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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Helping those who can't see

It happened in a split second but when Morgan Watkins' younger brother ran smack into a tree during a family camping trip, life changed for both teenagers. Their parents, who had been off hiking at the time, wondered why their son hadn't seen the tree and decided to take him to a Stanford eye clinic. After the exam, the ophthalmologist asked to check Morgan's eyes, too, confirming his diagnosis that both boys were suffering from retinal sy-



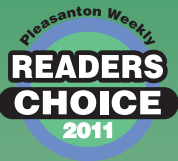
JEB BING

Morgan Watkins — board member and acting president of Guide Dogs for the Blind — and his assistant, Susi Cherry.

reached his hotel, but only after realizing there must be a better way. Watkins had heard of Guide Dogs for the Blind and quickly made arrangements to seek a four-legged companion. Accepted into the program, he underwent training and returned home to Austin with his first dog, Phantom. His son, picking him up at the airport, remarked that his father looked safe and unafraid. And that was true. "With a cane you advertise you are blind and vulnerable, but with a large dog you are perceived as protected," he told the Rotary club. He said Guide Dogs for the Blind was started in 1942 by Lois Maryhugh in Los Gatos as a service to returning blind War War II veterans on the West Coast. The program moved to San Rafael in 1947 and has placed 13,000 dogs to date. Even lacking government backing, the organization provides the best trained dogs at no cost to the blind recipient. The service includes providing the harness, personal training and replacement of a dog for life. The dogs are trained on site in San Rafael or Bering, Ore., from birth. They learn such commands as "elevator, escalator, stairs, doorways," to name a few. On average, 300 guide dogs are trained each year. Accompanying Morgan at the Rotary meeting was a beautiful 83-pound Golden Retriever named Will, his second dog since Phantom. With him and driving was his assistant, Susi Cherry, a retired breeding volunteer at Guide Dogs for the Blind. While there are many great causes worthy of charitable donations, few can immediately change a life or continue to have an impact throughout a lifetime as Guide Dogs for the Blind. Besides supporting the school, contributions also enable the organization to keep its promise to each of the more than 2,000 blind men and women who are alumni. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to Guide Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 3950, San Rafael, CA 94912-3950. ■

About the Cover

Brandon Crawford, a Foothill High graduate who now plays for the Giants, looks out at AT&T park before a recent home game. Photo by Glenn Wohlmann. Design by Lili Cao.



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Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN

What keeps you coming back to the Pleasanton Farmers Market?



Beth Meckfessel
Staff accountant

We love the variety, the freshness and the camaraderie. Everybody is so friendly and enthusiastic; it's a great way to start the weekend. This is one of the best markets around.

Jason Bury
Project manager, Unique Environments

When I can't make it to my farmers market on Thursday in Livermore, I come to Pleasanton. Both markets have different things that I enjoy, but I do like the year-round aspect of Pleasanton's market.



Jessica Keding
Future vet

The great food. I love the fruits and vegetables, and the Fuji apples are my favorite. I usually come every Saturday, but I'm getting married on Aug. 27th, and I've been busy planning our wedding.

Les Spencer
Construction

I'm from Oklahoma, so this is my first time at the Farmers Market. Oklahoma doesn't have this type of produce, and the variety is great here. I'd like to come back again next time I visit my son and daughter-in-law in Pleasanton.



Mike Field
Commercial banker

The good food and good prices keep us coming back once a month or so. We love the fruits and vegetables.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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Newsfront

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VA medical being built in French Camp

The new multi-specialty outpatient clinic and nursing home for veterans will be located in French Camp, just south of Stockton, near Interstate 5, Congressman Jerry McNerney announced last week. The facility will be part of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System, which provides services for Pleasanton veterans.

A new community-based outpatient clinic is also being built at Technology Court in Fremont in addition to the 10,000-square-foot outpatient clinic that opened in 2010.

The Department of Veterans Affairs will continue to provide medical outpatient services at its site on Arroyo Road in Livermore. Once the new facilities are open in the Central Valley and East Bay, the VA will evaluate the best reuse for the Livermore Campus, said McNerney spokeswoman Sarah Hersh.

Five years ago the decision was made to relocate programs at the Livermore site to the Central Valley and East Bay, considering the geographic location of the veteran population, transportation, potential hospital partnerships and cost of land.

Sizzling Saturdays downtown this month

Each Saturday Night in August from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., visitors will enjoy special offers from some of their favorite downtown shops and eateries, organized by the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) and free of charge. The evenings will have live music and special entertainment for children.

"We want residents and visitors to come to downtown and really savor all we have to offer here," PDA Executive Director Laura Olson said.

For more information, visit the news section at www.PleasantonDowntown.net.

Roadwork on Dublin Canyon

Crews began maintenance repairs on the wastewater piping system along Dublin Canyon Road on Monday, a project that will last through the middle of the month, Pleasanton operations representatives said.

Construction crews will be working from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday between Foothill Road and the top of the grade. Both lanes of Dublin Canyon Road will remain open, with flaggers on the road to assist large trucks. Traffic may be slightly impacted during the construction period, and drivers are encouraged to use extra caution along the roadway.

Fast and Furious Fest to take over Main Street on Sunday

Action-packed bike races guarantee that the event will live up to its name

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Looking for some thrills? Check out the elite runners and the racing cyclists this Sunday at the Fast & Furious Festival, sponsored by Safety and Hill Physicians.

"It's fast and furious because of the fast runners and the furious nature of the bike racing," said Chris McCrary, co-founder of Katalyst Events, which is hosting the event with the city and the Pleasanton Downtown Association. "You'll have 100 guys going 30 miles an hour in a pack, shoulder to shoulder, going into a corner three or four across. It's action-packed."

The festival is a health and wellness expo with displays by merchants and community groups,

and it's a fundraiser for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). But it's also a chance to see top runners in the Mile of Truth race, which begins at 9:30 a.m. and has a prize purse of \$1,500, and racing cyclists who will compete all day in criterium-style bike racing beginning under the Pleasanton Arch on Main Street.

"Typically the course itself is less than one mile in length, and the race is for a specified period of time," McCrary said, explaining criterium-style racing. "The pro men will race for one hour."

"There is an element of danger to it. It's not uncommon to have crashes," he added. "The high anxiety and intensity of it, the team tactics, and pushing yourself to a whole other level of

racing makes it exciting." A barricade will keep spectators safe.

The bike races will begin at 10:30 a.m. for Category 5 men, who are avid cyclists but new to bike racing.

"We can't have recreational cyclists come out and race," McCrary explained. "This is for cyclists who have raced before."

Cyclists will race in progressively higher categories until the Pro Twilight Criterium: The women start at 7 p.m. and the men an hour later, with 12 floodlights set up along the course, with a \$10,000 prize purse.

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GLENN WOHLTMANN

Chalk it up to National Night Out

Kimberly Walsh, 7, enjoys chalk drawing at the South Valley Trails "National Night Out" event on Tuesday. Hundreds turned out in 24 separate neighborhoods across Pleasanton to join in the anti-crime and drug prevention celebrations that were co-sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and the Pleasanton Police Department. In Pleasanton, the annual event has become a chance to close off neighborhood streets for a few hours of barbecuing and social chatter, with police, firefighters and representatives of the city government stopping by to introduce themselves and join in the fun. Although this was the 28th annual National Night Out across the country, it was just 10 years ago that Pleasanton joined in.

New faces, politics in redistricting

Pleasanton may gain single federal, state, county representation

The California Citizen's Redistricting Commission is poised to issue its final maps Aug. 15 of congressional, Board of Equalization, state senate and assembly districts that are based on 2010 Census data. But already, it's clear that redistricting for Pleasanton will mean some new faces and political changes.

Congressman Pete Stark (D-Fremont) announced this week that he will seek "re-election" in his newly renumbered 15th Congressional District in 2012. If elected, he would replace Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton), whose 11th Congressional District is being moved east to cover more of San Joaquin County. McNerney said last week he will move to that county so he has a home in the same district he would represent.

Although a veteran Congressman, Stark up to now has represented only a small part of Pleasanton on the far northwest side. He'll

now have the whole city.

"I am pleased to announce my candidacy for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives," Stark said. "As a result of reapportionment, I will be running in the 15th Congressional District in 2012."

"I look forward to continuing to serve the people I represent today and gaining new constituents to the east," he added. "I'm committed to representing my new district with the same level of service, responsiveness and representation my constituents have come to rely on during my tenure in Congress."

Also new to Pleasanton will be state Sen. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord), whose new state 7th Senate District extends south through Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton to include a small part of far north Fremont. To the north, his district will continue to include Concord and Antioch.

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Valley Humane Society raises \$175,000, will stay open

Businesses, public step forward with major contributions

By JEB BING

The Valley Humane Society has received \$175,000 in donations since announcing last week that it might have to shut down operations and lay off staff without an immediate infusion of \$125,000 by month's end, its executive director said this week.

"We received one check for \$125,000 last Saturday and deposited it Monday, so we're waiting for it to clear," said VHS Director Melanie Sadek.

In addition, several local businesses and organizations are hosting promotions to raise donations for the center. They include Roundtable Pizza in downtown Pleasanton, Precision Auto Repair on Wyoming Street, TGI Friday's in the Rose Pavilion, Sophia Jewelry, Lynnewood Methodist Church and Pet Food Express.

"But even with these contributions, the Valley Humane Society is still in need of ongoing community support," Sadek said. "Before we launched our SOS campaign we were on the verge of bankruptcy."

"Now that it looks as if we have topped that \$125,000 goal, we are hoping to secure the shelter beyond that one-month mark," she added. "This will allow us to implement a number of coordinated fundraising events and education programs, which should start to put us in a more fiscally healthy situation."

As for the special funding promotions, Roundtable Pizza will donate 25% of every customer's bill all day on Sunday, Aug. 14, and from 4-9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18. To qualify, patrons must have a copy of the Pleasanton Weekly articles on the Valley Human Society that appeared in the July 29 edition or this issue.

VHS also distributed eligibility fliers at its booth Wednesday evening at the First Wednesday street party. It is also posting the flier both on its Facebook page and website. These can be printed out and presented with the food order at the Roundtable Pizza counter.

Precision Auto Repair will match all donations dropped off to its facility for a limited period.

TGI Fridays in Pleasanton is having two all-day fundraising events, one next Tuesday and

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PRIYANKA MODY

In conjunction with the late architect David Thistlethwaite's concept of railroads that he envisioned for the pediatric suite, an electric train circles the ceiling of the waiting room. The mural, painted by Tom Matousek, creatively incorporates the idea of a jungle into his brushstrokes, and his vibrant colors add a playful atmosphere to the building's interior.

New pediatric center is colorful and kid-friendly

Axis Health Organization
celebrates renovated space

By PRIYANKA MODY

There is a common stereotype that children dread going to the doctor's office. Yet imagine if that medical facility was transformed into a place that seemed to resonate with joy and greatly appealed to a child's imagination.

The late David Thistlethwaite, project architect of the refurbished Pediatric Suite at Axis Community Health on Railroad Avenue, had envisioned a space that would provide a "positive distraction" for children. The grand opening last week showed off the results.

An electric train circles around the ceiling of the reception area, which Thistlethwaite hoped would ease some of the anxieties that children feel as they wait for their checkup.

In conjunction with HGA Architects and Engineers, artist Tom Matousek painted the walls of the suite, teeming with color and originality, his inspiration flowing from a jungle theme of flora and fauna. Vivid greens and bright reds, blues and yellows are part of a wild and adventurous theme, creatively showcased in a mural.

"I never wanted to grow up," Matousek said. "And with that, I distinctly remember things through the eyes of a child, and that's what I was trying to get at."

The two primary benefactors for the renovations were the federal government, through its stimulus funds of \$250,000, plus Sutter Health, which gave \$70,000. Other contributions include Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Also, the Pleasanton Weekly names Axis Community Health as a recipient of its Holiday Fund for the last 10 years.

"It truly took the whole village to make this happen," Axis Chief Executive Office Sue Compton said.

In addition to the Pediatric Suite, the donations were used to expand medical records and the information technology facilities.

Development Director Valerie Jonas said that the responses to the new suite have been exceptional and "kids love the door," referring to the nearly three-foot-tall swing open crawlspace designated for children.

Aside from the interior design, the building offers more on a practical level. With the addition of two exam rooms, and more staff, Axis can increase its patient capacity.

"We're now able to better serve our clients," Jonas said. "The flow of the space is laid out to be more efficient and comfortable for families."

Moreover, Jonas said that the renovated facility allows for more same-day appointments, which for families ensures that their children will be seen right away when they are sick. It also includes an immunization clinic.

Most importantly, Axis staff members hope that the building can uphold their objective of serving the community by "providing medical and mental health care that is responsive, affordable and of the highest quality," as stated on its website.

"We're getting so many more patients," Compton said. "And as the economy is going down in this spiral, and people are losing insurance, and there are a lot of other people who just need affordable health care ... we desperately needed the space."

Attendees at last week's event included board members, key donors, City Council members and Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman, whose poem "The Magic Door" was presented in honor of the new facility. The next step for Axis, which Compton mentioned in her ribbon-cutting speech, will be acquiring a new building in the following years. To learn more, go to www.axishealth.org. ■



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum On Main Executive Director Jim DeMersman listens as state Sen. Ellen Corbett talks about having her way to office paved by the suffragettes. The exhibit includes campaign buttons of local women elected to office.

California Women's Suffrage Centennial exhibit

Museum On Main adds local information to traveling display

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

State Sen. Ellen M. Corbett (D-San Leandro) addressed the crowd at the Museum On Main on Tuesday evening at the launch of its new California Women's Suffrage Centennial exhibit celebrating state women gaining the vote in 1911.

The exhibit, which runs through Sept. 25, explores the 40-plus-year struggle to bring women the right to vote and to hold public office.

"Of course I wanted to be here!" Corbett said.

The traveling exhibit is enhanced with local additions about what was happening in Pleasanton during that time. Photos of women show Henriette Kroeger feeding

chickens at her family farm and hop pickers in Pleasanton fields.

The Pleasanton area did not vote for women's suffrage in 1911 and the exhibit attributes this to the fact that it was often perceived to be associated with the temperance movement, and wine and hops were important to the local economy.

California, although nine years ahead of the 19th Amendment passed in 1920, was not the first state to vote for Women's Suffrage. Five other states were first:

- Wyoming — 1869
- Utah — 1870
- Colorado — 1893
- Idaho — 1896

■ Washington — 1910

Local resident and wealthy philanthropist Phoebe Apperson Hearst, widow of a U.S. senator, did not support the suffrage movement at first although she changed her mind and did work for it on the national level.

"I felt convinced then that women would unite in favoring certain work tending towards the betterment of conditions affecting women and children particularly, which men heretofore could never be relied upon to favor when it came to the test of the ballot," she wrote in a letter in 1913. "I must add, however, that, while I am a suffragist, I have no sympathy

whatever with the tactics of the militant suffragette."

A large photo of Hearst is displayed next to a table set for tea. The sign reads:

"Suffrage teas adapted a familiar style of female socializing and fund-raising to political organization. People were accustomed to women hosting tea parties for charity, church, and other worthy causes. It appeared more feminine than marches or picketing, and it gave suffragists good opportunities to bring their message to the public."

The Museum On Main is located at 603 Main St. For more information, visit www.museumonmain.org. ■

REDISTRICTING

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DeSaulnier replaces state Sen. Ellen Corbett, who has represented much of Pleasanton during her four years in the senate and for six years earlier as the city's Assemblywoman in the 18th Assembly District.

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) also takes over as the sole state Assembly representative serving Pleasanton. As it is today, she is one of three serving the city. The two districts now represented by Bob Weickowski of Fremont and Mary Hayashi of Castro Valley are being moved out of Pleasanton.

Pleasanton political leaders have been noticeably quiet in commenting on the Redistricting Commission's changes. Many have long wanted the city placed in single Congressional and state Assembly and Senate districts instead of being split, even partially, and the new boundary changes accomplish that goal.

Pleasanton also will have a new Alameda County Supervisor starting next month. The county's 4th Supervisory District represented by Supervisor Nate Wiley will encompass Pleasanton, with long-time Supervisor Scott Haggerty's District 1 being moved farther south.

Although the Redistricting Commission is expected to issue its state-wide maps Aug. 15 as final documents, current legislators and political groups unhappy with the changes have indicated they may challenge the decision in the courts.

—Jeb Bing

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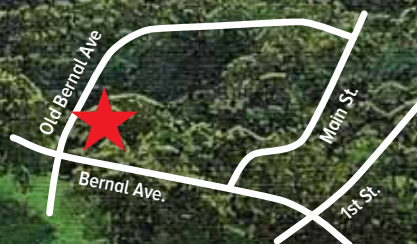
Visiting the Empire State: Chris and Nick Csongor catch up on their history as well as their hometown news while visiting New York City last Thanksgiving. Nick, a 2011 graduate from Foothill High School, was treated by his grandmother to the Big Apple trip as an early graduation gift. Chris, Nick's brother who graduated in 2006, and their mother, Kim, tagged along.

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HUMANE SOCIETY

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a second one on Thursday with 20% of all customer orders to be donated to VHS. As with Roundtable Pizza, fliers must be shown to qualify.

In addition, 10% of all sales to customers who make purchases on the Lia Sophia jewelry website Saturday, Aug. 13, at will go to VHS.

Lynnwood Methodist Church also will encourage donations to VHS during its free Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28, at the church, which is located at 4444 Black Ave. in Pleasanton.

Sadek said programs such as these that will help her organization weather the weak economy and declining rates of contributions. She said the animal shelter has seen its donation totals dip 30% so far this year after dropping 25% in 2010. Tied with an increased demand for pet care and shelter from people losing their homes, this has put the shelter in a financial bind.

"Community members realized the urgency," Sadek said, and stepped up to help the struggling

animal shelter.

"We've had little kids come up and give us a dollar out of their piggy bank," Sadek said. "I never thought we would get this response from the community."

Part of the fundraising effort also will involve offering new educational courses that included Scout camps, corporate development and veterinary health and wellness courses. Her goal is for these courses to become a major portion of the center's continuous fundraising. The shelter is also planning a Halloween event and a dog walk to raise money.

Sadek hopes to make "a better shelter than we had before."

The shelter moved into a new 5,200-square-foot facility in May, a new building along with the land it sits on Nevada Street that was made possible by a donation by the late Joyce Keeler of Livermore.

The humane society has an operating budget of \$500,000 and has been open since 1987. It serves the Tri-Valley area, which includes Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore, but has taken in animals from all over the Bay Area. ■

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"Criterion-style happens all over the place but having it in a perfect downtown setting with shops and restaurants, with residents, that's what's going to make this really special," McCrary said.

The 5K run/walk begins at 8 a.m., and runners and walkers can see their time on the big TV monitor as they cross the finish line. Vendors will have giveaways and demonstrations all day, plus there will be kids activities, live music, a DJ and a beer garden.

"The highlight of the day is going to be watching the Mile of Truth but also coming back in the evening for the Twilight Pro, men's and women's," McCrary said.

A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to the fight against ALS. In 2010, McCrary's friend, Pete Zucker, an avid cyclist and triathlete and member of the Danville-based Forward Motion Race Club, was diagnosed with the disease.

"He can't compete anymore, but others can, so we decided to put on a race For Pete's Sake and donate a portion of the proceeds to three ALS Foundations (Augie's Quest, ALS TDI, and the Blazeman Foundation) committed to finding a cure for this disease," McCrary said. "If you've ever known anyone with ALS, come out and race for them. If not, then do it for Pete."

For more information or to register, go to www.fastandfuriouspleasanton.com. ■

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Pleasanton sizzles with events, business growth

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is calling its summertime retail promotions "Sizzling Saturdays," and for sure the downtown has been crowded with shoppers and shopping bargains all summer long. A near-record turnout two days ago for the First Wednesday street party, crowds filling the Farmers Market every Saturday this summer and now more than 2,000 cyclists, runners and walkers scheduled to fill the downtown all day Sunday for the Safeway Fast & Furious Festival are giving local restaurants and merchants much needed business as we slowly work our way out of a recession.

The 5K run/walk and 1-mile bike race Sunday are part of a festival sponsored by Safeway, the city of Pleasanton and the PDA. It's being hosted by the Hill Physicians Medical Group as a wellness and lifestyle festival designed to bring the world of cycling and running together in one place while at the same time highlighting the charm of downtown Pleasanton. The event's co-founders, Chris McCrary and Kevin Magna of Katalyst Events, said the choice to bring the festival to downtown Pleasanton was easy: "Downtown Pleasanton offers competitors and spectators a wide variety of shopping and dining experiences before, during and after the event."

Along with these events this week is even more long-term sizzling news. With the reopening of the long shuttered Domus retail store are new tenants soon to be announced for a vacated spa next door and the former Tree House store farther south on Main Street. The recent leasing of the 525 Main St. store to the San Francisco shop Therapy and the new Handles Gastropub at the newly painted Pleasanton Hotel have reduced the downtown retail vacancy rate to 5%, a new low in recent years. At the south end of Main Street, Craig Semmelmeier, whose Main Street Property Services developed the popular Tully's Coffee Shop site at Main and Angela streets, is completing the restoration and upgrade of 234 Main St. Fleet Feet, which has outgrown its space a few blocks north, will occupy two floors in the new building with Semmelmeier planning to lease the rest of the building to a restaurant that will also offer outdoor dining.

The sizzle continues in other parts of Pleasanton with Safeway set to open its new 58,000-square-foot "Lifestyle" supermarket this fall along with a drive-through banking facility, pharmacy, restaurant and retail shops. Just off Hopyard, Clorox Inc. is completing work on a 40-foot-tall research facility at the six-building campus it has acquired at 4900-5040 Johnson Drive, adjacent to Thoratec and Hitachi. This fall, it will start moving 1,100 employees onto the campus, including 700 from its Oakland headquarters and another 400 from the technical center it now has on Johnson Drive, a modern steel and glass structure that will be sold.

The news is also sizzling for the nearly 200 seniors who have already placed deposits on homes in Stoneridge Creek, Pleasanton's new upscale retirement community on Staples Ranch. Grading on the 50-acre site has now been completed with a groundbreaking celebration scheduled shortly. The developer's central health center, dining room and administration building will be built first with the first of the homes ready for occupancy in mid- to late 2012. ■



Construction signs at the Clorox site (top) and the new Safeway supermarket complex.

LETTERS

Gold star for governor

Dear Editor,

Full marks to Gov. Brown for signing AB114 into law last week! For those of you unfamiliar with the bill, AB114 suspends the rights of school districts to lay off teachers this August. Districts have been instructed to build their budgets based on the same funding levels as last year. If the state revenues come in lower than projected, districts can either choose to take out loans or they can try to negotiate unpaid furlough days with their employee groups, thereby reducing the school year by up to 12 days. AB114 would not reverse lay-offs already carried out this spring or prevent lay-offs next August.

Critics of AB114 claim that the California Teachers Association, which backed AB114, is simply

protecting members' jobs. However, California now trails 48 other states in the ratio of students to teachers, resulting in some of the largest class sizes in the country. Gov. Brown values public education, understands the importance of class size reduction, and is determined to provide a one-year period of stability against the emotional upheaval of teacher lay-offs that has plagued our students for the last three years.

Fiscal responsibility is important, but protecting our students by keeping their class sizes low is just as important. Ironically, the people who are most vehemently opposed to AB 114 are the same people who selfishly argued against the extension of the temporary taxes that would have provided billions more in state funding for our schools. I give Gov. Brown a gold star.

**Trevor Knaggs,
President, Association of
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POLICE BULLETIN & LOG

POLICE BULLETIN

Routine check leads to stolen car bust

A registration check Monday in the Wal-Mart parking lot led to the arrest of a Manteca woman, a police report said.

Officer Mark Sheldon was doing a routine check at about 4:30 p.m. when the registration for a van parked in the lot came up as stolen, according to the report, which said Sheldon watched a woman exit the vehicle and asked if the van belonged to her. She denied being

in the van, but later claimed a friend loaned it to her, although she could not provide the name.

Victoria Marie Valdez, 29, of Manteca, was arrested on charges of auto theft and possession of stolen property.

In other police reports:

A July 28 auto burglary in the 3200 block of Ruby Hill Drive netted \$400 cash, medication, checkbooks and ATM cards along with miscellaneous other documents and goods. The theft occurred between noon and 6 p.m.

Tools worth \$1,100 were stolen from trucks parked in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road between 5 p.m. July 22 and 7:45 a.m. July 25. Two steel toolboxes worth \$500 apiece were pried open and power tools and hand tools were among the items stolen.

POLICE REPORT

July 27

Theft

- 8:51 a.m. in the 3000 block of Badger Drive; grand theft
- 12:47 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft
- 4:41 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; petty theft
- 11:09 p.m. in the 5900 block of Via del Cielo; petty theft, burglary

Battery

- 1:02 a.m. at the intersection of Palomino Drive and Norton Way

Vandalism

- 8:22 a.m. in the 1400 block of Calle Enrique

Drug/alcohol violations

- 10:51 p.m. in the 2100 block of Arroyo Court; consumption of alcohol by minors on private property

July 28

Theft

- 8:32 a.m. in the 2600 block of Laramie Gate Circle; petty theft
- 11:41 a.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; petty theft
- 12:06 p.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; embezzlement
- 1:32 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Court; shoplifting

Auto burglary

- 8:10 p.m. in the 3200 block of E.

Ruby Hill Drive

Auto break-in

- 10:56 a.m. in the 2600 block of Laramie Gate Circle

Vandalism

- 7:55 a.m. in the 2100 block of Eilene Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; marijuana possession
- 3:30 p.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Belleza Lane; possession of a controlled substance, marijuana possession

July 29

Theft

- 5:07 a.m. in the 3000 block of Tonopah Circle; grand theft
- 5:09 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 6:22 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 10:08 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; embezzlement

Vandalism

- 2:01 p.m. in the 500 block of Kottinger Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:11 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- 6:44 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive; minor in possession of alcohol in a vehicle
- 9:57 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

July 30

False imprisonment

- 11:55 p.m. in the 5200 block of Riverdale Court

Theft

- 2:11 p.m. in the 4800 block of Woodthrush Road; grand theft
- 3:56 p.m. in the 5000 block of Owens Drive; theft

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:04 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Navajo Court; DUI
- 8:08 p.m. in the 300 block of Mission Drive; DUI
- 10:23 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness

July 31

Theft

- 7:51 a.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; auto theft
- 1:54 p.m. in the 5600 block of Paseo Navarro; identity theft
- 6:06 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft

Burglary

- 11:33 p.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

- 5:55 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Thursday, August 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P11-0063, Lil Middle School Tutoring**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a tutoring center at 4160 Hacienda Drive, Suite 200.
- **P11-0065 and P11-0066, Robert Abbott and Chevron**
Applications for Design Review approval and Sign Design Review approval to change the existing building and canopy colors and to modify the sign program for the building, canopy, and monument signs for the Chevron Extra Mile (former Bernal Corners) service station located on 1875 Valley Avenue.

Library Commission

Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Goal setting retreat
- Outdoor concert seating area
- Staff presentation calendar

The August 11, 2011 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission has been cancelled. The next scheduled Commission meeting will be held on September 8, 2011.

The Youth Commission does not meet during the months of June, July and August. The next scheduled commission meeting will be held on September 14, 2011.

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

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
For complete information, please visit
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OBITUARIES

Polly Dove

Polly Dove died early on the morning of Aug. 1, six days after suffering a stroke at her home in Pleasanton. She was 89 years old.

She was born Pauline Clymer Moyer on May 12, 1922, in Lansdale, Pa., the second of six children of parents William and Minerva (Clymer) Moyer. After graduating from Lansdale High School, she moved into Abington Hospital, where she completed her training as a nurse. She enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps and attained the rank of second lieutenant. She met a soldier named Jack Dove, who was recovering from pneumonia, at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, and they were married May 4, 1946. After Jack's discharge, the couple moved to Bethlehem, Penn., where he completed his college degree in chemical engineering at Lehigh University and she continued her career as a nurse until she gave birth to their daughter, Suzanne. The Dove family moved to many locations due to Jack's career, including Allentown, Pa., then Stamford, Conn., where son Jay was born. Jack was called back to military duty for the Korean War and their home became Falls Church, Va., where son Bill was born.



After the military, they moved to Itasca and Olympia Fields, near Chicago; Danville, San Mateo and Fullerton, Calif.; and Louisville, Ky. They lived in northeast England (Newcastle-Upon-Tyne) for two years, then returned to the United States and lived in Alamo before moving to Pleasanton in 1986, first to Vineyard Villa mobile home community, then 11 years ago to Ridgeview Commons.

Ms. Dove, described as a "people person," was interested in music and sang with the Valley Chorale and played the piano; she was dubbed "The Hummer," because those who passed her in the corridors of Ridgeview Commons enjoyed the music that went with her. She was an avid reader of history and biography. She also was an artist, taking classes in watercolors, and she belonged to the League of Women Voters and the Republican Women's Club.

She was predeceased by her son John Thomas Dove, and siblings Janice, Dorothy, Bill and Brinton. She is survived by her husband Jack; daughter Suzanne of Berkeley; sons Jay of San Diego and Bill of Carlsbad; grandsons Christopher Altieri-Dove of Berkeley and Cameron Dove of Carlsbad; sister Emily Warren of Minneapolis; plus 10 nieces and nephews. A memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. in Pleasanton. Donations may be made to the Lynnewood Methodist Church's music program or to a favorite charity.

Robert Stuart Vogt

The Rev. Robert Stuart Vogt, who guided Pleasanton Presbyterian Church for 29 years, died July 16 in Edmonds, Wash., at the age of 88.

He was born July 20, 1922, in Sacramento and attended UC Berkeley, graduating in 1943 with majors in psychology, sociology and history. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary and received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1946. He was ordained in May 1946 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sacramento and served at Calvary Presbyterian in San Francisco, First Presbyterian in Seattle, a new church development in Milwaukee, Ore., and Stone Church in San Jose, before moving to Pleasanton in 1958.

The Rev. Vogt served in civic, nonprofit and spiritual groups, often taking controversial positions such as when he allowed farm workers led by Cesar Chavez to spend the night in the church's social hall while on a protest march, and during the Cold War leading a discussion about whether Christians can design and build nuclear weapons. He encouraged the school district to add sex education to its curriculum as well as urging members to engage in community affairs. When drug use became a key issue in the 1960s, he and the church elders founded a youth center staffed by professional counselors to reach out to teenagers. His community activities included twice serving on



committees developing the city's General Plan adopted in 1965, and 18 years of involvement with the Red Cross, service on the county's committee on aging, and helping form Children's Theater Workshop and the Tri-Valley Community Foundation. An avid woodcarver, he hand-carved the pulpit for the new church on Mirador Drive.

He also was the driving force in establishing the consortium of four churches that built the community's first very affordable elder housing complex, Pleasanton Gardens, on Kottlinger Avenue. He also led the drive to establish a low-income project, Pleasanton Greens, on Vineyard Avenue. His 25 years of ministry were celebrated in a special week in 1983 with the Pleasanton City Council declaring it "RSV Week."

His wife Sallee was an active partner in ministry. They were married for 53 years before she died in 2003. They had one son, Robert-John Stuart Vogt, who died in a drowning accident. After he retired to Willits, the Rev. Vogt served as an interim pastor at Old First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. In 2004, the Rev. Vogt renewed his acquaintance with a former Princeton classmate, Virginia Redfield, whom he married and they moved to Edmonds, Wash.

The Rev. Vogt is survived by his wife Virginia; his niece Mary Huntsberger/Sleeth Paananen and her husband, Terrance, of Seattle; and his sister, Dr. Jean Gahagan of Duarte. A memorial service celebrating his life and ministry will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3, at First Presbyterian Church Livermore. Donations may be made to Princeton Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 821, Princeton, NJ 08542-0803.

Ralph Studebaker

Ralph Dean Studebaker, 76, of Pleasanton died unexpectedly in his sleep at his home on July 18.

He was born August 18, 1934, in Perry, Okla., to Ralph Ernest and Goldie Studebaker. He graduated from Perry High School in Oklahoma in 1952, where he earned All-State honors in both football and track and field. He honorably served in the Marines from 1953-56. He went on to complete his education at Washington State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Restaurant/Hotel Management. Mr. Studebaker was a highly creative culinary artist who loved his work and took great pride in producing innovative fare at the restaurants he owned over the years. For the past 22 years he owned and operated the Railroad Café in Livermore with his wife Jo and could arguably be credited for introducing California Cuisine decades before it became popular. He served on the Diablo Valley College Culinary Board of Directors for several years. He also loved to garden with his cocker spaniel Sadie, follow Sooner football and the Oakland A's.

Mr. Studebaker was predeceased by his sister Peggy and his brother Ken. He is survived by his wife of 42 years Jo; children Stacy and her husband Glenn, Kendon and his wife Robin, and Dean of Pleasanton; grandchildren Kaydon and Wyatt; sister Pat and her husband Ward, and brother Donald and his wife Ginny. Donations may be sent to VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Volunteer Services, Attention William Ball PAD 135, 3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto 94304, in memory of Ralph Studebaker.

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YOUNG GIANT

HOMETOWN HERO BRANDON CRAWFORD IS A HIT WITH FANS

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

It's a movie moment: A young unknown gets called up to the major league and, in front of thousands of people, hits a grand slam and wins the game.

Except in this case, it's real life. That young unknown was Brandon Crawford, who graduated Foothill High School in 2005 and went on to play at UCLA before getting drafted by the San Francisco Giants in 2008.

Crawford described himself as "nervous, but kind of an excited nervous," walking to the plate in Milwaukee, where he hit the game-winning homer.

"I knew I was ready. I was preparing for it my whole life," he said.

That's a pretty accurate summary. Crawford began his career with Tee Ball when he was 4 and went on to play in Little League and school teams before being drafted for college play.

His debut grand slam puts him in an elite league with just six other players, although he's the second Giant to do so: Bobby Bonds hit one his first season in 1968.

"I knew I'd hit it pretty good, but I wasn't sure off the bat. I was just happy I hit it well. I knew we were going to get at last one run in, then saw it take off," Crawford said, sitting in the Giants dugout on a recent Sunday morning.

And while often, a player who knows he has a solid hit — a Babe Ruth or Hank Aaron, for example — will wait to see if he cleared the wall, that wasn't the case for Crawford.

"I was running right away," he said, thinking, "If that gets off the fence, I want to be on third."

It might not have been the "shot heard 'round the world," but it was certainly the shot heard 'round Pleasanton. Of course, literally batting 1000 with a run and three RBIs that first hit, the only way for Crawford to go was down. He admits he's been struggling a bit recently.

"It's been up and down," he said. "I've had some other big moments. My first game here I hit an RBI double down the line. I hit a triple against the Nationals. Obviously my numbers are down — it's been up and down

the whole time, really."

"Hitting is one of the most frustrating things in all the sports," he continued. "There aren't too many things you do in sports where you fail seven out of 10 times and are considered a legend."

Crawford grew up watching the Giants. He said his father Michael is a diehard fan, and watching former Giants like fellow shortstop Royce Clayton, Alex Rodriguez, "before he went to the Yankees," and J.T. Snow, it was only natural that he'd want to be on the team.

"Watching them growing up, I definitely wanted to be out there," he said, nodding toward the field. "As I got older, pretty much whoever would draft me, I wanted to play for them."

He described getting drafted by the Giants as "pretty awesome." As a fan turned pro, Crawford has the unique perspective of having been on both sides of the fence.

"It's been really different," he said. "I try not to focus on what's going on around the stadium when I'm playing, where as a fan, you're looking at everything. I'm trying to be as calm as possible out there. If I'm up at bat, I don't hear anything, I'm focused."

But Crawford admitted some things are hard to ignore, like seeing his face on the giant electronic billboard or hearing people rooting for him.

"It was a pretty cool experience, to be a fan and to be chanting other peoples' names for so long and then actually to be here, with the home crowd, having them all loud and cheer my name," he said.

While his friends generally treat him like they did in high school, a recent trip to Pleasanton to see his little sister Eva play softball showed Crawford he's got a strong local fan base.

"That was pretty crazy," he said. "There were a lot of people that came out."

As is the case with many so-called overnight successes, Crawford spent years working toward his dream.

"You have to keep working every day. I'm not going to say I did something every day when I was younger, but you have to work on it, more than just going to practice and doing the

drills and then going home and not worrying about it. You have to do stuff on your own," he said, explaining that he started going to a hitting coach when he was 13.

These days, he'll typically show up at 2 p.m. for a 7 p.m. game and spend some time in the batting cage before taking batting practice. The training doesn't stop when the season ends, either; off-season, he works out and runs and continues to take batting practice.

Crawford was named UCLA's MVP in 2006 and 2007, and helped the Bruins reach the NCAA Regionals three years straight. He was drafted by the Giants in the fourth round in 2008 and worked his way up. After a brief stint in the Arizona League in August 2008, he split time between the San Jose Giants and Connecticut Defenders (double-A, Eastern League) in 2009. In 2010, he played with the Flying Squirrels based in Richmond, Va., but missed nearly two months of the second half of the season because of a broken wrist.

He was ranked the sixth best prospect in the Giants' organization by Baseball America in 2011 although he has since broken a finger, in the final week of spring training.

Crawford particularly likes that the game is a joint effort. "You need every part of your team," he said. "We wouldn't be in first place right now without our pitching, and then obviously you need runs to score, so offense is a key part also."

On a personal level, in a city that treats its baseball players like the English do the royal family, Crawford said he's still dealing with the idea of being known by random people on the street.

"It is weird getting recognized even out here around the city," he said. "I still feel like the same person, kind of on a bigger stage. As long as people are just normal to me, I'm going to be the same way back."

Even though he's been on track to becoming a pro for some time, Crawford said he's not really sure when the change was made from just wanting to do it to thinking he could.

"I had always wanted to do this and I never really thought about doing anything else," he said. "I don't know what I'd have been if I wasn't a baseball player." ■



A young Brandon Crawford poses for a future baseball card photo; an older Crawford singles during the third inning of the Giants' game June 26, helping to beat the Cleveland Indians, 3-1. Crawford began his career with Tee Ball when he was 4 and went on to play in Little League and school teams before being drafted for college play at UCLA and then by the Giants. "I knew I was ready. I was preparing for it my whole life," he said.



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Clubs

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Concerts

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Events

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.

AN ALASKAN CRUISE Armchair Travelers will hold its next monthly program from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Lynda Fullerton will show photos of her Alaskan cruise. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month. Call 373-5500.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON The Widows and Widowers of Northern California would like you to join them for a Birthday Luncheon at 1 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14, at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin. Cost your menu choice. RSVP to Bert by Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 510-582-7524.

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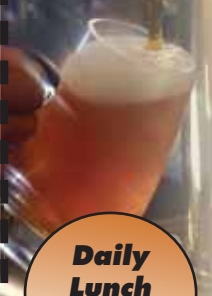
ing a candlelight Vigil at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10, in front of the Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Call Cathe Norman at 462-7495 or email Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com.

HIROSHIMA TO FUKUSHIMA TO LIVERMORE A major protest rally will confront the “two-headed dragon” of nuclear weapons and nuclear power and mark the 66th anniversaries of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory, one of two facilities where American nuclear weapons are developed. Call Marylia at 443-7148, Sandra at 415-565-0201, ext. 24, or visit www.trivalleycares.org.

LEARN ABOUT VA BURIALS The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ambrose D. Regalia, Post 6298 is hosting a free special seminar to discuss VA Burial Benefits only available to veterans. The presentation is at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Veterans Hall, 301 Main St. All veterans and spouses are invited. Refreshments will be served.

NARFE AUGUST MEETING The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 11, at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St. Guest speaker for the event will be Andrea Olson, representative from Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan's office. Call 699-4590.

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Film

TANGLED Residents are invited to enjoy free movies during six Thursday evenings this summer at the Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave., compliments of the City of Pleasanton. All films will be shown at dusk. The movie featured on Aug. 11 will be “Tangled,” loosely based on a German fairy tale “Rapunzel” by the Brothers Grimm, the film’s star has a magical hair that glows when she sings, among other things.

Fundraisers

GARAGE SALE GOES TO THE DOGS!

Local social group will be hosting a multi-family garage sale with proceeds going to a charity known as Biff N Bark. Headed by Lenora Bron, a psychoanalyst, Biff N Bark is a nonprofit volunteer group that depends exclusively on dona-

tions to help rescue, house, foster and give medical care to abused, abandoned and otherwise helpless, homeless animals. The garage sale is at 8 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at 3287 Melanie Circle. Visit www.meetup.com.

PLEASANTON/TULANCINGO SISTER CITY BBQ Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association will host its annual Summer Barbecue from 5:30-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at Ivy Glenn at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. There will be a full tri-tip dinner with all the trimmings, a no-host bar, live and silent auctions featuring fantastic items, music and dancing. Cost \$30. For reservations and information, contact ptsca.org (credit cards accepted).

VALLEY HUMANE FUNDRAISER AT TGI FRIDAYS Eat at TGI Fridays from 11 a.m.-midnight on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 3999 Santa Rita Rd., and 20% of your bill will be donated to Valley Humane Society, a nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter in Pleasanton. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org.

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Kids & Teens

DINO-STORY Where did they go? Come meet the dinosaurs and hear about all the great old ones and what their world was like, from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Then they will ask the question of where they went or what they changed into over time. Cost \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Ages 5 and up. Call 931-3485.

Lectures/Workshops

MISSING COUSINS - HOW TO FIND THEM

The goals of genealogy include determining who your ancestors were and learning more about them. This free lecture is at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. Ed Mason, who has been president and held other offices with the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society, will talk about uncovering and meeting many second, third and fourth cousins who have provided much information on his family. For additional information, contact Richard Finn at program@l-ags.org.

Live Music

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Performed in the style of a Las Vegas show of the 1950s, Larry Wallin and Rick Barretta pay tribute to Italian-American singers Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Louis Prima, Frankie Avalon, Tony Bennett and other favorites. Performance is at 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$15-\$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$12 for children. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

On Stage

‘A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM’

Acclaimed all-female Shakespeare troupe, Woman’s Will, brings a ‘60s-style “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” to Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd., at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14. “Dream” is about magic, love and family - the family we are born into and the family we create. The audience is invited to bring picnics, blankets and refreshments to the park. Admission is free; donations will be accepted. Call 931-5340.

‘CYMBELINE’ - SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK Shakespeare’s inventive fairytale of Princess Innogen’s journey includes forbidden love, mistaken identities, banishment and a magic potion. Performances are from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Saturdays-Sundays, July 23-Aug. 7, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave. There is no charge for this production. Call 931-5340 or view www.firehousearts.org.

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Political Notes

FROM HIROSHIMA TO FUKUSHIMA

TO LIVERMORE Tri-Valley Cares is presenting “Confronting the Two-Headed Dragon of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Power.” The meeting is from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at William Payne Park, Vasco and Patterson Pass roads in Livermore. Guest speakers, music, food and live video with atomic bomb survivors in Japan. Call 443-7148 or visit www.trivalleycares.org.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., offers Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 a.m.; Worship at 10:30 a.m.; and Children’s Church at 11:15 a.m. Women’s Bible study takes place 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 846-8650 for weekly programs.

WEEKLY LDS BIBLE STUDY Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosts a weekly bible study from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Refreshments served. For information, call 305-9468.

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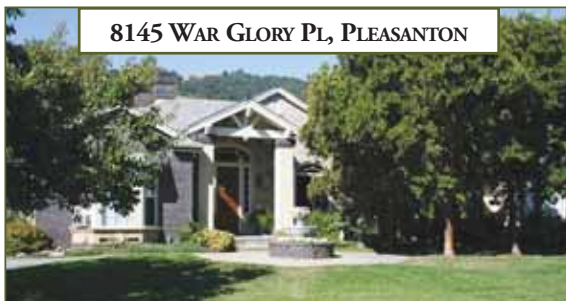
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Home sales, prices post increases

Median price at highest level since last December

By JEB BING

California home sales edged up in June, and the median price rose to its highest level since December 2010, the California Association of Realtors reported this week.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California rose 1.2% to a seasonally adjusted 477,710 units in June, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations and Multiple Listing Services statewide. June home sales were down 3.6% from the 495,780 units sold in June 2010.

The statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2011 if sales maintained the June pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

"As the housing market tries to gain a more solid footing, the decrease in conforming loan limits that is scheduled for later this year could adversely affect the market," said CAR President Beth L. Peerce.

"Potential buyers, especially trade-up buyers, who are looking for a home in the \$500,000 to \$1 million price range will, no doubt, face higher mortgage rates, larger down payment requirements, and stricter underwriting standards," she added. "Would-be buyers on the fence need to act well before Sept. 30, when the conforming loan limit is set to be lowered, to avoid a higher cost of homeownership."

The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home sold in California rose 1.0% in June to \$295,300 from a revised \$292,420 in May. June's median price was down 5.9% from the \$313,890 recorded in June 2010.

"Looking across the state, a number of areas are showing signs of strength, especially in the San Francisco Bay Area and primarily because of the strong-performing tech industry," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties all posted solid sales and price gains from May levels."

Other highlights of CAR's resale housing report for June 2011 include:

■ The Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes was 5.0 months in June, down from 5.5 months in May, but up compared with June 2010's 4.6-month supply. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates averaged 4.51% during June 2011, down from 4.74% in June 2010, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable-mortgage interest rates averaged 3.0% in June 2011, compared with 3.86% in June 2010.

The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 50.3 days in June 2011, compared with 41.5 days for the same period a year ago. ■

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Sun 1:30-4:30 Moxley Team 600-0990

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Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 519-8226

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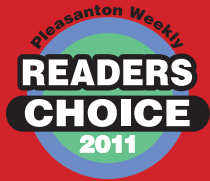
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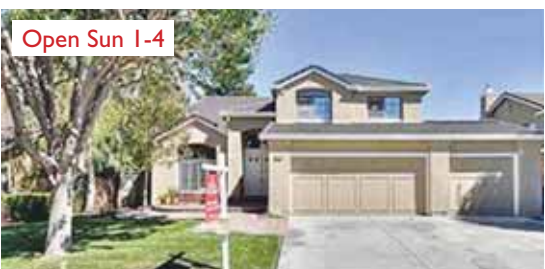
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Short sale process broken, Pleasanton Realtor says

Survey shows some in California being pushed into foreclosure

By JEB BING

More than half of Central Valley Realtors characterized closing short-sale transactions as “difficult” or “extremely difficult,” according to a Lender Satisfaction Survey conducted by the California Association of Realtors (CAR).

The survey gauges Realtors’ experience working with lenders in their most recent transaction. The majority of those surveyed dealt with short-sale transactions, which are transactions in which the lender or lenders agree to accept less than the mortgage amount owed by the current homeowner.

“The survey results demonstrate the ongoing problems homeowners are experiencing with onerous short-sale procedures on the part of lenders and servicers,” said CAR Treasurer Don Faught, who is Vice-President and Managing Broker for Alain Pinel Realtors in Pleasanton.

Faught presented the findings at a news conference in Fresno.

“Despite assurances by lenders in recent months that they would improve their short-sale processes, clearly, not enough is being done,” Faught said. “Lenders are out of touch with the realities of the market and the consequences to struggling homeowners, and the result is unnecessary foreclosures that only make California’s economic problems worse, hindering a desperately needed recovery.”

The top three obstacles real estate agents most frequently cited in working with lenders and servicers during the short-sale process

include lenders’ slow response time to a short-sale package, repeated requests for documentation and poor communication with lender representatives. Some Realtors even indicated that the lender foreclosed on the home before the short-sale transaction could be completed.

Some specific agent comments from the survey include: “Bank will not come down on price; home needs work, but the bank is being unrealistic.”

“Banks say they want to help work things out on short sales, but to be honest, I don’t believe they care.”

“The whole process is completely flawed.”

“The bank took over four months to give approval. They refused to pay common seller closing costs and repeatedly demanded paperwork that had been sent previously.”

Nearly three-fourths (74%) of Realtors said it took more than 60 days for lenders or servicers to return a written response on the approval or disapproval of the short-sale agreement submitted. And, half of the respondents said it took the lender more than five days to return any form of communication.

Overall satisfaction with the lenders Realtors worked with in their most recent short-sale transaction remains extremely poor, with 77% saying they were “not satisfied” or “not at all satisfied.”

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SHORT SALE

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Moreover, almost nine in 10 (88%) Realtors said they were “not likely” or “not at all likely” to refer buyers to the lender to finance future home purchases.

The news conference held in Fresno highlighted a specific case in which a homeowner has been trying to short-sell his home since August 2009. After losing two potential buyers in contract, his lender convinced him to revisit a short sale, but later demanded a cash contribution of \$2,000 as a condition of short-sale approval and that he sign a

promissory note for a new, unsecured loan of \$8,000.

Additionally, the bank has reappraised the home for an amount 31 percent higher than the initial appraisal, which was conducted only about a year prior. The homeowner now has a third buyer in contract but faces foreclosure because the bank is unwilling to consider another appraisal.

“We all know that a recovery in the housing market is essential to a recovery in the general economy,” Faught said. “Lenders and servicers need to take steps now to improve the short-sale process so that the housing market can begin improving.” ■

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 11

Lowest sale reported: \$200,000

Highest sale reported: \$850,500

Average sales reported: \$445,273

Livermore

Total sales reported: 14

Lowest sale reported: \$215,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,690,000

Average sales reported: \$541,107

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 8

Lowest sale reported: \$750,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,188,000

Average sales reported: \$966,687

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 18

Lowest sale reported: \$182,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,064,500

Average sales reported: \$636,417

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 2011

Dublin

6570 Amador Valley Boulevard #10 Residential Credit Solutions to A. & C. Castillo for \$279,500

5468 Bellevue Circle L. Baik to O. & O. Williams for \$609,500

3490 Capoterra Way Sorrento at Dublin Ranch to D. & T. Fisher for \$690,500

7984 Cranford Lane A. & A. Heller to K. Shira for \$450,000

6408 Dijon Way V. Piuneu to V. & A. Shultz for \$305,000

11595 Fenwick Court Hansen Trust to T. & E. Hendrickson for \$578,000

3722 Finnian Way Oviedo Trust to N. Huang for \$215,000

3290 Maguire Way #108 B. Godin to N. Knutz for \$200,000

3240 Maguire Way #112 Pachira Fund to C. Kum for \$314,000

6236 Sussex Drive S. Yoon to M. Chollangi for \$406,000

2551 Valentano Drive D R Horton to F. & A. Lau for \$850,500

Livermore

5894 Arlene Way M. Remington to D. & A. Persaud for \$545,000

698 Austen Way Geier Trust to V. Thomas for \$740,000

4104 Bristlecone Way C. Harris to J. Rodriguez for \$250,000

374 Burgess Street C. Graham to J. & P. Green for \$430,000

1032 El Caminito Spooner Trust to L. Barnes for \$330,000

5760 Haggin Oaks Avenue M. & E. Hernandez to J. King for \$310,000

2018 Mars Road Jtl Trust to J. Snyder for \$510,000

57 Meritage Common #205 A. & K. Abramski to T. Threedy for \$215,000

1240 Rincon Avenue Foster Trust to A. Woodrun for \$399,000

347 Robert Way Livermore Valley Investments to V. Narayanan for \$430,000

3063 Rodeo Lane Bank of America to P. Munzar for \$795,000

2060 South Livermore Avenue First Baptist Church of Livermore to F. & R. Abboud for \$1,690,000

1753 Vancouver Way M. Mccalmon to E. Miller for \$506,500

1754 Vancouver Way Miller Trust to T. Lanahan for \$425,000

Pleasanton

1350 Benedict Court K. & G. Schwem to K. & J. Duggan for \$1,180,000

1274 Bradford Way Ponderosa Homes to Rohrer Trust for \$750,500

1279 Bradford Way Ponderosa Homes to M. & M. Ramsden for \$750,000

14 Castledown Road E. & J. Eslinger to C. Hsu for \$1,182,500

2604 Ingrid Court B. Luther to S. & F. Himmati for \$1,005,000

3471 Kamp Drive Cater Trust to A. & L. Rashid for \$907,500

4969 Mohr Avenue Parker Trust to A. & L. Kama for \$770,000

2186 Pomezia Court L. & B. George to X. Zhong for \$1,188,000

San Ramon

6661 Aberdale Circle T. & C. Haselton to E. Mausz for \$674,500

9005 Alcosta Boulevard #223 Sami li Trust to I. Yu for \$182,000

709 Ashton Oaks Court L. & B. Kalra to R. & D. Sharma for \$1,064,500

818 Avery Court R. & S. Goozee to L. Jia for \$705,000

830 Bandol Way B. & S. Linchey to N. Ramachandran for \$919,000

170 Bryce Canyon Court Defazio Trust to Hill Trust for \$889,000

9652 Camassia Way Waite Trust to S. Raizes for \$579,000

234 Canyon Lakes Place RBI Financial Group to D. Schletewitz for \$830,000

70 Casa Grande Place B. & A. Yeager to Mobile Solutions & Investments for \$385,000

9467 Cherry Hills Lane M. Petteruti to Tri Valley Partnership for \$450,000

235 Copper Ridge Road #77 J. & S. Aguilar to S. Ramsey for \$280,000

9799 Davona Drive B. Hackwell to J. Dalisky for \$490,000

3105 Kittery Avenue Capital One to J. & N. Forester for \$480,500

500 Montrose Court C. Roberts to B. Krishnaraj for \$677,000

230 Ramon Place Kondaur Capital to H. Honda for \$485,000

401 San Roberto Place G. & S. Fancher to G. Salamy for \$735,000

9628 Velvet Leaf Circle M. & S. Hagen to K. & L. Ruffcorn for \$940,000

192 Victory Circle B. Inglish to B. Mahadevan for \$690,000

Source: California REsource

Major Price Reductions

Open Sun 1-4



603 Blossom Ct, Pleasanton

4 bedrooms, 4 baths, approx 5000+ sqft, bonus room, separate office and spa room - premium location! Large and flat 31,080 sqft lot.

New price \$1,550,000

Open Sun 1-4



4691 Finch Way, Dublin

4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, approx 2400+ sqft, separate office, loft (4th bedroom) and bonus room.

New price \$699,000

Recently Sold

JUST SOLD



533 St. John St., Pleasanton

Represented the seller

SOLD



2359 Greenberry Ct., Pleasanton

Represented the buyer

SOLD



698 Austen Wy., Livermore

Represented the buyer

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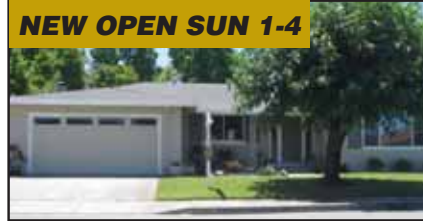
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NEW OPEN SUN 1-4

244 Carnation Court, Pleasanton
Heritage Gardens
 3bd/2ba, quiet court location, 1,412+/-sq.ft,
 oak kitchen, stainless appliances, newer
 carpets, walking distance to parks,
 schools and downtown.
 Offered at \$559,000

NEW OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4

1485 Trimmingham Drive, Pleasanton
Danbury Park
 2bd/3ba, with office/potential 3rd bedroom
 downstairs, beautifully updated kitchen and
 baths, vaulted ceilings, custom fireplace, walk-
 ing distance to Shopping, Schools and Parks
 Offered at \$517,500

NEW OPEN SUN 1-4

5230 Hummingbird Road, Pleasanton
Birdland
 4bd/2ba "Holiday" model, 2,167+/-sq.ft,
 newer roof, windows, Pergo floors, garage
 door, HVAC system, crown molding
 and inside laundry.
 Offered at \$719,000



4792 Canary Drive, Pleasanton
Birdland
 Single story "Gatewood" model, 4bd/2ba,
 2,112+/-sq.ft, granite/alder kitchen, new
 baths, windows, doors, furnace/AC,
 tile floors and paint.
 Offered at \$779,000

OPEN SUN 1-4

4649 Klamath Court, Pleasanton
The Gates
 Charming single story, 3bd/2ba home
 with new roof, carpets, baseboards, paint,
 windows, garage door, plus large landscaped
 backyard and RV parking.
 Offered at \$499,900

PENDING

4483 Shearwater Court, Pleasanton
Birdland
 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

PENDING IN 3 DAYS

1608 Loganberry Way, Pleasanton
Pleasanton Valley
 Absolutely turnkey "Terrace" model,
 remodeled throughout, 3bd/2ba, 1,377+/-sq.
 ft, walnut kitchen, SS appliances, custom tile
 baths, hardwood floors, park-like back.
 Offered at \$685,000

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3616 NICOLE AVENUE, PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN MOHR/MARTIN ESTATES



5 BD 3.5 BA 4,460sf. on a 3/4 acre lot.
 Remodeled kitchen w/ large island, breakfast
 nook, granite counters & Brazilian cherry floors,
 large master & additional bedroom on **main**
level. Large private backyard with pool.
 \$1,750,000

2020 MARTIN AVENUE, PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN MOHR/MARTIN ESTATES



4 BD/office 3 BA 3,107sf. + 1,100sf. guest home
 or a 24,932sf. lot. Updated gourmet kitchen
 with cook island, generous storage.
 Overlooks the grand rear yard that offers a pool,
 bocce court, fire pit & spacious grass area.
 \$1,595,000

5812 CORTE MENTE, PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN COUNTRY FAIR



5 BD 2.5 BA 2,853sf. on a 13,150sf. lot.
 Single level home offers a spacious open floor
 plan with vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors
 throughout. Updated kitchen features granite
 countertops and gas cooking. Gated pool and spa.
 \$989,000

575 DEL SOL AVENUE, PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON



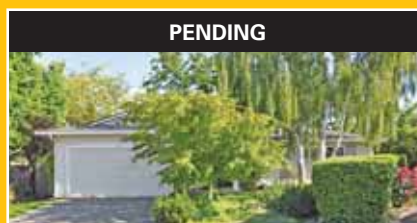
3 BD 2.5 BA tri-level home with 2,266sf. on
 a 6,490sf. lot. Recently upgraded throughout,
 kitchen offers cherry wood cabinets, recessed
 lighting, and gas cooking. Amazing views from
 two covered patios! Walking distance to downtown!
 \$949,000

3858 MOHR AVENUE, PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN CHARTER OAKS



3 BD 2 BA 1,948sf. on 7,500sf. lot.
 Highly updated single level home with open
 floor plan. Private, nicely landscaped backyard.
 Move in ready and within walking distance
 to Mohr elementary.
 \$750,000

5082 CRESTWOOD CT. PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



Charming 3 BD 2 BA 1,520sf. 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

AVAILABLE

1522 POPPYBANK CT. PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN CHARTER OAKS DUETS
 4 BD 2.5 BA 2,020sf. on a 2,850sf. lot.
 Location, privacy, updated & move
 in ready. Open kitchen w/ granite
 countertops. Large master w/ cherry
 cabinets and large tub. Private backyard
 perfect for entertaining.
 \$620,000

OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30

1967 FIORIO CIRCLE, PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN DANBURY PARK
 3 BD 2.5 BA 1,732sf. on a 2,850sf. lot.
 Recently updated throughout, this home
 offers an open floor plan with vaulted
 ceilings. Private backyard with patio and
 grassy area. Close to parks and shopping.
 \$529,000

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DOWNTOWN

JUST REDUCED – OPEN SUN 2-5



335 DEL SOL AVENUE, PLEASANTON

Location, location, location. Desirable downtown quiet court location! Beautiful upgraded home. 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 2350 square feet. Remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash and stainless appliances. Newer upgraded hardwood flooring, plantation shutters, dual pane windows, newer brushed nickel hardware and fixtures. Lots of upgrades including 30 year roof. Elevated lot with private secluded tranquil grounds includes TimberTech deck, mature trees. Walk around the corner at Neal and in one minute you are at the Farmers Market and can also enjoy all the other downtown amenities! Award winning schools!
OFFERED AT \$899,000

FOOTHILL KNOLLS

SOLD



7863 FOOTHILL KNOLLS, PLEASANTON

Beautiful single story on private premium .35 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 2,150 sq ft. 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.
SOLD FOR \$949,000

OAK MANOR

JUST REDUCED



819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON

As soon as you enter you will be impressed with the unique elegance. Gorgeous custom home on private .62 acre lot. Approximately 4,541 square feet, four bedrooms (two master suites) plus office/wine room and bonus loft area and 5.5 bathrooms. Quality, high end equipment and finishes throughout. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab counters and stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors. Oversized four car garage. Beautifully landscaped Tahoe-like grounds with mature trees. Two minutes to Castlewood Country Club. **OFFERED AT \$1,565,000**

CHARTER OAKS

SOLD



1549 MAPLE LEAF DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Highly upgraded four bedroom, plus bonus/teen room, three bathrooms. Approximately 2,541 sq ft. 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! **SOLD FOR \$880,000**

LAGUNA OAKS

PENDING IN 2 DAYS



2505 ARLOTTA PLACE, PLEASANTON

Best location in Laguna Oaks! Desirable Newport model on premium .40 acre lot. Quiet premium court location. Four bedrooms, bonus room, plus formal office. Private guest/in law/au pair quarters (4th). Three and a half bathrooms. Approximately 3,830 square feet. Large gourmet kitchen, granite countertops, custom backsplash, tile flooring and large eating area. Spacious master suite with views of Pleasanton Ridge, and large walk in closet. Beautifully landscaped rear yard with ultimate privacy. Expansive lawn areas (pool site). A short walk to the community pool, park, and tennis courts.
OFFERED AT \$1,319,000

SAN RAMON

SOLD



215 KITTERY PLACE, SAN RAMON

Excellent quiet court location. Four bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 2008 square feet. Spacious kitchen, large living room & family rooms. Lots of picture windows for viewing & natural light, vaulted ceilings. Spacious master suite with retreat and his & hers closets. Newer roof. Large rear yard with two patios (one covered), covered side yard access. Large 6,958 square foot lot. Walk to Walt Disney Elementary, Pine Valley Middle School, California High School and great neighborhood parks. Great curb appeal. **SOLD FOR \$559,000**

VINTAGE HILLS

PENDING IN 3 DAYS



3593 ARBOR COURT, PLEASANTON

Beautiful single level in quiet court location. Excellent condition. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, 1766 square feet. Remodeled gourmet kitchen with new cabinetry and stainless appliances. Wood flooring, fully cased windows, new light fixtures, new hardware, upgraded bathrooms. Private premium .26 acre lot with large park-like rear grounds. Pebble tech free form pool, brick patio, covered patio area, wood deck and spacious lawn area. Walk to great neighborhood Parks. Convenient to downtown. Award winning Pleasanton schools.
OFFERED AT \$739,500

SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

SOLD



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, Castlewood Country Club, Oak Hills Shopping Center, and Mission Hills Park. Award winning schools! **SOLD FOR \$1,490,000**

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The latest from The 680 Blog

Talk to the Neighbors

Information is power. If you are buying a home, and you find a home you are interested in, I always suggest that you talk to the neighbors the first opportunity you get. We all know the classic "nosy neighbors" who make it their business to know everyone else's business. Gladys Kravitz on Bewitched and any of the characters on Desperate Housewives are prime examples. While these people can be very annoying to live near, they can be your best source of information when you are evaluating a neighborhood. You see, neighbors have information, insights, and knowledge that comes from actually living in the neighborhood. They know far more about traffic patterns, kids in the neighborhood, what the residents are like, crime, nuisances, pending changes or developments that might impact the neighborhood, barking dogs, and other factors you might not consider. They also might have some inside scoop on the house you are interested in. I have heard neighbors

say things like "oh they HAVE to sell because their business is way down" or "They turned down \$1.1 million 2 weeks ago." One thing is for sure... the more information you get, the better.

Go by the property on a weekend day, or after work and see if you can catch some of the neighbors mowing their lawns or in their yards. Don't be afraid to knock on their doors >> **Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.**



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Country living yet close to everything! Fabulous 4 BR, 3 BTH home remodeled with designer upgrades on 2+ acres with sports court, and more!
\$1,199,900

OPEN SUN 1-4



Model perfect 5 BR, 3 BTH home with hardwood floors, granite kitchen, designer paint, luxurious master suite, large private yard, and oversized 5th bedroom/bonus room.
\$899,000
2755 Huff Drive

OPEN SUN 1-4



Walk to Vintage Hills School! Spacious single story home with 3 BR, 2 1/2 BTH, 3 fireplaces, sunny updated kitchen, vaulted ceilings, and large 8600 sq ft private creek side lot!
\$679,500
755 Concord St

PENDING SALE!



Fabulous French Country custom with 5 BR + office & retreat, 4 full & 2 half BTH, hardwood floors, 4 car garage, and private .62 acre lot with pool.
\$1,779,000

JUST SOLD!



Fabulous estate home with 6 BR + loft & office/rec room, 5 BTH, 4 car garage, stone flooring, dream kitchen, and 1.1 acre lot with pool, sports court, outdoor kitchen and views!
\$1,840,000

JUST SOLD!



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



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BY APPT



ALAMO **\$2,250,000**
Spacious Roundhill home, premium creekside lot. 6bd+loft & storage loft, dramatic formal DR&LR, huge gourmet kitchen, spacious master suite, pool, spa, huge parking area! 2951 ROUNDHILL RD

DANIEL ALPHER

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$1,579,000**
4391+/-sf. estate nestled on a court with 334k+/- in upgrades and views! Quality, charm & designer touches embrace this 4bd/4.5ba luxury home near downtown. 3372SagewoodCt.com 3372 SAGEWOOD CT

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PLEASANTON **\$1,199,900**
Remodeled country home, 2+/-acre, 4bd/3ba + media room, loft & office, granite/cherry kitchen, stunning great room, luxurious master suite w/retreat, total privacy. 927 HAPPYVALLEY RD

SYLVIA DESIN

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$949,000**
Beautiful 4 bedroom home in a great neighborhood. Huge downstairs bonus/playroom. Spacious master suite with retreat and custom closets. Gourmet kitchen, many designer details. 387 EWING DR

DOUG BUENZ

OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON **\$899,000**
Charming, 5bd/3ba, hardwood floors, granite kitchen, 2913+/-sf, 2 car garage, vaulted ceilings, large private lot, walk to Mohr school! 2755 HUFF DRIVE

JOYCE JONES

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$780,000**
Birdland beauty! 4 BR, 2.5 BA, updated kitchen w/granite slab counter, oak cabinets, walk-in pantry, neutral carpet, beautiful landscape, hot tub, Pleasanton Sports Park nearby! 2780 WILLOWREN WAY

JOYCE JONES

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$770,000**
Court location, large 4 bd/possible 5 bd, 3 ba, updated kitchen w/granite counters, new carpet and flooring, fresh paint, skylight in family room, community pool, playground, tennis courts. 3148 WEYMOUTH COURT

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE

OPEN SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON **\$719,000**
4bd/2ba 'Holiday' model, 2,167+/-sqft, newer roof, windows, Pergo floors, HVAC system, crown molding, inside laundry and pool. 5230 HUMMINGBIRD RD

DOUG BUENZ

BY APPT



PLEASANTON **\$679,500**
Charming single story with vaulted ceilings, wood style laminate flooring, sunny kitchen with wine refrigerator, 3 fireplaces, large family room with custom built-ins, large 9000+/-sf creekside lot! 755 CONCORD ST

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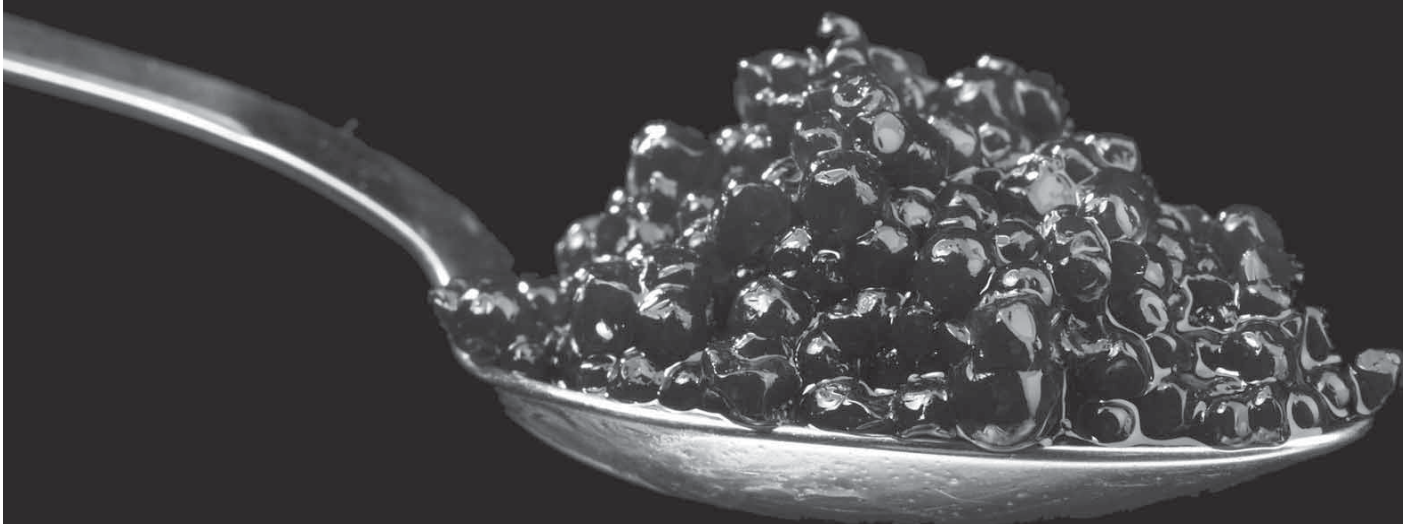
OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON **\$324,950**
Beautiful single story duet upgraded to perfection. Features include granite, stainless steel appliances, new carpet, tile flooring, fresh paint, & 2 car garage. This is a must see!! 3662 VINE ST

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