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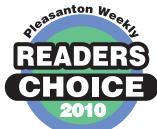
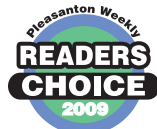
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Thanksgiving dinner in just 3 hours

Many talk about Linda Wyner as Pleasanton's Rachel Ray without the network broadcasts. Considered compliments, those comments are far short from the mark, though, when it comes to measuring the accomplishments of Wyner, who opened Pans on Fire in downtown Pleasanton five years ago. A college degreed food anthropologist (UCLA), she was a business entrepreneur long before coming to Pleasanton, and after graduating from the University of San Francisco with a law degree, became a nationally known litigation lawyer and a malpractice specialist.

So how does an anthropologist skilled at finding "cuisine" artifacts in the desert move to a store at 310-B Main St. where her cuisine recipes and desserts win top honors from hundreds who are her customers and cooking class students? The transition actually started in the hot desert temperatures when Wyner said she'd had enough and moved to friendlier, more comfortable and less back-breaking duties. As a jobs program coordinator for the U.S. Department of Labor, and with a master's degree in Manpower Administration, she started a business "incubator" where those she had been helping to start their careers could have offices and the tools and consultation they needed to succeed. Based in Denver and with three business centers and 130 "suites" as her clients, she accepted an offer she just couldn't refuse and, still in her 30s, opted for an early retirement.

That's when law school and Wyner's interest in serving the legal needs of those in business came together. Besides cooking and always trying new recipes at home with her husband Larry, a college professor, she majored in the legal aspects of preparing wills, trusts and estate planning while also serving as editor in chief of the law journal at USF. It was her writing skills that brought another career change when she was asked to write a food column for a local newspaper. Her inner-self as an excited, inquisitive food specialist got the best of her, leading to her purchase of the old Ruma's store in Pleasanton in November 2006.

Two "people" at Pans on Fire are as important to Wyner as the food and pots and pans: One is Jenny



JEB BING

Linda Wyner at front door of her Pans on Fire retail and cooking class store on Main Street with "Betty," the store's official greeter.

Howard, her store manager who shares Wyner's talent and enthusiasm; the other is "Betty," a not-real person dressed as a modern day Betty Crocker who is positioned by the front door and has fast become part of the Pans on Fire team. Behind Betty is a store filled with products ranging from a 79-cent citrus peeler to a Swiss Diamond skillet with the coating of manocomposite that holds its non-stick properties even at the hottest temperatures. Teflon, Wyner explains, is bonded onto pans at 750 degrees, compared to the 2000-degree-bonded manocomposite. Top of the line gas ranges can heat pans to 850 degrees. Wyner leaves the results of those temperatures in terms of bonding stability for the rest of us to consider.

Pans on Fire's cooking classes are well known, although her two-and-a-half-hour "Knife's Skills" class was new to me. Choose a knife that fits your hand, learn how to master the dicing, chopping and six other "cordon bleu" knife cuts, and you're a master ready to compete alongside the best of chefs. Tonight, she starts the first of a series of Italian regional cooking classes where students have a chance to prepare specialties from 12 culinary regions, each with its own distinct ingredients, recipes and testes.

Then comes "Thanksgiving 101," one of Wyner's most popular classes where "graduates" leave with the skills to prepare a full-course Thanksgiving dinner — turkey, dressing, sides and all — in just three hours. Wyner guarantees it. "It's one of the best holidays of the year," she says, "so why spend so much time in the kitchen?"

By the way, more men seem to be signing up for Wyner's specialty cooking classes, which may explain why so many students want to know how to get out of the kitchen quickly. ■

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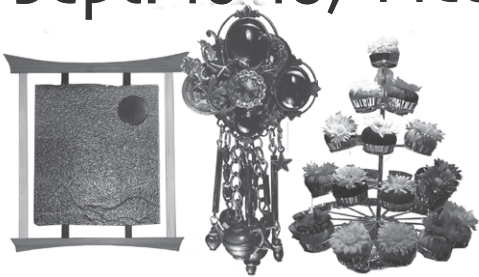
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Do you think Social Security will be able to pay promised benefits to your children and grandchildren?



Carol Sill
Orthopedic office

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Kris Moxley
Realtor

I do not think they will be able to, and it's very disappointing and rather scary. I wish they would leave it as it is, stop borrowing from it, and let it accrue interest.



Sam Amick
Sports writer

It doesn't feel that way. It certainly doesn't seem like it's going in the right direction. If there are benefits available, I don't believe it will provide enough support like it did for my parents and grandparents.

Taryn Fortunati
Student

I don't think it will be able to because it's falling apart so much right now. It will be gone before my children and certainly my grandchildren need it. I think there are things the government can do to save it, but I don't believe they will take the steps necessary to do so.



Daniel Stahl
Video game producer

I would like to think that they would be, but I'm planning my future with the assumption that there will not be Social Security benefits available. My gut feeling is that with the current state of government spending and the ever-increasing national debt, we won't be able to sustain it. We're going to have to make tough decisions, and soon.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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DIGEST

Prepare for earthquakes

An Earthquake Awareness and Emergency Fair is being held from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday at Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave., as one-stop shopping to learn about preparedness and to purchase kits and supplies for homes and businesses.

The Emergency Expo is the Gold Award project for Girl Scout Swethaa Manickam, a senior at Amador Valley High. She said she chose the project after the Japanese tsunami and the Haiti earthquake. Also she said she interviewed residents at the Pleasanton Farmers Market and found that many were not prepared for an earthquake or other disaster.

Manickam has started a club at Amador called Partners In Health that focuses on providing necessities to those in developing countries.

"I really want to show students how they can reach out and make a difference not only in their communities but also the world," she explained.

Firehouse turns 1

The city of Pleasanton is hosting a free celebration from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. tomorrow for the first anniversary of the Firehouse Arts Center, at 4444 Railroad Ave., with musical performances, art projects for the entire family, face painting, improv workshops, artist demonstrations, a reception and cupcakes.

In its first year of operation, the Firehouse Arts Center has had more than 20,000 visitors for jazz performances, theater shows and musicals, literary events and speakers, a film series, art classes, art gallery viewings and more. Visit www.firehousearts.org.

Assessing human services

The cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton are holding community meetings to hear how to improve human services such as access to medical care, homelessness, transportation issues, substance abuse, children and senior needs, the needs of those with disabilities and more.

The meetings will be held 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the Livermore Library; Sept. 28 at the Dublin Library; and Sept. 29 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more information, call (510) 488-4345, ext. 113, or email pneely@resourcedevelopment.net.

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Country Club may owe \$1.7 million to locked out workers

Labor board: Castlewood engaging in 'unfair labor practices'

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Castlewood Country Club may have to pony up \$1.7 million in back pay and benefits, plus taxes, for its locked-out employees after a recent order from the National Labor Relations Board.

The club is engaging in "unfair labor practices," according to NLRB Regional Director William Baudler, who ordered Castlewood to calculate the amount of back pay and the taxes due on it.

The club and union had reached a tentative agreement regarding seniority on Feb. 25, 2010, the same day Castlewood locked out 61 employees, Baudler's order states.

In June or July 2010, Golf Department Director John Hughes told a union member that locked out employees "would never be allowed to return to work" at the club, the order notes.

Although the lockout began in February 2010, the order says the lockout has been il-

legal since August of last year. That was when Castlewood issued a revised offer, in which it said it would bring the workers back — as long as the club managers could fire or lay people off without taking seniority into consideration.

"The club changed their seniority language to say they have the right to essentially permanently replace workers," said Nischit Hegde of UniteHERE local 2850, which represents the locked-out workers, who explained employers don't have the right to do that in a lockout.

It was that revised offer that amounted to an unfair labor practice, she said.

"When they put that in there, the real reason for locking out the workers came to pass. We understood that the club was trying to break the union, but with this (August) proposal they put it in writing," Hegde said. "You can't just say you want to replace the workers."

She said the amount of back pay owed the workers continues to rise every day they remain locked out, adding that the NLRB order means a court case is the next step.

"It is the federal government saying there is enough evidence to take Castlewood Country Club to court over this lockout," Hegde said. "Castlewood has the opportunity to defend themselves and they also have the opportunity to end the lockout." The case is set to be heard Nov. 7.

Castlewood General Manager Jerry Olson did not return a call and has refused to comment on the status of negotiations between the club management and the union in the past.

Union members and supporters took to the streets near the country club once again on Labor Day to protest the lockout.

The protests have led to some union members

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JEB BING

Officers and rank-and-file firefighters pay tribute to victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

300 turn out for 9/11 ceremony

Public pays tribute to those killed in terrorist attacks

By JEB BING

A crowd of about 300 joined members of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department on Sunday morning in a tribute to those who died and their loved ones who survived the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Fire Chief Jim Miguel led the ceremonies that included remarks by Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller and others in the Fire Department. The traditional ringing of the large bell outside the department's headquarters and Fire Station No. 1 at Nevada Street and Bernal Avenue honored firefighters who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York.

Also honored was Army Specialist Jameson Lindskog, a military medic and Pleasanton resident who was killed in Afghanistan earlier this year. His mother Donna Walker and her husband Matt accepted a special plaque in her son's honor at the ceremony.

"We gather here today on the 10th anniversary of the event we probably could never have imagined beforehand," Miguel said.

He recalled that when his father passed away, he was told that in the process of healing there would come a time when he would begin thinking of the happy times that he shared with his father more than his death.

"Similarly, even though Americans have been inundated with media coverage of the terrorist attacks, as Americans remember 9/11, we are now also thinking of the great things our soldiers in uniform and first responders are doing today to protect us," he said. "We probably have a better understanding of what these brave men and women are doing for us and our country."

"When I think of this day now I think of our soldiers in uniform," Miguel added. "What a great blessing it is to have people that will put themselves in harm's way to that we might enjoy the beauty of this wonderful country."

Police Chief Spiller agreed, adding: "While it seems odd to call this a celebration, I really believe that it is a celebration of our unity, the unity of our community and the unity of a great country." ■

School board votes to oppose blocking teacher layoffs

Legislation 'ties our hands and keep us from doing the job we were elected to do' says Hintzke

The Pleasanton school board voted Tuesday to oppose a new law that would prevent the district from laying off teachers.

The board approved a resolution opposing AB114, which blocks teacher layoffs, noting that classified employees are likely to take the hit if the district is prevented from other layoffs.

"It doesn't give us any room to move to have a balanced budget," said board member Jamie Hintzke. "It ties our hands and keeps us from doing the job we were elected to do."

The bill goes along with state triggers that could mandate mid-year cuts if revenue projections fall short of actual revenues.

Board member Joan Laursen noted AB114 was passed late at night and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown with no public input.

"I think that just letting it go without making any noise is just a slippery slope that will continue," Laursen said.

The school board resolution, passed unanimously, calls the bill "an unprecedented intrusion into the ability of local educational agencies to manage their own resources," and says the legislation "could force the elimination of sorely needed educational programs."

Pleasanton resident David Miller pointed out that during union negotiations, the California School Employees Association (CSEA) voluntarily took furlough days to keep their fellow employees from being laid off.

Similar resolutions are being passed by other school boards across the state.

Regarding other budget matters, the board heard a brief update on state funding, which remains in limbo pending reviews from state officials about revenue projections. A review from the state Legislative Analyst's Office in October will determine if revenues are on track with state predictions. The second will come in December from the finance office and may trigger mandatory cuts, according to Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services.

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Cook-Kallio plans mayoral run

Joins Thorne in bid for post in 2012

By JEB BING

City Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio announced Wednesday that she will seek the mayor's post next year when Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's eight-year term of office ends, joining fellow Councilman Jerry Thorne in vying for Pleasanton's top elective office.

Thorne announced his candidacy last month and plans to kick off his campaign at a fundraising breakfast Oct. 6 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Both Thorne and Cook-Kallio were elected to their second four-year terms of office last November so will be seeking the mayor's post from so-called "safe" seats, meaning that even if they lose their bid for mayor, they will continue serving out the remaining two years of their council terms.

Cook-Kallio said she was announcing her candidacy reluctantly because she believes campaigns for municipal office should start closer to Election Day, not 14 months ahead of time.

"But the fact is that many supporters have been calling me to see if I'm a candidate after hearing that Councilman Thorne already is campaigning," she said. "So I've filed the necessary paperwork to show that, yes, I intend to run for mayor, and those who want to contribute to this effort can do so."

"I'll have an official campaign launch sometime in early 2012," she added.

Now the city's vice mayor, Cook-Kallio, said she has a major focus on issues such as state-mandated housing requirements, climate control initiatives and pension reform and does not want partisan politics to get in the way of a unified council approach to addressing these issues.



"The problem with deciding issues when a political campaign is going on is that no matter how hard you try, constituents think you're on the political pulpit when you talk about them," Cook-Kallio said.

Cook-Kallio, who lives in Pleasanton's Jensen tract across from Amador Valley High School, teaches civics, government and American history at Irvington High School in Fremont. She was first elected to the City Council in 2006, and then again last November, receiving 12,009 votes, or 28.3% of those cast in a four-candidate race for two seats. Thorne also won in that contest, receiving 14,201 votes, or 33.56% of the votes cast. ■

El Balazo restaurant couple plead guilty to tax evasion charges

Indicted for tax fraud, hiring illegal immigrants

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A Pleasanton couple who owned and ran the El Balazo restaurant chain pleaded guilty Friday to immigration, Social Security and tax evasion.

Marino Sandoval, 58, and his wife, Nicole Sandoval, 50, were arrested last November on charges that they hired illegal aliens, misused employees' Social Security numbers and engaged in tax fraud between 2003 and 2005.

In pleading guilty Sept. 7, the Sandovals admitted they were responsible for withholding federal taxes, including employment and unemployment taxes, from employee pay.

Nicole Sandoval told the court she under-reported employee wages to the payroll company she and her husband used to prepare tax returns. The pair admitted

that, based upon their actions, the amount of employment taxes paid to the Internal Revenue Service was understated.

Marino Sandoval also admitted to hiring employees he knew were not legally allowed to work in this country. According to the plea agreement, between August 2007 and August 2008, Marino Sandoval employed more than 100 illegal aliens, many of whom were born outside the U.S.

In May 2008, agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) conducted a search of several El Balazo restaurants where agents discovered 63 employees who were unauthorized to work in this country. Marino Sandoval later rehired more than 10 of them, despite being informed of their identities in a letter from ICE agents.

In addition to the tax charge,

Nicole Sandoval pleaded guilty to misusing employee Social Security numbers. Between 2002 and 2007, she submitted employer's quarterly contribution and wage reports to the Social Security Administration, which included the names and Social Security numbers of undocumented alien workers.

In court, Nicole Sandoval admitted that she knew the numbers were not the Social Security numbers assigned to the employees.

The Sandovals owned and operated the El Balazo restaurants with Marino Sandoval's brother, Francisco Sandoval, who pleaded guilty to tax charges last August. They face sentences of up to 20 years in prison and more than a half million dollars in fines, according to U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag.

El Balazo has two locations in Pleasanton. ■

Parks police snuff out pot on Mt. Diablo

Grow is second recently raided on public land

By JESSICA LIPSKY

With the help of volunteers and a keen eye, state park police and Contra Costa County sheriffs raided a marijuana growing operation on Mount Diablo last week, netting between \$3 million and \$5 million in plants.

During a routine flyover on Sept. 7, sheriffs spotted a group of marijuana plants on the northeast quadrant of the state park. Sheriffs also saw suspects running away, said Roland Gaebert, sector superintendent for California state parks.

"We went out there first thing

in the morning and cleared the area with rangers and Contra Costa County sheriffs, and no one was caught," Gaebert said. "Between 2,000 and 3,000 mature plants were removed."

State and county officials and rescue volunteers have since destroyed the plants, but the investigation is ongoing. Gaebert said investigators are not sure who was involved or if they are connected to previous growing operations.

"Clearly the message is that there's at least a perceived comfort zone by these folks to grow more

and more on public land," he said. "We hope that we can at least contain some of this activity."

This is the second marijuana growing operation to be raided in a local park within the past three months. In July, East Bay Regional Parks police raided an operation in a remote area of Las Trampas Regional Park and confiscated over 3,300 plants worth more than \$1 million. Like the Las Trampas grow, suspects at Mount Diablo tapped into the park's natural water system and used spring water to irrigate their plants.

"We have had other grows around Mount Diablo but they were in county jurisdiction," said Jimmy Lee, director of public affairs for the County Sheriff. "I cannot address the question of any increase in marijuana grows in state parks as we do not track that. As far as our cases there has not been any increase."

Although Gaebert could not speculate about trends in marijuana growing operations, he suspects the recent sightings and subsequent busts are a result of the "law of averages."

"There's more successful growing going on than is being discovered. We had a grow last year, there's a grow this year. This is obviously more than we've had in previous years," he said, adding that a longer rainy season might be a reason behind increased growing rates.

While scientists investigate the impact of the operation on Mount Diablo's environment, crews will continue to clean up residue at an unknown cost to the state and county.

"We still have a mess to clean up. There's piping, trash, encampments, food, just a real mess that's going to take quite a cleanup effort," Gaebert said. "We know there's a lot of damage to the natural resources and the extent of that has yet to be determined." ■

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Community shines in filling special needs

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When Carolyn Zalewski's husband Andy was transferred here from Houston in 2006, they meticulously researched East Bay school districts while dealing with sticker shock at the cost of houses. They chose Pleasanton as their new home because of the district's programs for the developmentally disabled.

"We have a special needs son, who will be 9 in October," Carolyn Zalewski explained.

Still she worried about her son's future.

"As the parents of a special needs kid there is such a fear that no one will care for them," Zalewski said. "We try so hard to make my son's life good. We worry about when we are gone."

Then she saw the February article in the Pleasanton Weekly about the group REACH, which has nine homes in the Tri-Valley where developmentally disabled adults live as independently as possible.

"When I saw how successful they've been, right here in Pleasanton, it was such a relief," Zalewski said, adding that she and her husband marveled at REACH owning nine houses in the Tri-Valley. "On top of that, they're so gracious."

REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing) is hosting its fifth annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 3, at Sunol Valley Golf Club. The event has raised more than \$195,000 in the past four years, and this year's goal is another \$45,000 so the group will be prepared to buy its next home as the need arises.

"We've been very fortunate, we've made money every year," said Judy Butterly, who is chairing



COURTESY REACH

Lisa is living a contented life in Pleasanton's supportive community, which has been generous with furniture, kitchenware, linens and other requested items.

the fundraiser with Vince McNamara. "We have so many ways for people to sponsor us."

These include golfing for \$150, attending the dinner and silent auction for \$45, making donations to the auction, or becoming a sponsor. Businesses can sponsor tee holes or purchase space in the program. Email info@trivalleyreach.org.

"We're pretty desperate for golfers," Butterly said. "Last year we had 76 golfers but we've had as many as 126."

Butterly, a nurse, became involved in REACH in 2007 because of her grandson, who was 11 at the time. She joined the board as a medical person and is working toward educating its residents in nutrition.

"They're more likely to go the

fast food route," she noted. "We want to teach them good from bad."

A dental program is another work in progress, she said.

"A lot are either frightened or don't go if they are living alone and have no one to guide them," she explained.

"We want to make sure our population is able to have a quality of life just like people without disabilities," she added.

REACH also depends on non-monetary donations, such as furniture, appliances or the use of a truck. The website, www.trivalleyreach.org, is being redesigned to continually update its needs since the group has no storage space.

Needs currently are for:

- Auction donations
- Services such as handyman, painting, etc.
- Used computer for a resident
- Energy efficient refrigerator
- Comfy recliners in good condition
- Small desk, small file cabinet
- Small night stand and bedroom dresser

The Zalewskis had lot of furniture in their garage after moving from their much larger house in Texas so they immediately called to donate it.

"They had some kids working for them, the nicest kids," Carolyn Zalewski recalled. "They were eager to help."

REACH is a thoughtfully designed program, she said.

"It was really comforting just to know that it's there," she explained. "I don't know if my son will take advantage of it or will need to, but I'm proud of this community for supporting things like this." ■

CASTLEWOOD

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both from UniteHERE and supporting unions shouting at golfers on the country club's course, making noise during an outdoor wedding ceremony, and in one case, a physical altercation between a golfer and a union member. Hegde said, however, that she thinks fences can be mended.

"For over 30 years the union members and the members have had a very harmonious relationship. There are club members who have refused to go back to the club," she said. "I believe the workers will be able to go forward and I believe the members will, too."

She also defended a flier being circulated by union members urging Tri-Valley Animal Rescue to move a fundraising dinner from the club. The flier includes the name and cell phone number of TVAR's vice president, Lisa Healy — information Hegde said was available over the Internet.


"I think the workers have been suffering quite a bit and to have a dinner, a benefit at Castlewood — it is what it is and people want to say something about it," she said. ■


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SCHOOL BOARD

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Those triggers could call for immediate cuts if revenues fall \$2 billion short of what's anticipated in the state budget, although school funding won't be cut unless revenues are \$4 billion less than expected. If that occurs, Pleasanton could lose \$3.8 million in ADA (Average Daily Attendance) funding, Cazares said.

A review of last year's unaudited financial statements showed the district fell a little more than \$1.7 million short of its expected revenues, receiving more than \$140 million. However, the district also spent nearly \$136 million, nearly \$1.4 million less than anticipated, with savings from a number of areas.

The board also acknowledged two large donations. The first was a \$25,000 contribution for adult education from the Tri-Valley Community Foundation, one of two promised the district for the current year, and Board members thanked president David Rice for

his work in raising the money. A \$10,000 donation for the Barton reading program came from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kirimli and the Fischer Family Foundation.

Financial concerns were raised by several residents, including those who served on the citizens committee that recently concluded its work looking into cash-out refinancing done by the district in the mid 2000s.

The board took no action on the committee's recommendation that oversight measures known as "best practices" be put into place and may consider steps to implement those practices in an as-yet-unscheduled workshop. Those best practices could include a citizens oversight committee of current and future bonds, establishing an audit committee, a staff debt review committee and ethics training for the board and administration.

However, several of the committee members brought up worries over COP (Certificate Of Participation) debt. A 2010 report shows the district with \$28.5 million in COP debt that currently is esti-

mated to be repaid by 2034. After several years of savings, debt service on COPs jumps to a half million a year in the 2015-16 school year, climbs to more than \$721,000 in the 2021-22 school year, and peaks at more than \$877,000 before gradually dropping.

"You are in trouble," said Kay Ayala, a member of the oversight committee. "You need a plan."

The board agreed to a request that COP debt be put on a future agenda for discussion.

The board also heard an overview of school enrollment from Kevin Johnson, senior director of pupil services. After starting the year with about 15 students fewer than in the 2010-11 school year, enrollment climbed to 14,890, by Sept. 9, which is 14 more students than the district had last year. Johnson said enrollment is "in flux" but said he will return with figures in October when enrollment figures are submitted to the state. Student enrollment is significant because it ties in to the amount of money the district receives from the state.

—Glenn Wohltmann



NIKO GLAFKIDES

Crocodiles on parade

Coach Jeff Pruss, Assistant Coach Zac Rule and the Pleasanton U-6 Crocodiles prepare to march down Main Street last Saturday at the annual parade of teams from Ballistic United Soccer Club and Pleasanton RAGE that kicks off soccer season.

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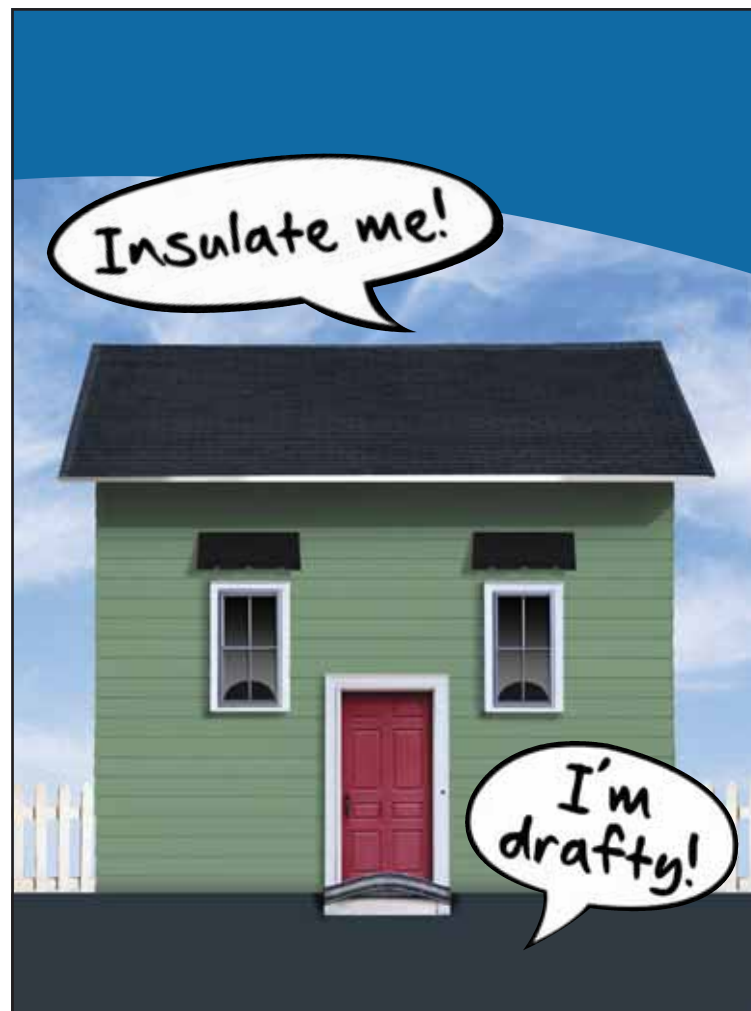
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Report shows Sandia Labs generated \$1 billion in state's economic output

Sandia called 'a significant economic engine' for Tri-Valley, Bay Area

Sandia National Laboratories generated nearly \$1 billion in both direct and indirect economic output in the state of California in 2010 with nearly half coming from the San Francisco Bay Area, according to a new report prepared by the Center for Economic Development (CED) at Chico State University.

This economic output — defined in the report as revenue to all private businesses and public organizations — included \$163 million in purchases and contracts to California businesses, \$155 million in employee compensation and benefits, and \$1.4 million in state corporate tax. Combined, those three components amount to \$319 million, the total direct injection into the California economy.

Indirectly, impacts of Sandia's spending are responsible for an additional \$24 million in revenue to California's state government and \$612 million in additional revenue to other businesses and organizations in the state. In sum, the total output impact is \$955 million.

About half Sandia's economic impact in California occurs in the San Francisco Bay Area, home of Sandia's campus in Livermore. The Bay Area's share of the total economic impact of Sandia is \$474 million in output, \$304 million in household income, and more than 2,500 jobs.

Sandia's other primary location is in Albuquerque, N.M.

"This report demonstrates that Sandia is a significant economic engine for the state of California," said Denise Koker, senior manager of human resources and business operations at Sandia's California site.

"And because the state — especially the Bay Area — is recognized as a global leader in energy innovation and a center of high-tech R&D and industry, we believe California and Sandia are natural partners," she added. "Those two entities should continue to strengthen their bond and seek out ways to jointly support both the state's and the country's missions through technology and innovation."

California households, according to the report, saw \$497 million in financial benefits, including direct employee compensation plus \$342 million in payroll, self-employment, and other household income paid by other California businesses and organizations. The household income benefit supports more than 4,800 California jobs.

At the end of 2010, Sandia employed 1,072 regular and temporary employees and approximately 130 contract employees in the state of California, primarily at its Livermore site and at the Joint BioEnergy Institute (JBEI) in Emeryville just outside San Fran-

cisco.

Also in 2010, out of 726 new hires at Sandia's New Mexico and California locations, 71 obtained their highest degree from a California university. About 106 students from around the country held internships at Sandia's Livermore site.

Sandia researchers regularly team with professors and students at California universities such as the UC campuses at Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles and San Francisco, as well as at Stanford University, Caltech, Harvey Mudd and the University of Southern California.

In 2010, Sandia funded more than \$2.1 million to California-based universities for work that supports Sandia programs.

Cal State-Chico's CED used the IMPLAN economic impact analysis system version 3.0 to estimate the overall impact of Sandia's spending on all California businesses, organizations and households.

Sandia National Laboratories is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corp., for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

With main facilities in Albuquerque and Livermore, Sandia has major R&D responsibilities in national security, energy and environmental technologies, and economic competitiveness. ■

High-tech microscopy company opens

New team being assembled to serve West Coast

Tescan has opened a new demonstration facility in Pleasanton as part of its expansion of its electron microscopy scanning technology business.

A leading provider of scientific instrumentation and known for its work with researchers, Tescan customizes applications to fit specific needs.

Established in 1991, Tescan has delivered more than 1,000 electron microscopes and focused ion beam workstations around the world.

Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa., the company is recruiting a team of professionals with extensive experience in charged particle microscopy to support its new Pleasanton office that will serve the West Coast. The team includes senior applications

specialist Mark Betts, who joins the Pleasanton office with more than 20 years of experience, and service support manager Ted Allison, who previously worked at Hitachi's office here.

Rounding off the core West Coast team is regional sales manager Drew Erwin, who has over 20 years of experience in the charged particle field.

"TESCAN USA has been fortunate to experience over 100% growth this year, making us the fastest growing charged particle company in North America," said General Manager Tony Owens. "It makes sense to expand our support and presence to the West Coast of North America."

The new office is located at 5933 Coronado Lane. ■

Regional employment essentially unchanged since July 2010, survey shows

Those with jobs totaled 1,885,900 in July, about the same as year before in Bay Area counties

The number of jobs in the Bay Area has remained flat over the past year, according to a U.S. Department of Labor report released last week.

Total non-farm jobs for the San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont Metropolitan Statistical Area stood at 1,885,900 in July, essentially unchanged from the year prior. The area includes Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties.

Some 4,200 government jobs were shed since last July, representing the largest employment loss among all local industries. According to the report, federal government jobs shrank the most, with 3,300 jobs cut in the past 12 months. At 1.4%, the local rate of government jobs lost was better

than the national rate of 2.7%.

The professional and business services industry grew by about 2.1%, adding 7,500 jobs. Nationally, this industry experienced job growth of about 2.8%.

Education and health services employment also expanded, growing by 1.8%, or 4,400 jobs, since July 2010.

Manufacturing added 1,100 jobs over the same period, with a local rate of job growth of 0.9%. However, this represents slower-paced growth compared to the national gain of 1.7%.

The local leisure and hospitality sector also grew slightly, by 0.4%, but this was also less than the national growth rate of 1.4%.

The San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont area was one of the nation's 12 largest metropolitan sta-

tistical areas considered over the time period.

Eight of the 12 areas experienced growth in the last 12 months, with three — Houston, Boston and Dallas — experiencing growth greater than the national average of 1.0%.

In terms of where the Bay Area fell in that mix, only two of the 12 areas — Washington, D.C., and Atlanta — shed jobs, with employment declining by 0.3% and 1.3%, respectively. Like San Francisco, employment in Philadelphia was otherwise unchanged since last summer.

The statistics were compiled by the labor department's Bureau of Labor Statistics using data from the Current Employment Statistics program, a federal-state effort. ■

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LETTERS

Forgotten jewelry store

Dear Editor,

I was reading your article about the Vintage Hills shopping center. It was interesting but although you were so detailed about all the businesses currently occupying the center you forgot to mention that there is a jewelry store (GoldN-time) there as well, and in fact has been for the last three years. It is a customer of yours as well, placing ads from time to time.

So please, next time try to mention me as well, next to the Sushi restaurant and the gym and the coffee shop. Have a nice day and thank you.

Fotios Vassiliadis, GoldNtime

Protect old homes

Dear Editor,

Kudos to the Weekly for its insightful editorial on the pressing need to update the Downtown Specific Plan to protect Pleasanton's heritage.

In its evaluations of older buildings, Pleasanton should look beyond its current reliance on state and federal regulations of historic properties and develop its own standards for our heritage buildings, based upon the values we as a community hold dear.

There are no more 100-year-old homes being built in Pleasanton. We must protect the ones we are lucky enough to have and protect them now. The Downtown Specific Plan must be updated before they are all gone.

Jennifer Pearce

We must save our heritage homes

Dear Editor,

We appreciated reading your editorial Sept. 9 reviewing the loss of our heritage property in a

neighborhood marginalized by a series of poorly designed developments. Those designs do not reflect any of the architecture of the street's quaint vintage homes as called for in the Downtown Specific Plan. Neither does the project approved that evening.

In 2010, Pleasanton Heritage Association began a recognition of heritage homes with exterior plaques showing the age of the house. This is only a beginning. The city needs to strengthen its existing guidelines and protect our remaining historic neighborhoods. With strong editorials urging this and community groups pressuring for reform, the fabric of the historic city may be saved.

Thank you, again, for your excellent editorial.

**Linda Garbarino, president,
Pleasanton Heritage Association**

Keep downtown charming

Dear Editor,

The reason that I chose to move to Pleasanton 15 years ago was due to its character and charm in and around the downtown area. At that time, there were five antique stores on Main Street, the existing Pleasanton Arch sign over Main Street, and older homes on or around Second Street, St. Mary's and St. John's.

I am a California native, but spent three years working on the East Coast. The East Coast seems to value history and historic buildings. I would like to see Pleasanton put as much pride into maintaining its heritage and preserve the older homes and neighborhoods that we currently have.

There are plenty of neighborhoods where people can build modern homes if they choose to do so. Let's keep the downtown heritage homes preserved and maintain the uniqueness of Pleasanton.

Debbie Ayres

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Public debate on redistricting continues

For those still puzzled by the new federal and state legislative districts in California, organizations are offering seminars, webinars and even luncheon presentations in the days ahead in an effort to make some sense out of what a 14-member bipartisan Citizens Redistricting Commission accomplished. Voters went to the polls to make sure elected officials couldn't have another crack at redistricting, which is required every 10 years based on the new national census. But even before the commission released its new maps of the 177 newly created legislative, congressional and Board of Equalization district, complaints started coming from Latino, African-American and politically focused organizations as well as sitting politicians who suddenly found the district they were elected to serve was no longer where they live.

Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) is one of those, whose current 11th Congressional District has been renumbered with Congressman Pete Stark (D-Fremont) taking over Pleasanton and McNerney now seeking re-election in a new district that is largely in San Joaquin County. Of interest here is that a young Indian-American law student at UC Berkeley, Ranjit Gill, 24, is also aiming for election in McNerney's new 9th Congressional District, which includes his home and many supportive constituents, including a large Sikh community in the Lodi area.

Today, the Urban Habitat organization — yes, the same affordable housing advocacy group that successfully sued Pleasanton to force it to build more low- to middle-income housing — is hosting a seminar on what the redistricting moves mean “for our communities.” The program will include a number of speakers, the chief executive of the Community Coalition of South Los Angeles, where many of the redistricting complaints are based, and Paul Mitchell of Redistricting Partners, a Democrat, former legislative staffer and now a consultant focusing on legislative races and independent expenditures. In his report this week, Mitchell quotes Claremont-McKenna College political scientist Jack Pitney as suggesting that the lessons of the recent redistricting in California could not be understood by reading the Federalist Papers, but instead by reading or watching the movie “The Godfather.” But Mitchell adds that before anyone starts downloading either the book or redistricting commentaries, they should be warned that there can be a lot of profanity “and we're, of course, talking about both redistricting and the movie.”

In addition to the Urban Habitat seminar, Public CEO is also offering what it claims is the first-ever webinar discussing government redistricting. This group has assembled a team of redistricting experts, including Mitchell, to focus especially on areas where the redistricting commission's actions are especially controversial, throughout the state but extensively in Southern California. That 60-minute webinar, though, is pricey at \$175 per registrant. A less expensive and perhaps more congenial forum about the redistricting process and what it means to the greater Bay Area is scheduled for noon Friday, Sept. 30, at the Bancroft Hotel in Berkeley. This free afternoon discussion is organized by the Institute of Governmental Studies at UC Berkeley. For information, contact Jennifer Baires at (510) 642-1474. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Vehicles vandalized

Five vehicles parked at 24 Hour Fitness in the 4700 block of Willow Road were vandalized around midnight Sept. 12, police reports said.

Windows were smashed in each of the five, according to the report, which said all were rummaged through but nothing was taken.

In addition to the vandalisms at 24 Hour Fitness, one vehicle parked at ClubSport in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive was vandalized the same night between 10:30 and 10:50 p.m.; a window was smashed in that vehicle as well.

POLICE REPORT

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

Sept. 6

Burglary

■ 9:06 a.m. in the 3400 block of Torlano Court

Auto burglary

■ 4:58 a.m. in the 3800 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

■ 9:02 a.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

■ 1:31 p.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

■ 5:11 p.m. in the 2100 block of Arroyo Court

■ 9:44 p.m. in the 5700 block of Belleza Drive

Sept. 7

Theft

■ 9:33 a.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft

■ 4:06 p.m. in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; forgery

Vandalism

■ 7:06 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Tawny Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 7:49 p.m. in the 7500 block of Driftwood Way; possession of a controlled substance, under the influence of a controlled substance

■ 11:59 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; DUI

Sept. 9

Vandalism

■ 2:01 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Public drunkenness

■ 1:16 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 7:15 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Sept. 10

Theft

■ 2:46 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

■ 6:21 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

■ 6:55 p.m. in the 100 block of Valley Avenue; identity theft

Battery

■ 2:20 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 2:06 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Kolln Street; DUI

■ 3:48 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Golden Road; possession of a controlled substance

■ 10:21 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; public drunkenness

■ 10:16 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Muirwood Drive; DUI, public drunkenness, battery

Sept. 11

Petty Theft

■ 2:55 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Brandishing a weapon

■ 11:25 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Alcohol violations

■ 12:17 a.m. near the intersection of Hopyard Road and I-580; DUI

■ 12:22 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Parkside Drive; public drunkenness

Sept. 12

Theft

■ 6:45 a.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; grand theft

■ 7:35 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive; petty theft

■ 9:13 a.m. in the 5100 block of Johnson Drive; petty theft

■ 9:21 a.m. in the 3600 block of

Kirkcaldy Court; mail theft

■ 3:32 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; burglary, shoplifting

■ 8:39 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

Arson

■ 4:14 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Auto burglary

■ 11:26 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 11:31 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

■ 11:52 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

■ 11:59 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

Marijuana possession

■ 12:27 p.m. in the 1000 block of Harvest Circle;

Sept. 13

Theft

■ 12:56 a.m. in the 700 block of E. Angela Street; grand theft

■ 1:11 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft

■ 6:19 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; petty theft

■ 7:48 p.m. in the 3800 block of Kamp Drive; petty theft

Auto burglary

■ 12:07 a.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

■ 12:08 a.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

■ 7:51 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 5:32 a.m. in the 1500 block of Ramblewood Way; public drunkenness

■ 10:24 a.m. in the 4100 block of Casterson Court; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

■ 3 p.m. in the 6300 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

The City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2011 has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Presentation from FY 2010/11 Contract Service Agreements Agencies and Review of Final Performance Reports
- Receive Update and Comment on Regional Refrigeration Project

Commission and Committee Recruitment

The City of Pleasanton invites you to apply for vacancies on the following commissions and committees:

Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee — 1 At-large Youth Member
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Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA)
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Altamont Landfill Committee Education Advisory Board
1 Pleasanton representative (Member should be a science, environmental education or vocational education teacher from the Pleasanton Public Schools and a resident of Alameda County)

Applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 123 Main Street, or on the City's web site at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/newcommapp.pdf>. For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027. **Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 2011. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force Recruitment

The City of Pleasanton invites applications for five at-large positions on an ad hoc Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force; other appointments to the task force include City Council, Planning Commission and Pleasanton Downtown Association representation. The Downtown Hospitality Guidelines Task Force will 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. The task force will convene in late October 2011 and complete its work by May 2012, with monthly meetings of the task force and additional meetings scheduled as needed.

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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



WEDDINGS

Holst-Lofgren

Kimberly Holst and Derek Daniel Lofgren of San Ramon are getting married at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton today.

Kimberly, a 2004 Amador Valley High School graduate, is the daughter of John and Lumencia Holst of Pleasanton. She attended Cal State East Bay in Hayward and is employed as an administrative assistant in San Ramon.

Derek, the son of Jane Lofgren of Pleasanton, is a 2004 graduate of Foothill High School. He graduated from Cal State East Bay in Hayward in 2010 and is employed as a fraud analyst at Blackhawk Network in Pleasanton.

The couple planned to honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and live in San Ramon.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VALLEY — MUSIC, THEATER, ART, MOVIES AND MORE

Coming to Pleasanton: Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Fans of fun and history will explore Pleasanton's Wild West roots at the third annual Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits fundraiser for the Museum On Main being held Sept. 24.

The event is set in the 1890s when Pleasanton was one of the most desperate towns in the West.

"When I was researching downtown, almost everything seemed to be a brothel or a bar," recalled board member Rebecca Bruner, who came up with the idea for a fundraiser. "I thought to put it in the time of Phoebe Hearst makes it kind of fun."

The main hall at the Senior Center is being transformed for the evening.

"We put up false front buildings and cover the walls so it looks like you're in a saloon," Bruner said. "There's entertainment all night, dancers and singers."

"We'll also have gambling going on all night — blackjack and craps," she added. Volunteers from the Lions Club are handling the gaming tables.

Attendees must leave their horses and weapons outside, Bruner cautioned.

"Pinkerton men will check you," she said. "Sen. George Hearst and his wife Phoebe are the host and hostess. George is trying to get out the vote so they rented the place for citizens to come out."

She also pointed out that the Pinkerton men will act quickly to keep in line bandits or other renegades that crash the party.

"There are a lot of little things going on," Bruner said. "We try to talk like it's 1890."

Museum volunteers dress the part, she explained, but everyone is welcome, in costume or not.

"A lot are dressed up, a lot aren't," she said.

When folks buy tickets they can get suggestions about characters to play.

"Pleasanton wasn't always a pleasant town, and it certainly wasn't pleasant when we had brothels and characters wandering through," Bruner said.

Downtown was also home to brothels and bars during World War II, she noted, and the abun-



Don your dancehall best and get on down to the fundraiser

CHUCK DECKERT

Blackjack and craps, Wild West style, make for a fun evening at Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits, the annual fundraiser for the Museum On Main.



CHUCK DECKERT

Dancing girl Paula Wujek is one of the entertainers hired for the evening.

dance of bars remained into the 1950s.

"Older people who lived here said they didn't watch TV on Friday nights, they went downtown and watched the fights," Bruner said.

This fundraiser is a chance to see Pleasanton as it was in the 1890s, when "it was at its wildest."

"It's a way of raising funds and teaching people a little bit of history while having fun," museum Executive Director Jim DeMersman said.

Museum On Main has an annual budget of \$232,000. Its major source of funding is the city of Pleasanton, he explained.

"We're a private nonprofit, and city support is crucial to our survival," he said. "It's what's allowed our Board of Directors to hire professional staff."

Other money comes from the museum's two annual fundraisers — Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits; and the Ghost Walk — plus its membership program as well as grant writing.

The Ghost Walk is a series of downtown walking tours on Friday and Saturday evenings on the last two weekends in October.

"Ghost hosts' take people around, and there are some cool stories," DeMersman said. "It's another fun way we teach Pleasanton history, by talking about ghosts."

Attendance at the Museum On Main was up 69% in 2010, and DeMersman said it's drawn more visitors with the recently extended hours, which include Tuesdays and opening an hour earlier, at 10 a.m., Saturdays.

Tickets for Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits are \$40 per person, which includes a barbecue dinner, gambling chips and "the best entertainment in the West." Cash, credit cards and gold nuggets are acceptable.

But, warn the organizers: "Over 21 only — or we'll call the sheriff." ■

Visit the Wild West saloon

What: Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits

Who: Museum On Main

When: 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24

Where: Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Tickets: \$40 per person; call 462-2766 or go to the museum at 603 Main St.

NOW SHOWING

REVIEWS OF NEW MOVIES

By TYLER HANLEY

Contagion

Rated PG-13 for disturbing content and language 2 hours, 6 minutes
Director: Steven Soderbergh
★★★



Director Steven Soderbergh is a master craftsman at assembling impressive ensemble casts. From "Traffic" (2000) to "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007), Soderbergh has been a magnet for stellar Hollywood talent. His well-crafted and thought-provoking "Contagion" follows the same pattern, uniting Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Laurence Fishburne, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and a handful of other notable actors.

And therein lies part of the problem. With so many characters to keep track of, it's difficult for the audience to get especially attached to any one individual. There is no real protagonist driving the story, rather a diverse and widespread swath of world citizens whose lives are affected by a fatal and fast-moving virus. But "Contagion" is also an intelligent, complex and frighteningly realistic disaster film with zombie-flick undertones and a powerful ending.

The film has a relentless start. Wife and mother Beth Emhoff (Paltrow) returns from an overseas business trip with a flu-like illness that rapidly spirals from cough to seizures to death. Beth's distraught husband, Mitch (Damon), is offered no concrete answers from the perplexed doctors and begins to wonder why he hasn't contracted the virus himself. Meanwhile, Dr. Ellis Cheever (Fishburne) with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and his colleague Dr. Erin Mears (Winslet) start a full-fledged investigation into the mysterious affliction as more fatalities are reported around the world.

Panic begins to take hold as the death toll rises, while Ellis, Erin and a plethora of health experts (including Marion Cotillard's Dr. Leonora Orantes and Elliott Gould's Dr. Ian Sussman) scramble to find a cure. The conspiracy-theory musings of popular blogger Alan Krumwiede (Law) hardly help the frenzied public perception. And few seem immune to the deadly virus that begins to claim victims at a furious rate.

The picture's pacing lulls at times as the narrative bounces around to the varied locales, and the scientific jargon can be a bit confusing. Soderbergh infuses his dramatic thriller with zombie-esque sensibilities (not a bad thing), including atmospheric music and scenes of desolation. The acting sways from exceptional (Fishburne and Winslet) to phoned-in (the normally reliable Cotillard virtually sleepwalks through her role).

There is greatness buried in "Contagion" that might get overlooked due to the sweeping nature of the story and cavalcade of characters. Messages about nature, health and morality are interwoven throughout, and the film's astonishing final minutes will leave some glued to their seats. Overall, "Contagion" offers a healthy dose of smart filmmaking while most of Hollywood is serving up cinematic placebos.

SPOTLIGHT

'Roméo et Juliette' to open new season

Livermore Valley Opera presenting timeless, tragic love story

Shakespeare's tale of young star-crossed lovers will come to life on the stage next weekend as the Livermore Valley Opera presents Gounod's opera, "Roméo et Juliette."

The plot is well-known, said Director Bill Murray, but Gounod's interpretation provides a unique version of the story.

"Because Shakespeare's tragic love story is known by virtually all, it represents a daunting task for a director and the cast: How do we convincingly tell a story in which every audience member already has preconceived notions?" Murray said.

"For instance, what do our lovers look like in your imagination? How long is Juliette's hair? What is she wearing? The number of differing answers to these questions is as numerous as there are audience members."

He asks that those attending come with no preconceived expectations.

"I invite them to sit back, listen to this work, let the music wash over them, and experience the powerful emotions in 'Roméo et Juliette' as Gounod intended," Murray said.

Artistic Director Alexander Katsman said that the operatic telling of the story sticks close to the original.

"Gounod gives the heroes several love duets of incredible beauty," Katsman said. "The music has many different shades, from joyous smiles to tremendous desperation, from radiant love to dark hate."

The opera will have multiple scenes, designed by Jean Francois Revon. The period costumes and props for all Livermore Valley Opera productions are procured and assembled by a multi-ty of volunteers.

"This is a very ambitious undertaking for us," said Teri Tith,



BARBARA MALLON

Soprano Christie Hageman stars as Juliette and tenor Christian Reinert as Roméo in the upcoming Livermore Valley Opera production.

vice president of the Livermore Valley Opera board. "There are five acts with very different scenes requiring a lot of work and careful coordination."

Bill Rabe, who leads a set construction crew of fellow volunteers, agreed.

"The sets are quite elaborate with some very large components," he said. "Our set designer wants to create a 'wow factor' for the audience and that's exactly what they'll get."

The cast of talented young opera singers adds to the "wow factor," said Executive Director Elizabeth Wells. She said the auditions attracted many singers, with more men than usual trying for the principal role.

"Most often, productions are those of Italian or German composers, and so for an opera singer to have a chance to sing in French is a rare treat," Wells said. "We even had a group of men come all the way from Los Angeles for a chance to sing 'Roméo et Juliette.'"

The title roles will be sung by soprano Christie Hageman as Juliette and tenor Christian Reinert as Roméo. They have both performed the roles during their careers but they are debuting with Livermore Valley Opera.

The opera runs two weekends, Sept. 24-Oct. 2, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. On opening night a gala ticket for \$75 includes dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, followed by a dessert reception in the Bankhead Theater.

Sunday matinee performances offer "Ice Cream & Opera — Children's Opera Learning Adventure," with ice cream during intermission and a chance for children to meet the cast members afterward and go behind the scenes.

Every performance will have a pre-opera talk one hour prior to curtain, featuring opera scholar John Prescott.

Artistic Director Katsman explained why the story of Romeo and Juliet has been so enduring.

"Above all shines the love for life and belief in goodness and love," he said. "That is why this tragedy has such a long life in arts." ■

Teen love at the opera

What: 'Roméo et Juliette'

Who: Livermore Valley Opera

When: 8 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1; 2 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2

Where: Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore

Box office: 373-6800; www.livermoreperformingarts.org

Price: Adults \$39-\$74; students 18 and under, \$10 off

Out & About

—Concerts, Film & Live Music

FIERY PIANIST MICHAEL

KAESHAMMER Michael Kaeshammer will perform from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. A gifted songwriter and singer, Kaeshammer is known for energetic and joyful piano performances that draw the audience into the experience. Tickets \$15-\$25 for adults, \$12 for children, and \$20 for seniors. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY POPS CONCERT Enjoy this symphony's annual pops concert with the theme "Fanfare for

Food" at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at the Robert Livermore Community Center Ballroom, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Wear costumes and bring your dinner (wine, beer and sodas will be on sale at the venue). Tickets are \$30 each or \$210 for a table of eight. Call 447-6454 or visit www.livamsymp.org.

SINGER/SONGWRITER CARL TILCHEN Carl Tilchen will be performing from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Pine Street Bar, 875 Rincon Ave., Livermore. Tilchen will sing songs from the Beatles, Bob Dylan,

Stevie Wonder and many more. Visit www.youtube.com/user/ctilchen or email ctilche44@yahoo.com.

'THE LAST FIVE YEARS' Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is presenting the contemporary song-cycle musical, "The Last Five Years," which 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. It is an intensely personal look at the relationship between a writer and an actress told from both points of view. Performances are at 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday from Sept. 19-Oct. 9 at Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, #309. Tickets are \$20-\$25. Call 462-2121 or visit www.tri-valleyrep.org.

A STARRY NIGHT Gala dinner, auction, prize drawing and dance from 5 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 24, at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave. Support Pleasanton North Rotary's varied charitable activities. Auction features executive desk of former Apple CEO John Sculley plus getaways to New Orleans, Lake Tahoe, Pebble Beach and Napa

Valley. KTVU's Mark Ibanez to emcee. Music by Public Eye. Cost \$150. Call 426-8684 or visit www.astarrynight.org.

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.

'SCARY LARRY'

RETIRES AFTER 20-YEAR REIGN OF 'TERROR'

INFAMOUS DMV INSTRUCTOR ISN'T SO SCARY, AFTER ALL

BY JESSICA LIPSKY

Young driver-hopefuls in line at the Pleasanton DMV smiled uneasily early this summer at the thought of the legendary man who might be their driving test examiner.

"I hear that he wears a lei and he's really strict," said Allie Dutto, 16.

A few feet behind her in line, Divya Eppiah, who was getting her learner's permit, chimed in with her own warning: "First of all, he's scary — and it's very unlikely he'll pass you on your driver's test, so you should go somewhere else."

She added that when the time came she planned to be tested at the Walnut Creek Department of Motor Vehicles even though it would mean navigating the twists, turns and right-of-ways in that city.

Larry Chan's reputation obviously preceded him, even among teenagers who have been alive less than the total amount of time he worked as a licensing

registration examiner.

Known as "Scary Larry" Valley-wide, Chan was the supposed terror of the Pleasanton DMV for 20 years. But on July 29, he officially retired his clipboard and checklist to "drive into the sunset."

Chan, 63, who has a long ponytail and regularly dons a Hawaiian shirt and sunglasses, says the legend he leaves behind isn't important.

"I have no control over that. I have no control of my nickname. A couple years ago it kind of bothered me, but now I accept it," he said. "I'm here not to be friends, I'm just here to make sure they don't hurt themselves or other people."

While Chan said he is called Scary Larry because he once "slipped" and called a driver scary, an informal survey of Tri-Valley residents told quite a different account. These drivers also told tales of avoiding the Pleasanton DMV.

"Of course kids want to use my nickname to blame me for their fail. That's natural," said Chan, who was

quick to point out that his fail rate last year was 32 percent, right in line with the state average of 30 to 33 percent. "They always tell their friends, 'Scary Larry failed me.' I always say it's not me that failed the test — it's their driving that failed the test."

Although he accounted for some of the nervousness during the 15-point examination, the thought of driving with Scary Larry made teens at one driving school so anxious that the owners took matters into their own hands to demystify him.

"I had so many students that passed with him, but half get nervous because he's famous as a 'mean man.' Most of the kids have a nightmare about him," said Pari Eshtehardi, office manager and partner at Driversity of Dublin.

Five years ago, the employees at Driversity hung a picture of Chan on their classroom wall with a sign underneath reading: "Larry is our friend."

"We just tried to let them know that he's not so scary. He's very serious and he goes by the book,"



JESSICA LIPSKY

Driving examiner "Scary Larry" Chan goes over a checklist with Fremont resident Leo Yang, 18. Chan retired in July after 20 years as the alleged terror of the Pleasanton DMV.



Eshtehardi said.

Regardless of the origin of his nickname, or the lore it's created, Chan said the job was his calling. After working at Sears Driving School for three years, the San Leandro resident applied to the Pleasanton DMV where he worked at the window for five years before being promoted.

"If you're a cop you may get shot at, if you're a fireman you may have to go into a burning building. I feel like this job is for me even if it's dangerous," he said.

Chan estimated that he gave approximately 25,000 tests over his 15 years and had more than a couple of close calls. Fender-benders happened once or twice a year, so "it's not if you have an accident, it's when."

"Fender benders I can take, but close calls are scary," he said. "I had a major head-on collision where a teenage girl was making an unprotected left turn in front of an oncoming car. The car was coming right toward my door and I thought I was going to die. It hit the front of the door, the windshield shattered,

and the axle was broken."

During another test, an elderly woman ran into a light pole when she hit the gas instead of the brake — an incident that may have been the catalyst for Chan's nickname. This was but one case of many confused drivers.

"The first year I was an examiner, a teenage kid came to the first intersection at a red light and stated, 'Do I have to stop for this red light?' As soon as I said yes, we had to pull over, park and walk back because I did not trust his driving," Chan said.

Close calls and collisions aside, Chan said it was hard to tell whether young drivers got better or worse over the course of his career.

"They stopped driver's ed and training in high schools around here, so only kids with money could take driver's ed, that cuts out a lot of kids," he said, adding that the education process used to be better. "I do think it's beneficial to take driver's ed from a professional rather than a parent because they pick up the bad habits from their parents. Especially if they're from another coun-

try, they drive like they're in that country."

Although Chan enjoyed his job, particularly the part where he consulted with the parents of his "drives" about their child's strengths and weaknesses, Scary Larry was looking forward to sleeping in and taking road trips to Southern California and Las Vegas.

"I'll probably miss the coworkers," he said in mid-July. "I look forward to retirement but I am scared because after I clean up the house and paint, I don't know what I'm going to do. I'm thinking about joining a gym.... I don't want to be vegetating."

Chan joked about opening a driving school called "Scary Larry's" in a few years but until then he takes any recognition as the terror of the Tri-Valley in his stride.

"I walked into hamburger place in San Leandro and mentioned that I worked for the DMV and the owner said, 'Do you know a guy named Crazy Harry?' I said, 'No, I work in Pleasanton, do you mean Scary Larry?' And then I pointed to myself and said, 'That's me,' so he bought me my hamburger." ■



Rage U11 White win Santa Rosa Academy Cup

The Pleasanton Rage U11 White team won the Silver bracket of the Santa Rosa Academy Cup over Labor Day weekend, after getting off to a slow start Saturday morning with a 0-0 draw with the Santa Rosa Typhoon. Rage won the next game, 5-0, over the California Northstars, then came back Sunday with a semi-final match against SSA-Celtic FC in what turned out to be the match of the tournament, a back-and-forth contest with no scoring until penalty kicks resulted in the RAGE win, 2-1. This win advanced the U11 White into the finals where they defeated the Tahuichi Girls from Santa Rosa, 2-1.

SPORTS DIGEST

Amador, Foothill win on the gridiron

Lightning halted high school football games in the East Bay last Friday night, necessitating their rescheduling the next day.

"When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately," read the guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations. Thirty minutes must pass without any lightning for play to resume.

Amador Valley had scored two touchdowns at home against Concord High when play was suspended Friday night at a score of 14-0. When they resumed play at 3 p.m. the next day, the Minutemen scored two touchdowns but didn't make their attempts at 2-point conversions, for a final score of 14-12.

Foothill High prevailed over Novato, 26-16, at a non-conference game.

Shadow Cliffs Triathlon

The 24th season of the Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series concludes Sunday with the Tri-For-Real Triathlon on Sunday at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area.

The triathlon has a timed fun run in June and a shorter distance triathlon in August, then ends with Tri-for-Real with official timing, results and awards. The event includes a 700-yard swim in the lake, an 18-mile bike ride, and a 4-mile run on the rolling dirt trails.

Last year's Tri-For-Real record times were Male — 1:13:33; Female — 1:25:14; Male Master — 1:15:56; Female Master — 1:15:00; Male Team — 1:15:00; Female Team — 1:42:02; Co-ed: Team — 1:42:03.

Entry fee is \$75 in advance and \$85 on race day. Call (209) 795-7832 or visit www.onyourmarkevnts.com.

THE PREP LINE-UP

Sept. 16

- Football - TBA, Foothill vs. James Logan (pre-season), home
- Football: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Washington, home
- Girls Water polo: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Logan, away

Sept. 17

- Cross country -Nike Invite, at Concord

Sept. 20

- Boys Water polo: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Northgate, home
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., AVHS vs. Newark, home
- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Carondelet, away
- Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, home
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., AVHS vs. California, home
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away

Sept. 21

- Girls Water polo: 4:45 p.m., Foothill vs. Alhambra, home

Sept. 22

- Boys Water polo: 6 p.m., Granada vs. AVHS, home
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., AVHS vs. Granada, home
- Girls Water polo: 4:45 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon, home
- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Granada, away
- Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, away

Sept. 24

- Boys Water polo: TBA, AVHS, Irvington Tour, away

Sept. 27

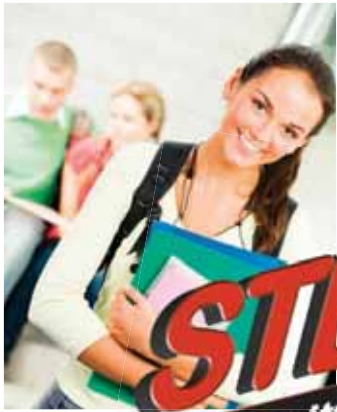
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., AVHS vs. Heritage, away
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Carondelet, home
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., AVHS vs. Livermore, home
- Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, home

- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, home

Sept. 29

- Boys Water polo: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, away
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, away
- Girls Water polo: 4:45 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, away
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. AVHS, home
- Girls Volleyball: 6:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
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TUTORING FOR GRADES 6-12



Sonoma victory for Rage

The Rage U10 White Team won the Sonoma County Classic over Labor Day Weekend with a coaching team effort between Gordy Lang and Kevin Whitehand that ended the weekend with a 2-1 win over FCA Lightning. Team members are (back, l-r) Coach Kevin Whitehand, Jillian Brugaletta, Savana Sadler, Bella Mayo, Megan Guerra, Jordan Peters, (front) Sarah Russell, Ashley Atkinson, Zoe Morganroth, Abby Smith, Riley Atkinson. Not pictured, Mady Sweeney and coach Gordy Lang.



Premier wins 2nd seeding round

Ballistic U13 Premier earned an important NorCal State Cup victory in the seeding round Sunday against Manteca FC Boca Juniors, 5-2, held at Val Vista Soccer Park. With the win, Ballistic U13 Premier becomes the first NorCal "U13 Red Bracket" team to win its first two Round 1 seeding games. The Pleasanton team will travel to Clovis to face Cal Odyssey in its third and final Round 1 game Oct. 9. The team returns to action tomorrow against Newark United in Newark.



NHB Cup comes home to Pleasanton

The Ballistic United Premier U15 side prevailed in Flight 2 of the North Huntington Beach Cup soccer tournament over Labor Day Weekend, which features top sides from all over the Western Region. Coach Jerry Losson led his boys to four wins and a draw, beating a very good MLS Chivas Youth Academy side in the final, 2-0. The boys began Regional Academy League (RAL) play Saturday against the San Jose Earthquake Juniors; the RAL is the new elite level playing league featuring the best soccer sides in Northern California.

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Trip to Hogwarts: Ernie, Sona, Marisa and Kayla Manzo visit Universal Studios Orlando in Florida over Thanksgiving break. "The Harry Potter area of Universal Islands of Adventure was the highlight!" reports Sona Manzo, the mother. The family (and the Weekly) accompanied her to Orlando for her 30-year high school reunion with friends from the International School of Kenya.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Vocalist Lisa Vroman

With a repertoire that ranges from Stravinsky to Weill to Broadway, Lisa Vroman is a sought-after guest soloist with theater and opera companies and orchestras coast to coast. She appeared in "The Phantom of the Opera" in San Francisco and will perform from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., to kick off the new season for its Cabaret Series. Tickets are \$17-\$27 for adults; \$22 for seniors; and \$12 for children. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Auditions

AUDITIONS FOR 'ANNIE' Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is holding auditions for "Annie" with director John Maio. Non-AEA, multi-ethnic casting. Minimum of 15 men, ages 16-60; 15 women, 16-60; and 10 girls, ages 6 to 14. Non-traditional casting encouraged. No pay, non-equity. Audition at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, and at 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25, at TVRT Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, #303. Call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

Classes

GNON FALL SPEAKER SERIES Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Adult/Community Education presents GNON (Girls Night Out Networking) Fall Speaker Series 2011. Ellen Blair will lead a Facebook & LinkedIn workshop from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Village High School, 4645 Bernal Ave., Room 504. Bring a laptop. Must register at pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted. Cost \$15.

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 and \$5 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.

Clubs

CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB TRI-VALLEY BRANCH CWC Tri-Valley branch invites writers of all genres and experience to learn about their craft at its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd. Speaker will be author Nora Profit on how to write well and be published. Cost is \$10 for CWC members and \$15 for non-members and includes coffee and tea. Reservations required; contact Annette Langer at 484-5924.

Concerts

FIERY PIANIST MICHAEL KAESHAMMER Michael Kaeshammer will perform from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. A gifted songwriter and singer, Kaeshammer is known

for energetic and joyful piano performances that draw the audience into the experience. Tickets \$15-\$25 for adults, \$12 for children, and \$20 for seniors. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY POPS CONCERT Enjoy this symphony's annual pops concert with the theme "Fanfare for Food" at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, at the Robert Livermore Community Center Ballroom, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Wear costumes and bring your dinner (beverages will be sold at the venue). Tickets are \$30 each or \$210 for a table of eight. Call 447-6454 or visit www.livamsymp.org.

Events

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.

PLEASANTON HARVEST FESTIVAL Enjoy the Pleasanton Harvest Festival, which comes to the Alameda County Fairgrounds from Sept. 16-18. The festival will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday-Saturday, and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors 62 years and older, \$4 for youth ages 13-17, and 12 years and under are free. Call (800) 346-1212 or visit www.harvest-festival.com.

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 and \$7 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; call 931-3479.

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.tv-ar.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 or \$15 at the door. All proceeds go to local charities. Food and beverage will be sold. Call (510) 329-8155 or visit www.valley-bluesfestival.com.

WIDOWS BRUNCH/LUNCH The Widow and Widowers of Northern California would like to invite you to join them for brunch or lunch at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 25, at Pasta's Trattoria, 405 Main St. RSVP to Marsha by Thursday, Sept. 22, at 830-8483.

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.

Exhibits

PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE MEMBER'S EXHIBIT Firehouse Arts Center will host the annual Pleasanton Art League Member's Exhibit through Oct. 15, in the Harrington Gallery. The center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. and is open from noon-5 p.m., Wednesday-Friday and from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday. A reception and awards ceremony will be held from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17. Call 931-4849 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

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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Book Sale from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23 (for members only); 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24; and 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25; at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Sale features 35,000 sorted books. Membership is needed for Friday and people can buy them at the door. Most paperbacks are fifty cents and most hardbacks are one dollar. Call 918-1195.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND PIE SALE Fundraiser to benefit Harvest Park Middle School Cheer Team is from 4-9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Cold Stone Creamery, 349 Main St., where cheer coach, teachers and administrators will be "Celebrity Scoopers." For further information, contact Barrie Shaffer at barrieshaffer@gmail.com.

SAVOR THE SEASON Alameda County Community Food Bank will host its annual Fall celebration of California from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25, at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. This festive outdoor event will be hosted by Dave Clark of KTVU Channel 2 Morning News and feature live music from the Silverwood Jazz Quartet. Cost is \$125 per person. Proceeds benefit the food bank. Call (510) 635-3663, ext. 328 or visit <https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate>.

YMCA RUMMAGE SALE The Tri-Valley YMCA's Youth and Government delegates are having a rummage sale to raise money for their program and would like gently used (or new) household items, clothing, games, toys, etc. Drop off donations from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Tri-Valley Y, 6693 Sierra Lane, Suite F, Dublin. The rummage sale is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Y. Call Katie at 263-4444.

Kids & Teens

'FUN WITH SCIENCE' Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory presents its popular "Fun With Science" show. Designed for children at the fifth-grade level (though it can be enjoyed by children younger and older), the free program is intended to spark children's interest in science through entertaining demonstrations and hands on activities. Session 1 is from 10:30 a.m.-noon and Session 2 from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Discovery Center at LLNL, located off Greenville Rd. on Eastgate Dr. Space is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Call 423-3272.

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's no admission fee, but bring your wallet to buy meals, snacks and lots of Foothill merchandise. The event takes place before our very own Foothill Falcons take on Logan High School.

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. There is no charge for this lecture. Visit www.facebook.com/pages/OFA-Tri-Valley-Progressives/180596688661955.

'STEPPING STONES ON YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY' The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. The reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Each person's grief journey has its own path and its own time line. There are stepping-stones that are part of each grief journey and you will explore them in this eight-week series of workshops. The class is at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays now through Oct. 27 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pre-registration is requested. Space is limited. A one-time \$15 donation is requested. For more information, call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

PARENTING TEENS — WHAT'S IMPORTANT? Seminars for parents of teenagers, pre-teens or parents experiencing difficulties with their children and family life from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Led by Timothy Earle, experienced educator and parenting coach (was program director for leading emotional growth boarding school). Call 963-6439 or visit www.JackrabbitJourney.com. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE

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Hurricane, heavy rains show importance of flood insurance

Congress needs to act by Sept. 30 to reauthorize program

By JEB BING

As homeowners across the East Coast weathered Hurricane Irene and the heavy rains that followed, the importance of flood insurance was again made clear.

This special insurance is the only way for homeowners to financially protect their property or businesses from flood damages.

Hurricane damage from water is only covered by flood insurance, which must be purchased separately through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and if Congress doesn't act soon this critical program will expire on Sept. 30, putting millions of homeowners at risk.

"As the leading advocate for homeownership and housing issues, National Association of Realtors believes that the NFIP is essential to a properly functioning real estate market, ensuring access to affordable

flood insurance for millions of homeowners," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I.

"Realtors support any and every effort to extend the program for as long as legislatively possible, so that American families won't have to go without essential flood protection," he added.

Floods are also not just a coastal issue and are not only caused by hurricanes. Floods claimed more lives and property than any other natural disaster in the U.S. over the past century and have been declared in every state, along rivers and anywhere rain falls or snow melts.

The NFIP is set to expire on Sept. 30 for the 10th time in three years, and the NAR is urging Congress to reauthorize the program for five years, before it expires. The

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3038 Bersano Ct \$1,399,000
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NFIP ensures access to affordable flood insurance for more than 5.6 million home and business owners in 21,000 communities across the nation.

"We strongly urge Congress to speed passage of legislation to reauthorize the NFIP for the long term and end the current stopgap approach that has already led to numerous extensions and lapses of program authority in the past two years," said Phipps.

NAR is also calling on Congress to develop a proactive national policy to reduce

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"Whether it's a tornado, flood, hurricane, or earthquakes like those that hit Colorado and the Eastern U.S. last month, virtually every region of the country is susceptible to nature's unexpected fury," said Phipps. "Our thoughts are with all Americans who may be affected by this impending hurricane, and we will continue to work with public policymakers on these important issues." ■

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3219 Colebrook Ln.- Dublin - \$789,000
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5583 Crestridge Ter. - Dublin - \$789,000
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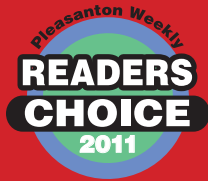
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The latest from The 680 Blog

Pleasanton Market Update: Sales Up, Inventory Down

Pending sales of single family detached homes increased again in Pleasanton during August, posting the second highest number (74) for the year, behind only May's 78. Homes priced below \$1 million accounted for the entire increase. Inventory fell during the month of August after five consecutive monthly increases. This in the face of a wobbly stock market and continued sour news on the economy. The good news is the continued low interest rates, which continue to hover at record low levels. This no doubt is driving much of the activity, and contributing to the overall feeling that despite the economy it is an excellent time to buy a home.

Overall, inventory fell by 22 homes from 224 at the end of July to 202 at the end of August, a drop of nearly 10%. Pending sales increased nearly 16% to 74 during August, from 64 in July. As a result, there was only 2.7 months of inventory in Pleasanton relative to pending sales during August, down from 3.5 months in July. That's the tightest the Pleasanton market has been since May of last year.

Homes priced under \$1 million saw pending sales climb about 20% during August, from 49 in July to 59 in August. Inventory meanwhile, fell nearly 13%, from 157 at the end of July to 137 at the end of August. Inventory relative to pending sales fell from 3.2 months in July to 2.3 months in August. This segment accounted for 68% of Pleasanton's pending sales and 80% of its inventory in August.

There was little activity in the market for homes priced between \$1

million and \$2 million. There were 14 pending sales during August, off one from 15 in July. There were 48 homes available in this segment at the end of August, one higher than July. Inventory relative to pending sales stood at 3.4 months at the end of August, compared to 3.1 months at the end of July. This price range accounted for 24% of pending sales and 19% of inventory in Pleasanton for August.

The market for homes priced over \$2 million was also pretty quiet. There was only one pending sale, versus none in July. There were 17 homes on the market in this segment at the end of August, down three from 20 at the end of July. 8% of Pleasanton's inventory was in this



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OPEN SUN 1-4



5703 Athenour Court

Moller Ranch beauty shows like a model! Pristine 3 BR, 2 1/2 BTH home with hardwood floors, granite kitchen, plantation shutters, downstairs master BR, and premium private lot!
\$799,000

5 BR PLUS BONUS RM!



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

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

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!



Fabulous 4 BR, 2 BTH home in prime cul-de-sac location with vaulted ceilings, large family room with fireplace, sunny kitchen, formal living & dining, and private yard with sparkling pool!
\$539,000

PENDING SALE!



Pristine upgraded Vintage Hills 4 BR, 2.5 BTH home shows like a model! Cherry & granite kitchen, 3 car garage, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, and private .31 acre yard with sparkling pool!
\$885,000

PENDING SALE!



Charming single story 4 BR, 2 BTH home with granite kitchen, updated baths, vaulted ceilings, tile roof, laminate hardwood style flooring, and huge private cul-de-sac lot with sparkling pool!
\$649,000

JUST SOLD!



Fabulous French Country custom with 5 BR + office & retreat, 4 full & 2 half BTH, hardwood floors, 4 car garage, and private .62 acre lot with pool.
\$1,695,000

JUST SOLD!



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

JUST SOLD!



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



3616 NICOLE AVENUE, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN MOHR/MARTIN ESTATES



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

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



4 BD + office, 3 BA, 3,195sf. + finished attic. Built in 2010 with top of the line materials. Gourmet kitchen, handmade mouldings, energy efficient & entertainer's dream home. Master & guest suite on main level.
\$869,898

2020 MARTIN AVENUE, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN MOHR/MARTIN ESTATES



4 BD/office 3 BA 3,107sf. + 1,100sf. guest home on a 24,963sf. lot. Updated gourmet kitchen with prep island & generous storage. Overlooks the grand rear yard that offers a pool, bocce court, fire pit & spacious grass area.
\$1,595,000

3858 MOHR AVENUE, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN CHARTER OAKS



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

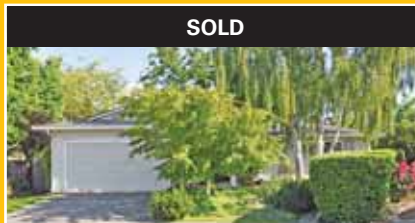
3623 CAMERON AVE., PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN MOHR/MARTIN ESTATES



OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30

5 BD 3 BA 3,291sf. on a 39,892sf. lot. Flat 1 acre lot. Country elegance close to town. This single story offers a private well, pool, volleyball court, horseshoe court and so much more!
\$1,325,000

5082 CRESTWOOD CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



SOLD

Charming 3 BD 2 BA 1,520sf. on a 11,119sf. lot. Refinished wood flooring throughout, updated kitchen. Spectacular rear yard with professional landscaping on a private and spacious lot.
SOLD AT \$655,000

OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30



1334 STONE CANYON CT. PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN IRONWOOD ESTATES

5 BD 4.5 BA 4,205sf. on a 10,588sf. lot. This newly constructed home is located in a court and offers a spacious and open floor plan with high ceilings. Newer maple wood floors and carpet. One bedroom (or optional office) is located on the first level with an adjoining bathroom. Large bonus room perfect for entertaining is located upstairs. The highly upgraded kitchen offers granite counter tops, a large prep island with sink, double oven, built in microwave, gas cooking and stainless steel appliances. A custom fountain is featured in the spacious rear yard complete with garden area.
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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

KOTTINGER RANCH

SOLD - REPRESENTED BUYER



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, in-ground pool, 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

CANYON OAKS



5809 STONECLIFF VISTA LN, PLEASANTON
Newer beautiful home built in 2004. Great location, backs to open space with views of Mount Diablo, Pleasanton Ridge & surrounding open space! Three bedrooms plus loft/office, two & a half bathrooms, 2401 square feet. Custom tile flooring. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, stainless appliances. Spacious master suite. Oversized two car garage. Beautiful landscaping. Walk to new sports park & award winning Hearst Elementary, Pleasanton Middle School, Oak Hill Shopping Center & Main Street! Convenient to Callippe Golf Course & Castlewood Country Club.
OFFERED AT \$839,500

FOOTHILL KNOLLS

SOLD



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

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**

LAGUNA OAKS

SOLD



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

DOWNTOWN

PENDING



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

VINTAGE HILLS

SOLD



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 casement 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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DANIEL ALPHER BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,579,000
4391 sq ft +/- estate 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! 3372SagewoodCt.com. 3372 SAGEWOOD CT

DEBI BODAN BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$924,000
You will enjoy Livermore's Wine Country Living in this beautiful four bedroom, four and a half bathroom home. This home has a full bed and bath downstairs, separate office and gourmet kitchen. 782 VINCI WAY

KIM OTT BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$738,000
Beautiful remodeled Colony model home in Birdland. Kitchen with alder cabinets, silestone counters, travertine backsplash, Wilson Art floors and more. Sparkling pool has newer heater & pump. 2506 SANDERLING DR

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$735,000
3bd/2.5ba, 2,600+/-sq.ft home on a 12,947+/-sq.ft lot, freshly painted inside and out, new appliances, side yard access and pool. 3596 CHIPPENDALE COURT

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 BY APPT



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

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



FREMONT \$675,000
Don't miss this incredible Upper Glenmoor remodel. Single story, corner lot, wood floors. Amazing remodeled kitchen and central air conditioning.Great neighborhood! 4371 LOMBARD AVE

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



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

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$529,000
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

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



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



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