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/. Native plants help native animals find food and shelter; stop by and sift the soil through your fingers.

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BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

This year's graduates share their experiences and their hopes

CLASS OF 2011

Thirteen years of work comes to a culmination today with 1,166 members of the class of 2011 scheduled to don caps and gowns and walk the stage to receive diplomas and accolades from faculty, family and friends.

That's in addition to the 70 from Village High School and 10 from Horizon High School who were scheduled to receive their diplomas on Wednesday.

Commencement, as the saying goes, is the beginning, not the end, but while they're looking to the future, some graduates are also thinking about the past. The Pleasanton Weekly asked for essays from some members of the class of 2011 to share memories of their time here and what they hope for the future.

A new pair of sneakers

BY XANTH EL-SAYED, AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

When I get a new pair of sneakers, I am immediately struck with a feeling of excitement. Every day I eagerly slip them on and every night I reluctantly take them off. Eventually, they wear out and I am forced to venture out and buy a new pair of shoes.

In many ways, my past four years at Amador Valley High School were like going through a pair of sneakers. When my parents told me I would be attending AVHS in the fall, I was nervous but I was also excited for the new experiences my pair of "AVHS sneakers" would bring me. I discovered that I was right to be excited: Both academic and extracurricular opportunities flourish at Amador. In my four years alone, I was able to take a multitude of AP and honors classes as well as become involved in many extracurricular activities, such as Leadership, Friends in Service to Him (FISH) club, and Amador Valley's We The People Team (or Competition Civics).

While my experiences at Amador have helped me try many things and go through a plethora of experiences, my time as a high school student is done. As I move on to study at UC Santa Barbara, I will use my experiences at Amador to help guide my path in college. I might pursue a degree in biology after taking AP biology at Amador. Or I might combine my experiences on Amador's Competition Civics team with those of AP biology and pursue a career in environmental activism. Even though I am not 100% sure of what major I might pursue, in the end, I can only hope that the friendships, opportunities and experiences I have walking in my new pair of "UCSB sneakers" parallel those I had in my four years at Amador Valley High School.

Pleasanton, Class of '11 and Words of Wisdom

BY STEPHANIE MUNRO, FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL

The fast-paced atmosphere I have come to know and "love and hate" at Foothill High seems to suddenly be caught in slow motion. From yearbook signing to teachers desperately sharing every life lesson they can, it's all a haze and we are beyond ready to move on. Yet, even as I join the throng of high school seniors counting down the days to graduation, I can't help but reflect upon my past because my future wouldn't be possible without it. Now we're all reveling in our title as Class of '15 when we need to always remember that we were part of '11 first. So though I look forward to my upcoming adventure at Pepperdine University, I choose to always remember my time at Foothill High.

Rallies, football games, tests galore ... every chant, every ticket, and every study session is still etched into my mind. It was definitely a challenge to balance Foothill's rigorous academics whilst keeping my social life afloat. I would be lying if I said stress never got the best of me, but with the help of Pleasanton's wonderful teachers, I somehow made it work. It was with their support that I sent backpacks to children in South Africa, organized HealthQuest, stood in front of the Rotary as a Student of the Month, and proudly accepted awards for citizenship, leadership and civic engagement. Besides learning statistic chi-squared equations and reading 17th century Spanish sonnets, Foothill High and its teachers taught me the ultimate lesson: I have something to give back to the world beyond straight As.

Above all, I want to thank you, Linda Gullick, for making me first realize life's true importance and all that Foothill has to offer me. That's why you'll be handing me my last award: my diploma. So as I shake your hand on that stage today, I look forward to sharing my moment of clarity of everything I have done and everything I will do. I will finally understand.

What does it mean to graduate?

JASMIN TALISSCHIM, VILLAGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Becoming independent by receiving your diploma
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POLICE BULLETIN

Man arrested on robbery charge after pizza theft

A theft of two slices of pizza led to the arrest of a Pleasanton man on robbery charges, according to a police report.

The victim was walking near Main and Vervais streets with a box of pizza shortly after midnight June 2 when he was approached by two men, who asked him to give them the pizza, then offered to buy it. When the victim refused, one of the men took the box, which had the victim's wallet and cell phone on top, and walked away, the report said. The victim followed the men asking for his property back, then called police after the cell phone fell off the box.

Less than an hour later police were called to a loud party on Silver Street, not far from the robbery. Officers there spotted two men who matched the descriptions of

the pizza-thief suspects; both were taken into custody, but the victim was only able to identify one, the report said.

Nicholas Magobet, 22, of Pleasanton was arrested on a robbery charge.

In other police reports:

Two men were arrested on drug sale charges after police helping with the eviction of squatters spotted items commonly used by drug users and conducted a search.

The incident occurred at 1:45 a.m. June 1 in the 4400 block of Mohr Avenue. Both men were under probation, which allowed police to search their items. That search led to the arrest of Edward Odell, 34, and Ryan Miles, 32.

Miles, who was on probation for drug charges, was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell for prescription pills, and for possession of a prescription in another's name. Police also discovered an illegal baton and found a suitcase being used had been stolen, leading to a weapons charge and a charge of possession of stolen property.

Odell, who was on probation for car theft, was charged with possession with intent to sell a controlled substance.

POLICE REPORT

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

May 30

Robbery

- 1:31 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

Theft

- 11:29 a.m. in the 4400 block of Willow Road; theft
- 9:56 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft

Burglary

- 1:44 p.m. in the first block of Tuscany Place

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:21 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Arthur Drive; DUI
- 1:25 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Kolln Street; public drunkenness
- 2:30 a.m. in the 2400 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

May 31

Theft

- 9:02 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; petty theft
- 11:58 a.m. in the 1800 block of Spumante Place; identity theft
- 4:39 p.m. in the 5900 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; identity theft

Burglary

- 6:38 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Auto burglary

- 8:20 a.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:54 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; under the influence of a controlled substance
- 10:17 p.m. at the intersection of Harrison Street and W. Angela Street; DUI

June 1

Rape

- 12:20 a.m. in the 4400 block of Shearwater Court

Theft

- 10:36 a.m. in the 4000 block of Mohr Avenue; possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance for sale, illegal possession of a weapon, possession of a prescription in another's name
- 12:54 p.m. in the 600 block of Sycamore Creek Way; identity theft
- 5:05 p.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Valley Avenue; posses-

sion of stolen property, illegal possession of a weapon

Battery

- 4:22 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:33 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance
- 10:03 p.m. at the intersection of Danbury Park Drive and Trimmingham Drive; DUI
- 10:40 p.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road; possession of a controlled substance

June 2

Robbery

- 12:13 a.m. in the 4000 block of Silver Street
- 11:56 p.m. in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 6:30 p.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; grand theft

Brandishing a weapon

- 4:06 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Touriga Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:49 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; public drunkenness
- 7:31 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court; marijuana possession, illegal possession of a weapon
- 10:41 p.m. on I-680 north of Bernal Avenue; DUI

June 3

Theft

- 2:42 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Drive; forgery
- 5:34 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Drive; theft
- 7:51 p.m. in the 7200 block of Valley View Court; theft

Drug/alcohol violations

- 3:10 a.m. at the intersection of Holland Drive and Garland Court; DUI, hit-and-run
- 10:27 p.m. in the 2400 block of Skylark Way; DUI

June 4

Theft

- 8:22 a.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road; forgery
- 9:56 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:51 a.m. at the intersection of Paseo Santa Cruz and Corte Ponderosa; public drunkenness
- 9 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road; sale of tobacco to a minor

June 5

Theft

- 3 p.m. in the 3700 block of Oak Brook Court; identity theft
- 4:53 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:26 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Assault with a deadly weapon

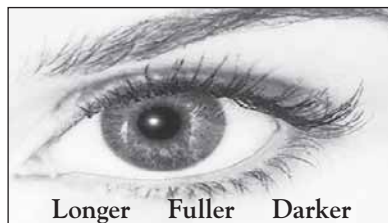
- 10:29 a.m. in the 2100 block of Armstrong Drive

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Housing Commission

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consideration of Draft Housing Element (including Goals, Policies and Programs, and Potential Sites for Rezoning) prior to Submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd

- Receive Update on Regional Refrigeration Unit Project

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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ENGAGEMENTS

Vanessa Hodge and Evan Hermanson

Vanessa Hodge and Evan Hermanson have announced their engagement. Vanessa is the daughter of Jon and Sylvia Hodge of San Ramon. She graduated from California High School in San Ramon and attended California State University East Bay. Evan is the son of Charles and Sue Hermanson of Pleasanton. He went to Amador Valley High School and is a graduate of University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

A wedding is being planned for fall 2012.



OBITUARIES

Douglas G. Miller

Douglas G. Miller died May 23 at the age of 74 after a 12-year battle with leukemia and lymphoma.

He was born May 2, 1937, in Providence, R.I. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Golden Gate University and an MBA from Santa Clara University and worked in the finance field for 45 years. He lived in San Carlos for 32 years, where he coached youth soccer and was a trustee of the San Carlos School board, before moving to Pleasanton in 2003.



Here he belonged to SIRS Branch 34, the Callippe Senior Golf Club and participated in Pleasanton Newcomers events with his wife, Ruby. He loved to travel and felt fortunate to attend the 2011 Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga., in April with his son; he played Pebble Beach for his 70th birthday.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife Ruby; son Scott (Jennifer) Miller of Laguna Hills and daughter Andrea (Bill) Sadler of Pleasanton; seven grandchildren; sister Sheila Talley and father-in-law Jack Walton, both of Sacramento; and his dog Sunny.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in his name to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin 94568; or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Greater Bay Area Chapter, 1390 market St., San Francisco 94102.

Marie Bingham Thomson

Marie Bingham Thomson died June 2 at the age of 82.

She was born in Maeser, Utah, on Dec. 15, 1928, and was the youngest of six children. She worked at Amador Valley High School as the principal's secretary for 22 years, retiring in 1990.

Ms. Thomson is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert Don Thomson and their three children, Don B. Thomson, Lee Ann Porter and Tina M. Stuber. She is interred at Pioneer Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Alexander Glaros

Alexander Glaros died June 7 at the age of 83 with his loved ones by his side.

He was born Aug. 15, 1927, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II, then left Pennsylvania and came to California in 1947



where he met Stamatia, his wife of 63 years. He worked for the California Division of Highways for many years. He also was devoted to the service of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in San Francisco, serving on the Parish Council and as council secretary, vice president and president. Mr. Glaros moved to the East Bay in 1978 and to Pleasanton in 1983 where he was an active member of Pleasanton Masonic Lodge 321 and a Hiram Award recipient. A participating member of the Tri-Valley Woodcarvers for many years, he was also a volunteer at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife Stamatia; children Anne Marie Glaros, Michael (Frances) Glaros and Tina (Steve) Davis; sister Beulah Mouganis; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many other family members and friends. A Trisagion (Visitation) will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church, 20104 Center St. in Castro Valley. The funeral will be held at the same church at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday followed by a luncheon at 11:45. Donations may be made to the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund.



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Pleasanton, 3290 Marilyn Court, June 11, 8 - 4
Moving Sale - Refrig, Washer, Dryer, Freezer, Furniture, misc. Household, Outdoor furn., Yard & Garage Items, Clothing

Pleasanton, 3969 Salvador Court, May 21 8 am - 2 pm

Pleasanton, 4628 Black Ave., June 11, 2011 8-4
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Pleasanton, 4419 Second St., June 10 8-8, June 11 8-4
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Pleasanton: 1362 Orloff Dr., 6/10, 6/11, 8-2
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Realtors group supports housing finance reform

NAR says proposed measure would ensure availability of affordable mortgage credit

By JEB BING

The National Association of Realtors is supporting a comprehensive reform of America's housing finance market to protect taxpayers and ensure the availability of affordable mortgage credit today and into the future.

"As the leading advocate for home ownership and housing issues, NAR believes that a methodical, measured and comprehensive approach for reforming the secondary mortgage market is in the best interest of home buyers and taxpayers," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I.

"A comprehensive and effective mortgage reform strategy is critical to help keep a level of certainty in the marketplace and not further disrupting the still fragile housing market recovery," he added.

NAR supports the objectives of H.R. 1859, the "Housing Finance Reform Act of 2011," introduced last month by Reps. John Campbell (R-Calif.) and Gary Peters (D-Mich.).

The bill takes a comprehensive approach for reforming the government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

"While NAR has concerns with some aspects of the legislation, we strongly support the bill's comprehensive approach to reforming the secondary mortgage market and greatly appreciate the efforts of Representatives Campbell and Peters to protect the affordable 30-year fixed rate mortgage, shield taxpayers from unnecessary additional bailouts, and ensure the availability of mortgage capital to all markets under all economic conditions," Phipps said.

NAR opposes the piecemeal approach of recent proposals that would quickly constrain or shut down existing secondary mortgage market facilities before identifying a viable replacement that would allow securitization to function under all market conditions.

"We believe that a fully private system is not a viable or sustainable alternative to the existing housing finance system and will severely restrict mortgage capital, raise costs for qualified, creditworthy homebuyers, and place taxpayers at greater risk as too-big-to-fail government-backed financial institutions dominate the market," Phipps said.

"NAR looks forward to working closely with Congress," Phipps added. "The time has come to have a serious discussion about comprehensive reform of our nation's housing finance system."

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2011

Dublin

11498 Bay Laurel Street G. & A. Garcia to A. Zhang for \$685,000
6967 East Stagecoach Road T. Tuazon to A. Wang for \$160,000
11658 Estrella Court N. Zhang to E. Brizee for \$567,000
3655 Finnian Way A. & T. Ward to C. Liao for \$407,000
4232 Fitzwilliam Street C. Gancasz to T. & P. Powers for \$328,000
3240 Maguire Way #120 Lasalle Bank to A. Uoo for \$335,000
5629 Maymont Lane P. & C. Smith to E. Chioconni for \$745,000
3362 Monaghan Street M. & J. Roszell to R. & J. Alarcon for \$370,000
4013 Mt. Vernon Place A. & P. Dumatol to R. Javadi for \$545,000
3718 Oakhurst Way E. & V. Sido to J. Miller for \$760,000
3316 Ridgefield Way E-Trade Bank to D. Kim for \$820,500
4597 Rimini Court #36 J. & J. Newsome to H. Borchard for \$550,000
4405 Roscommon Way Min Trust to M. Min for \$650,000
4838 Swinford Court M. Anka to V. Srinivasan for \$415,000
7946 Tamarack Drive Castro Trust to J. Telles for \$410,000
2438 Valentano Drive D R Horton to K. Vogireddy for \$832,500
7914 Vomac Road D. & K. Wirthgen to A. & B. Munsell for \$536,000

Livermore

219 Albatross Avenue Wells Fargo Bank to Hello

Housing for \$253,500
1393 Arrowhead Avenue J. Downs to J. & L. Bier for \$602,000
5382 Bianca Way K. Whinery to S. Lee for \$369,500
1578 Buena Vista Avenue H. Jaberg to S. & M. Ball for \$409,000
1655 Calle Del Rey Wells Fargo Bank to A. Sood for \$365,000
1826 Carnation Circle J. & D. Freeland to J. Bull for \$289,000
1491 Chateau Common JP Morgan Chase Bank to D. O'Keefe for \$256,000
4093 Emerson Drive P. & S. Lucas to Mortara Trust for \$663,000
1398 Fairbrook Court R. Holback to R. & C. Wilson for \$465,000
2690 Farnsworth Drive C. & L. Robinette to J. & B. Smoak for \$540,000
776 Los Alamos Avenue Rubio Trust to N. Lavaud for \$300,000
475 Malibu Court Bank of America to T. Boyd for \$436,000
776 Newbury Street P. Valentin to Asahina Trust for \$635,000
4120 Pinon Way J. & M. Dubose to J. Temple for \$325,000
1639 Portola Avenue R. & P. Frink to P. & A. Polster for \$550,000
1368 Roselli Drive Prather Trust to J. Trujillo for \$498,000
1275 Spruce Street J. & G. Agapen to J. Gao for \$190,000
764 Sunset Drive D. & K. Bell to M. Paz for \$359,000
2767 Vernazza Drive K. Kusalo to K. & K. Fraga for \$740,000

Pleasanton

2156 Alexander Way A. Chau to C. Yu for \$365,000
5023 Blackbird Way Patmont Trust to D. Lew for \$833,000

7635 Canyon Meadow Circle #F Ing Bank to K. Kuzinich for \$259,000
4159 Crisfield Lane Mamola Trust to H. Ahn for \$658,000
317 Diamond Court Gale Trust to S. & E. Youn for \$1,050,000
3686 Fairlands Drive Y. Kim to R. & K. Chopra for \$600,000
4645 Ithaca Way D. Braun to J. Lee for \$235,000
1510 Loganberry Way R. Richardson to J. & S. Lee for \$659,000
310 Lone Oak Drive Ing Bank to R. & T. Huey for \$430,000
4621 Mason Street Nelson Trust to M. Lee for \$525,000
227 Rachael Place D. & S. Thorson to A. Montalvan for \$245,000
510 Santel Court R. & K. Lenamon to J. & A. Ritchie for \$1,550,000
3452 Smoketree Commons #1 D. & G. Bulik to D. Jahn for \$195,000
4036 West Las Positas Boulevard M. & M. Flores to R. & M. Horner for \$565,000

San Ramon

8985 Alcosta Boulevard #151 Federal Home Loan Mortgage to P. Waychowsky for \$122,000

9085 Alcosta Boulevard #412 Wells Fargo Bank to D. Thor for \$145,000
2887 Bethany Road V. & T. Quan to H. Jin for \$865,000
370 Brower Court S. & M. Jackson to A. Simon for \$815,000
9627 Camassia Way F. & C. Fernandes to W. Liu for \$575,000
201 Copper Ridge Road #56 C. Pickett to J. Cohen for \$206,000
144 Coralflower Lane Bank of America to S. Naqvi for \$475,000
590 Fallen Leaf Circle R. & L. Brown to D. & I. Nechayev for \$642,000
2001 Maidenhair Way D. & R. Cassara to J. Guo for \$550,000
80 Milaw Court RWW Properties to N. Menzies for \$740,000
16 Pamplona Court Morequity Inc. to J. & R. Fogelman for \$515,000
210 Reflections Drive #16 Bank of America to S. & S. Singh for \$125,000
729 Roverton Court P. & J. Chung to D. Kim for \$775,000
2140 Whitetail Lane Clark Trust to Y. Zhang for \$435,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$160,000
Highest sale reported: \$832,500
Average sales reported: \$528,556

Livermore

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$190,000
Highest sale reported: \$740,000
Average sales reported: \$433,947

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$195,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,550,000
Average sales reported: \$583,500

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$122,000
Highest sale reported: \$865,000
Average sales reported: \$498,929

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4483 Shearwater Court, Pleasanton
 4bd/2ba "Colony" model, 1,923+/-sq.ft on a 6,825+/-sq.ft lot, remodeled eat-in granite kitchen, oak hardwood floors, Travertine gas fireplace and mantle, dual pane windows.
 Offered at \$779,000

COMING SOON



1608 Loganberry Way, Pleasanton
 Absolutely turnkey "Terrace" model, remodeled throughout, 3bd/2ba, 1,377+/-sq. ft, walnut kitchen, SS appliances, custom tile baths, hardwood floors, park-like back with hot tub, new paver patio and pergola.
 Call for details.

PENDING IN 3 DAYS



1515 Greenwood Road, Pleasanton
 3bd/2ba "Country" model in Pleasanton Valley, 1,854+/-sq.ft on a 6,858+/-sq.ft lot, remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, newer windows, roof, remodeled master, walking distance to K-12 schools and shopping.
 Offered at \$709,000

COMING SOON

Several single story models in Birdland/ Pleasanton Valley.
 Call for details.

PENDING



3279 Picadilly Court, Pleasanton
 Great location, 4bd/3ba, 1970+/-sq.ft on a court, backing to Greenbelt and Cabana Club, new kitchen, windows, inside laundry, side yard access.
 Offered at \$669,000

PENDING



2689 Buena Vista, Walnut Creek
 Single story home, 1,690+/-sq.ft, 2bd/2.5ba, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, dual vanity baths, inside laundry, ¼ acre lot with workshop and side yard access.
 Offered at \$459,000

PENDING



2375 Fairfield Court, Pleasanton
 4bd/2.5ba, "Monterey" model, 2,101+/-sq.ft, granite kitchen, newer appliances, hardwood floors, newer windows, remodeled baths, inside laundry, pool and side yard access
 Offered at \$779,900

SOLD



4036 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton
 3bd/2ba single story home 1,767+/-sq.ft on a 6,226+/-sq.ft lot, painted inside and out, all new carpets, remodeled baths, new tile floors, all new light fixtures.
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Custom 5 BD 3.5 BA 4,460sf. on a 3/4 acre lot. Master bedroom on main level. Remodeled kitchen w/ large island, breakfast nook, granite counters & Brazilian cherry floors. Master on main level. Three car garage, private backyard w/ large deck & pool.
\$1,825,000



JUST LISTED

2281 DOCCIA COURT,
PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN RUBY HILL

5 BD 3 BA, 3,396sf. on a 9,151sf. lot. Bedroom, office & full bath on main level. Large gourmet kitchen w/ imported Italian tile and tumbled marble flooring. Custom 1,000 bottle wine room. Master w/ large nook, 2 walk-in closets & his/hers vanity. Private backyard w/ large patio.
\$1,200,000

1226 SHADY POND LN. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PHEASANT RIDGE



JUST SOLD

Amazing backyard! 6 BD 6 BA 5,096sf. on 15,712sf. lot. Top of the line upgrades throughout. Private location with bedroom, office and full bath on main level.
\$1,515,000

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



AVAILABLE

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

5082 CRESTWOOD CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



JUST LISTED

OPEN SUN 1-4

Charming 3 BD 2 BA 1520sf. on a 11,119sf lot. Refinished wood flooring throughout, updated kitchen. Spectacular rear yard with professional landscaping on a private and spacious lot.
\$685,000

3768 NICOLE AVE. PLEASANTON
FOREVER MOHR ESTATES



JUST SOLD

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

1683 LOGANBERRY WY. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



PENDING

4 BD 2.5 BA 2,047sf. on a 6,500sf. lot. Desired Monterey model. Wood floors, crown moldings, new roof. Private yard with pool & grass area. Walk to schools & shopping.
\$785,000

1522 POPPYBANK CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN CHARTER OAKS DUETS



OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30

4 BD 2.5 BA 2,020sf. on a 2,850sf. lot. Location, privacy, updated & move in ready. Open kitchen w/ granite countertops and tile flooring. Large master w/ cherry cabinets and large tub. Private backyard perfect for entertaining.
\$630,000

3088 CRESTABLANCA DR. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN VINTAGE HEIGHTS



JUST SOLD

4 BD 3 BA 2,788sf. on a 10,462sf. lot. Bedroom and full bathroom downstairs. Wood flooring, gourmet kitchen & vaulted ceilings. 3 car garage w/ pass through to covered parking. Custom built in 1994.
\$985,000

1826 BROOKTREE WAY, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



PENDING

4 BD 2.5 BA 2,047sf. on a 7,650sf. lot. Monterey Model with an updated kitchen, hardwood flooring throughout and updated baths. Spacious private backyard with no pool. Walking distance to schools and shopping.
\$779,000

4190 PEREGRINE WY. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN HERITAGE VALLEY



PENDING

2 BD 2 BA 1,280sf. on a 3,486sf. lot. SINGLE LEVEL, updated flooring and recently remodeled master bath. Private backyard w/ large brick patio. Walk to park & shopping.
\$465,000



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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**

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**

FOOTHILL KNOLLS

PENDING



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**

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 KITTELY 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 Kottlinger 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, Kottlinger 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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DIANE SMUGERESKY

BY APPT



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, views of Mount Diablo! 857 MONTEVINO DR

MARTA RIEDY

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$1,091,000**
Beautiful & rarely available single story in Ruby Hills! 4bd/3ba, 2627+/-sf situated in cul-de-sac. Walk to tennis & club house. Don't miss this great opportunity! 1962 NICOSIA COURT

JULIA MURTAGH

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$1,049,999**
Enjoy the fantastic views of Pleasanton, walk to downtown, schools and shops. This 3000 sq.ft. home has a great layout, and many upgrades. Call for more details. 5071 MONACO DR

JOYCE JONES

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$749,000**
4bd/3ba (1bd/ba downstairs), updated kitchen/baths, & solar panels. Located end of the cul-de-sac, backing to greenbelt w/ playground, community pool, tennis courts. 3298 MONMOUTH CT

SYLVIA DESIN

SUN 1:30-4:30



FREMONT **\$699,888**
New price! Don't miss this incredible Upper Glenmoor remodel. Single story, corner lot, wood floors. Amazing kitchen and central air conditioning. 4371 LOMBARD AVE

SALLY MARTIN

BY APPT



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

MAUREEN NOKES

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$467,950**
Amazing 1900+/-sf Stoneridge townhome tucked in among acres of mature trees. 3/2.5 w/formal dining, master + retreat, 2 f/p, 2 car garage, lg. patio/yard, 3 pools, tennis courts and clubhouse. 7509 ROSEDALE CT

MAUREEN NOKES

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$439,950**
3bd/2.5ba, 2 car garage, prime Stoneridge location townhome. Kitchen updated, vaulted ceilings, laminate flooring, F/P, inside laundry, A/C, enclosed front patio. Community pool & greenbelt. 7337 STONEDALE DR



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Summer Safety FOR YOUR KIDS.

WATER SAFETY

- Never leave children unattended around a pool or water – not even for one minute. Accidents occur quickly.
- Flotation devices are not drown-proof.
- Children should always wear a life vest while boating and near open water.
- Always close your pool gate. Double-check the gate after people have been in the pool area.
- Review your pool rules and safety with family, friends and babysitters.
- Learn CPR. You could save a life.

SUN SAFETY

- Always use sunscreen and wear protective clothing.
- Make sure youngsters drink enough water.
- Watch for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke: dizziness, nausea, rapid heartbeat.

PREVENT BURNS

- Watch toddlers closely near barbecues, campfires or outdoor fireplaces. Burns are common injuries.
- Install screens or some type of barrier where appropriate.
- Metal playground equipment can get hot enough to cause burns on hot days.

PREVENT FALLS

- Move beds and chairs away from windows. Children may jump and play, and could fall through open windows.
- Make sure low windows are closed to prevent young children from falling out.
- Install gates at the top of stairs or decks to prevent falls.

If you should have an emergency, San Ramon Regional Medical Center is prepared to treat you and your children in our newly expanded Emergency Department. A pediatrician from Children's Hospital Oakland is on staff in San Ramon 24-hours a day.

ROAD SAFETY

- Always wear helmets and protective gear while biking, skating or skateboarding.
- Discuss bicycle and road safety with your children.
- Review pedestrian safety with children as well as adolescents.
- Never leave a child alone in a car. Temperatures quickly reach over 100 degrees.
- Drive cautiously. Children move quickly and may be difficult to see, especially when backing up. You may not see toddlers and older children playing behind a car.
- Always put your children in car seats or seat belts.

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