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# Elect Jerry Thorne for Mayor of Pleasanton



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## **A proven track record of results-oriented leadership for Pleasanton**

- 50 meter pool at the Aquatic Center
- Alviso Adobe
- Sports fields on Bernal
- Played a pivotal role with two ballot initiatives that stopped the State Legislature from taking local funds

## **Examples of past accomplishments that Jerry supported and lobbied for:**

- \$1.2M loan fund that can be used by schools
- Lighted tennis courts at PMS
- Maintenance of sports fields at middle schools
- Renovation and maintenance of sports field at Donlon

Jerry has been endorsed by the entire Planning Commission, the entire Parks and Recreation Commission and a large cross section of all other City Commissions. Jerry has also been endorsed by a large number of former Mayors, Council Members, Commissioners and hundreds of current city leaders and volunteers FROM PLEASANTON.

## **Jerry's Supporters Say:**

"Pleasanton residents have a clear choice between the two incumbent council members running for mayor in the Nov. 6 election. For us, Jerry Thorne is clearly the superior candidate."

*Tri-Valley Times, 9/18/2012*

"We believe Jerry Thorne's extensive business experience makes him the right leader at the right time for challenges that lie ahead for Pleasanton. His 40-plus years in the private sector best qualifies him to set the tone for public policy associated with economic development, job creation, fiscal accountability."

*Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Political Action Committee, 9/27/2012*

"As a Council member he has sought to consolidate regional government agencies, retain local control for cities, and been an advocate for guidelines to provide clarity and confidence to businesses wanting to expand in downtown."

*Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Political Action Committee, 9/27/2012*

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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## An 'insiders' view of Prop. 31

Sunne Wright McPeak is president and chief executive of the California Emerging Technology Fund, a non-profit organization providing statewide leadership to accelerate the development of broadband and other advanced communication services to underserved communities and populations. She's also one of the best-known California promoters with credentials that go back to her college days when she earned a bachelor's degree in international medicine from the UC Santa Barbara and a Master's in public health, health education and medical care administration from the UC Berkeley.



Sunne Wright McPeak

Tuesday, she was in Pleasanton to talk about the merits of Proposition 31, a measure on Tuesday's statewide ballot that would increase public input and transparency before the state Legislature passes a new fiscal year budget. McPeak spoke to a luncheon group assembled by the East Bay Economic Development Alliance and the Contra Costa Council, with heavy attendance from Tri-Valley business leaders. In other words, she was preaching to the choir, but her message was easy to understand and, to many, quite convincing.

McPeak pointed out that currently the state budget has no real transparency or public reporting requirements. Proposition 31 would require that the Legislature make available a proposed budget for public review for a minimum of three days before lawmakers vote on it. It goes farther by prohibiting the state from funding any new expenditure or decreasing revenues of more than \$25 million without first identifying a funding source. The 2012 state budget took \$1.4 billion away from local government. Prop. 31 would return up to \$200 million to local government to be used for local priorities. It also provides cities, counties, and school districts more flexibility and authority to design services that improve results and meet local needs.

She also talked about businesses, including major companies such as Comcast, that are moving not to just more tax-friendly states but to states that are well governed. Polls show that as many as 40% of taxpayers here think their tax dollars are wasted. Prop. 31 would give them a good look at what's being proposed and why and also give them time to contact their legislators with comments. The proposed measure gives taxpayers a chance to make sure that they are getting their money's worth from the state government

they support.

California Forward, which is sponsoring the Prop. 31 measure and has support from McPeak and the organizations at Tuesday's luncheon, believes that empowered local communities are the ones best equipped to solve their own problems. The state needs a plan to restore trust within communities and find solutions to the state's problems that generate more effective, lasting results with rewarding returns. With Prop. 31 in force, California Forward's plan can help public programs work best where they are needed most. Besides McPeak and her luncheon audience, Prop. 31 has support from an unprecedented diverse range of business, labor, faith, and community organizations from all over California.

Clearly, despite McPeak's support, Prop. 31 has substantial opposition. The powerful labor union AFSCME, the Libertarian party, California League of Conservation Voters, California Democratic Party and many others are against the proposition. These groups argue that Prop 31 is too vague and is riddled with restrictions. And just who is Sunne McPeak to tell us how to vote? Well, for starters, she previously was Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency under Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. In that role, she oversaw the largest state agency in California, which includes the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Managed Care, the Department of Corporations, and the California Highway Patrol among other departments and offices.

And there's more. McPeak previously was president ad CEO of the Bay Area Council, an employer-led policy organization addressing regional economic prosperity issues. Prior to holding that position, she was head of the Bay Area Economic Forum, and a long time member of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

With those credentials, McPeak gives us a good reason to look the merits of Proposition 31 before casting our votes on Tuesday. See you at the polls. ■

## About the Cover

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# Streetwise

ASKED AT HELEN SHEN CHAN'S BABY SHOWER

## What advice would you give new mothers?



### Margrit Honegger

Accounting

You have to be flexible, learn quickly, and adapt. Just when you think you have your baby all figured out, they are on to the next thing.

### Lena Chan

Finance director

Stay calm, trust your own judgment, and call your mom if you have any questions.



### Jenny Chan

Cafeteria assistant

You should get plenty of rest before the baby is born, and make sure you pay attention to your husband after the baby comes home.

### Lily Shen

Pharmacist/grandma-to-be

Spend time with your kids. Sit down as a family for dinner every night; life is busy with work and school, and it is so important to eat together. Teach your children to cook, because it will benefit them later in life. I'm very excited to meet my grandchild and see our family's next generation.



### Amy Shen/aunt-to-be

Fourth year medical student/aunt-to-be

I'm not a mom, but I am almost an MD, and have done rotations in pediatrics and OB/GYN. Talk to your baby a lot; it's the best way to stimulate their mind, and teach them about the world.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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## DIGEST

### Preschool Veterans Day

Toddlers will say, "Thank You, Veterans," at Museum on Main's M.o.M.'s Reading Time on Wednesday, Nov. 14. The museum invites preschoolers, ages 2-5, and their families to join in the preschool pre-literacy program each month from 10-11 a.m.

For November, participants will celebrate the contributions of veterans with books and activities in honor of Veterans Day. Richard Fredette, a veteran of the Vietnam War, will greet the youngsters, show them his uniform, and teach the children how to salute like a soldier.

Admission is free although donations are always appreciated. No reservations are required, but large groups or playgroups are asked to phone in advance. Call 462-2766 or email education@museumonmain.org.

### Cash for candy

Ghosts and goblins of all ages are invited to drop by the dentist office of Dr. Steven Nerad from 3-5:30 p.m. today, Nov. 2, for its third annual Halloween candy buy-back extravaganza.

Trick-or-treaters will receive \$1 per pound for their sugary hauls, plus their schools might receive a matching donation. Schools with the largest amounts of candy turned in will get up to \$250 for first place; up to \$100 for second place; and up to \$50 for third. Each student also will receive an orange and black Halloween toothbrush.

The candy will be packaged and sent to troops serving overseas, who hopefully will do a thorough job brushing their teeth after enjoying the treats, Nerad noted.

The first year, the office collected 200 pounds of candy; last year, it was nearly 500 pounds. This year staff is aiming for half a ton of candy. The office is located at 1024 Serpentine Lane, Suite 107.

### Meet Weekly staff

Pleasanton Weekly publisher Gina Channell-Allen, editor Jeb Bing and other staff members will be on hand to talk with guests at the first Pleasanton Weekly Night from 5 to 7 p.m. this Thursday at Gene's Fine Foods, 2803 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. There will be hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting.

Guests are invited to bring questions and story ideas. Email gallen@PleasantonWeekly.com or call 600-0840.

### Clarification

Much of the Oct. 26 story, "Students, alumni, parents honor Amador band director," was contributed by Amy Moellering.

## Walthers out as president of Las Positas College

'Handful' of students, staff, faculty blaming him for 'unfavorable budget cuts'

By JEB BING

Kevin Walthers, the popular president of Las Positas College, is looking for a new job just 16 months after the Chabot-Las Positas College Board of Trustees hired him in the second of two cross-country searches.

Walthers gave notice to the board two weeks ago after weeks of political infighting and budget bickering put him on the outs with the board and some faculty and student leaders. He has been criticized for making deep financial cuts to programs other than academics because of tightening state funding.

Walthers, who came here from the West Virginia Community and Technical College System, holds a doctorate degree in educational leadership and policy from the University of Utah. He was a finalist in a very public interview procedure that Las Positas championed, a process that has left other education leaders questioning its effectiveness.

Walthers' resignation and the apparent divisiveness on both the Las Positas campus and in the college district as well, comes at an inopportune time for the college, which is seeking voter



Kevin Walthers

approval next Tuesday of Measure I, a \$28 parcel tax on those who live in the Las Positas College district. Walthers had been a strong public booster of the tax measure. He joined Art Dao of the Alameda County Transportation Commission on Oct. 10 at a Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce meeting to gain the support of business for the measure, and also has been making the rounds as the college spokesman to local Rotary clubs.

Word of Walthers' exit was kept quiet with any announcement keyed to after the Nov. 6 election so that it wouldn't affect voters' opinions on the parcel tax. But the student newspaper, the Las Positas College Express, a taxpayer-supported publication, spilled the beans with an editorial telling students that their college "will soon have its third president in as many years."

"This fact, coupled with the controversy surrounding the administration of current president Kevin Walthers, signals that something is wrong with the LPC-Chabot College district's hiring process for this position," it said.

The story then criticizes the college's hiring techniques without ever reporting that Walthers has actually given notice or if he was being dismissed by the board of trustees.

Walthers confirmed to the Pleasanton Weekly that he and his wife and son will be leaving Livermore when the right new position comes along.

Active in Livermore civic, city and recreational activities since moving there, the family has been hoping for a "Christmas miracle" as criticism over his management style and decisions heated up.

Finding a replacement for Walthers won't be easy. Educators point out that the Chabot-Las Positas College District has been "unstable politically" for several years. The district's budget is now in its sixth year of structural imbalance, one top college administrator reported. The district is on its third chancellor since June and expects another by the end of the school year.

The administrator said the Las Positas' system of holding open interviews for candidates "is transparency run amok." Four candidates were interviewed two years ago in the first search for a new college president, four top administrators at their own colleges who told their boards that they were considering the Livermore position. After months of researching their qualifications and hearing them present publicly the reasons why they should be hired, the search committee rejected all of them and the process started again.

"I don't think the frustrations of a handful of faculty and staff members are personal, I just happen to be the person in the big chair," Walthers said. "Even so, the recent actions taken by some have led me to start taking the calls of search consultants." ■



JEB BING

### Runners get in the spirit

Hundreds of runners, walkers and spectators turned out Sunday for the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's second annual Halloween Spirit Run. Many showed up and even ran in 5K and children's races dressed in Halloween costumes (including above left, Betty Taylor, Ginny Cain and Anna Ruotolo) in an event patterned after the club's Father's Day run that also includes a 10K race. The club's work in raising funds and actually delivering wheelchairs is in partnership with the Wheelchair Foundation. Pleasanton North Rotary Club also participates in the wheelchair effort.

## Veterans Day parade set for Sunday

Area's largest salute to veterans comes a week ahead of holiday

The Pleasanton-based Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 will host the 2012 Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade starting at 1 p.m. Sunday, with a patriotic program of music and messages following at the Veterans Memorial Building.

The event is being held exactly one week ahead of the day the country will celebrate Veterans Day this year, a tradition for the Pleasanton observance so that veterans can join in other celebrations on Nov. 11.

This year's event will feature military and veteran color guards, marching bands, horses, jeeps, Humvees and other military vehicles. Marching along the way also will be Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations, Scottish pipe and drum units, the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, elected officials from Tri-Valley cities and veterans from Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, Korea and even World War II.

The U.S. Army Band and the Foothill High School marching band will play patriotic music along the parade. The Amador Valley High School marching band declined the VFW's invitation.

New features to this year's parade include three flyovers, by a T-38 jet fighter plane and then a Vietnam era Huey helicopter and a Coast Guard Dolphin helicopter.

The theme of this year's parade is "Purple Hearts, Honoring Those Wounded in the Service of Our Country." Special tribute will be given to Gold Star families who will be in the parade.

The parade Grand Marshall will be retired Army Sgt. Victor Thibeault, who served in Afghanistan, was awarded both a Silver Star and

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# PUSD awaiting election results to learn about funding

Two competing ballot measures could mean extra cash or future cuts

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

The Pleasanton school district is ready for the potential loss of \$7 million in state funding should both funding proposals on next week's ballot fail.

Both Gov. Jerry Brown's Proposition 30 and a competing measure, Prop 38, known as "Our Children, Our Future," proposed by Molly Munger, would boost state funding to schools.

The district already slashed its budget by the \$7 million it would

lose if Brown's proposal fails, Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, told the school board at its last meeting.

"We are prepared for that," Cazares said.

While the district is prepared for this year, Board President Joan Laursen said the loss of that money would be ongoing. She said the same \$7 million would have to be cut from the district's budget every year in the future, like the cuts that the district has already seen.

"We'd have to have a plan for next year," Laursen said.

It could also mean some short-term borrowing for the district as payments from the state are shifted again from the end of one fiscal year, in June, to the next fiscal year, which begins in July.

Prop 38 would provide extra revenues for the district in the 2013-14 school year, leaving school districts across the state to struggle through another lean year before they get the new funds.

Should both Prop 30 and Prop 38 pass, the measure with the largest number of votes would win, and school board members have been urging voters to opt for both measures in the hope that one will gain the simple majority needed to pass.

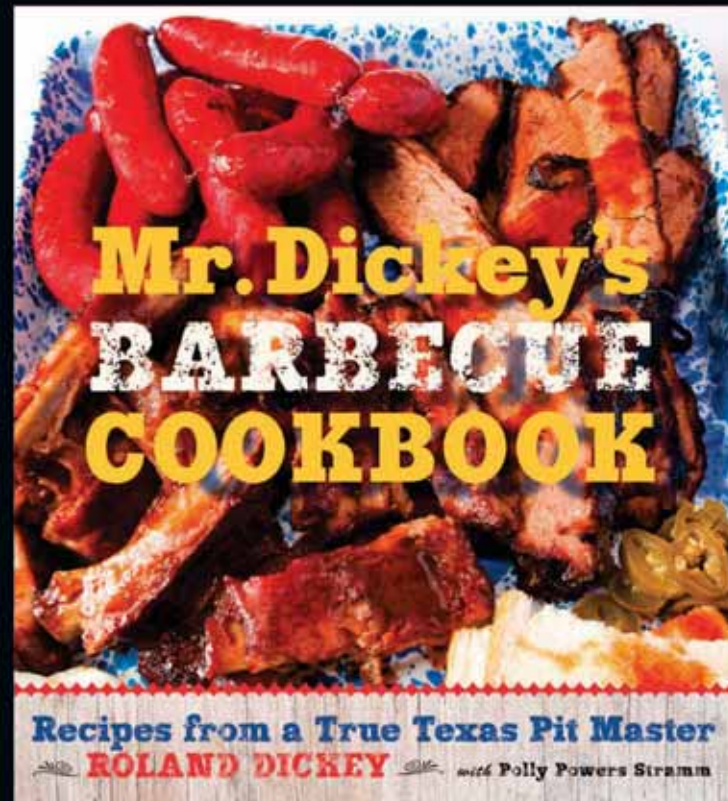
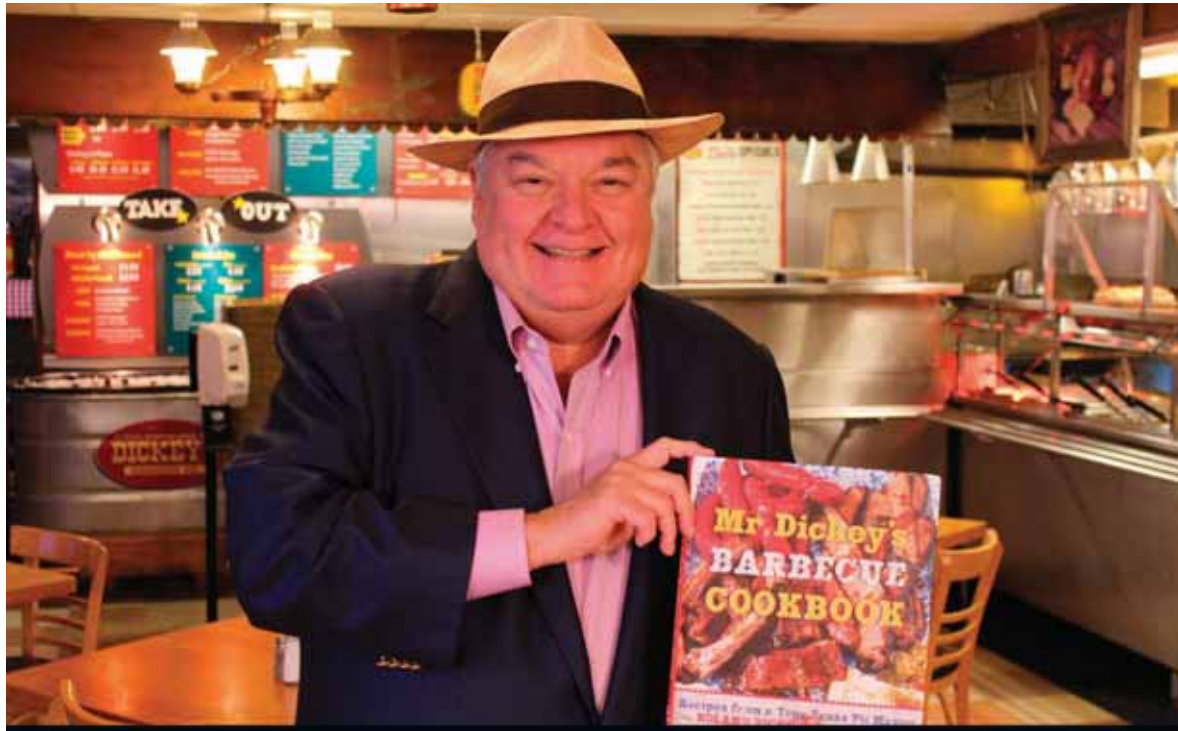
Cazares said the district also could lose about 8.2% of its federal funding, largely earmarked for special education.

That comes to about \$288,000 a year, although Cazares said dis-

tricts across the country have been told to plan on getting the funding reauthorized by Congress.

School district officials will learn more about the state funding situation next month.

By the next board meeting, on Nov. 13, the ballot measures will have either passed or failed; the district is also awaiting a report from the state Legislative Analysts Office about revenue projections, which is expected in the middle of November. ■



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# Pleasanton-Dublin trail link opens under I-580

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Bikers and hikers will no longer be blocked by Interstate 580 when traveling between Pleasanton and Dublin. The new Alamo Canal Trail link under the freeway was opened last Saturday, connecting the Centennial Trail in Pleasanton with the Alamo Canal Trail that ended just north of I-580 near the Dublin Library.

Cyclists and walking enthusiasts showed up at the dedication to cheer the new safe route away from traffic for people on foot, bikes or skates to travel between schools, homes and their destinations in Pleasanton and Dublin.

"I live on the other side of 580 and have wanted to be able to get over here for years," Congressman Jerry McNerney (D., 11th) said at the groundbreaking in April.

East Bay Regional Park District took the lead in the 794-foot connection, which was years in the making. The trails are located in the flood control channels of Zone 7; in 2006 Zone 7 adopted its Stream Management Master Plan, which tagged the potential project the "I-580 Trail Gap Elimination."

Also partnering were the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Zone 7 Water Agency and Caltrans.

The last \$1 million for the \$2.4 million project came from federal TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) funds. Funds also came from Alameda County's Measure B, the Park District's Measure WW, and the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin.

"It was ahead of schedule and under budget," reported Ferd Del Rosario, senior civil engineer with the city of Dublin. ■



FERD DEL ROSARIO/CITY OF DUBLIN

Pedestrians and cyclists Saturday are among the first to use the Alamo Canal Trail link, which passes under I-580 to connect the Centennial Trail in Pleasanton with the Alamo Canal Trail in Dublin.



KURT KUMMER

Saturday's dedication ceremony to open the trail link drew enthusiast cyclists and hikers.

## Police ID body from trash can

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

The woman whose body was found inside a garbage can in Pleasanton has been identified, and police arrested her alleged killer Wednesday.

Police have confirmed the woman to be Ana Flores-Pineda, 25, from Stockton. Her body was found inside a trash container on Dublin Canyon Road on May 24.

Police detectives from Pleasanton and Stockton arrested Javier Prado Sandoval, 20, also from Stockton.

Investigators determined Flores-Pineda was the victim of a homicide that occurred in Stockton. Pleasanton police Sgt. Kurt Schlehuber said Flores-Pineda had been in the garbage can for "a few weeks."

A missing persons report led Stockton police to the body found in Pleasanton, Schlehuber said.

"Through their investigation, they contacted the Alameda County Coroner who confirmed they had an unidentified Jane Doe," he said. The body was linked to Flores-Pineda through DNA analysis.

Sandoval was to be booked into the San Joaquin County Jail. The investigation is ongoing and further details regarding this case will be released at a later date. ■



### Family Stroll

Thursday, November 15, 5 to 8pm.

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# Mothers With A Purpose takes stand against drug abuse

More than 40 turn out for candlelight vigil

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

More than 40 people turned out for Pleasanton's second Main Street candlelight vigil last Thursday night in memory of those lost to drug abuse and those still suffering from addiction.

Mothers With A Purpose partnered with the National Coalition Against Drug Abuse to hold the vigil as a part of Red Ribbon Week, an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign held every October for the last six years.

"Every day, 2,500 teens in the United States try prescription drugs to get high for the first time," Marlene, a member of Mothers With A Purpose, told those who held candles. "Sixty percent of teens who have abused prescription painkillers did so before the age of 15. Forty-five percent of those who use prior to the age 15 will later develop an addiction."

Marlene told the crowd that drug addiction is a disease that shows no prejudice, but is perceived as shameful, "leaving loved ones to grieve in silence and addicts left to struggle alone."

"With the removal of shame comes the hope for survival. Acceptance of the disease can be humbling to the soul and, in turn, empowering to those in need," she said.



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**Marlene,**

Mothers With A Purpose

The vigil was held in front of the Museum on Main, with tables marking the names of those lost to the disease. In the last two

years, the area has lost a number of young adults to drug-related deaths.


"This vigil is to bring awareness to the community of the seriousness of drug addiction and drug abuse," said Nikki Montez. "I'm a mom of a child who became addicted to opiates while still in high school. He just recently found recovery about six months ago."

The red ribbon campaign began after drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered Kiki Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, in 1985. Residents of Calexico, Calif., Camarena's hometown, began wearing red ribbons in his honor. ■



GLENN WOHLTMANN


At left, Marlene, a member of Mothers With A Purpose, addresses a crowd at a candlelight vigil to commemorate those lost to addiction and who still struggle with the disease. Above: Tables mark those lost to drug addiction at the Oct. 25 candlelight vigil, part of Red Ribbon Week.



## Karla Brown

Pleasanton City Council

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JEB BING

## They helped make a difference

These five eighth-grade girls were among others from the Pleasanton Middle School Cheer Squad who waved to motorists along Sunol Boulevard last Saturday to attract the public to the Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival at the city's Senior Center. They are (l-r) Lauren Johnson, Morgan Leone, Bailey Musto, Noelle McNamara and Olivia Morgenroth.

Several hundred attended the event, which featured 50 booths staffed by supporting organizations in the area, including Open Heart Kitchen, Hope Hospice, the Rotary and Lions clubs, ValleyCare Health System, Safeway, the Pleasanton Weekly, YMCA and police and firefighters. As part of the festivities, W. Ron Sutton, chief executive of ACCUSPLIT, presented a check for \$15,000 as a donation to Axis Community Health in Pleasanton.

National Make a Difference Day is celebrated across the country annually on the fourth Saturday of October.

## Jurors convict woman for murder; victim found near Pleasanton

Giselle Esteban guilty in death of nursing student Michelle Le

Giselle Esteban was convicted Monday of first-degree murder for the May 2011 death of nursing student Michelle Le, her former friend and high school classmate.

Jurors deliberated for four-and-a-half days before reaching their verdict against Esteban during a case in which prosecutor Butch Ford said Esteban killed Le in the misguided belief that she was having a romantic relationship with Scott Marasigan, the father of Esteban's 6-year-old daughter, and was interfering with her relationship with Marasigan.

Le, a 26-year-old San Mateo resident who attended Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, disappeared from Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Hayward on May 27, 2011. Her body was found in a remote area between Pleasanton and Sunol about four months later.

In his closing argument in Esteban's trial, which began Oct. 1, Ford said Esteban, a 28-year-old Union City woman, had planned Le's murder for months and waited for Le in the hospital's parking lot for about four hours before attacking Le when she walked to her car during a break in her classes.

Esteban's lawyer, Andrea Auer, admitted to jurors that Esteban killed Le but said Esteban should only be convicted of voluntary manslaughter because Le had provoked her and she acted in the heat of passion.

Auer conceded that Esteban had

**"I feel a tremendous burden has been lifted by the jury's verdict."**

**Michael Le,**  
Brother of Michelle Le

sent dozens of threatening text messages and waited for Le in the Kaiser parking lot and there was some type of confrontation, but she said, "You don't know who started it, what was said and what happened."

However, Ford, who described Esteban as "a sociopath," said Le

was "a completely innocent victim in this case" and didn't do anything to provoke Esteban.

Esteban, who was dressed in a long-sleeved white shirt and black pants, looked straight ahead and didn't appear to show any emotion when the jury's verdict was announced Monday.

Le's father, Son Le, said afterward, "I know Michelle will rest in peace now that justice has been done. Michelle loved everybody and this is just so sad."

Le's brother, Michael Le, said, "I feel a tremendous burden has been lifted by the jury's verdict."

Le's cousin, Kristine Dinh, said Le should be remembered for "being so selfless and loving and always helping others."

—*Bay City News*

## TAKE US ALONG



**Discovering a lost city:** Maria and Bob Nickeson and their Weekly visit "La Cuidad Perdida," the terraced "Lost City" of the ancient Tayrona people, 4,000 feet high in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta on the northern Caribbean coast of Colombia. It dates from around 800 B.C., was abandoned about the time of Columbus' arrival, and was discovered in the 1970s. In the background is the central ceremonial terrace.

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## PARADE

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a Purple Heart, and is a member of the Army's Wounded Warrior program.

The parade review officer and keynote speaker will be retired Navy Capt. William Waters.

Immediately following, the veterans groups will host a Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main St. with a guest speaker and patriotic music provided by the Pleasanton Community Band.

This year, the U.S. Marines and members of the P-Town Pushrods car club will collect Toys for Tots before, during and after the parade along the parade route, at the review stand in front of the Museum on Main and at the Veterans Memorial Building. Donors are asked to give only new, boxed toys as their contributions.

The parade will start next to the Veterans Memorial Building on Old Bernal Avenue and then continue north on Main Street to St. Mary Street.

For more information, call David Ham at 580-6661.

—*Jeb Bing*

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Pleasanton Weekly endorsements

For the 50% of you who haven't yet voted by mail — saving that special privilege for Election Day Tuesday at the polling place — many of us will be patiently joining you in lines that could be extraordinarily long. It pays to carry along your Sample Ballot to read once again before marking your ballot. As we saw with Hurricane Sandy and the devastation along the eastern seaboard, much can change almost overnight in politics, too. For California, a state with a large Democratic Party majority, we won't be the state that decides the presidential race and some of us may be voting long after the polls in those key states have closed. But we will be the decision-makers in voting for Pleasanton mayor and City Council, for Congress and on a multitude of propositions and measures awaiting our decision. Several of these races could be very close. Let's make sure we vote.

For mayor, we are endorsing Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who's been a valuable, problem-solving council member with helpful connections in Sacramento and Washington. She has support from both business and union representatives and, importantly, from Tri-Valley, Alameda County, regional and state government leaders. If she needs help on a regional issue, she has many close contacts who will quickly take her call and give our city a hand. Her opponent, fellow Councilman Jerry Thorne, also has excellent credentials both in public service and as a retired business executive. If Cook-Kallio wins, Thorne will continue to serve for another two years on the council and will likely continue representing Pleasanton with the California League of Cities.

For City Council, to succeed council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan who are stepping down because of term limits, we recommend Planning Commission Chairman Jerry Pentin and businesswoman Karla Brown.

Pentin, a Pleasanton businessman, has served on a number of city commissions and advisory groups and was honored with the Mayor's Award in 2008. Karla Brown, a Realtor, regularly attends City Council meetings and has been active in a number of business and civic groups in Pleasanton, where she has lived for the last 20 years. A third candidate, Erlene DeMarcus, who as a BART board member years ago helped bring BART to Pleasanton, has strong support outside of Pleasanton but hasn't been all that visible in local civic and political groups.

For Congress, in the newly aligned 15th District that now serves all of Pleasanton, we recommend Eric Swalwell, a Dublin Councilman and Alameda County prosecutor. Still a Democrat like the man he's challenging — Pete Stark, a 20-term Congressman who has served a part of Pleasanton and a larger part of the East Bay longer than many of us have lived here — Swalwell is the political moderate we prefer. At age 31, Stark promises to bring new energy and younger ideas to Congress.

As for the newly aligned 7th State Senate District, Mark DeSaulnier has our endorsement over Republican Mark Meuser. We also favor the re-election of Joan Buchanan in the state's new 15th Assembly District over her Republican opponent Al Phillips.

With regard to the propositions and measures, the Pleasanton Weekly favors Propositions 32, 34, 35, 36 and 40. We're recommending No votes on all the others, most notably on Propositions 30 and 38, two competing measures that will raise sales tax and personal income rates "temporarily," and on Measure B1, a new Transportation Expenditure Plan that would extend a 1/2-cent sales tax in Alameda County by another half-cent virtually forever.

Others we oppose are Propositions 31, 33, 37, 38, 39 and Measure A1, the \$12 parcel tax on Alameda County property owners until 2037 to fund improvements and expansion projects at the Oakland Zoo. We also oppose Measure I, which calls for a "temporary" levy in the form of a \$28 parcel tax on owners of homes in the Las Positas College District. ■



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## LETTERS

### Need new congressman

Dear Editor,

Hopefully, voters in the 15th District will not blindly vote for Pete Stark. If one examines his record over the last decade, one sees a person that has scammed the system and short changed his constituents.

So far this election year he accused opponent Eric Swalwell of taking bribes without evidence; he later apologized. He accused a local opinion columnist of donating to his opponent without evidence; he later apologized. He also berated former state Assembly Majority Leader Alberto Torrico for endorsing his opponent, including threatening his family and livelihood, according to Torrico.

Some prominent local Democrats, led by former Rep. Ellen Tauscher and former state Senate leader Don Perata, have publicly endorsed Swalwell as have newspapers. As a result Stark has refused to debate, saying it was because he will be asked "stupid" questions.

Let's examine his track record further. The office of Congressional Ethics U.S. House of Representatives investigated Pete Stark in November 2009 for alleged violations regarding listing the house he owns in Harwood, Md., as his principal residence on Maryland tax forms for tax credits and to cap his home assessment at no more than 10%. Also, his financial disclosure form shows he has assets worth as much as about \$30 million, yet his three minor children are collecting benefits from Social Security. He was passed over unanimously by his own party to become chair of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

Stark definitely is not the kind of person that should be representing the 15th District.

**Dave Johnson**

### Preserving open space

Dear Editor,

Karla Brown is running for Pleasanton City Council. She is the only candidate that supported protection of our ridgelines and co-authored Measure PP to ensure that protection (the other candidates supported a competing measure to confuse voters). Today, she continues the battle to preserve our small town feel and our quality of life as the only candidate expressly committed to a slow/smart growth policy.

Karla has lived in Pleasanton for 20 years, been a Pleasanton businesswoman for 10 years, and her three children all attended our public schools (now two college grads and one attending college). Karla is committed to Pleasanton and will work for you, the citizens of Pleasanton.

**Greg O'Connor**

### Thorne a better choice

Dear Editor,

Jerry Thorne is the much better choice for mayor in this election. His executive business experience, compared to Cheryl Cook-Kallio's political and labor connections, is what is needed to address Pleasanton's unfunded liability. We do not need a fox looking after the hen house. Further, Cheryl Cook-Kallio is now demonstrating that she will encourage the City Council to consider issues that are outside the scope of city related matters. At the last meeting she voted in favor of the establishment of a city commission to discuss national defense and foreign policy. We have endured eight years of this. It is time to refocus on city business.

**Doug Miller**

### Yes on A1 for zoo

Dear Editor,

After graduating from Foothill High School, I went on to earn degrees in both biology and environmental studies. I am currently a master's student and work at the Oakland Zoo. I am the only employee who has worked in both departments that are majorly impacted by Measure A1: the Animal Care, Conservation and Research Department and the Education Department.

Oakland Zoo rescues animals that have been confiscated, given up, used for animal testing and could be euthanized, and that have special medical needs. We are included in Species Survival Programs, and we volunteer our time to work out in the field on projects and fund money for species including the California condor and mountain lions.

The amount of time our zookeepers spend caring for their animals is incredible. As frequently happens in nonprofits, we are short-staffed, but we still have pushed to be leaders in animal care.

I have taught children who have never seen wild animals, families who cannot afford meals, troubled youths, and extremely gifted and well-off students. We provide free programs to poor children and have also been to senior centers, women's shelters, and schools in the Tri-Valley. Science programs in California schools have been struggling, and we provide a unique experience.

Measure A1 would allow us to expand our educational programs and allow us to provide a sanctuary to more animals and upgrade our current exhibits. This is your zoo, and your children's zoo. Please vote Yes on A1.

**Jen Jelincic**

### Vote for Karla Brown

Dear Editor,

I am supporting Karla Brown for Pleasanton City Council. Karla is a

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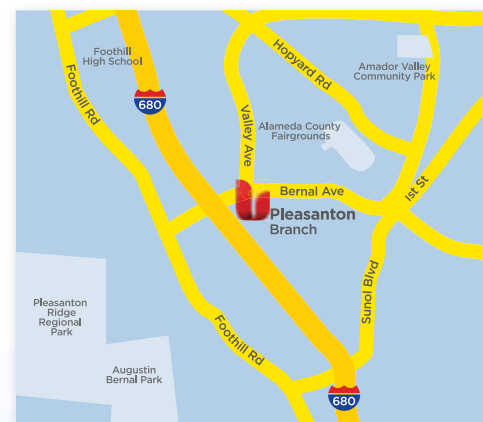
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person who studies issues carefully, seeks input from others, and makes the best decisions possible. She will listen to the community and will act in the best interest of the people. Karla is smart, knowledgeable, articulate and dedicated. She is passionate about doing what is right for the citizens of Pleasanton. Please join me in voting for Karla Brown for Pleasanton City Council on Nov. 6.

**Valerie Arkin, School Board  
Trustee, Pleasanton Unified  
School District**

## A1 imposes on park

Dear Editor,

Measure A1 stands out as an imperative to make your vote count. According to the Oakland Zoo's recent glossy mailer, this parcel tax provides for improvements to current infrastructure and "humane animal care." What the mailer does not say is that this measure is also about building a big expansion into unspoiled Knowland Park.

Currently there are plans to build a theme park focusing on the native California mountain lion, grizzly bear, wolves and other animals (some of which disappeared due to lack of habitat). The plans also include construction of a visitor building, offices and a restaurant built right on the ridge that has a magnificent view of the Bay. This construction project is planned outside of current zoo boundaries and would be placed in what is now known as Knowland Park. This public park is one of the most biologically diverse parks in the East Bay hills, and actually provides essential habitat for an incredible number of living wild animals with the same rights to be cared for as the zoo's caged exotic animals.

The zoo campaign signs say, "It's



your zoo." More important: It's your park, access is free, the view is yours; the peace and quiet, open space, plants, bugs, birds, small and large animals are still there. Your vote will send a message to zoo executives to leave Knowland Park for us all.

Vote No on Measure A1.

**Carol Castro**

## Vote for Brown, Thorne

Dear Editor,

We need our next elected members of the Pleasanton City Council to be focused on managing the city's business and challenges. That's why Karla Brown for City Council and Vice Mayor Jerry Thorne for mayor are the right choices in November. Karla and Jerry are well grounded in Pleasanton issues and have focused their efforts locally. Karla, endorsed by the Sierra Club, is a local businesswoman well known for her grassroots effort to ensure that our pristine ridgelines surrounding this city are preserved. She was a proponent of a ridgeline preservation ordinance that was overwhelmingly adopted by the voters.

Jerry has made a big impact during his 21 years of active civic service through his grassroots effort as vice president of the Pleasanton Seahawks for the construction of a 50-meter pool for the public. He then initiated a grassroots petition effort to build sports fields at Bernal Community Park. Not only has he improved the opportunities for youth in the community, he personally welcomes the brave men and women from the military returning to this community after serving overseas.

Both can be counted on to tackle local challenges now like pension reform, budgetary control, quality of life and environmental protection, but not be distracted by engaging in partisan politics with a focus on seeking future county and statewide elected positions. Please be sure to vote for our local Pleasanton team: Karla Brown for City Council and Jerry Thorne for mayor.

**Richard Pugh**

## Big money politics

Dear Editor,

I just received an 8.5-inch by



11-inch color brochure in the mail today from Erlene DeMarcus for City Council, the paid consultant of the Lins/Tongs on the citizen-referenced Oak Grove development. So, I went to her website to check out her donors. Her most recent CA460 form (campaign finances) shows in excess of \$8,000 from the Lin and Tong families, as well as an additional \$8,000 from others in development and construction businesses; that's over 50% of her donations. Of similar interest, 73% of her campaign dollars came from outside Pleasanton. She was willing to bulldoze our ridgelines for the Oak Grove developers, so I will not be voting for her.

Instead, I will be voting for Karla Brown to join our City Council. Karla was instrumental in stopping Oak Grove and placing a hillside initiative on the ballot, which Pleasanton voters overwhelmingly passed. She is the only candidate actively seeking to preserve our slow/smart growth policies, and she is willing to tackle our unfunded city debt. Join me: Vote for Karla Brown for City Council.

**Janet Winter**

## Courageous Cook-Kallio

Dear Editor,

This week I marked my ballot for mayor and voted for Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Neighbors and friends have asked me why, so here are my reasons. Cheryl would make an excellent mayor. First, she is exceedingly knowledgeable in governmental matters, as a high school government teacher for 30 years explaining complex issues like local housing elements and city pension demands to sharp teenagers in her classrooms. At the same time she has been serving as a City Council member and vice mayor for Pleasanton. It is clear that she is hard working and efficient and knows the issues — she is experienced.

I have observed her skill at problem solving and negotiating, and I think she will put that to good use as mayor when she is faced with the inevitable differences of opinion that will come before her. She is a listener, and makes herself available to everyone who contacts her office on a city matter. Flexible, she is good at working out compromises, which

is an important skill in our city government. She does not lack for courage, and will speak up for the common good of Pleasanton in the important issues which we will face in the years ahead: employee compensation and pensions, job-housing balance, transportation, State Route 84, open space, and good relations with the business community and our neighboring cities. Cheryl is already respected beyond Pleasanton. It would be a wise decision to select her as our next mayor.

**Patricia Belding**

## Thorne stands out

Dear Editor,

One candidate stands out in terms of service to his community, having served as a Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commissioner for 10 years. That candidate is Jerry Thorne.

Only one candidate has done the following things for our community: served seven years on the Board of Directors of the Pleasanton Seahawks youth swim team (two of them as president), co-authored the successful ballot initiative "Save our Community Park" (Bernal property), consistently attended U.S. Service Member homecoming events even when it is not an election year, and regularly volunteered time at Pleasanton's Museum on Main. That candidate is Jerry Thorne.

Only one candidate can legitimately claim to be actively involved in Pleasanton's Community of Character and is currently a member of its board. Only one has served as president of the California League of Cities, East Bay Division, has served in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army), and is a founding and current member of Pleasanton Sentinels of Freedom, an organization that assists returning injured veterans in finding employment and housing. That candidate is Jerry Thorne.

In this election when Pleasanton is in need of a mayor with a proven track record of broad community service, genuine concern for the welfare of Pleasanton residents, and an uncompromised position to deal with financial challenges faced by the city, only one candidate has those qualifications. That candidate is Jerry Thorne.

**Jeff Narum**



## The proverbial unsung hero: We all know one or two

**The Pleasanton Weekly will honor eight groups or individuals this holiday season who have been selected as 2012 Tri-Valley Heroes.**

The award recipients are "unsung heroes," the ones who keep doing what they do to make our community and lives better, but very rarely get the recognition they so richly deserve. Two Heroes will be profiled each week for four weeks Nov. 23 to Dec. 14.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

- ▲ Arts and Culture
- ▲ Community Spirit
- ▲ Courage
- ▲ Environmental Stewardship
- ▲ Innovation
- ▲ Rising Star
- ▲ Role Model
- ▲ Lifetime Achievement

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**Positive relationships**

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton deserves a mayor like Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

During her six years on the City Council, Cheryl Cook-Kallio has shown a superior leadership ability to tackle controversial issues, listen to all stakeholders, do her homework and bring people together to resolve conflict.

She makes herself accessible to residents of Pleasanton. I've seen her give her personal cell-phone number to people she's known for five minutes so they could reach her directly.

One of her biggest strengths is the fact she has long-standing positive working relationships not only with officials of neighboring communities but also with officials at the state and national level as proved by the long list of those officials who have endorsed her. Pleasanton isn't an island. We are impacted by decisions made by surrounding cities, and the state and national governments. Having long established positive relationships with the decision makers can only help our goal of keeping Pleasanton the wonderful city we know.

I urge you to vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio for mayor.

**Sharon Piekarski**

**Money talks**

Dear Editor,

It is very interesting and telling to note the contributions to the Pleasanton candidates' campaigns that were reported in the Independent. Large donations were made by developers to all candidates other than Karla Brown, who does not accept donations from developers.

Karla stands on higher ground and takes her candidacy for City Council seriously. She was a leader in the Measure D effort to stop the development proposed in the hills south of Pleasanton, which was soundly defeated by the residents of Pleasanton. Karla listens, Karla is in touch with the voters, Karla is our candidate.

Please join me in voting for an exemplary candidate. You will forever be glad that you did.

**Margo Tarver**

**Cook-Kallio for mayor**

Dear Editor,

I would like to tell you why I am impressed by Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Cheryl is able to address issues for all residents. I have seen her knowledgeably discuss Pleasanton's significant issues including the financial stability of our city, affordable housing for young families, transportation and business related issues. She has the "long view" and is able to see how all of these pieces are inter-related. She clearly sees how balance is important in how the City Council makes decisions.

I think one of the reasons we have to zone for more housing is because we have so many jobs; having many jobs helps fund the budget for the city, and creating and retaining new businesses helps increase our revenue. The increase in revenue helps us pay our bills



and helps us retain the quality of community we enjoy.

As an educator, I know that Cheryl understands the importance of quality education for all children. I think she knows that everyone who lives in Pleasanton has a voice. Cheryl is intelligent, understands how government works and knows how to find common ground and further the discussion. I hope you

join with me to vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio for mayor.

**Carroll Jacoby**

**Vote for Pentin**

Dear Editor,

We strongly recommend voting for Jerry Pentin for Pleasanton City Council. We've known him personally for 10 years as a Rotarian

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and from our Marine Corps backgrounds. As a Marine veteran, Jerry applies his leadership skills to all community projects for Pleasanton and our Rotary Club. He works on the Pleasanton Planning Commission where he served such projects as the Callippe Golf Course, the Firehouse Arts Center, the Veterans Building Renovation, the Val Vista Park, Alviso Adobe Park, and the Bernal Community Park.

Pleasanton needs Jerry's continuing leadership as we move forward in our new plans supported by his experience. Vote for Jerry Pentin.

**Paul and Jule Jensen**

### Voting for Karla

Dear Editor,

The single most important issue facing Pleasanton voters this year is not traffic, unfunded pension liabilities, or high-density development. It's maintaining a voice of the people in city government. This is a legacy that was started by the late Mayor Ben Tarver, which both Cindy McGovern and I have tried our best to carry on these past eight years. Unfortunately, the current slate of candidates running for council and mayor have no interest in that legacy and will be more interested in representing developers, the Chamber of Commerce, and other special interests. Except for one: Karla Brown.

I have come to know Karla very well and have seen her fight for the protection of our ridges and for the right for citizens to petition govern-



ment for grievances by means of the referendum process. She is the only candidate running — either for council or mayor — who will listen to the people. We need an independent voice who will have the courage to speak out, to raise issues that no one else will raise, and to be that all important voice for the citizens that would not otherwise exist. That is why I'm voting for Karla on Nov. 6. Please join me.

**Matt Sullivan**

### Elect Jerry Thorne

Dear Editor,

I can't get Pleasanton out of my system, having lived there for more than half a century. We raised two daughters who attended Pleasanton schools and went on to get degrees from UC Davis. At first we lived in a brand new house on Silver Street,

and then we moved to another new house on Rowell Lane. In consideration of our aging years and the desire to reside closer to one of our daughters, we moved, recently, into our third new house, this time in Livermore.

I believe that Pleasanton is a wonderful community and I want it to stay that way. High-quality City Council leadership is essential to meet that goal. I met Jerry Thorne a few years ago when we both worked on the city's Energy Committee. I believe that he is the better candidate for mayor of Pleasanton and has no ties to Pete Stark. He will do his best to keep Pleasanton the City of Planned Progress. I urge all Pleasanton voters to elect Jerry Thorne the next mayor of Pleasanton.

**Carl Walter, Pleasantonite Emeritus**

### Our friend Karla

Dear Editor,

Karla Brown is our friend.

Through the years, Karla has constantly been vigilant and dedicated to the good of Pleasanton. One has only to google any Pleasanton growth issue and will find her steadfast goal of preserving our gorgeous hills against the continuous sprawl so evident in the towns around us.

Karla is already working as hard as possible to address issues logically and carefully. She knows teamwork and she is always ready to go above and beyond in her role on that team.

We think it's particularly important that Karla be on the council during a period when decisions will be made as Pleasanton transitions the gravel mining operations which will transform the eastern side of Pleasanton.

Karla Brown is our friend and she is a sincere friend to Pleasanton.

Please vote for Karla for City Council.

**Susan and Walt Wriggins**

### Pentin's experience

Dear Editor,

We need Jerry Pentin on the Pleasanton City Council. Jerry has many attributes: long-time resident of Pleasanton, who owns and operates a media production business here; served in and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marines; completed an A.A. degree from

Chabot College; and through work directing filming of television series on ocean diving throughout the world and the John Muir Wilderness, he has gained a deep appreciation of our environment.

But Jerry has also found time to give back to Pleasanton. Concurrent with his business career, he's been active in Rotary International, a member of Pleasanton North Rotary for 20 years, serving as its president in 2005/06, and honored twice by the club as Rotarian of the Year. Through his business, he's supported activities of nonprofit and youth organizations. However, Jerry's record of civic involvement demonstrates the experience needed to do the work of the City Council. He served with distinction on the Callippe Golf Course Committee. As an avid cyclist, he brought essential experience to the Bicycle Pedestrian Trails Committee in its work on the Pleasanton Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. Currently chair and a four-year member of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, previously a member of and also chaired the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission, and served on other committees and task forces including the Firehouse Arts Center, and the Veterans Building Renovation. His record represents broad vision and integrity.

Vote for Jerry Pentin for Pleasanton City Council.

**Ward Belding**

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\* Pajamas only. Sweats do not count. This is a family friendly event, so please dress appropriately.



## Saturday, November 17 – 4pm-7pm

Celebrate the holidays at Downtown Pleasanton's Magical Holiday Evening, the annual downtown open house. The streets will come alive with the sights and sounds of the holidays.

Start your holiday shopping and celebrate the season with an evening of holiday festivities. Downtown shops, restaurants and businesses usher in the holidays with festive decorations, twinkling lights, and an early visit from Santa.



Experience Pleasanton's beautiful and distinctive downtown with its hometown atmosphere and charm. Bring your family and friends to shop, dine and discover all they have to offer for the holidays!

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## Why YOU should be part of the CASH MOB!

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At the heart, Cash Mobs aren't about shopping. They are about making a commitment to support a business in downtown on a monthly basis. Each month's business is randomly selected and announced the night of the Cash Mob. Participants are asked to meet the PDA's staff members in front of the Museum on Main at 6pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Once the selected business is



*"Our Cash Mobs are fueled by social media. The PDA's Facebook and Twitter pages are a wealth of information for our community and we strongly encourage you to join the Downtown community online. By following the PDA you'll be the first to know about Cash Mob's next location and much, much more."*

announced the group walks together to the business and shops! If you don't see anything you'd like to purchase you are encouraged to buy a gift card for use later. Because, again, it's not about shopping...it's about supporting local business.

"Our Cash Mobs, like similar ones across the country, are organic and fueled by social media. The PDA's Facebook and Twitter pages are a wealth of information for our community and we strongly encourage you to join the Downtown community online. By following the PDA you'll be the first to know about Cash Mob's next location and much, much more," stated PDA Executive Director, Laura Olson.

For information please call the PDA at (925) 484-2199 or "like" the PDA's Facebook page.



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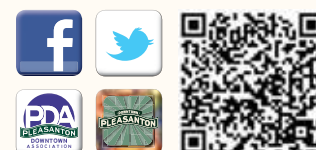
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## LETTERS

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Dear Editor,

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Elect Karla Brown to the Pleasanton City Council.

**Cindy McGovern**

**Vote Cook-Kallio**

Dear Editor,

I urge you to vote Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Pleasanton mayor. Cheryl Cook-Kallio has established long-standing relationships with decision makers and elected officials at the local, regional, state and federal levels of government that will benefit Pleasanton residents.

Cook-Kallio's leadership skills and her tenacity will ensure Pleasanton has a voice in the many



regional decisions critical to Pleasanton. She is dedicated to addressing the issues that affect your daily lives — traffic, transportation and public safety.

Join me in supporting Cheryl Cook-Kallio for the next mayor of Pleasanton.

**County Supervisor Scott Haggerty**

**Supporting Jerry Thorne**

Dear Editor,

We must question what we consider a misrepresentation in the Cook-Kallio campaign materials distributed by mail. Cheryl Cook-Kallio is not the candidate representing the Community of Character. In fact, that candidate is Jerry Thorne. Jerry has served on the Community of Character board of directors since its formation in 2002 when the late Juanita Haugen

recruited him.

Jerry has participated in this community collaborative — and the annual award luncheon that honors residents of our town — for almost its entire time. The coalition, which is supported by the city of Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and various service and faith organizations, is a nonprofit comprised of volunteers working together to create a Pleasanton community culture built on values, good will and community-accepted traits of Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Honesty, Respect and Integrity. These are all part of the culture of Pleasanton and ideals for which Jerry stands. We support Jerry for mayor of Pleasanton and invite the community to join us.

**Bob and Pat Lane**

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**Cindy McGovern**

**Vote for Erlene**

Dear Editor,

This year voters in Pleasanton have a chance to elect a candidate who has a vast amount of experience, knows how to get things done, and loves Pleasanton. Her name is Erlene DeMarcus.

Erlene and her family have lived here for years, and during those years she dedicated her life to the transportation needs of this Valley and to bringing BART here. Obviously she was successful.

Now Erlene wants to work for the betterment of Pleasanton and

is running for City Council. We could not elect a better person. Her time spent working for senior activities, volunteering on charitable boards and her wonderful knowledge of transportation needs will all lend themselves to her being a really good council member.

Knowing other elected and appointed officials is very important in local government success. Please look at the people who are endorsing Erlene's candidacy and you'll see that she can hit the road on the run. She is endorsed by local government officials at the city, county and state levels.

As a former mayor of Pleasanton, I had the opportunity to work with Erlene; she did a great job and that is why I am asking you to vote for her on Nov. 6.

**Ken Mercer**

**Vote Yes on Prop 37**

Dear Editor,

I am dismayed to see your recommendation to vote No on Prop 37. Even more distressing is your reasoning: It is too expensive to relabel food. I am not sure how anyone who has been in a grocery store in the last 10 years can put forth that claim. When oat bran was found to have a benefit, every product with even a minute trace of oats changed their labels to make sure consumers knew. When trans fats were found to be detrimental, every food changed their labels, too — even foods

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Until GMO's are proven safe for consumption, I am buying organic.

**Susan Sasek**

### Who is best?

Dear Editor,

We are very fortunate to have qualified candidates here in Pleasanton. With that in mind, voters should ask the following questions:

- Who has the best "leadership" (backbone)?
- Who has sufficient "time" for the job?
- Who has unrestricted backing (financial)?
- Who truly understands "City Financing"?

I either know the candidates or have listened to them in three debates. So, with my experience in Pleasanton politics, I'll suggest the following: Jerry Thorne for mayor, Jerry Pentin for City Council, and reluctantly, because of property rights issues, Karla Brown for City Council.

P.S. And Romney for president to save our nation.

**Howard Adams Neely**

### No donations from unions

Dear Editor,

Karla Brown has stated that she will not accept donations from unions; this is prudent, because our council will be negotiating



all future city employee union contracts. When a union endorses a candidate or contributes to his/her campaign, don't you think they will want a favorable vote in the future? When negotiating the union contract? Of course they will, that's how the system works. Check the financial reports of the other council candidates. Watch for endorsements and ads. If you see an endorsement for a candidate from a union, or receive a glossy postcard paid for by a city employee union, you need to understand why they would pay for such advertisements. Then vote accordingly.

Join me in voting for Karla Brown for Pleasanton City Council.

**Nicole Johnson**

### Facts for Measure B1

Dear Editor,

Opposition to Measure B1 (Alameda County transportation infrastructure) in Pleasanton is puzzling. Even one mayoral candidate opposes it: If Measure B1 doesn't pass, then the mayor wouldn't have to bother with that pesky funding source? Doesn't want other people spending his hard earned tax dollars? The voter's pamphlet displays a detailed Measure B1 spending plan for a wide range of transportation issues.

Transportation infrastructure isn't important for Pleasanton? Don't worry, "private enterprise" will take care of it? Even if, somehow, a private firm gathered the funding and tackled the projects, guess who would pay for it in the end, anyway?

Doesn't want to pay union-scale wages that make health care and retirement savings affordable? I'm not

sure I want minimum-wage workers building our transportation infrastructure. Really, what kinds of jobs do we want in Alameda County?

Measure B1 is a modest sales tax (typically less than \$10 per month) that makes improvements to mass transit, highways, local streets, bridge safety and bike paths. It's hard to see how a No vote would be good for Pleasanton. Please help to improve our quality of life and vote Yes for Measure B1.

**Mike Moran**

### Vote No on taxes

Dear Editor,

For too long the Legislature has taken us for fools, wasting the taxpayers' hard-earned dollars on high pensions and benefits for themselves while asking us for more taxes to fund their lavish lifestyles. These tax, tax, tax and spend, spend and spend policies have gone out of control. It is time to put an end to it.

Measures 30 and 38 are asking for further tax increases for all, using the scare tactics of our schools to mislead the public. California spends the third most in the nation on schools, and we are 49th in quality. California schools do not have a money problem. There is tons of it, which is used to fund the school administrators' \$250,000 pensions and the teacher's \$100,000 pensions plus Cadillac benefits. The schools need parents to wrestle away the funding from the teachers' union and ensure it goes to schools and the students.

Sierra Club, after carefully studying Measure B1, decided not to support it as they concluded there are sufficient funds between BART and Alameda County to support the extension to Livermore and other infrastructure needs. Also, this tax increase will continue to tax your children and their children as there is no closure for the tax increase. Please do not jeopardize your children's lives. The county also needs to reform the pensions and benefits rather than continue its tax, tax and spend policies.

Just vote No on all these measures and send a message to the government.

**Rajinder Ghatoaura**

### Cook-Kallio has done much

Dear Editor,

Sometimes things are going so well, we forget to notice what's

been done by those responsible for the success. One of the people responsible for the stability of Pleasanton is Cheryl Cook-Kallio. In addition to being a committed teacher, she is passionate about our government, especially in her home city of Pleasanton. During her tenure as a city councilwoman, she has:

- Helped push through the Stoneridge drive completion;
- Been an advocate of the senior housing projects, including Kottlinger Ranch;
- Tried to bridge opposing sides by being the voice of reason;
- Been responsive to those who have contacted her regarding issues; and
- Helped maintain and build our multi-million dollar reserve through cutting expenses with no layoffs. She is fiscally responsible — which we need.

Throughout the downturn in the economy, Pleasanton has survived and remained fiscally sound — a feat in and of itself considering other cities in the Bay Area. Cheryl and the current council have contributed and spearheaded the efforts to keep us that way. I urge you to vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio for mayor of Pleasanton to help continue to make Pleasanton a great place to live.

**Jennifer Olson**

### Support Pentin, Thorne

Dear Editor,

In voting for our local candidates, keep in mind that simply living in Pleasanton does not assure that someone will always vote for the best interests of Pleasanton. For example, if a candidate is a union member in his or her day job, could they be impartial as a member of Pleasanton's leadership when they vote on reforming pensions of our unionized employees? If they act in Pleasanton's best interests but not necessarily in the best interests of our unionized employees, do you think they might feel pressure from their unionized peers in their day job? How might that affect their careers in their day jobs? Likewise, if a candidate received significant campaign donations from a developer driving a highly polarizing project, could that candidate really vote against that developer's interests?

Yet that is what some of our candidates are asking you to believe and to trust. For us, we would rather vote for candidates who do not have such potentially conflicting loyalties to outside interests. We also like candidates who have their "day jobs" here in Pleasanton, whether they are working, retired or stay at home. We want their attention 24/7 for Pleasanton, not somewhere else.

Among the candidates we therefore strongly support Jerry Pentin for City Council and Jerry Thorne for mayor.

**Ron and Barbara Bissinger**

### Karla Brown for council

Dear Editor,

We are fortunate to have a strong array of candidates running for

City Council this year. Here are three reasons why I support Karla Brown.

- 1) She brings the perspective of a longtime resident who is also a local businesswoman. She knows Pleasanton well — its neighborhoods and schools, its residents, and how the city functions.
- 2) She is fair-minded, courteous and respectful of opposing views.
- 3) She has studied the issues. I saw her speak fluently about a wide range of subjects at a recent candidate's forum. She was impressive in her grasp of the facts.

Karla supports slow growth policies, fixing the long-term city debt problem, and keeping downtown vibrant. These are good goals. Please vote for Karla Brown for City Council.

**Anne Childs**

### Thorne stands up for Pleasanton

Dear Editor,

With regard to the local election next week, it's important to remember that it's about Pleasanton. Only one candidate, Jerry Thorne, stands out for being about Pleasanton. Why have all the Planning and Parks and Recreation commissioners, numerous other commissioners as well as the Chamber of Commerce publicly endorsed Jerry Thorne? Why are the majority of his campaign contributions from Pleasanton?

Because Jerry Thorne knows our community through a long record of public service including serving on the board of the Pleasanton Seahawks, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Museum on Main, help with returning vets to our community, etc. Because Jerry stands up for Pleasanton, be it with regard to the fiscal stability of our city, supporting our children through relationships with the school district, parks and activities for them, our seniors, etc. Look at the record of both candidates, not the rhetoric. Vote Jerry Thorne to be the next mayor of Pleasanton.

**Kathy Narum**

### Best for Pleasanton

Dear Editor,

I am writing to urge all Pleasanton citizens to vote for city offices next week. An informed citizenry is the best defense of the uniqueness of our city. Having long been engaged in Pleasanton affairs, I have carefully reviewed the candidates' positions and believe the following have earned your vote.

Jerry Thorne has proven his ability to solve the city's problems, particularly the issue of unfunded pension liability. He should be elected mayor. Jerry Pentin and Erlene DeMarcus also deserve your vote. They have both worked behind the scenes for years. Jerry has been very effective working on city commissions, while Erlene has long been involved in Valley transportation issues, especially BART. All three will work for the best for Pleasanton.

**Robert E. Butler**

## Pleasanton Weekly Night

Meet the Pleasanton Weekly Publisher, Gina Channell-Allen, and Editor, Jeb Bing

Thursday, November 8 — 5 to 7 p.m.  
at Gene's Fine Foods,  
2803 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton

Hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting  
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# POLICE BULLETIN

## Alleged child pornographer busted on federal warrant

A Pleasanton man was taken into custody Oct. 26 on a federal warrant for possession and distribution of child pornography.

Martin Binmon Avery, 46, was taken into custody in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue at about 5:15 p.m. on a warrant issued by the FBI. No additional information was available.

### In other police reports:

- At least 11 vehicles were keyed over the course of two nights, with an expletive scratched into them. Seven cars parked in the 7500 block of Rosedale Court were reported keyed between 8:56 and 10:33 p.m. Oct. 25. The next night, between 6:28 and 7:13 p.m., three vehicles parked in the 5300 block of Brookside Court were reported keyed with the same expletive, and the next day, Oct. 27, the owner of a fourth vehicle parked in the same block reported the same expletive had been keyed.
- Victor Dino Alcantara, 28, a tran-

sient, was arrested at about 2:32 a.m. Oct. 27 for failure to register as a sex offender. He was taken into custody while sitting on a curb in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road.

- An employee at Cafe Main was charged with embezzlement and grand theft for taking more than \$6,000 from the coffee shop, in the 400 block of Main Street. Ian Turner, 27, of Pleasanton was charged by the district attorney. A review of deposits over several months determined there were 22 deposit bags missing for a total of \$6,400.

- Billy James McLeod, 18, a transient, was arrested Oct. 29 for auto theft and possession of methamphetamine. McLeod was arrested with Marquis Ramon Davis, 23, of Oakland who was in the same vehicle and arrested for a parole violation and paraphernalia possession. The two were arrested near the intersection of Foothill Road and Interstate 580 after a resident in The Preserve reported two suspicious people in the area, wearing dark clothing and standing on a corner at about 12:45 a.m. A woman — one of the two spotted — was questioned and released.

- Mandy Leanne Timmons, 40, of Martinez, was arrested Oct. 24 in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road for auto theft and receiving stolen

property. Timmons was arrested at about 10:57 p.m. when a traffic stop turned up the Honda Civic she was driving had been stolen from Martinez. Two camera bags with an iPhone, two iPods, a laptop, a hard drive, coins and electrical cords were found in the car.

- Two men were arrested Oct. 25 on burglary-related charges after an Oct. 25 call about suspicious activity near the Pleasanton branch of Children's Hospital & Research Center in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road.

Akash Sharma, 31, of Modesto was arrested for burglary, receiving stolen property and resisting arrest. Karan Sharma, 22, of Ceres was arrested for receiving stolen property and conspiracy. Both were arrested at around 3:47 p.m.

When approached by police, Akash Sharma went into the Chase Bank branch nearby and was taken into custody there. Karan Sharma was taken into custody near their vehicle.

Victims from Positive Changes Hypnosis in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road reported a cell phone and \$120 cash.

- A van and an \$11,000 carpet cleaning machine mounted inside that were stolen in an Oct. 28 commercial burglary at Tiger Carpet

Cleaning in the 5700 block of Sonoma Drive were recovered on Oct. 30 in Oakland. The front door of the carpet cleaning company had been pried open, and the business was ransacked. Two area rugs, a computer, monitor and floor buffer stolen in that burglary have not been recovered.

- A \$5,000 gold Rolex watch, a \$4,000 Nikon camera and lenses, a \$1,000 laptop, a \$1,000 Gucci purse, a \$1,000 stereo receiver and \$1,000 speakers were reported stolen in an Oct. 24 burglary from a home in the 3200 block of Pueblo Way. The break-in took place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., although police found no sign of forced entry.

- Two Pleasanton residents reported on Oct. 25 that they were victims of fraud or a fraud attempt. A resident of the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue told police that someone used her personal information to open a PayPal account and made three charges of \$86.01, \$1,111 and \$1,109, all through Apple.

A resident of the 3400 block of Gravina Place reported someone at a bank in Tracy tried to get \$2,500 from her account. There was no arrest, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

- Two computers were among the items stolen in three vehicle break-

ins overnight on Oct. 25.

A \$2,000 laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle parked overnight in the 1900 block of Palmer Drive; a window was smashed between 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25 and 8:10 a.m. Oct. 26.

A \$2,000 laptop and a \$200 briefcase were stolen from a car parked in the 2700 block of Lylewood Drive between 6 p.m. Oct. 25 and 7:30 a.m. Oct. 26; a window was broken in this theft as well.

The briefcase was recovered near the intersection of Mohr and Kamp, leading police to the owner. Also in the case was information on a theft from an unlocked vehicle in the 7900 block of Paragon Circle around the same time. A hands-free bluetooth device and a diaper bag were stolen from that car.

A neighborhood check led to the discovery of the vehicle on Palmer Drive and two suitcases on Regency Drive. They'd been stolen that same night from Fremont.

- A burglary in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive between 9:50 a.m. Oct. 26 and 9:55 p.m. Oct. 27 netted about \$80 in miscellaneous items. A garage door had been left open.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Oct. 23

#### Sexual battery

- 10:08 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

#### Theft

- 1:16 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; embezzlement
- 1:43 p.m. in the 7700 block of Oak Creek Court; theft

### Oct 24

#### Theft

- 12:51 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Battery

- 4:32 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 8:21 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Vandalism

- 11:31 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Pimlico Drive

### Oct. 25

#### Theft

- 10:50 a.m. in the 4600 block of Chabot Drive; theft
- 5:51 p.m. in the 4500 block of Entrada Court; theft

### Oct. 26

#### Theft

- 9:25 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

- 9:54 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrew Drive

- 4:12 p.m. in the 2200 block of Segundo Court

#### Battery

- 7:01 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Dr

#### Vandalism

- 10:03 a.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:01 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI

- 12:51 a.m. in the 3000 block of Chardonnay Dr; marijuana possession

- 1:50 p.m. at the intersection of First St and Bernal Ave; public drunkenness

- 5:04 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Ave; public drunkenness

- 5:51 p.m. in the 4200 block of Tulipwood Court; public drunkenness

### Oct. 27

#### Theft

- 1:33 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Battery

- 1:26 a.m. in the 300 block of Saint

Mary Street

#### DUI

- 12:14 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue

### Oct. 28

#### Theft

- 10:52 p.m. at the intersection of Tassajara Rd and Dublin Blvd; misappropriation of property, marijuana possession, parole violation

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:47 a.m. in the 100 block of Spring Street; DUI

- 9:50 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; public drunkenness

### Oct. 29

#### Theft

- 7:19 p.m. in the 5800 block of Corte Margarita

### Oct. 30

#### Theft

- 2 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

#### Auto burglary

- 9 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Battery

- 12:35 a.m. in the 8100 block of Arroyo Drive

#### Public drunkenness

- 7:17 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Old Santa Road

- 5:05 p.m. in the 4200 block of First St

- 6:18 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

- 11:05 p.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

# OBITUARIES

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## Maurice C. Cook, Jr.

Jan. 12, 1939- Oct. 11, 2012

Maurice C. Cook Jr., 73, died surrounded by his family on October 11, 2012 in Walnut Creek, CA.

Maurice was born January 12, 1939 in Long Beach, CA to Maurice C. Cook, Sr. and Theola Mae Cook. In his younger years, he was an active member of DeMolay and later became a Second Degree Mason. He married Susanne Vivion in 1959. During the winter months he enjoyed taking his family hunting and fishing and in the

summers they waterskied and raced speedboats.

When he retired from his QA engineer profession, he became a local favorite with school-aged children as one of Pleasanton's school crossing guards. His 5 foot tall Harbor Seal mascot, "Harbie", could be seen by pedestrians and passing cars each day. Local newspapers even put his photo in the paper, highlighting him as a local colorful character.

In his later years, he stuck closer to home and became content raising

farm animals on his acre of property in rural Pleasanton. He often supplied fresh eggs for breakfast events at their neighborhood church, Faith Chapel.

Maurice is survived by his wife of 54 years, Susanne V. Cook; daughters and their husbands, Cheryl and Stuart Craig, Carol and John Styles; five grandchildren, Jimmy, Susie, Katie, Shelby and Jessie; and sister, Marlana Dickey.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Faith Chapel, 6656 Alisal Street, Pleasanton, on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at two o'clock in the afternoon. In lieu of flowers, feel free to donate to the nonprofit group "Kids Day of Fishing" at [www.kidsdayoffishing.org](http://www.kidsdayoffishing.org) which caters to under-privileged and special needs kids and their families in the Bay Area.



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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve the Location of the Public Artwork "Joyful Empowerment"
- Approve Appointment of Teen and Adult Poet Laureates
- Selection of Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Assignments for 2013
- Review of the Commission Meeting Schedule for 2013
- Recommend Cancellation of the December 2012 Meeting

### Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discuss FY 13/14 Housing and Human Services Grant Statement of Priorities
- Review of Commission Meeting Schedule for December 2012, January and February 2013

### Library Commission

Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.  
Library Conference Room, 400 Bernal Avenue

- Discussion regarding the Library Foundation
- Discussion regarding Legal Issues for Public Libraries
- Discussion regarding Library Building 25th Anniversary

### Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) for information regarding this meeting.

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

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

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



WALLY ALLERT

## Classic Disney tale

**What:** "Beauty and the Beast"

**Who:** Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre

**Where:** Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton

**When:** Nov. 2-18; 8 p.m. Fridays; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays

**Tickets:** \$17-\$33; Call 931-4848; visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or go to box office.

**Special:** Meet the Princess Tea Parties one hour before matinees Nov. 4 and 11; \$10

Favorite characters from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" being presented by Pacific Coast Repertory Theater at the Firehouse Arts Center opening tonight are (l-r) Cogsworth (Ray D'Ambrosio), Wardrobe (Morgan Collazo), Lumiere (Derek Travis Collard), Babette (Sarah Hammond), (front) Belle (Joy Sherratt) and Beast (Joshua Milbourne).

## PRCT opens season with 'Beauty and the Beast' at Firehouse Arts Center

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

When Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre opens its season at the Firehouse Arts Center with "Beauty and the Beast" tonight, the production will feature two stars from Pleasanton.

Lauren Bratton-Kearns (Silly Girl) grew up in Pleasanton and attended Contra Costa Ballet Centre for eight years. She graduated in dance from UC Irvine, studied at Alvin Ailey in New York City for two years, and then performed with several New York City dance companies. Through the audition process, she discovered a passion for musical theater and decided to pursue it.

Renee Goodrich, her kindergarten teacher at Valley View Elementary, was not surprised by Bratton-Kearns' choice of career.

"One of the things I had in the room was a dress-up box and whenever it was play time, there were fancy dresses she would put on and twirl around the room," Goodrich recalled. "It was in her to be a performer of sorts — and she was a very good student as well. It's exciting that she's coming home."

Pleasanton resident Joy Sherratt (Belle) also graduated from UC Irvine, in drama, and first pursued her professional career as the lead vocalist aboard the ms Statendam on the Holland America Cruise Line before settling in New York City. She performed for various East Coast regional theaters, earning her Equity card with the role of Sandy in "Grease."

Back in the Bay Area, Sherratt has performed with several theater companies, including Playhouse West, C.V. Performing Arts and Woodminster. Recently, she performed major roles for PCRT in "Chicago" and "The Last Five Years."

PCRT is the first East Bay theater company to obtain rights to the Disney version of the classic tale, "Beauty and the Beast," in more than a year, noted Co-Artistic Director David Judson.

"Although we will follow the amazing Disney script and score 'to a T' as required by copyright laws, we'll sprinkle our own magic on the set, the costumes and lighting," Judson said. "For example, New York Times-acclaimed lighting designer Mike Oesch will

surprise audiences with some environmental and atmospheric lighting special effects. We'll use innovative digital projections to complement his colorful design and, of course, audiences will see the Beast's Castle.

"This is a classic fairy tale of pride, self-sacrifice and love that will appeal to all people," Judson continued. "As for us, we'll be happy if audiences walk away from the show knowing just a little better how to treat one another."

Judson said that actors and actresses from across the country auditioned for the production and its cast of professionals is supported by regional actors.

Bratton-Kearns spotted an online PCRT audition posting and quickly submitted her photo, résumé, dance and vocal reels and was invited to audition.

"I feel very fortunate to perform in my first musical in my hometown, where I am overwhelmed with the love and support of people who have encouraged me my entire life," Bratton-Kearns said. "It is an exciting and rare opportunity." ■

Two actors with Pleasanton ties featured in major roles



Lauren Bratton-Kearns



Beverly Fu, 17, violin  
VLADIMIR GUERVICH



Daniel Gurevich, 14, English Horn and oboe



Irene Kim, 17, cello

## Bay Area orchestra features local teen as concertmaster

Young People's Symphony Orchestra kicks off 76th season this weekend

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The 76th season of the Young People's Symphony Orchestra (YPSO) kicks off with its fall concert at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church tomorrow, and its 95 musicians will include three from Amador Valley High.

Violinist Beverly Fu, 17, a senior, is the orchestra's concertmaster for this season. In this role, Fu leads the first violin with the section's 22 violinists, plays all the solos in the orchestral works, and is in charge of leading the orchestra in tuning before concerts and rehearsals.

Daniel Gurevich, 14, a freshman, plays the English Horn and oboe. Cellist Irene Kim, 17, is also a senior. YPSO musicians range in age from 12 to 21 and live in 26 Bay Area cities.

Tomorrow's concert will feature

Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem" performed along with the 120 members of the Oakland Symphony Chorus.

"The first and last movements make it very clear that the focus is on the living and comforting those left behind. There's nothing like it before or after," said YPSO

### Brahms and more

**What:** Young People's Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert 2012

**When:** 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3

**Where:** Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., Walnut Creek

**Admission:** \$20 general/\$15 students and senior citizens at the door

music director/conductor David Ramadanoff.

"We are looking at this masterwork through the lens of the youthful, passionate Brahms who wrote it," added Oakland Symphony Chorus Director Lynne Morrow.

She also noted that she and the Oakland chorus are looking forward to collaborating with YPSO in the performance.

"This joint project with a thriving youth music ensemble speaks directly to our mission," she said.

The other work on the program is American composer Christopher Theophanidis' *Rainbow Body*, a 13-minute orchestral work.

"The spiritual side of this piece goes well with the Brahms," Ramadanoff said. "It's good for the kids to become acquainted with new works and living composers." ■

## Gallery presenting 'Confrontations'

Opening artists reception is Thursday

The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center is presenting an innovative new exhibit, "Confrontations: Artists and the Natural World," from Nov. 7 through Dec. 15. Media includes sculpture, photography, large format oil painting, and ceramic.

The artists — Arthur Comings, Ralph Holker, Daniel Kasser, Andrew Roberts-Gray and John Trefethen — will present an informal talk at the opening reception, from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8. The reception is free and open to the public.

This unusual exhibit explores the contentious relationship between man and environment, specifically man's use and misuse of nature and the detritus that results, according to a press release.

"The marks and artifacts that remain have inspired a variety of unique responses in photography, painting, and sculpture," it stated. "These intriguing remains are the common thread among the five artists whose work is otherwise di-



verse in approach and technique." The Harrington Gallery is located at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday; and one hour before most performances and during intermissions. Admission for this exhibit is free; donations are accepted. ■

The new Harrington Gallery exhibit includes (clockwise from above left) Fire Tripod by Arthur Comings; Lower Falls, McCloud River by John Trefethen; and Abstraction No. 38 by Andrew Roberts-Gray.

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## Clubs

**CLUTTERLESS PRESENTATION** If you're tired of dealing with clutter in your living or work spaces, consider coming to the next meeting of ClutterLess at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador (formerly Pleasanton Presbyterian), Room 7. Jane Malmgren, founder of Upward Path Hypnosis, will speak on "Changing Your Attitudes: New Ways to Deal with Clutter." Meetings are free; donations appreciated. To reserve your spot, call 525-3993. ClutterLess is a self-help group for people facing challenges in managing clutter.

## Concerts

**POPS CONCERT CELEBRATING GOLDEN SOUNDS** Join the Livermore-Amador Symphony as it begins its 50th season with a Pops Concert celebrating "Golden Sounds" from 7-10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Bring your dinner and dress in costume, if you'd like. Beverage sales support the symphony. Doors open at 7 p.m., music begins at 8 p.m. Cost is \$30 each or table of eight for \$210. Call 447-6454 or visit [livamsymph.org](http://livamsymph.org).

## Events

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR PEACE** Pleasantonians 4 Peace will sponsor a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14, in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. This time for reflection will honor veterans and visualize ways of moving beyond conflict to a more peaceful world. This group will also host a Peaceful War Protest at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the corners of First and Neal streets. For details, call Cathe Norman at 462-7495 or visit [www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org](http://www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org). Free.

**GOODGUYS 23RD AUTUMN CAR SHOW** The Goodguys 23rd Autumn Car Show is coming to the Alameda County Fairgrounds with See more than 2,500 hot rods, custom cars, muscle cars and trucks, plus vendor exhibits, automotive swap meet and kids' entertainment. Event is 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10; and 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11. Tickets: \$6-\$17. Free admission to active duty military personnel, as well as retired military personnel on Sunday, Nov. 11. For more information, call 838-9876 or visit [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com).

## Film

**'GENETIC ROULETTE'** The film "Genetic Roulette" alerts us to the dangers of genetically modified foods that are now in around 70% of the products in supermarkets and also recent findings on the dangers of Round Up pesticide. It will be aired from 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This non-partisan event includes an optional potluck at 6:30 p.m. and a short discussion following the film. Suggested donation \$3. Call 462-3459.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** "The Perfect Game" is an inspiring movie based on a true story how a ragtag Little League team from Monterrey, Mexico, won the Little League World Series in 1957. The movie is from 7-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2 at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Dr., Dublin. Donations will fund an outreach to women and children in India. The movie is sponsored by She Is Safe. Refreshments will be served. Call 447-9530.

## Fundraisers

**ANIMAL LOVER'S BOUTIQUE** The Animal Lover's Boutique, in the Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., is hosting a special fundraising holiday sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, to benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New Fund, a Valley Humane Society program that aids sick and injured pets whose owners need financial assistance. For more information, contact Cindy Ferrin at 323-8517 or visit [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org). Free.

**SHOE DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS** Help build the confidence of a foster child by donating a pair of shoes at the Pleasanton or Dublin Library. This donation drive is a part of a Girl Scout Gold Award Project for

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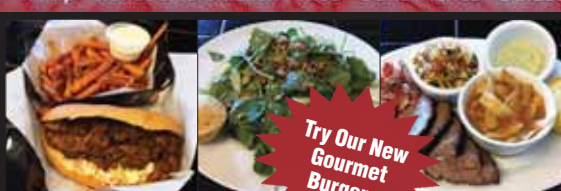


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TERESA HELD

Eighteen teens from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools formed a hockey team to compete at the Tri-Valley High School Jamboree at the Vacaville Ice Center last weekend.

## Teens take to ice hockey

Pleasanton wins 2 out of 4 games at weekend jamboree

By TOM POWERS

For the first time ever, an ice hockey team made up entirely of Pleasanton high school students took to the ice, last weekend in the Tri-Valley High School Jamboree at the Vacaville Ice Center.

Eighteen players, 15 boys and three girls, who live and attend high school in Pleasanton put aside the traditional Amador/Foothill rivalry for the weekend and teamed up for what they all hope was the beginning of a great tradition of high school hockey in Pleasanton.

The team played four games through the course of the week-

end against teams of kids from Monte Vista High School, Dublin High School, California High School and San Ramon Valley High School.

Pleasanton fared well, winning two of the four games including a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Monte Vista in this group's first game Saturday morning. Particularly impressive is that other than some informal street hockey at Val Vista Park, this group of kids had never all been on the ice together.

While the team is not affiliated in any way with the Pleasanton schools, the kids are hopeful of starting clubs at both Amador and

Foothill that would be open to all students to promote and share an interest in hockey of all kinds.

Next up for this group is the Holiday High School Showdown at Sharks Ice in San Jose on Dec. 21, 22 and 23.

Players were Andy Buck, Pravin Chandra, Kevin Garis, Bailey Held, Max Kelly, Eva Kristof, Michael Lamos, Samantha Magoon, Chris Mattox, Jimmy Mayo, Connor McClintock, Max Miller, Nick Powers, Ben Ross, John Scheeler, Zach Smith, Christina Williams, and Adrien Wisch. The head coach was Les Magoon; assistants were Dane Garis and Tom Powers. ■



## Phantom first at Pink Power softball

The Pleasanton Phantom 14B fall travel softball team won first place in the Pink Power Tournament on Oct. 20-21 in Martinez. Team members are (back row, l-r) Mark Sanchez, Lauren HoTseung, Dave Bianco, Michelle Wood, Emily Crimi, Arabelle Franco, Kristen HoTseung, (second row) Alex Sanchez, Emily Trinidad, Lauren Jepson, Nicole Riordan, Taylor Congdon, (front) Madie Bianco and Kelsey Congdon.



## Premier on goal

Ben Smedley, BUSC U16 Premier forward, shoots and scores as a referee watches in Premier's hard-fought game Oct. 7 against De Anza Force 96 Blue. Force's defenders could not keep up with Smedley who blew through them to score a spectacular goal.

## SPORTS DIGEST

### Tonight's the big game

Crosstown rival high schools will face each other on the gridiron tonight as the Amador Valley Dons, coached by Rick Sira, host Coach Matt Sweeney's Foothill Falcons. Varsity kickoff is at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the gate, \$5 for students and \$8 for general admission.

### Lady Dons win EBAL golf title

The Amador Valley High girls golf team finished first in the dual match season, going 12-2, and then won the East Bay Athletic League tournament title with a score of 408 to repeat as league champs.

Junior Captain Kimberly Liu led the way with 4 under par 67 — the lowest total of her career. She also earned her second straight league

MVP award, being only 1 stroke over par for 14 events.

Senior Captain Kelly Shotwell followed up with an 81, as she earned first team all-league honors. Freshman Emily Lin had an 85 and wrapped up second team all-league while sophomore Meghna Sinha's 87 also garnered her second team all-league honors. Sophomore Sabrina Bodnar rounded out the scoring with an 88.

The team traveled to Santa Rosa for

North Coast Section at Windsor GC on Monday. The Dons are two-time defending Section Champions and hope to move on to the first round of the state tournament at Brookside CC in Stockton on Nov. 5.

### Falcons water polo compete for NCS

The Foothill girls water polo team (12-9) was scheduled to play Liberty High (12-11) at Miramonte

at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, in the first bracket of the North Coast Section. The winner faces San Ramon Valley High, which had a bye, tomorrow.

Foothill boys water polo (15-6) was scheduled to play Monte Vista (10-12) at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, in the first NCS Division 1 bracket. The winner will face the victor in the contest between Miramonte and Liberty, being held at the same evening, on Saturday.

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## Tight housing market softens California sales

Prices rising as number of available homes shrinks

By **JEB BING**

A continued shortage of available homes for sale lowered California home sales in September, while the median price reached the highest level in more than four years.

LeFrancis Arnold, president of the California Association of Realtors, said sales in the inland and coastal markets continue to move in different directions.

Low inventory — especially in distressed areas — is dampening sales activity, he said. In many of these areas, there is a one- to two-month supply of REO homes on the market.

“The Inland Empire and the Central Valley have experienced double-digit sales declines compared with last year,” Arnold said. “Meanwhile, sales were higher in San Diego and most Bay Area counties, where the economies appear to be growing faster than the rest of the state.”

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 484,240 units, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations and MLs statewide. Sales in September were down 5.2% from a revised 510,910 in August and down 1.2% from a revised 490,280 in September 2011.

The statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2012 if sales maintained the September pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home inched up 0.3% from August’s \$343,820 median price to \$345,000 in September. The September figure was up 19.5% from a revised \$288,700 recorded in September 2011, marking the seventh consecutive month of both month-to-month and year-to-year price increases.

September’s median price was the highest since August 2008, when the median price

was \$352,730. The year-to-year increase was the largest since May 2010.

“For the state, at 3.7 months of supply, unsold inventory is still less than half what it would be in a normal market,” said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young.

“As a result of the constrained supply at the moderate and lower end of the market, sales of homes priced under \$200,000 dropped nearly 28%, and homes priced \$200,000-\$300,000 fell more than 15% in September,” she said.

“By contrast, in the upper price range, where inventory isn’t as much of an issue, sales of homes priced \$400,000-\$500,000 rose more than 14%, and those priced above \$500,000 increased more than 15%,” Appleton-Young added.

Other key facts of CAR’s September 2012 resale housing report include:

- California’s housing inventory eased slightly in September, with the Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes edging up to 3.7 months, up from a revised 3.2 months in August and 5.3 months in September 2011. The index indicates the number of months needed to sell the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate. A six- to seven-month supply is considered normal.

- Interest rates dipped in September after rising slightly in August. Thirty-year fixed-mortgage interest rates averaged 3.47% during September 2012, down from 3.60% in August, and down from 4.11% in September 2011, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable-mortgage interest rates also edged down in September, averaging 2.60%, down from 2.67% in August and down from 2.84% in September 2011.

- Homes sold faster in September, with the median number of days it took to sell a single-family home falling to 39.3 days in September 2012 from 41.1 days in August and down from a revised 54.2 days for the same period a year ago. ■

## September home sales show slight improvement nationally

But market slows in West where fewer homes are for sale

Pending home sales were little changed in September but remain well above a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, edged up 0.3% to 99.5 in September from 99.2 in August and is 14.5% above September 2011 when it was 86.9. The data reflect contracts but not closings.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said pending home sales continue to hold a higher ground.

“Home contract activity remains at an elevated level in contrast with recent years, but currently appears to be bouncing around in a narrow range,” Yun said. “This means only minor movement is likely in near-term existing-home sales, but with positive underlying market fundamentals they should continue on an uptrend in 2013.”

Pending home sales have risen for 17 consecutive months on a year-over-year basis, leading to the solid recovery seen in closed existing-home sales this year.

In September all regions were showing double-digit increases in contract activity

from a year ago with the exception of the West, which is constrained by limited inventory.

The PHSI in the Northeast rose 1.4% to 79.3 in September and is 26.1% higher than a year ago. In the Midwest the index fell 5.8% to 89.5 in September but is 19.3% above September 2011. Pending home sales in the South increased 1.0% to an index of 111.5 in September and are 17.6% higher than a year ago.

Here in the West the index rose 4.3% in September to 106.9, but is only 0.8% above September 2011.

Housing affordability conditions are forecast to remain favorable through next year, with the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage staying near record lows for the balance of this year but gradually rising to 4% in the second half of 2013.

Completed existing-home sales in 2012 will total close to 4.6 million, an increase of 9%, and are projected to rise about 9% next year to nearly 5.1 million. With notably lower housing inventory, the national median existing-home price is expected to increase 6% this year and 5% in 2013.

—Jeb Bing

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**Average sales reported:** \$512,125

#### Pleasanton

**Total sales reported:** 8  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$525,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,075,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$699,500

#### San Ramon

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$161,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,025,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$510,500

### HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during October 2012

#### Dublin

**6884 Amador Valley Boulevard** Wann Trust to R. Javald for \$430,000  
**3355 Araldi Lane** D R Horton to G. Bhabal for \$614,500  
**4266 Fitzwilliam Street** K. Lawrence to A. Kaul for \$325,000  
**7073 North Mariposa Court** KB Home Arroyo Vista to B. Do for \$576,000  
**7075 North Mariposa Court** KB Home Arroyo Vista to R. & C. Pena for \$527,000  
**7003 Stagecoach Road #A** J. & K. Paule to C. Ip for \$278,000  
**7965 Tamarack Drive** C. & M. Uribe to V. Pang for \$450,000  
**2273 Valentano Drive** D R Horton to K. Rahman for \$879,000

#### Livermore

**2119 Bluebell Drive** G. Covington to G. Perko for \$360,000  
**1745 Embassy Circle** B. & T. Borba to T. & A. Bhatia for \$628,000  
**1216 Lakehurst Road** Axt Trust to J. Marcacci for \$355,000  
**1732 Mt. Diablo Way** LNV Corporation to T. Barker for \$576,000  
**563 Nightingale Street** J. Marcelo to G. Schultz for \$300,000

**4656 Pamela Common** M. & A. Finney to L. Han for \$452,500  
**1780 Peary Way** Chandler Trust to Farrell Trust for \$312,000  
**5279 Roxanne Court** M. Graham to L. & R. Lloyd for \$510,000  
**166 Selby Lane #5** Shea Homes to L. & M. Ronquillo for \$387,000  
**166 Selby Lane #6** Shea Homes to K. Hunt for \$416,000  
**1033 Via Madrid** Jue Trust to W. & D. Johnson for \$449,000  
**2160 Vintage Lane** R. & B. Bowers to A. & T. Rankov for \$1,400,000

#### Pleasanton

**3721 Ashwood Drive** US Distressed Mortgage Fund to G. & B. Estrada for \$620,000  
**5742 Athenour Court** T. & B. Abbatiello to M. Lau for \$755,000  
**5026 Carducci Drive** S. & J. Kaki to C. Chang for \$816,000  
**2232 Delucchi Drive** Kaplan Trust to LL Cool Homes for \$540,000  
**2959 Liberty Drive** D. & S. Babbitt to S. Asche for \$735,000  
**854 Montevino Drive** Lloyd Trust to K. & S. Goon for \$1,075,000  
**4119 Rennellwood Way** T. Oprey to Baba Trust for \$525,000  
**4143 Suffolk Way** Meyer Trust to Lewis Trust for \$530,000

Source: California REsource

### OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

#### Danville

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**1052 Hill Meadow** \$959,950  
 Sat 11-2:30/Sun 11-3 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

#### Dublin

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**7630 Donohue Dr** \$479,000  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors 855-4000

#### Livermore

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**844 Cherokee Dr** \$445,900  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

#### Pleasanton

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**38 Castledown Rd** \$1,375,000  
 Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 251-2585

**7466 Stonedale Dr** \$535,000  
 Sun 1-4 Prudential Ca Realty 249-1600

**7905 Spyglass Ct** \$859,000  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Deanna Armario 260-2220

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**180 Kottinger Dr** \$785,000  
 Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 251-2585

**4923 Blackbird Wy** \$769,000  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950

**4 Grey Eagle Ct** \$1,725,000  
 Sun 1-4 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

#### San Ramon

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**527 Kingsbridge Ct** \$1,535,000  
 Sun 1:30-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc. 648-5300

**8 Westside Pl** \$1,399,000  
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 837-4100

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## The latest from The 680 Blog

### The Ins & Outs of Contingent Offers

One of the questions that comes up quite often from sellers is "should I consider a contingent offer?" So first of all, let's define contingent. In this case, we are talking about offers that are contingent on the sale of another property. As is often the case with real estate, the answer is "it depends". So let's run through the factors you should consider as a seller in evaluating whether or not you should consider a contingent offer.

**Timing.** The first and perhaps most important question is how much time do you have? Since the buyer's property is not sold, and in fact may not even be on the market, it may take several weeks or even a few months to get their home sold and closed. So if you are up against a deadline, a contingent offer might be a non-starter. If you have time it might not be a bad strategy, especially if showings have been slow. If you are building a home, or don't want to move until school is out, etc, you might welcome a longer escrow and closing. But if you are behind on your payments, and someone from the bank came by and posted a threatening looking notice on

your door, a contingent offer will not work for you.

**Price.** If price is your most important consideration, and you are willing to trade time for price, you might have to consider a contingent offer. Often contingent buyers will pay more and/or be less demanding than a non-contingent buyer. And cash buyers are notorious for being hard bargainers when it comes to price. If you don't want to feel like you are negotiating with Atilla the Hun, a contingent buyer may be more to your liking.

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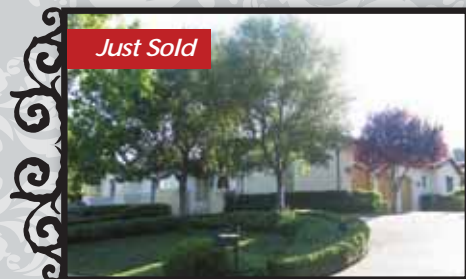


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AVILA

PENDING



5284 ARREZZO STREET, PLEASANTON

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PRIMA

PENDING



176 PRATO WAY, LIVERMORE

Upgraded 5 bedroom, 3 bathrooms, approximately 3325 square foot Centex home. Spacious gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, island, and breakfast bar! Expansive master suite with spa tub and walk-in closet. Plantation shutters, crown molding, custom tile and Brazilian cherry hardwood floors throughout downstairs. Dual heating & air conditioning. Beautifully landscaped front and rear yards, in-ground pool/raised spa and private courtyard area, three car garage with electric gated private driveway. Close to golfing, Ruby Hill Country Club, renewed downtown and adjacent to the Livermore Wine Country! OFFERED AT \$869,000

OAK LANE

JUST CLOSED



369 OAK LANE, PLEASANTON

Former Friden Estate Hunting Lodge "Moonlight Oaks." Private driveway included in this 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. SOLD FOR \$1,358,500

DANBURY PARK

SOLD



1431 GROTH CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Premium location, two bedroom, two bathroom, approximately 1345 square feet, extensively upgraded single level home with open floor plan, adjacent to park. Kitchen has new granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Bathrooms are upgraded with granite countertops, new plumbing fixtures and hardware. Vaulted ceilings, new window blinds, new tile flooring, private atrium area, & upgraded landscaping. Conveniently located near Downtown, Mission Plaza Shopping Center, Amador Shopping Center, The Aquatic Center, and Amador Valley Community Park. OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$539,500

HIDDEN OAK

SOLD



1010 LAMB COURT, PLEASANTON

Former model home, upgraded throughout, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2029 sq. ft. Built in 1999. Premium 3654 sq. ft. Corner lot. Upgraded contemporary kitchen, adjacent family room, formal dining & living rooms, wood burning fireplace, two car garage, walk to downtown (1 minute walk to main street). Crown molding throughout, dual pane windows downstairs, triple pane windows upstairs (most), upgraded carpeting, dual zone heating & air conditioning, ceiling fans/lights in all bedrooms, two inch wood blinds in kitchen & family room. SOLD FOR \$640,000

CUSTOM HOME

SOLD



6513 ARLINGTON DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Enter this secluded .56 acre estate through the long, private driveway! This mostly single level custom home includes an upstairs spacious second master suite. Five bedrooms, three full bathrooms, and two half bathrooms. Approximately 4003 total square feet, large remodeled kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Expansive rear grounds with views of open space and Pleasanton Ridge, includes ten person spa, built-in fireplace, expansive lawn area and stamped concrete & brick patios. Great home for entertaining! Three car garage with adjacent bonus room. SOLD FOR \$1,130,000

BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD



5206 SELENA COURT, PLEASANTON

Check out this double sized lot (.56 acre). Premium private court location for this quality built Greenbriar home (2000), includes 4 bedroom (1 down), 3 baths, and bonus room. Beautiful professional landscaping with in-ground pool/spa in this expansive private backyard including multiple sitting areas, adjacent beautiful Heritage Oak tree, elevated ridge viewing deck. Upgraded gourmet kitchen, with granite counters, marble heated flooring and stainless appliances. Comprehensive audio/video system included. Three car garage. Great home for entertaining! OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$1,399,000

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