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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Happy memories leafing through encyclopedias

After 244 years, the Encyclopedia Britannica is going out of print. Not out of business, but certainly out of sight on library shelves where I'm sure many of us were weaned on research from the time we started submitting reports in grade school to those late stressed nights in the college library as we wrapped up a crucial term paper that was due the next day. For my family, Encyclopedia Britannica was too expensive, so we made do with Grolier's Book of Knowledge or similar sets of books that occasionally were offered as specials at supermarkets. They were pretty to look at on the bookshelf with their fake gold leaf binding but the pictures and type size were too small for easy reference.

When we acquired a set of World Book encyclopedias, the page-thumbing pace picked up along with the quality of the material. Still not the Cadillac of encyclopedias, World Book was a close competitor to Britannica with a far better sales force and monthly payment plan that more parents could afford. So when I stopped at the Pleasanton Library the other day for a last look at Encyclopedia Britannica, I was surprised to learn that the champion of those kinds of publications has long since been replaced by World Book, with a jazzy cover for the entire set of books that fill a couple of shelves in the children's section.

When Encyclopedia Britannica announced that it was ceasing publication of its iconic multi-volume books sets, there was a bit of sadness that this could mark the end of an era in print literature. Today, we easily Google for information with answers long before we could even get the right Britannica volume off the shelf. Its online competitor, Wikipedia, has even more data, graphs, maps, charts and photos, with references in most listings to additional data with the click on the highlighted subject. Still, there's something nostalgic about turning the pages of a printed encyclopedia as I did the other night while leafing through a World Book. Unlike online searches, I kept stopping as I used to do to look at photos and topics on the pages I was turning. There's always something new that you don't see in online searches that take you right to your chosen topic.

Few readers are probably as worked up as I've been over the demise of these printed book



JEB BING

Pleasanton librarian Merry Luskin guides Ira Prajogo (left) and Audrey Sulistio, 10, through one of the 22 volumes of World Book encyclopedia the library keeps in its children's section. With Encyclopedia Britannica ending its print edition, World Book is the only major encyclopedia left in the U.S. with both print and online editions.

sets. Of course, I'm in the print business and don't want to see it disappear into digital thin air. Take the local bookstores. There's still something special about browsing through an aisle of books. It's just not the same walking through a section of packaged CDs or computer screens. Many of the reference books that had prominent space in these stores have taken the worst hit with the rise of digital.

Britannica's president Jorge Cauz said recently that the encyclopedia's print sets for its final 2010 edition represented less than 1% of the company's total sales. The print set is an icon of Encyclopedia Britannica, but it doesn't do justice to how much Britannica has changed over the years, Cauz said. Even the online version of the encyclopedia, which was first published in 1994, represents only 15% of the company's revenue, with the other 85% these days coming from education products, online learning tools, curriculum products and more.

World Book posts its 22-volume print edition on DVD-ROM discs, too, with even videos and sound clips to make it livelier. Its deluxe edition also includes homework wizards to help in a student's research, a full-length video set, simulations and animations. I'm not sure how all that would work on a laptop in a quiet college library during finals time or how much creative inspiration goes into a term paper today to make it different from the same search effort going on at the next table. Obviously, with the advent of the Internet and Wikipedia, the encyclopedia's days are numbered so enjoy holding a print edition of World Book at the Pleasanton library while you can. ■

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Update on waterslides

The Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission will hear an update on the status of the waterslides at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area at its meeting Monday from the East Bay Regional Park District. Commissioners requested the report at last month's meeting, saying they'd received inquiries from the community regarding the waterslides at Shadow Cliffs, which is run by the Park District.

After inspections this winter, Park District staff recommended the waterslides be closed, but the operations committee last month directed staff to study whether an operator might be found to repair the structure and take on future operations and maintenance.

The waterslides are slated for eventual closing in the Shadow Cliffs Land Use Plan Amendment that was adopted last May by the Park District Board of Directors.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will begin at 7 p.m. April 16 at the Pleasanton City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Saavy fundraiser

Mario and Armida Saavedra, owners of Salon Saavy at 347 Division St. at Main, are hosting a cut-a-thon from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The Saavedras have had clients over the years battling the disease and would like to make a difference so are opening their salon Sunday and bringing in extra stylists. Haircuts (no blow dry) will be a \$10 minimum donation. There also will be baked goods for sale.

End-of-life presentation

To celebrate National Healthcare Decisions Day on April 16, Hope Hospice is hosting a free screening of "Consider the Conversation," a documentary on the taboo subject of the end of life, from 7-9 p.m. at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First St. in Livermore.

Livermore resident Kathryn Kaldhusdal, wife of featured patient Peter Kaldhusdal, will introduce the award winning film, which highlights the American struggle with communication and preparation at the end of life.

A panel discussion with experts will follow the screening with a chance to ask questions and share views. Advance Healthcare Directives kits, POLST (physician orders for life-sustaining treatment) forms, Five Wishes forms and other planning tools will be available.

Hosterman named adjunct professor at Stanford

Also sets up campaign committee for Congress in 2014

By JEB BING

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who is winding down her last seven months in office after more than 10 years of public service in Pleasanton, has been named an adjunct professor at Stanford University where she will teach a course on local government.

At the same time, Hosterman announced that she has set up a federal elections committee as she prepares to run for Congress in 2014. Nancy L. Warren, who lives in Hamilton in Marin County, has been named treasurer of the Jennifer Hosterman for Congress in 2014 committee.

Hosterman, who was first elected to the Pleasanton City Council in 2002, was elected mayor in 2004, the first woman to ever hold the office here. She was re-elected in 2008. Term limits require that she step down from office after eight years.

She officially will hand over the reins as

mayor at the City Council meeting on Dec. 4 to the candidate who wins the municipal race in the General Election Nov. 6. So far, council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne are the only two seeking the mayor's post.



Jennifer Hosterman

Hosterman said she has joined the Stanford faculty as a paid professor and will begin teaching a 10-week course at the end of September in the university's Continuing Studies Department. More courses will follow when the Monday night classes end in early December.

Hosterman, 56, graduated from the University of San Francisco with a bachelor's degree and from the John F. Kennedy School of Law with a Juris Doctorate. Her husband Michael is

an attorney with offices in downtown Pleasanton, where he also is this year's president of the Pleasanton Downtown Association. The couple has three daughters.

"As mayor and with my involvement in many regional, state and federal organizations, I've had the greatest education anyone could get," Hosterman said. "I've worked hard to put Pleasanton on the map in a lot of different venues, both locally, in California and nationally."

"I also love to teach so I pitched Stanford about combining this experience in the classroom with a course on local government," she said. "I also approached USF, my alma mater, and they, too, were interested but Stanford made the first offer, which I couldn't refuse."

She has to provide Stanford with her syllabus for the course by April 28 but has already

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DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The groundbreaking was held behind the Dublin Library at the site where the Alamo Canal trail stops at the I-580 freeway.

Project to connect two trails under freeway

Link under I-580 will make Pleasanton, Dublin mutually accessible

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Ground was broken Tuesday morning on a 794-foot project to connect trails in Pleasanton and Dublin that end abruptly at Interstate 580, frustrating folks who would like to continue to the other side.

"This is one of those pinch points, and it is going to be un-pinched," said East Bay Regional Park District Board Member Beverly Lane.

On the Pleasanton side is a north-south portion of the Centennial Trail partly along the Arroyo de la Laguna that stops at I-580. In Dublin, the Alamo Canal Trail branches off the Iron Horse Trail to head south and end at I-580 behind the Dublin Library.

The Park District has been working on the project to connect the two trails with the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin, Alameda County

Transportation Commission, Zone 7 Water Agency and Caltrans to come to agreements on closing the gap and providing funding. The last \$1 million for the \$2.4 million project is coming from federal TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) funds.

"We were unanimously interested in having this happen," Lane said.

Faye and Richard Guarienti of Dublin ended a four-mile walk in the Dougherty Hills Open Space on Tuesday at the site as the groundbreaking was about to begin.

"I've been actively involved with getting this trail put in for many years," said Richard Guarienti, who was on Dublin Parks Commission for eight years, chaired the EBRPD Parks Advisory Committee, and is on the bicycle pedestrian

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Walmart Market goes to Council for final vote May 7

Public meeting at Firehouse will hear appeal to ban store by Councilman Matt Sullivan

The Pleasanton City Council has scheduled a public meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, May 7, to make a final decision on whether Walmart can open one of its Neighborhood Markets in the long-vacant Nob Hill supermarket building on Santa Rita Road.

So far, both the council and the Planning Commission have endorsed a decision by the city's zoning administrator, who ruled that Walmart could open its market at the site since its proposed market matches the footprint of the Nob Hill store, which the city approved in 1982.

But Councilman Matt Sullivan, a long-time and outspoken foe of the business and employment policies of national retailer Walmart Corp., filed an appeal against that decision by the Planning Commission, which voted 5-0 on March 19 to approve for a second time Walmart's bid. The commission's decision actually was to deny an appeal by two Pleasanton residents, Angela Joe-Willmes and Linda Martin, who has contested the zoning administrator's ruling.

In February, the City Council voted 4-1 to accept the zoning administrator's decision, with Sullivan casting the one vote against the measure.

More than 150 attended the Planning Commission meeting, which was held in the Firehouse Arts Center because a large crowd was expected.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the council meeting also will be held in the Firehouse Theater, which has seats for 227 people, about 100 more than in the City Council chamber at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

If the council votes to deny Sullivan's appeal, Walmart could file for operating permits at the old Nob Hill store as early as May 8.

Improvements to the interior of the store that Walmart is proposing could take another two to three months, with the store likely to open in mid to late summer.

—Jeb Bing

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Pleasanton businessman Chris Beratlis dies at 77

Main Street property owner was active in civic affairs

Services for Chris Beratlis, a longtime city, civic and business leader and rancher, will be held at noon Tuesday at St. Augustine Catholic Church with interment following at Pleasanton Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Veterans Memorial Building. Visitation for Mr. Beratlis will be from 5-9 p.m. Monday at Graham-Hitch Funeral Home.

Mr. Beratlis, who was 77, was born in Pleasanton and was a 1953 graduate of Amador Valley High School. From the time he was young, he was part of Pleasanton's growth and development, investing in properties on



Chris Beratlis

Main Street and in upper Vintage Hills, where he and his wife Glenda made their home. Always active in the Pleasanton Downtown Association, he spearheaded the successful drive to have the city of Pleasanton acquire the public cemetery on Sunol Boulevard from the Odd Fellows organization.

The acreage surrounding the Beratlis home on Crellin Road was one of the last ranches in Pleasanton. For years, parents who built new homes in the area would take their kids to see the sheep and cattle that grazed on the property. Each Christmas, he decorated an old barn on Crellin with festive Christmas lights. Where Mr. Beratlis' 50 head of cattle and 125 sheep once grazed, there are now \$1 million-plus homes atop Vintage Hills that are

part of the Vintage Heights I, Vintage Heights II and Foxborough Estates communities. Montevino Drive now extends from Crellin to Vineyard Avenue through one of his choice grazing sites.

Knowing of his illness, several hundred friends saluted him March 31 at a reception at Gay 90s Pizza, with Mr. Beratlis and Glenda greeting guests for much of the evening. That was to be his last public get-together.

Besides his wife, he is survived by their son Chris Jr. who owns and operates Beratlis Automotive at 3597 Nevada St. Another son, David, was killed in an auto accident in 1990. His parents established the David Beratlis Memorial Scholarship at Amador which provides financial aid to graduates heading to college. ■

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'Customer' turns robber, holds up dry cleaner

Asks about leather repairs, then pulls pistol

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

A Monday night armed robbery at a dry cleaner netted an undisclosed amount of money, but left the owner, who was just closing, shaken.

The holdup took place at Holiday Dry Cleaners in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road, just doors down from Gold Chopsticks Chinese restaurant, which was held up at gunpoint in December.

Sue Hwang, who owns and operates the dry cleaners with her husband, said a man came in at almost 7 p.m. and asked about dry cleaning and getting a leather jacket repaired.

"He pulled out a gun and pointed it at me and said, 'Give me money,'" Hwang said. "I gave

him everything (from the cash register). He said sit down and I sat down."

She described the weapon the holdup man displayed as a small black pistol and said the robbery only took about three minutes.

Hwang described the robber as a thin white male, age 40 to 50, with "lots of wrinkles." He was wearing a sweatshirt and jeans at the time of the robbery, she said.

That description differs greatly from other recent Pleasanton holdups. In the Dec. 3 robbery at Gold Chopsticks, the armed robber was described as a thin black male, 18 to 25 years old; the suspect in a Dec 18 holdup at Dominoes, near both the dry cleaners and the restaurant, was described as an Asian or Hispanic

man in his early 20s, 5 feet 5 and weighing about 120 pounds.

The Union 76 gas station in the 4100 block of First Street was robbed Sept. 23 by a man who pointed a handgun at the lone attendant and demanded cash. The suspect is described as a light-skinned male, possibly Caucasian or Hispanic, in his early twenties, 5 feet 7-9, 140 pounds.

Suspects in a June holdup at Sweet Tomatoes in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road were described as Hispanic males in their mid-20s, one described as 5 feet 6-7, 140 to 160 pounds with a medium build, and the other 5 feet 4-6 with a similar weight and build. Those suspects wore bandannas. ■

Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest

Send us your photos for prizes and fun

Mother's Day is May 13 — right around the corner — and the Pleasanton Weekly is again holding its annual Mother-Daughter Lookalike contest.

Send a digital photo to contest@pleasantonweekly.com by 6 a.m., Thursday, April 26. Photos can be

black and white or color, and need to be in JPG format, at least 300 dpi. Photos entered for previous contests are not eligible; only digital photos will be accepted.

The staff at the Weekly will choose the finalists, and readers will be able to vote for the win-

ners online from April 27-May 3. First-place prize is a \$100 gift certificate for Whole Foods; second-place prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Strizzi's restaurant.

Photos of the winners will be published in the May 11 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly. ■

Student charged with making drugs in Chico

Three Chico State University students, including a 2008 graduate of Amador Valley High, were arrested Saturday night after accidentally setting their house on fire in Chico.

The three were trying to cook up hash oil on their kitchen stove when they set the house afire, according to a report.

The Amador grad, Nicholas Glasco, 21, was charged with man-

ufacturing a controlled substance, along with his housemates Devin Murphy and Cheyenne Havens, both 19.

A Chico police officer cruising past the house in the 1000 block of Warner Street near the college at about 10:15 p.m. spotted the fire and watched the three run outside. The Chico Fire Department responded and put the fire out within

minutes. No one was injured, but the home was severely damaged.

"We recommend that people don't try this kind of silly thing," Chico police Sgt. Billy Aldridge told News 12, the CBS affiliate in Chico.

The three were booked into the Butte County Jail and are being held on \$100,000 bonds.

--Glenn Wohltmann

Popular school program falls to budget cuts

Discovery program to be eliminated at Walnut Grove

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

A popular program at Walnut Grove Elementary may be disappearing, another victim of the state's ongoing budget troubles.

Increasing class sizes, less interest and less teacher participation are among the main factors leading to the end of the Discovery program, in which students spent two years with the same teacher. The program keeps kids together with teachers for two-year spans in combined classes of kindergarten and first grade, second and third grade, and fourth and fifth grade.

But some of those teachers are on the district's list of layoffs, and Principal Jon Vranesh said he wasn't sure that the school could find teachers who'd be interested in using the Discovery method.

A letter sent out by Vranesh announced that the program was being ended, without input from parents, who packed the school's multipurpose room for two meetings held to discuss the reasons

behind the cancellation, and to talk about options.

"We're losing teachers, some of our best and brightest. That's one factor," Vranesh told the crowd, explaining Walnut Grove, like other elementary schools, is predicting a student-teacher ration of 30-1. "We don't have the (enrollment) numbers to sustain a vibrant and vital program. That's another factor."

The idea was met with a mix of concern and enthusiasm. Some parents said they liked the idea because it would do away with perceived divisions in the school, where about one-third of students were involved in Discovery.

"Next year, we will be combining both our 'traditional' and 'discovery' programs so that our students will have the best of what both programs have to offer," Vranesh's letter read. "Additionally, teachers will have the opportunity to 'loop' with their students for two-year periods in consultation with administration."

That would mean students from the same grade would keep the same teacher for two years as they move up.

"I just want to open your minds to the idea of one Walnut Grove School," one of the teachers brought in to discuss the end of the Discovery program told parents. "I think we're going to find we're not so different after all."

One parent worried that students moved out of Discovery would be missing out on some classes, since subjects were planned in two-year blocks.

"We'll work it out so that those kids get their units," a teacher responded.

At the end, most seemed happy about the compromise, while Vranesh and Cindy Galbo, assistant superintendent of educational services, promised to look for teachers who'd like to use the Discovery program, and would consider a lottery — if enough students can be found to fill the classes. ■

HOSTERMAN

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lined up as one of her first guest speakers her friend Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the son of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy and an East Coast attorney who specializes in environmental law. Like Hosterman, Kennedy is a licensed falconer.

"My course will focus on issues

of importance to all of us at the local level, especially relationships with state and federal agencies and officials that can cause tension," she said. "These will include mandates, often unfunded for local governments, by the regional Air District and the Association of Bay Area Governments, as well as measures approved years ago, such as Proposition 13."

As for seeking election to Congress, Hosterman said she has talked with Congressman Pete Stark, who is seeking re-election in the newly formed 15th Congressional District that includes Pleasanton. Stark was first elected to Congress in 1973 and indicated at a recent meeting in Dublin that this may be his last term in office. ■

TRAILS

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committee for Alameda County transportation. "We can't fund them all but I pushed very strongly for this one to be funded."

First a feasibility study was done. The trail connection will mean cutting into the bank of the waterway that goes under the freeway.

"The BART tracks hang down lower than the freeway," Guarienti explained. "We had to do an engineering study and design."

About two years ago, when state funds were nonexistent, they began to apply for federal funding, which meant redoing the environmental document, he added.

On Tuesday morning, officials sank their shovels into the earth near the current end of the Alamo Trail in Dublin to begin the project.

"For the first time we are doing something significant to help people get somewhere without getting into a car," East Bay Regional Park District Board Member Ayn Wiskamp told the crowd. The project is in her Ward 5. "It proves we can work together and achieve things."

The project is being lauded as a safe route away from traffic for people on foot, bikes or skates to travel between schools, homes and their destinations in Pleasanton and Dublin.

In a reference to the rainy day, Wiskamp predicted great weather



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The trail connection will be formed by cutting into the bank of the waterway that goes under the freeway, shown on the north side in Dublin.

in the fall when the project is completed and the trails are finally connected.

Both U.S. congressmen Jerry McNerney (D., 11th) and Peter Stark (D., 13th) were in attendance along with local elected officials.

"I live on the other side of 580 and have wanted to be able to get over here for years," McNerney said, noting also that the project will create desperately needed jobs.

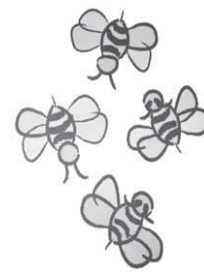
"George Miller (7th District congressman) and myself opened the Iron Horse Trail many years ago," Stark noted.

Other funding for the project is coming from the Federal Transport-

tation Improvement Plan, Alameda County's Measure B, the Park District's Measure WW and the cities. It will provide a link to the Pleasanton BART station, shopping areas, parks, the Alameda County Fairgrounds, office parks, civic centers and downtowns.

"This provides access to Pleasanton without leaving the trail," said Faye Guarienti, who bicycles about 20-25 miles per ride. "Now I have to go over the freeway or down to the Dublin BART station. None of those things are very satisfactory, you're dealing with a lot of traffic going in and out."

The city of Dublin will oversee the project. ■



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Are you suffering from "Boomeritis?"

DEAR JIM: I've been physically active most of my life, but lately I have experienced a series of nagging injuries — mostly from running — and all of my "couch potato" buddies are giving me a hard time. They say I should just slow down and enjoy life and start acting my age (I'm 62). When I look at all of the problems they have — high blood pressure, diabetes, heart problems, arthritis, etc. — I feel pretty good about myself, but I am beginning to wonder if maybe I should take their advice and slow down. What do you think? **SECOND THOUGHTS IN SEDONA**



DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: You are probably suffering from the relatively new phenomenon known as "Boomeritis" — a term used by many orthopedic surgeons to describe the wave of exercise-related injuries among baby boomers. But relax — it's not fatal.

You are simply part of a growing number of baby boomers who have taken life by the tail by being more physically active in your later years. While running has been your particular physical outlet, others of your generation are engaged in cycling, swimming, skiing, hiking, powerlifting, and a host of other athletic endeavors. The problem is that we are prone to more injuries as we grow older, and we don't bounce back like we used to when we were younger and more resilient.

You remember the old tune "The Old Gray Mare, She Ain't What She Used to Be, Ain't What She Used to Be, ... Many Long Years Ago?" Well, it applies to old, gray stallions too, my friend.

The March issue of Mayo Clinic Women's HealthSource (www.bookstore.mayoclinic.com) addresses the roots of boomeritis and offers some helpful hints to help avoid it:

Doctor approval: not to worry if you have already been physically active, but if you are just starting out, check with your doctor first to see if there is anything that might preclude what you are thinking about doing.

Warm-up: get the blood flowing and warm up your muscles before kicking into high gear.

Stretch: we're not as flexible as we used to be, so take a few minutes to stretch out after exercising, while the muscles are still warm.

Cross train: variety is the spice of life, so mix up your choice of exercises and physical activities.

Be consistent: "weekend warriors" can expect to pay the price, so spread your physical activity out in smaller doses during the week rather than trying to cram it all into the weekend.

Listen to your body: you know when you are pushing too hard — don't pretend that you don't.

Don't overdo it: take it easy once in a while and don't ask for trouble by trying to do more than you are ready for — work yourself into condition before taking the next step and take a day off to rest once in a while.

Just remember that whatever aches and pains you might be experiencing are better than the debilitating physical problems that your friends are suffering from not doing anything. As Jack LaLanne famously preached for decades, "just keep moving."

Jim Evans is a 45-year veteran of the health and fitness industry and internationally recognized fitness consultant. He is also a member of the Visionary Board of the International Council on Active Aging. Readers can send their questions to Jim about health, fitness, and quality of life to jime@bayareaaffc.com.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

More people, more growth heading our way

Pleasanton's economy is on the uptick thanks to population and business growth. Laura Olson, executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, told a Chamber of Commerce forum Wednesday that retail and restaurant businesses are "standing in line" for available space on Main Street. Shopping centers along Hopyard Road are also filled to capacity and businesses are now filling up the available space at the new Safeway Gateway Center at Valley and Bernal avenues. Bagel Street Cafe and Baja Fresh opened this week, following last month's opening of the popular Habit Burger Grill and Panda Express' third outlet in Pleasanton. Stoneridge Shopping Center also is thriving with new stores and restaurants.

Over on Staples Ranch at the city's eastern edge, work will begin Monday on a bridge over the arroyo that will complete the extension of Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road. Stoneridge and Jack London Boulevard on the Livermore side should be opened to traffic by year's end. Also on Staples, construction has started on more than 650 homes and apartment units in the Stoneridge Creek retirement community, with the first homes scheduled to be ready for their new owners in mid-2013.

Work is continuing, too, on the new Clorox research and office center off Hopyard Road and Johnson Drive that will bring more than 700 more employees to Pleasanton from their current work sites in Oakland. Kaiser Permanente also is adding more employees at its Information Technology center here.

At 875 acres, Hacienda Business Park is the largest development of its kind in Northern California with over 10 million square feet of existing, mixed-use space occupied by some 475 companies that locally employ 17,000 people. New firms locating in the park last year included Pacific Office Automation, Re/Max Accord, Aplegen and Met Life Home Loan, with Maddie's Fund moving this year into an office building it has purchased in Hacienda.

Sizeable population increases will also add to the demand for more retail shops and service businesses. Construction will start shortly on 840 housing units in two-, three- and four-story apartment buildings in Hacienda, adding to the 1,530 residential units already there. Early this year, the City Council ended more than a decade of slow growth policies by rezoning nine separate sites totaling 73 acres throughout the city for high-density housing. Together with the new Hacienda apartments, the city's population, when those high-density units are built, could total well over 80,000, up from our current population of about 68,000. That means more business for downtown and Stoneridge mall and more tax revenue for the city. ■



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GUEST OPINION

BY CATHY JETTER

Sports in trouble after drop in 'Fair Share' donations

A recent opinion piece outlining Foothill High School's plan to have parents contribute to the costs of this year's graduation ceremony caused quite a debate on the Town Square forum. This debate reflects the resentment parents feel at having been asked to financially support their child's education, beyond the taxes they pay, beginning with kindergarten supply kits and continuing right through high school graduation ceremonies. Some of these parents choose to make a statement of frustration by closing their checkbooks when they are asked to make a contribution and at the same time are told it is a voluntary donation.

Unfortunately, the Pleasanton Unified School District does not seem to interpret the refusal to financially support such activities as dissatisfaction with the state of the school district's budget. Instead, the district believes that if parents are not willing to support programs the district's budget cannot cover, those programs should be eliminated.

For example, Foothill High School's athletic program is currently running a deficit of nearly \$100,000. Parents have been advised that sports that are unable to support themselves this year will not be allowed to continue next year; in fact, several sports are in danger of being cancelled unless the teams raise the necessary funds before school begins next fall.

Why has this happened? Three years ago, 97% of athletes' families participated in the Fair Share Donation Program, a voluntary program for families to help cover the cost of running the athletic programs in which their children participate. This year, most sports are averaging 60% participation. Why the decline? Last

year, when the ACLU threatened to sue California school districts for requiring students to pay to participate in sports, it became necessary to emphasize that the Fair Share program is voluntary and that no child would be kept off a team because a family chose not to contribute. Unfortunately, many families failed to understand that the children are not guaranteed a right to play at all, and that choosing not to donate puts under-funded sports in danger of cancellation.

At the same time, the district has completely eliminated support for the high schools' athletic programs from the budget and the cost to participate in high school athletics is rising. While Foothill has dedicated coaches and families working hard to solve the financial problems challenging the excellent athletic programs, many parents are under the impression that if they don't help to defray the costs, the district will be forced to find the money — somewhere. Unfortunately, that is simply not true and it is likely that some athletes will find their team has been eliminated. When after-school library hours have already been reduced and important reading programs have been cut, parents of Foothill students need to understand PUSD will not find extra funds to ensure that graduation ceremonies and athletic programs will be continued.

High school athletics, graduation ceremonies and supplementary academic programs are important not just for the benefits and opportunities they bring our students, but also for the very real part they play in joining all students as a community and ensuring that each student's high school experience is completely successful. The debate about what is fair for parents to pay must be put on hold long enough to do what is right for the students of Foothill High School.

Cathy Jetter is a parent at Foothill High School.

LETTERS

Funding graduation

Dear Editor,

I want to correct an inaccuracy that has been stated more than once in recent Pleasanton Weekly articles. The senior class parents did not ask for donations toward graduation at walk-through registration. It is the Amador Valley High School PTSA that is happy to be contributing \$20,000 toward the graduation ceremonies at Amador this year. This money was earned throughout the year, primarily through our fundraising SAT/ACT practice tests and boot camps. The PTSA general membership voted early in the school year to allocate these funds toward graduation.

A special thank you goes out to PTSA member and Amador parent Carla Butler, who spearheaded these

fundraising efforts.

**Jan Mitchell, Vice President/
Communications, Amador
Valley High School PTSA**

Hidden Walmart costs

Dear Editor,

I have read the previous letters regarding the proposed Walmart Neighborhood Market with some amusement; I think many people are missing a critical point.

How much money will the city (i.e., we taxpayers) have to shell out to the employees of a new Walmart grocery for their benefits, since the company doesn't provide them? What will be the annual cost of having this dubious addition to our community?

Maybe if this issue were brought out into the open, all the gung-ho supporters would rethink their endorsement.

G. Emerson Biggins

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2 more restaurants open in Safeway's Gateway Center

Baja Fresh adds outlet, Bagel Street Cafe moves from Raley's corner

Baja Fresh opened its second Pleasanton restaurant this week, joining Bagel Street Cafe at the Valley Avenue side of the new Safeway Gateway Center at Valley and Bernal avenues.

Bagel Street, which is celebrating its grand opening this week, offers a wide assortment of bagels and bagel sandwiches from an Asiago bagel with cream cheese to a turkey, bacon, avocado sandwich on a Dutch crunch roll.

The eat-in or carry-out cafe moved from its long-time location in the Oak Hills/Raley's shopping center on Sunol Boulevard.

Baja Fresh, which has long had a restaurant in the Stoneridge Shopping Center, moved into its more spacious, 2,000-square-foot second facility, which has an official address of 6762 Bernal Ave., although the restaurant backs onto Valley Avenue.

Baja Fresh is owned and operated by Anil Ahuja who has been in the restaurant industry for five years.

"I have always appreciated freshly prepared, great tasting food, and now I can offer that to my guests," Ahuja said.

He said the restaurant's "made to order" menu allows guests to customize their favorites including the restaurant's signature Baja Burrito made with fresh handmade guacamole and pico de gallo. The customizable menu also provides a choice of fire-grilled chicken breast, steak, pork carnitas, shrimp or Wahoo.



JEB BING

Pleasanton's second Baja Fresh opened this week at the new Safeway Gateway Center at Valley and Bernal avenues. The Irvine-based chain also has a restaurant in the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

The new Pleasanton restaurant encompasses a contemporary design, including an interior incorporating the use of natural wood, stone and warm colors, in addition to a more accommodating seating plan.

"We believe customers new and old will truly enjoy the new Baja

Fresh experience," said Charles Rink, the restaurant's president and chief executive officer.

Founded in 1990 and headquartered in Irvine, Baja Fresh Mexican Grill operates or franchises 230 restaurants in 25 states as well as in Dubai and Singapore. ■

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THIS PLEASANTON KITCHEN IS A 'Gujarati Kitchen'

FAMILY RECIPES LEAD
TO COMPREHENSIVE
COOKBOOK

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Top right, Bhanu Hajratwala prepares okra and potato curry, adding freshly ground spices from her tray of items she uses most. Above, Bhanu cooks chapatti on a griddle then slides them directly onto the gas burner to puff up as they brown on each side.

All her children wanted for Christmas was her recipes so they could savor a taste of home while away at college, recalled Pleasanton resident and cookbook author Bhanu Hajratwala. She started off slowly, handwriting the ingredients, quantifying exactly how much spice was in “a pinch.”

That seemingly simple project, begun 20-plus years ago, grew and grew until last year her cookbook, “Gujarati Kitchen,” was published in India by Westland as part of its countrywide food series.

“In 2009, the publisher in India asked my daughter Minal (author of “Leaving India”) if she knew someone who could write a cookbook,” Bhanu said. “My daughter was doing a book tour.”

They contacted Bhanu, and it turned out that the editor-in-chief, although Punjabi, is a huge fan of Gujarati food.

“She told me to use just Gujarati recipes,” Bhanu recalled. “She was interested in fact that I was not born in India, and how did I manage to cook at all?”

Bhanu’s family moved to Fiji in the early 1900s where they re-created Gujarati recipes as best as they could given the dearth of available ingredients. They treasured these traditional recipes to remind them of home, although back home, meanwhile, the cooking has changed over the last 100 years.

As a girl, Bhanu enjoyed eating but only helped in the kitchen to make her favorites such as meatballs or chapatti, the round bread.

“I learned to cook after I got married,” she said. “I was busy going to school, then gradu-

ate school to become a physical therapist.”

When she married Bhupenda in 1967 she knew it was time to learn how to cook the foods she enjoyed eating. The young couple moved to Iowa City for him to pursue his doctorate in pharmacy but first they stayed for one month with his family, where she asked her mother-in-law for advice.

“One day she said, ‘Get a pen and paper,’” Bhanu said, and after that she spent many hours in the kitchen observing the meal preparation and learning about spices and fresh ingredients and how to turn them into Gujarati feasts.

She also observed her mother and sisters as much as possible, then in Iowa City, gamely tackled her kitchen.

“I started cooking — burned some things, made some too salty, others not salty enough,” she recalled with a laugh.

“Her cooking has always been good,” disagreed Bhupenda. “And, like wine, it ages well.”

“We came to the United States, and I had to start substituting,” she added, because Indian ingredients were rare, especially in her new home. The nearest fresh spices for Indian food were in Chicago, 250 miles away.

After Bhupenda earned his doctorate they moved to Daly City, and then to New Zealand. In 1979 they settled in Michigan where they raised Minal and their son, Nayan. Everywhere they made themselves at home in the Indian and international community, and Bhanu added more and more recipes to her repertoire.

“Friends and family members were more

than willing to share their recipes with me, but they rarely had any measurements, which I found challenging,” she wrote in her book’s introduction.

After Bhupenda retired in 1997 and Bhanu sold her physical therapy clinic in Michigan, they chose to live in Pleasanton and the Bay Area where they have hundreds of extended family members and friends from their Gujarati clan.

“This is a mecca for fresh vegetables, spices, meat and seafood,” Bhanu said.

She signed the contract for her book last January then was told they needed the manuscript in June, including a 10,000-word introduction.

“I was told no more than 80 recipes. So I chose the kids’ favorites and those that are typical Gujarati, the more authentic ones,” Bhanu said. “I narrowed it down to 97 recipes and sent it to the editor. She used every one.”

“They wanted pictures, too,” she added. “So I cooked each and every item in that book, and put it in nice dishes.”

Bhupenda was the photographer and did the necessary sketches plus typed the recipes and input it all onto the computer.

“The introduction was challenging,” Bhanu remembered. Her first effort yielded one page, just a few hundred words; as she expanded it, Bhupenda and Minal kept coming up with stories to include.

“The introduction was to give it a life,” Bhupenda observed. “It’s one thing to know the story, another thing to put it on paper so

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Eagle Scout Garrison Linforth

Garrison Linforth, a senior at Foothill High School, earned the rank of Eagle Scout after completing his Eagle project with Troop 998. His project, known as "Operation Christmas Child," called for him to plan, organize and manage a collection of school supplies, toys, necessities, hard candies and letters of encouragement to be placed into shoeboxes and delivered to children living in desperate situations all around the world. The project was completed at the request of Centerpointe Presbyterian Church in Pleasanton, where his Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held at 2 p.m. April 28.

Garrison, the son of Drake and Karin Linforth, started Scouts in the third grade and advanced through the ranks by earning merit badges, doing community service, going to summer camp, taking leadership roles as chaplain's aide, historian, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and quartermaster. He also participated in the two-week Philmont Adventure Hike in New Mexico. He plans to study biotechnology in college.



Garrison Linforth



Military: Nathanael Ellis

Nathanael Ellis is undergoing training at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston, S.C., as an electronics technician after graduating in October from basic training for the U.S. Navy at Great Lakes Recruit Training Command. Once he completes his training, in another year, he will serve onboard submarines operating the nuclear reactor motor. Ellis is a 2009 graduate of Amador Valley High School. Before joining the Navy he studied for two years at CSU Monterey Bay.

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other people will find it interesting."

It tells of her culinary journey, from developing her taste buds as a girl to learning to satisfy them no matter where she found herself living. One anecdote tells of a flight to another town in New Zealand where a baker gave her dough to make an Indian treat, "phulia." He put a little lump into an oversized box and taped it, but the dough rose and rose, popping open the lid quite loudly in the overhead bin on the flight home and continuing to rise. They rushed home where Bhanu hurriedly rolled out the dough and Bhupenda deep-fried it.

The book, which is available at www.GujaratiKitchen.com, has received great reviews in India.

"We could not have paid people to write so well," Bhupenda said.

"In India the concept of Gujarati is that everyone is vegetarian," Bhanu noted. "So many who reviewed it said they didn't know Gujaratis were non-vegetarian."

Bhanu has taught classes at the UC Berkeley Cooking Club, including two sessions of Culinary Kids for ages 9 and up.

"I may do more cooking class but I



Bhanu Hajratwala continually replenishes her small jars of spices to keep everything fresh. She remembers when ingredients for Indian food were not so readily available and calls this area a mecca for fresh vegetables, spices, meat and seafood.

would like to do them in my home," Bhanu said, recalling loading the car top to bottom with cooking utensils, heavy mixers and ingredients.

The Hajratwalas' food culture is high, as evidenced by her vast assortment of freshly ground spices and equipment that includes a sugar cane juice extractor from India. Whether or not she is cooking for get-togethers in their com-

munity, each day she prepares traditional Gujarati tea with sweets in the afternoon, then dinner for the two of them, along with chapatti she makes fresh each day.

"Some days are more elaborate than others," she said.

"Even my leftovers for lunch are sometimes a gourmet meal," Bhupenda added with an appreciative chuckle. ■

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HITTING IT OUT OF THE PA

By
JESSICA LIPSKY

Most every family has a tradition, but for the Alioto boys, the family tradition comes with thousands of fans, manicured green fields and the occasional prank that gets played out on national television.

Beginning in the early 1970s, five members of the Alioto family have worked as bat boys for the San Francisco Giants. From Candlestick to King Street, a father, uncle and three brothers have made the trek to the Giants clubhouse for every home game to field bats, wash towels and attempt to keep order among 37 Major League ballplayers.

"I thought it would be so cool to be around Major League players, that I could ask questions and get a feel what it was like to be in the Major Leagues," said Marco Alioto, 15. "I'm going to try to keep it going for as long as I can."

Marco is a freshman at De La Salle High School and has been a bat boy in the home clubhouse for two years. A serious baseball fan and a catcher on his own team, Marco exudes enthusiasm for the game and takes his job very seriously.

"It's hard with being a kid, with sports and being able to do things with friends," Marco said. "We're washing clothes 24/7 throughout the day, going to the kitchen to see if any dishes need to be washed. Between the time that I get there and when the game starts, you're doing whatever the players need."

Marco is the last of his relations to join the Giants family after his two older brothers, Dominic and Tony, worked as bat boys in the visiting and home clubhouses during high school. Although Tony has moved on to Sonoma State, Dominic and Marco make the trek from Alamo to San Francisco for every home game.

"I definitely enjoy being with my younger brother a lot — we created a bond and got way closer because we were together literally all day," said Dominic, 18. "It's something that we always talk about and something we will always have a connection about."

During the school year, the two will drive to the ballpark right after the last school bell and sometimes get home past midnight — the late hour a result of hanging out at the clubhouse. During the summer, the home clubhouse bat boys will arrive at AT&T Park at 7 a.m. for a 1 p.m. game, or at 1 p.m. for a night game.

"The hardest part about it is balancing out with school and my friends and my family, it takes up so much of my time," Dominic, a high school senior, said. "I know that it's something that I'll cherish for the rest of my life and that not a lot of people will get to do. I just want to work hard and work through it ... my friends are understanding and come to the games a lot."

For Marco, the hardest part of the job is keeping the players and coaches happy, because "if people aren't happy, you're doing something wrong," he said. Beyond his bat-retrieving duties, Marco is responsible for setting up the dugout with gum, towels and chips before the game.

"I think any time a child has a responsibility like that it's just a matter of accountability. You can't get up one morning and say, 'I don't feel like going today.' You can't come and go as you please and I think both boys have learned that," said Mario Alioto, the boys' father and senior vice president of revenue for the Giants. "They realize that this is not about them and there's a lot to do."

And Mario Alioto should know — he was a bat boy in the Giants' visitors clubhouse with his brother from 1973 through 1978. Mario grew up near Candlestick Park and when his father would stop by the ballpark as part of his route for a linen company, the family got to know Equipment Manager Mike Murphy.

"I still remember standing by the door and seeing all the players and thinking how neat that was. One day, I helped them for five minutes, and Murph gave me 5 bucks," Alioto said.

Alioto attended St. Mary's College and, in his sophomore year, was offered a position as visiting clubhouse manager. After he graduated college, he worked in the front office and has been in the Giants family ever since. When his eldest son was looking for summertime employment, Visiting Clubhouse Manager Harvey Hodgnerney offered him Alioto's old position.

"This definitely was not planned, but when I look back on it, it is a pretty neat feeling," Alioto said of his family tradition. "I always remind (my sons) that you can't take this stuff for granted. This is the experience of a lifetime to see what happens at a major game from the field level."



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Clockwise from top left: Marco Alioto works as bat boy during the eighth inning of Game 2 of the World Series on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010. The Giants beat the Texas Rangers, 9-0. Marco Alioto cleans up after Game 4 of the World Series in Arlington, Texas, on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010. The Giants beat the Texas Rangers, 4-0. Mario, Marco and Dominic Alioto before the Giants' game Sunday, April 10, 2011. The Giants lost to the St. Louis Cardinals, 1-6.

In addition to understanding the great opportunity they have been afforded, Alioto said he and his wife Kelly make sure to keep their boys grounded. Baseball is a family affair with Kelly and 12-year-old daughter, Giuliana, attending most games.

"It's fun for my wife and my mom to see our kids out there, it's this family thing," he said. "When you're a parent and your kids grow up and start getting involved as teenagers, there's not so many things you can talk to them about. But we all have this connection."

In addition to the shared experiences of working for the San Francisco Giants as teenagers, the Alioto family got to enjoy one particularly momentous occasion together: the 2010 World Series-winning game.

"The second we won, we waited for everyone to run out then we came out right behind them. The players were extra excited, a couple guys must have been crying. I think most of the guys have never won a World Series," Marco said. "It's something you dream about as a kid growing up ... because you don't actually think it would ever happen. I thought, 'I'm one in 30 guys in the big leagues running out to the field during the first time we won a World Series in 50 years.'"

Marco and his family flew with the team back to San Francisco and participated in the celebration as players passed the Series trophy around the plane.

"The World Series is a night I'll never forget, especially for how long I've been here. As a guy who's worked here for as long as I had, to see my boys be in a position to experience that is pretty special," Mario Alioto said.

But it's not all celebration; being a bat boy for the Giants comes with regular embarrassment. Pitcher Sergio Romo is known for pulling pranks and on one occasion, put a piece of chewing gum on the bottom of Marco's paper cup, placed it on his helmet and sent him onto the field.

"Everyone near the field, in both dugouts, started laughing. It fell off and I got it very quickly and ran," Marco said, adding that he now constantly checks his helmet for cups. "People always tell me I should get him back one day."

When players aren't pulling pranks, both Dominic and Marco said they are keen to help with homework and even throw a couple of baseball tips their way. Romo regularly tries to help Dominic with his math homework while Marco said Matt Cain taught him how to throw a change-up.

"People always tell me that I can ask players advice on baseball, that's what people are the most jealous about," Marco said. "People always come up to me and ask me questions ... kids from 8 years old to 58 years old, their eyes get all big."

Marco said he'd like to work for the Giants as long as possible, perhaps becoming a "clubhouse guy" when he ages-out as a bat boy at 21, and would like to play baseball in college. Dominic will attend Regis University in Denver next fall and said he may try to work with the Rockies in a few years, but had no specific plans.

Even if he doesn't stay at the ballpark, Dominic said he has taken away life lessons from the Giants.

"I think the biggest thing I take away is the discipline and responsibility it's taught me. I've learned how to work out stress, because sometimes it's stressful on my personal life and with school," he said.

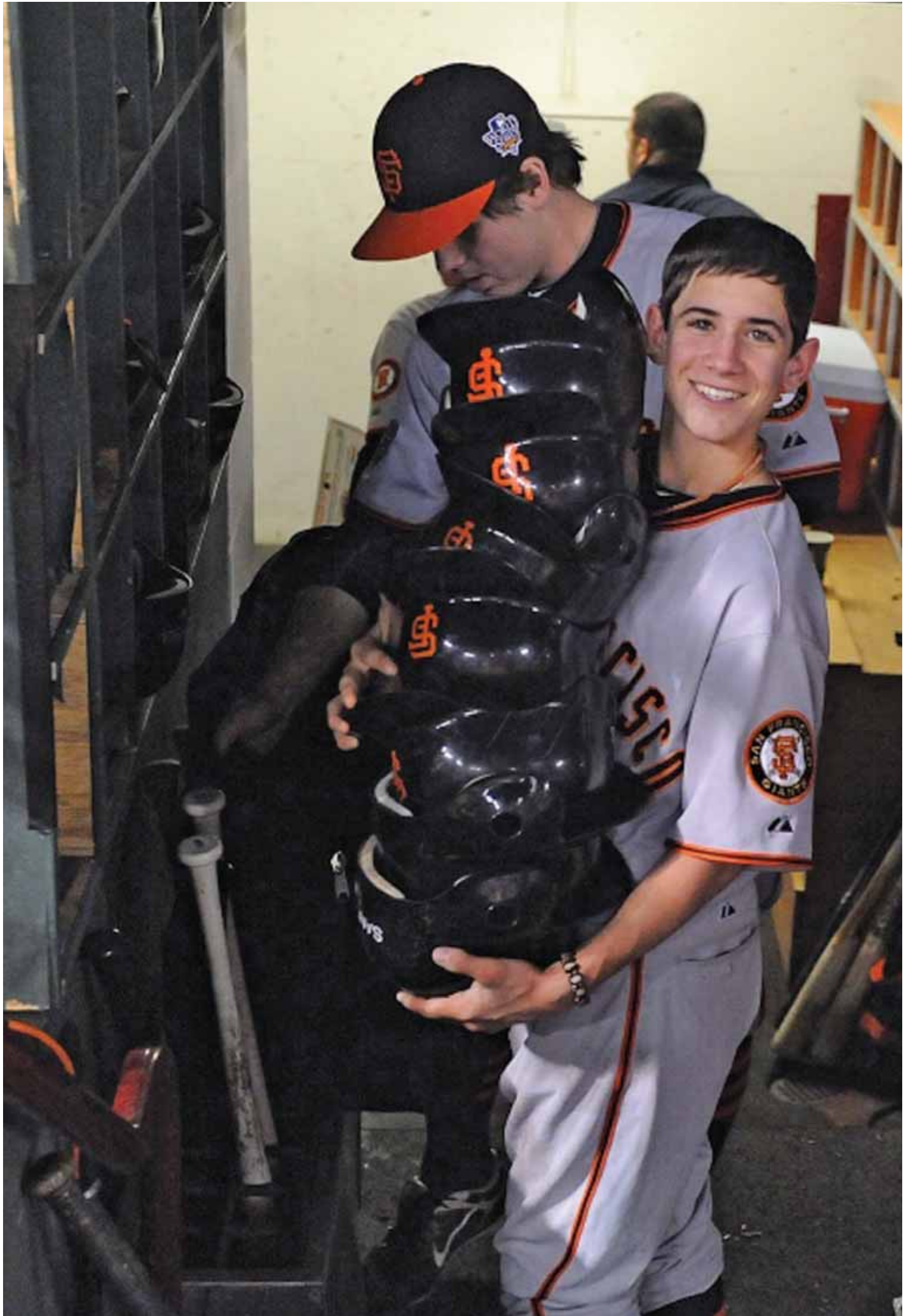
"That's the thing about baseball, it's something that you pass down from generation to generation," Mario Alioto said, adding that even his grandfather had season tickets to Giants games. "It's something that's been a part of our family ... but it's fun for the boys to experience the game in a different way." ☺

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Book Clubs

GREAT BOOKS OF PLEASANTON The Great Books of Pleasanton book club meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie at 846-1658.

Careers

MEDIA COVERAGE OF 99%ERS TriValley Democratic Club presents Kevin Fagan of the SF Chronicle discussing the Occupation, 99%ers and how the media covers these stories. He may also sing and play his guitar. Refreshments, Q&A. Monday, April 16 from 7-9 p.m. Free IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. 92-451-4303. www.trivalleydems.com/Calendar.htm

Class Reunions

AMADOR VALLEY HIGH CLASS REUNION The class of 1972 is having its 40th class reunion on July 7. Location and time to be announced shortly. They are also inviting the classes of 1971, 1973 and 1984 and are looking for other class members. Contact Nancy Johnson Lenoci at nlenoci@yahoo.com. 305-4071.

Clubs

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

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Sista Monica brings her blues to town

The Firehouse Arts Center will host the "lioness of blues" Sista Monica Parker at 8 p.m. tomorrow night. She is well known as a gifted singer and songwriter of contemporary blues and gospel music, and has been nominated twice for Best Soul Blues Female Artist of the Year honors. Tickets are adults: \$16, \$20 and \$24; children: \$12. Call 931-4848 or purchase them at www.firehousearts.org or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton.

British or British Commonwealth Heritage. DBE holds monthly meetings at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday at Castlewood Country Club. Members focus on philanthropy, enjoy social interaction and form long-lasting friendships while contributing to local charities and supporting retirement homes in the USA. Call Edith at 998-3500.

GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club's annual Plant Sale is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at the Amador Valley High School parking lot, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. All plants are from LAVGC members' gardens and sell at low prices. Garden Club members will assist you in choosing perennials, annuals, succulents, herbs and vegetables. Call Bev at 485-7812.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasantonnewcomers.com or call Ruby M. at 462-6404.

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. It has a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m., every Thursday,

at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit www.PleasantonRotary.org.

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

TRI-VALLEY DIVE CLUB MEETING Monthly meetings are from 7-9 p.m., the second Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held at Dive N Trips, 1032 Serpentine Ln. Guest speakers provide exciting topics on diving. For further information, call 462-7234 or visit www.diventrips.com.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Pkwy., Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

Concerts

PLEASANTON CHAMBER PLAYERS This ensemble of accomplished local musicians will perform Brahms, William Grant Still and Dvorak. Sunday, April 15 from 3-5 p.m. Adult: \$16, \$20, \$24; child: \$12; senior: \$20. Purchase online, by phone or at the box office. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848. www.firehousearts.org

Events

ART GALLERY OPENING: WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY? Las Positas College is offering artwork based on the subject of sustainability for humans and the environment in celebration of Earth Day with a chance to view and vote for your favorite art. There will be informational tables and activities, LPC clubs, bake sale, snacks and drinks, live music and more. Thursday, April 19 from 1-5 p.m. Free Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive (Building 4000), Livermore. www.soslaspositas.weebly.com

BRAS FOR THE CAUSE The seventh annual "Bras for the Cause" Breast Cancer Walk is from 7-10 p.m., Saturday, May 12, in downtown Pleasanton. Details and registration information can be found on the walk website: www.trivalleysocks.org.

BRIDAL FAIRE Meet industry professionals to help plan your wedding, from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, April 28, at Faz Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Free admission. Live cooking demos, complimentary food tastings, glass of bubbly, top local vendors.

CALLING ALL WOMEN IN THE TRI-VALLEY Join GNON (Girls Night Out Networking) for our fifth annual TRADESHOW. Over 20 booths. Bring business cards, flippers, friends. Buffet and no host bar available. RSVP by April 14 at gnoners@gmail.com. Wednesday, April 18 from 5-8 p.m. \$10/pp for members; \$15/pp for non-members. Save \$10 and get in FREE tonight by bringing a friend. Tuff Girl Fitness, 1108 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. www.gnontrivalley.com

EVERYTHING POETRY Poet Laureate, Cynthia Bryant, will host "Everything Poetry" in two parts with "Second Saturday Soup" from 10 a.m.-noon, on the second Saturday of every month, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.; and "Third Tuesday Trope" from 7-9 p.m., on the third Tuesday of every month, at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. E-mail Cynthia at pleasantonpoetry@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

FAMILY EARTH DAY CELEBRATION The city of Pleasanton will host a day of information, activities and fun at the second annual Family Earth Day Celebration at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 21, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The event will features booths from nonprofit groups with environmentally friendly information and activities including a Green Street Mock City Bike Rodeo, sidewalk chalk art, a high energy kiddies concert. On Sunday at 2 p.m. there will be a free environmental program for children 5 and up, "Beasts in Our Backyards." Call 931-3400, ext. 8.

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PEACEFUL WAR PROTEST Pleasantonians 4 Peace has an ongoing peaceful war protest from 5 to 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at First and Neal streets. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. Visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

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

VALLEY CHRISTIAN ARTS NIGHT Join Valley Christian School for a night of fine art, dance, and musical performances. Displaying art from the elementary through high school, this is a night in celebration of the arts. Tickets can be bought at the door. Thursday, April 26 \$10 for students, \$15 for adults Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville.

YMCA'S WOMEN'S BEAUTY EVENT Support the community while having fun at this event, which includes makeup artists, free gifts, wine tasting, mini massages, prize drawings, dinner and auction, beginning at 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 27, at Callippe Preserve Golf Course, 8500 Clubhouse Dr., Pleasanton. Space is limited. Cost, \$50. Call 263-4444 or visit www.trivalleyymca.org.

YOUNG ARTISTS' SPRING SHOW Art work of children ages 6-14 from Nancy Storch's Studio will be on display from March 31 through April 15 at the Berry Patch, 350A Main St., Pleasanton. Students are exposed to contemporary and traditional painters and styles.

Exhibits

'PASSION FOR PASTELS' Prominent Bay Area artists, including Debbie Wardrope of Pleasanton, will exhibit "Passion for Pastels" from March 14 through April 14 at the Harrington Gallery, 4444 Railroad

Ave., Pleasanton, with an artists' reception from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 14. The exhibit features the works of widely recognized pastellists Linda Beach, Ruth Hussey, Mark Martens and Pat Suggs. Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

Fundraisers

23RD ANNUAL 'WALK FOR LIFE' The Valley Pregnancy Center is sponsoring a walkathon with the goal of raising \$100,000 to support its free services. A short 2-mile walk to downtown Pleasanton. Strollers, wheelchairs and pets are welcome! BBQ - Live Band - Kid's Zone - Prizes Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free Amador Recreation Center, 4451 Black Ave., Pleasanton. 425-0414, ext. 104. www.valleypregnancycenter.org

4TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING SILENT AUCTION Join the tasting and auction to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Bent Creek, Big White House, AuburnJames, Bodegas Aguirre, Cuda Ridge, Les Chenes and White Crane wineries will showcase their wines at the Purple Orchid. Live music, appetizers, drawings. Tickets are limited. Sunday, April 22, noon-4 p.m. \$25 Purple Orchid Inn & Spa, 4549 Cross Road, Livermore. 413-7788. www.WineHike.org

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BLUE STAR MOMS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT Blue Star Moms Chapter 101 Charity Golf Tournament Supporting our Troops & Gold Star Families. Entry Fee includes FJ Shoes, green fee and cart, lunch and dinner, one free round next time. If you do not golf you can still be a Hole Sponsor; thank you for supporting our troops. Friday, April 20 at 10 a.m. \$200 entry fee Callippe Preserve, 8500 Clubhouse Dr., Pleasanton. 426-6666. www.playcallippe.com

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Join the East Bay and Amador Valley High School fundraising campaign to support Habitat for Humanity and build homes in East Bay. Make donations at http://habitatforhumanity-amador.ticketleap.com or make checks payable to Habitat for Humanity East Bay and drop the at Amador Valley High School, Administration Office, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Visit www.facebook.com/amadorhabitatforhumanity.com.

HAWAIIAN LUAU Pleasanton Senior Center VIP Club will have a Large Hawaiian Luau, and everyone is welcome. With entertainment and free give aways and prize drawings. Tickets at the Travel Desk at the Senior Center. Monday, April 23 from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. \$8 Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931 - 5370.

ICF PRIMAVERA DINNER DANCE Italian Catholic Federation Primavera Dinner Dance. Live music by Smooth Sounds. Prize drawings. Reservations required. To benefit Tri-Valley scholarship program and other ICF charities. Saturday, May 5 from 6-11 p.m. \$35 per person St. Michael's Church Hall, 372 Maple St., Livermore. 846-8436 or 846-6514.

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY Assistance League of Amador Valley tea party features darling decorated tea tables, yummy food, hat contest, drawing prizes, and champagne bar. Entertainment is a Chico's fashion show. All profits go to buy school clothes for local needy children. Saturday, May 5 from noon-4 p.m. \$50 Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindberg Ave., Livermore. 462-5275. www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org

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5TH ANNUAL LADYBUG RELEASE Visit ladybugs and find out how they can help keep your garden safe and healthy. We'll release some at the Alviso Adobe Community Park and you can bring some home for your garden. Preregistration is required. Saturday, April 14 from 2-3 p.m. \$9 resident/\$12 non-resident Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Rd, Pleasanton. 931-3479. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/current-activities-guide.html

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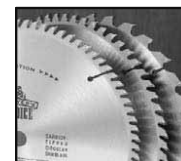
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EARTH DAY Come lend a hand at the Alviso Adobe Park garden! Soil will be amended, non-native plants will be removed, and we will be giving the gardens a new spring boost. Preregistration is required. Sunday, April 22 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton. 931-3479. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/current-activities-guide.html

PARK DISTRICT GET ACTIVE! TEEN ART CONTEST The East Bay Regional Park District invites creative teens to enter the District's first Get Active! Youth Art Contest, now through May 15. Create posters, rap, spoken word/poetry or video skits, showing how you get active in any East Bay public park. Ages 12-18. No fee 1-888-327-2757. [incontestability](http://incontestability.com)

THE WEB OF LIFE From the tiniest shrimp to the biggest whale, all living things play roles in a food chain. Come play the web of life game as

you learn no matter how unrelated organisms may seem, that they're in fact connected. Preregistration is required. Sunday, April 15 from 11 a.m.-noon \$5 resident/\$7 non-resident Bernal Community Park, Pleasanton. 931-3479. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/current-activities-guide.html

WALKABOUT: THE PRESERVE Join the Naturalist for a wild "walk" around Laurel Creek Park, accessed through the Preserve Staging Area. Do plan to get dirty. Bring a water bottle and a sense of adventure. Active hike. Pre-registration is required. Saturday, April 21 from 4:30-6 p.m. \$5.00 Resident/\$7.00 Non-Resident Preserve Staging Area, Pleasanton. 931-3479. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/current-activities-guide.html

Lectures/ Workshops

CELTIC DESIGN ARTIST Scarlette Rose will speak at the Amador Valley Quilt Guild. She has published many Celtic and Asian inspired patterns and books. Scarlette's quilts are energetic and visually stunning. Join them for this lively afternoon. Saturday, April 14 from 1:30-4 p.m. Free Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave., Pleasanton. 510-209-1187. www.amadorvalleyquilters.org

GNON (GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING) PRESENTS WIGS (WOMEN IN GNON SEMINARS) Are you ready to achieve some solid

financial goals? This month's seminar, presented by Natalie Cohan, will provide helpful tips on ways to budget and become debt-free. RSVP to gnoners@gmail.com by April 20. Monday, April 23 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free for paid, current GNON member; \$15/non member New York Life Insurance, 2633 Camino Ramon, #525, San Ramon. www.gnontrivalley.com

INSIDE OUT COACHING WITH JOE EHRMANN: HOW SPORTS CAN TRANSFORM LIVES A powerful evening with ex-NFL great Joe Ehrmann as he challenges coaches, parents and athletes to rethink and redefine the purpose of sports in America. Based on NY Times bestseller "Season of Life" and his recent book "InsideOut Coaching." Monday, April 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. Event is funded and co-sponsored by Season of Life Foundation, Pleasanton Rage Soccer, Amador Valley Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. 683-1899. www.coachforamerica.com

NEW HARP 2.0 PROGRAM SEMINAR FOR HOMEOWNERS WITH UNDERWATER MORTGAGES Homeowners who owe more than their home is worth should attend the free seminar and learn from Real Estate Mortgage Finance and Short Sales experts. Wednesday, April 18 from 6-9 p.m. Free (must register to attend). Holiday Inn Hotel Dublin-Pleasanton, 6680 Regional St, Dublin. 510-491-4161. <http://harp.eventbrite.com/>

TRI-VALLEY CARES The next meeting of Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs) is from 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, April 19, at the Livermore Civic Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The group was founded in 1983 by concerned neighbors of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, one of two locations where all U.S. nuclear weapons are designed. Tri-Valley CAREs' overarching mission is to promote peace, justice and a healthy environment. All are welcome at its meetings. Call 443-7148 or visit www.trivalleycares.org.

Live Music

JAZZ SAXOPHONIST ANTON SCHWARTZ Anton Schwartz pays tribute to "The Sugar Man" Stanley Turrentine, one of the most distinctive tenor saxophonists in jazz. Performance is at 8 p.m., Friday, April 13, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$12-\$24. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Miscellaneous

'IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS' The East Bay SPCA is offering 20% off all spay and neuter services including microchip and rabies vaccination. Call 510-639-7387 or 479-9674 and leave a message; call will be returned in 48 business hours. Special runs through April 30.

'LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY' Members of the Alameda County Bar Association visit the Pleasanton Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month to give free 15 to 20 minute consultations, in a program co-sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30-5:45 p.m.; names will be selected at 5:50 p.m. and people must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Call 931-3400, ext. 7.

'LUCKY FAN' GIVEAWAY Tri-Valley Community Television is offering viewers an opportunity to be a TV30 "Lucky Fan." The station is giving away tickets to various entertainment venues such as the Vine Cinema, Firehouse Theater, Bankhead Theater, as well as restaurants and more. Register at www.trivalleytv.org. Winners will be announced on TV30 and on Tri-Valley Community TV Facebook page. Enter as many times as you like.

8TH ANNUAL BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR Registration is now open for the 8th annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 6. The free, award-winning tour features 45 Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that are pesticide-free, conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60% or more native plants. The self-drive tour showcases a variety of gardens, from large parcels in the hills to small lots in the flats. Native plant sales and talks are offered at select gardens. Space is limited and registration is required. Register at www.bringingbackthenativesnet.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING AND E-WASTE COLLECTION As one of its signature Earth Week events, the city of Pleasanton will host a Free Community Recycling and E-waste from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at the city's Operation Service Center, 3333 Busch Rd., Pleasanton. The event is free to Pleasanton residents who should be prepared to show identification to confirm residency. For more information visit www.noewaste.com/calendar.php.

On Stage

'SHOUT! THE MOD MUSICAL' Non-stop journey through the infectious and soulful pop anthems and ballads that made household names of stars like Petula Clark, Dusty Springfield and Lulu. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 13-29 at TVRT Studio Theater, 1048 Serpentine Ln., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$22 for seniors; and \$20 for students. Call 462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

Recreation

ART WALK On the third Saturdays of March and April, Nancy and Gary Harrington will lead two-hour tours of public art in downtown Pleasanton, beginning at 9 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to City Hall, 200 Old Bernal Ave. The Harringtons alternate two routes, taking in different works of art.

Seniors

BRAIN MATTERS Enjoy a morning of fun while learning how to keep your brain active and your memory sharp. The class is held from 10-11:30 a.m. the first and third Fridays of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Word games, puzzles, challenging activities, reminiscing and more, geared to help you age-proof your mind. Cost \$1.75 for resident and \$2.25 for non-resident. Call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

Downsizing Seminar: Ask the Experts Find out the truth about what it means to make a post retirement move in today's market by attending this seminar featuring a panel of industry experts. Hear from a senior real estate specialist, estate sale professional and move organizer. Bring your questions. Tuesday, May 8 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-5365. www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org


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Spiritual

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

Support Groups

BEYOND TREATMENT BREAST CANCER This group provides a safe place to express and share thoughts, concerns and experiences of living with the uncertainty after treatment for breast cancer, the physical effects and problems related to intimacy, marriage, reproduction and employment. The group meets from 6-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite #270. The group is facilitated by Mary Prishtina, RN, and Estee Goren, MFT. Call 399-1177.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP The American Cancer Society

Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit www.valleycare.com. 7:30-9 p.m. Free

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month, and from 7-9 p.m. at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd. For more information, view their blog at www.eastbayet.com or call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

GRIEF WORKSHOP The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grief workshop is at 7:30 p.m., eight Thursday evenings, April 12-May

31 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Donation of \$15. Call Mary Haerty at 846-5377.

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

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP This group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street. Learn more at www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

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

TAKE US ALONG



Multi-celebrating: Mike Toovey of Pleasanton celebrates his birthday, attends a wedding and enjoys his Week in Malibu last summer.

TRI-VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND Are you losing sight? They can help you adjust. Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, April 14, at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Cafeteria Room 2, Livermore. Any visually impaired or interested person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS GRIEF RECOVERY Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse recently or within the last few years? Find hope, support and successful ways to process the significant life event. Classes are 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, June 27 through Sept. 5, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy., Pleasanton. Workbook is \$15. Call Linda at 833-9013 or email lihus-ted@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteering

LIONESS SEEK NEW MEMBERS The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. The Lioness are a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

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

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: Adopt a resolution ordering the abatement of weeds, dirt, rubbish or refuse upon or in front of certain properties within the City
- Public Hearing: Adopt a resolution approving the Citizens' Options for Public Safety Program (COPS) Year 14 & 15 Appropriation
- Public Hearing: Consider applications of BRE Properties for: (1) two PUD Development Plan approvals to construct: (a) a mixed-use high-density residential/commercial development containing 251 residential units, 4 live/work units, and approx. 5,700 sq. ft. of retail space located on the southeast corner of Owens Dr. and Willow Rd. (PUD-85-08-12D); and (b) a high-density residential development containing 247 residential units, 4 live/work units, and 55-acre public park located on the northern corner of Gibraltar Dr. and Hacienda Dr. (PUD-81-30-86D); and (2) an amendment to Phase I & Phase II Development Agreements with Prudential Insurance Company of America to: (a) extend the term of the agreement to five years from the date of approval and (b) incorporate the Hacienda Transit Oriented Development Standards and Guidelines (P11-0856); and to accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration for said projects (*Continued from April 3, 2012*)
- Public Hearing: PADR 2090, Rodney and Trina Lopez (Appellants and Applicants) – Consider an appeal of a Planning Commission decision denying modification of Condition No. 8 of City Council Resolution No. 11-420 regarding a skylight approved by Administrative Design Review for additions totaling approx. 1,118 sq. ft. at 6114 Homer Court (*Continued from April 3, 2012*)

Housing Commission

Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Appointment of New Tenant Representatives for Ridge View Commons and Kottinger Place
- Approval of Annual Operating Budget for Kottinger Place for Fiscal Year 2012/13
- Approval of Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2012 for the Pleasanton Housing Authority
- Acceptance of Annual Housing Authority Independent Audit for the Year Ending 6/30/2011
- Discussion Regarding Housing Element Project Implementation Work Plan

Parks & Recreation Commission

Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- East Bay Regional Park District's Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area Update
- Approve the location of the public artwork, "Windsong" in Centennial Community Park

Youth Commission

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.
Gingerbread Preschool, 4333 Black Avenue

- Review of FY 2012/13 Community Grant Process
- Selection of Youth Commission representatives to the Community Grant Program Review Subcommittee
- Review and Comment on Ptownlife.org Logo and Homepage Design Options
- East Bay Regional Park District's Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area Update

Historic Preservation Task Force Meeting

April 19, 2012, 6:30 pm
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

The focus of the City's Historic Preservation Task Force will be to review selected sections of the General Plan, Downtown Specific Plan, and associated Downtown Design Guidelines, as well as other related documents. The Historic Preservation Task Force will make recommendations to the City Council to help clarify City policy on historic preservation and development review processes in the Historic Downtown and other areas within the City.

To be added to the email list for agenda packets and additional Historic Preservation Task Force information, please email your request to rrondash@cityofpleasantonca.gov. For further information or questions, see our website at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/business/planning/DH/HistoricPreservationTaskForce.html>

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
For complete information, please visit
www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

POLICE BULLETIN

Cars ransacked in Val Vista neighborhood

More than 11 unlocked vehicles in the Val Vista neighborhood were reported searched by a thief or thieves between 8:45 p.m. Sunday and 9:20 a.m. Monday.

Six vehicles on Garner Court were hit, along with three on Robin Court, one on Grand Canyon Court and one on Addison Way. Although nothing major was stolen, miscellaneous items including change were taken or moved. Eleven people filed reports, although others were hit, with owners of those vehicles declining to file police reports. Extra patrols have been requested in the area. Police do not believe the case is linked to the tires slashed in another neighborhood.

In other police reports:

- What would have been a shoplifting arrest was elevated to armed robbery when the suspect pulled a knife on two Sears security guards. Justin Mitchell, 30 of Union City was arrested around 8:58 p.m. April 7 for robbery and attempting to flee from police.
- Two men face multiple charges in the attempted theft of three cell phones worth \$500 in total from Walmart.

Christopher Allen Gaustad, 50, of Castro Valley and Christopher Wayne Branaugh, 25, a transient, were arrested for conspiracy, felony shoplifting and posses-

sion of burglary tools. The two used a magnetic key to unlock security devices holding the phones; store security spotted the two and watched as they walked out. The pair was arrested April 7 at 5:33 p.m.

- Anisha Joyce Ragland, 19, of Oakland was arrested for burglary at JC Penny in the Stoneridge Mall in the theft of \$57 worth of makeup. Ragland was taken into custody at about 6:35 p.m. April 9.
- Jeffery Allen Larkin, 37, a transient, was arrested 5:26 p.m. April 9 after the theft of a bicycle in the 550 block of Peters Avenue. Larkin was taken into custody near the intersection of Hopyard Road and Golden Road and arrested for possession of stolen property. Another bike theft was reported at about 4:43 p.m. April 9 in the 4500 block of Augustine Street; police have a suspect who is not being named.
- A driver asleep in a parking lot was arrested early April 5 for identity theft and possession of false documents. Police got a call about a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot in the 5100 block of Johnson Drive and arrested Kirshaunda Monique Savage, 24, of Merced, at around 3:10 a.m.
- A burglar at a home in the 1500 block of Rubino Court dropped a \$400 set of golf clubs but got away with a \$20 iPhone charger in an April 10 incident reported at 3:54 a.m. Police and a K9 unit were called to the scene and found the golf clubs not far from the break in, but no one was arrested. Entry was gained through an unlocked garage door.

Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

April 4**Theft**

- 12:03 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, identity theft
- 12:38 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; identity theft
- 6:56 a.m. in the 7600 block of Glenbrook Court; auto theft
- 11:59 a.m. in the 600 block of Abbie Street; grand theft
- 12:03 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 11:35 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; grand theft

Vandalism

- 6:35 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Meadowlark Drive
- 6:36 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Tawny Drive
- 7:58 a.m. in the 5200 block of Forest Hill Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:41 a.m. at the intersection of Pimlico Dr and Thistle Wy; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance
- 9:51 p.m. in the 1100 block of Vineyard Avenue; DUI

April 5**Vandalism**

- 10:05 a.m. at Inspiration Terrace
 - 6:55 p.m. in the 400 block of Amaral Cir
- DUI**
- 12:35 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
 - 3:04 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

April 6**Identity theft**

- 12:06 p.m. in the 6200 block of Hansen Drive

April 7**Vandalism**

- 8:39 a.m. in the 4900 block of Hopyard Road
- 6:15 p.m. in the 5000 block of Woodthrush Road

Alcohol violations

- 1:17 a.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue; DUI
- 10:51 p.m. in the 3500 block of Touriga Drive; public drunkenness

April 7**Theft**

- 12:17 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 4:56 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Burglary

- 1:27 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Weapons possession

- 3:05 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Rd; carrying a concealed knife

Drug violations

- 1:05 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 2:25 a.m. in the 4200 block of Valley Avenue; paraphernalia possession, carrying a concealed knife
- 2:27 p.m. in the 3200 block of Stanley Boulevard; marijuana possession
- 6:59 p.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Ave; marijuana possession, possession of tobacco by a minor
- 11:54 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI
- 11:56 p.m. in the 2000 block of Santa

April 8**Theft**

- 1:09 a.m. in the 3100 block of Hopyard Road; possession of false documents, under the influence of a controlled substance
- 3:25 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Vandalism

- 3:44 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:54 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and St. Mary Street; DUI
- 11:13 p.m. in the 3200 block of Lagoon Road; controlled substance possession

April 9**Theft**

- 2:44 p.m. in the 7000 block of Koll Center Parkway; identity theft

Vandalism

- 2:48 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violation

- 11:55 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

April 10**Theft**

- 5:14 p.m. in the 6800 block of Corte Nuevo; identity theft

Alcohol violation

- 12:36 a.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Isabel Avenue; minor transporting alcohol

OBITUARIES

Barbara Bone Corrin

August 16, 1925 to April 1, 2012

Barbara Bone Corrin, age 86, of Pleasanton, passed away peacefully in her sleep April 1, 2012, with her family at her bedside. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Bill Corrin, sons Bill (Jr.) Corrin of Long Beach and Gary Corrin of Toronto and daughters Janet (Gary) Sears of Pleasanton and Lyn (Terry) Aaker of Long Beach. She is also survived by two sisters, four grandchild-

dren, and nine nephews and nieces.

The Corrin family moved from Salinas to Pleasanton in 1969. The center of their new life was the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church and its social activities. Barbara taught for fourteen years at Alisal School and was always thrilled when former students and parents recognized her. While in her 60s she took tap dancing and piano lessons, loved playing tennis and bridge, and was well known for her award-winning pies and jams.



After her 1986 retirement, Barbara volunteered at Alisal and Mohr Schools, where Janet was teaching. She also enjoyed her Community Bible Study group, practicing Jin Shin Jyutsu Japanese healing arts, volunteering at ValleyCare Hospital, and performing at piano workshops. Her dear friendships with water exercise classmates brought her particular joy.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life service to be held at CenterPointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Ct., Pleasanton, on April 21, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, Barbara's family has requested that donations be made to Hope Hospice.

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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

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5 BEDROOMS
6107 Ledgewood Terr \$930,000
 Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc. 580-5107

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
1780 Honeysuckle Rd \$350,000
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188 Heligan Ln #5 \$449,950
 Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc. 580-5107

5 BEDROOMS
1641 Vetta Dr \$899,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 918-2045

6 BEDROOMS
2546 Wood Hollow Dr \$1,200,000
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

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4281 Diavila \$675,000
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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Linda Slagle 451-5555

4160 Georgis Pl \$485,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

6432 Inglewood Dr \$555,000
 Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

4 BEDROOMS
1541 Whispering Oaks \$949,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

5260 Ridgevale Way \$980,000
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Moxley Team 600-0990

3560 Ovella Way \$1,449,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

3435 Palmer Pl \$1,105,000
 Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

640 Varese Ct \$1,950,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

2248 Kamp Court \$1,128,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 519-8226

1988 Via Di Salerno \$1,650,000
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415 Abbie St \$815,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

715 Montevino Dr \$1,190,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

3218 Melanie Cir \$949,000
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5 BEDROOMS
8226 Regency Dr \$1,478,000
 Sun 1-4 Phyllis Weiner & Peter McDowell 251-2585

3623 Cameron Ave \$1,299,000
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Moxley Team 600-0990

4306 Campinia Pl \$1,499,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 202-6898

1363 Briones Ct \$1,430,000
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

6 BEDROOMS
9999 Longview Ln \$3,499,000
 Sun 1-5 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2500

1734 Terra Ct \$2,868,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 202-6898

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4 BEDROOMS
7 Henry Ranch Dr \$1,075,000
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731 Lake Mead Pl \$799,999
 Sun 1:30-4:30 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

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804 Amberwood Way \$1,129,000
 Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4000

Real Estate

OPEN HOME GUIDE AND REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

Realtor group wins challenge to its trademark designation

Realtor® mark is called 'valuable branding, marketing resource'

By JEB BING

The National Association of Realtors has won a challenge to the use of its trademark "Realtor" in a domain name operated by a former member.

NAR rules allow members to use its trademark in domain names according to specific requirements and rules.

After extensive but unsuccessful efforts by NAR to persuade the operator of the website GayRealtor.com to comply with those rules, NAR challenged the use of that domain name in an administrative proceeding before the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the body that governs use of such domain names.

In its decision, ICANN ruled that use of GayRealtor.com was misleading and not adopted in good faith.

NAR owns numerous U.S. trademark registrations for the term "Realtor," and only NAR members can use the Realtor marks in accordance with governing NAR by-laws.

Realtor marks can only be used in connection with a member's name or the legal name of his or her real estate firm to identify themselves as a member of NAR. Members are given notice of this obligation upon obtaining membership with the association. NAR also permits the use of the mark Realtor in a domain name or advertisement, but only in connection with the member's name or firm's name.

"The Realtor® mark is a valuable branding and marketing resource allowed only to NAR members," said NAR President Moe Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami. "The term Realtor® is not only protected by federal law, but it is also a membership benefit that distinguishes members from all others in the real estate business."

"NAR works hard to protect the integrity of this brand for its 1 million members," Veissi added. "This victory is an important demonstration of how NAR does just that." ■

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<p>Uwe Maercz 925.251.2568</p> <p>804 Amberwood Way San Ramon</p> <p>bd 5 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 3,471 \$1,129,000</p> <p>Grand entrance, dramatic staircase, large marble foyer. Formal dining, elegant living room. Bedroom suite on main level. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors. Spacious master! Huge yard. Large pool & built in BBQ. Located in prestigious Hills at Bent Creek. Court Location.</p>	<p>Peggy Cortez 925.209.3451</p> <p>5537 Satin Leaf Way San Ramon</p> <p>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 4,307 \$1,399,950</p> <p>Magnificent single story at the pointe on the 7th hole of the Bridges Golf Course... amazing views! Over \$500k in upgrades throughout, ss kitchen appliances, large island, master suite w/ sitting area, 2 way fireplace & huge custom walk in closet, 1200 bottle wine cellar!</p>	<p>Weiner/ McDowell 925.251.2585</p> <p>3994 Pimlico Dr #0 Pleasanton</p> <p>bd 2 ba 1 sqft+/- 897 \$203,700</p> <p>End-unit, almost 900 square foot, with a large family room with open kitchen and breakfast counter. Laundry closet FA1Z/CAC and an fenced in patio for privacy. The condo has laminate flooring thru out and the property comes with an assigned parking space.</p>	<p>Daniella Estrada 925.280.6448</p> <p>10 Woodranch Dr Danville</p> <p>bd 4 ba 3 sqft+/- 2,670 \$789,000</p> <p>Beautiful Wood Ranch home with tile entry, vaulted ceilings and brick fireplace in family room. Kitchen features tile counters, center island, gas stove and laminate flooring. Tons of cabinet space! Private large back yard with patio area. Great community to call home!</p>	<p>Debra Allen 925.251.2530</p> <p>188 Heligan Ln #5 Livermore</p> <p>bd 3 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 1,548 \$449,950</p> <p>"Designer Home" Chef's Kitchen: Slab granite, mosaic tile backsplash, stainless appliances, great room and kitchen - balcony off of greatroom, sit up breakfast bar, surround sound, downstairs master suite, 2 car garage, Recreation Center, Activity Park (Pool, tot lot).</p>				
<p>Esther Langhofer 925.855.4078</p> <p>3100 Terra Granada Walnut Creek</p> <p>bd 2 ba 2 sqft+/- 1,474 \$449,900</p> <p>Unit 2. Park at the front door & enter your updated home with vaulted beam ceilings, gas fireplace, 3 skylights, 2 patios & expansive view. This freshly painted side by side duplex offers a den, bonus room, granite counters in both baths & a walk in SPA tub. Rossmoor Community.</p>	<p>Khrista Jarvis 925.855.4065</p> <p>6950 Crow Canyon Rd Castro Valley</p> <p>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 2,700 \$883,000</p> <p>Country Colonial Charming This Gated Entrance to this Country Charming property is great. The main home is 2,700+/- sq.ft., updated kitchen and most windows are new, flooring thru out the home is newer and so much more. Cottage which is over 850 sq.ft. all on 1 Acre.</p>	<p>Max de Vries 925.251.2514</p> <p>37997 Camden St Fremont</p> <p>bd 3 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 1,664 \$545,000</p> <p>Beautiful two story corner lot home. Very spacious home, with a formal dining room and a family room. Fireplace in living room for cozy gatherings. Home has been cared for inside and out. Centrally located near shopping, and freeways.</p>	<p>Jon Wood 925.280.6421</p> <p>2188 McLean Place Livermore</p> <p>bd 3 ba 4(2) sqft+/- 4,062 \$1,179,999</p> <p>Custom home (Court location), Special lighting system, gourmet kitchen, baking center, office; den, theatre / exercise bonus room w / half bath and kitchenette above garage, travertine flooring, 3 fireplaces, BBQ, pool, and raised - bed garden.</p>	<p>Cindy Engel 925.580.5107</p> <p>30156 Palomares Rd Castro Valley</p> <p>bd 3 ba 1.5 sqft+/- 1,410 \$999,000</p> <p>Great Ranch style on 24 acres, views of the rolling hills. Property Backs up to the park district, lots of room for horses, Home has 1930's charm and has been nicely maintained, Near 2 wineries and minutes from the freeway, schools and shopping!</p>				
<p>Andy Poryes 925.251.2570</p> <p>Blackhawk East 4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300</p>	<p>Blackhawk West 3880 Blackhawk Rd. Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000</p>	<p>Danville 15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000</p>	<p>Lafayette 3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330</p>	<p>Livermore 1983 Second St. Livermore, CA 94550 925.667.2100</p>	<p>Montclair/Piedmont 6116 La Salle Ave., Ste. 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800</p>	<p>Pleasanton 5075 Hopyard Rd Ste. 110 Pleasanton, CA 94588 925.251.2500</p>	<p>Orinda 89 Davis Rd., Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000</p>	<p>Walnut Creek 1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500</p>

The latest from The 680 Blog

Pleasanton Market Update — Most Pending sales in 7 years!

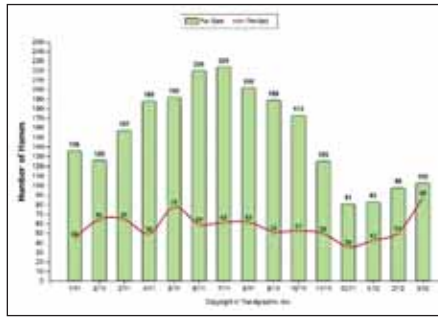
To say the market in Pleasanton is hot is an understatement. There were more pending sales of single family detached homes during March (88) in Pleasanton than any month since June of 2005. March's increase of 37 pending sales is also greater than any single-month increase in at least that time period. Inventory rose slightly but not enough to keep pace with sales. Pending sales were up across all market segments in March but the biggest gain occurred in the \$1 million - \$2 million segment.

Overall, pending sales increased 73% in March, from 51 during February to 88 during March. Inventory increased 5% to 103 homes at the end of March, from 98 at the end of February. That left 1.2 months of inventory relative to pending sales on the market at the end of March, compared to 1.9 months at the end of February.

At the end of March, there was less than a month of inventory of homes priced under \$1 million (.9 months). Pending sales in this segment increased 60% during March to 67, from 42 during February. There were three more properties in this price range for sale at the end of March than there were at the end of February (58 versus 55). 56% of Pleasanton's in-

ventory and 76% of its pending sales were in this price range.

Pending sales of homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million jumped 138% during March to 19, from 8 during February. Inventory, meanwhile, only increased one unit to 32 at the end of March. That left 1.7 months of inventory relative to pending sales at the end of March, compared to 3.9 months >> **Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.**



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OPEN SUN 1-4

4281 Diavilla
A tropical paradise! 3 BR, 2 1/2 BTH home with remodeled granite & stainless kitchen, designer upgrades and finishes throughout, and yard with sparkling pool & spa! **\$675,000**



PENDING SALE!

Stunning Castlewood Mediterranean! Hardwood flooring, huge gourmet granite kitchen, bonus room, designer upgrades throughout, and a large private .57 Acre lot with sweeping views! **\$1,379,000**



PENDING SALE!

Fabulous luxury home in pristine country setting! 5 BR plus bonus room, loft, & office, 7 baths, 1 acre flat lot with outdoor kitchen, granite, hardwood floors, soaring ceilings, and designer features inside & out **\$1,795,000**



PENDING SALE!

Stunning luxury home with 5 BR + office, 5 1/2 BA, hardwood floors, granite & stainless kitchen, and a tropical oasis rear yard with sparkling pool, spa, waterfall, and covered patio with outdoor kitchen! **\$1,525,000**



JUST SOLD!

Luxurious 5 BR, 5 1/2 BTH home in The Preserve shows like a model with approx. 5700 sq ft on premium 1/2 Acre view lot! **\$1,595,000**



JUST SOLD!

Fabulous French Country custom with 5 BR + office, 4 full & 2 half BTHS, hardwood floors, 4 car garage, and private .62 Acre lot with pool, spa, & BBQ! **\$1,690,000**



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1363 BRIONES CT, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PONDEROSA ESTATES



OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30

5 BD, 4.5 BA, 4,205sf. on a 10,829sf. lot. This newly constructed home is located in a private court & offers an open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, a highly upgraded kitchen, & a spacious bonus room upstairs. One bedroom/office is located on the first level w/an adjoining full bath. The spacious and private rear yard offers a pebble tech pool & spa along w/a Gazebo & sun deck. **\$1,430,000**

3623 CAMERON AVE, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN MOHR/MARTIN ESTATES



OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30

Nestled on a 1 ACRE lot in a highly sought after location, this 5 BD, 3 BA home offers a double door entry to the living room w/open beam vaulted ceilings. The kitchen is updated w/granite counters, a breakfast bar, JenAir cook top, pantry & a dinette area. Dual side yards offer room to expand! A private well, pool & volleyball court are additional features on this home. **\$1,299,000**

5260 RIDGEVALE WAY, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON VALLEY



OPEN SUN 1:30-4:30

4 BD, 2.5 BA 3,043sf on a 10,750sf. lot. Hardwood floors throughout. Large downstairs great room with built-in bar and vaulted ceilings. Remodeled kitchen with granite counters and excess storage. Expanded master suite with retreat. Pool and spa in rear yard. Perfect for entertaining! **\$980,000**

3314 HUDSON CT, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN PLEASANTON MEADOWS



JUST LISTED

4 BD, 2.5 BA, 2,142sf. on a 9,985sf. lot Private court location; this charming home sits on a spacious lot w/beautiful landscaping. Kitchen offers electric cooking, eat-in kitchen & opens to the formal dining area. Rear yard offers pool, spa & separate gated grassy area. **\$799,000**

Coming Soon
Ironwood Estates

3 BD + Office, 3 BA, 3,182sf. on a 12,068 lot. Single story, upgrades inside and out beyond your expectations! The home you've been waiting for! **\$1,295,000**

Coming Soon
6070 Inglewood Dr.

4 BD, 2 BA, 1,607sf. on a 6,507sf. lot. Updated throughout, move in ready! **\$575,000**

4091 NEVIS STREET, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN JENSEN NEIGHBORHOOD



3 BD, 2 BA 1,243sf. on a 6,000sf. lot. Highly sought after home in Jensen Neighborhood. Hardwood floors; spacious family room with fireplace. Updated kitchen with pantry, breakfast bar and eat in kitchen. Large bedrooms. Close to Alisal Elementary, downtown and shopping! **\$545,000**

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6432 INGLEWOOD DR. PLEASANTON

Great home in Val Vista, 3 beds / 2 baths, 1555 sq. ft. Super cute home with upgraded gourmet kitchen, huge park like backyard, great curb appeal, walk to schools, shops and great freeway access. LISTED AT \$555,000

PENDING



7011 Corte Rosa, Pleasanton Spacious 2800 sq. ft. family home with pool in desirable Country Fair. 4 bedrooms / 3 bathrooms, Upgraded Kitchen, Excellent Floor Plan, Large 3 car garage & Large Side Access. Offered at \$839,000

RECENTLY SOLD



6023 Sterling Green Cir, Pleasanton Beautiful home in the "Canyon Oaks" neighborhood. This 4 bed/2.5 bath upgraded home is just under 2900 sq ft. Sold for \$815,000



1111 Tiffany Lane, Pleasanton Charming Duet, close to downtown, 1705 sq. ft. upgraded throughout, built in 1985. Walk to school, shops, parks. Sold for \$484,000



4615 Rimini Court, Dublin 2160 sq ft. 3/2.5, Popular Luserna Model, with beautiful upgrades. This was a Short Sale. Sold for \$520k



4397 Muirwood Dr, Pleasanton 1880 sq ft. 3/2, charming 2 story home, upgraded throughout. This was a Short Sale. Sold for \$590k

RECENT SELLER REVIEW

December 5, 2011 - "We highly recommend Julia Murtagh as a partner in any real estate transaction. Julia recently represented us as our Listing agent. We were quite impressed with the level of knowledge she brought and her detailed follow up and commitment to our success with the sale of our home. We do believe that her personal touch and hands on approach assisted in a prompt and painless process. We will definitely look to Julia to handle any future real estate needs." -Jennifer Koidal

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OAK LANE



369 OAK LANE, PLEASANTON Former Friden Estate Hunting Lodge - "Moonlight Oaks." Private driveway leads to 1.2 acre estate lot in premium wooded, secluded location. This is an entertainers dream home. Extensive use of quality redwood timber. Recently upgraded, desirable single level with tastefully maintained historic charm. Panoramic views of nature and historic majestic oaks. Approximately 3800 square feet with three bedrooms, three remodeled bathrooms, large gourmet kitchen, and incredible Great room with large Yosemite style fireplace and open beam ceiling. Large basement for storage and detached two-room wine cottage. OFFERED AT 1,479,000

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 \$1,549,000

OAK PARK



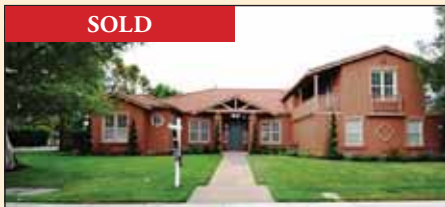
247 TOMAS WAY, PLEASANTON Completely remodeled, single level in Oak Park. Remodeled gourmet kitchen, remodeled bathrooms, newer dual pane windows, crown molding, hardwood floors, upgraded baseboards, central air conditioning, and private rear yard. Newer doors, door trim, and hardware, upgraded light fixtures and fans. Close to downtown and shopping. OFFERED AT \$549,000

VINTAGE HILLS



1320 BORDEAUX STREET, PLEASANTON Completely remodeled, gorgeous custom home with loads of special features. Brazilian cherry hard wood floors & cabinets, granite counters, & stainless steel appliances. Family room, library, large master suite with luxurious bath. Entertainer's backyard with pool & BBQ. OFFERED AT \$1,190,000

WALNUT GLEN ESTATES



3891 PICARD AVENUE, PLEASANTON Wow! Better than new because it is done & ready! Extensively designer remodeled, single level, plus upstairs bonus room/au pair/guest quarters! Premium corner .34 acre lot! Four bedrooms plus bonus, four bathrooms, 3588 square feet. Completely remodeled gourmet kitchen with new granite slab countertops, designer backsplash & new stainless appliances. Remodeled bathrooms with granite slab countertops, custom marble flooring & surround. New interior & exterior paint, new carpet, new Travertine flooring! Vaulted ceilings, plantation shutters, crown molding, new door hardware & light fixtures! Security alarm system & intercom! Finished three car garage! Tile roof. Professionally recently upgraded landscaped grounds with spacious lawn area & patios. Award winning Pleasanton schools! Walk to neighborhood parks! SOLD FOR \$1,205,000

DOWNTOWN



335 DEL SOL AVENUE, PLEASANTON Location, location, location. Desirable downtown quiet court location! Beautiful upgraded home, 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 2350 square feet. Remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash and stainless appliances. Newer upgraded hardwood flooring, plantation shutters, dual pane windows, newer brushed nickel hardware and fixtures. Lots of upgrades including 30 year roof. Elevated lot with private secluded tranquil grounds includes TimberTech deck, mature trees. Walk around the corner at Neal and in one minute you are at the Farmers Market and can also enjoy all the other downtown amenities! Award winning schools! SOLD FOR \$830,000

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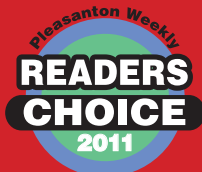
1348 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON Excellent location!! Panoramic views of surrounding hills. Backs to open space, no rear neighbors. Great condition, move in ready! Five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3300 square feet. Recently updated gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops! Spacious master suite with fireplace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

FOOTHILL KNOLLS



7863 FOOTHILL KNOLLS, PLEASANTON Beautiful single story on private premium .35 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 2,150 sf. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash, custom cabinetry and high end European appliances. Hardwood flooring, French doors, vaulted ceilings, newer windows, newer tile roof. Master suite includes custom built-in closet/dresser area, French doors to rear grounds, private bathroom with dual sinks. Very private professionally landscaped rear grounds, with no rear neighbors. Recently re-plastered and tiled pool/spa with new equipment. Built-in kitchen/BBQ island with refrigerator. Mature trees, patios and lawn areas. OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$949,000





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SOLD!

8354 Moller Ranch, Pleasanton

Beautiful home with many upgrades in wonderful area. VIEWS, VIEWS, VIEWS! High ceilings, plantation shutters, great floor-plan. Represented Buyers. **Sold for \$1,000,000**



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Open Sunday 1-4

1641 Vetta Dr, Livermore

Outstanding 5 bed (6 potential) & 4.5 ba home w/ 3500+ sq ft. 1 bed/ba downstairs. Upgrades throughout including \$27k in solar (no PG&E), new carpet, crown molding, maple cabinets, plantation shutters & great yard for entertaining. **Offered at \$899,000**



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3218 Melanie Circle, Pleasanton

Beautifully expanded Parkside Home featuring **2 master suites** — one on main floor; suited for in laws or au pair; one upstairs with sitting area and balcony, luxurious bath w/heated floors. Large bonus room could be office or 5th bedroom. 500 bottle wine cellar; charming yard w/3 car garage and side yd. access, near park and top rated schools. **Offered at \$949,000**



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NEW LISTING - OPEN SUN 1-4



4306 Campinia Place, Ruby Hill

Approx. 4,000 sq.ft, 4 bedrms/3.5 baths, .56 acre lot. Beautiful home with panoramic views of the hills. **Offered at \$1,499,000**



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NEW LISTING - OPEN SUN 1-4



4353 West Ruby Hill Drive, Ruby Hill

4,335 SF, 5 bedrooms, 4 full baths on .54 acre lot. Desirable floorplan w/downstairs master bedrm, 4 car garage, and a large backyard w/built-in spa. **Offered at \$1,499,000**



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SOLD

3300 Araldi Lane, Dublin

In Arrivare at Sorrento in Dublin. A taste of Italy in the Dublin countryside. 3 BR, 2.5 BA single family home with open architecture and intelligent floor plan; amazing community amenities! Represented buyer. **Sold for \$549,000**



SOLD

3429 Beecham Ct, Pleasanton

Great 3 BR home in Pleasanton Meadows, near the community greenbelt, new dishwasher; new 50-gal. water heater; newer carpeting & laminate floors. Represented both buyer and seller. **Sold for \$465,000**

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Coming Soon

4925 Monaco Drive, Pleasanton

5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. 3106 +/- sq. ft. Great location within walking distance to historic downtown. Kitchen/Family Room. Updated Kitchen with granite counters, Formal Dining and Living Rooms. Hardwood Floors. Upper deck with views of Mt. Diablo. Custom details throughout. 7046 +/- sq. ft. lot. Traditional sale.



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