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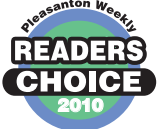
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Thanks, Marshall

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and his colleague Robert Brvenik, who is building the 120-plus-store upscale outlet mall at I-580 and El Charro Road, deserve medals for endurance in finally getting the \$162 million project under way. They have worked on building Paragon Outlet Mall since 2004 with so many financial and regulatory bumps in the road that Brvenik told well-wishers at a groundbreaking ceremony last month his project has been dubbed "Perseverance Mall."



JEB BING

Robert Brvenik of Paragon Outlet Partners and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena scoop out the first shovelfuls of dirt to start construction on the \$162 million outlet center at El Charro Road and I-580.

And well it should be. Headquartered in Baltimore, Paragon Outlet Partners considered sites in Connecticut, Florida and California for their new and most ambitious project before settling on the Livermore site. It is ideally located at the newly widened El Charro Road overpass across from a new Target superstore in Dublin that will open Oct. 9. Although the proposed new auto mall in Staples Ranch just across El Charro in Pleasanton was recently scuttled, it's likely a new and similar development will soon be considered. As it is, the Paragon center now being built will contain 443,000 square feet of retail space with more than 60% of the individual outlets already leased. These include Neiman Marcus Last Call, Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH, GAP, Nike and Barney's, which brought a roar from the crowd when Brvenik mentioned the name. In addition to millions of sales tax dollars the outlet stores will bring to the state and Livermore, they will hire more than 2,000 people to serve customers when the center opens before Thanksgiving in 2012.

accountants, architects, banks, trust fund investors and attorneys, trekked back and forth from Livermore to the East Coast.

A major concern was the costly and timely regulatory and environmental burden placed on developers and businesses by California regulators, but they agreed to proceed anyhow. "Little did they know!" Kamena said at the groundbreaking. He joked that some on today's Paragon team were fresh out of college when the project was started, but then he talked about seven long years of successes and near failures.

Kamena believes the effort should go into the Guinness Book of Records under a special category for building shopping centers. He thinks the Paragon project would qualify as No. 1 by requiring the most entitlement projects, the greatest number of regulatory agencies for approval, at \$57 million the highest infrastructure costs to satisfy the requirements, the greatest number of reviews over a six-year period of the same application with the same facts and figures, the greatest amount of land (150 acres) ever having to be set aside as habitat preserve for the tiger salamander and red legged frog, although no evidence of either was ever found, and the longest contract ever written by a three-letter regulatory agency Kamena wouldn't name, which is 1,109 pages long.

For Kamena, who will step down as mayor in November, although he's expected to win an open City Council seat he is seeking in that same election, the chance to toss the first shovel full of dirt to break ground for the Paragon center was a highlight of his political career. Agreeing to meet with the developers confidentially when they first approached him about considering the Livermore site, he and a few others on the council and in city government began sharing in the good news and providing data Paragon needed. The Paragon team made more than 50 different site inspections, referring to the El Charro site as "San Francisco/LDK30" in code. Site plans shown to Kamena and city representatives carefully covered over the names of other places under consideration. Officers of the Baltimore company, including its management team,

Now, seven years later, the earthmovers are at work and the first of the outlet store pads are being poured. For the Tri-Valley, Paragon Outlets promise to be a destination that will attract shoppers from a 60-mile radius, who will stop, no doubt, at local restaurants, gas stations, hotels and other more conventional shopping centers. Thanks, Marshall. ■

About the Cover

The flag at Pleasanton City Hall is lowered to half staff on Sept. 11, 2001, as the nation goes into mourning after that morning's terrorist attacks. Photo by Shannon Corey. Design by Lili Cao.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What does the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 mean to you?



Hillary Bessiere
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As a parent, the tragedy was magnified because all I could think about then was what our country would be like for our children growing up. Keeping my kids safe is my priority, and when something like that happens there is a feeling of vulnerability. Ten years later, I feel fortunate to have choices that citizens of other countries don't have.

Cam Inman
Sports writer

My first time in New York was two weeks after 9/11. I expected to see debris, but I wasn't prepared for the seven-story-high pile of rubble where the World Trade Center used to be. I'd never felt more patriotic, and I still feel that we are united as one country, even 10 years later.



Wendy Haworth
Marketing

I feel that our country came together in solidarity, and we supported those who had loved ones that were killed or injured in the tragedy. The anniversary of Sept. 11 is an opportunity to remind ourselves how wonderful our country is. We need to be good to each other.

Jenni Festa
Middle school youth director

At the time it didn't really hit me, but now I see all of the sacrifices that were made. I will always remember that day, and the devastation still shocks me. It is imprinted in everyone's mind because it was a terrible day for everybody in our country, and that unifies us as a nation.



Ryan Murphy
Student

I fly every year to Pennsylvania, and the idea of a terrorist taking over the plane still scares me. Sept. 11 showed us how strong our country is. We didn't let it destroy us, and we knew we had to rebuild and move forward. We'll never forget, though.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Firefighters, police to hold 9/11 remembrance

The 10th anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, will be observed Sunday in a brief ceremony hosted by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and the Pleasanton Police Department. The public remembrance will be held outside Fire Station No. 1 at 3560 Nevada St. in Pleasanton, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

The event will honor the victims of Sept. 11, their families, first responders and all military engaged since that crisis. In addition to a special presentation to honor Army Specialist Jameson Lindskog, a Pleasanton resident killed in Afghanistan, the agenda includes brief comments from Fire Chief Jim Miguel and Police Chief Dave Spiller, who will lead the ceremonial ringing of the bell in memory of those who died in the line of duty, and the traditional playing of bagpipes.

Hospitality task force

The city of Pleasanton is accepting applications for five at-large positions on a new ad hoc Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force to develop a set of guidelines to create a positive environment for downtown vitality. These could include consistency in hours of operation, allowance of indoor and outdoor music, and acceptable noise levels.

The task force, which will convene in late October, will include representatives from the City Council, Planning Commission and Pleasanton Downtown Association. The group will meet at least monthly and complete its work by May 2012. Members will do background reading and research plus engage the community in constructive dialogue about issues and opportunities in the downtown district.

Applications — due by 4 p.m. Sept. 23 — are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main St., or online at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Call 931-5027.

Soccer parade on Main

The annual Pleasanton soccer parade of teams from Ballistic United Soccer Club and Pleasanton RAGE will take place on Main Street tomorrow morning beginning at 7:30 a.m., requiring road closures from 6:30-9:30 a.m. The official parade route begins at St. Mary Street and Main and proceeds down Main to West Angela. The young soccer players dress colorfully according to a team theme to launch the new season of play.

Protestors ask council to block Wal-Mart from reopening Nob Hill grocery store

Cite retailer's low pay, inadequate health benefits, high traffic counts

By JEB BING

Anti-Wal-Mart protestors urged the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday night to block efforts by the retailer to open one of its Neighborhood Market grocery stores in the building where the Nob Hill supermarket was located on Santa Rita Road.

Wearing yellow badges objecting to Wal-Mart, more than 40 filled the council chamber after receiving anonymous fliers urging those who object to a Wal-Mart store at that location to voice their opinions. Many did in remarks made during the public comments session at the meeting.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, however, said the flier contained information that is factually incorrect, pointing out that Wal-Mart has no plans to build "a big box store" at the site or to redevelop the Nob Hill store.

City Manager Nelson Fialho acknowledged that Wal-Mart has submitted plans to occupy the Nob Hill store based on Nob Hill's approval 27 years ago of a planned unit development that allows

grocery stores. If Wal-Mart or any other grocer wants to reopen the store and abide by the same operating procedures, a permit would be given.

"So far, however, the applicant has not submitted a project application that would show those operating plans," Nelson said. "Until then, city planners have not moved forward on the permit requests."

If Wal-Mart would adhere to the same operating procedures that Nob Hill followed, permits could be issued without any review by the Planning Commission or the City Council. If Fialho said, Wal-Mart would want to be open for 24 hours a day, which was not allowed in the Nob Hill permit, that alone would trigger a full review and likely public hearings on Wal-Mart's application.

But even if Wal-Mart's operation would be consistent with Nob Hill's, Councilman Matt Sullivan said he would still want the council to consider the impact of the Wal-Mart store. Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio agreed, citing the city's recent approval of rezoning chang-

es that will allow for more high density housing throughout Pleasanton.

"I think we have to look at neighborhood retail centers such as this one to see if they meet the needs of a larger population that is coming," she said.

After hearing more than an hour of public protests against Wal-Mart, Councilwoman Cindy McGovern questioned that if the applicant to reopen the Nob Hill store was a Fresh & Easy or Trader Joe's, if there would be such negativity.

"I have received many emails from people who live near the old Nob Hill store and they want a grocery store there," she said.

Wal-Mart has been building smaller grocery stores, which it calls Neighborhood Market, across the country. These stores usually are 40,000 square feet and include a pharmacy. The Nob Hill building has less space. Nob Hill also did not have a pharmacy.

Objectors to the Wal-Mart plan cited the non-

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DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Daisy Roberson, 100, celebrates her birthday with (back) her daughter Gloria Roberson; (left) granddaughter Rhonda Fee; (right) great-granddaughter Alivia Schlessler; and great-great-granddaughter Caylee Duffus, age 18 months.

Happy 100th birthday, Daisy

Centenarian credits her longevity to natural food, exercise on the farm, and music

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Daisy Roberson, who turned 100 years old last Thursday, remembers growing up on a farm in Kansas with her six brothers and four sisters. She was third from the oldest, born Sept. 1, 1911.

"I took care of all the younger kids," Daisy recalled, as a birthday celebration was getting under way that afternoon where she lives at the Parkview on Valley Avenue in Pleasanton. "I started cooking when I was 6 years old. I baked bread and pies. All the kids around said I made the best chocolate cake."

She didn't taste store-bought bread until she was 13, which she believes contributed to her good health. Farm life also meant rising early in the morning and working hard all day.

Guests at Parkview included five generations of women in her family: daughter Gloria Roberson; granddaughter Rhonda Fee; great-granddaughter Alivia Schlessler; and great-great-granddaughter Caylee Duffus, age 18 months.

"I like to listen to the radio," Daisy said. "I never take a nap."

She moved to California with her husband in 1941 and they moved all around the state for his work before settling in San Leandro. She also lived in Fremont before moving with her daughter to Pleasanton about 11 years ago.

Daisy was a professional seamstress and also taught the accordion. When accordion playing became the rage she took lessons, then began to teach it.

"She has perfect pitch," explained Gloria. "She would tune everyone's instruments."

Gloria could not start school with the other children due to illness, so Daisy took it upon herself to become her teacher. When Gloria was healthy enough, Daisy asked the teacher when the children in school would be tested and talked her into letting Gloria sit in on the test, too, to see if she knew enough to join the second-grade class.

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Cigarette caused fire that killed dog, say firefighters

Passerby calls Fire Department after seeing flames in front yard

Cigarette ashes flicked into tan bark in front yard landscaping most likely caused a house fire last week in Pleasanton that killed a family dog, firefighters said.

A passerby called the Fire Department about 4:20 p.m. Aug. 31 after seeing flames and smoke outside a single-family home in the 2800 block of Curry Street, said Battalion Chief Joe Testa, in northeast Pleasanton near the end of Stoneridge Drive.

The fire was quickly extinguished, and crews checked for spread of it into the house.

The fire did cause damage to the exterior of the home and cracked windows but did not spread further. Two parents and two grown children were home at the time of the fire but were not aware of it until they heard the sirens as firefighters arrived.

The flames were quickly extinguished but the family dog, a beagle, was killed in the fire. One firefighter suffered a minor injury and was treated and released from the hospital.

The fire caused about \$25,000 in damage to the home, including discoloration of the walls and cracked windows, according to Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department reports. The occupants were able to return to the home after the incident.

A joint investigation conducted by the Pleasanton Police Department and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department determined that the probable cause was cigarette ashes dropped into tan bark in front of the home by occupants and their friends, according to reports.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Dental chair finds new life in Mexico

Sister-city group helps out friends in Tulancingo

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

One dentist's discard is another's dream. Of course the dental chair sent by the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister Cities Association was completely refurbished before it started its long journey from Texas to Tulancingo, Mexico.

The idea was planted in April 2010 when the Pleasanton delegation was visiting Tulancingo.

"The Soroptimist Club of Tulancingo gave PTSCA President Alice Pryor a tour of their outreach facility," recalled Rita Galvin, who manages the Youth Exchange for the club and also coordinated the chair project. "At their facility, they provide free dental services to mostly single and abused women. They asked for assistance in linking up with a possible donor for a much-needed dental chair."

In May 2010, word was sent out to the membership, and Galvin located a nonprofit group called the Power of One Dental Project, which was started by Amador Valley High School student William Tom. He is the son of Pleasanton orthodontist Thomson Tom and dentist Linda Mori.

William Tom, 19, who is now studying dentistry at the University of the Pacific, so far has distributed 1,870 dental kits to people in need through his organization.

Tom placed an ad in the Alameda



Dental Society Newsletter asking for the donation of a dental chair, and he also gave other dental supplies and a machine that sets fillings.

In December, Tom told Galvin that he had located a chair at Dental Planet in Wichita Falls, Texas, that was complete with high speed/low speed hookups, high vacuum hose, low vacuum hose and a chair light.

Jorge Victoria of the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister Cities Association volunteered to pick up the chair if it could be transported to Austin, where his daughter lives, and drive it to the Mexican border.

"Since the chair was coming from Texas, it was decided to ship the chair to Austin and ultimately to Laredo, Texas, rather than going through California," Galvin remembered. "The chair was being completely refurbished and was scheduled for delivery in March. Dental Planet donated the shipping costs for the chair delivery to Austin, to be stored there until Jorge

would drive it to Laredo."

In April, Jorge Victoria personally drove the dental chair from Austin to the shipping warehouse in Laredo, Texas. From there the Soroptimist Club of Tulancingo was responsible for getting it home: The dental chair arrived in August.

This was not the first major contribution from Pleasanton to its sister city Tulancingo. Twenty-two years ago, the group coordinated the donation of a fire truck from the then-Pleasanton Fire Department. Walt Wood and Mike Parsons drove the truck to the Mexican border where Tulancingo firemen waited to drive it the rest of the way. ■

Say 'hola'

The annual visit of the Tulancingo delegation from Pleasanton's sister city in Mexico takes place Sept. 20-26, and they will spend Thursday, Sept. 22, downtown, walking to the library, City Hall, and on a Ghost Walk sponsored by the Pleasanton Museum On Main. Members will be wearing their 2011 Visit polo shirts so will be identifiable. Anyone seeing them is encouraged to say hello and give them a warm welcome.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Top, left: Jorge Victoria drives the dental chair from Austin, Texas, to Laredo to continue on to Tulancingo, Mexico, for use at a facility that provides free dental services to abused women. Top: The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister Cities Association makes a contribution to William Tom for his Power of One Dental Project. Pictured in the Tulancingo Room at City Hall are (l-r) Corinne Mavridis, Tom and Rita Galvin. At last! The dental chair arrives in Tulancingo in August.



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TV 30 debuts new episode by campers

Teens learn as they produce 'Tri-Valley Youth View'

Congressman Jerry McNerney and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena are just two of the guests on a new episode of "Tri-Valley Youth View" airing on Channels 28 and 30. It is the result of the second session this summer of a TV Summer Camp available to middle school and high school students in the Tri-Valley.

Thirteen campers from Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon took over the studios of Tri-Valley Community TV on Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton while they participated in the five-day camp. The result is the special one-hour show.

"Tri-Valley Youth View" was written and produced by the middle and high school students," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director of TVCTV. "They researched and wrote questions, acted as crew for all the production positions, and were talent for the program."

This year, for the third summer, the community TV station offered



COURTESY TVCTV
Congressman Jerry McNerney on the set of "Tri-Valley Youth View" with Tri-Valley TV Summer Campers.

two sessions of the camp. Under the direction of Camp Director Mitch Eason, the hands-on TV Camp provided an introduction to the technical and talent aspects of studio and field production, writing, producing and digital video editing.

Guests on the show also include Cat Taylor, a naturalist at the East Bay Regional Park District; Jeff Cohen, in-

ventor of Voyage Air, a folding guitar seen on "Shark Tank"; Joelle Cook and Linda McKeever from Open Heart Kitchen; and Holly Stower from Children of the American Revolution.

"Tri-Valley Youth View" can be seen starting this Friday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on TV 30 and Monday at 5 p.m. on TV 28 via Comcast and on AT&T U-Verse TV via Channel 99. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Remembering apartheid: Todd Walberg and his Weekly visit Nelson Mandela's prison cell on Robben Island outside Capetown, South Africa. According to reports, his wife, Brenda, who took the picture, considered leaving him there after spending three weeks on safari with him in February.

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union retailer's low wages compared to other unionized stores and what they said is the company's failure to provide adequate health care coverage for its employees.

They also complained about increasingly heavy traffic at the Stoneridge Drive-Santa Rita Road intersection, where the Nob Hill retail center is located. They called for an environmental impact report

before Wal-Mart is issued operating permits to determine if traffic, pollution and air quality would be adversely affected by reopening the Nob Hill store.

Tom Foley, who manages the retail center, said other businesses in the shopping center have lost customers since Nob Hill was closed last year by its owner, Raley's Inc. The grocery store provided an economic anchor for those businesses, which, he said, want the supermarket reopened. ■

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"She passed," Daisy recalled.

She also fondly remembers the fun they all had with music and attending barn dances in Santa Cruz.

Now her eyesight is gone but she joined in the fun at the Parkview party, donning a pair of Happy Birthday eyeglasses and cuddling with her great-great-granddaughter, who calls her Nonnie.

"I was always strong and I always exercised and here I am," Daisy said with a smile. ■

Granddaughter's tribute

It's not everyday we get to witness someone celebrate a century of living and five generations together at one time. Grandma is generation 1; Gloria Roberson, my mom, is generation 2; my sister Denise Fee and I are generation 3; our children Kayla and Connor Coatney and Alivia and Morgann Schlessler are generation 4; and Alivia's Caylee Rose is generation 5! Wow!

Grandma rarely ate out at restaurants. She has always had a great awareness of cleanliness and good hygiene, and realizing you don't always know what you'll get at a restaurant, she chose to steer clear of eating out most of the time. I imagine that's part of the reason she is still to this day one of the healthiest people I know. With that said, she



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

"Grandma, what big glasses you have!" Daisy Roberson, 100, celebrates her birthday with her great-great-granddaughter Caylee Duffus, age 18 months.

mostly ate only what she cooked. She personally has never eaten (and still to this day does not eat) butter, gravy and mayonnaise. Seriously, in her baking she used shortening instead of butter! Go figure!

As her granddaughter, I have to say her skill for baking is a favorite of mine and growing up we often shared recipes and the love of baking. In my childhood, Grandma literally made her own donuts, cinnamon rolls, pies, cakes and candy! I believe my love of sweets is in large part grandma's fault! Sweets have always been her favorite and they are for sure mine! Thanks, Grandma!

—Daisy Roberson's granddaughter
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Business News

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Rotary North plans 'A Starry Night'

Apple CEO's desk part of benefit auction

The executive desk used by John Sculley during 10 years as Apple CEO heads the line-up of valuable items for auction at "A Starry Night," a gala evening of dining, dancing and charitable giving on Sept. 24, sponsored by Pleasanton North Rotary.

Tri-Valley merchants and individuals have donated more than 50 products and services for live and silent auctions at the 23rd annual event, to be held at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton.

Sculley was president of PepsiCo when he heeded the call of Apple Founder Steve Jobs in 1983 to become CEO of the still young computer company in Cupertino. Under Sculley's management from behind the desk being auctioned, Apple sales grew 10-fold to \$8 billion.

Other items to be auctioned in-

clude vacations in New Orleans, Pebble Beach, Napa Valley, and Squaw Valley and Ridge Tahoe ski resorts.

The gala in 2010 raised more than \$95,000 for many of the same Tri-Valley charities that will benefit from this year's fund-raising. Beneficiaries include REACH, a housing and education program bringing independent living to the developmentally disabled; Tri-Valley Special Olympics Northern California; Hope Hospice; Kaleidoscope (Easter Seals); Pleasanton Gardens Senior Housing; Las Positas College Foundation; El Oasis, a school and orphanage near Ensenada, Mexico; and Polio Plus, Rotary International's effort to eradicate polio.

A special fund-a-need project featured this year at A Starry Night will

continue the club's support for the construction of new classrooms and offices for School of Imagination and Happy Talkers in Dublin, a school devoted to educating autistic and developmentally disabled children.

A 50/50 raffle will help fund the Rotary club's collaboration with the Wheelchair Foundation, a partnership that has distributed more than 5,300 wheel chairs to needy individuals in Central and South America since 2003.

Mark Ibanez, sports director of KTVU Channel 2, will serve as A Starry Night's master of ceremonies. Public Eye will play high-energy, '80s-style rock 'n' roll.

Sponsored tables and individual tickets (\$150 per person) can be purchased at A Starry Night's website: www.astarrynight.org. ■

Safeway contributes \$10.4 million to MDA

Pleasanton-based company raises more than \$68 million in 10 years

Pleasanton-based Safeway Inc. customers and employees have raised \$10.4 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, funding millions of dollars in research and for supporting MDA clinical care.

Safeway Executive Vice President Larree Renda presented National Youth Chairman Luke Christie with the check during the MDA Labor Day Telethon in Las Vegas on Sunday.

Including this year's contributions, the extended Safeway family has raised more than \$68 million to the Muscular Dystrophy Association during its 10-year company-wide partnership with MDA.

Safeway's commitment to MDA is making lives better for children and adults who have neuromuscular diseases, CEO, President and Telethon Executive Producer Jerry Weinberg said.

"Because of the generosity of Safeway Inc.'s employees and cus-

tomers, MDA is the vanguard of state-of-the-art neuromuscular research, moving us ever closer to innovative treatments," Wienberg said. "Safeway's remarkable support for the families that MDA serves is deeply appreciated."

Those contributions ensure continual support of international neuromuscular disease research to find treatments and cures for the 43 diseases that MDA covers.

"We are infinitely grateful to each and every customer for their support and their commitment to helping MDA eradicate some of the most debilitating diseases that face medical science," Larree Renda, Executive Vice President and Chair of the Safeway Foundation. "MDA is a remarkable organization funding more than 300 leading-edge research projects worldwide annually that are changing lives."

In 2011 alone, Safeway customer

and employee support has propelled MDA-funded research to achieve life-changing results:

- Enabled MDA to provide financial assistance for the start of the first placebo-controlled clinical trial in the U.S. of eteplisen, an exon skipping drug that may be effective for some boys who have Duchenne muscular dystrophy. The trial began Aug. 18, in Columbus, Ohio. A British trial of the drug shows the compound is safe and that it can significantly increase production of the needed dystrophin protein.
- Launched the first clinical trial with a drug that specifically targets the genetic flaw in familial ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.
- Gained FDA approval to initiate a clinical trial with the first drug designed to reverse the genetic flaw in Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a disease that causes the muscles to atrophy and waste away. ■

State legislators seek to aid solar firms

Want state to give bid preferences to California businesses

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett (D-San Leandro) and Assemblyman Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) called on the Legislature on Wednesday to continue nurturing the growth of the solar industry and pass a bill to give companies using solar panels manufactured or assembled in California a leg up in state contracts.

"I understand people's anger and frustration over Solyndra's bankruptcy, and I will do everything I can to assist the 1,100 people who lost their jobs and get answers to what happened," Corbett said. "However, now is not the time to turn our back on important emerging industries, such as solar power, that will be the cor-

nerstones of the 21st century global economy."

"Senate Bill 134 supports California jobs," Corbett added. "If California is going to place solar panels on state property, we should try to use panels that are made or assembled in California. It's plain common sense to use taxpayer dollars to support California jobs."

Wieckowski agreed.

"One thing is clear," he said. "Solyndra's demise shows how tough it is to compete with solar companies in other countries, such as China, which benefit from cheap labor and huge government subsidies. SB 134 is the right thing to do."

Last week the Fremont-based solar

company Solyndra shut down, laid off 1,100 employees, and filed for bankruptcy. Many have questioned the state and federal governments' funding of the company as part of efforts to nurture the development of the solar power industry.

SB 134 would provide a 5% bid preference on state contracts to companies that use solar panels manufactured or assembled in California.

The bottom line is California's unemployment rate is more than 12%, and its economy continues to struggle to rebound from recession. The legislators said that enacting SB 134 is one simple step they can take to help protect California jobs. ■

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Losing a bit of our heritage

The city of Pleasanton has a problem when it comes to old houses and trees. There aren't many of them and often neither is worth saving when age and deterioration take their toll. Members of the Planning Commission and City Council, along with scores of interested individuals and organizations bent on preserving historic buildings and trees, also took their toll in the long hours of public hearings and discussions over what to do with a 1908 bungalow on a 1.2-acre site at 4189 Old Stanley Blvd. and two Douglas fir trees at the front of the property and about the same age.

Last Tuesday, after reviewing several hundred pages of reports from city planners, developers, the city arborist, traffic engineers and neighbors along Old Stanley, the City Council ended a debate that began two years ago. In a 3-2 vote near the midnight hour, Donato Builders Inc. won its request to tear it all down and build 13 "affordable" cluster homes on the site. The new homes, ranging in floor space from 1,599 to 1,920 square feet, will be served by a private street off Stanley, and will have garages and guest parking. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who supported the project, said the single family houses will add to the limited number of smaller homes in Pleasanton. Their size in a location within walking distance of downtown should have special appeal to younger couples who find they are priced out of mainstream Pleasanton.

If there was a time to save the old and vacant Craftsman-style house and the trees, it was long ago. Building inspectors said the house had deteriorated to a point where it would be too costly to restore except by a dedicated, well-financed preservationist. Mike Fulford, the city's landscaper, said the old trees were "topped" years ago in a way that left them mutilated. In recent years, large branches have fallen onto the roadway and other lots, including that of Window-ology, a retail business next door whose owner said some damage had already occurred. Councilman Matt Sullivan, who voted against the project, said it was not in his heart to tear down an old house — or old houses — in Pleasanton.

We agree. A look at the stately Victorians and other old-style homes on Second and Third street show how elegant, aging but well-maintained homes can be. Sullivan suggests creating a policy to make sure aging homes are adequately maintained. Other cities have these kinds of laws but despite efforts by former City Planner Wayne Rasmussen to write such an ordinance 10 years ago, nothing has changed. In Livermore, 50-year-old trees can't be removed; in Pleasanton, they can. In many cities, well-preserved older homes and properties are considered heritage buildings, and some even have plaques recognizing their value. Pleasanton has none. Even the aging Pleasanton Hotel, which is showing serious wear and tear, could be removed although it is likely city authorities would try hard to prevent that. Bud Collier invested more than \$1 million of his own money to restore the Kolln Hardware store building because he wanted to preserve its architectural importance on Main Street.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Linda Garbarino, who with Bonnie Krichbaum has organized the Pleasanton Heritage Association, threw up her hands in exasperation as she found Hosterman and council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne moving toward approving the new development. Councilwoman Cindy McGovern also voted against the project but more because she felt the 13 new homes were being crammed into a lot too small, and too close to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks for those who will live there.

Garbarino cited a report by Matthew Davis at the state's Resources Agency who said the 1908 bungalow "despite its non-original cladding, retains integrity of feeling and association because it continues to convey a sense of early 20th century residential construction in the Pleasanton area."

Let's hope that Sullivan and the Heritage Association can garner support to revisit Wayne Rasmussen's vision of a heritage ordinance that would recognize and save the few older buildings we have in Pleasanton before they're all gone. ■



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DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Personalizing jewelry with passion

Check out Harvest Fest booth for hand-stamped and engraved items

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

At a recent street fair on Main Street, a woman purchased a pendant with the names of her two recently deceased dogs. Then she decided to get one in remembrance of her mother, too, recalled Christina Fakiri, whose business offers hand stamping and engraving of pendants.

"She knew what she wanted but she didn't know the message," Christina said. Then she decided on, simply: "I miss you."

"It's nice to have customers be part of the creative process," Christina said.

She and her mother Johna Romelt run their own online business called "idjewelry," and they are just beginning to visit street fairs with their ID items, doing the hand stamping and engraving on the spot. They said the Antiques Fair on Main Street in May was a wonderful experience.

"It was nice to meet locals," Christina said.

They are looking forward to their booth at next weekend's Harvest Festival at the Fairgrounds. Year-round they sell on their website, www.idjewelry.com.

Christina owned a shop on Angela Street between Main Street and First called Retro Martini, where she sold vintage clothing, which closed in 2009. When she received a treasure trove of vintage jewelry from her grandmother, she began to refashion the brooches, necklaces and earrings.

"She was a pin-up girl in the '40s," said Christina. "She's now 85 years old and still lives in San Francisco. She had so much jewelry."

Four years ago Christina wore her first creation to a wedding, to much acclaim, then began assembling vintage pieces

for gifts. She keeps the jewelry from her grandmother and searches out materials elsewhere.

"eBay has tons of broken jewelry," she said. "My priority is taking broken jewelry and making it into something beautiful."

Although she is busy raising her daughter Sairi, who will be 3 in November, she wanted to keep her identity with a venture of her own.

"I missed my store, and it's my natural instinct to want to run a business," she said.

Johna is just retiring after 30 years in the mortgage business and moved to Pleasanton from San Diego last November so the timing was good for her, too.

"We decided to start slow, and my husband said let's start online," Christina recalled.

In this family business, her husband Sha runs the website. She also has a 16-year-old daughter, Samantha, at Amador Valley High, and in honor of her husband and daughters, Christina works an "s" into every piece of jewelry she wears.

The women stock high-quality sterling silver for the medical ID bracelets but don't do that part for profit. They were the idea of Johna's husband, Christina's father, Steven Romelt, who died last year after battling lung cancer for seven years.

"The medical ID jewelry is truly a tribute to him," Johna said.

They advise people to speak to their doctors before ordering medical ID jewelry to see what lettering should be used, noting that a person can have many conditions or allergies.

Running the business lets the mother and daughter enjoy time together. They each have a studio in their own Pleasanton homes but mostly they work at Johna's where Sairi makes herself at home, too.

"I'm the engraver, Christina is the stamper," Johna said.

"It fits our personalities," Christina noted.

"Everyone Christina's age and younger gravitates to stamping. In my age group, we look at sterling," her mother explained, which she engraves.

Johna was the one to insist on carrying anklets and toe rings although Christina didn't see it. And that's why they're a good team, they say — it helps to have two viewpoints.

They charge \$5 for an aluminum engraved ID tag. Other pieces range from \$10 to \$80, and the toe rings and anklets sell for \$5.99.

"We have a little bit of everything," Christina noted: baby items, a charm of a family tree, mommy jewelry. A pendant for those who avoid e-books states, "I turn pages when I read."

They have a collection for breast cancer survivors with the ribbon symbol and the word "survivor." Another says, "karma." They engrave to commemorate births, deaths and special occasions.

"At the last fair, I was really amazed," Johna said. "Hand stamping, they loved it. Once four or five people were waiting."

They clearly enjoy their work and take pride in their products. It's all summed up in their sign: "ID jewelry: Personalization is our passion." ■



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Upper left: The first piece of jewelry designed by Christina Fakiri (right) is displayed on a form; Christina and her mother Johna Romelt, holding her granddaughter Sairi, have a business selling redesigned vintage and ID jewelry. They have a booth at next weekend's Harvest Festival at the Fairgrounds.



One-act musical explores relationships

A man and a woman rehash 'The Last Five Years'

A contemporary musical that ingeniously chronicles the five-year life of a marriage from meeting to break-up — or from break-up to meeting, depending on how you look at it — is opening Sept. 16, presented by Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre.

"The Last Five Years," a one-act musical written by Jason Robert Brown, is an intensely personal look at the relationship between a writer and an actress told from both points of view. Popular songs from the show are "Parade" and "Songs For A New World."

It premiered in Chicago in 2001 and was produced off-Broadway in March 2002. Since then it has had numerous productions both in the United States and internationally.

The story explores a five-year relationship between Jamie Wellerstein, a rising novelist, and Cathy Hyatt, a struggling actress. The show uses a form of storytelling in which Cathy's

story is told in reverse chronological order (beginning the show at the end of the marriage), and Jamie's is told in chronological order (starting just after the couple first met).

The two characters, played by Katherine Cooper and Greg Zema, tell their sides of the story from opposite chronological ends, only meeting in the middle when they get married. The show contains adult language and situations. Direction and musical direction are by Min Kahng.

The show runs through Oct. 9 with performances at 8 p.m. Fridays/Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the TVRT Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, \$20 for students, and a substantial discount for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets. Tickets may be purchased online at www.trivalleyrep.org or by phone at 462-2121. ■

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Above: Flower Market by Karen Fleschler; below: Under the Rainbows by Sue Evans.

Pleasanton Art League exhibit opens Sept. 15

First visual arts show of the season at Harrington Gallery

Members of the Pleasanton Art League will showcase their talents at its annual fall exhibition at the Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery, which runs Sept. 15-Oct. 15. A reception and awards ceremony will be held from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton.

Works at this visual arts exhibit will represent a wide variety of media including watercolor, oil, pastel and photography and two- and three-dimensional pieces. All works will have been completed

within the past two years and have not been displayed locally.

San Jose artist Claire Schroeven-Verbiest, exhibit judge, will select \$100 merit award and ribbon winners. Schroeven-Verbiest is considered one of the finest watercolor and pastel artists in the San Francisco Bay Area and frequently serves as a juror for local art shows.

The Pleasanton Art League is a group of local artists and patrons who support the visual arts and are dedicated to integrating them into the fabric of Tri-Valley life. PAL was founded

in 1969, and its membership includes artists of all skill levels, from the beginner, to the hobby artist, to the professional artist.

It also welcomes art lovers and patrons to enjoy discussions, workshops by nationally recognized artists, and venues for exhibiting and selling artwork. Visit www.pal-art.com.

Harrington Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and one hour prior to Firehouse Arts Center performances and during intermission. Donations are appreciated. ■



story by DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

10 SEPT. 11 YEARS LATER

Pleasanton reflects on the day
that changed America

*"We're still in shock but then we realize it's national
and international. It changed the world"*

THERESA AIMAR, PLEASANTON RESIDENT FROM NEW YORK

The young dad at his parent-teacher conference in upstate New York six weeks after Sept. 11, 2001, suddenly looked at his watch and jumped to his feet, recounted Theresa Aimar, a Pleasanton resident from New York.

"He said, 'I've gotta go. My wife is taking a college class and I have to go take notes for her until they find her,'" Aimar said last week, fighting back tears. "He was in denial."

His wife had been working in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, and the first-grade teacher was Aimar's sister, Joan, one of many family members who still live in Orange County, New York, which lost dozens of residents in the tragedy.

Her brother Joe was part of a vigil for the return of his neighbor, the mother of a 3-week-old baby. Her brother Joe was a child counselor, who now had to attend parents' funerals.

"I grew up there — all the dads were firemen and policemen," Aimar said. "For generations, those neighbors are missing dads. First responders kind of hang together — now they're helping raise each other's kids."

Pleasanton residents awoke Sept. 11, 2001, to the news that the United States was under attack by terrorists. Two hijacked planes had flown into the World Trade Center, and one had collided into the Pentagon. Another crashed in the fields of Shanksville, Pa., shortly after 7 a.m., PST. By 9:15 a.m., American airspace was cleared of all commercial and private flights. Americans had seen attacks in other countries, even against its embassies and ships, but now it was happening here.

City staff lowered its flag to half-mast, and people erected impromptu monuments. Pleasanton held a community-wide ecumenical service at the Fairgrounds that Saturday night, a chance to join together at that time of national mourning. The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters held a pancake breakfast at the Veterans Hall to raise money for the emergency services personnel in New York City.

Pleasanton was also impacted because one of the hijacked airplanes, Flight 93, was bound for San Francisco. Tom Burnett, 38, Thoratec Corp.'s senior vice president and chief operating officer, was on board; he and his fellow passengers were credited with diverting the hijackers from a more populated target. Burnett made four phone calls to his wife Deena in San Ramon during the hijacking, which helped form a coherent idea of what was happening on board.

In March 2002, Thoratec renamed the street off Stoneridge Drive where it's located in Pleasanton after Burnett. At the street dedication, Deena Burnett said that even six months later, parts of the phone calls were still coming back to her. "They are like little gifts," she said.

On that fateful Tuesday morning, Aimar was at her home on Second Street getting her three young sons ready for school.

"My sister called and said, 'Both boys are fine.' She meant our two brothers were fine. They both work in Manhattan and one was on his way to the World Trade Center," Aimar recalled. "I said, 'What are you were talking about?'"

When her sister responded, "Our tower's down," Aimar understood.

"I was about 13 when my father finished building the World Trade Center," she said, "putting in air conditioning and refrigeration. He'd come home every day talking about the World Trade Center. At about 13 I remember him saying they were the tallest buildings in the world, and his pride."

As events unfolded after Sept. 11, she became unsettled, and it struck a note with her when

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani pleaded with people to visit New York and spend money. Six weeks after the tragedy she traveled to New York, inviting family and friends to join her in a place she rented on Park Avenue at 59th Street.

"I sat with them for several days, and then realized I was the only one in their entire surroundings that could only sit and listen. Everyone else they tried to talk to had a story; here was an outsider that could absorb it and feel it, without going, 'Yeah, I lost one, or two, people.' That's what my calling was," Aimar said.

"They so badly wanted to tell outsiders how bad things were," she explained. "When everybody's bleeding, there's nobody to get the band-aid."

One evening about 20 of them headed out to dinner and located a restaurant south of Canal Street that was hurting.

"When the waiter brought us a flier with the specials, I told him, 'I came from California to spend money. We're not here for a deal, we're here because we're Americans,'" she told the Pleasanton Weekly soon after that trip. "He was a grown man and had tears coming down his eyes."

They bought hotdogs from vendors in Cen-



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Theresa Aimar, soon after Sept. 11, 2001, remembers taking this photo from the ferry of the New York City skyline.

tral Park and pictures and souvenirs.

"We tipped the taxis extra and the bellhops. 'Our hearts are bleeding for you,' we told them."

Aimar's first attempt to visit Ground Zero was thwarted when the subways were halted due to a suspicious package at Grand Central Station. As her group tromped down the city streets, trying along with everyone else to hail a cab, she said she "realized I was literally living the lifestyle that New Yorkers have become accustomed to."

The next day they made it to Ground Zero. A quarter of a mile away, as she exited the train underground, the stench — "like a deer decaying in the woods" and of burning metal — left her clutching her stomach, fighting for self-control as those around her ignored it.

"When we got to Ground Zero, people from all walks of life, from babies in their mothers' packs to seniors, were looking and mourning. They were standing in disbelief. You could tell they were praying. Those with children were holding them tightly," she said, breaking down at the memory.

She saw also saw a homeless man crying. "He had friends in there, too," she said. "It affected everybody, from the homeless man to the president."

When she called her husband from New York, he said, "I can hear in your voice that you're back." And indeed, she was feeling like herself again after her pilgrimage.



JEB BING

Gary O'Connor of Station 1 holds out a boot for donations on Main Street at a fundraiser at the end of September 2001 for New York firefighters and emergency services personnel.

Now, as the anniversary approaches, Aimar is again feeling the anguish.

"I was in Manhattan for the Christmas holidays last year, and I would notice that when we would hear an airplane, to this day their heads still go up," she said last week.

She now worries about her niece at college in NYC being a target. And her sister Barbara lost the travel agencies she had spent her whole career building, when people quit flying.

"I don't think things have been quite the same for her since then," Aimar said.

She recently asked her visiting 11-year-old nephew how the kids in her old hometown were doing but he didn't understand the question.

"It made me realize that kids from ages 0 to 20 don't have the effect that the rest of us have had," she said. "That's what a decade has done. A whole generation becoming adults,

not knowing what it was like before. Now people are much more vigilant, not just in New York but in all public places. The world has changed. In general people aren't as relaxed. In airports for sure."

"I text my kids prior to taking off when I travel and tell them I love them knowing the risk of flying nowadays," she added.

A positive change has been everyone's appreciation for those who protect the public, she noted. "They've been noticed and respected."

She hosted an exchange student from Spain recently and asked him about it. She just had to say "9-11," she said, and he responded that it was a tragedy for the whole world to see America attacked on its own land.

"We're still in shock but then we realize it's national and international. It changed the world," Aimar said. ■



SHANNON COREY

At the emotional dedication of Tom Burnett Lane off Stoneridge Avenue next to Thoratec Corp. in March 2002, his (l-r) widow Deena, father Tom Sr. and mother Beverly honor the American flag. Burnett was on Flight 93, which crashed in a field in Pennsylvania after the passengers diverted the hijackers from a more populated target.



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission – Wed., Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- PGPA-17, City of Pleasanton: Scoping Session and Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for citywide Housing Element Update and Climate Action Plan
- P11-0033, Property Development Centers: Sign Design for Pleasanton Gateway, on Bernal Ave. between I-680 & Valley Ave
- P11-0716/P11-0714, Ladd: Downtown Specific Plan Amendment to demolish primary buildings at 225 Spring St and construct a 2,877 sq. ft. home, 3,283 sq. ft. detached workshop and 3-car garage
- PUD-50-01M – Ponderosa Homes, Carol Lehman, and William & Kathryn Selway: Major Modification to PUD-50 to increase lots from 27 to 31 on 19.47 acres at 3157 Treney Dr & 2313 Martin Ave.; construct 29 homes, change house designs & sizes, and related on/offsite modifications

Housing Commission – Thurs., Sept. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Management Assessment Subsystems Report for Pleasanton Housing Authority
- Operating Budget for Ridge View Commons for 2012
- Commission Representative to Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force
- Ownership status report for The Promenade Apartments

Economic Vitality Committee – Thurs., Sept. 15 at

7:30 a.m.

Conf Rm 3, 157 Main Street

- EVC Priorities & Subcommittee Reports

Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force

Tues, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Discuss potential renovation & replacement of Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens senior apartments

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

Applications are being accepted for the following vacancies: (Apply by 4pm, Fri. Sept. 16th)

- Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee – 1 Youth Member
- Civic Arts Commission – Alternate
- Economic Vitality Committee – 1 Rep from the following categories: Business Park • Commercial Real Estate Broker • Commercial Real Estate Developer • Professional Services Firm • Commercial Services Firm • Infrastructure • Medical Technology
- Energy & Environment Committee – 1 Member & 1 Youth Member
- Library Commission – 1 Alternate
- Youth Master Plan Oversight Committee – 1 Preschool & 1 High School Parent
- Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority Citizens Advisory Committee – 2 Representatives
- Altamont Landfill Committee Education Advisory Board – 1 Representative (applicants should be a PUSD science, environmental or educational teacher, and an Alameda County resident)
- Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force – 5 Members. The task force will meet monthly between October 2011 and May 2012 to develop a set of guidelines that addresses key elements in creating a positive and responsible environment for downtown vitality, including consistency in hours of operation for venues, allowance of indoor and outdoor music, and acceptable noise levels. (Applications for this Task Force must be received by 4pm, Fri. Sept 23)

Applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 123 Main Street, the City website <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/newcommapp.pdf>. For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

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

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

POLICE BULLETIN

Thousands in jewelry taken in Ruby Hill burglary

A burglary in the 3400 block of Torlano Court in Ruby Hill yielded three necklaces worth \$1,000 apiece, two pair of earrings worth \$500 each, and a beaded purse worth \$100, a police report said. The theft took place between 7 a.m. Sept. 2 and 7 p.m.

Sept. 5, according to the report, which said a bedroom window had been left unlocked.

In other police reports:

An Aug. 30 burglary in the 4500 block of Muirwood Drive netted a 32-inch LCD TV worth \$599. The burglary occurred between 7 a.m. and 6:10 p.m.; a sliding glass door at the home had been left unlocked.

A home burglary on Aug. 29 in the 3600 block of Annis Court yielded a brand new LCD TV worth \$700, a DVD player worth \$100, miscellaneous DVDs and a matching earring and necklace set worth \$75. The burglary took place between 9:30 and 10 a.m.; a front door had been left unlocked.

POLICE REPORT

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

Aug. 29

Theft

- 6:18 a.m. in the 7400 block of Maywood Drive; grand theft

Burglary

- 4:21 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, burglary, shoplifting

Aug. 30

Theft

- 8:48 a.m. in the 7400 block of Hillview Court; petty theft
- 10:17 a.m. in the 4000 block of Alderwood Court; petty theft
- 12:38 p.m. in the 5700 block of Valley Avenue; petty theft
- 3:31 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; petty theft
- 7:59 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft

Burglary

- 3:46 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 5:02 p.m. in the 3600 block of Annis Circle
- 6:49 p.m. in the 4500 block of Muirwood Drive

Battery

- 9:59 p.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue

Vandalism

- 8:30 a.m. in the 700 block of Sunny Brook Way

Aug. 31

Theft

- 9:33 a.m. in the 6600 block of Amber Lane; petty theft
- 9:56 a.m. in the 1800 block of Brooktree Way; identity theft
- 10:03 a.m. in the 1500 block of Poppybank Court; auto theft
- 11:34 a.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement
- 1:37 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Vandalism

- 1:46 p.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Payne Road

Drug violations

- 12:43 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita road; marijuana possession
- 3:33 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Del Valle Parkway; possession of a hypodermic needle, paraphernalia possession
- 7:42 p.m. in the 3000 block of Chardonnay Drive; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession, possession of stolen property
- 9:14 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a hypodermic needle

Sept. 1

Petty theft

- 11:42 a.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 10:40 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

Drug/alcohol violations

- 7:02 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Vineyard Avenue; possession of a prescription in another name, marijuana possession, paraphernalia possession
- 11:30 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue; DUI

Sept. 2

Theft

- 10:53 a.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; grand theft
- 11:40 a.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall road; petty theft
- 7:27 p.m. in the 5100 block of Willowview Court; theft
- 9:46 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:01 a.m. in the 5700 block of Johnson Drive; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 1:48 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and I-680; DUI
- 2:38 a.m. in the 5600 block of

Springhouse Drive; public drunkenness

- 9:41 p.m. in the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway; DUI

- 10:28 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Regalia Court; bicycling while intoxicated

- 11:07 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street; public drunkenness

Sept. 3

Robbery

- 6:55 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; robbery, theft

Theft

- 9:05 p.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue; identity theft

Vandalism

- 10:55 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:26 a.m. in the 600 block of Main Street; DUI
- 1:30 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Greenwood Road; DUI
- 5:32 a.m. in the 7800 block of Oak Creek Drive; public drunkenness

Sept. 4

DUI

- 1:08 a.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane
- 8:42 p.m. in the 300 block of Ray Street

Sept. 5

Theft

- 11:05 a.m. in the 3000 block of Badger Drive; grand theft
- 12:03 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; auto theft
- 6:04 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Disturbing the peace

- 8:46 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Division Street

Public drunkenness

- 12:45 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Division Street
- 12:59 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street

OBITUARIES

John Soopikian

John Soopikian, 46, died Aug. 24 when he exited I-680 in Fremont to discuss an accident with the other driver and he was struck by another vehicle.

Mr. Soopikian was born in Tehran, Iran, on March 8, 1964, to Dr. George Soopikian and Touban Anvar Soopikian, the only son of five children. After the Iranian revolution in 1979, his family moved to Long Beach. He received a bachelor's de-

gree in electrical engineering from California State University Long Beach in 1986, and held high level technical and managerial positions

in companies including Western Digital and LSI Logic. He met and married his wife Ziba, on March 26, 2000, and they lived in Northern California for more than 11 years. Mr. Soopikian had a thirst for personal growth and read books extensively, ranging from



Masnavi to Baha'i writings, and other educational literature and world affairs. He enjoyed cycling, racquetball, tennis, skiing and volleyball; music was one of his passions and his taste was extensive; he also loved to analyze the design of most electronics.

He is survived by his wife Ziba; children Rojan, 8, and Tara, 6; sisters Carmen, Juliet, Lida and Jacklin; and many extended family members globally. Donations may be made to the family's fund for the children: ACF Rojan Soopikian CA UTMA; Jacklin Soopikian Grammer, Account No. 40027008644; Routing No. 321171184.

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Classes

PLEASANTON ROCKS! Where would we be without rocks? Come see, feel, taste, smell and even hear the minerals which make up our world and the cultures in which we live from 11 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 24, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Cost is \$3 for residents; \$5 for non-res-

idents. Pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.

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.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL Pleasantonians 4 Peace will host a candlelight Vigil at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, in

front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. The group will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor our veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. For information, contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com or kdowd-ing@pacbell.net; or visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

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.

Concerts

PEPPINO D'AGOSTINO AND CARLOS REYES Guitarist, D'Agostino, and harpist/violinist, Reyes, blend their music in a unique performance that highlights their individual and combined talents, at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 16, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25 for adults; \$22 for seniors and \$12 for children. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Events

AAUW INFORMATIONAL MEETING Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women will welcome members and prospective members from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, at Alviso Adobe, 3465 Old Foothill Road. The informational meeting will tell about AAUW interest groups and activities as well as give a tour of the grounds. Refreshments. Call 484-3321.

CELEBRATING SUFFRAGE IN CALIFORNIA Celebrate 100 Years of Women's Suffrage in California with the Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women Voters from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at Ruthie's Room, Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Memories from the past and plans for future League study and action. Refreshments. The event is free. Public is invited. Call 447-8721.

GOURMET FOOD TRUCKS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS A Gourmet Food Truck Festival will include gourmet food trucks, beer, wine, margaritas and live music. Bring a blanket or chair enjoy the fun and food, from 4-9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Entrance fee \$2 for adults. Call 321-1948 or visit www.gourmetfoodtruckfestival.com.

JUMP INTO GNON Hosted by Rockin' Jump, the ultimate trampoline park. Special this night only, bring your kids to jump while you attend GNON (Girls Night Out Networking). Only \$5 an hour (regular, \$12). Cost \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Event is from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, at Rockin' Jump, 5875 Arnold Rd., Ste. 100, Dublin. RSVP by Sept. 12 at 487-4748 or visit www.gnontrivalley.com.

KIDS IN THE WATERSHED! Do you want a fun, hands-on adventure? Learn some environmental science as you scan stream banks for vegetation cover and other signs of a healthy habitat from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Marilyn Kane Trail. Also, test your chemistry skills as you learn and do water quality testing. Be prepared to get your hands and feet wet! Cost is \$5 for residents; \$7 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.

STAR PARTY Come and hear great stories from the City Naturalist and, if the skies are willing, view the wonders above, from 8-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at Alviso

Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. NASA designed, hands-on activities will be followed by telescope observations. Dress with the weather in mind. Cost is \$5 for residents; \$7 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.

THIRD ANNUAL LVPAC GUITAR FEST LIVE! LVPAC Guitar Fest LIVE! will bring together guitar legends, musicians and fans of guitar-inspired music Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-17, in downtown Livermore. Concert ticket prices start at \$14 for students; \$39-62 for adults. Enjoy free activities with clinics from world-class guitarists on Saturday, Sept. 17. Call 373-6100 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

TRI-VALLEY WOOD CARVERS 39TH ANNUAL SHOW Woodcarver show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 17-18 at Tri-Valley Woodcarver, 301 Main St. They will have demos for sharpening, turning and burning. Soap carving for kids. Prize money for contest winners. This event is free. Call 408-386-6042 or visit www.tri-valleycarvers.com.

TVAR ADOPTION FAIRE Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will have adorable dogs and cats for adoption from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. A dog trainer will be on site to help families with breed choices and to describe dog activity levels that will best fit their household. In addition, helpful items such as beds, collars, leashes and food will be given to the adopters. Call 803-7043 or visit www.tvar.org.

VALLEY BLUES FESTIVAL Attend the third annual Valley Blues Festival, presented by the Castro Valley Rotary Club, from noon-6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park, 9711 Dublin Canyon Road, Castro Valley. Enjoy live music from The Daniel Castro Band, Georgi and the Rough Week, and the SolMates. Cost is \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. All proceeds go to local charities. Food and beverage will be available for sale. Call (510) 329-8155 or visit www.valleybluesfestival.com.

WIDOWS HAPPY HOUR The Widow and Widowers of Northern California would like to invite you to join them for Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, at Sheraton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd. Cost your choice of food and beverage. Please RSVP to Kathy by Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 828-5124.

WIDOWS LUNCHEON The Widow and Widowers of Northern California would like to invite you to join them for Lunch at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Mexico Lindo Restaurant, 6690 Koll Center Parkway. Cost your menu choice and beverage. RSVP to Pat by Sunday, Sept. 18, at 447-7680.

Film

'RIDING THE RAILS' This Peabody award winning documentary film, "Riding the Rails," is about the 250,000 teenagers who hopped freight trains during the Great Depression, looking for opportunities and/or adventure. The film and program is from 6:30-9:30

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Fundraisers

BACK TO SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RUN Northern California Association of Sales and Marketing Companies will host the 16th annual Back to School Scholarship Run on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd. This run raises money for college scholarships for children of parents who work in the California food industry. To register, call (209) 795-7832 or visit www.active.com.

DUBLIN LIBRARY BOOK SALE Friends of the Dublin Library will host its fall book sale from 6-8:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 16 for members only; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17; 1-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18 (Sunday is Bag Day for \$4 per bag), at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. Call 828-1315.

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FOOTHILL FALCON FEST Paint the town blue at Foothill's fifth annual Falcon Fest from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 16, at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Rd. There is no

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INTRO TO JEWISH CULTURE SCHOOL Learn about a fun, hands-on Secular Jewish Sunday School for kids ages 5-14, from 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Students cook, sing and dance. This group meets twice monthly in Castro Valley. Call 485-1049.

Lectures/ Workshops

'LIES ABOUT THE ECONOMY' Speaker Joshua Holland is the author of "The fifteen biggest lies about the economy" and a senior writer and editor at Alternet.org, a highly trafficked news portal. The lecture is from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at IBEW Local 595, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. He goes beyond the most recent Republican talking points to explain the issues with depth and nuance. There is no charge for this lecture. Visit www.facebook.com/pages/OFA-Tri-Valley-Progressives/180596688661955.

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Cal Poly's Braelyn Fetsch, No. 28, who plays centerback/defender, was a four-year letterwinner at Amador Valley High.

Amador grads face each other on the soccer field

St. Mary's vs. Cal Poly has familiar faces

The St. Mary's College vs. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo women's soccer game held at the Moraga campus Sunday featured two players from Pleasanton — one on each side.

Brooke Mayo, a sophomore at St. Mary's, graduated from Amador Valley High. She played her soccer for the Pleasanton Rage Premier club program, where she was a starting defender and team captain, and helped the Pleasanton Rage play in the California Surf Cup five times.

She plays defense at St. Mary's and was in 17 games her first year with seven starts as an outside back and finished the season with one assist.

Cal Poly's Braelyn Fetsch, who plays centerback/defend-

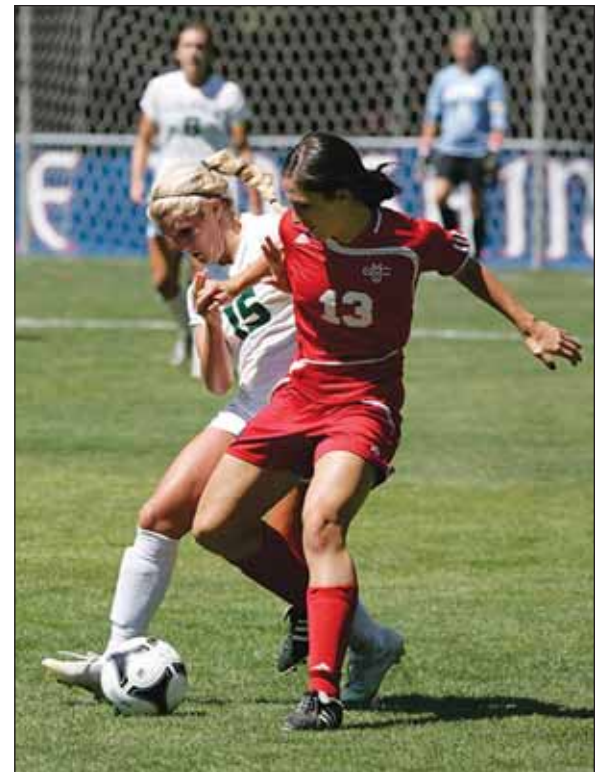
er, was a four-year letterwinner at Amador Valley High and was named three-time most valuable defensive player. She is a freshman at Cal Poly, majoring in kinesiology. She is the daughter of Darren and Celeste Fetsch.

On Sunday, the Gaels scored three goals in the first half, resulting in a 3-1 win over Cal Poly. The first goal came in the 16th minute, with the second goal coming just a minute later. The third goal came in the 33rd minute.

The Mustangs scored their goal late in the second half off a free kick from 20 yards out.

With the win, St. Mary's improves to 3-1-1 while Cal Poly drops to 3-3-0.

—Staff reports



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Brooke Mayo, No. 13, played for Pleasanton Rage before going to St. Mary's College, where she plays defense for the Gaels.



Super series for Mud Hens

Mud Hens Baseball Club of Pleasanton finished the year by winning the 13th AAA World Series held Aug. 5-7th in Carson City, Nev. The 12U team went a perfect 6-0 in the tournament. The roster included Mason Behiel, Anthony Galli, Jack Geasa, Jack Gerlach, Justin Goodman, Jack Large, Connor Mays, Grant Mendoza, Ruben Mercado, Michael Parisi and Anthony Trucco. Coaches are Sean Mays and Kevin Goodman; manager is Don Galli.

SPORTS DIGEST

Falcon Fest at Foothill

Paint the town blue at Foothill's fifth annual Falcon Fest from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 16, at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road. There's no admission fee, but bring your wallet to buy meals, snacks and lots of Foothill merchandise from the high school's booster clubs, teams and clubs.

The event, which is hosted

by the Foothill Athletic Boosters, takes place before the home football game against Logan High School from Union City.

Buy meat, help sports

The Athletic Booster Club's annual Fall Meat Sale will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 1-2, in the parking

lot at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road. Choose from a variety of USDA inspected choice meats (NY steaks, rib eye, filet mignon) and seafood (shrimp and scallops) purchased directly from wholesale suppliers. Sale is in the Foothill parking lot.

Proceeds will support all Foothill athletic teams.

THE PREP LINE-UP

Sept. 9

■ Football — TBA, AVHS vs. Concord (preseason), away

Sept. 10

■ Cross country — Ed Sias Invite, at Pleasant Hill

■ Football — TBA, Foothill vs. Novato (preseason), away

■ Girls Volleyball: 8 a.m., AVHS vs. Deer Valley, away

Sept. 13

■ Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs.

Campolindo, away

■ Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Deer Valley, away

■ Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, away

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Realtors want short sales improvements

Seek realistic time frames, faster processing

By JEB BING

Recognizing that short sales will be a part of the California real estate landscape for years to come and with more Realtors continuing to experience difficulty in closing short sales, the California Association of Realtors recently sent letters to the heads of the nation's four top lenders and servicers, urging more improvements in the short-sale process.

In the letter, CAR President Beth L. Pearce stated, "As public attention continues to be focused on the real estate industry in hopes of signs of a housing recovery, we trust you'll agree that change in your short-sale process is critical."

"We believe banks, investors, homeowners, and real estate professionals all have a common interest in conducting these transactions expeditiously and efficiently. The housing market recovery is in everyone's best interests, and your urgent focus on these issues will help achieve that end," Pearce continued in her letter.

In the letters to JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo, CAR made the following recommendations:

- Provide realistic time frames and then meet those time frames.
- Provide a comprehensive list of information needed upfront.
- Provide approval requirements upfront that, if satisfied, would assure the borrower of a short-sale approval.
- Disclose whether a loan you service is owned by you or if others own it. If others own it, provide

time frames for approval. Be clear on who has final authority.

- Pre-approve the short sale and price upon request, prior to the property being listed
- Review and respond with an approved offer to a borrower's short-sale request within 30 days of receipt of the request. If rejected, be explicit on why and how it can be corrected.
- Do not "restart" files from square one if something is missing. Allow the correction and continue, without bumping it to the back of the line.
- Have a person available who can inform the borrower about the file's status and shortcomings, and who can assist in problem-solving.
- Increase the speed of processing files. Often, a single home goes through the process numerous times, resulting in months elapsing and buyers losing interest. The pre-approvals and cumulative files discussed above will dramatically assist this effort.
- Increase the amount junior lien holders receive. This is a common reason why short sales fail.
- When the property is cleared for sale, be explicit that there will be no recourse on the notes as required by SB 458, which now is in effect.

"We are convinced that by correcting these items, your system will run more smoothly and, in the end, save everyone money and resources, as well as assist in the housing market recovery. By addressing these concerns now, there will be great savings in the long run for you, and for current and future homeowners," Pearce concluded. ■

Brown signs bill to stop gouging of town home buyers

Fees sometimes range up to \$1,000

The California Association of Realtors is applauding Gov. Jerry Brown for signing AB 771, a bill that prevents home buyers in a common interest development (CID), such as a condominium or town home, from being charged excess document fees.

Homeowner associations (HOAs) are required to provide specific documents to prospective purchasers of homes in a CID — a form of real estate ownership in which each homeowner has an exclusive interest in a unit and a shared interest in the common area property. In addition to the standard residential property disclosures, purchasers of a unit within a CID must receive basic information about the structure, operation and management of the HOA that operates the CID.

Current law requires that this information come from the HOA and prohibits it from charging fees in excess of what is "reasonable," not to exceed the actual cost of processing and producing these documents. HOAs generally have provided the documents for approximately \$75 to \$250.

Increasingly, HOAs have been delegating document preparations to third party vendors or contractors who,

under a 2007 court decision, are exempt from this fee limitation. This delegation of responsibility by HOAs sometimes resulted in home purchasers being forced to pay additional fees, as much as \$1,000, for other documents which were "bundled" with the required documents.

Assembly Bill 771 (Betsy Butler, D-Torrance) addresses this situation by specifying that only fees for the required documents may be charged when such documents are provided, effectively prohibiting any "bundling" of fees for other documents with these fees.

The bill also creates a new form detailing which documents are required, and requires the provider to disclose the fees that will be charged for the documents before they are provided. The seller of a CID must complete this form and transmit it to the prospective purchaser along with the required documents. This will eliminate any uncertainty for the prospective purchaser as to exactly which documents are being provided and the precise fees being charged for those documents.

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4 bedrooms, 4 baths, approx 5000+ sqft, bonus room, separate office and spa room - premium location! Large and flat 31,080 sqft lot.
Offered at \$1,425,000



4691 Finch Way, Dublin

4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, approx 2400+ sqft, separate office, loft (4th bedroom) and bonus room.
Offered at \$699,000

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Alamo		Pleasanton	
6 BEDROOMS		3 BEDROOMS	
1311 Laverock Lane	\$2,999,000	5809 Stonecliff Vista Lane.	\$839,500
Sun 1-4 Michael Hatfield Broker 984-1339		Sun 1-4 Blaise Loffland 846-6500	
Blackhawk		4 BEDROOMS	
3 BEDROOMS		5329 Piazza Court	
306 Live Oak Drive		\$669,000	
Sun 1-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111		Sun 1-4 Vicki Coker 939-7259	
5 BEDROOMS		2020 Martin Ave	
4412 Deer Ridge Rd		\$1,595,000	
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333		Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990	
Danville		5230 Hummingbird Rd	
4 BEDROOMS		\$695,000	
112 Center Ct		\$1,450,000	
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc. 280-8500		Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200	
785 Highbridge Lane		7538 Stonedale Dr	
\$770,000		\$529,000	
Sun 1-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111		Sat 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111	
Dublin		5 BEDROOMS	
4 BEDROOMS		2248 Kamp Court	
8363 Rhoda Ave		\$1,195,000	
Sat 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500		Sun 1-4 Blaise Loffland 846-6500	
		3616 Nicole Ave	
		\$1,750,000	
		Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990	
		3623 Cameron Ave	
		\$1,325,000	
		Sun 1:30-4:30 Moxley Team 600-0990	

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J. Rockcliff Realtors

Largest Residential Real Estate Firms in the East Bay

(Ranked by gross sales by East Bay offices)

Rank	Prior	Company Address Phone Website	Gross sales at East Bay office(s) 2010	Gross sales at East Bay office(s) 2009	No. properties sold by East Bay offices in 2010	Offices East Bay/ Companywide	Full Time lic. sales agents in the East Bay	Top Bay Area executive
1	3	J. Rockcliff Realtors 4115 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Ste. 201, Danville 94506 925-648-5300 www.rockcliff.com	\$1,783,322,410	\$1,456,302,306	3,307	9 9	543	Jeff Sposito President

<p>1695 GERMANO WAY PLEASANTON</p>  <p>UWE MAERCZ (925) 360.8758</p> <p>5 Bd • 6.5 Ba • 7,330+/- sq.ft., 0.65+/- Acres This home offers an impressive entry foyer, stately office, movie theatre, expansive kitchen, walk-in wine cellar and more.</p>	<p>3545 MERCATO CT PLEASANTON</p>  <p>DIANE SASS (925) 583.2168</p> <p>5 Bd • 4(2) Ba • 5,555+/- sq.ft. +/- 0.56 Acres Lovely Ruby Hill custom! Unfinished bonus room. Huge accessible attic & 1,600 sq ft unfinished basement. Great potential-many possibilities!</p>	<p>8012 GOLDEN EAGLE WAY PLEASANTON</p>  <p>PEGGY CORTEZ (925) 648.5454</p> <p>5 Bd • 5(3) Ba • 8,585+/- sq.ft. +/- 1.31 Acres Private Mediterranean Estate. Porte Cachere, grand entry, gourmet kitchen, theater. Guest house, pool, BBQ & "Wailua" gazebo & more.</p>	<p>3742 ANGUS WAY PLEASANTON</p>  <p>JOE LEDESMA (925) 251.2559</p> <p>3 Bd • 2 Ba • 1,293+/- sq.ft., 0.10+/- Acres Great single family home, fresh paint throughout, living room w/ cozy fireplace gourmet style kitchen & more!</p>	<p>1892 VIA DI SALERNO PLEASANTON</p>  <p>UWE MAERCZ (925) 360.8758</p> <p>5 Bd • 3.5 Ba • 4,189+/- sq.ft. +/- 0.71 Acres Prepare for what lies beyond the gorgeous entry of this Italian Villa. Unrivaled setting among olive trees & lush landscaping, views of vineyards...</p>
<p>3030 PICHOLINE DRIVE LIVERMORE</p>  <p>DIANE SASS (925) 462.2068</p> <p>5 Bd • 3,776+/- sq.ft., • 9,817 +/- sq.ft. lot Gorgeous Los Olivos home in Livermore Wine Country. Two story. Beautiful back yard with stamped patio.</p>	<p>7952 SPYGLASS CT PLEASANTON</p>  <p>GARY CIVELLO (925) 855.4016</p> <p>3 Bd 2(1) Ba • 2,523+/- sq.ft., 0.16+/- Acres Move-In Condition. Popular detached single-story Plan 2 in Golden Eagle. Security Gate. Private patio/yard area.</p>	<p>2188 MCLEAN PLACE LIVERMORE</p>  <p>PATRICK MARAVELIAS (925) 890.1254</p> <p>3 Bd • 4.5 Ba • 4,062+/- sq.ft. • 0.33+/- Acres Stunning one of a kind, custom home in the heart of Livermore Wine Country. Every detail of this home has been carefully considered. Pool.</p>	<p>1647 QUAIL CT LIVERMORE</p>  <p>DIANE SASS (925) 583.2168</p> <p>4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 3,513+/- sq.ft. • 0.98+/- Acres Single story custom. HUGE gourmet kitchen recently done w/slab granite, decor 6 burner gas stove. Huge pool w/electric cover.</p>	<p>3429 ASHBOURNE CIR SAN RAMON</p>  <p>DAVID AZIMI (925) 251.2580</p> <p>5 Bd • 5.5 Ba • 5,017+/- sq.ft. • 0.33+/- Acres Luxury living in San Ramon! This property is warm & inviting, w/ large kitchen, restored swimming pool w/ spa & waterfall, gated community.</p>
<p>1524 GREEN VALLEY RD DANVILLE</p>  <p>MICHAEL SWIFT (925) 251.2587</p> <p>4 Bd • 2.5 Ba • 2,402+/- sq.ft. +/- 0.23 Acres Custom rancher completed early 2007. Distressed hardwood floors. Gorgeous kit. w/custom island. Circular extended driveway & so much more!</p>	<p>1441 CALVARY LN LIVERMORE</p>  <p>MAX DE VRIES (925) 525.0116</p> <p>4 Bd • 2 Ba • 3,322+/- sq.ft. +/- 0.80 Acres This classic Ranch style home on 1 acre of land with 6 horse stalls, is uniquely located near the heart of Livermore.</p>	<p>2068 CABERNET WAY LIVERMORE</p>  <p>GAIL HENDERSON (925) 980.5648</p> <p>5 Bd • 4.5 Ba • 4,428+/- sq.ft., 0.34+/- Acres Largest model in Arroyo Crossings Estates w/ 5 BRs, LOFT, OFFICE, MUD ROOM, 4.5 ba., walk to downtown & school, large private backyard.</p>	<p>2306 MERLOT LN LIVERMORE</p>  <p>COREY GREEN (925) 583.2173</p> <p>4 Bd • 3 Ba • 3,940+/- sq.ft., 0.36+/- Acres Private and Peaceful describes this Beautiful Tapestry Home in Livermore. Updated Kitchen and Baths! Resort like backyard with waterfall pool.</p>	<p>24550 PALOMARES RD CASTRO VALLEY</p>  <p>KRISTY & COMPANY (925) 251.2536</p> <p>Lots and Land • +/- 114.98 Acres Level land & rolling hills, views, outbuildings, stalls, barns, arenas & more. Possible vineyard, ranch, home, church, recreational and more!</p>

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$290,000
Highest sale reported: \$910,000
Average sales reported: \$578,700

Livermore

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$105,000
Highest sale reported: \$825,000
Average sales reported: \$416,262

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$402,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,375,000
Average sales reported: \$731,469

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 34
Lowest sale reported: \$100,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,125,000
Average sales reported: \$610,882

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during August 2011

Dublin

- 4025 Chadwick Place** M. Wong to S. Waschitz for \$573,000
- 3385 Dublin Boulevard #140** Green Leaf Properties to B. Roy for \$290,000
- 2768 East Cog Hill Terrace** C. Lau to W. Li for \$795,000
- 7029 Lancaster Road** C. Hinojosa to F. Caballero for \$410,000
- 5254 Persimmon Drive** Sawdey Trust to A. & Z. Brodsky for \$803,000
- 4883 Piper Glen Terrace** P. Hur to H. Kolpuru for \$720,000
- 7268 Prince Drive** Smith Trust to C. & K. Lijesen for \$414,000
- 4522 Sandyford Court** M. Wesson to D. & M. Toomey for \$432,000
- 6723 Tory Way** Mcmahon Trust to T. & A. Seidler for \$440,000
- 3009 West Sugar Hill Terrace** Briggs Trust to V. Veeranna for \$910,000

Livermore

- 850 Adams Avenue** Glorioso Trust to N. & T. Gorman for \$372,000
- 894 Alexander Street** New Century Home Loan to MP RES I for \$290,000
- 307 Bernal Avenue** J. & M. Cordoba to R. Aldridge for \$240,000
- 534 Caliente Avenue** J. & P. Hickok to L. & G. Ulibarri for \$340,000
- 644 Canterbury Avenue** Roberson Trust to J. Plotz for \$385,000
- 1134 Coronado Way** Wells Fargo Bank to D. Verdeck for \$325,000
- 6633 Forget Me Not** J. Houser to W. & A. Schnaitter for \$240,000
- 4397 Guilford Avenue** Miller Trust to E. & A. Keenan for \$775,000
- 1791 Heidelberg Drive** R. & N. Lehw to N. & A. Hunziker for \$445,000
- 5348 Hillflower Drive** F. & M. Neiva to V. Crisostomo for \$413,000
- 395 Knottingham Circle** Allvey Trust to C. & S. Hyde for \$720,000
- 976 Lambaren Avenue** C. & A. Peterson to G. Silva for \$285,000
- 2624 Livorno Street** Taboada Trust to M. & J. Eufemi for \$825,000
- 333 Marie Common** Patrick Lyman & Associates to G. Wright for \$312,000
- 2094 Mars Road** D. Daugherty to J. Ramirez for \$465,000
- 1087 Murrieta Boulevard #131** J. Li to Z. Fang for \$105,000
- 2383 Peregrine Street** BankUnited to Menges Trust for \$675,000
- 4155 Pinon Way** D. Bunel to S. Welton for \$260,000
- 1237 Rolling Hills Court** C. & M. Gibbins to I. & M. Geisler for \$354,500
- 2538 Superior Drive** Sage Trust to C. & S. Govert for \$645,000
- 942 Ventura Avenue** S. Low to C. Lepchenske for \$270,000

Pleasanton

- 3593 Arbor Court** M. & A. Kelly to G. & A. Steele for \$740,000
- 5801 Arthur Drive** Shepard Trust to K. Chen for \$752,000
- 5525 Baldwin Way** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to L. Bates for \$402,500
- 5121 Bianco Court** V. & N. Reynov to C. & R. Narendar for \$593,000
- 812 Bonita Avenue** R. Holmes to J. & J. Leavens for \$721,000
- 653 Claret Court** N. & M. Bihler to G. & G. Allan for \$690,000
- 7717 Cottonwood Lane** Smith Trust to C. & L. Potter for \$580,000
- 4132 Grant Court** Chang Rong Limited to U. Diwan for \$1,375,000

- 5043 Hillcrest Way** P. Currin to D. & S. Kiamanesh for \$615,000
- 2745 Laramie Gate Circle** Peters Trust to R. & D. Silva for \$611,000
- 953 Pamela Place** A. & M. Doherty to W. Li for \$940,500
- 8037 Regency Drive** T. & M. Still to S. & S. Pancratz for \$1,300,000
- 4135 Torino Court** Hwang Trust to P. Manickampatty for \$469,500
- 1507 Trimmingham Drive** Mcree Trust to K. Oleary for \$449,000
- 3434 Vermont Place** T. & E. Hanrahan to R. Dronkers for \$715,000
- 5934 Via Del Cielo** Kosinski Trust to M. Siao for \$750,000

San Ramon

- 3064 Bernard Avenue** Cortez-Stein Trust to A. & M. Sandoval for \$469,000
- 1780 Blakesley Drive** Pujol Trust to R. & S. Chirumamilla for \$703,000
- 7193 Briza Loop** Krasnov Trust to J. Oh for \$565,000
- 373 Brower Court** Walking Trust to M. & B. Arakkal for \$800,000
- 3222 Browntail Way** C. Do to S. Dayal for \$542,500
- 3015 Cabrillo Avenue** Wells Fargo Bank to K. & R. Khangura for \$560,000
- 70 Canyon Green Way** Amon Trust to J. & R. Larkins for \$850,000
- 1000 Chancery Way** Stevens Trust to J. & S. Kim for \$972,500
- 3367 Chartwell Street** Norton Trust to T. Jun for \$577,000
- 9073 Craydon Circle** G. & C. Brechtel to S. Alexander for \$410,000
- 3723 Crow Canyon Road** Bank of New York to J. Wei for \$239,000
- 3743 Crow Canyon Road** M. Simmons to N. Gohil for \$387,500
- 3797 Crow Canyon Road** J. & K. Kopp to B. Weidinger for \$245,000
- 2653 Derby Drive** R. & R. Myers to A. & J. Suezaki for \$972,500
- 2523 Dos Rios Drive** J. & S. Choate to J. & S. Novin for \$590,000
- 2752 Dos Rios Drive** Wilbrink Trust to F. & N. Cobian for \$734,000
- 99 Elmwood Drive** P. Smith to P. & C. Raybon for \$515,000
- 117 Enchanted Way** Deutsche Bank to K. Balagurunathan for \$480,000
- 207 Glory Lily Court** S. Chen to S. & M. Sardana for \$1,090,000
- 1041 Lakeridge Place** T. Lickteig to G. Deleon for \$560,000
- 207 Latera Court** Bank of New York to V. Taneja for \$722,000
- 512 Marlboro Court** B. & V. Burris to B. & N. Wilber for \$541,000
- 7912 Persica Court** J. Knierieme to S. Nomula for \$505,000
- 235 Reflections Drive #16** US Bank to M. & M. Kwok for \$175,000
- 130 Reflections Drive #23** Federal National Mortgage to L. Zheng for \$100,000
- 185 Rosario Court** Deutsche Bank to T. & A. Saguin-Vulech for \$395,000
- 12 Spring Garden Court** M. Holstein to G. Thyagarajan for \$505,000
- 203 Tewksbury Court** Calara Trust to D. & C. Mowat for \$955,000
- 9613 Thunderbird Drive** Dourgarian Trust to B. & H. Town for \$745,000
- 9582 Velvet Leaf Circle** M. Ertem to R. Pang for \$1,125,000
- 2169 Watercross Place** C. Yim to Waespi Trust for \$690,000
- 752 Winterside Circle** B. & F. Gehrke-Neumann to K. Kolar for \$530,000
- 935 Woodland Drive** F. & J. Utchen to Solutions 4 Real Estate for \$800,000
- 1872 Wycliffe Lane** Y. Song to M. Belleville for \$720,000



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LIVERMORE

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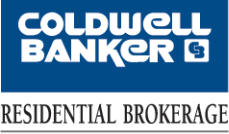
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DOWNTOWN



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 \$849,000**

OAK MANOR



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

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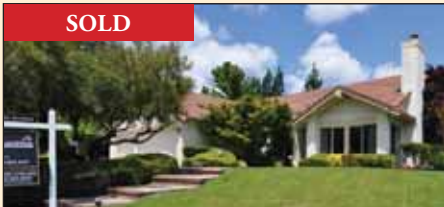
2248 KAMP COURT, PLEASANTON
 Premium private large (12,691 sq ft) lot in excellent court location with in-ground pool & spa! Highly upgraded five bedrooms, three bathrooms. Approximately 3,369 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom cabinets & stainless steel appliances. Remodeled master bathroom with new granite & tile. Three car garage. Professionally landscaped private rear grounds with in-ground pool, spacious deck and large lawn area. Just a few minutes to downtown. Just around the corner from Nielsen Park. Award winning schools! **OFFERED AT \$1,195,000**

FOOTHILL KNOLLS



1348 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON
 Excellent location!!! Panoramic views of surrounding hills. Backs to open space, no rear neighbors. Great condition, move in ready! Five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3300 square feet. Recently updated gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops! Spacious master suite with fireplace & large bathroom. Open living room, family room and formal dining room. French doors, hardwood flooring. Three car garage. Beautiful, professionally landscaped grounds include, in-ground pool, spacious deck, gazebo, large lawn areas and 135 wine producing grape vines, private vineyard! Community amenities include tennis courts & pool! Walking distance to Main Street and downtown! Award winning Pleasanton schools!! **SOLD FOR \$1,400,000**

FOOTHILL KNOLLS



7863 FOOTHILL KNOLLS, PLEASANTON
 Beautiful single story on private premium .35 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 2,150 sf. 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 AND SOLD FOR \$949,000**

LAGUNA OAKS



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. **SOLD FOR \$1,300,000**

VINTAGE HILLS



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. **SOLD FOR \$740,000**





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JOANN LUISI BY APPT



DANVILLE \$1,900,000
Rare opportunity for a Sports Enthusiast! One of a kind estate featuring a spacious custom home, large multi-purpose out building. 8115 CAMINO TASSAJARA

MOXLEY TEAM SUN 1:30-4:30



PLEASANTON \$1,595,000
Home offers a 1,100sf. guest home on a 26,963sf. lot. Updated kitchen, expansive private rear yard w/ pool & bocci court. Guest home offers a kitchenette & bedroom. 2020 MARTIN AVE

DANIEL ALPHER BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,579,000
4391 sq ft +/- Estate Nestled on a Court with over 334k in Upgrades and VIEWS! Quality, Charm & Designer Touches Embrace this 4 Bed, 4.5 Bath Luxury Home Near Downtown! www.3372SagewoodCt.com 3372 SAGEWOOD CT

MOXLEY TEAM SUN 1:30-4:30



PLEASANTON \$1,325,000
Custom built, single level home on 1+/- acre. Open floor plan, updated kitchen, dinette area, breakfast bar, granite counters, formal LR & DR, pool, 2 patios, volleyball court and more! 3623 CAMERON AVE

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,199,900
Remodeled country home, 2+/-acre, 4bd/3ba + media room, loft & office, granite/cherry kitchen, stunning great room, luxurious master suite with retreat, total privacy, lighted sports court & more! 927 HAPPY VALLEY RD

DOUG BUENZ SUN 1:00-4:00



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 DR

MARK LAFFERTY BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$859,950
Gorgeous single story home in Kristopher Ranch. Features include 5 bedrooms, granite, SS appliances, cinnamon maple cabinets, beautiful hardwood & tile throughout, plantation shutters, & 3 car garage. 949 MEDOLLA CT

JOYCE JONES BY APPT



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

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$775,000
4bd/2.5ba, 2,112+/-sq.ft, remodeled kitchen and baths, Pella windows/sliders, laminate floor and Oak baseboards, private and lush backyard with deck and arbor. 2238 GREENWOOD RD

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$750,000
Single level home offers open floor plan with vaulted ceilings. Kitchen and bathrooms are both recently updated. Rear yard offers a private patio and garden. Walking distance to schools & trails! 3858 MOHR AVE

JOYCE JONES BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$729,000
4 bd, 3 ba (1 bd/ba downstairs), updated kitchen/baths, & solar panels for energy efficiency. LOCATED-end of the cul-de-sac, backing to greenbelt w/playground, community pool, tennis courts, MORE! 3298 MONMOUTH COURT

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$695,000
4bd/2ba 'Holiday' model, 2,167+/-sqft, newer roof, windows, Pergo floors, HVAC system, crown molding, inside laundry and pool. 5230 HUMMINGBIRD RD

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SAT/SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$639,000
4bd/2ba, 1,489+/-sf, completely remodeled Del Prado Home with Anderson windows, custom kitchen and baths plus beautiful backyard with hot tub and deck. 7092 VIA QUITO

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$579,000
Opportunity knocks with this cosmetic fixer upper in premium cul-de-sac location. Pool, spa, vaulted ceilings, sunny kitchen, nice master retreat, new dual pane windows, side access & more! 4232 DUNDALK CT

JULIA MURTAGH BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$575,000
Super clean, upgraded kitchen, huge beautiful backyard, new windows, great location, very well maintained by owners. 6432 INGLEWOOD DR

KAREN CROWSON BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$575,000
Sharp Murietta Meadows home, freshly painted and new carpeting. Tile flooring throughout lower level. Full bedroom and bath downstairs. Formal living and dining rooms. Spa with Gazebo. 63 SPARROW ST

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$559,000
3bd/2ba single story in Heritage Gardens, 1,412+/-sq.ft, Oak kitchen, stainless appliances, newer carpets, walking distance to parks, schools and Downtown. 244 CARNATION CT

JULIA MURTAGH SAT 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$529,000
Largest model townhome with fantastic upgrades, stunning kitchen, hardwood floors & great layout. Charming backyard, flagstone patio and more! 7538 STONEDALE DR

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$510,000
2bd/3ba, with office/potential 3rd bedroom downstairs, beautifully updated kitchen and baths, vaulted ceilings, custom fireplace, attached 2-car garage, walking distance to Shopping, Schools and Parks. 1485 TRIMINGHAM DR

MAUREEN NOKES BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$449,950
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

